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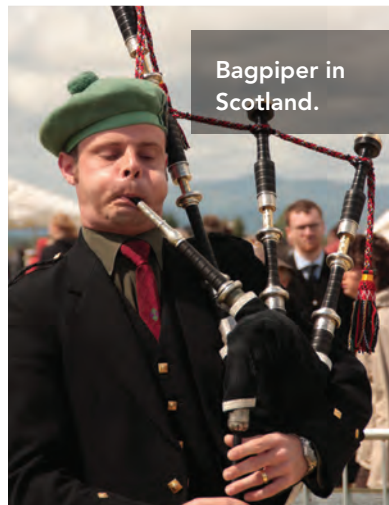
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Scotland.



Master of Science in  
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students in Ecuador.



## NEW PERSPECTIVES: STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

During their travels to other countries, our students become global citizens. They gain a worldwide perspective as they experience other cultures and learn about differences and similarities. Travel to such places as Scotland, Africa, China, Ecuador, Cuba and many other countries encourages independence and prepares them for an increasingly global world. We hope you enjoy this glimpse through the lenses of our world travelers.

Medical care  
in Cuba.



Young girl  
in China.



African elephants.





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Members of the 2015 Global MBA Business Residency traveled to Beijing, China, and visited the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City in addition to holding a variety of meetings with global businesses.

PHOTO BY JENNIFER PAN



## FOCUS ON... GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Friends University has long embraced the idea that our students benefit from global connections and experiences outside the classroom. Study abroad and other international experiences not only expand students' worldviews and their understanding of other cultures, but often impact our students' lives long after they graduate.

These experiences have led some students to move overseas, change their major or career, or become immersed in new volunteer efforts at home and abroad. They learn valuable lessons about appreciating people and cultures that are different from their own, but they also often discover the many similarities we all share as citizens of God's amazingly unique world.

*Amy Bragg Carey*

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey  
President, Friends University



*Study abroad experiences shape student and alumni lives*

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

## Discovering A Global Perspective

The weathered poster hanging at Friends University beckoned to Heather Yates, asking, "Would you like to be in London this time next year?"

Yates' reply had always been a resounding "yes," so she jumped at the chance to go on the annual venture to England organized by Dr. Dona Gibson,

professor of education and psychology and program director of the Master of Education degree program.

"You can experience all these cultures at once. On a Tube ride, you see people reading and talking in different languages. It's inspiring to be surrounded by all of this life. That and just the massive history; you can walk around and take the same stairs as people in the 900s," Yates said.

Expanding comfort zones and engaging with the broader world are among the intents of study abroad programs, along with teaching about the destination's culture, history and language. On a regular basis, a number of Friends programs provide that exposure, from Gibson's England visits to a summer Spanish-language program at LaSalle University in Cancun to Scotland ventures led by Bill Allan, dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education and associate professor of family life.

"For some, it was the first time out of the country. For some, it was the first time on an airplane," Allan said of those visiting Scotland, where they observe social services programs as well as have the opportunity to visit sites of their choosing. "It sets a different tone for these kids. They get a different worldview."



**Students become part of an art installation in the inner courtyard of the Palais Royal in Paris.**



## AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ABROAD

Her days overseas with Dr. Gibson's group started Yates on a journey she's still embracing, one where she's living and working in London as an accountant for a Koch Industries commodities trading group.

A 2015 accounting graduate, Yates went to work full time at Koch after finishing school, and then had a chance to go to London for a one-month stint. Back home in Wichita, the opportunity of a longer stay arose, one that took her back to London in summer 2016. Since then, she's explored the city at every opportunity, from theater in the West End to a big Star Wars exhibition to visiting every major museum and seeing "every Monet painting they have in the city." She's gone to Budapest, Stockholm, Dublin and Paris.

London has been rewarding but challenging. Her fiancé — they'll marry in Kansas in April — is seeking work in the challenging job market there, and

*"It turned out to be the most life-changing experience. I learned you have to rely on people and sometimes God puts you into circumstances where you depend on him."*  
— Vanessa Martinez

she's in the country on a local visa, which delivers more freedom but pays in British pounds and a tighter budget.

"To move overseas and to suddenly make less money and live in a smaller place has taught me a lot more about what's important to me," she said. "Do I need a big house or do I want to travel the world? It's taught me to challenge myself a lot more than I thought I could. To move



A student visits with young boys in Cancun.

across the world and not have that whole support system is a kick in the rear."

Research shows study abroad experiences have lasting positive effects — professionally, culturally, personally and more — on the students going overseas. Two Friends alumnae, Ashley De La Torre and Vanessa Martinez, can testify to that.

## BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN

De La Torre is a 2002 graduate who is teaching two sections of Spanish 102 at Friends this semester. She was a music major when she took an introductory-level class from Spanish professor Dr. Jerry Smartt, and soon found she "wanted to be an international citizen." She spent two summers at Cancun's La Salle University, where Smartt takes students each year. "It opens your eyes to a new culture and world outside of Kansas. I fell in love with everything, music, food, and it really catapulted my Spanish language journey."

"I had to get over worrying about what people thought of me and about making mistakes," she said. "It's given me a lot more patience because people were patient with me."

She's taught at Wichita Collegiate School and Trinity Catholic High School in Hutchinson, earned a master's at Missouri State and went to Argentina through the Fulbright-Hays program. "Traveling and knowing the language and knowing what's going on around you is so cool," she said. "Spanish has given me so many opportunities I could not have imagined."

She's fulfilled her international citizen ambitions, as she met her husband, an architect, in Cancun. They've since moved back from Mexico to Kansas and have three sons. Her advice to anyone weighing study abroad: "Take it. Do it. It will change your life for the good in ways you cannot imagine."

## A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

Vanessa Martinez is principal at Horace Mann K-8 Dual Language Magnet, the school where she has worked virtually her entire career. She earned her bachelor's in Spanish and elementary education in 1995 and a master's in school leadership in 2008, both at Friends. A fourth-generation Mexican American, she chose Friends in part because she wanted to boost her Spanish skills and communicate better with her great grandparents.

"It turned out to be the most life-changing experience," Martinez said. "I learned you have to rely on people and sometimes God puts you into circumstances where you depend on him."

Before going to college, Martinez had not really been outside Wichita. Playing soccer at Friends changed that, and Cancun took her explorations to another level.

"I don't think people realize what they expose their students to can impact them and change them to become who they are. Friends gave me so much," Martinez said. "The resources and opportunities I had at Friends were so important and essential. Without those, I don't think I would have been able to grow into what I am today."

# Transformational Change In Myanmar

*Kyaw Soe is learning about — and practicing — leadership as his country becomes a democracy*

BY SARAH GREEN

A student in the online Organizational Leadership and Transformational Change (OLTC) program at Friends is using his educational experience to help professionals in Myanmar during the country's transition to a democratic state.

Kyaw Soe is located in Hpa-an, Kayin State, Myanmar, and works as the assistant director for the DeBoer Fellowship. The fellowship program, whose home office is based in Wichita, is an intensive leadership program for Myanmar citizens who are mid-career professionals. Soe learned about the online program from a colleague and enrolled in 2016.

He had some knowledge of the American educational system before he enrolled at Friends. He lived in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga. for several years, where he worked on an assembly line at a plant that manufactured baking ingredients. While in Georgia, he earned his GED and enrolled at a local technical school before returning home to Myanmar.

"I was always fascinated by leadership and motivation," he said. "I worked with different races of people at the bakery ingredient company. It was where I learned to appreciate diversity, a different culture and the strength of unity. I realized the value of education and how it can improve myself and others."

It's not unusual for students in Myanmar to enroll in distance learning programs, Soe said, but he felt Friends' online program offered a quality educational experience that was a good fit for him.

"The best part of my experience with the OLTC program is the knowledge I learned from textbooks, professors and my intelligent classmates," he said. "It



**Online student Kyaw Soe speaks to a group through his work as assistant director with the DeBoer Fellowship in Myanmar.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF KYAW SOE

is quite challenging for me to learn new ways of thinking, such as critical thinking."

He has also learned he has more in common with his classmates than he thought.

"I didn't expect to meet with people who have been through similar life experiences and return to school to learn," he said. "The community of practice makes a huge difference. I connected with my classmates, and we learned from many interesting experiences we shared with each other."

Those connections are common between students in the OLTC program, said Jenniffer Hussey, an academic success coach who works with the program.

"Some of the other students in that degree path are students who are immigrants, who have come from areas you'd be familiar with, because you've heard their stories on the news," Hussey said. "They know about political unrest, like where (Soe) lives. And the reverse is true for people who are born and raised here, but who have seen that kind of

unrest first-hand through military travel or missionary work.

"It seems like the program itself, with its leadership and social work and behavioral science portions, draws people who have a passion for that."

Hussey, who is Soe's academic success coach, said that frequent outages of Internet service and electricity, have meant that most of her communication with Soe has been through email. And, the 12 ½ hour time difference means that an email conversation that local students could complete in an afternoon sometimes takes days.

Despite the challenges, Soe said the program is helping him make progress in his home country.

"Myanmar and its people have so much potential, but they just don't know how to reach it. They need some guidance," he said. "I hope to take what I learn from Friends University and share my knowledge with many Myanmar leaders who could make a greater difference, in their community, their organizations and their country."





PHOTO BY JUSTIN MARSHALL

Alumni travel to many countries as part of the World Race to minister and work with local children and families. Visit [worldrace.org](http://worldrace.org) for more information.

## The World Race

### *Graduates gain globally inspired ministry experience*

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Matt Snyder, a 2007 Friends University graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy, participated in two 11-month mission trips with The World Race in January 2008 and January 2011. During his first trip, Snyder traveled to Peru, Bolivia, South Africa, Swaziland, Mozambique, Malawi, India, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand.



"Sometimes we partnered with existing ministries, missionaries and non-profits," Snyder said. "Other times, we simply asked the Lord for direction and forged new ministry contacts."

Snyder decided to go on the trip when he was considering full-time mission work. The opportunity gave him a chance to explore the different realms of ministry.

In 2011, Snyder helped lead a race that focused specifically on human trafficking. He partnered with organizations doing outreach, preventative care and follow-up care in Cambodia, Thailand, India, and Atlanta, Ga.

