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ON THE COVER

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey poses on the porch of the President's Home with her family, including husband Bryan, daughter Anna and son Brett. Dr. Carey serves as the first full-time female president of Friends University. Learn more about her vision for the future of Friends on page 4.

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FOCUS ON... SOCIAL JUSTICE

Pursuing the call to honor God and serve others

We are pleased to present the return of Friends University's Focus magazine. You'll notice this issue features a new special section where we "focus" on a special theme. This issue's theme is social justice.

Friends University was founded by the Society of Friends (Quakers), a religious group known for its support of equality for all people. Friends University today remains committed to ensuring all people have an opportunity to embrace our founders' belief that there is an image of God in everyone. This special section highlights how we are looking out for those who may need our help. Examples include: discovering how to be more Christ-like through the Apprentice Institute and the Christian Spiritual Formation program; training zoo professionals to care and advocate for wildlife; creating college experiences for special needs young adults; or helping children and their families who are facing life-threatening illness.

FAITH | FRIENDS | FUTURE

A portrait of Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a blue blazer over a dark top and a necklace. She is standing outdoors with green trees and a blue sky in the background. Her hands are clasped in front of her.

Fostering a Christian community of *love* and *fight*:

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey,
Friends University's
14th president

BY DR. JOAN GALLAGHER

From her arrival on campus in July 2015 to her inauguration in October 2015 as the 14th president of Friends University, Dr. Amy Bragg Carey has been a dedicated champion of the Christian mission and Quaker heritage of Friends — to equip students to honor God and to serve others.

Dr. Carey and former Friends University president Dr. Biff Green share a fun moment during the Inauguration processional

She notes that she feels at home in Wichita because, “Friends University is wonderful — a place of friendly community and a faith-filled university that builds a connection between the intellectual life and the spiritual life.” These are values Dr. Carey appreciates and supports.

During these past months Dr. Carey has connected with the Wichita, Friends and faith communities, having meetings with other regional and national university presidents; meeting elected officials and state government leaders; attending the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.; participating in the Wichita Chamber Leadership Council; attending numerous on-and-off campus sporting events and Fine Arts student and faculty performances; and hosting many student, alumni and donor events at the President’s Home. Regardless of venue, Dr. Carey uses the time to interact with thought leaders and supporters, soliciting their opinions and evaluating their ideas while sharing the on-going

story of Friends University.

“We have the ability to offer the disciplines of the liberal arts to help students think, write, create, analyze, process, and contemplate truth, ethical and moral dilemmas,” she says “and to infuse all of that with areas such as health sciences, business, education, criminal justice and spiritual formation.”

The interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum at Friends resonates with Dr. Carey’s philosophy of education.

Dr. Carey has also filled her Cabinet staff with key individuals in the Academic Affairs, Finance, and Enrollment Management roles, welcoming Dr. Jasper Lesage, Marsha Bewersdorf and Ken Faffler, respectively, to the campus. Members of the President’s Cabinet, which also includes Human Resources and Administration, Student Affairs, University Advancement and Marketing, and the Office of the Chaplain, serve Friends in both strategic and operational roles, setting policy and goals for the core functions of the University.

In casting a vision for the future, Dr. Carey has had numerous meetings with students, faculty and staff, the result of which culminated in a new clarifying tagline: Faith. Friends. Future. — a statement that sets a course for the life-changing education Friends University offers. Dr. Carey notes the

tagline demonstrates the University’s commitment to not only educate students and prepare them for the future, but to also help them to understand God’s world and their God-given potential.

Under Dr. Carey’s stewardship, the campus-wide prioritization process that evaluated the viability of certain programs and initiatives was finalized with some important decisions being made. The outgrowth of prioritization is the emergence of a Revitalization and Growth plan that is focused on developing programs that will satisfy a market need, establishing enrollment and philanthropic goals, and increasing co-curricular offerings, housing occupancy and retention rates.

Expanding financial and human assets is a challenge Dr. Carey accepts. Rather than lowering expectations, Dr. Carey is strongly supporting enrollment management and donor relations staff in their efforts to cultivate and capture resources that will benefit the University’s long-term objectives. Whether meeting prospective students



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



Dr. Carey greets students and donors at the annual Scholarship Reception

Dr. Carey learns about
Dr. Jerry Smartt's work
at the Faculty Showcase



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

at an open house or praying with student callers before Phonathon or sitting with alumni and listening to their stories, Dr. Carey is always engaged in the process of moving the University forward. She recently shared a passage from Deuteronomy that captures her belief that it is time to direct our efforts on a new path, an exciting vision for Friends University:

“Then we turned back and set out toward the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea, as the LORD had directed me. For a long time we made our way around the hill country of Seir. Then the LORD said to me, ‘You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north.’”

Focused clearly on a positive future, Dr. Carey will work to emphasize the inextricable relationship that exists between the internationally-recognized Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation and Friends University. The appeal of Apprentice lies in its ability to help individuals learn to develop Christlikeness by promoting higher-level thinking, deeper conversation and a creative track for growing closer to God with the goal of educating current and next generation

leaders, resource individuals, churches, pastors and ministries in the work of Christian spiritual formation, and to research and advance the field of Christian spiritual formation.

“The mission of Apprentice is foundational to Friends University in that it represents our long history in the area of spiritual formation and our desire to see lives transformed,” Dr. Carey says. “Through our Christian Spiritual Formation program, students discover who they are in Christ.”

She hopes to substantially grow the CSF program over the next few years.

Looking ahead, Friends University also aspires to create new athletic teams and to become more involved with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character program. New academic programs under development include cyber security, special education and interdisciplinary entrepreneurship. The University will reimagine the library as a resource hub for the community, will continue to recruit talented individuals to faculty and staff positions and is focused on

providing clear “Pathways to a Profession” career services offerings. Finally, Dr. Carey notes, Friends University will continue to refine the unique place it holds in Christian higher education.

Dr. Carey wants Friends to be a community that embraces Quaker values while striving for excellence and innovation “because we want to live in, steward, redeem and know the world God has created.” She envisions Friends University as a Christian community of love and light that sees the image of God in everyone. In her inaugural address Dr. Carey said, “To God be the glory for His faithfulness to Friends University — and his faithfulness to me, that for a time such as this, I would be called to serve this amazing institution.”

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUTURE.

BY DEB STOCKMAN

By now you may have noticed that Friends University has a new tagline: **“FAITH. FRIENDS. FUTURE.”** This new tagline actually stands for our mission, outcomes and values. Coming to Friends University will help students strengthen their faith and will prepare them for their profession or future educational goals. The tagline also speaks to the friendships that will be built during our students’ college years and how this friendship and love of God and all people will move them to lead and serve others throughout their lifetime.

“FAITH. FRIENDS. FUTURE.” are short, punchy and alliterative words. They give the verbal impact we need, and they are also concise and easy to remember. They are part of our new marketing campaign, which is bold, versatile and relevant. It is flexible and will answer the questions our prospective students — whether traditional, adult or graduate — are asking right now about their college choice as their pathway to profession.

HIGHLIGHTING OUR STUDENTS

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION STUDENT PROFILE

COMPILED BY TRICIA ERICKSON, '15

Etienna Mertel

Degree: Sociology and Christian Spiritual Formation

Status: December 2016 Graduate

What prompted you to pursue your degree/program?

I want to serve in the mission fields whether they are across the street or across the ocean. I finished up my associate degree in human services at Long Beach City College and moved here to attend Friends specifically because it is a Christian university.

Why did you choose Friends to complete your degree?

After praying and seeking God's will, I moved here to attend Friends. My decision was made because of the Christian Spiritual Formation program as a second major, which would be a perfect fit for a missionary. In Long Beach I participated in a Bible study using the *Good and Beautiful God*. When I took my first CSF class and bought that very book for the course, I thought "Wow isn't this a coincidence?" No coincidence at all! When I realized the professor, Dr. Smith, who is the author of that book, oversees the CSF program I knew God had called me here to Kansas to study under him. As far as I'm concerned the Christian program is the platform God wants to use to help Friends return to its Christian roots.

Are there any specific areas of the University you feel have been particularly helpful?

I thank Gary Rapp for hiring me and giving me the opportunity to work here at Friends as a student worker for OASIS. My boss Sanya Wiles is an amazing mentor and I am developing many skills to prepare me for what God has planned when I graduate from Friends. The Academic Resource Center is phenomenal! The skills I enhanced under their tutors helped to make my Comp 2 Research Paper the first-place winner in last school year's competition.

What do you like about your degree/program?

Through a contact here at Friends, I was offered an internship for the South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force. As their intern I am networking with a multitude of professionals here in Wichita in my area of study and related fields.

If employed, what key issues or challenges at work is your degree/program helping you address more successfully?

Key issues that will add to my success in Christian ministry is the Christian Spiritual Formation second major. I could have gotten a degree in human services-sociology in California or anywhere for that matter.

How is the degree/program helping you personally?

I am experiencing incredible growth in my walk with the Lord. Transformation is taking place and will equip me for Christian service.



So far, do you feel Friends University has been a good investment?

