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NEW CYBER LAB ATTRACTS ATTENTION

In addition to gaining a new name in February, the INTRUST Bank Cyber Laboratory at Friends University has been attracting many visitors. One of only three of its kind located at a university in the United States, the lab has attracted visitors such as U.S. Senator Jerry Moran and U.S. Representative Ron Estes. Local government officials visiting the lab included Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell, Wichita City Manager Robert Layton and Sedgwick County Commissioners David Dennis, Dave Unruh and Michael O'Donnell II, '08. Many local businesses have also visited. The lab also served as the location for the signing of a partnership agreement between Butler Community College and Friends University that allows Butler students to seamlessly transfer into the cyber security program at Friends.



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Dr. James Bryan Smith, associate professor of religion, holds a photo of his mentor, Dr. Dallas Willard. As the first person to hold the new Dallas Willard Chair in Christian Spiritual Formation, Dr. Smith will ensure Dr. Willard's legacy and work in Christian Spiritual Formation will continue for future generations.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



FOCUS ON... MAKING AN IMPACT

Few of us have an opportunity in our lifetime to see the full impact of our legacy and our life's work. We may not fully realize how what we do shapes and affects our families, friends, colleagues, communities and future generations.

Dr. Dallas Willard was one of those individuals whose legacy and work in Christian spiritual formation will have a long-lasting impact far beyond his lifetime. Thanks to recent gifts that have provided a permanent endowment, Friends University has established the Dallas Willard Chair for Christian Spiritual Formation. Dallas' friend and our long-time faculty member, Dr. James Bryan Smith, will be the first to hold the chair and ensure that Friends University can continue Dallas' important work in helping future generations of students become more like Christ.

This issue also shares other examples of alumni, students, faculty and staff who are making a difference in the lives of those around them. Helping others in our communities is in our DNA here at Friends. We believe God designed us to be in relationship with Him and those around us and to shine our light in a world that can seem very dark. We know this is the work God wants us to do, and it will make an impact in the Kingdom.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University



Dr. Dallas Willard

CONTINUING A FORMATION LEGACY

Friends University establishes
Dallas Willard Chair in Christian
Spiritual Formation

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

The fact that Friends University is home to the Dallas Willard Chair in Christian Spiritual Formation is fitting, as the University and its faculty have been deeply entwined in sharing and nurturing the faith and practices of Christians – apprentices – seeking to fully engage in the Kingdom of God.

As a fully endowed chair – the first at Friends — the position and its funding are permanent, emphasizing the University’s commitment to the program and to providing uniquely better opportunities for students on campus and from around the globe. Its creation recognizes the critical role Willard’s work played in the development of the Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation at Friends, said Dr. James Bryan Smith, associate professor of religion and executive director of the institute.

Dr. Smith, a best-selling author and speaker, is the first person to hold the chair. Donors gave more than \$2 million for the endowment, which will not only fund the position but free resources for additional faculty and for the work of the Apprentice Institute.

“As a national leader in the promotion, education and study in Christian Spiritual Formation, something that is in the DNA of Friends University, we are so excited to have the honor and prestige of an endowed chair in the name of Dallas Willard. This will enhance the academic excellence at the University by attracting and retaining high-caliber faculty members such as Dr. James Bryan Smith,” said Friends President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey. “The work of the chair will advance the study of Christian Spiritual Formation to benefit not just our students but the formation movement that is building across the country and world.

“I’m so grateful to our generous donors who have the vision to make the Dallas Willard Chair a reality at Friends University. I know God is going to multiply the work of the Apprentice Institute in ways that will be a blessing in

God's good and beautiful Kingdom," Dr. Carey said.

"The chair is huge in terms of allowing us to step outside and do more things than we've been able to do. Plus, we were given another gift as well that will allow us to take on some new initiatives," said Dr. Smith, adding that planning for what the expanded resources will allow is underway.

College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education students can earn a secondary major or a certificate in Christian Spiritual Formation and a master's degree is offered through the Graduate School. Going hand in hand with those offerings is the Apprentice Institute. Thanks to generous donors, the Institute began in 2009 based on the idea of becoming an apprentice to Jesus, learning knowledge and skills from masters, and engaging in an interactive faith and life with Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

The Institute offers an adult certificate program called the Apprentice Experience, where cohorts of about 25 students go through an 18-month program. They come to Wichita for four weeklong sessions during the year and a half, hearing from speakers, worshipping, engaging in small groups, and building bonds of faith and fellowship among their classmates. More than 75 percent of the students are from outside Kansas. One of their sessions includes the Gathering, an annual conference in fall that draws more than 500 people from near and far to hear speakers — Dallas Willard and John Ortberg among them — on discipleship and spiritual formation.

Dr. Smith first met Dr. Willard in 1983 while a student at Friends, and in 1988, he, Willard, Richard Foster and others founded the renewal ministry Renovaré. Starting in 1994, Dr. Smith began serving as Dr. Willard's teaching assistant at Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

Jane Willard wrote earlier this year that

her family was grateful for the donors and donations creating the chair and for its recognition of the importance and vision of the work of her husband, who died in 2013. "May the Lord continue to prosper the work at Friends of equipping and encouraging your students to live good and beautiful lives that will change the world around them for the better," she said.

Becky Willard Heatley, Willard's daughter, serves on the advisory board for the Apprentice Institute and is going through the Apprentice Experience herself. To her, it is perfect, allowing her to do advanced study and continue her professional work editing and overseeing the publication of works by her father.

"I am able to see how what we offer can help people grow closer to Christ. It's just really wonderful to see and be part of that," Heatley said.

A Southern Baptist minister who left ministry for academia, Dr. Dallas Willard was a professor of philosophy at the University of Southern California for nearly a half century. He was particularly known for his writings and teachings on religion, with works including "The Spirit of the Disciplines:

Understanding How God Changes Lives" and "The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering our Hidden Life in God." For 25 years, he taught at Fuller Theological Seminary as well.