During the trips, Snyder experienced rapid personal growth; his eyes were opened to social injustices on a global scale. Snyder is finishing his Master of Divinity in Christian Social Ethics at McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. In February, he began a residency at First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga. He is eager to help lead the church in the charge of social change.

Another graduate of Friends University, Mary Beth Byers, is preparing to embark on a World Race of her own in October 2017. Byers will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Music in May 2017.

"My leadership experiences at Friends University taught me the value of humility," Byers said. "Faculty and student role models showed me what is beautiful is allowing the Lord to see your actions and knowing He cares for you. After



learning this lesson, I now realize the Lord may be calling me into full-time ministry."

If you would like to participate in Byers' ministry through prayer or financial donation, visit [marybethbyers.theworldrace.org](http://marybethbyers.theworldrace.org).



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAMIE ALEXANDER

Friends University students get to know children outside a church in Maai Mahiu, Kenya. Friends students pictured left to right include: Connor Reh, Jamie Alexander and Jack Strickland. D'Ambra Kruger, not pictured.

## Kansas To Kenya

### *Students join mission trip to provide care and compassion*

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

A team of four Friends University students majoring in health sciences and biology traveled with Kansas2Kenya (K2K) June 23 to July 4, 2016. The team provided healthcare services in Kenyan villages, including Maai Mahiu, Baringo and Mirangine.

D'Ambra Kruger, '16, told her fellow

students about her first experience with K2K – a trip she took in 2014. She explained that her "passion for both medicine and mission work grew exponentially" during the trip, and she wanted to share her passion for health care in Kenya with them.

Jamie Alexander, '17, Connor Reh, '17, and Jack Strickland, '17, traveled to Kenya with Kruger in 2016. The team they joined consisted of a full medical staff, including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists and dental staff. During five days, they cared

for more than 1,200 patients and filled 3,000-plus prescriptions.

"This experience changed my entire outlook on life and has made me thankful for the opportunities I have had over the course of my life," Alexander said. "I had never been to a third-world country before, so it was a shock to see how people live in such poor conditions. In Kenya, we learned that it only costs \$4 to send a child to school for a year."

Upon their return, the team organized The Campfire Fundraiser and sold s'mores on campus for \$2 each. The students donated the money they raised to K2K, which allowed 606 children in Kenya to attend school.





Global MBA students visit Nelson Mandela Square in Johannesburg, Africa during their fall 2016 global business residency.

# Global MBA Business Residency

*Benchmarking Academic Knowledge with Real-Life Global Practices*

BY DEB STOCKMAN

The 20 students taking part in an MBA Global Business Residency last fall may have left as naïve global citizens, but they returned as seasoned global travelers. The students visited Johannesburg and Cape Town in South Africa last November.

Supervised by Global MBA Program Director Dr. Valentina Chappell, the study abroad experience presents a valuable opportunity to benchmark the results of student academic research against a real-life global business environment. The special project allows students to compare concepts of global supply chain, business negotiations, managerial decision-making, ethics and many others in this master's program with their actual implementation in a foreign company, thus preparing students to be efficient

and competitive in the global market.

Dr. Chappell and her students (aged 26-60) spent 10 days in South Africa visiting 10 companies including: AON Risk Management Company; Brand SA (marketing agency); Coca-Cola; Old Mutual (investments, insurance, asset management); Levi's; Allan Gray (financial services); Business Processing Enabling South Africa; Western Cape Investment and Trade Promotion Agency; and Pick and Pay (locally owned supermarket chain). In addition, they spent some time visiting local sites of interest in both cities. Upon returning to Wichita, the students analyzed their business experiences and used them for contrastive analyses in their final papers.

"To make sure students understand

the value of international business, they have to be directly exposed to foreign business practices. Appreciation of diversity comes from experience, and it leads to trust — the foundation of success in business," Dr. Chappell said. "These students were special because they took their core courses both on campus and online. They were not a homogenous group — but they bonded. They now say 'We are family. It was a trip with my friends.'"

One student that took part in the global business experience was Chris Dannels, contract management system administrator for Koch Business Solutions.

"Coming from a production background, where manufacturing jobs routinely get outsourced overseas, I had a general mistrust and distaste for global business," Dannels said. "I chose the program to learn more about global business and try to embrace the future, rather than be left behind. Overall, I'd say my perspective has changed immensely...the experience has given insight and perspective for my family and myself to consider the possibility of international opportunities."

If you would like to join the next Global Business Residency experience, contact Dr. Valentina Chappell at 316-295-5855 or [valentina@friends.edu](mailto:valentina@friends.edu).



Global MBA students stand at the southern point of the African continent.



## International Student Profiles

*Global students share campus experiences/advice*

COMPILED BY DEB STOCKMAN



**Pascal Wawrzinek**

**Major:** International Business and Finance  
**Arrived at Friends:** August 2013  
**International Origin:** Dusseldorf, Germany

**Why Friends:** I wanted to play tennis... to combine my education and sports, which is not possible in Germany. I liked the clock tower and the mission statement. I also liked the coach at the time. It's important to get the feeling someone cares for you, and the coach really was there for me.

**Best experience:** The whole thing! The professors really care about you. The resources, including the library and the resource center. All the people I met here. There are a lot of international students. I met a lot of students from different cultures.

**Most difficult aspect:** The beginning. I didn't know many people, and my English was not that good. The classes — international business and finance. I had never studied this before. You have to study a lot.

**Activities:** Tennis. I also worked in the library.

**Advice:** It's important to be a hard-working student. Never give up on your goals to graduate. Don't be scared to approach people. The more people you know, the better. People who attend Friends have good values, and they will help you.

Pascal left the U.S. in December 2016 to return to Germany and accept a job with the German Federal Bank (the equivalent of our Federal Reserve) as a banking supervisor/banking examiner. He did an internship with the organization in Germany in 2015.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



**Rebecca Betts**

**Major:** Psychology  
**Arrived at Friends:** Fall 2014  
**International Origin:** Brisbane, Australia

**Why Friends:** I wanted to play soccer. I started my college career at a university in North Dakota, but didn't like their soccer program. I then used an agency (College Scholarships USA/CSUSA) to find a new school. I liked Friends because it's in a city, and there are lots of campus activities. Also, the website looked inviting.

**Best experience:** Being on the women's soccer team and getting involved. I was also in Psych Club. There are so many activities you can do. I got to know a lot of people and hang out with them.

**Most difficult aspect:** You don't have your family here. Your friends become your family — your support system.

**Activities:** Soccer and Psych Club, and I had a campus job with Residence Life.

**Advice:** It's a life-changing experience to move to a whole different country...a different experience than you get staying in your own country. It's a very positive experience.

Rebecca graduated in December 2016 and is currently looking for a job. She would like to pursue a career in human services.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



**Marko Nedeljkov**

**Major:** Computer Science & Information Systems  
**Arrived at Friends:** Fall 2013  
**International Origin:** Novi Sad, Serbia

**Why Friends:** Friends had the best scholarships for soccer. Coach Wilkey was really good. He communicated all the time, and I felt like I could always communicate with him.

**Best experience:** At first, I was confused. But Friends is a small school, and it takes care of its students. The professors treat you like family.

**Most difficult aspect:** Being away from family and friends is definitely the hardest thing. But there's Skype to give you the support you need. And, I found a girlfriend here!

**Activities:** Soccer. I am also a student worker in IT.

**Advice:** Getting to know all your professors is important. Soccer here is getting better and better every year. Coach is traveling all the time to find good players.

Marko plans to move to Dallas or take a job at the Golf Warehouse following graduation in May.



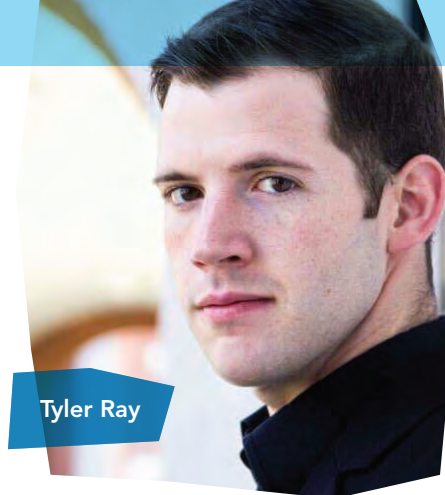


## Setting The Stage

### *Alumni discover cultural appreciation in European theaters*

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

For tenor Patrick Greene, coloratura soprano Beverly Hoch and tenor Tyler Ray performing on European stages has been instrumental in gaining cultural appreciation. Live music — especially that of the continent's rich operatic and choral music heritage — is a staple in the lives of Europeans.



Tyler Ray

levels," agreed Hoch, who spent several years as a guest artist giving hundreds of performances in Germany, Spain, France, England and Italy. "I learned to respect the music, the score and the culture so much more."

To further absorb the culture and delve into a role, Hoch would visit museums to look at how people were posed or were depicted in paintings and libraries to view an original score.

"It was like time travel," she said. Hoch, who also performed in Asia, South America and all over the U.S., now teaches voice at Texas Woman's

needed to perform opera roles on the stages of Europe.

He shares the story of one performance in particular that illustrates how his audiences' reactions impacted his appreciation for the roles. He was singing the title role in Franz Lehar's three-act operetta "Der Zarewitsch" when he noticed the fireman posted at the stage door was crying. When Greene later asked him why, the fireman told him the performance brought back memories of him attending performances of the piece with his beloved grandmother.



Patrick  
Greene



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been opened  
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Americans."  
— Beverly Hoch*

"There is such an emotional attachment that people there feel to their home music," Greene said. Now performing with the Wichita Grand Opera and working full time as a computer programmer, Greene spent nearly seven years living and singing in theaters in the German cities of Giessen, Heidelberg and Weimer in the 1990s. "Getting to sing German operas in Germany was so special."

"It was so authentic on so many

University. She also helps start music programs in developing countries such as Africa and Haiti by distributing purchased and donated instruments through Instruments of Change®, a nonprofit she co-founded with her husband.

Through travel, Hoch said, "my eyes have been opened to global issues and the blessings we have as Americans."

Greene credits longtime Friends choral director Dr. Cecil Riney with providing him the emotional depth and breadth he

"It went from me enjoying doing the performance to me being personally affected by it," Greene said.

"I've always thought bigger than what's around me and have had a strong urge to get out and see and do more," Ray said. "My broad liberal arts education at Friends helped me to think big, too."

