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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EXTREME CLUB SPORTS

In addition to more traditional Intramural sports events, some Friends University students also compete in Club Sports, including floor hockey, roundnet and ultimate. Forty students are members of the Paul's Pond Floor Hockey group, which hosted two on-campus tournaments this year. The Friends U Roundnet team has traveled extensively, placing in the top six teams at a fall and spring tournament in Dallas, 10th place in California, 5th place in St. Louis and 41st out of 232 teams at the 2017 Spikeball nationals in Chicago. The Falcon Ultimate Nation (F.U.N) team competes in the sport originally known as ultimate frisbee. They were co-champions at the McPherson Flatland Freezer and hosted a spring tournament in Wichita.



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Damon Young, 2013 graduate, stands in front of the coffee house his family and several other families in Sedgwick, Kan., established with the help of a Kansas Leadership Center grant to foster connections in their community of 1,700 people.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



FOCUS ON... DEVELOPING LEADERS

While some people are born with a God-given talent to lead, I believe leadership is a skill we can all enhance with intentional nurturing and practice. Here at Friends, our students, faculty and staff find opportunities and encouragement to participate in a wide variety of activities to help them become leaders in and outside the classroom.

This issue's focus on "Developing Leaders" highlights the great work our students, alumni, faculty, staff, donors and others are doing to lead by example, inspire others and shine the light of God's love to make the world a better place. Our Christian and Quaker heritage and commitment to encourage our students to be servant leaders is something we have done and will continue to do "uniquely better" here at Friends.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University



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LEADING BY EXAMPLE

President Amy Bragg Carey practices and fosters collective leadership

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

In the two years Dr. Amy Bragg Carey has been president, she has led a University-wide effort to stabilize finances, retain students, add degree programs and raise Friends' profile in the community, all while emphasizing its Christian and Quaker roots.

An integral piece of her tenure has been a focus on leadership — one emphasizing that faculty, staff and

students all play valuable roles in helping shape the University's direction.

"I appreciate that she has intentionally focused on bringing different groups in the Friends community together to know they're valued, that their opinion is valued," said Dr. John Lewis, president of the Friends University Board of Trustees.

A fundamental challenge facing Friends when Dr. Carey came aboard in

2015 was financial. Since then, all areas of the University have worked diligently to reduce debt, lower expenses and increase reserves.

"In future years, we will have to continue to prioritize, because families will only have so much in their budgets," Dr. Carey said. "Our tuition increases during the last two years have been some of the lowest in many years. That means we are working hard to make sure we are using our resources well."

"Under her leadership, the University has been set on a firmer financial footing. We have reprioritized academic resources, people and programs with an eye toward the future of the University. And we have put the mission of the University at the forefront of everything we do," said Nichole Pendleton, assistant professor of accounting.

BUILDING ON STRENGTHS, FINDING OPPORTUNITIES

When discussing existing and new academic offerings at Friends, Dr. Carey emphasizes supporting and publicizing current programs while filling unmet needs in the business and educational communities.

The relatively new cyber security program, for example, will supply graduates to help businesses and organizations keep their technology — and customers — safe. Similarly, Friends is working to train more special education teachers to meet school district demand.

Other strengths at Friends include the fine arts and the marriage and family counseling programs among others. Some programs are excellent and known well in their fields but not always among potential students, such as zoo science and spiritual formation.

"Zoo science is a nationally recognized program," she said. "We want to continue to strengthen that and make people aware of the wonderful partnership we have with the Sedgwick County Zoo. We're sharing with our community that, 'We are actually the best in the country at this. Let's make sure people are aware of who we are and what we are doing.'"



FOSTERING LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS

Dr. Carey believes the University's success hinges on the involvement of — and leadership by — faculty and staff. Friends has encouraged that approach with efforts ranging from organizing leadership book discussions to sending 60 people to the Global Leadership Summit in Wichita. It's also a matter of everyday philosophy.

"Sometimes in organizations people haven't been empowered, and they're

The drives for leading and improving spring from a basic human motivation, Dr. Carey believes. "Everyone wants to be part of something meaningful and important. At Friends, we want to help people understand that whatever role they're playing, they have the opportunity to transform the life of a student."

VISIBLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Serving on the boards of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Salvation Army, Dr. Carey has raised the institution's profile in the government, business and nonprofit communities and encouraged others in the organization to do so as well.

"These are people who know that Friends helps improve the quality of life in the community, but often don't really know how," Dr. Lewis said. "And Amy Carey has been very specific and committed that businesspersons, government leaders and the civic community know who Friends is and know our strengths."

Gary Plummer, president and CEO of the Wichita Chamber, recalled a breakfast last fall where faculty, community leaders and Friends alumni were updated on the state of the University. He noted that one attendee mentioned that Dr. Carey played a key role in the organization's rejuvenation. She will demur, Plummer said, but it was clear to him that "Dr. Carey has built a tremendous culture and is having a great impact."

"She has been a strong advocate of students, faculty and staff working with the Wichita community and making a difference in the outside world," Pendleton said. "As she makes connections in the community, she has found internship opportunities for my students."

BUILDING AND PROCLAIMING A 'UNIQUE' COMMUNITY

Under her direction, faculty, staff and students are embracing Friends University's Quaker roots.

"The school has returned to its authentic and historic Christian roots," Dr. Lewis said. "In the eyes of parents, alumni, students and the Friends church, this transition has been welcome.

Amy Carey is encouraging the campus community to ensure that mission is being supported and promoted."

"We are very unique among Christian universities because we are inclusive, loving and winsome and yet stand firmly on our Christian values and beliefs," Dr. Carey said. "Because of our strong heritage as a Quaker institution, we have a history as a diverse and civil community."

And it's a community she wants to enjoy for years to come, saying, "My plan is to be a part of Friends University for as long as the community will have me."

"The thing we have appreciated during her tenure is that she is exactly the person she presented during the search process," Dr. Lewis said. "Amy Carey is a superb leader. She's happy here, and we're happy to have her."

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— Dr. Amy Bragg Carey

worried about making a wrong decision. In these situations we have to be intentional and say, 'This is your opportunity to lead,'" Dr. Carey said. "The role of leadership is to empower others and encourage their followership and support."

"She has an open-door policy with all University stakeholders and welcomes input from faculty, staff and students about the business of the University," said Pendleton, one of three faculty nominated by Dr. Carey to go through a leadership academy from the Kansas Independent College Association. "University resources have been allocated toward leadership training for people from all walks of the University and faculty and staff are encouraged to use their leadership skills."

"Dr. Carey has been very good at taking good people and encouraging them to be better," Dr. Lewis said. "And she's not afraid of making hard decisions. A good leader needs to have the compassionate capacity to tell people no. It can be done thoughtfully and compassionately, and Amy has been good at that balance."



Friends University President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey actively encourages leadership growth opportunities for students and other University groups.



PATHWAYS TO LEADERSHIP

Alumni discover their leadership potential to succeed and help others

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

For C. Patrick Woods, Friends University provided a “ticket to the world” for a football-playing kid from Oklahoma.

For Damon Young, a youth pastor before venturing into the business world to support his young family, Friends provided tools for putting servant leadership to work in the workplace and community.

For Janet Dickinson, the university and supportive faculty showed her that, after a junior year car accident claimed her voice, career hopes and confidence, she still possessed the tools to succeed.

At Friends, Woods, Young and Dickinson learned not only how to do things but also the valuable lesson that they could do things, and they could lead others toward common goals as well.

C. PATRICK WOODS, 2003 POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE

Woods worked on campaigns in college, was a community organizer in Oakland, visited Selma with civil rights legend John Lewis, met Fidel Castro and handled education policy in the Sebelius administration.

He’s now director of talent management and diversity at Westar, helping recruit for the utility and promote science and technology careers. For a decade, he’s served on the Topeka school board, urging creation of a dual-language magnet among other initiatives in the district where his wife teaches and their children go to school.

None of that could have happened, he said, without the opportunities he had

at Friends, where he came to study zoo science but gravitated to political science. He served in the student senate and as president of the Multicultural Student Assembly and captain of the football team. With encouragement from such professors as Dr. Jerry Smarrt, C.G. Chacko, Carolyn Schmidt and Dr. Gretchen Eick, “I learned how capable I was.”

Friends provided two other key experiences. One was studying abroad, where he honed his Spanish but also observed how — despite the differences in cultures, language and race — “we are all truly the same people.”

The second was “being educated in a place whose world view is all about service. At Friends, you had people not just teaching religion but also talking about what you were doing for your fellow man.”

DAMON YOUNG, 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP GRADUATE

Young came to Friends University as an adult seeking knowledge that would build upon his experience in ministry and as a manager with a sod business. Now vice president of Mahaney Roofing Co., Young has put his organizational management and leadership degree to good use.

Active in the Wichita and Kansas chambers of commerce, he serves on the President’s Advisory Council at Friends and last spring presented in Friends’ Those Who Lead, Read series.

At Friends, he learned “the culture you build is as important as what you build.” That philosophy is helpful at Mahaney, which like many roofing companies providing hard, physical work, often attracts workers from “troubled backgrounds who need a second or third chance.”



C. Patrick Woods

PHOTO BY DAVID EULITT



Damon Young

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

"When you see the revolving door, at some point it makes sense that leadership is just the right thing to do, but it also makes sense in that it gets turnover down and retention up. And it's worked," he said.

"We've started teaching leadership classes before work to most of our employees, trying to help them see the opportunities to exercise leadership wherever they may be, and that anyone can lead anytime, anywhere. Leadership is whoever sees the way they can make a difference, whether on a job site or in someone's personal life."

Young, his wife, Kate, and their five children live in Sedgwick, a town facing challenges of a "lack of gathering places and limited art and cultural avenues." The Youngs and two other local families saw the need and bought and renovated a building for The Meeting House, a coffee house and gathering spot. It recently received a Leadership Transformation Grant from the Kansas Leadership Center.

The non-profit was started to bring the community together — families, high school and college students, the elderly — "people are sharing the space in ways that are rewarding to see. When you go in there, you see a snapshot of the demographic in Sedgwick. The idea that you could use leadership to advance others is something I took away from Friends and tried to apply," Young said.

JANET DICKINSON, 1987 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION GRADUATE

Dickinson grew up on a wheat farm near Manter, in far southwest Kansas, and came to Friends to train for her dream job: teaching.

She was on track until her junior year, when an accident sent the car's glove box flying into her throat, requiring nine surgeries and several more since to repair damage and restore some ability to speak. Student teaching sixth-graders convinced her she needed to look beyond teaching in a traditional classroom and find a unique path.

The Friends community helped her recover and find an exciting new vision for her future — learning sign language and teaching deaf children.

"When life and unexpected hardships came, I knew I had an army of supporters that helped me move beyond the immediate tragedy and see that I could still do something amazing," said Dickinson, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

"I won the Friends Outstanding Junior Woman award that year after my car accident. It was unbelievably important to me to build my confidence back," Dickinson said.

The educational foundation she gained at Friends is something she uses to this day as an author and national leader in

deaf education. Having led deaf schools and statewide programs in Colorado, New York and Arkansas, she has put this knowledge to good use. She currently leads a staff of nearly 200 employees serving deaf children from birth to 21 years across the state of Arkansas - in homes, public schools and on a beautiful residential campus in Little Rock. She believes her time in the Friends residence halls provided a model for running the residential program in Little Rock that's now home to 150 deaf students.