I am able to attend Friends by the grace of God. He has made sure there was adequate financial aid and loans so I could go to school here. It's always a good investment to be where God has called you to be.

Why do you think others should consider Friends University?

The Christian Spiritual Formation program will equip them personally and spiritually. Then the light that shines through them as they pursue their career path will set them apart from the rest of the multitudes of educationally qualified applicants.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I think the Christian Spiritual Formation program has the potential to draw in other non-traditional adult students who find themselves in a position to attend daytime classes. Most importantly my hope is that a CSF graduate program becomes available so I don't have to go to a different school to continue my education after receiving my bachelor's degree.

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2015 Apprentice Gathering attendees participate in worship during a session in Alumni Auditorium

THE APPRENTICE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

Creating spiritually transforming educational experiences

BY DR. JAMES BRYAN SMITH, '84

The Apprentice Institute was established at Friends University in August 2009. Though we have been around for nearly seven years, many people have not even heard about the Apprentice Institute. And for those who have heard about us, there are two questions I am asked a lot: "What is the Apprentice Institute?" and "What do you do?" So, for people who do not know about the Apprentice Institute, or do not know what it is or what we do, I hope to answer those questions.

THE ORIGIN

Back in 2008, I was asked by a couple, Bob and Arlo Casper, "If you had the financial backing, what would you want to create?" The question allowed me to dream. I said, "The spiritual growth I personally experienced when I was a student at Friends had a dramatic impact on my life. I grew deeper in my relationship with

God than I ever dreamed possible. I was fortunate to study with Dr. Richard Foster, Howard Macy and Leroy Brightup, and their teaching and mentoring changed me for the good. What I experienced at Friends was a spiritually transforming educational experience. Everything I have done in my life – writing and speaking and teaching – all stem from my time at Friends. I would love to create a way for that to happen for others."

Bob and Arlo, who have a very high regard for Friends (their two daughters attended Friends), caught the vision as well, and the dream started to become a reality. Through their generous gift, and the support of then president, Dr. Biff Green, we were able to establish the Apprentice Institute. The vision included an undergraduate degree program (to start with), and to hold an annual national conference on formation

and discipleship in the fall. We invited Christian singer and songwriter Mark Schultz to join me in an initial kick-off event in Alumni Auditorium in late September 2009.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Why is it named The Apprentice Institute? Let me be clear that it has nothing to do with Donald Trump's television show; nor does anyone get fired. To be a Christian means to be a disciple of Jesus (not merely a believer in doctrines). But the word disciple seems to have lost some of its original meaning: to arrange your life around the teaching and practices of the master. Today we use the word discipleship to refer to a few pious practices (prayer, reading the Bible, having a Quiet Time). The term I prefer is the one used frequently by the late Dr. Dallas Willard – becoming an apprentice

The Apprentice Institute provides educational experiences in the area of Christian spirituality, develops resources for individual and church renewal and engages in research to advance the field of Christian formation.

VISION

The vision of the Apprentice Institute is the renewal of the world and the Church through the formation of new people and new communities who have begun living a radical Christian life in conformity to the teachings of Jesus, as his apprentices, in the midst of the world, whether in secular or ministry positions.

MISSION

To **educate** the current and next generation of leaders.

To **resource** individuals, churches, pastors and ministries in the work of Christian spiritual formation.

To **research** and **advance** the field of Christian spiritual formation.

CORE VALUES

These are the guiding principles that will daily influence our organization's internal conduct as well as our relationship with the external world. We will commit to daily think and act in harmony with our Core Values.

1. **Kenosis** — The beauty and goodness of self-sacrifice for the good of others.
2. **The Inner Light** — God speaks directly to all people, which demonstrates the equality and dignity of all persons, regardless of race, creed or gender.
3. **Honesty** — Integrity of speech in all we do, free from the need to "spin" the truth.
4. **Listening** — Openness and responsiveness to God through waiting and discernment.

5. **Generosity** — Sharing our resources with any and all in need as a response to God's self-giving grace (kenosis).
6. **Simplicity** — An inward condition of contentment that frees us from the burden of needing to impress others.
7. **Education** — A deep love of learning that engenders a desire to train the hearts, souls and minds of the next generation of leaders.
8. **Excellence** — Glorifying God through the quality of our work.
9. **Value Creation** — Using our God-given resources to create real, long-term value in all we do for the benefit of our organization, our investors, our customers, our partnering organizations, and ultimately, God's Kingdom.
10. **Stewardship** — Diligently committing to the responsible management and cultivation of the resources entrusted.

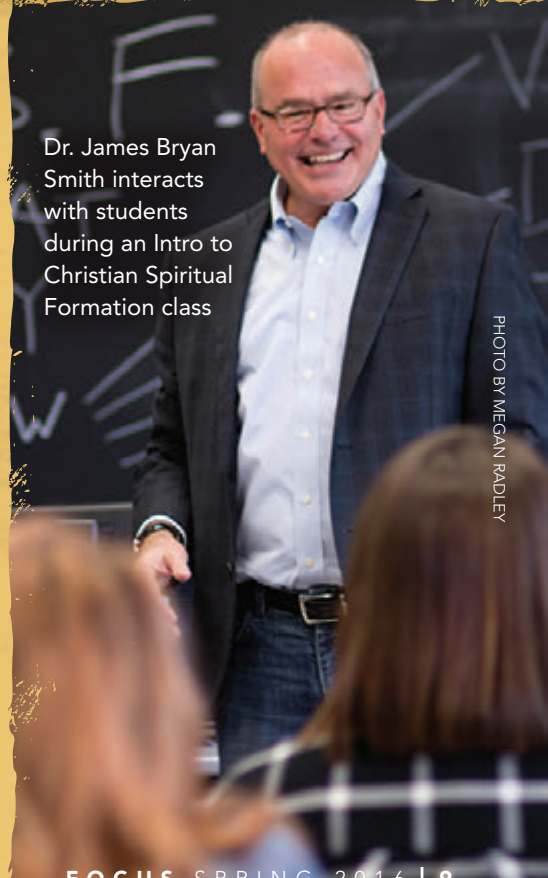
of Jesus. An apprentice has chosen to learn knowledge and skills from a master, and that arrangement is exactly what it means to be a disciple.

What is Christian spiritual formation? Christian spiritual formation is the process of being transformed into the image of Christ in order to live a good and beautiful life of faith, hope, joy and peace, in order to be a blessing to oneself and all of the people we live with. This includes advocating for social justice to ensure all people have opportunities to enhance their lives and become more like Christ. This kind of life is actually possible, but it only happens when we live as Jesus' apprentices — seeing the world as he sees it and doing the things he did. This has nothing to do with works or earning or legalism. It is a loving relationship with the One who said, "All authority in heaven and on

earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and make apprentices, immersing them in the life of the Trinity and teaching them to do all I have commanded." It is an interactive life with Jesus and the power, protection and provision in the Kingdom of God. This is only possible by God's grace. It is not something we earn, but it does involve effort on our part.

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

We created a new track within the Religion and Philosophy major, called the Christian Spiritual Formation (CSF) as a first or second major. I like calling it a curriculum for Christlikeness. We believe we were the first university to offer this major (though others have been built since then). It became popular very quickly, going from zero to 60 first or second majors within five years. Courses include Introduction to

A photograph of Dr. James Bryan Smith, a man with glasses and a dark suit over a light blue shirt, smiling and interacting with students in a classroom. He is standing in front of a chalkboard with some writing on it. The students are seen from behind, looking towards him.

Dr. James Bryan Smith interacts with students during an Intro to Christian Spiritual Formation class

PHOTO BY MEGAN RADLEY

Christian Spiritual Formation, Living as an Apprentice of Jesus (my favorite) and Formation for Mission.

In these courses the students not only read and study and listen to lectures, but they also engage in what we call soul training exercises. Every week the students – in every CSF class – are practicing some kind of spiritual discipline, such as Counting Your Blessings, or reading the Gospel of John in one sitting, or spending a few hours in solitude. So the pedagogical method is both cognitive and experiential, but even more, it is communal. Each class has time for small group and large group discussions. The students in the CSF program are learning from one another.

THE ADULT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

We also have a course of study for adults called The Apprentice Experience. It is an 18-month course in discipleship, taught by me, and several outstanding teachers and writers in the field of Christian spiritual formation, such as Scot McKnight, Jan Johnson and Shane Claiborne. Using a cohort-based model, the groups journey together for four, one-week gatherings. The first cohort just finished the course in March 2016, and the second cohort is halfway through. The third cohort is already full and begins their journey in October.

Each of the first three cohorts had an average of 25 participants, and 85 percent of them come from outside of Kansas, and from outside the U.S. We have had students from Brazil, Canada and New Zealand, who journeyed to Wichita to engage in this program. Each of the cohorts have built strong bonds, as they not only read and study and listen to lectures, but they spend time in worship, small groups, and morning and evening prayer.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Apprentice Institute has also hosted five national conferences on discipleship and formation. Great speakers like Dallas Willard, John Ortberg and Donald Miller have stepped onto the stage in Alumni Auditorium and delivered powerful, inspiring messages. These gatherings have averaged 500 people in attendance, and, like the adult program, around 75 percent of the attendees are from outside the state of Kansas. We will be hosting our sixth annual conference, which is called The Apprentice Gathering, in late September. It is an outstanding event. Many people tell us they have attended all five conferences because they feel God is at work in these gatherings.