Ray got a taste for performing internationally when he traveled to Estonia, Latvia, Finland and Russia with the Yale Schola Cantorum during graduate school. In August, he will move to Bergen, Norway, after successfully auditioning for the full-time first tenor position with the acapella ensemble Edvard Grieg Kor. He sang with the octet as a guest tenor in January and was asked to audition.

"I have to say when I was there singing for those three weeks before the audition, I was inspired by the music and the culture," Ray said.

# Friends University Will RISE...

Last fall the Friends University Board of Trustees adopted vision and values statements to be added to the University's existing mission statement.

In this special section we highlight our RISE values and demonstrate how these values are exemplified by Friends University's alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors, friends and programs.

## mission:

### WHO WE ARE

Friends University, a Christian University of Quaker heritage, equips students to honor God and serve others by integrating their intellectual, spiritual and professional lives.

## vision:

### WHERE WE WANT TO BE

Friends University will provide a high quality learning experience with nationally recognized programs and a focus on transformative education that places special value on each individual, shining the light of God's love to our community and world.

## values:

**R.I.S.E.** Core values are ideals shared by the Friends community, influencing our behaviors and attitudes:

**Respect** Integrity, civility in our words and actions, regard for others.

**Inclusion** A spirit of cooperation and equality.

**Service** A commitment to servant leadership, caring for each other and our community.

**Excellence** Giving our best to our students at all times (student focused), that we may walk truly in the light of our faith (honor God).

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"Respect is not something we merely talk about, but a value we demonstrate at Friends. It does not mean we will always totally agree with one another, but that we support and encourage the strengths and gifts of those with whom we are privileged to serve."

— Dr. Cecil J. Riney





# Respect: Dr. Cecil J. Riney

Integrity, civility in our  
words and actions,  
regard for others.

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Upon his 2005 retirement as long-time chair of the Division of Fine Arts, Dr. Cecil J. Riney received the following accolade from graduate Crystal (Skinner) Davis, '96/'99.

"I can't think of anyone who has earned and held the respect of so many people," Davis wrote. "You have been a spiritual leader for every Singing Quaker through your example of strength, faithfulness, respect and humility."

A 1953 graduate of Friends and chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and director of the Singing Quakers for 45-plus years, Dr. Riney has spent his life at Friends both gaining and giving respect.

Under Riney's leadership the Singing Quakers became a nationally known choir, performing at the White House, Carnegie Hall, Ground Zero in New York City, the dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and at many notable and historic sites throughout Europe.

In addition to earning respect for his accomplishments, his peers, colleagues and former students note that he has consistently upheld and demonstrated the University's values of integrity, civility and regard for others.

Ann Atkins, a 1983 graduate, has known Dr. Riney for 36 years. A former Singing Quaker, she has also sung under his direction with the Singing Quakers Alumni Choir and a church choir. She was overcome with emotion when Dr. Riney took time despite his busy schedule to attend her mother's funeral.

"He truly cares for each of us. He keeps up on most of his Singing Quakers alumni and what they're doing. If there's been an illness or death in their family, he's aware of it. With so many other commitments, he took time out to pay his respect to my mother and our family. It will never be forgotten," Atkins said. "He is truly one of the most kind-hearted Christian men I have ever known. His respect, concern and care for others is truly amazing."

# Inclusion: Dr. Valentina Chappell and Dr. Jerry Smartt

A spirit of cooperation and equality.

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

In her 50-year history book, "Friends University: The Growth of an Idea," Juliet Reeve sets forth some principles of a Society of Friends (Quaker) education. These principles remain ingrained in the heritage and culture at Friends.

"Perhaps the school spirit...finds its truest expression in the friendliness and cooperation which arise from genuine appreciation of human worth," she writes. Quakers have embraced people from diverse backgrounds and were early supporters of equality for minorities, women, children and other historically marginalized groups.

While many at Friends practice these guiding principles on a daily basis, faculty members Dr. Valentina Chappell and Dr. Jerry Smartt were recognized earlier this spring by the Wichita Business Journal as Leaders in Diversity for their commitment to promoting and supporting diversity in their organizations and community.

Both women have served as presidents of the Wichita Area Sister Cities board more than once. They have traveled with the Wichita mayor and city council members to Wichita's sister cities to support constructive relationships. Dr. Smartt has provided interpretation and translation services on the trips as well. Both have led their students on numerous international learning experiences, and they are both strong supporters of equality and cooperation.

As director of the Global MBA program and professor of business and technology, Dr. Chappell incorporates a business residency in a capstone to the program. Her graduate students have traveled to Latin America, China and South Africa to participate in executive meetings and learn about real-life international business practices.

"Everything starts with trust, and trust is built around human relationships, regardless of cultural background," Dr. Chappell said. "People do not learn from similarities. They learn from differences. Respecting differences and learning from them becomes part of who they are. I truly hope my deep belief and ability to embrace differences are passed on to my students."

Dr. Smartt serves as professor of Spanish, oversees a study abroad program for Spanish majors and minors at La Salle University in Cancun, Mexico, and has traveled with students to Cuba and other countries in Latin America and Europe. She currently leads a new "Hispanic Initiative" at Friends that focuses on recruiting and retaining Latino students by offering scholarships, mentoring, leadership and advising programs.

"I have observed the results of international inclusion and growth of self-awareness of Friends students during their experiences abroad," Dr. Smartt said. "When they return, they have changed. They are world travelers and are globally aware with a new perspective on life."




Faculty members  
Dr. Jerry Smartt  
(left) and  
Dr. Valentina  
Chappell

"Being a Christian and following the example of our Lord Jesus, I have come to understand that being a servant and serving others are privileged positions. By adopting an attitude of service and a desire to emulate the Lord's example, I am enjoying a life of purpose."

— Earnest Alexander



A portrait of Juliet Reeve, a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a white collared shirt under a black blazer. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.

"Perhaps the school spirit... finds its truest expression in the friendliness and cooperation which arise from genuine appreciation of human worth."

— Juliet Reeve  
author of  
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# Service: Earnest Alexander

A commitment to servant leadership, caring for each other and our community.

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Blessed with an amazingly rich baritone voice, Earnest Alexander has spent much of his life traveling and singing around the world in great churches and concert halls, using his gift to glorify God. But it was his memories of being raised by a single mother with few resources that led him to a calling that has helped thousands of at-risk children through his non-profit organization, Youth Horizons.

"Growing up in a home with only Mama and six siblings, from time-to-time I would hear Mama say, 'I wish I had somebody to help me,'" Alexander said. "I began to think about the privileges I was enjoying as I traveled the world and the many people who helped me get there, one of them being Mama."

Those memories inspired him to begin working with single-parent families in the early 1980s. Starting with a Bible study for boys and then girls, the non-profit organization has grown over approximately 40 years to include 30 staff and about 200 volunteers who oversee a large mentoring program and residential care facility north of Wichita.

Alexander serves as president of the organization and continues to sing to raise awareness for the needs of single-parent families and funding. Money raised from his concerts provides a portion of the organization's budget, but he quickly points out the majority of funds come from many donors whose modest gifts support the organization. Alexander recruits volunteers to serve as mentors from local churches and serves as a mentor for three children enrolled in the program.

"By far the most rewarding aspect of my service is to know that I have made some single mother's life better. I have shown some boy what it is to be a good man," Alexander said. "Hopefully I have passed on some examples of a loving spirit, compassionate heart and a desire to love God and make His love known to others."

To learn more about Youth Horizons and Alexander, visit [youthhorizons.net](http://youthhorizons.net).



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Left to right: Laurie Labarca, Bob Harvey, Malea Hartvickson and Karen Sturchio

"The ultimate goal of all leaders is to achieve excellence in every facet of their organization — excellence in quality, people, finance, patient satisfaction and mission fulfillment. If leadership is a journey, then respect for its constituents is its fuel and good stewardship is its compass."  
— Robert "Bob" Harvey

# Excellence: Master of Health Care Leadership

Giving our best to our students at all times (student focused), that we may walk truly in the light of our faith (honor God).

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

It seems that every few months Friends University receives word that its Master of Health Care Leadership (MHCL) program has, yet again, been ranked as one of the top health care administration programs in the nation.

Within the past year, [healthcareadministrator.org](http://healthcareadministrator.org) listed MHCL among the best 30 programs in the nation, [onlinecolleges.net](http://onlinecolleges.net) ranked it at No. 22 in the nation and College Values Online ranked it at No. 24 among 30 top value health care administration degrees. It is the only health care administration program in Kansas to appear on each of these lists.

As further evidence of the program's excellence, MHCL Program Director Robert "Bob" Harvey has seen many MHCL graduates promoted after completing the program. One example is Laurie Labarca, a 2011 MHCL graduate, who now serves as president of Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph in Wichita.

"We have many graduates now occupying executive level positions in prominent health care systems, and some of our students have had capstone projects that have had a direct community benefit," Harvey said.

The MHCL program was the first master's degree specifically directed at health care administration in Wichita and is one of

only three university graduate programs recognized in Kansas by the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Most adjunct faculty teaching in the program are executives in the health care field and bring real-world experience to the classroom. Harvey notes faculty are "student centric."

Malea Hartvickson, a 2005 business administration and 2008 MHCL graduate agrees.

"I liked the fact that we had instructors that have experience in the field. They had compassion and care for their students. The MHCL program changed my life. I love my career path."

Karen Sturchio, a 2001 business management and 2013 MHCL graduate, appreciated the fact the program reflects the Christian mission of the University.

"I have a deep faith and wanted my education to reflect the core values that are important to me. It is important the business of health care ministers to the whole person and respects the whole person through compassion and integrity," Sturchio said. "Whether discussing financial management or ethical dilemmas, the program guides the student to place the patient first and balance business needs with integrity."





Tim and Gail  
Buchanan

# DONOR PROFILE

## HEARTS TO LIFT OTHERS

BY AMY SHELDEN

Back in March, the lights came up on Tim and Gail Buchanan as they visited Sebits Auditorium. A Singing Quakers alumna, Gail performed many times in the auditorium under Dr. Cecil Riney's direction. The Buchanans had recently committed a \$1.2 million gift to the Friends University Division of Fine Arts. The first \$1 million establishes the Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair in Fine Arts. The remaining \$200,000 supports future fine arts scholarships with \$100,000 distributed in 2017 and another \$100,000 in 2018.