"One of the most powerful things in being an effective leader is building strong relationships and using those positive connections to inspire and motivate those around you. When you face adversity and come out loving your new life, it is an inspiration.

"I can always look back on that time, and think, 'God used that experience to bring a beautiful life together, and I am so thankful for that. I have a deaf husband who is an architect. I have three adopted deaf children from Eastern Europe. I would never have even thought of that future if the car accident had not happened.'"



COURTESY PHOTO

Janet Dickinson



SUMMER MINISTRY TEAM:

Students learn leadership skills and help others grow in their faith during new Campus Ministries initiative

COMPILED BY GISELE MCMINIMY



Six Friends University students strengthened their leadership skills as part of a new Summer Ministry Team experience this past summer from June through early August. The team was given extensive training through Campus Ministries and then served at various camps in multiple states, including Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota and Colorado. They were trained to lead worship, small groups, games, skits and crafts, as well as serve as cabin counselors.

The team consisted of: Miranda Tenove, sophomore in religion and philosophy, with an emphasis in Christian Spiritual Formation and minors in human services-psychology and business; Nathaniel Filer, sophomore in computer science and Christian Spiritual Formation with a minor in music; Eileen Price, senior in music education with a minor in religion and philosophy; Jarod Daniel, sophomore in

music education; Sarah Mason, junior in religion and philosophy, with an emphasis in Christian Spiritual Formation and a minor in music; and Shawntel Shirkey, senior in music education.

We asked them to reflect on their experiences and how it helped them become better leaders and impact others' lives. To learn more about their experiences, visit friends.edu/summer-ministry.

WHAT LEADERSHIP SKILLS DID YOU IMPROVE THIS SUMMER?

Eileen: Preparation is key. I was amazed at how much organization was necessary to keep a camp running smoothly. I learned how to be better prepared for the unprepared. Life is constantly changing with different variables. This summer has significantly improved my ability to be adaptable.

Sarah: This summer I've grown as a

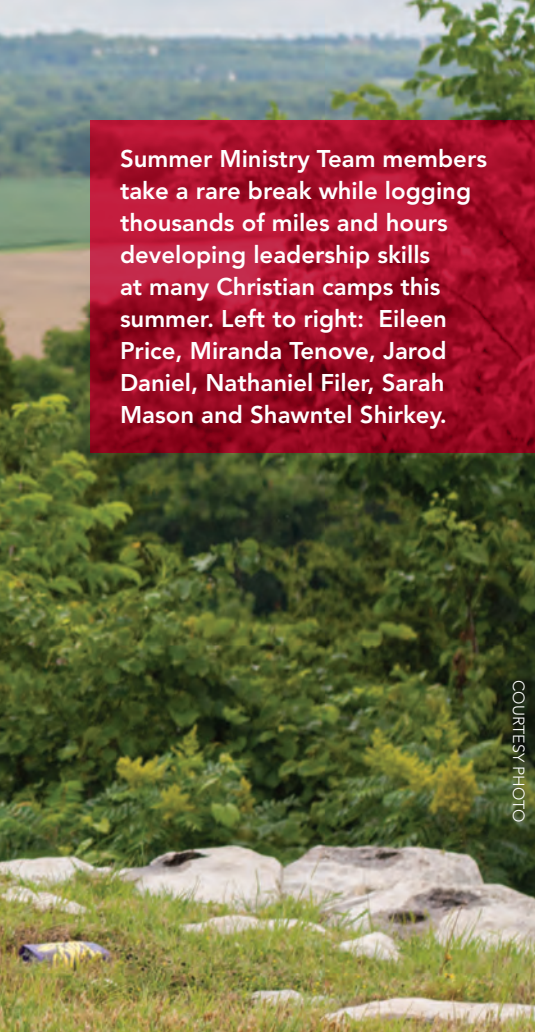
leader by becoming a better speaker, being more authoritative and outspoken, and have gotten better at recognizing peoples' behaviors and needs so I can better serve them.

Miranda: One of the most important things I learned is that true leading is serving. This summer we took on servant leadership in a way I have never done before. Servant leadership is the most important quality of leading. Christ led by serving, and I think that we often forget that.

ANY SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES YOU FACED?

Sarah: Learning to be authoritative yet loving with my campers. I dealt with that like I did with most challenges I faced this summer — by journaling, seeking God's truths and talking it out with a teammate.

Nathaniel: I didn't expect it to be so difficult for me to speak one-on-one



COURTESY PHOTO

Summer Ministry Team members take a rare break while logging thousands of miles and hours developing leadership skills at many Christian camps this summer. Left to right: Eileen Price, Miranda Tenove, Jarod Daniel, Nathaniel Filer, Sarah Mason and Shawntel Shirkey.

with students. I dreaded those times I had to pull an individual aside, whether it was because I needed to correct or reprimand them, or because I was attempting to enter a more serious or personal conversation. The stakes were higher in such close interactions. I had the opportunity to more strongly affect someone, for better or for worse, and it scared me. This fear drove me to a place of surrender to God. I understood my inability, and thus leaned on God's infinite ability. He didn't disappoint. The times I went into one-on-one conversations despite my fear were unbelievably rewarding.

DO YOU HAVE ADVICE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS ABOUT IMPROVING LEADERSHIP SKILLS?

Eileen: Try things that scare you. Be willing to step out into the unknown even if this new encounter is similar to a

previous experience. Getting out of our comfort zones is where transformation happens and when change occurs. On our own, we are not able to completely alter ourselves. We must also allow positive outside forces to influence us. Everyone is born with the tools to be great leaders. However, the question is, "Am I willing to allow myself to be impacted, grown and changed?"

Sarah: Always keep an open mind and try to see all sides of a situation. Be a good listener and always find a new skill to work on. It is also important to humble yourself by being reminded that you don't know everything. Keep in the mindset that there is always something new to learn in class, about yourself and especially in your relationship with God. There is so much to look forward to!

Miranda: Lean into God, seek him out, live into your relationship with Him — all else will come. Focus on him, instead of focusing on changing or becoming. When we seek God we put ourselves in positions to be changed and used by His Holy Spirit. He will then guide and show you the areas in which he is molding and reconstructing us with his unfailing love.

WHAT WAS THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCE THIS SUMMER OVERALL?

Eileen: Engaging with young women across the United States. In getting to know each girl's story, I helped them better understand their spiritual gifts and encouraged them in the potential they themselves could not see. While teaching these girls, I myself was humbled and taught by them.

Nathaniel: Relationships. I had a group of five beautiful people on my team, got to meet hundreds of youth and worked with so many camp directors, program staff, cabin leaders and camp staff this summer. The best part about it was the context. The other leaders were going through the same difficult things I was, so friendships were made even stronger. It

is so important to lean on God when we cannot do something on our own. One of the ways He supports us is by giving us a community of people to surround and encourage us. That is certainly what happened to me this summer.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST IMPACTFUL MOMENT OF THE SUMMER?

Sarah: The last week of camp I got to share from my heart the things I had become passionate about over the summer and later that week one of my girls accepted Christ for the first time. I don't think I've ever been so full of joy before that moment.

Nathaniel: I helped a high school student begin to come to terms with his grief about his father, who died in January. We spent some time discussing who God is, and I did my best to answer his many questions. At the end of the week, he told me that for the first time, he felt like he could actually talk to God and hear from him — almost like he would talk to another person. In his sorrow, he was being comforted by God's presence.

Eileen: When I was in Colorado this summer I knew I had been placed at that camp with a purpose. I had one of the deepest conversations of the summer with one of the girls I was counseling. She discussed with me her desire to continue pursuing her relationship with God after leaving camp. She shared with me that prior to coming to camp she was battling with thoughts of taking her own life. This wonderful daughter of Christ shared that she heard God tell her to wait. God told her to not take her own life, but to go to camp. She told me she was sure it was because she was supposed to meet me — that God knew I would be at that very camp. I was blown away! Her desire to rededicate her life to God was so pure and raw. Her eagerness to find that relationship that only God can fill is one of the reasons I am so strongly passionate about ministry.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2017

Investing in and inspiring Friends University leaders

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

More than 60 Friends University faculty, staff and students gained inspirational insights into what it takes to be a great leader as part of the Global Leadership Summit Aug. 10-11. The registrations to attend the Wichita host site at Century II were paid with funding provided by the DeBoer Foundation.

The Global Leadership Summit, a simulcast broadcasted to more than 400,000 individuals across the world, featured such leaders as Sheryl Sandberg,

COO of Facebook; Gary Haugen, founder and CEO of International Justice Mission; and Andy Stanley, one of the top 10 most influential pastors in America.

Ben Hutton, CEO of Hutton Construction and a 2008 Friends MBA graduate, has organized the event in Wichita for two years. He is passionate about the summit for many reasons — he loves learning, leadership and the city.

“Changes (from the summit) all start with an individual, but they ripple

through our city, and eventually the world,” Hutton said.

Friends University’s president, Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, followed up on the summit by explaining that Friends is striving to be “uniquely better.” Prior to the summit, she wrote an article for The Wichita Eagle noting the event “brings together people in our community seeking to improve both themselves and the world around them.”

Dr. Jeremy Gallegos, professor of philosophy and ethics and division chair of Christian and liberal studies, called the summit a great introduction to leadership for novices and a fantastic reminder for those who are veterans or even experts in leadership.

“I hope others in the community craft talking points around the material as Dr. Carey does,” Dr. Gallegos said. “She has adopted the ‘uniquely better’ language, and I think that is the best way to utilize the material. Talk about it. Share it. Integrate it.”

THOSE WHO LEAD, READ SERIES

Presenters share influential books on leadership, faith and change

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Dr. David Carter, assistant professor and program director of the organizational leadership and transformational change program at Friends University, felt students and the Wichita community could benefit from a leadership series that features leaders talking about their favorite books on leadership, faith or organizational change.

When he learned a donor was underwriting faculty innovation grants at Friends, Dr. Carter applied for and received a grant to cover the costs of implementing the Those Who Lead, Read

program last spring. He implemented the program in conjunction with Anne Crane, director of Edmund Stanley Library, last January.

“This is a great opportunity for our students and members of the larger community to learn from established leaders about how they have benefited from inspirational and life-changing books,” Dr. Carter said. “The series helps us all grow and develop our own leadership skills that we need to succeed in today’s world.”

Speakers this fall have included Dr.

John Hofmeister, former president of Shell Oil Co., who discussed the book “Executive Leadership: A Practical Guide to Managing Complexity” and presenter Mark McCormick, executive director of The Kansas African American Museum, who discussed “Between the World and Me.” Past speakers have included Steven Wade, Boeing’s director of F-15 Middle East Sustainment Programs; Damon Young, vice president of Mahaney Roofing Company; and Brent E. Edmisten, vice president of global supply chain, engineering and logistics at Excel Industries Inc.

The group typically meets on select Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Edmund Stanley Library, but the schedule is subject to change depending on speaker availability. Learn more about upcoming dates, speakers and book selections and join a livestream if you can’t attend in person at friends.edu/read.

DONOR PROFILE

Dave and Debbie Depew

LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

BY DAVID ALEXANDER AND AMY SHELDEN, '17

Dave Depew's experiences as an adult student at Friends University helped open doors to a more successful career at Cessna Aircraft Co. Since then, the two-time graduate and long-time Friends University Board of Trustee member and his wife, Debbie, have given back to Friends to help others have those same opportunities.