"Where his teaching really took hold in the church is that he was saying there's more to life with God than what you're hearing in that one hour on Sunday morning. He would repeatedly say he was not teaching anything new, but he was bringing out things — the spiritual disciplines — that the church had forgotten," Heatley said. "People read their Bible differently because they have a new understanding of how to approach it. I think that's his biggest legacy. That's what the spiritual formation movement is about, this broader concept of life here in the Kingdom on Earth now.

"The chair makes perfect sense because Jim has already laid so much groundwork, and the school is making this commitment with this endowment to keep spiritual formation going for generation after generation," she said. "They are going to have fabulous classes and great teachers and the spiritual formation teaching will always be there. That's very exciting for our family."



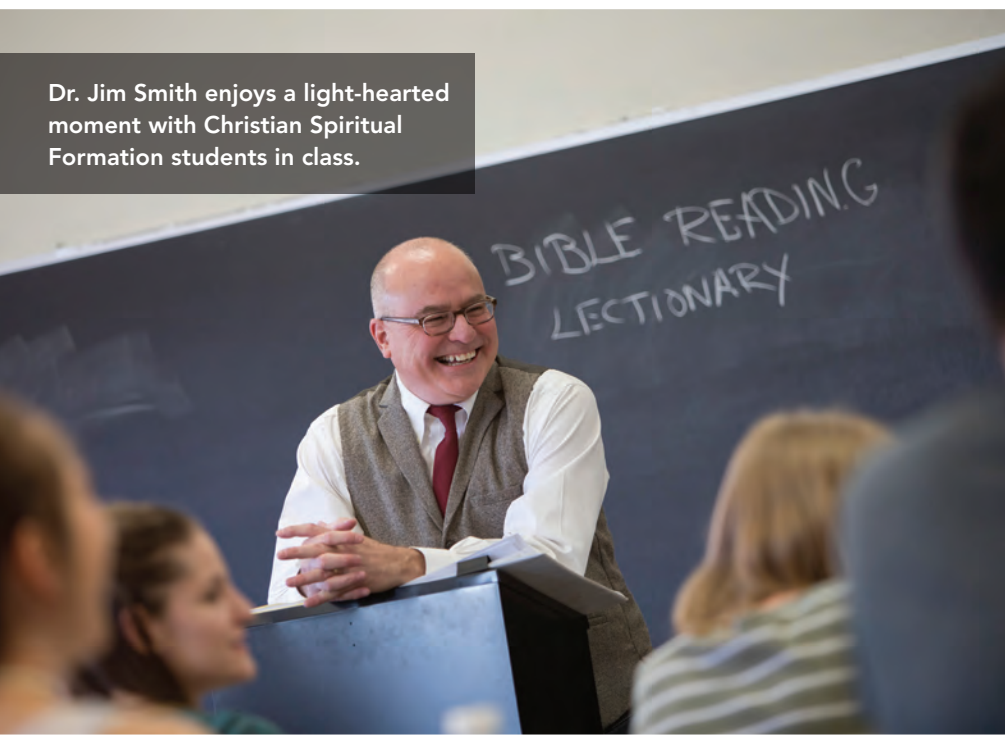
Christian Spiritual Formation students and Dr. Jim Smith end a class in prayer.

DR. JAMES BRYAN SMITH:

Friends' first faculty member to hold the Willard Chair

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

Dr. Jim Smith enjoys a light-hearted moment with Christian Spiritual Formation students in class.



Dr. James Bryan Smith has written “The Good and Beautiful Life” and other top-selling books. He’s traveled the nation and the globe speaking and teaching about Christian Spiritual Formation. But what he really enjoys, more than anything, is being in the classroom at Friends University.

“I’m teaching Introduction to Christian Spiritual Formation, and I’m teaching a master’s class online on formational theology. Teaching is my passion. It’s what I love the most,” Dr. Smith said. “What happens in the classroom is what I’m most excited about. It’s what motivates me — more than writing, more than anything else.”

The Friends University associate professor of religion recently became the first person to hold the Dallas Willard Chair in Christian Spiritual Formation, a fitting match considering the impact of theologian and philosopher Dr. Dallas Willard upon his work and Dr. Smith’s own extensive work in spiritual formation.

During Dr. Smith’s nearly three decades on the faculty, Friends has created a secondary bachelor’s major in spiritual formation as well as a master’s degree. In addition, Friends became home to the Apprentice Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation, which Dr. Smith directs

and whose programs include the Apprentice Gathering each fall and the 18-month Apprentice Experience.

He is author of the Apprentice Series of books — “The Good and Beautiful God,” “The Good and Beautiful Life” and “The Good and Beautiful Community” — and several other books, including “Room of Marvels” and last year’s “The Magnificent Story,” the first of a trilogy. All together, more than a million copies

Professor Richard Foster and “took all the classes I could from him, and he took me under his wing and mentored me.” Through Foster, he became acquainted with theologian and writer Henri Nouwen, who encouraged him to attend Yale Divinity School.

After seminary, he returned to Wichita and became associate pastor of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. When Friends created a combination chaplain/professor position in 1990, Dr. Smith returned to campus. He hasn’t given up the pulpit entirely, preaching occasionally at Chapel Hill United Methodist, a Wichita church he helped plant.

Dr. Smith, along with Willard, Foster and others, helped found the renewal ministry Renovaré. Starting in 1994, Dr. Smith spent summers serving as Dr. Willard’s teaching assistant at Fuller

Theological Seminary in California.

“Dallas was a master at challenging your narratives in a gentle yet persuasive way. He never forced his opinion, and he always had an answer to a rebuttal. He simply wore you down with truth, and in the end you were more than grateful to him because, as he often said, ‘Reality is what you bump into when you are wrong,’ and it is nice to stop bumping your head,” Dr. Smith wrote in “Eternal Living: Reflections on Dallas Willard’s Teaching on Faith and Formation.”