"We definitely wanted to honor Dr. Riney and Verna and their whole family. They were such strong mentors to me," Gail said. Dr. Riney served for 45 years as the chair of Fine Arts and is currently serving as interim chair of Fine Arts. Thanks to Dr. Riney and the scholarships she received, Gail graduated debt-free with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education in 1980.

Gail felt Friends was "a good fit" for her educational journey. After an audition with Dr. Riney and major scholarship support, she became a Singing Quaker. She befriended Professor Richard Foster, Dr. David Weber and Earnest Alexander and each had a profound impact on her. "It was a

very pivotal time for me spiritually," Gail said. Like Gail, Tim Buchanan also had a strong connection to Dr. Riney — Tim sang in Dr. Riney's Central Christian Church choir for many years.

After teaching music for three years at Goddard Elementary, Gail met Tim, and they were soon married. Tim and a business partner started Sterling House, pioneering the modern concept of assisted living. Prior to Sterling House, nursing homes were the only option for the elderly. Tim is now CEO of Legend Senior Living (established 2001), a privately held seniors housing and services company with 40 residences representing more than 2,540 units of independent living, assisted living, memory care and nursing residences. The Buchanans are deeply thankful to God for His rich blessing of their family and their business.

The Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair in Fine Arts is the first funded endowed chair in Friends' history. It is designed to accomplish two goals: 1) provide salary support to attract and retain a top-notch fine arts chair, and 2) provide discretionary funds for fine arts' use at the chair's discretion. Tim described Dr. Riney and the fine arts program as "such an important part of the fabric of the community." The Buchanans hope to sustain a legacy of excellent leaders like Dr. Riney.

"The Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair in Fine Arts advances the excellence

of the Division of Fine Arts. It ensures Friends students continue to benefit from a superior educational experience offered in a Christian environment," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president.

As the Buchanans prepared to exit the auditorium, they offered advice to Friends University students. Gail paraphrased her favorite Bible verse — 1 Timothy 4:12: "Don't let the world look down upon you because you are young. It is you who will become the miracle — if you allow God to use you for His glory. About the time you think you won't amount to anything, God has other plans. Write your plans in pencil, then give God the eraser. That's true surrender and commitment." Tim also shared his advice: "Establish a dream of where you want to end up. Imagine God blessing a destination beyond your wildest imagination. Ask what's the next step and then prepare for that today."

One Singing Quakers tradition during Gail's time in the choir is a tradition her own family has sustained: singing the doxology together. The song's opening line perfectly describes the Buchanan's attitude of generosity: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Out of the abundance God has provided, the couple has given generously to the future of Fine Arts at Friends. To join the Buchanans in supporting Friends University financially, please contact Brie Boulanger, director of development (interim), at 316-295-5525 or [brie\\_boulanger@friends.edu](mailto:brie_boulanger@friends.edu).

# UNIVERSITY NEWS

## FRIENDS UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Four new members have been appointed to serve on the Friends University Board of Trustees.

"We are so excited with these additions to our Board as we believe their experience and love for Friends University will help guide the strategic decisions we make for the betterment of our fine university," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president.



**ROBERT "BOB" K. CASPER** is the president and founder of Ethanol Products LLC. He has served as president since the company's formation in May 2000. Casper has also been involved with Friends University's Apprentice Institute since its formation in 2009 and currently serves on the organization's advisory board. In 1977, he received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

**BRADLEY E. HADDOCK** is the chairman of Haddock Law Office LLC. He received a bachelor's degree from Phillips University in 1977 and a juris doctor from Washburn University School of Law in 1980. During his 29-year career at Koch, Haddock served as lead counsel, executive vice president, general counsel and secretary of Koch Chemical Technology Group.







**JEFF RAMSEY** is president/CEO of Flint Hills Resources LLC (a subsidiary of Koch Industries Inc.). Ramsey joined Koch Oil Company in 1990. Most recently, he served as senior vice president of chemicals. Formerly, he held positions in refined products marketing and supply. Ramsey earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from Friends University in 1990.

**RENAE L. RYAN** served at Ryan International Airlines from 1988 to 2005. She was involved in the daily operations of the company and other Ryan ventures. She has also served on boards and committees of Kansas organizations, including Catholic Charities, Harbor House, Miss Kansas Pageant, Newman University, Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, Sterling College and Wichita Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ryan is also involved with Agriboard International, a company that builds products for housing structures out of straw and Tri7 — a clean energy generation company headquartered in Florida. She earned her bachelor's degree in music from Friends University in 1979.

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## EVENTS BRING CANDIDATES TO CAMPUS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Friends University students gained a close-up view of our country's election processes as Friends University hosted several election events this fall and spring.

The University hosted three major candidates for Kansas' 4th Congressional District on Constitution Day, Sept. 16, including then-Congressman Mike Pompeo (R), Dan Giroux (D) and Miranda Allen (I).

The History and Political Science Club hosted a candidate fair Oct. 18. All candidates from Sedgwick County were invited to set up booths, answer questions and hand out campaign materials. Thirteen candidates had booths, and approximately 100 people attended.

"The candidate fair helped the attendees learn who their candidates were as many of the attendees did not already know enough about their

PHOTO BY ROMAN RODRIGUEZ



Students visit candidate booths to learn more about those running for office.

candidates to make informed choices," said Dr. Russell Fox, professor of political science and Model UN sponsor.

This spring, Alumni Auditorium served as the location for several events tied to the 4th congressional special election to replace Pompeo after he was appointed as director of the CIA. The Democratic party hosted a debate among its

candidates Feb. 8, with students monitoring candidates' response times. Friends University political science students helped count votes as part of the Republican Nominating Convention to elect the Republican party candidate Feb. 9, and an external group hosted a debate for the selected candidates March 16.

## HABBEN RECEIVES KICA FACULTY OF DISTINCTION AWARD

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Dr. Chris Habben interacts with students during a Marriage and Family Therapy class in the Kansas City area.

PHOTO BY DAVID EULITT

Dr. Chris Habben, professor of marriage and family therapy, Kansas City site program director, and Kansas City site specialized accreditation and assessment administrator, received this year's Faculty of Distinction Award from the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA). Dr. Habben was honored, along with faculty members from the other 18 accredited private colleges in Kansas, at a celebration and award reception Oct. 13.

Dr. Habben received his bachelor's degree from Hope College in Michigan. He also holds a master of science and a

master of arts from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has been a professor at Friends University since 2001.

The KICA Faculty of Distinction program celebrates excellence and achievement among faculty members at the accredited private colleges and universities in Kansas. The award recognizes professors who have emphasized the importance of classroom teaching, paid personal attention to students, and expressed a commitment to

character, values and learning. The 2016 KICA Faculty of Distinction honorees serve as models to educators everywhere.

"Kansas' independent colleges know that our most important job by far is to provide a vibrant, relevant, high-quality education to each student that enters our doors," said Matt Lindsey, president of KICA. "These 19 individuals are shining examples of that commitment to the future of our students and the rare value that Kansas' private, non-profit colleges offer."

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## WALL NAMED KANSAS SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF YEAR

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Long-time Friends adjunct Valerie Wall of Southeast High School in Wichita has been named Special Education Teacher of the Year.



## FOUR EDUCATION STUDENTS NAMED TEACHERS OF PROMISE

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) honored four Friends University students as Teachers of Promise this academic year.

Friends' teacher education faculty chose Brooke Dickey, a December 2016 graduate with a bachelor's degree in English education; Natasha (Burley) Moran, a December 2016 graduate with a bachelor's degree in elementary education; Marilyn Nichita, an English education major; and Sydney Roy, a Spanish education and Spanish double major, for the award.

Kansas colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs select two students twice each year to participate in a KSDE professional learning and recognition event.

The KSDE honored Dickey and Moran Nov. 19 at the Wichita Marriott. After a half-day workshop presented by the Kansas Teacher of the Year Team, the two students attended the Kansas Teacher of the Year State Awards Banquet where they received certificates presented by Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson.

Nichita and Roy attended the Kansas Exemplary Educators Network State Education Conference Feb. 10 in Topeka, Kan.



Sydney Roy (left) and Natasha (Burley) Moran are two of the four Friends University teacher education students named as Teachers of Promise.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

Valerie Wall, Friends University adjunct professor for 21 years, was recognized as a Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Wall received the award at the annual Kansas CEC awards reception Nov. 14 in Topeka, Kan.

Wall, a special education teacher at Wichita High School — Southeast, works with students with multiple disabilities, helping them transition from high school to vocational school. She has taught in public schools for 31 years. Wall was

nominated for the award by Dr. Dona Gibson, professor of education and psychology and program director of the Master of Education.

Wall also directs Friendship Fields, a program associated with Friends University that allows college-aged adults with disabilities to experience college life while also offering Friends University students the opportunity to work with special needs students.

Lori Doyle, a Friends University graduate with a master's in teaching

(1993) and master's in school leadership (1997), said the following about Wall in her recommendation letter.

"Ms. Wall has encouraged and coached students [with disabilities] to become the very best citizens they can be. She has shown them that a disability is merely a roadblock, and you have to figure out a way to circumvent the roadblock. Her students are always up for the challenge."

# NEW BIOCHEMISTRY DEGREE TO START THIS FALL

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Friends University's new Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry degree program will begin this fall. This College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education program will prepare students for graduate school and for careers in forensic science, genetics and medicine.

"The addition of a biochemistry degree is a logical choice because of our experienced faculty and because of the benefits of the degree," said Dr. John Simmons, visiting assistant professor of biology. "Students with a biochemistry degree specifically — not just a chemistry degree with an emphasis in biochemistry — are able to research extensively the field of biochemistry. This will make them extremely competitive for job placements or further study."

The doctoral research areas of Dr. Simmons and Dr. Prince Agbedanu,

assistant professor of biology and director of the human biology and health sciences program, include molecular and cellular biology, which utilize biochemical principles and techniques. Dr. Simmons' doctorate in physiology and his medical school background provided him with additional training in biochemistry. Dr. Agbedanu has a doctorate in biomedical sciences with expertise in biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, and genetics. He completed post-doctoral work in the areas of biochemistry and genetics.