ON THE HORIZON

We are also beginning to seek funding for the Dallas Willard Chair for Christian Spiritual Formation, and we are hiring a new professor who will teach CSF courses for us starting in Fall 2016. We have also created a new Master of Art in Christian Spiritual Formation and Leadership. We are in the process of receiving approval for it so we can begin taking applications for the fall.

DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE

The most exciting thing for me is watching our students grow in their relationship with God and with one another. We have a slogan that all of the students learn and memorize. It is kind of our motto. It goes like this: “We are people in whom Christ dwells, and we live in the strong and unshakable Kingdom of God.” I get the pleasure of watching students of all ages learn to live into this reality. Each night at dinner my family and I ask each of us this question: What was your high and your low today? One night my daughter, Hope, said, “We know what Dad’s high was today – it was probably about some student who did something that showed they are growing in their life with God.” We all laughed, because more often than not, that is the case. It is my passion, and, thankfully, it is more than a dream, it is a reality.

THE WISDOM OF KINGDOM LIVING

BY KARA YUZA, '12

The 6th Annual Apprentice Gathering hosted by the Apprentice Institute at Friends University is approaching. Join us Sept. 29 to Oct. 1 to delve into “The Wisdom of Kingdom Living.” The Kingdom of God is a reality. It is the greatest thing happening in our world. It is the secret to living the good life and to becoming a truly good person. Wisdom is the knowledge of how to live well. That knowledge is found

only in the “with-God” life — the life of the Kingdom of God. Speakers include James Bryan Smith, Soong Chan-Rah, Jen Pollock Michel, Natasha Sistrunk

Robinson, Jane Albright and others. Details and registration are available at apprenticegathering.org or call Kara Yuza at 316-295-5061.



THE APPRENTICE 2016
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FRIENDSHIP FIELDS:

Making friends and creating college experiences

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

The students carefully concentrate, paying close attention to what they have learned about the fundamentals of creating visual art. Their art will appear on screen during an upcoming Friends University Band Concert performance of Camille Saint-Saens' "The Carnival of Animals." It will be professionally mounted and displayed in the Riney Fine Arts Gallery at the concert, and they will be able to greet guests during intermission.



PHOTO BY MEGAN RADLEY

Faculty member Karen Scroggins (left) works with a Friendship Fields participant as the group creates art for the spring band concert

A typical college art class, right? Well, maybe not so typical after all.

The students are part of Friendship Fields, a program that allows college-age adults with disabilities to experience college life while also offering Friends students the opportunity to work with special needs students.

"Students enroll in Friendship Fields because they want to go to college," said Valerie Wall, director of the program and a long-time psychology adjunct with Friends University. "They have been very social in high school and now they have their family, but that is not the same as friends and activities. Lifelong learning and social interaction are important for everyone."

Wall established the program in conjunction with Bill Allan, associate professor of family life, in 2014. Approximately 15 special needs students participate on Tuesdays and Thursdays and follow a curriculum that focuses on life skills, people skills and social interaction with college students.

Shelby Lewis, a senior at Friends majoring in psychology, first heard about the program through Allan's class. She learned Friends students could receive internship credit by working with the program.

"After the first hour of being with the students, I fell in love with the program," Lewis said. "I was welcomed right away with hugs, and that made me feel I was in the right place."

The Friendship Fields students also regularly interact with other student volunteers, including many of the athletic teams. Wall noted the women's basketball team and Head Coach RaeAnne Boothe have been especially active and welcoming. College-type activities include visiting practices and athletic games, hanging out and playing games with student athletes, having dinner in the student dining hall and attending an occasional school dance, among many others.

Shelby Lewis celebrates with friend Tanner after she was named Homecoming Queen last fall



COURTESY PHOTO

Several Friends University professors have devoted much of their time to work with the Friendship Fields students. Dr. John Taylor, professor of music, spends 30 minutes every Tuesday teaching students about rhythm and other music concepts and developed the idea to feature the students' artwork during the spring Band Concert.

Friendship Fields is not only helping special needs students with their desire to experience college life; it is transforming Friends students' lives, Wall noted.

In fact, Lewis' experience has inspired her to further her education and work with special needs students. After graduation in May, she plans to obtain her master's degree in special education.

"I have found an additional family with this group," Lewis said. "It is extremely rewarding to see them grow and learn and accomplish so much."

COURTESY PHOTO



Friendship Fields students and staff pose with participants on campus



PHOTO BY SARAH MCVAY

VALUING AND PROTECTING WILDLIFE:

The story of a unique zoo science program

BY DEB STOCKMAN

It was the late 1980s when George Potts, the division chair for math and science at Friends University, started a conversation with the curator at the Sedgwick County Zoo about a new program for Friends. The question was how to take a biology program and make it a “fit” for a career at the zoo. Around 1988, a decision was made to have students actually go to the zoo for some of the instruction in this novel program. This was a new concept at the time, and it still is today.

When the new zoo science program began to pick up steam, Potts hired Dr. Alan Maccarone, Friends University professor of biology. Unfortunately, shortly after hiring Maccarone, Potts was told he needed to reduce his staff, so he resigned and turned the program over to Maccarone instead. It was Dr. Maccarone who then created an integrated program with zoo science and biology.

As Friends University began to embrace adult education in the late '80s/early '90s, the University began offering a master's degree in environmental science. A student of this program created a zoo science practicum as part of the final project, and the practicum remains part of today's program. Some early graduates of the environmental science program have even gone on to become zoo directors.

In 2003, Dr. Patrick Mathews came to Friends University. At this time, Friends was trying to grow its Master of Environmental Science program beyond two cohorts each year, and Dr. Mathews

Zoo science students and their instructor interact with a giraffe at the Sedgwick County Zoo



PHOTO BY SARAH MCVAY

was asked to lead the effort. When he said “no” to this opportunity, he was asked to lead the zoo science program instead. Today, Dr. Mathews does this and he also serves as professor of biology.

The goal of today’s zoo science program is to prepare the next generation of zoo professionals (zoo keepers, administrators, educators, graphic designers and exhibit designers).

The Friends University zoo science program is nationally known among the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) due to its continued partnership with the Sedgwick County Zoo. The Sedgwick County Zoo and other AZA zoos share a commitment to wildlife conservation, education, science and animal care. These zoos provide a connection to



endangered and protected wildlife. Instruction in Friends’ zoo science program talks about treating animals humanely and educating the public about this. Friends also has lots of double-majors with the field biology concentration which also focuses on conservation. The difference between a two-year zoo science program and

a four-year program like the one at Friends is that four-year programs teach about the value of wildlife. Since the state of Kansas has almost no laws about private ownership of wild animals, Friends’ program focuses on the ownership and management of exotic animals.

“We hold our program and our zoos to the highest standards.

We take the high road,” Dr. Mathews said. “We are teaching and developing best practices in a state-of-the-art facility... and we’re really lucky to partner with them. The Sedgwick County Zoo is an excellent zoo for our area. It has the ninth largest collection in the country and contributes to our program being one of the top programs nationally.”

ZOO SCIENCE STUDENT PROFILE

COMPILED BY TRICIA ERICKSON, '15

Katy O'Reilly

Degree: Zoo Science and Field Biology

Status: 2014 Graduate

Employment: Bird zookeeper at Tulsa Zoo

Why did you choose Friends to complete your degree?

Friends University is one of only a few colleges in the nation where you can receive hands-on training in the zoo field and a bachelor's degree to go along with it. Most other teaching zoos offer only associate degrees, which makes the Friends Zoo Science program highly desirable and competitive to get into.

What do you like about your degree/program?

First off, the faculty is awesome. Dr. Maccarone and Dr. Mathews both offer unique and challenging courses, and you can tell they love what they’re doing. They make the classroom a fun learning atmosphere, and the field trips were always a blast! I also loved how close-knit the students were. Everyone with the same interests getting together to do club activities or socialize outside of class expands our network for future endeavors in the zoo career field.

How has your degree/program benefited you in your career so far?

Making connections with the zookeepers at Sedgwick County Zoo is most definitely what got my foot in the door. Having the opportunity to learn from zoo staff in forms of volunteering, practicums



and classroom work makes networking within this field so much easier. The Zoo Science program gives you these opportunities and learning experiences, and I wouldn’t trade my unique college experience at Friends for any other.



COURTESY PHOTO

Goofy and Pluto give students and faculty members a thumbs-up for volunteering for nearly 10 years to help children as part of Give Kids the World

just “more of a personal time to get to chat with them.

“It was a really great experience for me,” Van Nahmen said. “I’m really into volunteering and service so this was the perfect trip for me to go on. It really helped me understand...my problems aren’t as big as I think they are.”

Van Nahmen not only enjoyed volunteering, but also working closely with faculty on the trip.