"If I did not have the opportunity to come to Friends at night to complete my degree, I would not have had the opportunity to advance in my career so I could be in a position to give back," Dave said.

While working at Cessna, Dave realized finishing his undergraduate degree could help his career. He received tuition reimbursement and completed his bachelor's degree in human resource management in 1994. He then decided to pursue his master's degree in management at Friends, graduating in 1999.

Dave became a member of the Alumni Advisory Council and looked for ways to engage non-traditional adult students like himself. In 2002, he was invited to join the Friends board of trustees.

He continues to be a strong advocate

of non-traditional adult students and lifelong learning. Dave currently serves as chair of the Student Affairs Committee and notes he has had many opportunities "to live vicariously through our traditional students." He greatly enjoys being part of the Board of Trustees and promoting the University's Christian mission.

Dave and Debbie avidly support Falcon athletics and Fine Arts. They attend many home and away football and basketball games and follow volleyball and baseball. Their interest in basketball prompted the Depews to see a need to add the image of the University mascot, Freddy Falcon, to the Garvey Gymnasium floor. Because the University could not budget for this, they decided to fund the project themselves.

Dave and Debbie are also supporters of Fine Arts, especially the vocal and instrumental jazz programs, where their support enriches students' artistic experiences. This year, the Depews are generously supporting the 25th Annual Jazz Festival, and a big reason is jazz program director Lisa Hittle.

"Lisa's organizing of the annual Jazz Festival has provided a great opportunity

for students from all around the Midwest to listen to, learn from and perform with some of the great clinicians in the jazz music industry," Dave said. "Because of that exposure to professional musicians, both instrumental and vocal jazz programs at Friends have grown and have been recognized as two of the finest in the Midwest. Trust us, you don't want to miss a Friends Jazz concert!"

The Depews have also been faithful supporters of the Falcon Fund.

"Supporting the Falcon Fund is vital because it directly supports student scholarships. These funds are invested directly in students and their educational experiences," Dave said. "I wish all Friends alumni would support students on a yearly basis."

The Depews love the University and what it stands for. Dave notes the symbolic nature of the Davis clock tower on the Friends campus.

"It truly is a beacon for the city and a lighthouse for Christ," he said.

Similarly, Dave and Debbie Depew have been a beacon of generosity and faithful leadership at Friends University.

To join the Depews and enhance students' educational experiences through the Falcon Fund, please contact University Advancement at university_advancement@friends.edu or visit friends.edu/give.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

HISPANIC INITIATIVE TO CREATE NEW GENERATION OF LEADERS

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Nohemi Pineda is the first in her family to graduate high school and go to college. She was part of AVID during high school, and she is one of six new Latino Leaders at Friends University.

The Latino Leader program is one of several new initiatives Friends has launched to attract and retain Hispanic students. Studies show that while more Hispanic and Latino students are enrolling in college, they lag behind other groups in completing their degrees.

"Friends University is implementing some unique efforts to address this issue that other institutions haven't done," said Dr. Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish.

Dr. Smartt said the initiatives began after she participated in a faculty group that was focused on how faculty could better serve students. She started thinking about how she could make the Spanish program more relevant and attract more Hispanic students to Friends.

Her research and other efforts

ultimately led to the recent implementation of the Hispanic Initiative, which consists of three aspects: the Latino Leaders program; the Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO); and a new emphasis on interpretation and translation for the Spanish degree.

LATINO LEADERS

This program identifies and gives scholarships to high-performing students of Latino descent who seek to lead and be mentored. Four female and two male students were selected for the pilot project this summer and attended an intensive two-day orientation session in August, organized by Dr. Smartt and Sarah Keasler.

Each student is being mentored by three different mentors — a peer student, a faculty member and a professional leader from the community. "No other university we know of is doing this level of mentorship," Dr. Smartt said. "The commitment of our mentors has been amazing. They are taking their roles very seriously."

The program also incorporates students' families into various activities as family support is critical to Latino student's success.

"Our goal is to develop leaders who can go back to their high schools and serve as ambassadors and mentors to help other Latino high school students realize a college degree is attainable," Dr. Smartt said.

HISPANIC AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION (HALO)

Formed in spring 2017, HALO is open to students of any ethnic background who want to learn more about Hispanic culture.

"We promote Hispanic culture and awareness, service to our campus and local community, and function as a support system for Hispanic students," said Teresa Molina, visiting lecturer in Spanish.

The group hosted approximately 40 high school students on campus last spring to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day and expects to host a larger group this spring. They also celebrated National



Friends University's six Latino Leaders sport their new t-shirts and pose with Sarah Keasler (far left) and Jerry Smartt (far right) during their orientation in August.

PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS

Hispanic Heritage Month this fall and are planning a Christmas service project.

SPANISH DEGREE FOCUSED ON INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION

In fall 2016, Dr. Smartt changed the focus of the Spanish program to interpretation and translation so the program will better meet the demands of students and graduates in the 21st century.

“Demand for interpreters and translators is growing rapidly due to increasing globalization,” Dr. Smartt said. “Graduates with the ability to speak fluently and translate Spanish will be a great asset to their businesses as organizations communicate in an increasingly global marketplace.”

Dr. Smartt hopes these new initiatives will make a difference for Hispanic students by increasing graduation rates and creating a new generation of leaders.

“It’s been wonderful to see the growth in our young men and women this fall,” Dr. Smartt said. “I can’t wait to see the amazing work they will do in the world once they graduate.”

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Adrienne Foster, Chairwoman of the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and executive director of the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission, speaks to Latino Leaders about leadership during the summer orientation session.

Martha Lattner Walker and her son, Andrew Harris, visit campus to see the renovated tennis courts dedicated in honor of Forrest C. Lattner.

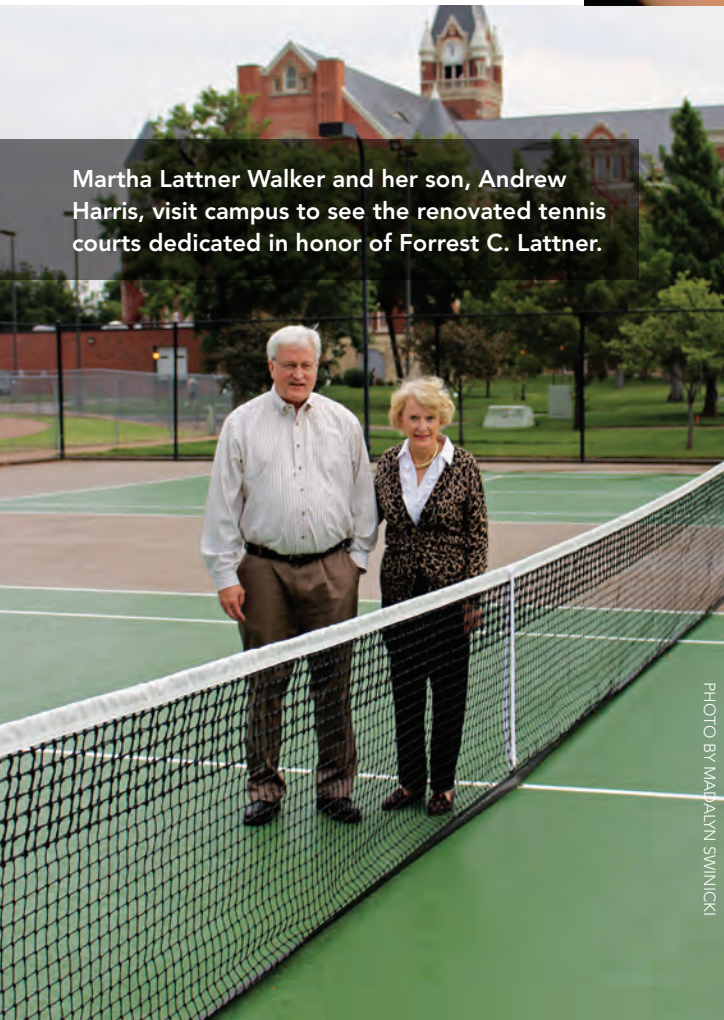


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LATTNER FOUNDATION FUNDS TENNIS COURT RENOVATION


BY GISELE MCMINIMY

The Forrest C. Lattner Tennis Courts were renovated prior to the start of the men’s and women’s tennis competition this fall through a grant from the Lattner Family Foundation. The tennis courts are the result of a long-standing relationship with the Lattner family.

Andrew Harris, a 1989 graduate in business administration, wrote a letter to his grandfather, Forrest C. Lattner, in 1987 regarding a potential gift to the tennis team. Unfortunately, Mr. Lattner passed away before the gift could be realized. However, the Lattner Foundation established in Mr. Lattner’s honor later funded the renovation of four championship courts on Friends’ campus in 1994 (dedicated in 1995). This allowed the men’s and women’s tennis programs to return to campus for competitions and practice.

Mr. Lattner worked on Wall Street as an investment banker and founded two companies after moving to Florida in the early 1940s. The Lattner Family Foundation supports deserving causes in health and social services, education, the humanities, and the environment in the foundation trustees’ local communities.

Friends is deeply grateful to the Lattner family for many years of supporting athletics projects, scholarships and much more.



Friends University's new cyber lab offers students an opportunity to practice "real world, real-time network defense."

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AND CYBER LAB OFFER STUDENTS REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

Friends University launched a bachelor's degree program in cyber security for adults this fall, joining the master's program launched in fall 2016. Students in both programs will receive some of their schooling in a secure cyber lab that opened this fall and was dedicated in early October. In addition, the Computer Information Systems program for adult undergraduates is refocusing to place an even greater emphasis on skills employers seek.

"They're all concrete steps in pursuit of a broader goal," said Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and the Graduate School. "As we think about preparing people for the work force, they really need an understanding of the organization but also of how digital technology has become the centerpiece. Organizations function well when that occurs, and organizations struggle when they haven't really embraced the technology and reaped its benefits."

Assistant Professor Jonathan Lanning said the CIS program's shift in focus is designed to better prepare graduates to help employers embrace technology.

"We want to produce graduates who understand the management of systems and Day One on the job can find out what type of systems people are using and very quickly integrate themselves into the business. They can really be a part of making or keeping a business successful."

Justin Eichorn, who previously worked with Koch Pipeline, came aboard this summer to lead the bachelor's program in cyber security.

"The IT environment is moving to not be just IT but to help the company in ways beyond just systems or cyber security. Accounting knowledge and being able to think economically are assets. The focus will be on creating graduates that have that business mind and anticipate their customer's needs."

Friends offers math and science

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majors, but the cyber security programs represent a full-fledged venture into majors involving all the elements of STEM — science, technology, engineering and math. The new cyber lab, consisting of seven pods where teams of students will confront simulations, is a tool in that venture.

“The purpose is to create a safe environment where students can explore how all this stuff works. They will work together as a small operation to do real world, real-time network defense,” Lanning said. “They can see something bad happen for real so they’ll recognize it when they are out doing their job. If you rely on software to identify it, then you’re always going to be behind the bad guy.”

Dr. Hofmeister noted that students can connect and participate in the lab remotely. “They will experience, as though they are in the lab, what students in the lab are experiencing. They will see

and hear the faculty member; some will be in their home and some in the lab but will work together from disparate places.”