Dr. Smith confesses, in the chapter, that “it took me about three years to grasp what Dallas was saying, and another four to see its implications.” But Dr. Willard was not all philosophy and serious stuff — he could discuss everything from Hungary to current TV shows and dance the salsa in shorts, dark socks and wing tips. As much as he learned from Dr. Willard’s work, Dr. Smith learned even more from “watching him and (his wife)

Jane conduct their lives with Kingdom dignity, faith, joy and wisdom.”

Dr. Smith and his wife, Meghan, married the year he began teaching at Friends. She’s an educator as well, spending 15 years teaching fourth-graders at Wichita’s College Hill Elementary and 14 years teaching sixth-grade global studies at Wichita Collegiate School. Their daughter, Hope, is a junior at Collegiate, and their son, Jacob, graduated from Friends last May with a degree in graphic design and now handles the Apprentice Institute’s web and social media presences.

Dr. Smith began writing while at Friends, starting with articles and the educational resources “A Spiritual Formation Workbook” and “Devotional Classics” and then books that earned a broader audience. He enjoys writing as much as he did in high school and college, though he says “The Magnificent Story,” his latest, “shaved some years off me.”

The Rev. Dr. Todd Hunter, a bishop in the Anglican Church for the Sake of Others, met Dr. Smith more than 15 years ago, through shared membership on the board of Renovaré.

“When I endorsed Jim’s first book, I said I thought Jim was in his generation the best author on formation, and I still think that,” he said. “Very few people on the planet were influenced more by Dallas and had more access to Dallas. He has drawn all the influences on him together and synthesized them. Jim has a unique, fresh voice.”

“It’s an incredible honor,” Dr. Smith says of the Willard Chair. “Dallas Willard was such an important person in my life. He really was like a spiritual father, the way he helped me understand the Christian faith. This is the first fully-endowed chair for Friends University and to have it be in something relating to the Christian faith establishes that this is who we are at Friends. It’ll go on in perpetuity; it’s going to outlive us. That means a lot, because I care about Friends. I went here. I’ve been here for 29 years. I love this place.”



Dr. Jim Smith (left) spent summers as a teaching assistant for Dr. Dallas Willard, learning from him inside and outside the classroom.

of his works have been published, including his biography of “Awesome God” singer Rich Mullins.

“Dr. Smith has a vision for a renewal of the world and the Church through the formation of new people and new communities who have begun living a radical Christian life in conformity to the teachings of Jesus, as his apprentices,” said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University.

After reading the Gospels and then C.S. Lewis’ “Mere Christianity” late in high school, he went from a cautious embrace of Jesus to a deeper faith as a freshman at the University of Northern Colorado. When friends in Campus Fellowship suggested ministry might be his calling, he sought out a Christian college. His sister — living in Salina — suggested Friends. He visited the school, liked it, and a basketball and tennis scholarship helped seal the deal.

At Friends, he discovered Religion

ALUMNI SERVANT LEADERS

Graduates dedicate their time
and work to enhance others' lives

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

Several Friends University alumni are serving as the epitome of the University's RISE values (Respect, Inclusion, Service and Excellence) and have taken to heart a commitment of servant leadership. Here are three examples of alumni who are dedicated to this in different ways: from helping families in medical crises to grassroots efforts to prevent poverty to embracing an indigenous people's culture and their new-found Christianity.

families intact while caring for their children, while providing a rewarding environment for employees. It was a perfect fit since the mission of the company is central to my value set."

With a bachelor's degree in human services/psychology from Friends and a master's in industrial/organizational psychology from Emporia State, Balke previously served as a consultant for companies wanting to create positive environments for their workforce.

Craig HomeCare offers a unique niche in home health by providing pediatric care for children who might otherwise need to be hospitalized or institutionalized. Formed in 1994, the company serves nearly all counties in Kansas, as well as parts of Missouri, Nebraska and Arizona, with a particular focus on rural areas.

Having in-home care helps relieve the stress of caring for a medically complex child, he said, noting that the divorce rate of parents with medically challenged children is particularly high.

"Parents don't have to give up their jobs or homes to move to a metropolitan area for their children to receive care."

The family focus is "exceptionally important," Balke said, as he's experienced medical crises firsthand. The father of three children, Balke's twins spent nearly two weeks in a NICU. Also, his older sibling died of medical complications as a child.

Through Craig HomeCare, Balke is now helping lead a statewide collaboration among insurance companies, the Kansas Department of Health and Education, physicians, social workers and others in the field to transform how the health care system provides long-term care for children.



SEAN BALKE

Under the leadership of Sean Balke, '97, Craig HomeCare has expanded to 10 locations in four states with more than 650 employees.

But, for Balke, the company's president and chief operating officer, the bottom line for this business is that it creates a

compassionate in-home pediatric care option for families who have medically fragile or medically complex children.

It's why he joined the company in 2009. "The mission is about so much more than maximizing the company's profitability — although that's important. It's about keeping



NIKI CHILDERS

There was no doubt Niki Childers, '03/'11 and the daughter of a Wichita educator, would finish high school and go to college.

But not every child has that clear of a path, which is why Childers has spent the past five years working with a program

that helps Kansas teens graduate high school and have the resources to get into careers or college.

Childers has been with Jobs for America's Graduates — Kansas since 2013, a nationwide program that is part of a poverty-prevention effort. She started as a specialist at Wichita North High School, inspiring young kids "by any means necessary" to graduate, she said. In her last graduating class in 2016, she had a 96 percent graduation rate among her program's students.

"These were seniors who had had 10 or more barriers and most had been with me since their sophomore year," Childers said. Because JAG-K tracks its graduates, she knows her students have gone on to attend four-year colleges and get into career tracks with various companies.

In 2017, Childers became the program's state director of training and professional development. The job was the perfect combination of her

drive to help others achieve success and her degrees in organizational management and leadership and organizational development.