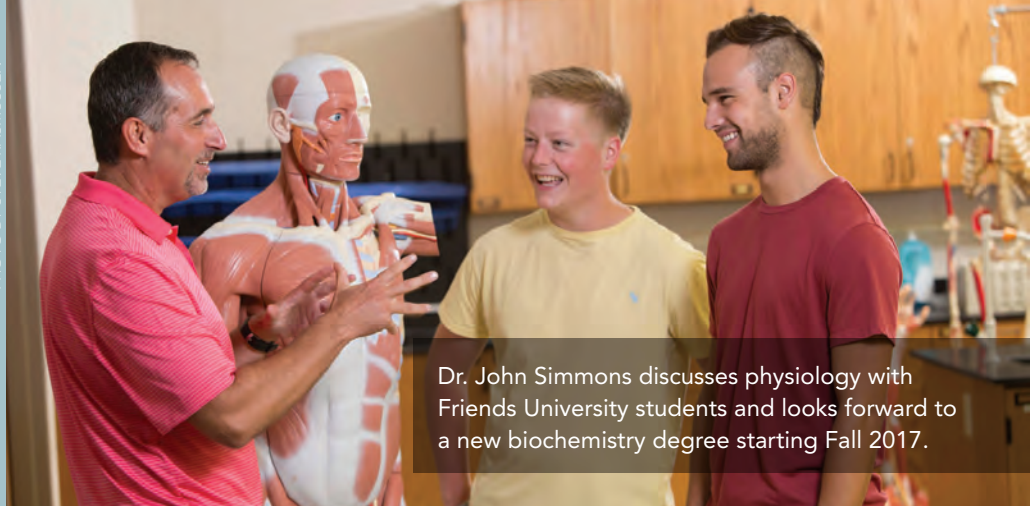
"Graduate schools often offer healthy stipends to biochemistry students," Dr. Simmons said. "With the National Science Foundation and the

National Institute of Science wanting more qualified students to research in biochemistry, it is not unheard of for students to be offered \$20,000 per year and free tuition to work on their master's or doctoral degrees."

The median annual pay of biochemists and biophysicists is around \$82,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Employment of biochemists and biophysicists is expected to increase 8 percent from 2014 to 2024 according to the BLS.

The degree requirements include advanced courses in chemistry as well as two biochemistry classes. Additional courses in math, biology and physics classes are also required.

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Dr. John Simmons discusses physiology with Friends University students and looks forward to a new biochemistry degree starting Fall 2017.

## FRIENDS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ROUNDUP



**#1 IN STATE — "2017 BEST COLLEGE DORMS IN KANSAS"**  
— Niche.com



**#2 IN STATE — "TOP 50 UNIVERSITIES WITH THE LOWEST STUDENT DEBT"**  
— Best Value Colleges



**#3 IN STATE — "BEST COLLEGES FOR ADULT LEARNERS — 4 YEAR COLLEGES"**  
— Washington Monthly



**#3 IN NATION — "10 MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREE IN SUPPLY CHAIN OR OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT 2016"**  
— MBA WITH A SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION  
— Best College Values



**#5 IN STATE — "BEST ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS" — MASTER OF EDUCATION**  
— U.S. News & World Report



**#24 IN NATION AND ONLY KANSAS PROGRAM LISTED — "MASTER'S IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ONLINE: TOP 30 VALUES 2016-17" — MASTER OF HEALTH CARE LEADERSHIP**  
— College Values Online



**#20 IN NATION — "25 MOST AFFORDABLE ONLINE MASTER'S OF ACCOUNTING DEGREES"**  
— Affordable Schools





Psychology Club members and faculty gather for a photo at their 20th anniversary celebration.

## PSYCHOLOGY CLUB CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

The Friends University Chapter of Psi Chi celebrated its 20th anniversary with a special banquet and candlelight ceremony Nov. 20, 2016. Twelve new members were inducted into the group, and students, professors and alumni attended the event.

The program began with introductions by Dr. Dona Stuber, professor of human services/psychology and co-sponsor of Psi Chi, and a welcome by Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University. Participants enjoyed a 20th anniversary slideshow created by Dr. Stuber and an

address by Dr. Kenneth Weaver, dean of the Teachers College at Emporia State University. Jeremy Lyne, Psi Chi chapter past-president and adjunct faculty member at Friends University, welcomed the newly inducted Psi Chi members. Bill Allan, dean of the College of Business Arts, Sciences and Education, associate professor of family life, and co-sponsor of Psi Chi, gave closing remarks.

“Our Psi Chi chapter is well-respected regionally, nationally and internationally,” Dr. Stuber said. “Bill Allan and I are both very proud of our Psi Chi Chapter, and we anticipate the next 20 years will be even better.”

Designed to bring psychology students together for professional development and enrichment, the group has enjoyed social gatherings, off-campus trips to graduate schools, retreats and dinners throughout its 20-year history.



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## KEEPER OF THE PLAINS STATUE RECOGNIZES WICHITA HISTORY

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Many drivers traveling by Friends University have noticed the addition of a 10-foot fiberglass replica of the Keeper of the Plains near Paul's Pond north of Kellogg Avenue. Friends University staff installed the statue Nov. 28, 2016, in connection with the Together Wichita project.

The Keepers on Parade is a project of Together Wichita, a community-wide initiative comprised of businesses and organizations that showcase what makes Wichita special. Friends University's replica Keeper on Parade is the 19th Keeper installed around the city.

Steve Atwood, former adjunct professor at Friends University, designed and painted the exterior of the replica with assistance from Friends University's art students. Atwood's inspiration for the artwork came from the iconography of Native American tribes. He stenciled a variety of Native American tribal symbols onto the surface of the Keeper.

“Friends University is thrilled to have this statue on our campus,” said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University. “In addition to the Keeper contributing to the beauty and culture of Wichita, the Keeper reflects the legacy of Friends University as a dynamic and inclusive community. The title of our statue, ‘Crossing Paths,’ is particularly meaningful as it refers to both the crossing of paths between the region's original citizens and Wichita's later inhabitants and also the crossing of paths between our students and the mentors and educators on our campus. It is a fitting symbol of the paths of the many people who come together at Friends University.”

Friends' replica of the Keeper of the Plains showcases Native American tribal symbols and reflects the University's legacy of inclusion.



Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include, left to right, Joe Zimmerman, Megan VinZant, Errol Logue and Kevin Ten Eyck.

## FRIENDS UNIVERSITY INDUCTS ALUMNI INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Friends University inducted four former Falcons into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame Oct. 7. The Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony and Alumni Dinner took place in Casado Campus Center's McKay Gymnasium during Homecoming week.

The inductees were:

**ERROL LOGUE**, a 1963 graduate, competed in track and cross country during college for all four years. In the 1959 KCAC cross country season, he remained undefeated. After college, he coached cross country and track for 40 years. He has twice been voted Coach of the Year by the Kansas State High School Cross Country Coaches Association. After retirement, Logue served as an assistant cross country coach for the University of Saint Mary for two years. He served on the Friends University Alumni Advisory Board for five years.

**KEVIN TEN EYCK**, a 2009 and 2015 graduate, played soccer at Friends University for three years. He received numerous KCAC and NAIA accolades, including NAIA All-American, 2006 KCAC Newcomer of the Year and 2007 NAIA First Team All-Region. He was named First Team All-KCAC every year he competed. Eyck has played for the Wichita Wings and Wichita B-52s and plays for FC Wichita. He made the NPSL All-League First XI in 2015 during FC Wichita's inaugural season. Eyck is currently an assistant coach of Friends University Men's Soccer.

**MEGAN VINZANT**, a 2009 graduate, competed in basketball and softball from 2006 to 2009. She earned numerous awards, including All-KCAC team honors in basketball each year. She was also an NAIA Scholar Athlete, KCAC First Team Pitcher (2006), KCAC

First Team Shortstop and Player of the Year (2007), KCAC First Team and Player of the Year (2008), and KCAC First Team Third Baseman (2009). Throughout her softball career, VinZant ranked No. 1 in the KCAC in 13 categories. She also ranked in the top 40 in the NAIA in 19 categories.

**JOE ZIMMERMAN**, a 2011 graduate, served as Friends University's athletic director for 12 years. Under his direction, the Athletic Department doubled in size (from 200 to 400 student athletes), won 47 championships and had more than 450 NAIA Scholar Athletes. Zimmerman was named KCAC Athletic Director of the Year three times; and in 2014, he was named one of the Top 25 Most Influential People in Wichita Sports.



## CUDA SELECTED AS TOP COSIDA STUDENT-ATHLETE IN NATION

BY LUKE DECHANT

Women's Soccer player Emma Cuda of Omaha, Neb., earned the highest academic honor a college student-athlete can receive last fall, garnering College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-America of the Year accolades for her work on the pitch and in the classroom.

Cuda graduated in December 2016 with a 4.0 GPA while double-majoring in Zoo Science and Biology. She was previously a CoSIDA First Team All-District (2014, 2015) and CoSIDA First Team All-America (2015) selection.

Student-athletes are nominated by their institution's Sports Information Directors (SID) for the award if they meet the qualifications (3.30 GPA, significant contribution to their team) and are voted on by all SIDs in their district for the All-District Team. All-District selections then go on to a select panel of voters who select the All-America team for all

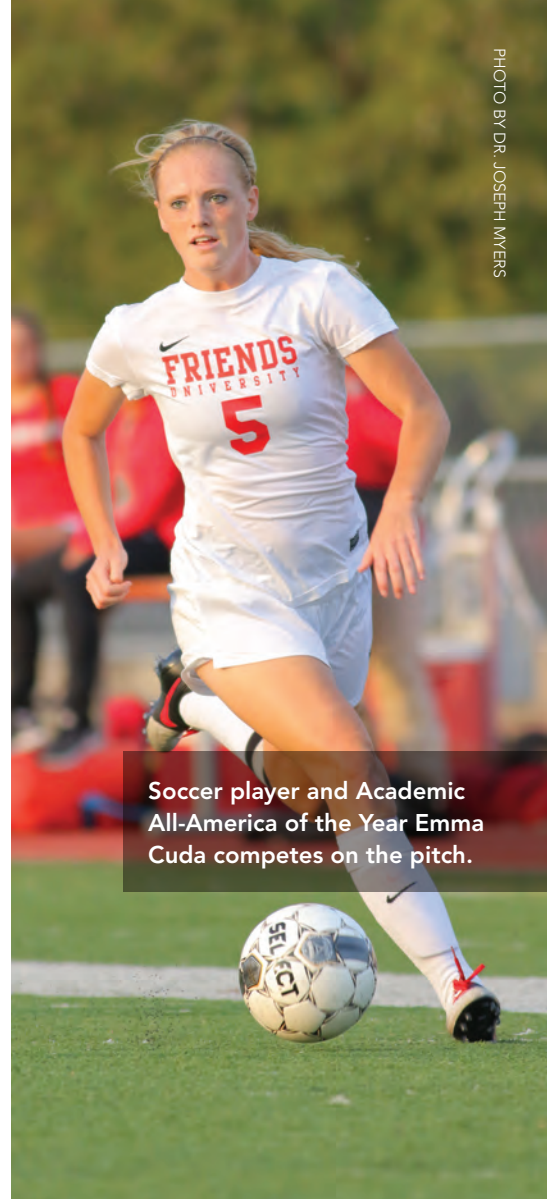
student-athletes across the nation in their sport. Finally, an Academic All-America of the Year, the award Cuda received, is selected as the top student-athlete from the entire country.