Lanning came to Friends from the Air Force and still serves with the Kansas Air National Guard. The ties to McConnell Air Force Base and its 184th Intelligence Wing are strong and will supply some cyber security students.

Justin Eichorn (left), assistant professor of cyber defense and program director of computer information systems/cyber security, visits with U.S. Congressman Ron Estes about the new Friends University cyber lab.

SATURDAY SESSIONS STRENGTHEN TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND BENEFIT COMMUNITY

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

Some students helped with a mailing and website for the South Central Kansas Problem Gambling Task Force. Others built a website for a nursing scholarship honoring the wife of a Friends University graduate. One project created a system to help Rotary clubs manage speakers, while another set up a database to track study abroad materials for the Friends-sponsored trip to London.

These “clients” received a good deal of technological assistance from about a dozen Friends students and two high school students who met two Saturdays a month during the last school year. Although the sessions had the intriguing title of Hack-A-Thons, students weren’t

trying to cause electronic mayhem. Instead, they were trying to hone real-world skills while helping others.

Dr. Dick Teter, professor of computer science and information systems, said he determined about a year ago that an outside-of-class opportunity — one without the pressure of grades — would be beneficial. With a \$1,000 grant from Friends for materials, coffee, doughnuts and fruit, the Saturday sessions began in fall 2016. They drew not only computer information systems students, but also graphic design and psychology majors.

“With this, the kids are willing to tackle things they tend to shy away from in class. It gives them a chance to stretch

themselves without the risk of failure,” Dr. Teter said.

Students met with clients to determine project goals, develop and test their work, train users, and provide documentation. They are meeting again this fall.

Monique King, a computer science senior, worked on the London database with Mary Harris. The project let King use skills learned in the classroom, work with a customer and engage in the trial-and-error problem solving she’ll encounter in her field.

“Everyone wants someone with experience, and this is experience,” King said. “It’s worth your Saturday. Totally worth it.”

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY APPOINTS NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

Friends University is pleased to announce the appointment of several new faculty and staff members.



▲ DAVID ALEXANDER

David Alexander is the new associate vice president of university advancement. Alexander joins Friends University after serving as the senior development officer for Newman University. His experience also includes being the director of development for the Via Christi Foundation, planned giving director for the YMCA of the Rockies and gift-planning advisor for the Salvation Army. Alexander has spent 28 years in finance- and development-related appointments. Prior to that, he served as senior pastor of two American Baptist churches. He is also a board member of Senior Services Inc. and Music Theatre for Young People.

▼ DR. JOSH HALONEN

Assistant Professor of Psychology Josh Halonen earned a Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of South Florida (USF) and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. His postdoctoral experience includes running the animal division of the Global Center for Hearing and Speech Research at USF and working with a behavioral therapeutic intervention for an animal model of Lou Gehrig's disease. At the University of Tampa, he instructed a range of courses in psychology while researching deliberate deception and linguistic fluctuations using polygraph measures.



◀ JUSTIN EICHORN

Justin Eichorn, assistant professor of cyber defense and program director of adult computer information systems/cyber security, earned a Master of Science in Cyber Security from Missouri State University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Pittsburg State University. Eichorn holds Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, CompTIA Security+ and CompTIA Network+ certifications. In addition to serving in the military as a civil affairs specialist, a communications specialist and an information assurance security officer, Eichorn has worked as a systems analyst at Koch Pipeline LLC and has taught at the Wichita Area Technical College.





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▼ **DR. KEN STOLTZFUS**

The new dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education is Dr. Ken Stoltzfus, who previously served as professor and chair of the Department of Social Work at Samford University. Dr. Stoltzfus received his Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University, his Master of Social Work from Temple University and his bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Stoltzfus has worked as a counselor and administrator at human service agencies, including a residential substance abuse treatment facility, a faith-based addiction treatment clinic and a community-based mental health program.

▲ **BRIAN POWERS**

Brian Powers, who holds an MBA from Baker University and a bachelor's degree in business management from Friends University, is the new director of the Master of Health Care Leadership program. He has served as an adjunct professor at Friends University since December 2015 and at Baker University from 2002 to 2006. He was the president and CEO of Seneca Healthcare Group from July 1996 to December 2015. Prior to that, he was a plant superintendent for Willamette Industries Inc.



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▲ **DR. MATTHEW SCHLONEGER**

Dr. Matthew Schloneger, assistant professor of voice, holds a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and a bachelor's degree from Goshen College. He served as voice professor at Hesston College from 2001 to 2017. Dr. Schloneger has performed with several opera theaters, including Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Operafestival di Roma and Wichita Grand Opera. He won the 2017 Van Lawrence Fellowship of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the Voice Foundation.

▼ **DR. KASSIA WAGGONER**

Dr. Kassia Waggoner joins Friends as an assistant professor of composition. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree from Hardin Simmons University and her Ph.D. from Texas Christian University. At TCU, she worked as a graduate instructor, women and gender studies core faculty member, and lecturer of English. She is the co-author of "Yours in Filial Regard: Civil War Letters of a Texas Family," and her research interests include Southern studies, epistolary studies, disability studies and digital humanities.

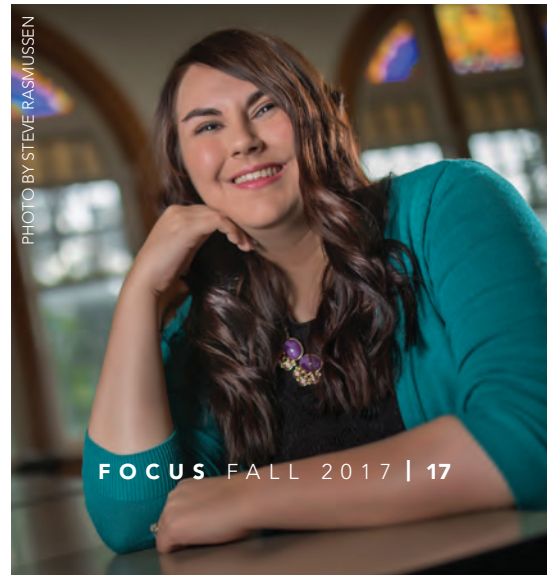


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WALZ HIRED AS NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Michael Walz, '05 and '07, has been hired as Friends University's new alumni director. A two-time graduate of Friends University, Michael earned a bachelor's in liberal studies (emphasis in business music) and a master's in management.

He served as student body president from 2004-05, was a Singing Quakers member and was heavily involved in Fine Arts, worked in the Davis Communications Center and worked on campus as a resident manager from 2005-08. As an alumnus, he has been active with the Singing Quakers Alumni Choir and helped previous alumni directors with Homecoming and other events.

He has 15 years of experience in customer service management and previously served as a national operations specialist for Amazon.com through Ricoh Americas where he served as the primary operations point of contact for 17 Amazon.com locations on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

Michael replaces Brie Boulanger, who has moved to a new position as director of development in University Advancement and will be focusing on building relationships with donors.

TWINS' ARTWORK FEATURED AS PART OF ICT CHALK TALKS



Maggie Newlin, '16, and Ellie Newlin, '16, drew a Wichita flag mural in chalk in summer 2017. The mural, located next to the ICT Pop-Up Park, was part of ICT Chalk Talks' monthly Final Friday feature. The twins both studied in the graphic design program at Friends.



ALEXANDER AND NAGY RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

BY BRIE BOULANGER, '15

PHOTO BY ETHAN HARVEY

Jim Nagy (left) and Earnest Alexander were named Distinguished Alumni during Homecoming festivities in October.

At Homecoming this fall, Friends University presented Earnest Alexander and Jim Nagy with the Distinguished Alumni Award. The award recognizes outstanding contributions made by alumni whose personal and professional accomplishments are exemplary of the ideals and values of the University, including respect, inclusion, service and excellence.

EARNEST ALEXANDER, 1979 GRADUATE

Born in Selma, Ala., Earnest Alexander and his six siblings were raised by his mom, a single parent who worked hard to lovingly provide for her children. During high school, Earnest received many awards, including being named as the representative from Connecticut for a national competition called "American Youth Performs." As a result, he performed at Carnegie Hall.

He came to Kansas and first studied at Butler County Community College and then at Friends University. He

traveled with the Singing Quakers and toured much of the United States. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance, he traveled with the Continental Orchestra throughout the United States and the Caribbean. Earnest has maintained a very close relationship with Dr. Cecil Riney and his wife, Verna, as well as many others from the Friends community.

Earnest has devoted his life to serving the Lord and reaching out to troubled and at-risk children. He is currently the president of Youth Horizons. Earnest has mentored many young people himself, serving as a father figure in many cases. He has taken several boys into his personal home when they had nowhere else to turn. He even adopted two of them, Paul Alexander and Ty Singleterry, both now adults. Many of the children with whom he has worked are now adults with families who are following Earnest's example and are mentoring other young people.

In addition to his work with young people, Earnest continues to travel extensively throughout the country and overseas, performing concerts at churches, schools and civic functions. Through his music and words, Earnest shares the love of Christ as well as his calling to help young people. He challenges others to strive for a closer walk with Christ and to get involved in the lives of young people.

JIM NAGY, 1977 GRADUATE

Jim Nagy is executive vice president of GM Financial-International Operations with responsibility for numerous global functions. He has been employed by the General Motors captive finance entity for more than 37 years. Jim has held numerous leadership roles in North America, Europe, South America and Mexico.

He was born and raised just outside Chicago in Evergreen Park, Ill., and was a standout basketball and baseball player recruited by Friends University to play both sports. Jim participated in many activities during his college days, including bit parts in theatrical events. He played on some very successful teams and was later individually named to the Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame. In the academic realm, he received a Murdock Scholarship for being outstanding within his subject area of sociology, in which he later earned a bachelor of arts degree.

When he is not traveling the globe, Jim enjoys spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He also loves tinkering around on the collection of cars he has amassed. Jim's philosophy is "it is better to give than receive." He continues to demonstrate this each day as he volunteers and supports many charities in addition to his church. He has worked with Special Olympics, United Way, and Junior Achievement to name a few. Jim served as president of the Board of Escuela Campo Alegre in Caracas, Venezuela.

MENELEY HIRED AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

BY LUKE DECHANT

Friends University hired Dion Meneley as the 17th Friends University Football Head Coach last spring, and he began his inaugural season at Friends this fall.

Prior to coming to Friends, Coach Meneley was in his fifth season at Hutchinson Community College as the assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. In his first four seasons at Hutchinson, Meneley's defenses produced six NJCAA All-Americans and 31 all-Jayhawk Conference performers. In 2012, the Blue Dragons led the Jayhawk conference in

pass defense scoring, they were second in total defense and second in rush defense.

In 2014, Meneley's defense was one of the best in the Jayhawk Conference. The 2014 Blue Dragons captured the program's first conference title and had its highest final national ranking of No. 4 after a record 11-1 season.

A native of Topeka, Meneley came to Hutchinson with experience at the NAIA and NCAA Division II levels. Before Hutchinson, Meneley was an assistant coach at Fort Hays State University where he was the defensive coordinator for the Tigers in 2011. He also coached the defensive line. Before that, he spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Southwestern College in Winfield.

Meneley was a two-time All-MIAA selection at outside linebacker and one-



Head Football Coach Dion Meneley discusses the outlook for the 2017 season during Football Media Day in August.

time All-MIAA selection at defensive end for Pittsburg State University. During his playing career, he was a part of three MIAA championships and the 1995 team that finished as the NCAA Division II runner-up. He was a team captain for the Gorillas in 1999.