She works with the 65 specialists who run 68 JAG-K programs in 55 Kansas high schools. Class sizes are kept to about 40 students per program, so the specialists can work more individually with the students on academic, leadership, employability and life skills. Statewide, the program has a 97 percent graduation rate among its participants.

Closer to home, she helps students get into college, too. After helping prepare her son for his ACT tests a few years ago, she realized other students might need similar help. She now leads free ACT prep workshops at various locations — churches, rec centers and elsewhere — in her hometown. More than 45 students recently attended her workshop at the Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas.

MARY HENDERSHOTT

After earning a bachelor's degree in music education at Friends and graduate degrees in flute at Wichita State and ethnomusicology from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minn., Mary Hendershott, '85, has found a way to combine music and mission work in a unique way.

Since 1998, she has served as an ethnomusicologist in Burkina Faso for Wycliffe, an interdenominational Christian mission organization that is known for its work in Bible translations. She's lived in the West African country since 1993, initially doing literacy work with Wycliffe.

When she first started doing mission work with Wycliffe in 1989, she realized most of the music being sung in churches were Western-style choruses and hymns. With what Hendershott calls such wonderful and complex music within their culture, she started holding songwriting and music composition seminars, helping local musicians

craft scripture-based songs using their indigenous music styles, instruments and dance.

She has one story in particular that shows the impact that has come from those seminars. Open to Christians and non-Christians, one three-day seminar drew a regionally well-known harp musician named Omar, who came to teach and share his skills. A year later, she found out how Omar was transformed by that seminar. He had taken to heart one of the scriptures used during the seminar and went on to become a local literacy teacher and a worship leader in the church, and he had revived the local dance troupe.

"One man's life was transformed, and he went out and affected change in an entire community. It was the power of a changed heart," Hendershott said.

In addition to her work with Wycliffe, Hendershott gives private music lessons and in 2016, she founded a jazz ensemble that performs locally. Chill — Deep Blue

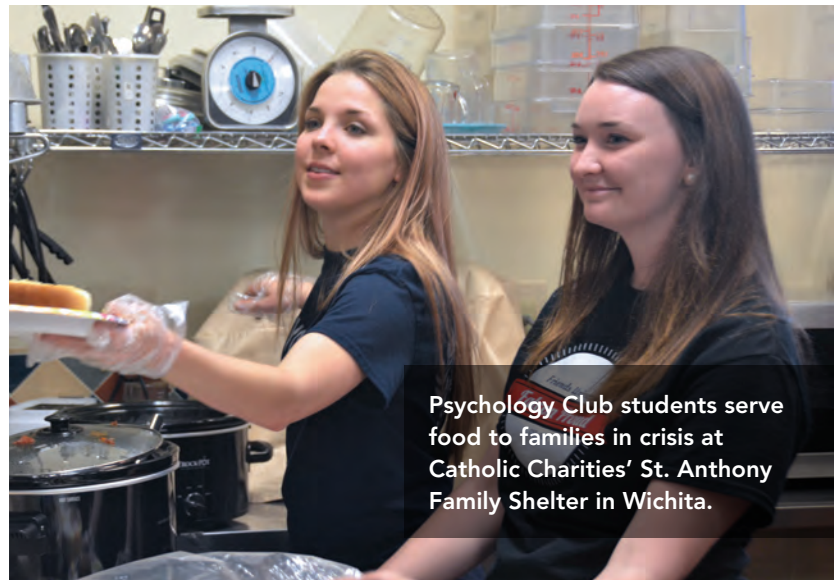


Sea Jazz had the honor of performing at Burkina Faso's premier jazz festival, Jazz à Ouaga, in 2017, sharing the stage with Paco Sery, a well-known world music and jazz fusion drummer.

SERVING ONE ANOTHER HUMBLY

Students, faculty and staff make an impact through service projects

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Psychology Club students serve food to families in crisis at Catholic Charities' St. Anthony Family Shelter in Wichita.

As an institution founded on Quaker values, Friends students, faculty, staff and alumni have been involved in service projects that make a difference in others' lives and within many communities. We asked some participants in a few ongoing service projects to share how their work shaped their understanding of community needs and made an impact on others.

ST. ANTHONY FAMILY SHELTER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Years ago, the Friends University Psych Club adopted a local emergency shelter for a short-term service project. That short-term project has continued for approximately 10 years thanks to Friends students and Bill Allan, associate professor of family life and Psych Club adviser. One Saturday per month, several Psych Club students and Allan prepare a meal and serve it to residents who are staying at St. Anthony's Family Shelter in Wichita.

Rachel Boaz, Senior in Human Services/Psychology

Not being from Wichita, I was very unaware of the struggles the city faced. Volunteering with St. Anthony Family Shelter not only taught me more about Wichita and homelessness issues, but other ways in which I can volunteer my time with various branches of Catholic Charities. I enjoy working with the shelter because we are able to interact

with the residents of the program while we volunteer. This has made it possible to build relationships with the residents and get to learn more about them beyond their current housing situation. I feel as though this project is a great way to show the families struggling with homelessness that there are plenty of people willing to help and encourage them to succeed in their journey to overcome their struggle. It's also a great chance for us to spread God's love to those who need it most.

Scott Emeola, College of Adult and Professional Studies student in Human Services/Psychology

Serving meals at the St. Anthony Family Shelter is a good way to show a little kindness to families who are going through difficult times. For us students, it's neither difficult nor time-consuming. We serve the food and visit with families as they go through the line. As a Christian, I like that the shelter is associated with a church. I hope our service and interactions with the families not only help meet a basic need for food,

but also demonstrate some of the love of Christ. Volunteering at St. Anthony Shelter has helped me understand that homelessness is not limited to only certain types of people. Even people who are healthy and hardworking can fall behind financially and lose their homes.