“Bill (Allan) and Arlen (Honts) were awesome! Bill Allan made sure everyone on the trip read the book written about the resort. They’re just fun to be with,” Van Nahmen said.

This is a service experience our alumni find quite memorable years after the experience. Friends University alumnus, Stuart Hall volunteered twice — in 2008 and 2009.

“It’s life-changing,” Hall said. “There’s not another place like this place. All the kids have life-threatening illnesses. It’s powerful to see the families’ gratitude.

GIVE KIDS THE WORLD: Friends students make dreams come true

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Did you know Friends University has volunteered at the Give Kids the World Village for the past nine years and a group will be going again from Friends this May? So what is Give Kids the World?

Give Kids the World enables children with life-threatening illnesses and their families to visit the theme parks in Orlando, Fla. A memorable, magical, cost-free experience is given to these children along with free accommodations at the 79-acre resort complete with 144 villas. Many generous individuals, corporations and schools partner with Give Kids the World to help make these children’s wishes come true. Each week they celebrate Halloween, Christmas and each child’s birthday. They have even figured out how to make it snow!

Give Kids the World depends on volunteers to fulfill hundreds of volunteer shifts every day. Friends University volunteers have served food, bussed tables, washed dishes, operated JJ’s Express (the wheelchair accessible,

life-size train), volunteered at the Carousel, cleaned golf carts, cleaned warehouses and more! Friends takes 10 students and two or three faculty or staff members on this volunteer “vacation” every year. Arriving Sunday evening, the Friends volunteers work from 7:30 a.m. to noon and again from 4:30 to 10:30 p.m. every day, Monday through Friday. It’s exhausting but rewarding work!

Friends University sophomore, Allison Rae Van Nahmen, attended the camp last May. Her favorite job was serving meals to the families because she got to see all the different families. She said this was



COURTESY PHOTO

Dressing up as a fairy tale princess helps children and families cope with life-threatening illness

It’s a great mission. There’s just not a negative person there.”

If you would like to learn more about Give Kids the World, visit givekidstheworld.org.



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Craig Bay, '92

Employment: Director of Special Projects, Greater Wichita Partnership

Years of BOT Service: First term

Family: Michelle Orth Bay, '92, (spouse); Abby; Emily; Megan; Ryan; Jared; Adam

I am compelled to serve because... of the deep gratitude I have for those who served me. Including parents and siblings, numerous individuals have touched my life, and continue to do

so, in ways that lead me to be a better disciple. I serve to pass on the gift of love that has been showered on me.

A top priority for Friends is...

embracing one another and lifting each other up to work through current-day challenges toward future prosperity. We are not called to walk alone, but rather to be in community together. I believe the future of Friends will be defined through our service and love for one another.

I am most impressed by our students'...

compassion and enthusiasm for one another. I recall the energy and excitement of the collegiate experience, which is clearly evident at Friends. But I cherish the open, caring connection I see among students on campus, along with the stories shared from faculty and staff.

I value the University's...

long history of service and support in molding the lives of students, faculty and staff. The focus on educating and preparing students for the rest of their lives impacts every person engaged in the endeavor. The gift of service to others is Friends' most valuable asset!



Duane Hansen, '72

Employment: Insurance Agent and Registered Representative for Investments, MassMutual Financial Group

Years of BOT Service: 26 years

Family: Patricia (spouse, deceased in 2008); Jim Hansen, '88, and wife LeAnn, '14; Wendell Hansen, '89, and wife Amy, '89; Brenda, '90, and spouse John Wakon Fowler, M.D., '92; Linda Steinacher, '92, and spouse Brendan, '94.

I am compelled to serve due to...

a sense of gratitude and debt. President Roy Ray enabled me to attend Friends by offering housing for our family of four children and employment with the maintenance department. His efforts were an answer to prayer, which I received as the open door of God's Providence. Friends University has been a caring community for me as a student, a caregiver during my wife's fight against cancer, and as an alumnus and trustee. I owe Friends University a debt of gratitude that enables my service back to the institution to be an honor and high privilege.

A top priority for Friends is...

the University's ability to transform lives. I hope students who enroll have a desire for vital life-changing experiences that prepare them for lifelong learning and equip them vocationally to improve their standard of living, but most importantly, empower them to make a contribution to society through service to God and others.

I am most impressed by our students'... dedication, which makes Friends' fine arts events some of the best in town and by the fact that approximately 45 percent of Friends athletes are recognized as honor roll students. Our students understand that preparation for life — the long haul — takes top priority.

I value that the University... is still driven by its founders' desire to enhance our students' lives through excellent Christian and academic training.



Leatha Rutherford Hein, '74

Employment: Co-owner, Hein Lawn Service, Inc.

Years of BOT Service: First term

Family: Norman W. Hein, '72, (spouse)

I am compelled to serve because... of my strong desire to see the University's history continue in its place in the community and around the world.

A top priority for Friends is... stated very well in the mission statement: "Friends University, a Christian University of Quaker heritage, equips students to honor God and serve others by integrating their intellectual, spiritual and professional lives." This requires much work on all that are involved in the life of the University, whether current students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, friends of Friends, or Board of Trustee members current and past.

I value the University's... commitment to both a strong academic curricula and an integration of the Christian faith.



Ed Roberts, '80

Employment: Director of Gift Planning and Capital Funding, The Salvation Army, Kansas/Western Missouri Division

Years of BOT Service: 18 years

Family: Judy Roberts, '80, (spouse); Nathan (Megan) Roberts; Jeremy (Lauren) Roberts

I am compelled to serve because... this is a way to say thank you for the growth I experienced in many ways as a student at Friends. I want that opportunity extended to many students today and in the future.

A top priority for Friends is... to attract in greater numbers the students who want the kind of nurturing and learning environment that makes Friends distinct.

I am most impressed by our students'... flexibility to learn, serve and be active in a variety of ways. That's the advantage of a more intimate campus setting.

I value the University's... commitment to providing not only a Christian setting for learning, but also allowing students to thrive in many roles of leadership and service.

JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING OCT. 7-9

BY BRIE BOULANGER

Homecoming 2016 is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for the weekend of Oct. 7-9, 2016. Homecoming week is always full of fun and excitement, and this year will be no exception.

Whether it is your 50th reunion or your first, plan on attending Homecoming to reminisce and reconnect with old friends. This is the perfect opportunity to rediscover Friends University and renew your connection with our beautiful campus. If you are interested in organizing a reunion for a special group of alumni or have any questions or comments regarding Homecoming, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 316-295-5525. We look forward to seeing you there!

PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS





Dr. Vicki Ronn, left, assistant professor of English, visits with a Friends student about her scholarly work on *The Divine Old Woman*

FACULTY PRESENT SCHOLARLY WORK TO COMMUNITY

Approximately 20 Friends University faculty members presented their academic research and accomplishments to the community last fall as part of a Faculty Showcase. Faculty presented their work via posters and other displays and visited with students, staff, other faculty colleagues and community members about their academic pursuits.

Those participating included:

- **Max Burson**, public services librarian and library director, and **Dr. John Rhodes**, associate professor of education; *History of the Fellow-Reeve Museum: A Legacy of Friends' Journey*
- **Dr. Valentina Chappell**, professor of Business and Technology and program director of Global MBA; *How Friends Global MBA Graduates Fuel Wichita's International Business Expansion*
- **Dr. Susan Dutcher, LP, LCMFT**, assistant professor and program director of Marriage and Family Therapy; *Master of Science in Family Therapy: Creating Connections and Impacting Lives*
- **Dr. Russell Arben Fox**, professor of political science; *Wichita and "Mittelpolitanism": Thinking about Mid-Sized Cities*
- **Dr. Jeremy Gallegos**, associate professor of philosophy/ethics and division chair of Religion and Humanities; *The Ethics of Truth Telling with Dementia Patients: A Dialogue of Principles and Approaches*
- **Dr. Dona Gibson**, professor of education and psychology and program director of Master of Education in Teaching and Learning; *Building a Global Community of Teacher Educators: Friends University and the World Federation*
- **Dr. Malcolm Harris**, professor of finance; *Making Scholarship Real: Case Teaching and Tracking the Economy*
- **Dr. Stan Harstine**, professor of religion; *What Goes Around, Comes Around*
- **Dr. David Hofmeister**, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and Graduate School; *Connections: Linking Professional Programs, Learning Opportunities and Careers*

Dr. Tor Wynn, assistant professor of sociology and criminology, visits with Dr. Carey and husband Bryan about a project he conducted with students



- **Dr. Arlen Honts**, professor of business and chair of Business and Information Technology; *The Off-Campus Classroom: Learning Side-by-Side*
- **Dr. Joseph Myers**, associate professor of science and math; *Applied Math — Changing Your World*
- **Dr. Vicki Ronn**, assistant professor of English; *The Divine Old Woman*
- **Karen Scroggins**, assistant professor of graphic arts and director of visual arts program; *The Impact of Art*
- **Dr. Jerry Smartt**, professor of Spanish; *Study Abroad La Salle University, Cancun: La Fiesta Visual*
- **Dr. Donna Stuber**, professor of human services/psychology; *The Relationship between Hypercompetitiveness and Workplace Ethics among Women in Power Positions (with Dana Evans, 2013 graduate)*
- **Dr. Richard Teter**, professor of computer science and information systems; *Learning Outside the Classroom*
- **Dr. Tor Wynn**, assistant professor of sociology and criminology; *Developing a Quantitative Risk Assessment Model for a Non-Profit Mentorship Program in Wichita*
- **Dr. Guangqiu Xu**, professor of history; *Dr. Guangqiu Xu's National Awards and Scholar Books*

2016 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES HONORED

BY BRIE BOULANGER

Friends University inducted three former Falcons into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame Jan. 30 in McKay Gymnasium. The inductees enjoyed lunch with their friends, families and former coaches, followed by the presentation of their awards. They were then recognized among current students and alumni before the start of the men's basketball game against McPherson College later that evening.