Meneley received his bachelor's degree in general studies from Pittsburg State University and his master's degree in leadership from Southwestern College.



Head Softball Coach Tony Segovia accepts the KCAC Champions of Character Coach of the Year award in August.

Friends University's head softball coach Tony Segovia has been selected as the 2016-17 KCAC Champions of Character Coach of the Year presented by IMA, Inc. and Dissinger Reed. Segovia was recognized at the KCAC Sport Management Conference Aug. 8 at York College.

In his 13 seasons as the head coach of the Falcons, Segovia was named KCAC Coach of the year seven times (2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2016) and in 2008 he was named Region IV Coach of the Year. Segovia has earned five KCAC regular season titles, six KCAC tournament championships

athletes are students first as he allows them to be late to practice when coming from class and allows them to leave early to go to class," said Friends Head Volleyball Coach Martin Ayin. "To me, he has been a coach of character years before NAIA Champions of Character ever came about. He holds his integrity before his team every day in practice, games and even out of season."

"The softball teams consistently rank in the top grade point average for the University and the conference," said Friends Vice President of Student Affairs and Director of Athletics Dr. Carole Obermeyer said. "The women are highly

SEGOVIA SELECTED AS KCAC CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER COACH OF YEAR

BY KANSAS COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STAFF

and has appeared in six NAIA tournaments. In addition, Segovia earned win No. 400 during the Falcons' annual tournament at Two Rivers Youth Club back in March.

"Tony believes his

involved in campus activities and events. Tony recruits and retains high quality students who graduate and continue in building families and careers."

Segovia is credited with teaching his student-athletes to show respect to everyone on campus. They go out of their way to say thank you and acknowledge the cafeteria staff, maintenance department, faculty and staff. His student-athletes are always asked to volunteer at events on campus because of their strong work ethic and their desire to do an outstanding job. Community Service is a huge part of what they do to show athletes how to make a difference in someone's life.

"I take my position as a college head coach very seriously," Segovia said. "I realize that I am going to affect their lives greatly with how I conduct myself and what kind of example I set. The wins and losses will come and go, but character is something that lasts a lifetime."

ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS GIVE FALCONS ANOTHER REASON TO CHEER

BY DEB STOCKMAN

Friends University student-athletes and Falcon fans will be pleased to note that Friends athletic facilities are looking nicer these days, with many of the improvements being funded by donors.

The most noticeable improvements made this fall can be seen in the Garvey Physical Education Center where the gym was repainted and the gym floor was refinished by adding graphics of Freddy Falcon, the KCAC logo and the NAIA logo on the basketball court. New banners displaying our former championship teams were also hung.

"The addition of the logos on the gym floor and the new championship banners give continued recognition to the Friends University winning tradition, season after season," said Dr. Carole Obermeyer, Friends University vice president of student affairs and director of athletics.

"The coaches, student-athletes and fans thank the donors who made these improvements possible. Because of them, the gymnasium is bright, updated and reflects the excellence of Friends University athletics."

One racquetball court was also converted into a new locker room that will be used by both the men's (fall) and women's (spring) soccer teams. Lockers were moved in, benches built and a rubber floor was installed over the racquetball court.

"The addition of the new soccer locker room is exciting for our student-athletes," said Brent Hobson, head coach of women's soccer. "It's valuable having a space where your team can come together and prepare for a match. This will be a benefit to both the men's and women's programs. We

will also be able to hold meetings and film sessions in the locker room. We're looking forward to this for the upcoming season."

Several additional locker room improvements were made including renovation of the upstairs football locker rooms where carpet was removed and the floor and walls were painted. The downstairs men's locker room received a fresh coat of paint for the walls, floors and shower areas, and the downstairs women's locker room was split into two so that one side will now be for women's basketball and the other side will be for volleyball. Again, carpet was removed; walls, floors and shower areas were painted; and new lockers were installed.

Fans will have to watch the stats to see if these facility improvements also improve the teams' performance! Be sure to check the athletics website to find the 2017-18 master schedule of athletic events at friendsathletics.com.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BY LEVI CONVIRS

Friends University inducted the following alumni into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame Friday, Oct. 6.

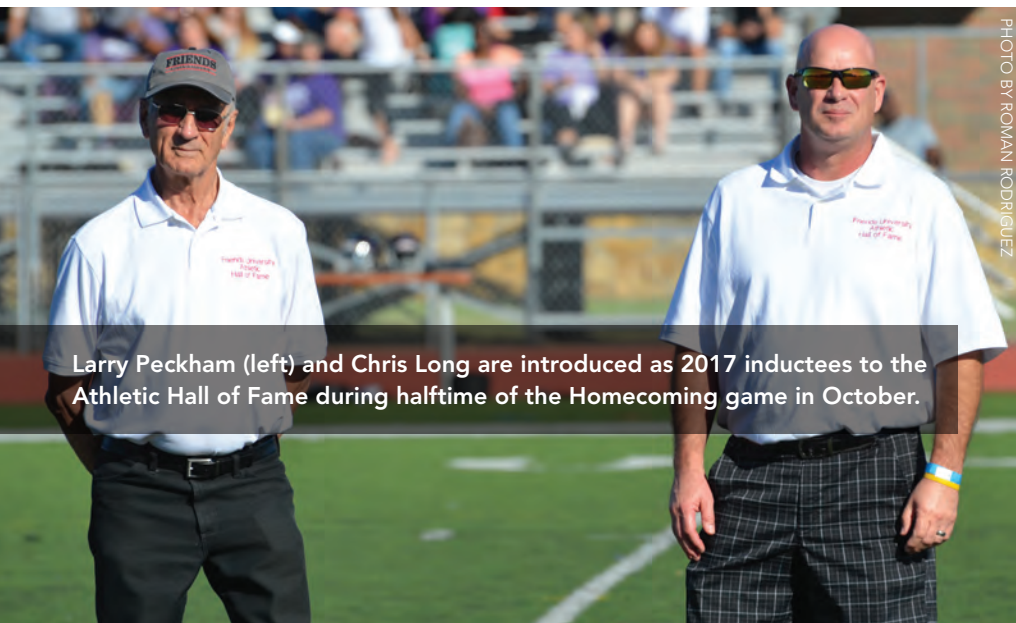
Chris Long, a 1992 graduate, played baseball, basketball and football while attending Friends University. He lettered in all three sports and became a member of the 1987 KCAC Championship Basketball team. In 1987, Long was named NAIA All-American Honorable

Mention Defensive Back and KCAC First Team Defensive Back. In 1988, he served as the football team's captain.

Since graduation, Long has remained involved in athletics. He has traveled across the country while playing on several slow pitch softball teams. In 2006, he played on a competitive softball team in Kansas and won a World Championship Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev.

Larry Peckham, a 1959 graduate, was a starter in basketball and baseball for four years at Friends University. In addition to playing and lettering in basketball and baseball, he also played and lettered in track, football and tennis.

After graduating, Larry taught and coached for 23 years and was the youth director at the Salina YMCA for six years. His last teaching and coaching position was for seven years at College Heights Christian School in Joplin, Mo. Since retirement, Larry has continued to serve as a substitute teacher.



Larry Peckham (left) and Chris Long are introduced as 2017 inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame during halftime of the Homecoming game in October.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY RANKINGS ROUNDUP

Programs and institution rank highly
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second year in row

MBA PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SIX SIGMA CERTIFICATION

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR

Friends University's Professional and Global MBA programs with the Supply Chain Management and Logistics concentration will equip students to become certified Green Belts in Six Sigma. Starting in spring 2018, students will have the option to complete a course designed to prepare them to pass the Six Sigma Green Belt certification examination.

The Six Sigma course, offered exclusively on campus, will familiarize students with 5 Whys, 5S, Cause & Effect, Design of Experiments (DOE), Failure Modes and Effect Analysis (FMEA), Kanban and more.

"Corporate businesses today are demanding highly skilled employees and are offering Six Sigma training to key leaders and front-line employees," said Kenny Bui, adjunct faculty of business management with Black Belt certification. "Friends is considered one of the best private institutions in the Midwest and to have the Six Sigma program available as part of our MBA program builds strong, positive relationships between graduates and their employers."

A few of the Six Sigma certificate-granting organizations that students may consider receiving the Green Belt certification from are the American Society for Quality, International Association for Six Sigma Certification, Management and Strategy Institute. Some organizations have additional requirements.

"Six Sigma has been shown to be of value to employers, to help strengthen teams and to increase customer satisfaction," Bui said. "Now, Friends University graduates will be able to stand out from Day One and display proficiency and expertise in continuous improvement, to increase desirability by employers, and to potentially increase salary earnings."

FACULTY MEMBERS RELEASE BOOKS IN 2017

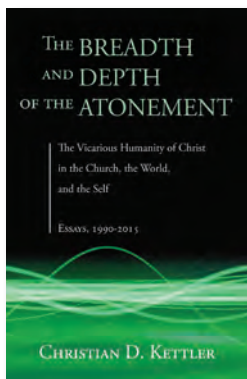
Four Friends University faculty members wrote and/or edited books that were released in 2017



Dr. James Bryan Smith is the executive director of the Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation and author of the bestselling book "The Good and Beautiful God." In August, he debuted the first volume of a new book series. The new

book is titled "The Magnificent Story: Uncovering a Gospel of Beauty, Goodness and Truth."

Dr. Chris Kettler, professor of theology and religion, wrote his fourth book on the vicarious



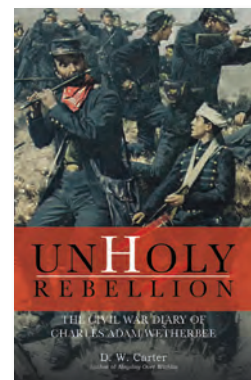
humanity of Christ. "The Breadth and Depth of the Atonement: The Vicarious Humanity of Christ in the Church, the World, and the Self: Essays, 1990-2015" was published in June.

In "Will God Have a Carseat for Me in Heaven?: What Our Children's Questions Teach Us About Life,"

Dr. Jim Maddox, professor of business, describes the comments and questions of his four children throughout the past five years. The book was released in March.



"Unholy Rebellion: The Civil War Diary of Charles Adam Wetherbee," edited by **Dr. David Carter**, assistant professor and program director of the organizational leadership and transformational change program, gives readers a detailed view of the life of a Union infantryman. The diary was released in January. He is the author of the previously released "Mayday Over Wichita: The Worst Military Aviation Disaster in Kansas History."





FRIENDS UNIVERSITY JAZZ FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS THIS FEBRUARY

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

Each fall Lisa Hittle, assistant professor of music and director of the jazz program, asks musicians auditioning for her jazz bands whether they had ever gone to the Friends University Jazz Festival. More than half raise their hands.

Mission accomplished.

The festival — marking its 25th anniversary this February — has come a long way from the first one Hittle organized in 1993 with the mission of letting young musicians and their instructors know Friends actually had a jazz program. Three high school bands came that first year, and four bands the

next. Now, 30 to 40 bands from high schools, middle schools and community colleges come each year.

“They’re on our campus, they’re interacting with my students, because they run the festival. They’re hearing my groups. They’re in our facility, and they just kind of get the vibe that jazz is a real vibrant and important thing on this campus,” Hittle said. “Oftentimes they’ll come audition for us, and they’ll come here.”