In helping the Falcons from a record of 6-11-1 overall and 2-6-1 in KCAC play for an 8th place finish during her freshman year, to an 11-8 overall record and 8-3 in conference play for a 3rd place finish her senior campaign, Cuda amassed 43 career goals and 14 assists for 100 points in 71 games played.

Cuda was a four-time All-KCAC performer including three First Team nods in her time with the Falcons.

The award is the first in the history of Friends University Athletics, who just became eligible for the CoSIDA awards in the 2014-15 academic year.

A video featuring a Q&A with Cuda can be viewed at [friends.edu/cuda](http://friends.edu/cuda).



Soccer player and Academic All-America of the Year Emma Cuda competes on the pitch.

## FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS MOBILE APP AVAILABLE

BY LUKE DECHANT

Friends University Athletics has launched a new mobile app, available for both Android and Apple devices.

"This is the next obvious step for the Athletic Department, and one we've talked about for a while," said Luke Dechant, sports information director and retention risk coordinator. "We're thrilled about making Falcon Athletics easier to access for all of our student-athletes, parents, alumni and fans."

Those downloading the app will get the latest information on their mobile devices without having to use the Internet browser on those devices. Information is updated whenever the department website changes, giving instant access to what is going on with all 18 NAIA programs.

Information directly at your fingertips includes press releases, upcoming and recent schedules, team pages (including rosters and coaching info), and a live events tab that links directly to the Falcons' Stretch Internet webcasting page so you can watch all your favorite teams live.





## FRIENDS RECEIVES NAIA AWARD FOR FOURTH YEAR

BY LUKE DECHANT

Friends University has been named an NAIA Champions of Character Five-Star Institution for the fourth straight year. Friends joins eight of the other 11 KCAC schools in making the list as the conference once again received the award for their level as well. The Falcons were placed in the “Bronze” category based on their points standing.

Institutions are measured on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earn points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by having minimal-to-no ejections during competition through the course of the academic year.

## WOLINSKY TO SPEAK AT COMMENCEMENT AND RECEIVE HONORARY DOCTORATE



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. Fred Wolinsky, a 1972 graduate of Friends University will share his thoughts on faith, Friends and the future during the University's 2017 Commencement May 13. Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University, will present him with an honorary doctorate in recognition

of his continued academic work and contributions to his field of study.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Friends, Dr. Wolinsky received an M.A. from Drake University in 1974 and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1977.

He has held the John W. Colloton Chair in Health Management and Policy at the University of Iowa since 2003, where he is also professor of medicine and professor of nursing. Dr. Wolinsky has published extensively in the leading scholarly journals of medicine, public health, epidemiology, geriatrics, gerontology, and health services research, and his work is frequently cited by other scientists. His research agenda on the health and health behavior of older adults has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies for more than three decades.

Dr. Wolinsky has received collegiate awards for his teaching, research and mentoring, as well as the Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Sociological Association.



PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS

## DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXPERT SHINES NEW LIGHT ON BIBLE

Dr. Michael Wise, one of the world's most notable Dead Sea Scrolls scholars and author of the international best-selling book “The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered,” visited Friends April 6. After speaking at Chapel in the morning about Amos and the Book of Amos, his evening presentation focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls and how these ancient texts have served to shape the larger understanding of the Biblical narrative.



# NEW ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULTS SEEKING CAREER CHANGE

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Friends University is adding a new Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program this summer, designed to meet the needs of adults interested in pursuing a career in education. The program will be offered on-campus and online by Friends University's College of Adult and Professional Studies (CAPS) and was recently approved by the Kansas State Board of Education.

"Our innovative degree program is ideal for adult students who want to change their careers and enter the rewarding field of teaching elementary-age children," said Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of CAPS and the Graduate School.

"The degree can be completed in 13 months, and the courses fit well into adults' busy schedules."

The Elementary Education degree program prepares students to effectively teach students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The program is strongly influenced by practitioners, Kansas State Department of Education elementary education standards, and Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium professional education standards.

To be admitted into the program, students must have already earned a bachelor's degree or have completed 90 credit hours from two- and four-year regionally accredited institutions with a

minimum 3.0 GPA. Courses will prepare students to pass the state licensure examinations (the Principles of Learning and Teaching and the Praxis content exam). The program includes instruction in reading, science, social studies, diversity, math, kinesthetic learning, technology, classroom management and professionalism, special education, and fine arts.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts that employment for elementary school teachers will increase by 6 percent from 2014 to 2024.

For more information on this program, contact [adultrecruitment@friends.edu](mailto:adultrecruitment@friends.edu) or visit [friends.edu/eled](http://friends.edu/eled).

## FRIENDS UNIVERSITY TO OFFER ADDITIONAL BALLET DEGREE AND CONCENTRATIONS

BY MEGAN BERRY



PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS

In addition to its Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ballet, Friends University will also offer a Bachelor of Arts in Ballet degree program starting this fall. The new program offers the choice of three unique concentrations: studio operations, music and theatre, and sacred dance.

"I feel the return of these specialized areas will strengthen the students' career pathways, meeting the needs and desires of students for this day and age," said Sharon Rogers, associate professor of dance.

A nurturing and supportive environment, combined with professional ballet training, enables dancers to reach their full potential as their passion for arts education thrives, Rogers noted. Friends University also helps with long-term planning and lifelong learning as students transition from performance to new careers.

"One of the advantages with a small university is that we work so well together," Rogers said. "The comradery between both students and professors is truly spectacular."

These new concentrations give prospective students more options in the professional world today. Professions may include a variety of occupations, some in the health sciences, such as registered nurses, physical therapists, EMTs, massage therapists and more. Additionally, more than half of Friends University's BFA ballet alumni have been, or currently are, teaching ballet/dance.

"We hope not only to increase our student population, but also offer more educational and liberal arts opportunities to our campus," Rogers said.

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# SPRING 2017 CLASS NOTES

## IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Jan. 31, 2017 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

**Larry Belew, '65**, died Oct. 10. He was an accomplished musician, songwriter, playwright, thespian, teacher, mentor and preacher.

**Dr. Llewellyn V. "Lew" Borgendale, '56**, died Jan. 25. He worked for 46 years in Wamego as a family physician and served as the Pottawatomie County Coroner for many years.

**Tracy Wayne "Superman" Bowman, '05**, died Nov. 30. He worked as the lead bartender at Smokey Bones in Georgia.

**Betty (Cheves) Chapman, '53**, died Feb. 4, 2016. She was an MDA volunteer, member of the National Association of Letter Carriers Auxiliary (and a past state president) and member of the First Christian Church of Fredonia.

**Michael H. Clark, '90**, died Oct. 16. He worked in the family business managing regional hair salons and later owned and operated the Independence Beauty College and The Clip Joint.

He taught cosmetology courses for several years at Independence Community College, where he served as director of cosmetology.

**Ruth Eileen (Stearns) Clark, '48**, died Oct. 20. She was a lifetime resident of Haysville and life member of Haysville United Methodist Church. She taught kindergarten and library classes for more than 30 years. Ruth Clark Elementary School was named after her in 2000.

**Lila (Bowen) Curry, '54**, died Jan. 23. She was a member of the Kincaid-Selma United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star Golden Rod Chapter #163 in Yates Center. She was a homemaker and helped her husband, Bruce, on the farm.



## REMEMBERING KENT FRIZZELL

**Kent Frizzell, '53**, died Oct. 26, 2016 in Tulsa, Okla. He graduated from law school at Washburn University in Topeka. He spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and returned to Wichita to practice law before beginning a notable political career that took him to Washington, D.C., where he served as a key member of the Nixon and Ford administrations. He served as assistant U.S. attorney general and undersecretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. In 1973 he attained national prominence when he crossed the line unarmed into the barricaded and armed Oglala Sioux encampment at Wounded Knee, S.D., where he negotiated a conclusion to that lengthy and violent confrontation. In Kansas Frizzell was elected to the Wichita School Board, served as president of the Kansas Board of Education, was elected as a Kansas State senator and served as Kansas Attorney General. After leaving government service, he served as a long-time professor and director of the National Energy Law and Policy Institute at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

## REMEMBERING COLLIS GRISBY



**Collis Grisby, '89**, died Jan. 24. He worked for the Wichita Fire Department for 23 years. In 2010 he was honored as a "Firefighter Hero" by the American Red Cross and Emprise Bank. The honor is awarded to firefighters who act above and beyond the call of duty while performing their jobs.

**Ronald Charles (Ron) Dillon, '67**, died Oct. 2. He taught K-12 vocal and instrumental music for five years. Upon moving to Kansas City in 1971, he worked for three music stores before going to work for Wells Fargo. He worked for UMB Bank for 20 years, retiring in 2005.

**Denise Faramarzi, '09**, died Oct. 19, 2016. She worked most of her life in the Kansas City Public Schools as a paraprofessional and substitute teacher.

**Virginia Eileen (Clark) Frazier, '48**, died Nov. 1, 2016. She taught home economics in Fowler, Kan., before returning to Houston. She was employed by MD Anderson Hospital as an accountant in the food services department for more than 30 years.

**Ronald K. Goering, '89**, died Jan. 13. He was a private investigator and worked in law enforcement for 16 years.

**Patricia (Head) Hinton, '48**, died Aug. 30. During World War II she served as a detail illustrator for Boeing, doing "to scale" drawings of repair

parts for planes. She also worked as a guest editor of Mademoiselle magazine in New York City.