This year's inductees include:

- **Dan Kontz**, a 2007 graduate from Goddard, who was honored for his accomplishments in football. He has worked with SMT Company for four years as a regional salesman of CNC Manufacturing Equipment. He previously played professional indoor football with the Wichita Wild for two seasons and coached for the Wichita Force's inaugural season at INTRUST Bank Arena in 2015.
- **Mary Dix Duling**, a 2007 graduate from Wichita, honored for her accomplishments in soccer. She is in her ninth year of teaching physical education at White Elementary School in Wichita. She has previously served as an assistant soccer coach for Friends and coached girls' youth competitive soccer for four years. She received her master's degree in elementary curriculum and instruction in 2012.
- **Jon Qualls**, a 2006 graduate from Bayfield, Colo., honored for his accomplishments in baseball. He earned his doctor of chiropractic degree in 2010 and owns two chiropractic clinics in the Durango area. He previously played in the professional minor league in the Frontier League for the Southern Illinois Miners (ranked sixth in the league). He currently coaches baseball at Bayfield High School with a record of 34-9 during the past two years.

The Athletic Hall of Fame currently honors 63 inductees, including athletes, coaches and supporters. Each year a committee of staff and alumni select the inductees based on nominations received from members of the Friends

University community. The Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1999 to honor and pay tribute to those individuals who through participation or support made a significant contribution to a Friends University athletic program. To view the complete list and profiles of the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, please visit friends.edu/AHOF. For information on nominations, contact the Athletic Office at 316-295-5700.

PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS



2016 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include, left to right, Jon Qualls, Mary (Dix) Duling and Dan Kontz.

UNIVERSITY EXPANDS ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Friends University is adding **women's golf** and **competitive cheer** to its roster of existing intercollegiate athletic teams. The University will also be adding a **pep band** starting in the fall.

"We're excited to offer these new teams and a pep band to our athletic lineup," said Dr. Carole Obermeyer, athletic director and vice president of student affairs. "We feel women's golf will be a nice addition to our other women's athletic programs, and a competitive cheer team will take that program to a new level. Having a pep band should also create a more lively and supportive atmosphere at our athletic games and for our Falcon fans."

Taylor Candler, who played golf at the University of Oklahoma and on the Round 2 Ladies Professional Golf Association's Symetra Tour, has been hired to coach women's golf. Jill Fenske, who has previously coached college-level cheer, is the new women's competitive cheer coach. Alysa Parson, who is working on a master's in music and served as the head drum major for two years for the Emporia State Marching Hornets, serves as the pep band director.

All three programs are expected to begin this fall.

FRIENDS JAZZ MUSICIANS GIG AROUND TOWN

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Lisa Hittle has made performing a practice for her jazz students for more than a decade.

Hittle, who serves as director of jazz programs, is in her 27th year at Friends University. She directs two full jazz ensembles, several jazz combos, and teaches jazz improvisation classes and applied saxophone. She herself is an alumna of the Stan Kenton Orchestra, an active jazz musician in the Wichita area and is an adjudicator/clinician throughout the Midwest. The Wichita Arts Council selected Lisa as the 2006

“Wichita Arts Educator of the Year” and the Wichita Jazz Festival selected her in 2012 to receive the “Homer Osborne” award for outstanding contributions to jazz education.

Hittle books her students and co-faculty every Friday and Saturday night to play gigs at private events, Larkspur Bistro, Hereford House and the Hotel at Old Town. The gigs are an opportunity for young musicians to develop skills playing standards in the jazz repertoire. Students are actually hired as professional musicians and are paid directly — like a paid internship. Hittle works with the students to negotiate a stipend. This also helps to remove a headache for restaurant owners by booking reliable musicians — and she does this all for free.

“This is an incredibly unique opportunity for our students,” Hittle said. “There is no place else in the state of Kansas where students get to go out and experience what it’s really like to work a

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY HOSTS SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS REGION VI CONFERENCE

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Dan Racer (middle) checks with orchestra members as they tune their instruments for the Friday evening performance

The sounds of modern compositions by composers from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas filled the hallways of Riney Fine Arts Center Feb. 11-13.

The Society of Composers (SCI) Region 6 conference featured the works of teachers, freelancers and students and consisted of performances of 35 works by contemporary composers from the region as well as four paper presentations about topics affecting modern composers. Friends University student and faculty ensembles (Percussion Ensemble, Community Orchestra, Concert Choir, Jazz Band/Soulstice and the Tower Quintet) performed a number of the new works composed for the conference. The conference also featured Duo Rodinia on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Assistant Professor of Music Dan Racer, who conducts the Friends

professional gig. There are certain things about being a professional musician that simply can't be taught in a classroom."

Ben Decker came to Friends in 2014 as a junior and immediately started playing bass as one of Friends' jazz musicians about town.

"I take 18 hours of credit, plus I have other jazz and music responsibilities here at Friends so I've sworn off getting a job while I'm in school," Decker said. "I 'gigged' before I got to Friends but some students have not had this experience. I also know how hard it is to get gigs. Lisa has the contacts. We get the experience. And it's a job. It's Friday and Saturday nights, so it's also tailored to a musician's life.

"Gigging helps you learn what the business is, what the rates are and how to market yourself as an individual. It helps you make a name for yourself in the community. You also get connected with other really good musicians. You get to know them and learn from them. I'm really thankful for the job I have."



Jazz students regularly play at venues around Wichita, including Hotel at Old Town

University orchestra and teaches composition, music theory and bass, coordinated the conference with help from Dr. Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn of Wichita State University. Dr. Sternfeld-Dunn is the Wichita State University associate professor of composition and theory, and he helped to coordinate the involvement of WSU students and faculty.

There were approximately 250 submissions to be judged. Of these, 36 pieces were chosen by Racer for performance by the Friends University and Wichita State musicians. Two groups from Kansas State University also participated.

Dr. Von Hansen, Friends' percussion faculty member, judged all the



Dan Racer

percussion scores for the conference — about 25 pieces. Dr. Hansen noted that hosting the conference is a pretty big deal for Friends.

"This is not something a smaller university would normally do," Dr. Hansen said. "It shows there are great things going on at Friends, and

it was also an excellent opportunity to hear contemporary music."

Racer agrees.

"This was a good chance for students to experience new music by either performing or going to concerts," Racer said. "And the conference also helped draw attention to the good work Friends University is doing with composition."

Zach Rich is a Friends University senior majoring in jazz performance.

Rich performed with the Jazz Band and Soulstice and also wrote two original pieces that were performed during the conference. When asked how the conference benefits Friends University students, Rich said, "It exposes them to a variety of compositional techniques and genres. It also gives them a chance to submit something original."

Rich plans to attend graduate school to study composition and jazz studies when he graduates from Friends. After achieving his master's degree, he would like to teach at a college, continue to have his works published and eventually become a tenured professor.

"It (the conference) was really good exposure for all Friends' students and the university," Rich said. "Some high schoolers also knew of the conference, and it might attract them to come to Friends."

THREE NAMED TO LEADERSHIP ROLES

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Friends University is pleased to welcome the following individuals to their new leadership roles.

DR. JASPER LESAGE, VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Dr. Jasper Lesage began serving in the lead academic role at Friends University Aug. 1, 2015, bringing extensive experience as a provost and vice president of academic affairs. His responsibilities at Friends University include overseeing the academic colleges

as well as academic support areas such as the library, online learning, academic resource center, registrar and institutional research. He previously worked at Northwestern College in Iowa and in a variety of roles at Dordt College, which both rank highly on lists of best Midwest colleges. He led two previous faculty groups through a program prioritization process similar to the one Friends University has undertaken in recent years. He received his master's degree and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Toronto.

KEN FAFFLER, VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT



Ken Faffler assumed his role overseeing the Enrollment Management Division beginning Sept. 14, 2015. Faffler is an established university enrollment leader and brings a strategic approach to enrollment systems. In his 25 years at the University of Northwestern, Faffler served in various roles within the admissions and enrollment department. As a leader, Faffler consistently led the admissions team through many shifts in the economy and higher education, attaining a wonderful record of success in achieving enrollment increases. Faffler has a bachelor's degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minn., and a master's degree from the University of Minnesota in Educational Policy and Administration.