And then there is the wide variety of jazz musicians and singers who have come to Wichita and, often, lent their talents for student workshops. Flugelhornist Clark Terry, who blew with Count Basie and Duke Ellington, really “catapulted the festival into what it is now” with a sold-out show at the Orpheum in 2000. Other memorable visitors include the Basie Orchestra, pianist Cyrus Chestnut, the Big Phat Band and, last year, Jane Bunnett and Maqueque.

To mark the 25th milestone, the 2018 festival — Feb. 16 and 17 — will feature two nights of concerts at Sebitts Auditorium and spotlight musicians who’ve been regulars in Wichita. The Friday show stars Carmen Bradford, singer for the Count Basie Orchestra, while Saturday’s gig includes an All-Star Sextet of Bobby Watson on sax, Matt Wilson on drums, Lee Rucker on trumpet, Jerry Hahn on guitar, Glenn Holmes on bass and, on piano, Hittle’s son Nathan.

The festival’s educational component follows a consistent format. During the day on Friday and Saturday, high school and other bands each get 45 minutes to play and then work with a clinician, sometimes one of the headliners, sometimes other professional clinicians Hittle recruits. They also get to hear the Friends jazz group during lunchtime concerts.

“The festival is geared toward education rather than competition, and the students love it,” said Kevin Brightup, a Friends music grad who has been bringing the Andover Central Middle School group for years. “Lisa brings in clinicians who are world-class musicians, but who also know how to communicate a love of jazz with this upcoming generation.”

“My students have benefited from getting to work with top jazz musicians and educators, as well as having the opportunity to hear live jazz from some of the top performers from around the world,” said Maranda Wilson, band director at Wichita’s East High School.

Hittle’s college musicians benefit as well, getting to know the pros and gain experience running a festival.

“My students get the chance to perform with all these guest artists, which is an amazing experience, and often take part in master classes or even private lessons,” Hittle said. “In general, jazz people are the nicest people on the planet. They’re really easy to deal with; they are great working with students. I try really hard to give them the VIP treatment, because word gets around. I want them to come back or tell so and so, ‘I was there and it was great.’”



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

Jazz Director Lisa Hittle looks forward to celebrating Friends University Jazz Festival’s 25th anniversary in February.

ACCOUNTING COURSE PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, JUNIOR

During a managerial accounting course in summer 2016, Jan Marple (now a 2017 graduate with a bachelor's degree in business management) designed a prototype for yard signs that support unions. The signs caught the attention of union leaders, and they displayed the signs at their union headquarters in Maryland.

Diane Miller, a Friends University adjunct professor who teaches the managerial accounting course, asks each of her students to create a hypothetical startup business, which she calls the Build Your Own Business (BYOB) project. Students prepare two papers about their businesses using accounting techniques taught in the class, and they present their findings to the class.

Miller allows the students to use three components to create a product for a business. Using ink, a sign and a sign holder as her three components,



Marple based her business on one of her passions — union labor.

“I am grateful for the experience and to Diane Miller for her leadership,” Marple said. “She challenged us to open our minds and broaden our thought processes; therefore, I was able to produce a product that promotes union labor, something I believe in strongly.”

Marple told her local union lodge about her BYOB project at Friends, and

her lodge financed the purchase of 250 signs. Several members from the union headquarters, in Upper Marlboro, Md., noticed Marple's signs while visiting a district union office in Wichita. The

union leaders purchased a few of Marple's signs and displayed them at their union headquarters in Upper Marlboro, Md., and at their education and technology center in Hollywood, Md.

“The project serves the needs of adult learners well,” Miller said. “It allows them to integrate their new knowledge

about accounting. All of my accounting classes, including those with traditional undergraduate students, do a variation of this project; and in the past, it has been a successful alternative to pencil-and-paper exams.”

Miller has used the project-as-evaluation method in her classes since 2008 when a professor at a technical college in Wisconsin introduced her to the idea.

FALL CHAPEL THEME: EMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US!

PHOTO BY ROMAN RODRIGUEZ



Amena Brown, poet, speaker, author and event host, speaks to students at Friends University Chapel Sept. 14. Chapel has been moved to 11 to 11:50 on Thursdays this fall and spring. To learn about speakers for the rest of the fall semester and future semesters, visit friends.edu/chapel. The webpage also features a link to join the Chapel livestream if you can't get to campus in person.



Lee and Beverly Gatton's estate gift will impact future generations of Friends University students.

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DONOR PROFILE

ALUMNI WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS INVEST IN STUDENTS THROUGH ESTATE GIFT

BY AMY SHELDEN, '17

A coed tennis course at Washburn University brought together Kansas natives Lee and Beverly Gatton and was the first of many shared activities for the couple, including the pursuit of technology-related careers.

The Gattons initially moved to Texas when Lee was hired at Texas Instruments. Both Lee and Beverly completed their undergraduate degrees — Lee earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical

Engineering from Southern Methodist University (SMU), and Beverly earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Texas at Dallas.

In 1984, the Gattons returned to Kansas and Lee taught computer engineering at the Kansas Technical Institute (KTI — now known as Kansas State Polytechnic). Beverly took several computer programming classes and decided to pursue programming. The Gattons discovered Friends' graduate programs, specifically the Master of Management Information Systems degree.

"The program was unique then because it offered working students an opportunity to earn a graduate degree by attending classes one night a week," Lee said.

Both Beverly and Lee enrolled and graduated from the program — Beverly in 1998 and Lee in 2001.

"Even though we attended classes only once per week, we developed a strong attachment with the culture and the community at Friends University," Beverly said. "We realized Friends was a special place where we could give back."

In 2003, they became members of the Alumni Advisory Council and have remained strongly connected ever since. They now reside in Overland Park, but faithfully return to campus to attend Fine Arts performances.

A few years ago, the Gattons decided to include a substantial bequest to Friends in their estate plan as a way of acknowledging the tremendous impact Friends had on their lives.

"The master's program at Friends allowed us to take a big step forward toward our career goals," Beverly said. "We want to ensure future students have the same opportunities to expand their professional horizons through a Friends University education as well."

For information on how you can include Friends University in your estate plan, please contact David Alexander, associate vice president of university advancement, at david_alexander@friends.edu or 316-295-5648 or visit friends.edu/give.

FALL 2017 CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORY

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

John Willis Ackley, '72, died June 9. He opened the Ackley Financial Group in Dallas.

Bruce Patrick Anthony Adams, '02, died June 21. He retired from Social Rehabilitation Services as a case manager.

Antoinette L. "Toni" Barker Prather, '90, died April 15. She was a former nursing home administrator at Kingman and McPherson, chamber of commerce manager at Lyons and McPherson, and Rice County Community Foundation director.

Susan Lynn Armstrong Berryhill, '92, died May 22. She had a career as a medical assistant/technician in the ophthalmology field and spent several years at the Kansas City Eye Clinic.

Betty L. Bottom, '96, died March 29. She was employed as an ISO 9000 Auditor by Automotive Controls in Independence, Kan. Her job involved traveling to many foreign countries.

Anoree "Kay" Bowlsby, '64, died Jan. 8. She taught 12th grade English in schools around Wichita. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, making blankets, clothes, costumes, gardening and cooking.

David D. Cranmer, '54, died May 2. He was an entrepreneur, a farmer and the co-founder of Cranmer Grass Farms.

Mervyn Kent Criser, '79, died April 22. Over the course of his career, Kent worked in the family business, started and ran his own business, and became a Real Estate Agent Licensee.

John Norman Croft, '47, died March 14. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a salesman for 34 years with McKesson Drug Company, and in retirement worked 25 years at Shady Creek Marina.

Frances Dewilde, '49, died April 29. She organized the Western Days parade for two decades in the 1980s and 1990s and was a lifelong member of the Valley Center Vaqueros. She also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and spent many years on the board of the Parks and Recreation District.

Greg Leon Dielman, '00, died Feb. 11. He taught computer sciences at several technical colleges and recently retired from teaching at Hutchinson Community College.

Beth Elaine (Sheane) Donahue, '72, died July 5. She was an elementary school teacher in Wichita; Yuma, Ariz.; and Roll, Ariz.

Vernon Harold Finley, '68, died June 17. During his 35 years of ministry, he pastored seven different churches across Kansas and Nebraska.

Thomas Franklin Griffiths, '74, died March 25. He worked in pharmaceutical sales for five years before going to Lafarge Cement Manufacturing Company for 25 years as a technical representative. Then, he drove a bus for Village Tours, never fully retiring.

James H. (Jim) Laffin, '57, died May 19. He had several occupations, which included teaching auto mechanics, instructing new drivers and running a branch office of Higdon Pest Control.

Roger D. Lavender, '89, died March 26. He was a teacher in USD 503 (Parsons) and opened Lavender Landscapes Nursery.

Mary E. McWilliams, '89, died July 15. She worked in the mental health field in various positions and was employed at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Behavioral Medical Center at the Katy Hospital, Class LTD, Living Skills, and Labette Center for Mental Health.

Ernest W. Miller, '57, died June 19. He worked as a school teacher and librarian for 37 years.

Matthew Scot Mitchell, '05, died Jan. 17. He worked at Murphy Machinery and Foley Tractor. He also worked in the Department of Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention as a specialist and worked with elementary, middle and high schools in the district and surrounding districts.

Susan A. Nave, '69, died May 1. She was a home economics teacher in USD 259 (Wichita) for 16 years.

Hank Noyes, '60, died June 5. Hank served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1959-64. He worked in real estate and title insurance and enjoyed hiking in the Rocky Mountains.

Alyce Eileen Ostrander, '63, died May 16. She taught nursing in Colorado and Nebraska before managing the medical records department at Central Peninsula Hospital in Alaska. She also served through Calvary Life Fellowship for 50 years.

Marget Ann Tompkins Pack, '44, died Jan. 2. She was a librarian at the Tucson, Ariz., public library; the Trenton N.J., public library; and the Trenton junior high school.

Alan Kent Paton, '90, died April 6. He worked for Total Petroleum for 25 years until it closed; then he was employed at GE until his retirement in 2012.

Dorene Laverna Petty, '95, died April 28. She worked at the Sedgewick County EMS, Travis County EMS and Norman Regional Hospital Emergency Department. She also taught future EMS professionals at Tulsa Technology Center and Tulsa Community College.

Glenna R. Rossiter, '62, died June 24. She taught English at Campus and North High Schools. She and her late husband, Roy, built and operated Rossiter Liquor Store.

Christine D. Schupmann, '76, died April 10. Chris did many types of nursing, including teaching student nurses, home health care, travel nursing and working on a cruise ship.

Mark Scott Sellens, '09, died Nov. 28, 2016. He worked at a young age as a mechanic and later

worked for Kansas State University and for the Kansas Department of Administration.

Nelda Kathlyn "Susie" Sidesinger, '62, died April 13. She worked as an operator manager for Southwestern Bell, was a member of their Telephone Pioneers and retired from AT&T in 1984.

Reta Maurine Stuart, '52, died Feb. 25. She served as an educational missionary with Friends Africa Gospel Mission in Burundi, Africa, for nearly 22 years. She then served as administrative assistant for the Evangelical Friends Mission agency until partial retirement.

Richard Allen Swearingen, '91, died May 23. He worked for Southwest Publishing for 25 years and for the U.S. Postal Service for two years.