Isabella Grivois, Senior in Human Services/Psychology

It's a simple task, serving dinner, but it provides nourishment for those in the shelter to continue. Providing food means one less thing for these families to worry about. One of the most impactful situations while I have served at St. Anthony's was when I asked a young boy how his day was and he was surprised. He responded with 'You wanna know how my day was?' In this moment, I realized a lot of these kids are in survival mode and don't often get asked about themselves or have the time to think about who they are growing into. Something as simple as asking their name, how their day was or what they like can make a big impact on their development. Service is such a wonderful way of connecting with others.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE DAY (SASD)

For 25 years, Friends University has closed its offices for nearly one day so

staff, faculty, students, board members and others can help the Salvation Army prepare for their holiday distribution to families in need. Volunteers have sorted toys and gifts, decorated the Salvation Army distribution center, wrapped gifts, assembled bikes, assisted with the Angel Tree and Star of Hope programs and much more.

Allen Eberwein, Director of Casado Campus Center

SASD has been a staple at Friends University to demonstrate enthusiasm for service to the community. I have served the Salvation Army and the people who benefit from the process for over nine years. I have seen people gain hope where there was none. I have seen people step up and do anything, in their power, to make sure as many people as possible are able to get assistance. SASD also provides many with the opportunity to smile for the first time in a long time. It has given me a great opportunity to see just how many issues people face in our city on a day-to-day basis. It has had a great impact on many lives from the people receiving hope to the Friends University community that has been given an opportunity to help build a new spark of hope in our environment. Working together in our community on this day, we can show what can happen. Let the spark spread!

Rachel Steiner, Director of Graduate and Professional Studies Recruitment

I have been blessed to be able to work on the Salvation Army service project through Friends University for nine years. It is by far my favorite day of the year at Friends because it is so rewarding to know you are helping make a family or a child's Christmas a little brighter. I always walk away broken-hearted for what some of our families in the community face, but even more amazed at the generosity of people in our community who make certain these families are provided for during this special season. I remember one year while I was helping sort gifts, I noticed a six-year-old girl had asked for a blanket. While most children that age have a list of toys they want for Christmas, this child only wanted a blanket. It broke my heart to think what that child must go through to ask for this and opened my eyes to the deep needs of our community.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CENTER OF KANSAS (SACK)

Visual and media communications students helped the non-profit Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK) update their branding and promotional materials as part of a recent pro bono service project. Students created a

website and brochures for SACK as well as a video for first responders for the organization's Detox Center. Their work is actively being used by the organization.

Larissa Arizaga, 2017 Graduate in Communications

As a college student, sometimes we forget what is happening in the outside world. We are focused on studies, work and extracurricular activities. We see the issues happening on TV around the U.S., but never stop and think 'it's happening right here, right now.' It is an issue, but SACK is making a change and giving people a helping hand that want/need that second chance. It was very inspiring and heartwarming to see people at SACK working hard to better themselves. Meeting the employees and hearing about why and what they do to help their clients was also very uplifting. This service project is spreading the word to those who may not know. It is giving someone the chance to make a change. Big or small that chance is impacting someone's life and making a difference in our community.

Keila Garcia, Senior in Communications

Working on the SACK project was eye-opening for everyone involved. You hear about substance abuse and you hear about the impacts of drug abuse, homelessness and poverty but this project showed us first-hand what living that kind of life is like. It helped me empathize with individuals who struggle with substance abuse. It showed me we are all real people with real problems, but there are ALWAYS people willing to help. ALWAYS. People forget the homeless community is just that - a community and they need so much help. If people could understand this, it would change the way we treat each other and the way the homeless community is viewed. Those helping people battling homelessness and substance abuse also need help to continue to provide these services to the community. We can all contribute to the good we want to see in our town and in society in general.



Friends University employees sort toys at the Salvation Army Service Day, a 25-year service project that has helped the Salvation Army prepare for their annual holiday distribution to families in need.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jim Nagy and Dr. David Williams begin service
on Friends University Board of Trustees

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR



DR. DAVID WILLIAMS is the general superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America Yearly Meeting (EFC-MAYM). He also serves as an adjunct professor of discipleship and spiritual formation at Barclay College in Haviland, Kan. and as a guest lecturer at Friends University. After graduating from Malone University (Bachelor of Arts) and Ashland Theological Seminary (Master of Arts), he completed his doctorate (Doctor of Ministry) in leadership and spiritual formation at George Fox University. His doctoral dissertation received the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the seminary faculty and provided the inspiration for his first book, “Rhythms of Grace: Life-Saving Disciplines for Spiritual Leaders.”

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 38 years, holding leadership roles on three continents. Nagy graduated from Friends University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. While attending Friends, he played basketball and baseball and was later inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002. He received the Friends University Distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 and has served as a guest lecturer for the business program.



Wichita BizFest participants, presenters, mentors and committee members take a break between sessions to pose for a group photo.

FRIENDS RECEIVES AWARD AND CONTINUES HISPANIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR

The Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (WHCC) awarded Friends University its 2017 Community Partner Award last fall. The award is presented to an educational institution, a nonprofit organization or an individual that has

contributed to the advancement of the Hispanic community.

Friends University also worked with the WHCC, Wichita Public Schools and the Kansas Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission to host BizFest Feb.

21-24. This four-day intensive event helped approximately 20 high school juniors and seniors in the Wichita area learn a variety of life skills, leadership skills and business techniques.

"Friends University is pleased to be recognized as an educational leader in partnering with the Hispanic community in Wichita," Dr. Carey said. "Through our new Hispanic initiatives, Friends University will continue to cultivate lasting connections with members of our community. One of our R.I.S.E. core values — inclusion — means we promote a spirit of cooperation and equality beginning on our campus and extending into the community and world."

During the past two years, Friends University has implemented a Latino Leaders program, a Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) and a new focus on interpretation and translation for the Spanish degree program.

TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS EARN CAEP ACCREDITATION

Accrediting agency recognizes Friends University's teaching preparation programs for national excellence

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) announced that Friends University's Teacher Education program has received accreditation for its educator preparation programs. Approximately 100 providers

are approved under the CAEP teacher preparation standards — rigorous, nationally-recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. Accreditation is a non-governmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council.