**Marjorie Hyer, '42**, died Sept. 5. She was the religion editor at The Washington Post in the 1980s. She answered a call to service after World War II by working with the American Friends Service Committee in Germany with orphans and displaced persons.

**Mary (Kerschen) Lauer, '78**, died Nov. 8. She was a medical technologist and lab supervisor at St. Joseph's Hospital in Wichita. She established the first school library for St. Patrick's Catholic School.

**Shirley (Parks) Meyer, '58**, died Oct. 18. She was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita. She started her career at King Van Lines, where she was a vehicle qualifications manager for 25 years. Then, she started her career at Pizza Hut Corp. in the licensing department. Upon her retirement 25 years later, she was manager of restaurant development.

**Joe Byron Millsbaugh, '49**, died Feb. 11, 2013. He was a retired U.S. postal carrier.

**Donald William "Don" Moore Sr., '99**, died Jan. 14 in Wichita. Don was a unit manager for Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

**Don Moreland, '57**, died Sept. 21. He received his medical degree from the University of Kansas after graduating from Friends. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve for several years. His first medical practice was in Wichita. In 1975, he and his family moved to Tyler, Texas, where he was a family practice physician until his retirement in 2006.

**Gerald C. Neece, '60**, died Nov. 28. He was a World War II army veteran.

**Ralph R. Owens, '58**, died Dec. 6. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Sears until 1988 when he started his own home interiors/contract sales business before his retirement.

**Jimmie "Jim" Pitts, '58**, died Dec. 12. He was a minister most of his life, serving in Kansas and Indiana.

**Eric Edward Scott, '80**, died Dec. 6, 2016, after a long battle with colon cancer. Eric was a Singing Quaker for three years, beginning in 1980, and later graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield. Eric's late maternal grandfather was Jerry Matthew Highfill, who was a Friends University business administration professor.

**Marilyn K. (Hurst) Simon, '69**, died Sept. 11. She worked for the State of Kansas Labor Department for 42 years.

**Robert "Bob" Glen Skillen, '53**, died Jan. 3. He served in the Korean War. He taught math and coached at various schools and was a member of the Norwich Baptist Church.

**Dr. Daniel E. "Dan" Smith, '53**, died Dec. 13. He earned his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 1966 and served as the chief psychologist at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center. During his tenure there, he also worked in the training department and served as interim superintendent of the hospital.

**David L. Stanton, '54**, died Nov. 18. He was a farmer, crop duster, school teacher and vocalist.

**Derrill Unruh, '90**, died Oct. 27. He worked for 28 years at Automotive Controls Corp./Dana Controls as the factory manager and division manager. He served as the mayor of Independence, Kan., three times. He also served on the board and as board chairman for the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

**Naomi (McLeod) Young, '60**, died Jan. 17. She lived in Wheaton, Mo., where she and husband Bob owned and operated Bob's IGA. For several years she worked for McQueen Funeral Home. She was a member of Pineville Christian Church and attended Wheaton United Methodist Church.



## BABY FALCONS

**To Sohna (Njie) Shook, '07**, and husband Justin, a baby daughter, Olivia Kay, born Aug. 7.

## CLASS NOTES

### 1960s

**Glenn, '64**, and **Dianne Lygrisse, '61**, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary with an 80-day RV trip to Alaska and back. Glenn is vice chair of Central Kansas Prison Ministry and chair of the Southern District Conference Faith and Life Commission for Mennonite Brethren Denomination.

**Donald "Don" Moon, '60**, was named a charter member of the Continuing Care Hall of Fame, noting his development of the concept of CCRC without walls: Friends Life Care at Home.

### 1970s...

**Earnest Alexander, '79**, and friend Karla Burns recorded a new album titled "A Christmas Celebration."

**Robert Backer, '70**, is retired and is residing in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains with wife **Janice (Niece) Backer, '71**.

**James Gross, '72**, spoke in a panel discussion on "The Bauhaus - 1920s to the Present, Abstract Art in America" at Georgetown University Nov. 17.

### 1990s

**Dan Breci, '94**, is the new police chief of Junction City, Kan.

**W. Cozine, '96**, was installed as the 2016-17 president of the National Funeral Directors Association.

**Chris Terrill, '95**, has been hired as the executive director of Crosstown High in Memphis, Tenn.

### 2000s

**Samantha (Holliday) Cotten, '04**, has opened a bakery, flower and tea shop in Derby, Kan., with her mother.

**Ryan W. Hansen, '05**, successfully defended his dissertation and graduated in December with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Ohio State University. Hansen included his research supervisor, Dr. Donna Stuber, professor of human services/psychology, in his acknowledgements.

**Jackie Shareé Madsen, '02**, was appointed to the Oklahoma Teachers Retirements System Board of Trustees.

**Rebekah Priebe, '09**, is serving as assistant professor of theatre at Cedarville University in Ohio.

**Dr. Matt Skillen, '02/'06**, has been named the department chair of the Elizabeth College English Department. He joined the faculty at Elizabethtown in 2009 and received tenure in 2015.



## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT JILL (MOODY) BOSLEY

**Jill (Moody) Bosley, '98**, is serving as the executive director of the Wesley Children's Foundation in Wichita. The foundation was established in 2016 to help provide financial assistance to families in need and to provide tools and services to patients and their families to make their hospital stay more comfortable. Bosley previously served as the director of development of the Children's Miracle Network and held several philanthropic leadership positions with other non-profit organizations, including March of Dimes and the National MS Society.

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT ANTWAN WILSON

**Antwan Wilson, '00**, was named as chancellor of the Washington, D.C. public school system in November 2016. He previously served as superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District, where he developed a strategic plan focused on effective talent development, accountable school site support and quality school development. Past jobs have included serving for six years as assistant superintendent for Post-Secondary Readiness at Denver Public Schools, and serving as a high school principal in Denver and a middle school principal in Wichita.





## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT BEN HUTTON

**Ben Hutton, '08**, was named chairman and chief executive officer of Hutton Construction in Wichita. He has served as president of the company since 2010. During his time as president, the number of employees more than tripled through growth and acquisition, and the company expanded its capabilities geographically, as well as in multiple new industries. In his current position he works more directly with clients, communicates with employees about the business and is more involved in the local community.

**Brian Stranghoner, '02**, is the 2016-17 Outstanding High School Music Educator for the South Central Kansas Music Educators Association. Stranghoner is the first music educator from Rose Hill to receive this award since 1998.

**Tracy Wedel, '02**, has joined the Todd Barnes State Farm Insurance agency in Newton. Wedel is a State of Kansas Property Casualty, Life Health-licensed agent. She previously worked as an office manager/veterinary assistant at Hesston Veterinary Clinic.

**Karen (Ocker) Youngblood, '04**, was appointed to serve on the State of Oklahoma's Board of Juvenile Affairs.

## 2010s

**Richard D. Bates, '15**, presented "Understanding Relationships" Oct. 9 at the Bonner Springs City Library.

**Dillon Curtis, '12**, was named as Rose Hill's new public works superintendent and leads and coordinates all public works operations. Curtis has been employed with the city since 2008, holding several

positions. His most recent job was the city's water and wastewater supervisor.

**Caleb Drummond, '10**, plays in a variety of musical acts in the Wichita area, including Spirit of the Stairs, the Jenny Wood Band, and The Travel Guide. He also teaches at Damm Music Center.

**Julie Ann Dubuc, '16**, began doctoral work in workplace learning and leadership at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education in February. In addition, Julie launched her firm—JBN Global Solutions, a management consulting and executive coaching firm—in May 2014.

**Mary (Lebeda) Hetherington, '15**, was selected as a future attendee of the Young Professionals of Wichita Leadership Academy. Twenty-five young professionals in the Wichita area received this honor.

**William "Skip" Hidlay, '14**, accepted a new position as vice president and chief communications and

marketing officer for the Chicago health system, which includes the University of Chicago's medical center, medical school and biology division. Hidlay had previously served as the chief communications and marketing officer for Via Christi Health since 2011.

**Suzanne Hurst, '11**, was named the new human resources manager of Bunting Magnetics. Hurst brings more than 10 years of experience to the position.

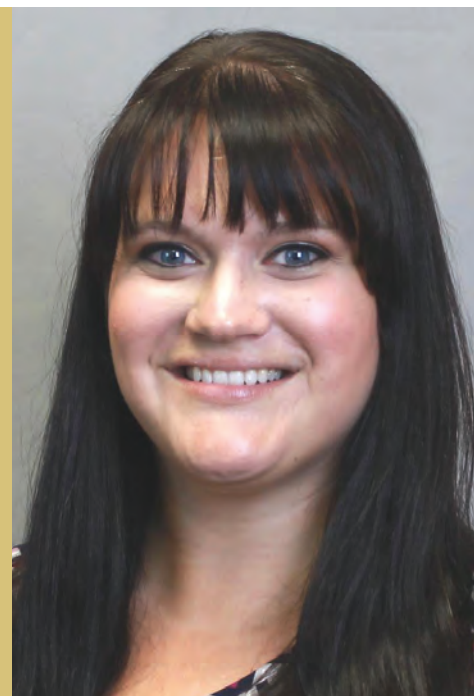
**Stephanie Jaso, '16**, is the new case coordinator at Carla's Youth Residential Center Second Phase.

**Christina Koinis, '15**, runs a ballet studio in Punta Gorda, Fla., where she has started an outreach program, "Chance to Dance," for children in her community. Her students performed with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Dec. 18.

**Brandi Lane, '14**, was appointed to Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital's Board of Trustees.

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT JAMIE SPARKS

**Jamie Sparks, '12**, received the Kansas Independent College Association's Faculty of Distinction Award. Sparks is an instructor of psychology at Central Christian College of Kansas. The KICA Faculty of Distinction program celebrates excellence and achievement among faculty at the 19 accredited private colleges and universities in Kansas. Faculty honorees are selected for their emphasis on classroom teaching, personal attention to each and every student, and a commitment to character, values and learning through every facet of their graduates' lives.







## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

# JACOB "TUG" WAMEGO

**Jacob "Tug" Wamego, '16**, has been named president and CEO by The Prairie Band, LLC Board of Directors. He held the position on an interim basis since May 2016. Wamego is a Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal member and has more than 15 years of experience working with tribal governments, with particular focus in Indian gaming, government contracting, business development and strategic planning. He also has extensive knowledge of tribal and federal and state laws and regulations. He is a licensed attorney in the State of Kansas and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Prairie Band LLC was formed in 2010 as an economic development company wholly owned by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and has grown into a family of five subsidiary companies with commercial, federal and local customers.