Edmond L. Thomas III, '05, died June 23. He was a football coach and security officer.

LuRay Annetta Watts, '79, died April 14. LuRay worked in retail sales, banking, and most recently as a tour coordinator at Village Tours and Travel.

Stanley Warren Williams, '86, died June 16. He worked with aircraft manufacturers for many years as a cost estimator, buyer and industrial engineer. He changed careers in 1996 and worked as a wound nurse.

Larry Wayne Wolkins, '74, died June 15. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1972. He was an oil and gas accountant working

with Phillips Petroleum Company in Oklahoma and later working in Texas and Tennessee until his retirement in 2015.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

David Dodds, '57, is employed by St. Leo R.C. Church as a cantor and Temple Emanu-El of East Meadow as choir director and High Holyday singer. He is also a long-standing but unpaid member of the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra, with whom he plays viola; and he is still active in chamber music circles in Greater New York.

1960s

Warren R. Elliott, '67, was awarded the title of professor emeritus at Chiba University of Commerce in Japan. He is presently a part-time professor in the Commerce Department, an advisor for the International Student Exchange Program, and an advisor for the Department of English. He is married with two children and two grandchildren, all living in Japan.

1970s

Karen Askerooth, '75, has been named Valley City Public Schools Teacher of the Year 2017, during her 42nd year of teaching music. She is serving her second three-year term as the National Educational Association North Dakota board director. She is the president of Valley City



1940s

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT DORIS JOLLEY

Doris Jolley, '49, was awarded the Spirit of Contact Award by the National Association of Crisis Center Directors and CONTACT USA following their annual meeting in Phoenix, Ariz. The award is the highest given by the organization and recognizes Jolley's commitment to serving community members in crisis. After completing a CONTACT training course, she was accredited to take calls on the then-new Oak Ridge Contact Helpline in October 1973 and has continued to serve the organization for 43 years. She has served as crisis line volunteer, scheduler of volunteers, mentor to new volunteer recruits and executive director for 16 years. Since 2009 she has logged more than 4,000 hours of service.

Educational Association. She is a board member of North Dakota United.

James Gross, '72, designed a piece that was displayed in the director's office at the Guggenheim Museum for many years and, finally, returned home to Wichita.

Dennis Sigle, '70, served as a pastor for 33 years.

David Wolfe, '72, retired from 39 years in ministry. He served as a campus ministry worker, Christian education director, co-pastor, director of chaplaincy and service worker in Iran.

1980s

Rose D. Andrews, '80, was honored at a luncheon in Golden Isles, Ga., June 13. She was saluted for her dedication to improving Golden Isles at the 19th annual Tribute to Women Leaders, presented by the Golden Isles YMCA.

Dr. Eric Farmer, '87, has been named director of professional development for the Clinical Mastery Series, a world-renowned provider of

dental continuing education based in Tempe, Ariz.

Jeanne M. Haggard, '80, graduated in May with a PhD. in Fine Arts (Critical Studies and Artistic Practice concentration) from Texas Tech University.

Jan Meade, '88, is now the vice president of business development for Shelby Publishing's Southwest region.

After being widowed in 2011, **Vickie Munro, '82**, was married to David Munro May 28, 2016. In November 2016 Vickie retired from the

Sedgwick County Zoo after 12 years as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Previous jobs include CFO of Price Bros. Equipment Co. Vickie currently sings in the Singing Quakers Alumni Choir.

Ralph D. Spencer Jr., '86, is the new president and chief executive officer of Suffolk Federal.

1990s

Kevin Frye, '99, will be the new assistant principal at Maize High School for the 2017-18 school year.

Jean Harrison, '93, is helping Spectrum CPA Partners LLC in Great Bend to include human resources consulting for local businesses.

Kim Hynek, '94, has been named the chief information officer of Norterre, a Liberty, Mo., residential neighborhood where different generations live together. She has also been named the chief financial officer of Action Pact, a partner of the project.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT MARC M. ARENTSEN

Marc M. Arentsen, '91, was appointed as the dean of the Joan Phelps Palladino School of Dance at Dean College in Franklin, Mass., in June 2016. Arentsen, who is a master teacher, consultant and artistic leader whose teaching expertise includes ballet technique, dance history, choreography, arts administration and artistic direction, took on the additional responsibilities of the deanship of the Dean College School of the Arts in June 2017.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT ANDRE J. THOMAS

Andre Thomas, '73, received the 2017 Robert Shaw Choral Award at the National Conference of the American Choral Directors Association. This award is the highest honor given by the association and is given to a choral leader who has made unusual contributions to the art of choral music. Dr. Thomas is the Owen F. Sellers professor of music, director of choral activities and professor of choral music education at Florida State University. He is in demand as a choral adjudicator, clinician and director of Honor/All-State Choirs throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, New Zealand and Australia.

Elizabeth Winger-Young and her family make a difference for students with their monthly contribution to Friends.

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YOUNG ALUMNA GIVES BACK ON MONTHLY BASIS

BY BRIE BOULANGER, '15

Elizabeth Winger-Young, a 2010 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy, describes her pathway to Friends as somewhat untraditional.

She began her college career at Southern Nazarene University and found it wasn't a good fit. A colleague and friend who attended Friends University convinced her to transfer to Friends her sophomore year. Without even visiting, she arrived on campus and immediately knew she made the right decision.

"Everyone was so friendly and welcoming. It made the transition really easy," Elizabeth said.

She served one year as the Homecoming events chair and held the chaplain's assistant position under Dr. Jim Smith, who served as campus chaplain at the time. One of many highlights of her college years, and one she is very proud of, is her role in the opening of Mead's Corner, a coffeehouse owned by the First United Methodist Church in downtown Wichita, where she served as a volunteer pastor.

Giving back to their church and the causes they are passionate about is very important to Elizabeth and her husband, Wesley.

"We sit down and figure how much money we can give each month and then choose where we want our money to go. I've always wanted to give back to the University I graduated from because I felt like I was given so much during my time at Friends. I wanted to give back what I could, even if it wasn't a large amount," she said.

Elizabeth and her family recently moved to Harper, Kan., where she and her husband co-pastor the Harper/Argonia Methodist Church. They are also both attending seminary through Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky via online courses.

2000s

Dr. D. Crystal Coles, '06, is now a faculty member at Eastern Michigan University.

Harold Courtois, '00, has been named chief executive officer of Memorial Health System in Abilene.

Crystal Hervey, '04 and **'12**, was the speaker for the Aurora Christian Women's Connection June 20 in Aurora, Neb.

Ben Hutton, '08, is a 2017 "Engineering News-Record" Mountain States Top Young Professional.

Jason Priest, '02, works for Bankers' Bank of Kansas where he assesses loan portfolios to help banks manage their risk.

Paula Rice, '04, '07 and **'10**, is the new principal of

Roosevelt Elementary School (USD 489) effective July 1.

Warren Samms, '03, was featured in the American Chemical Society's publication "Chemical and Engineering News" for his journey from a child interested in science to a forensic chemist.

Sarah Shaw, '06 and **'14**, works as a corporate trainer at CURO Financial Technologies Corp.

Sohna Shook, '07, passed the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam (NCMHCE) and is now a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC). Sohnna is attending Walden University to obtain a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology.

Julie Copeland Turner, '02, announced her new self-help book that gives readers a

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT GIL ALVAREZ

Gil Alvarez, '98, was named assistant superintendent of secondary schools for USD 259 in July. His responsibilities include serving as the academic leader and supervisor of all middle and high schools in Wichita Public Schools, in addition to overseeing the Junior ROTC and inter-scholastic athletic programs for Wichita Public Schools. He previously served as principal at Northwest High School, Northeast Magnet High School and Coleman Middle School.



new strategy plan to achieve their goals. The book is called "Journal Your Dreams Until They Take Wings: Journal Your Journey."

Michelle Worley, '04, is an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Approved Supervisor for graduate Master of Science in Family Therapy students at the Kansas City campus.

2010s

Desha Ayers, '10, sponsors a group of around 30 Remington High School students who desire to help others and raise awareness about student issues. Her club is called Teens. Mentoring. Issues.

Scott Barnett, '13, has been named Wesley Healthcare's new market director of cardiovascular services.

Wrett Bradford, '16, is FHLBank's newest securities analyst. He previously served as financial examiner for the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner.

Celeste Contreras, '10, is the director of admissions for Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Kevin Faust, '17, started his new position at Curio Financial Services as an IT operations analyst May 15.

Evan Hathaway, '15, is the new vice president of Valley State Bank.

Michelle Hernandez-Arevalo, '16, began working at Kansas Global Trade Services as an executive research assistant in January 2017.

Anna Hetherington, '17, began a job at Desert Steel in May.

Amanda Hullet, '16, has been named vice president of patient care services at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center.

Synthanee Humbert, '16, is a business analyst for Koch Industries.

Drew Johnson, '11, is the new head women's basketball coach at Bethel College in North Newton, Kan.

Kelly Johnson, '16, is an instructor in Wilmington, N.C., with Techniques in Motion. She is also a preferred trainee with The Wilmington Ballet Company.

Amelia Mitchell, '17, has been hired by Wilmington Ballet Company in North Carolina.

Amanda Pickett, '14, has been hired as the new annual fund coordinator in the University Advancement office at Friends University. She earned her master's degree in higher education – student affairs in May 2017 from the University of Arkansas. She also completed a graduate assistantship with University Programs, the campus programming board, at the university. She will be working with the Falcon Fund and with the Friends University Phonathon.

Wyatt Payne, '17, has been hired by Ballet Nebraska.

Michael Peterson, '16, is a programmer for USD 259.

Anthony Porter, '16, works at Poet Ethanol as a software developer.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT JOEL LEFTWICH

Joel Leftwich, '00, joined Washington, D.C.'s Glover Park Group's government relations team as a managing director. Leftwich will provide strategic and policy counsel to clients and will be a key member of GPG Food, the firm's food and agriculture practice. He has worked in Washington for more than a decade, most recently serving for two years as the Republican Majority Staff Director for Sen. Pat Roberts on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, leading the committee's political and policy strategy, and working closely with members and staff.



THREE FRIENDS ALUMNI RUN FOR WICHITA CITY COUNCIL SEAT

Three of the four contestants running for the District 1 seat on the Wichita City Council were Friends University alumni. The three that ran included:

- **Brandon Johnson, '09**, co-founder and executive director of Community Operations Recovery Empowerment.
- **Mike Kinard, '87**, photographer and owner of My PictureMan LLC.
- **Janet Wilson, '06**, retired but active on many neighborhood organizations.

Johnson and Kinard won the primary in August and advanced to the November election. (Editor's Note: Focus went to press before the final election; check online sources for results.) Congratulations to all the candidates for representing Friends well and for their ongoing commitment and service to the Wichita community.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT JENNIFER SANDERS

Jennifer Sanders, '05, was named the executive director of the southcentral and southeast regions of the American Red Cross in March. In her role, she will be responsible for leading a team of staff and volunteers that serve nearly one million residents from 21 counties. She has been with the Red Cross since 1992, serving in various roles at the regional and national levels.

Courtney Runft, '15, helped run a four-day tap choreography residency for youth July 11-15. As a professional dancer, she is the American Tap Dance Foundation's education assistant/registrar and faculty member in the year-round youth program.