"Our students and instructors should be very proud of the work they are

doing. We've set a very high bar for our teacher prep program and CAEP Accreditation validates this," said Dr. Jan Wilson, chair of education and professor of education. "Our students and their families are investing in an education program that is designated as nationally accredited for teacher preparation and has been accredited since 1954."

Wilson noted that CAEP accreditation is replacing the University's previous accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The Friends University Division of Education has sustained NCATE approval since NCATE was formed in 1954.



Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation



The women's basketball team shows their Wichita pride in front of a giant painting of the Wichita flag and were featured in VIP Wichita's March magazine.

KCAC DOMINANCE CONTINUES WITH SECOND STRAIGHT CONFERENCE CROWN FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BY LEVI CONVIRS

After losing a two-time NAIA All-America performer and a three-time KCAC Coach of the Year, many people likely felt the Friends University women's basketball team would take a step back from last year's KCAC championship squad that went 21-1 in the league and finished the season 12th in the final NAIA Coaches' Top 25 poll.

But first-year head coach Nicole Midder and four returning starters had other ideas about how this year's version of Falcon Basketball would turn out.

The formula may have changed, but the results were eerily similar, as the No. 22-ranked Falcons wrapped up their second straight KCAC regular season title by scoring a season-high

point total in a 100-86 victory at Kansas Wesleyan University.

"This has been a tremendous, uphill battle with fighting adversity at every corner, but there is something about unwavering faith that can't be tainted," Midder said. "Hard work pays off, brick by brick by faith! I'm extremely grateful to have been a part of this process."

The Falcons' calling card this past season was a frenetic defensive effort that continuously kept the opposition out of rhythm.

Behind that defensive prowess that saw the Falcons rank second in the nation in steals per game, Friends ran off a 15-game winning streak this season, their

longest such streak since also winning 15 straight in the 2012-13 season.

The Falcons finished the season earning their third straight NAIA DII National Championship Tournament berth, which was held at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

The squad fell behind in the second quarter by double-figures, but battled back within three late in the fourth before falling 81-74 to No. 11-ranked Northwestern College (Iowa) in the opening round.

The Falcons finished the season with a 24-9 record overall, marking the seventh straight season they've won at least 20 games.

MURDOCK CONTINUES FAMILY LEGACY AT FRIENDS IN DOMINATING FASHION

BY LEVI CONVIRS

It's been nearly 50 years since Friends University junior guard/forward Jordan Murdock's grandfather, Mitch, '71, carved out his playing career on the hardwood, and Jordan is doing his best to make sure the Murdock name is forever entrenched in Friends lore.

Not only is Jordan carrying on the family basketball tradition at Friends, he's waving the banner loud and proud.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Murdock reached the 1,000-career point milestone in only 41 games earlier this season for the Falcons.

In the contest where Murdock eclipsed 1,000 career points, his overall impact in the Falcons' 81-72 victory over

McPherson wasn't lost on head coach Dale Faber.

"He finds a way night in and night out and to get to 1,000 in just 41 games is amazing," Faber said. "I know we should focus on his 1,000th but in this game, he had 26 points, 13 rebounds and 0 turnovers. Glad he was here!"

Murdock was the NAIA's leading scorer at 29.8 points per game, while leading the KCAC and ranking sixth in the nation with 10.7 rebounds per game.

Playing with an uncanny consistency, Murdock has scored in double-figures



Jordan Murdock attempts a shot this past season on his way to reaching 1,000 career points and being named KCAC Player of the Year.

in all but one of his 61 career games at Friends, including topping the 40-point mark twice and scoring at least 30 points on 23 occasions.

After earning KCAC Player of the Week five times during the season, he was named KCAC Player of the Year by the league.

With one more year of eligibility, it's safe to say the name "Murdock" will be on the tip of every Falcon fan's tongue for years to come.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CAPS HISTORIC SEASON WITH CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCE AT NAIA MEET

BY LEVI CONVIRS

With all the achievements and successes the Friends University Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Falcons have put together this season, they managed to outdo themselves with a scintillating effort at the NAIA Indoor National Meet in Pittsburg, Kan. in March.

When the dust settled, the Falcon women stood tall with a fourth-place ranking in the nation, their best-ever

finish in school history. It's been quite a journey for the Falcons under head coach Cole Davis, coming from not placing in 2015, 17th in 2016, 10th in 2017 all the way to this season's No. 4 finish.

The top-four finish also gives the Falcons a national trophy for the first time in any sport in school history.

The Men's Falcons weren't far behind, coming in ninth in the NAIA, also the best in program history.

Overall, the Falcons enjoyed success across the board with multiple standout performances, culminating in 20 All-American selections between the two squads.

The event was highlighted by a pair of National Championship individual wins by Chelsea Baker and Isaac Clark on the men's side. Baker repeated as the Pentathlon national champion with a new school record performance of 3,854 points. Meanwhile, Isaac Clark won the 800m National Championship with a new indoor personal best and school record of 1:51.21.

Perhaps even more significant than their impressive accomplishments athletically, the men's and women's teams both received the NAIA National Team of Character award.

"This was the perfect finish to our indoor season, as both programs finished with their best rankings in school history," said Head Track and Field Coach Cole Davis. "I couldn't be more proud of our women's program. They are an extremely impressive group of student/athletes who have battled their way from being unranked as freshman, to bringing home the school's first trophy finish as seniors."



Members of the Men's and Women's Indoor Track teams display their awards from a record-breaking performance at the NAIA Indoor National Meet in Pittsburg, Kan. in March.

FINE ARTS FACULTY MAKE IMPACT BEYOND CAMPUS

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

Dr. Mark Bartel, Kurt Priebe and Dr. John Taylor spend a considerable amount of time outside their fine arts classrooms at Friends University, helping further arts education and opportunities.

“The arts can contribute to change in the way people feel, think and act,” said Dr. Bartel, a music educator who likes to refer to a quote by U2’s lead singer, Bono: “Music can change the world because it can change people.”