**Dan Moran, '14**, received the Golden Apple Award from KAKE TV, Davis-Moore and Project Teacher. He also received \$1,000 for school supplies and physical education equipment.

**Seth Oldham, '12**, presented at the Kansas World Language Association's annual conference in Overland Park, Kan., Oct. 28-29. He shared data from his master's thesis titled "Foreign Language Teachers' Perceptions of Observational Feedback." Jadyn Rathbone Urbina, '14, also attended the conference.

**Amy Shelden, '17**, has been hired to serve as the events and grants coordinator in the University Advancement Office at Friends University. She assists with the planning of community and alumni events in addition to managing external event requests.

**James Stepien, '16**, was named vice president of business development at Wesley Healthcare in Wichita. He previously served as one of Wesley's physicians relations and outreach managers.

**Damon Young, '13**, is the recipient of the 2017 Leadership Transformation Grant from the Kansas Leadership Center. The grant was awarded to his non-profit organization, The Meeting House, located in Sedgwick, Kan.

## FACULTY/STAFF/ BOARD NOTES

**Dr. Mark Bartel**, associate professor of music and director of choral music, was the guest conductor for the South Central Kansas Music Educators Association Middle School Honor Choir Nov. 5.

**Marsha Bewersdorf**, vice president of finance, was named a 2017 CFO Awards honoree by the Wichita Business Journal.

**Dr. Amy Bragg Carey**, president, attended the President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge Sept. 22-23 at the White House in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Valentina Chappell**, professor of business and technology and program director of the Global MBA

## REMEMBERING JORDAN FREEBERG, GLOBAL MBA STUDENT

It's too early to leave at the age of 26. Intelligent, sharp, reliable, polite, tactful with a kind smile — that is how I will remember Jordan. He loved Friends and enjoyed our global residency in South Africa this past fall. I interviewed his colleague from Textron that he referred to the Global MBA program. Jordan died the next day and will never read my thank you note.

All of us at Friends University share Dean David Hofmeister's feeling, "I am so very sorry for you and the class and Jordan's parents — such a shock." Jordan, you will be remembered by Friends, your class, professors and all the new friends you made in South Africa. Rest in peace.

— Dr. Valentina Chappell

program, led a group of 20 MBA students to South Africa Oct. 29 to Nov. 9.

**Emily Conner**, graduate and professional studies recruiter, was accepted in LEAD Derby, a program designed to teach people leadership skills that can be used in all areas of life.

**Dr. Rebecca Culver-Turner**, associate professor of marriage and family therapy

and Kansas City clinical director, was elected to the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Election Council.

**Dr. Gretchen Eick**, adjunct faculty member, gave a presentation about "Civil Rights in Wichita" Feb. 8 at the Central Library in Wichita.

**Dr. Russell Arben Fox**, professor of political science, director of the honors program and model UN sponsor, was a panelist for "Engage ICT: Democracy on Tap" Sept. 13 at the Scottish Rite Center.

**Dr. Chris Habben**, professor of marriage and family therapy, Kansas City site program director and Kansas City site specialized accreditation and assessment administrator, is serving as the president of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

in Wichita and Dec. 11 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

**Dr. David Hofmeister**, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and the Graduate School, wrote the article "Students as Customers? A Path to Losing the Market" published by The EvOLLution.

**Dr. Kevin Hoppock**, board of trustees member, is one of the Wichita Business Journal's 2016 Best Doctors in Family Medicine.

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**Lisa Hittle**, assistant professor of music and director of the jazz program, attended Jazz Education Network's international conference in New Orleans Jan. 5-7. She was the guest conductor Dec. 3 for the Northeast District Honor Jazz Ensemble in Kansas City. On Nov. 5, she directed the South Central Honor Jazz Ensemble in Andover. She also conducted the 41st Stan Kenton Christmas Carols Dec. 4 at West Heights United Methodist Church

**Dr. Daniel Lord**, adjunct professor for the Marriage and Family Therapy program, presented "Mindfulness as a Resource for Family Services and Providers" with Keenan Poore, '12/'16, Oct. 4 at the 40th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Dr. Lord is the chair of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

**Tony Lubbers**, director of financial aid, was the opening keynote speaker at the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference in Rapid City, S.D. He was present Jan. 23 when Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback signed a proclamation designating February as Financial Aid Awareness Month.

**Dr. Alan Maccarone**, professor of biology, assisted the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with tracking great blue herons.

**Dr. Jim Maddox**, professor of business, facilitated a World Café discussion group Nov. 15 at Century II in Wichita. He co-authored "Creating Sustainable Engagements: Lessons Learned While Consulting in Ghana" with several Friends University alumni. The article was published in the Organization Development Journal this past summer. He gave a presentation on organization development, "Rapid OD: Global Consulting in Bolivia, Ghana and Ecuador," at the International Organization Development Association Annual Conference in August in Mysore, India. He visited Kathmandu University in Nepal. He interacted with the university's management faculty and graduate students, gave a guest lecture to their MBA students, and led a roundtable discussion on current research topics and developing a research agenda.

**Dr. Dennis Obermeyer**, professor of physical education, attended the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation

and Dance (KAHPERD) Conference Nov. 3-4 at Fort Hays State University.

**Dr. Michelle Robertson**, professor of marriage and family therapy and owner and president of Delta Kappa, was spotlighted in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's annual business meeting for her work with Delta Kappa.

**Dr. Jerry Smartt**, professor of Spanish, presented a paper titled "So What Can My Students Do with a Foreign Language Degree" at the Kansas World Language Association's annual conference in Overland Park, Kan. Oct. 28-29. Dr. Smartt served as a translator and interpreter during a forum at the San Cristobal Center in Guanajuato, Mexico, Oct. 4-10. Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell and Former Mexican President Vicente Fox attended the forum.

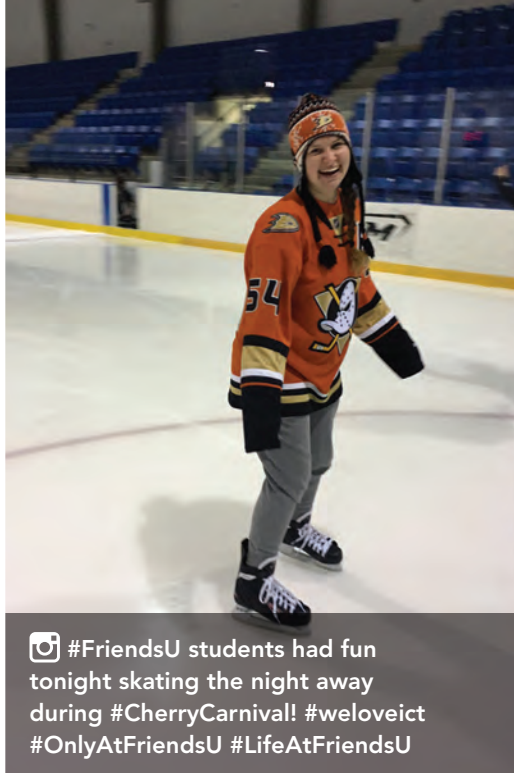
**Karen Warn** joined the University Advancement and Marketing division as the coordinator of data and the annual fund program. Karen was hired in 2005 as an admissions coordinator and most recently held the position of senior administrative assistant in Enrollment Management.

**Kelley Williams**, vice president of administration, co-wrote "Midwestern Women's Farm Business Roles and Farm Business Financial Satisfaction: An Exploratory Study," which was published by the Journal of Family and Economic Issues.

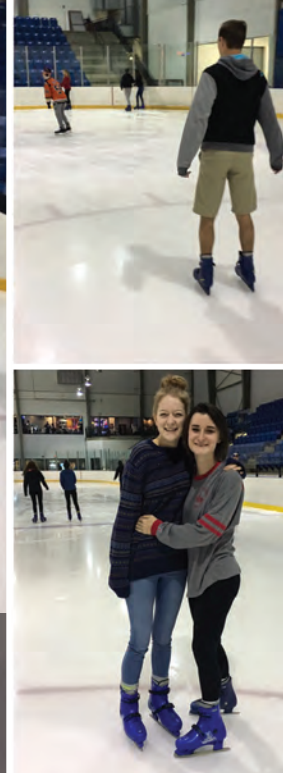




Students enjoyed their Walkout today! Activities included bowling at @TheAlleyWichita and lunch from @Chickfila! #OnlyAtFriendsU



#FriendsU students had fun tonight skating the night away during #CherryCarnival! #weloveict #OnlyAtFriendsU #LifeAtFriendsU



# SOCIAL MEDIA ROUNDUP

COMPILED BY ROMAN RODRIGUEZ

Whether it's a service project assembling shoes for children in Uganda, playing sand volleyball outside Green Residence Hall, honing musical skills at the annual Jazz Festival, or celebrating a winning season during Walkout, students past and present know that #LifeAtFriendsU is unique. The integration of intellectual, spiritual and professional growth is what makes our community strong, and it's #OnlyAtFriendsU. If you're interested in keeping up with what's happening on campus, search for #LifeAtFriendsU or #OnlyAtFriendsU on Twitter and Instagram. Better yet, follow us on any of our social media accounts and be a part of our online community at [friends.edu/freddy-network](http://friends.edu/freddy-network).



#FriendsU students enjoyed their Walkout today! It started in the halls of the Davis Administration Building where SGA Executive President Caleb Angell and students requested the Walkout from Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, @FriendsU President. After the Walkout was granted, it was bowling at The Alley Indoor Entertainment and then a free lunch from @cfacentralandrock. Congratulations to all of our athletes for their hard work and dedication and for providing the opportunity for this fun-filled Walkout! #OnlyAtFriendsU #LifeAtFriendsU



Last night, #FriendsU students sampled chilis at the annual Chili Cook-off, part of #CherryCarnival week. Congratulations to the winning chilis! #OnlyAtFriendsU #LifeAtFriendsU



Finals are wrapping up. On Monday, students took a break from studying to enjoy Late Night Breakfast. #OnlyAtFriendsU #LifeAtFriendsU





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## May 15

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## Aug. 21

Fall Classes Begin

## Sept. 28-30

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## Oct. 7

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