Baxter Schmidt, '14, received the Golden Apple Award from KAKE-TV, Davis-Moore Auto Group and Project Teacher.

Angela Springer, '13 and **'16**, is the new human resources director for the Tulsa World and the South Region for BH Media.

FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES

Dr. Mark Bartel, associate professor of music and director of choral music, conducted the Singing Quakers at the in-service workshop of the Kansas Music Educators Association Feb. 23. He led the Wichita Chamber Chorale in a performance of "Spem in Alium" ("Hope in Another") by Thomas Tallis April 8. He became president of the Kansas Choral Directors Association in July.

Dylan Biedron, assistant coach of women's track, was named the Assistant Coach of the Year at the U.S. Track

& Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South Central Region Awards.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president, was a mentor at the Wichita Business Journal's Leadership Mentoring event July 25. Dr. Carey wrote a column for The Wichita Eagle about the Global Leadership Summit. She also was quoted in a July Splurge magazine article about higher education.

Dr. David Carter, program director and assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Transformational Change, wrote a chapter in "Outliving Your Dissertation: A Guide

for Students and Faculty." Also, Dr. Carter drafted a new panel for the Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM) titled "Aftermath of the Kerner Report: What Good Did It Do?"

Cole Davis, head coach of women's track and assistant coach of men's track, was named Coach of the Year at the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association South Central Region Awards.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science, director of the honors program and model UN sponsor, traveled to Singapore to be part

THREE ALUMNI NAMED TO 40 UNDER 40 LIST

Three Friends University alumni were selected as part of the Wichita Business Journal's 40 under 40 list this summer. The award recognizes 40 individuals under the age of 40 each year who have been recognized for their career achievements, contributions to their organizations and their community involvement.

The list includes:

- **Erin Manning, '13**, director of marketing with the Riordan Clinic in Wichita. She oversees all marketing efforts for the nutrition-based health facility. She is on the board of several organizations in her hometown of Mulvane and

has served as a Girl Scout leader and coached soccer.

- **Alicia Sanchez, '11**, director of diversity and inclusion at Wichita State University. She strives to promote an all-inclusive environment and consults with faculty, staff, students and community members to

cultivate a campus climate of inclusion and works toward building a culturally competent campus.

- **Tyler Walston, '10**, senior director of business development and the Global Air Capital Program at Kansas Global Trade Services. He leads the

team in international trade relations, export compliance and business development. He participates on several committees that promote exports and advises governments and industry across Kansas.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT MARY JONES

Mary Jones, '06, is the new president/CEO of the Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas. She previously worked as the senior director of outpatient services for nine years. She has been with MHA for 23 years. MHA provides a wide variety of services to individuals of all ages to achieve optimal mental health and wellness through education, advocacy and service. She interned full time at the Center on Family Living while pursuing her graduate work in family therapy at Friends.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT DEANNA VAN HERSH

Deanna Van Hersh, '12, has been promoted to vice president for programs at the Kansas Health Foundation. She guides the program department and works with the executive team to operationalize the strategic direction from the board of directors by listening to and collaborating with partners and stakeholders to inform grant making, promote accountability and maintain transparency. She has held several previous positions within the organization, including program officer, director of evaluation and associate vice president for programs.

of a panel at the 20th International Conference of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, "Chinese Philosophy in a Multicultural World," July 7.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox and **Dr. Malcom Harris**, professor of finance, spoke on a New Symposium Society's panel on "Labor Matters: Artificial Intelligence Is Killing Labor, But Don't Blame the Robots" April 18.

Dr. Malcolm Harris, professor of finance, hosted the New Symposium Society's public forum on education June 27.

Dr. Stan Harstine, professor of religion, became the area book note editor for Christian Origins with the "Religious Studies Review" May 1. He is still the sub area editor for Johannine Literature including Revelation.

Kevin C. Hoppock, Board of Trustees member and family doctor at Via Christi Clinic, gave an in-class presentation Feb. 23. Cathy Bird, adjunct faculty member, invited him to speak in her Physician Practice and Joint Venture Management class.

Jennifer Jay, assistant professor of marriage and family therapy, Wichita site clinical director and Wichita clinical internship supervisor, presented at the Kansas Community Health Worker Symposium at Wichita State University June 8. She was a "World Café Roundtable" facilitator on the topic of motivational interviewing.

Sean Johnston, adjunct professor of criminal justice, received the Jan LaFever Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award from Friends University at Commencement.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT THOMAS MONTIEL

Thomas Montiel, '10 and **'13**, has been named the executive director of the Kansas School for Effective Learning (KANSEL), a nonprofit adult education organization. He previously served the Quivira Council, Boy Scouts of America as a district director and worked for the Kansas Department of Commerce. He teaches as an adjunct instructor at Friends and is active in Young Professionals of Wichita, serving on the community engagement committee. He mentors high school students and coaches youth sports.



Dr. Chris Kettler, professor of theology and religion, wrote an essay titled "The Problem with 'Preferential Love': Should Love Depend upon My Initiative? A Challenge for Reformed Theology — An Answer from the Vicarious Humanity of Christ," which was published in June in "Evangelical Calvinism, Vol. 2: Dogmatics and Devotion."

Barbara Lucas, adjunct professor of marriage and family therapy, received the Jan LaFever Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award from Friends University at Commencement

Dr. Patrick Mathews, professor of biology and program director of zoo science, received the W.A. Young Award for Teaching Excellence from Friends University at Commencement.

Dr. Michelle Robertson, professor of marriage and family therapy, established a Brain Balance franchise in Wichita with Amy Downing.

Karen Scroggins, assistant professor of graphic arts and director of the visual arts program, completed a work, "First Impressions Colorado in 1985 Estes Park, Trailridge," which was accepted into an exhibition at the Finishing School for Modern Women in Wichita. The 2017 exhibition, "Modern Venus: The Female Perspective," was on display for those attending classes at the Finishing School for Modern Women in June.

Dr. Kathy Slemp, professor and program director of human resource management, spoke to Friends University's NAWMBA chapter July 11.

Dr. Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish and director of foreign languages, shared Friends University's degree in interpretation/translation and the Latino Leaders program with local businesses at the first collaborative business exchange between the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce July 25.

Dr. Dick Teter, professor of computer science and information systems, is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Competitive Experience Committee. He oversees competition review operations of the NAIA National Eligibility Center, develops policies and reviews appeals. He is also a Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) mentor and has two new FAR mentees assigned to him.

Nicole Thompson joined Friends University's adult and graduate recruitment team.

Dr. Preston Todd, former assistant dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education, was named the new assistant dean for student success.



THREE EXPLORE HEALTH SCIENCE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN GHANA

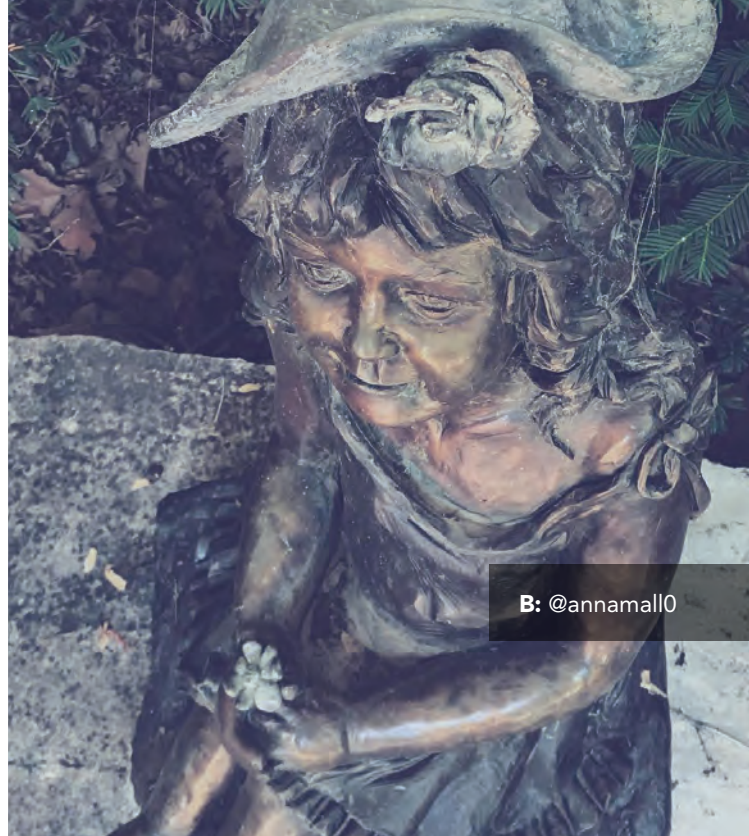
Dr. Prince Agbedanu (right), assistant professor of biology and director of human biology and the health science program, **Aidan Dunleavy** (second from right), director of institutional research, and **Dr. John Simmons** (far left), assistant professor of biology, laid the foundation for a future health science study abroad experience in Ghana, Africa, this summer. They traveled to Ghana to build relationships with medical personnel and to scope out educational sites. Friends University has developed a cooperative global health care course with the University of Cape Coast in Ghana. The course will expose students to foreign health care systems and situations different from those they could study in the United States. As a main part of the course, students will explore unique Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in parts of African countries and South America. The exploratory trip was funded by a Friends University donor.

TWO FACULTY RECEIVE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Two adjunct faculty members received Fulbright fellowships for 2017-18. **Dr. Gretchen Eick**, professor emerita, received a Fulbright to teach in Bosnia this academic year. This is her third Fulbright fellowship. **Lakshmi Kambampati**, who teaches History of India at Friends, received a Fulbright fellowship to teach in India. She previously taught educators in Liberia through the Peace Corps. The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program gives approximately 850 scholars the opportunity to conduct research and/or teach in countries across the globe.



A: @annamall0



B: @annamall0

WHERE AT FRIENDS?

How well do you know the Friends University campus? Can you guess where some of these photos were taken on campus?

Followers of Friends University's Instagram page were challenged to take photos of places on campus for an Instagram contest. The top five entries were chosen and posted on Instagram for voting. Congratulations to winner Anna Lindholm (@annamall0), whose photo (A) received 87 likes. Friends University is on Instagram at [instagram.com/friendsu](https://www.instagram.com/friendsu). Follow us and tag your photos with #FriendsU, and we might repost them! See answers at the bottom right of this page.



C: @ms.sassyfrizzle



E: @hc_4395



D: @hc_4395

- A:** Window on the north side of Riney Fine Arts Center.
- B:** Statue by Babs Mellor on south side of Riney Fine Arts Center.
- C:** Bench surrounding tree on lawn southeast of Davis Administration Building.
- D:** "Perception" statue in southeast corner of Edmund Stanley Library.
- E:** If you know where this is, please let us know because we can't find it!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursdays
at 11 a.m.**

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Nov. 29, 2017

Tower Lighting Ceremony

Dec. 1-3, 2017

Christmas Candlelight Concert

**Dec. 8-10 &
15-16, 2017**

The Nutcracker

April 10, 2018

Scholarship Luncheon

**April 27-29,
2018**

Symphony of Spring

May 12, 2018

Commencement

FALCON HOME- COMING 2017

Friends University celebrated Homecoming Oct. 7 with a Singing Quaker International Tour reunion; 1957 and 1967 class reunions; a parade, tailgate and carnival; and a nail-biting, come-from-behind win against Southwestern College that was the first KCAC game televised on ESPN3.



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