WYNN RECEIVES KICA FACULTY OF DISTINCTION AWARD

BY GISELE MCMINIMY



Dr. Tor Wynn, assistant professor of sociology and criminology, earned this year's Faculty of Distinction Award from the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA). He was among 17 college faculty members to receive the award and was recognized at a workshop and award reception last fall.

Dr. Wynn earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Oakland University and his master's and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Iowa. He has taught full-time in the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education since 2012, but began teaching part-time in the University's adult program in 2006.

The KICA Faculty of Distinction program celebrates excellence and achievement among faculty at the 18 accredited private colleges and universities in Kansas. The award honors faculty who have emphasized the importance of classroom teaching, personal attention to each and every student, and a commitment to character, values and learning through every facet of their graduates' lives. The 2015 KICA Faculty of Distinction honorees serve as models for educators everywhere.

"It's inspiring to know these faculty and see how they live the mission of our independent colleges," said Matt Lindsey, president of KICA. "A common thread we saw among them is their gift for balancing a commitment to hold each student accountable for real, meaningful learning and a strong sense of empathy for the value of each student as an individual. Or as one nominee was described: they help every student 'to find their voice,' which is central to forming college graduates with the ability to succeed wherever they go."

Faculty of Distinction honorees are nominated by each KICA member institution. The Kansas Independent College Association, founded in 1976, is a non-profit organization that works to provide support and services to the independent colleges of the state.

**MARSHA BEWERSDORF,
VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**



The Friends University Board of Trustees elected Marsha Anderson Bewersdorf, CPA, CCIFP, as the vice president of finance/ chief financial officer Oct. 26,

2015. Bewersdorf is the former director of business and finance at Hutton Construction Corp. of Wichita. Her prior experience includes CFO for the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas, senior controller at Accenture BPO Services, and business manager of the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center, where she currently serves as a board member. She is also on the board of the Spina Bifida Association

of Kansas. Bewersdorf spent 10 years in public accounting firms specializing in small business consulting, software and system implementation, general tax, and nonprofit audit. She is a graduate of Wichita State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA in business administration.



**MAX BURSON:
A RENAISSANCE
MAN RETIRES**

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Max Burson is retiring this summer. I know you don't believe it, but apparently it is true!

The University's public services librarian, library director and professor began his career at Friends on Halloween 1994. He came from Cameron University, which is part of the University of Oklahoma System. Max originally joined the Navy and after one year of college on the USS Leary DD879, he became the ship's part-

time librarian. He was the first one to put cards in the back of the books and have the sailors check them out.

After three years in the Navy, Max was honorably discharged, and he started college at Southwest Missouri State University. He earned a bachelor of science in comprehensive social studies, but his first job out of college was in a chemistry lab where he stayed for 10 years and also completed a master's degree in comprehensive social studies. When Max left the lab job, he was a substitute teacher for one year, and then he helped in the library at Culver Stockton College. He went to library school at the University of Missouri and had a graduate assistantship at J. Otto Lottes Health Science Library. He would open the library at 6 a.m., work until 9 a.m. and then come back to "close" from 9 p.m. to midnight. When he graduated with his master's degree, Max really wanted to be a librarian on a military base. Because that process was going to take one year, he went to Cameron University instead. He stayed at Cameron for five years before coming to Friends.

While at Friends University, the library has had one of the highest ratings for a service department at the University. In 1995, librarians wrote the grant for the start of the Internet at Friends. The library staff developed the first web page and the first use of email at the University. Kathy Delker and Max led the library-refurbishing project in 2010,

where shelving was reduced to improve the welcome area. A computer was also added for the fast-printing needs of students. Max was nominated as the Kansas Private Academic Libraries representative by Gov. Brownback to serve on the State of Kansas Library Board from July 1, 2012 through December 10, 2014. He was chairman during the 2014 year.

In addition to his library duties, Max has supervised the chain gang at Friends football games, served as an usher for Fine Arts, participated in Bingo Night and Casino Night, and has served on the Alumni Advisory Board for 13 years. He also spends time working with Friendship Fields every two weeks.

"The library is a partner in the education of our students," Max said. "At Friends University, we are indeed Friends — students, faculty and staff."

When asked what he plans to do after his retirement, Max points out that he has two children and five grandchildren — one who wants to attend Friends in six years. He also has a daughter and son-in-law who are alumni. Max says he is a bit of a "renaissance man." He plays clarinet in a German band at his church. He enjoys art, writing, photography (especially outdoor photography), hiking, fishing, gardening and he collects coins. He may also help out at the Lutheran school at his church — Holy Cross Lutheran. Somehow I don't think he'll be bored!

ALUMNI BOARDS HELP SHAPE UNIVERSITY'S FUTURE

BY BRIE BOULANGER

The Friends University Alumni Advisory Board is an integral part of the Alumni Association. Members shape the University's future while serving the Alumni Association's representation needs. The Advisory Board gives alumni a way to actively engage with the University and act as a sounding board regarding institutional matters.

Meetings take place several times a year, with discussion about alumni

events, student recruitment and new ways to engage alumni. Members serve a three-year term; so active recruitment for new members is essential.

To nominate yourself or fellow outstanding alumni for board membership, visit friends.edu/advisory-board and complete the volunteer opportunities form, or call the Alumni Relations Office at 316-295-5525.

Thank you to the Alumni Advisory Board for your hard work and dedication. 2015-16 Alumni Advisory Board members are: Sanya Wiles, president; Scot Pierce, president-elect; Jaime Leyden, secretary; Max Burson, faculty representative; Dr. Chris Kettler, faculty representative; Sherrie Andersen;



Martin Harding, left, and Roger Jallo of the Wichita Alumni Board man a booth at Alumni Basketball Night

Lamont Anderson; Rod Craft; Abbey Dohm; Christopher German; Martin Harding; Roger Jallo; James Jemmerson; Mitch Krueger; Jesse Penna; Daniel Pugh; Traci Shepherd; Rachel Steiner; Jill Cooper; Dawn Verboom; Neill Wheeler; Phil Whiteman; Brie Boulanger, ex-officio; Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, ex-officio; and Dr. Joan Gallagher, ex-officio.

ALUMNI EARN RECOGNITION FROM WICHITA BUSINESS JOURNAL

BY RACHEL MILLARD, '10

Friends University is proud of its alumni, and this year some alumni have been recognized by the Wichita Business Journal as honorees of distinction in the publication's professional lists. Friends University has consistently ranked among the top four institutions (including state universities) that have the most 40 Under 40 alumni.

Friends University salutes our alumni, students and Board of Trustees members who have been honored this year. These individuals exemplify the strength, perseverance, ingenuity and integrity we strive to instill in all our students. We celebrate their achievements and applaud their commitment to our community. Award winners are listed along with the degree(s) earned and the year awarded.

40 UNDER 40 AWARD

This award recognizes young professionals from a variety of backgrounds, industries and companies who have been nominated by their peers as outstanding individuals in their work and community.

Crystal L. (Lathrop) McDonald

Bachelor of Science in Marketing, 2004

Lamont Anderson

Master of Business Administration, 2014
Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management, 2012

40 UNDER 40 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Dr. Kevin Hoppock

Board of Trustees Member

HEALTH CARE HEROES

This award recognizes outstanding companies, individuals and organizations in the medical community for their contributions to improving health care in Wichita and the surrounding areas.

Nicole Dawn Ensminger

Master of Health Care Leadership, 2014

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Martha L. Linsner

Associate of General Studies, 1996
Bachelor of Science in Total Quality Management, 1998

BEST LAWYERS

Lawyers were chosen as the best in their practice areas by the Best Lawyers national organization. Attorneys are chosen using the results of surveys of their peers.

Leslie F. Hulnick

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1972

Eric B. Metz

Bachelor of Arts in History, 1977

BEST DOCTORS

This award recognizes some of the area's most outstanding physicians in various specialties, including the Best Family Physicians category.

Dr. Kevin Hoppock

Board of Trustees Member

CIO CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

2015 marked the first CIO Awards event for the Wichita Business Journal. Honorees were chosen from a variety of Wichita-area companies and industries for their impact and innovation.

Jeff Schauf

Bachelor of Science in Business Management, 1998

A BITTERSWEET GIFT OF REMEMBRANCE

BY ERIC LITWILLER, DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING

Beatrice Madelyn Litwiller arrived at 3 o'clock on a cold and windy spring morning in early 2015. At the time, I was a single man with no children, so the elation I felt when I first held that 2-lb. bundle of muscle and squeals in the palm of my hand was the closest I will ever come to being a birth father.

Sadly, Bea is the only one of her litter that survived. The death of her brothers and sisters was a very personal reminder to me that, despite our best laid plans, things don't always work out as we expect. But as bitter as that night was, the sweetness of her first litter — born just days ago — has been unparalleled.

Similarly, planned gifts are bittersweet. The triggering of a charitable gift annuity or legacy investment means Friends University has lost someone dear to us. And yet in the bitterness of that passing comes the culmination of a lifetime of passion which that loved one felt — to

give others an opportunity for a Christ-centered education. The desire may have stemmed from having met a spouse here at Friends in their college days. It may have been a particular class or professor whose personal interest played a key role in later professional success. It could have come from being an active participant in fine arts, athletics or the Singing Quakers.

Whatever it was, our Heritage Society investors represent a group of people who strive to live out our Christian admonishment contained in Matthew 25:40. "...whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

To begin the process of considering how to build your legacy of stewardship to the least of your brothers and sisters in Christ, call the Office of Planned Giving at 316-295-5820.



GIVING TO FRIENDS

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO STUDENTS

BY AARON WINTER, '99/'03, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Even though it's been a few months since the hysteria caused by the record Powerball jackpot, how many of you would admit to being swept up in all the excitement earlier this year? Whether you bought any tickets or not, I'd guess many of you thought about what you would do with \$1.4 billion — I know I did! Most of us probably had similar thoughts — pay off debts, buy a new house or car, take care of family and of course give a lot to charity!

Our lists could go on forever with that much money, but let's take a moment to focus on that last choice. Many of us think in such grand terms when it comes to our charitable giving that we

lose sight of the fact that every gift, no matter the size, makes a big difference. I'll admit to being guilty of that in regard to organizations I support outside of Friends. It sounds cliché to say "every little bit helps" — but it really is true.

I can't honestly tell you a \$100 gift has the same impact on the University as a \$100,000 gift because that just wouldn't be true. However, I can point out we have significantly more people give \$100 than give \$100,000 a year (although a few \$100,000 annual gifts would be nice), and every donor we have is just as important as the other. In fact, we've seen many people who started out giving annual gifts of \$25 (or less) that

eventually gave a more substantial gift. In some cases that next gift was \$100, \$1,000 or even \$25,000 — the point is that very seldom is a donor's first gift their largest one. People almost always start out supporting at a smaller level and work their way up.

The most important thing to us is that you believe in Friends University and value what we're doing for our students, and ideally, what Friends did for you. Hundreds of alumni and friends choose to partner with us every year, proving they don't need to win the lottery to make the decision to support Friends University. If you're not already one of those people, we hope you will be soon!

SPRING 2016 CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Jan. 30, 2016 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Arcola J. Allen, '95, died Oct. 13, 2015. She was a retired nurse anesthetist.

Forrest L. Farley, '50, died Dec. 30, 2015.

Retha S. Ramirez, '02, died Dec. 30, 2015. She was a founding member of Families ACT working to protect educational rights for children with mental health issues.

Gilbert C. Jackson, '49, died Dec. 14, 2015.

Harriet Shirley, '36, died Dec. 13, 2015. She taught as an assistant professor of English at Missouri State University and retired in 1982 as a professor emeritus.

Gary A. Loyd, '59, died Dec. 9, 2015.

Kate S. Flory, '47, died Dec. 3, 2015.

Wayne Galen Gottschalk, '01, died Nov. 24, 2015.

Marjorie (Brightup) Morgan, '49, died Nov. 21, 2015. She spent most of her life in education, serving for many years as a teacher and administrator in USD 259.

Mary Ruth Nutt, '46, died Nov. 13, 2015. Her career in Federal Civil Service spanned more than 37 years and she retired in 1983.

Bill T. Ridgeway, '51, died Nov. 7, 2015.

Maribel Poundstone, '46, died Nov. 2, 2015.

Wesley A. Macy, '76, died Oct. 23, 2015.

Velma Butler, '50, died Oct. 9, 2015.

Ralph S. Phillips, '50, died Oct. 9, 2015. He had a lifelong career in insurance.

Harriet Z. Brown, '40, died Oct. 7, 2015.

Ronald D. Pitts, '63, died Sept. 29, 2015. He retired from his job as a supervisor from Consolidated Oil Well Services in 2008.

Charles D. Shepard, '71, died Sept. 18, 2015. He served as a financial consultant for nearly 30 years before retiring in 2010.

Ronald William Humphrey, '96, died Sept. 13, 2015.

Ralph Hockett, '62, died Sept. 12, 2015.

Gregory Paul Young, '08, died Sept. 7, 2015.

Mamoru "Mike" Takashima, '47, died Sept. 2, 2015. He was one of the first Japanese teachers hired by the Seattle Public School District. Teacher by day and rate clerk by night, he worked at Consolidated Freightways for more than 25 years. He also taught English as a second language.

Norman Fuqua, '58, died Aug. 25, 2015. He worked for many years at Security Abstract and Title Co. in Wichita, eventually becoming a vice president at the company.

Mary K. Del Vecchio, '96, died Aug. 11, 2015.

James Arlen Jessen, '06, died Aug. 11, 2015.

Mary Margaret Shults, '59, died July 19, 2015. She was a retired teacher with USD 259.

Charles W. Spencer, '92, died July 15, 2015. He worked as an inspector for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment until retiring in 2011.

James P. McQuerry, '78, died July 14, 2015. He served as a pastor at Randall Road Baptist Church in Park City, an instructor at Friends University and a special needs driver for the City of Wichita.

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SPECIAL FRIEND E. PAUL BOLES



Friends University lost an unfaltering advocate and ally Nov. 4, 2015 with the passing of **Ernest Paul Boles**. Many knew E. Paul Boles as a result of his years of service to southwest Kansas and to the Friends denomination. He began the fulfillment of his dream to farm and ranch in Liberal, Kan., in 1954 — the same year he graduated from Friends University as senior class president and a member of the Singing Quakers with a degree in sociology. He shared his musical and leadership gifts with the Friends Church in Liberal, where he and wife Patsy Ann (Rucker), '57, regularly attended and where he served as clerk and treasurer. His commitment to education clearly showed in teaching Sunday School at the church, teaching history classes at Liberal High School, and through his 1958 bachelor's degree in education, also from Friends

University. In later years, Paul also served on the Friends University Board of Trustees and included Friends in his estate plan to ensure that future generations would have access to the same Christ-centered education that was so crucial in his own life.

Through a combination of memorial gifts, a life insurance gift created by Paul, and gifts that have been given in his name, the Boles Family Endowed Scholarship will continue serving future generations of Falcons.

Elsie M. Pope, '50, died July 10, 2015.

Ronald L. Davis, '00, died July 9, 2015. He was employed for 44 years as a senior lead quality management system auditor and a certified welding inspector.

James C. Leach, '54, died July 9, 2015. He worked for the City of Albuquerque and retired after 30 years of service from the Environmental Health Department.

William Eichelberger, '06, died July 18, 2015. He was chaplain for Good Shepherd Hospice in Wichita.

MARRIAGES

Ashley Myers, '07, and **Michael Walz, '05**, were married Oct. 10, 2015.

Jordan Ehrlich, '07, and **Georgia Holderby**, were married Nov. 15, 2014.

Mary Annise Bauersfield, '64, and **Ronald Kringen** were married Oct. 1, 2014. Both are now retired.

Kathryn Kehl, '81, and **Lonnie Sutton** were married in May 2015. She completed her Master of Science in Education in May 2015.

BABY FALCONS

To Courtney (Vasant) Wilson, '05/'10, and husband, **Eric**, a baby boy, **Luke William**, born Oct. 6, 2014. He was welcomed home by big brother **Jack**.

To Vangie (Funk) Rodriguez, '11, and husband **Roman, '11/'16**, a baby girl, **Reagan Esther Leona**, born Dec. 6, 2015. She was welcomed home by big brother **Garrett**.

To Tricia Erickson, '15, and husband **Josh, '15**, a baby

boy, **Beniah James**, born Jan. 30, 2016.

To Jessie (Rainey) Anderson, '15, and husband, **Drew**, a baby girl, **Jemma June**, born Sept. 30, 2015.

To Rachel Steiner, '12, and husband **Kevin**, a baby boy, **Bentley Kendal**, born Jan. 7, 2016.

To Erin Fields, '15, and husband **Brad, '14**, a baby boy, **Judah Eugene**, born Sept. 26, 2015.

To Ashley Kerschner, '10, and husband **Ryan, '07**, a baby girl, **Autumn Elise**, born Sept. 8, 2015. She was welcomed home by big brother **Tucker**.

To Marissa Kouns, '15, and husband **Andrew**, a baby boy, **Sebastian K.**, born Oct. 14, 2015. He was welcomed home by big brother **Benjamin**.

CLASS NOTES

1960s

McClure "Mac" Smith, '60, is retired and recently moved with his wife to Wichita to be closer to family.

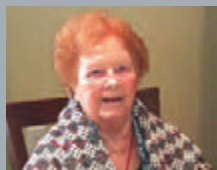
David, '64, and **Marilyn Hitchcock, '68**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 10, 2015. David is retired from purchasing at both Boeing and Cessna. Marilyn is a flutist, recently retired from 52 years of private flute teaching.

Rosemary Holthaus, '63, served as an educator for 32 years and a substitute for 11 years, retiring in 2004. She has been a symphony choir member for 28 years in Wichita.



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SPECIAL FRIEND DELMA RAY



Delma (Walker) Ray was born in Pilot Point, Texas, but grew up in Cushing, Okla., not far from Bethany Nazarene College where she and her identical twin sister Velma were the first in their family to attend college. This is also where she met Roy F. Ray, whom she married at her parent's home in Cushing on Aug. 11, 1940.

Delma was married to Dr. Ray for a little more than 59 years, during which time she served as a public school teacher and as a devoted pastor's wife. She helped her husband start Presbyterian churches first in Raytown, Mo., and later in Haysville, Kan., with their daughter Carol. In 1960, the Rays moved to Wichita, Kan., where Dr. Ray taught philosophy at Friends University and was appointed in 1965 as the University's ninth president.

Although Delma may not have realized just how much her life impacted others, her dedication to her family and support of her husband during his years of service to Friends University unquestionably touched many lives. She continues to do so even after her Oct. 3, 2015 death through the Roy and Delma Ray Scholarship Fund.

Marion Spatz, '67, teaches for USD 261 in Haysville. He was named Teacher of the Year twice in Haysville and once in Wellington.

Jerry Watters, '69, is retired after more than 50 years in the ministry and living in Mesquite, Texas where he is enjoying spending time with family.

1970s

George Yoke, '72, recently retired from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company after 26 years' service. He now resides in Bountiful, Utah, with his wife, Rachel, '72.

Dr. John Clark, '73, retired in November 2015 from Judson Baptist Church after 40 years as pastor.

Karen Askerooth, '75, is in her 40th year of teaching and serves as a director on the National Education Association Board, representing North Dakota.

She has served as president for several local and national education associations.

James L. Jemmerson, '71, worked for 40 years with the City of Wichita and retired in 2011.

Ernestine Russell, '77, recently moved back to Wichita, after living in McKinney, Texas, for 16 years while her husband, Stan, worked for Pizza Hut.

Nolan Singer, '78, is retired from the USAF as a colonel.

1980s

Janet Dickinson, '87, is the superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Previously she served as executive director of the New York School for the Deaf. She authored the book *Deaf Education in America: Voices of Children from Inclusion Settings*. She is the mother of three deaf adult children who were adopted from Russia

and Romania and is married to an international architect, who is also deaf.

1990s

Gina Moya, '99, moved to Michigan in November to develop the Human Resource department at Federal Broach Machine & Company, LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc., which serves the automotive, large truck, agricultural and defense industry.

Laura Bergquist, '90, made her Broadway debut as the musical director and conductor of *Allegiance: A New Musical*, starring George Takei and Lea Salonga, at the Longacre Theatre in New York City.

Delores Graber, '97, has worked at the Allen Juvenile Center in Fort Wayne, Ind., for nine years.

2000s

Ken Fanska, '00/'02, is working on a grant with the homeless population to assist them in utilizing community resources to help them find a home they can call their own.

Dr. Matthew Skillen, '03, was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor of English at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Pa.

FACULTY/STAFF NOTES

Dr. Mark Bartel, associate professor of music and director of choral music, was guest conductor for the 55th anniversary of the Master of Sacred Music degree program at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas in September. In October 2015, he served as guest conductor of the South Central Kansas Music Educators Association Elementary Honor Choir. He has recently been elected as president-elect of the Kansas Choral Director's Association.

Dr. Gary Branum, associate professor of chemistry, co-authored a chapter, "Pharmacology of Legal and Illicit Drugs," in the *Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine* (2nd Ed.), published in December 2015.

Dr. Valentina Chappell has completed her two-year service as the president of Wichita Area Sister Cities organization. City Council member Janet Miller appointed Chappell to serve as an immediate past

president for two more years. The NAFSA 68th Annual Conference accepted a poster presentation by Dr. Chappell and **Dr. David Hofmeister**. "Bridging Global MBA competencies with demand of companies operating internationally" will be presented in May 2016 in Denver, Colo.

Kathy Delker, associate professor, faculty librarian, and assistant library director, co-presented "Perspectives on the Association of College and Research Libraries Framework, Comparing Standards and Creating Learning Activities for Information Literacy." She co-presented the information at the Kansas Library Association/Missouri Library Association Joint Conference in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 1. Delker also began serving as president of the Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation in January 2016.

Dr. Sharon Eicher, associate professor of economics, submitted "Assessing Prior Knowledge in Principles of Economics as a Strategy for Better Learning" in December. She will also be reviewing student resumes for The Networking Hour. Dr. Eicher attended the American Economic Association conference in San Francisco Jan. 2-5.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science and Model UN sponsor, published "Testimony and Theology: The Mormon Struggle with America's Civil Religion" in "Mormonism and American Politics" and

a review of three books for "Liberalism and the American Mormon: Three Takes" in "Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought." His presentations included: "Urban Environments, Urban Gifts" as part of the Eighth Day Symposium; "Why Sustainability Needs Wichita" for The Peace and Social Justice Center; "New Symposium: The Role of Sports in Today's Culture" as a panel discussant for the Eighth Day Institute; "Towards Mittelopolitanism: Defining a Theory of Mid-Sized Cities," a paper presented at the 2015 Association for Political Theory Conference in Boulder, Colo.; "The Life, Thought and Legacy of Christopher Lasch" as a panel chair and discussant at Sustainable Localism: Sages, Prophets and Jesters, a Front Porch Republic conference in Geneseo, N.Y.; and "Adventures in Learning: Is Wichita, or Kansas, a Democracy? Do We Want Them to Be?" a series of six lectures on state-level and local democracy sponsored by The Shepherd's Center of West Wichita.

Dr. Chris Habben, professor of Marriage and Family Therapy and program director of the MSFT Program in Kansas City, began his second year as president-elect of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Jan. 1, 2016. AAMFT is the professional association for the field of marriage and family therapy representing the professional interests of more than 50,000 marriage and family therapists

throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. Dr. Habben will serve as the president of AAMFT for two years beginning in 2017.

Dr. Stan Harstine, professor of Religion, had his book published by Edwin Mellen Press in July. The book is titled "A History of the Two-Hundred-Year Scholarly Debate about the Purpose of the Prologue to the Gospel of John: How Does Our Understanding of the Prologue Affect Our Interpretation of Subsequent Text?" You can find more information

prophet. He also appeared in the role of Creon for the Wichita Scottish Rite Signature Theatre production of Sophocles' classic, "Oedipus Rex."

Jennifer Randolph, director of Campus Life, was named the winner of the Markley Award at the National Association for Campus Activities Central Regional Conference Oct. 15-17 in Tulsa. This is the highest honor a professional can receive at the NACA regional conference. The Markley Award recognizes an individual who is regarded

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regarding Dr. Harstine's book through the following link: <http://mellenpress.com/mellenpress.cfm?bookid=9186&pc=9>

Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and the Graduate School, submitted an article titled "Accountability measures in higher education" to evolution.com in January.

Dr. Charles Parker, associate professor of drama, directed a production of his play titled "The Rain Game or Baal out, He Said," a seriously playful drama based upon Biblical accounts of Elijah the

as a positive role model for students, professional staff and associates. In addition, the recipient has demonstrated a strong involvement in and contributions to the NACA Central Region and in the field of student activities.

Dr. John Rhodes, associate professor of education and professional education unit assessment coordinator, chaired two National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education visits during fall 2015 in New York and Ohio. He served on a CAEP site visit for accreditation in Florida in fall 2015. Currently,

he is serving as a Lead Site Visitor for an accreditation visit with CAEP new standards in Indiana. He is serving as a mentor with the Kansas State Department of Education's state Program Reviewer Training. He chaired a committee to re-write Biology Education Standards for preparing teachers in Kansas. In addition, he continues research with Max Burson on Quaker connections for the Fellow-Reeve Museum and co-

edited "The Fellow-Reeve Museum in the News."

Karen Scroggins, assistant professor of graphic arts and director of visual arts program, served as a juror for the 2016 Western Kansas Scholastic Art Competition and Exhibition. One of her photos taken during a Friends University Health Sciences study abroad experience in Cuba was selected as part of the juried Midwest Photo Emerge competition this past fall.

Dr. Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish, traveled to Tlalnepantla and Cancun, Mexico, Sept. 11-22 with an official delegation from the Wichita City Council. She translated formal and informal conversations for Wichita's Mayor Jeff Longwell, Vice Mayor James Clendenin, and City Councilman Bryan Frye. These sister city intercultural interactions have resulted in exchanges, donations and activities related to studying abroad,

teaching in the field of criminology and donations of fire department equipment.

Dr. Donna Stuber, professor of human services/psychology, wrote and published a chapter of the psychology textbook "In Thinking Critically about Social Psychology" with one of her psychology graduates, Kristina Thielen. The chapter was about research methods in social psychology and was published this year by Kendall-Hunt Publishing.

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EXPLORING AND CELEBRATING HISTORY

History came alive this spring on the campus of Friends University as approximately 200 students from Wichita area middle and high schools participated in this year's District History Day competition Feb. 25.

The National History Day program allows students to explore topics that interest them by conducting research and analyzing the information in an over-arching historical theme or question. Student entries are evaluated by judges, with those earning first, second or third place advancing to the state competition. First- and second-place winners at the state contest advance to the national contest in Maryland every June.

This is the sixth year the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences has hosted the event. Many Friends University students, faculty and staff volunteered at the event, serving as judges or helping to run the event.



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