Priebe, involved in the performance arts, agreed. “Stories, whether it’s through television, film or plays, are a dynamic part of our culture and can be emotional, moving and have an impact.”

Dr. Bartel, associate professor of music and director of choral music, has been the director of the Wichita Chamber Chorale since 2010. The group, founded by Michael Pohlenz, ’72, in 1978, has about 30 to 40 members selected by audition. While the chorale’s mission is to contribute to the cultural life in Wichita and surrounding communities, this spring it helped the community in another way: to raise awareness about area homelessness with its “Solid Ground” concert. The concert involved Family Promise, a nonprofit that helps homeless families, and the Wichita Community Children’s Choir, which Bartel directed for several years before taking up the baton for the chorale.

Music is also central in Dr. Taylor’s outreach. Dr. Taylor, who joined the Friends faculty in 1989 and is professor of instrumental music and music education, became involved in the Kansas Music Educators Association in 1993. In 2002, he became just the third executive director of the KMEA, formed in 1934. KMEA holds several distinctions: it’s the largest arts education group in Kansas, it’s one of

the largest music education associations nationally, and every year it hosts one of the largest conventions in Wichita, drawing as many as 10,000 high school students, teachers and internationally renowned clinicians and conductors. Because of his position, Dr. Taylor is involved in both state and federal lobbying efforts for music education in schools and in the City of Wichita’s discussions about Century II’s future.

Another longtime faculty member, Priebe, assistant professor of drama and media since 1990, knows that the

right scenery and lights set the stage for a performance. He also knows laughter is another way to have an impact. For more than a decade, Priebe has served as a presenter, clinician or adjudicator for the annual Kansas Thespians Festival in Wichita. For 21 years, he has been the artistic director for Acts of Faith, an interdenominational performance ensemble that does comedy, drama, mime and improv. Between 1996-2012, he was involved with the Christians in Theater Arts national conference as a presenter and organizer.



Dr. Mark Bartel directs the community-based Wichita Chamber Chorale in preparation for an upcoming performance.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER TO SHARE THOUGHTS ON RISING ABOVE MEDIOCRITY

BY GISELE MCMINIMY



Dr. Kevin Hoppock wants Friends University graduates to become the best they can be and rise above mediocrity. He plans to share this message, and some specific ideas

about how to accomplish this, with graduates at Friends University's 2018 Commencement May 12.

Dr. Hoppock is a family physician with Via Christi Clinic who has been recognized extensively for his outstanding work with patients as well as his work in the medical field in

Wichita, the state of Kansas and beyond. In 2014, he was named the Kansas Family Physician of the Year by the Kansas Academy of Family Physicians. The Wichita Business Journal (WBJ) included him among their 40 Under 40 list in 2001 and their 40 Under 40 Hall of Fame list in 2015. He appeared on the WBJ's list as a Health Care Hero in 2012 and, most recently, earned a spot on the paper's 2017 Best Doctors list. He has been active in numerous medical organizations at the local, state and national level and has served as president of both the Kansas Medical Society and the Medical Society of Sedgwick County.

He actively volunteers with a number

of community organizations and has organized and taken several mission trips with several groups (including fellow members of Northridge Friends Church) to Mexico, Haiti, Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. He has served as a member of the Friends University Board of Trustees since 2002 and is a devoted husband to Lori, '87, and an actively-involved father to their three children: Taylor, Jennifer and Catherine.

Dr. Hoppock credits his success to allowing God to guide him, give him strength and reach his full potential. He hopes his Commencement message will inspire Friends University graduates to find their extraordinary role in God's Kingdom on Earth.

CERTIFICATIONS, BADGES AND BOOT CAMPS – OH MY!

BY DEB STOCKMAN



This spring, Friends University is launching a new Six Sigma certification course and new Coding Boot Camps complete with digital badges.

The Six Sigma Green Belt Certification course provides practical training and the skills needed to drive change within an organization. The first online course was offered in March and the certificate earned during the course enables students to analyze business performance, improve processes in all operational areas, formulate highly specialized strategies and execute effectively. Successful completers of

the course receive a Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate from Friends University and two digital badges: a Six Sigma DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) badge and a Six Sigma Green Belt badge. Completers are also prepared to sit for the Council on Six Sigma Certification (CSSC) Green Belt Exam since they will learn about process management from both an efficiency (Lean) and an effectiveness (Variation Reduction) perspective.

Starting this summer, Coding Boot Camps will be offered for various subjects/teaching topics beginning with C++ and C#. The first camp will run July 9-14 and the second camp will run July 23-28.

So what's the big deal with badges and certificates?

Digital badges and certificates make continuing education more affordable and accessible. You can start by taking a certification course or a digital badge course as an additional way to achieve your learning and education goals and apply this for credit once you enroll in one of Friends' degree programs.

Certificates and badges are

designed for the working professional or individuals preparing to enter the workforce or someone looking to advance their career.

"Earning a badge or a certificate is a great way to stay up to date with new skills and information. Placing the badge or certificate in LinkedIn or other social media pages lets others know what you've accomplished," said Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and Graduate School. "Many courses can be completed online and most are offered in the classroom and/or online setting, giving you the flexibility to plan how and when you learn."

A digital badge is a visual representation of a skill, achievement or knowledge gained, Dr. Hofmeister said. It shows employers what you know, where you learned it and why they should hire or promote you. Earning college credit through the Friends University Badge Program will not only assure employers you are receiving instruction from highly qualified instructors, it also guarantees you will always have access to proof that you completed this education.

FRIENDS ADDS NEW CYBER DEGREE AND THREE NEW MBA CONCENTRATIONS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR



As part of an ongoing expansion of its cyber security programs, Friends University will offer an option for traditional undergraduates to complete a degree in cyber security this fall. In addition, the University has added three new MBA concentrations this spring.

The Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security (BSCS) degree for traditional students follows the successful launch of the Friends University bachelor's and master's degrees in cyber security through its adult college. This new undergraduate degree will equip more students to shape the rapidly changing and expanding technological world. Friends is the only private college in the state of Kansas to offer an undergraduate degree of this kind.

By utilizing the INTRUST Bank Cyber Security Laboratory at Friends University, students will practice combating real-time threats and employing defense capabilities. Additionally, students may apply up to 18 concurrent hours toward a Master of Science in Cyber Security program. The traditional undergraduate program will be offered beginning in August.

Three new concentrations were added this spring for the Professional and Global MBA programs and include: cyber security; finance; and human resources. These new concentrations, each consisting of approximately four to six courses, will equip graduates to be specialists and leaders in their fields.

"Friends University is pleased to offer these new concentrations, which enable students to enter their field as leaders in the business management environment," said Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of the College of Adult and Professional

Studies and the Graduate School. "These concentrations enhance our student-centric MBA programs to give students seven total concentration options or ways to tailor their education to meet their needs."

RETHINKING THE CLASSROOM

BY DR. DAVID HOFMEISTER, DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Choices. We all enjoy having choices when making a decision. For years, getting a degree meant one choice —enroll in a program and take classes on campus. The course was always on a campus, and it almost always required commuting.

As telecommunications increased access to information, the telephone became the next step for teaching. Some may recall going to a satellite campus and sitting in a room listening to a faculty member lecture over the phone.

By the 1990s, online learning over the Internet was developing. Students could take a course "on-ground" or online. These parallel developments defined the choices, and students were either "on-ground" or online.

Today we have many educational choices. Traditional classes on a campus remain, and so does online learning. What is new are multiple course delivery systems based on technology! Technology easily bridges how students take classes.

At Friends University, we offer courses on-ground, online and through synchronous, real-time webinars. This synchronous e-learning combines on and off-campus students via webinar software named ZOOM. Classrooms have cameras, microphones, projection systems and computers, and students in the classroom and off campus can see and hear each other. The student-centered classroom enables all students in the class to work together. By working with the faculty member, they build networks and connections with off-campus students. We can ensure cohesive, meaningful learning experiences among students located in the classroom, in a computer lab, in our INTRUST Bank Cyber Security Lab and at home.

These synchronous webinar classes make the world a very small place. Being in the classroom with other students while living an hour or more from campus is a great opportunity to interact with others, learn and accomplish academic goals.

CYBER LAB NAMED INTRUST BANK CYBER SECURITY LABORATORY AT FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

INTRUST Bank is partnering with Friends University to provide funding and underwriting for Friends' cyber lab. As a result, the lab has been named the INTRUST Bank Cyber Security Laboratory at Friends University.

"We are very pleased INTRUST Bank has generously provided funding to support this state-of-the-art lab, which is one of only three of its kind in a university setting," said Friends University President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey. "The lab is designed to provide students with a learning space that simulates realistic threats and practical network defense capabilities. Students will gain hands-

on experience rather than just learning theoretical concepts."

The lab opened in fall 2017 and offers Friends University bachelor's and master's cyber security students and local industry professionals the most comprehensive cyber defense training platform available. The platform, developed by Metova, provides a live-virtual cyber range environment for training, exercising and testing full-

spectrum cyberspace capabilities.

"In today's world, we need cyber professionals who are trained to minimize risk and maximize security for their organizations," said Charlie Chandler, chairman and CEO of INTRUST Bank. "We are pleased to support this premier and unique training facility that provides the optimum environment to learn how to defend against hackers and malware."



Friends University announced the name change for the INTRUST Bank Cyber Lab at Friends University during a Downtown Wichita Fireside Rotary meeting.

FRIENDS CELEBRATES FIRST QUAKER HERITAGE WEEK

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Friends University celebrated its founders' history and heritage during the first Quaker Heritage Week this spring.

"This week is designed to embrace, educate and celebrate the values and qualities our founders created when they established Friends University in 1898," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president. "It is important students know more about Quaker faith and values and how these values can help them lead, influence and transform our world."

The week's activities included:

- Quaker heritage quizzes during lunch in Casado and activities in Edmund Stanley Library.
- A presentation about the first Friends University president, Edmund Stanley, hosted by the library.
- A prayer walk around campus.

- A Quaker worship service led by Dr. David Williams, general superintendent of Evangelical Friends Church-Mid America Yearly Meeting and Friends University Board of Trustees member.
- A dedication of Fry and Woolman Hall.
- Two service opportunities, including volunteering with the PANDO community garden or the OUTCRY 2018 Tour.

The dedication of Fry and Woolman Hall (previously known as the CAPS/IT facility) honors two Quakers as well as two previous residence halls razed after Green Residence Hall was constructed. Built in 1958, Fry Residence Hall housed

women and was located southeast of the Davis building. It was named after Elizabeth Fry, a notable Christian Quaker philanthropist and social reformer who was devoted to prison reform. Woolman Residence Hall, also built in 1958, housed men and was located near the current location of the former CAPS/IT facility. Woolman was named after John Woolman, a North American merchant, tailor, journalist and Quaker preacher who was an early abolitionist in the colonial era.

Campus Pastor and Dean of Campus Ministries Dr. Guy Chmielewski also wrote an editorial for the Wichita Eagle about the essential qualities and characteristics that have shaped the faith and practice of Quakers from their inception. To read the editorial, visit the news section at friends.edu.



Phil and Vi Whiteman have lived in their house across the street from Friends since 1978 and are leaving the house and land to Friends as part of their estate.

DONOR PROFILE

PHIL AND VI WHITEMAN: MR. AND MRS. FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

BY BRIE BOULANGER

Phil and Vi Whiteman began their journey at Friends in the 1950s and have been an integral part of the University community since. Former President Dr. Biff Green describes the couple by saying “if there was ever a Mr. and Mrs. Friends University, it would be Phil and Vi.”

In the ‘50s, Phil was involved in tennis and basketball early on in his college career. Growing up in a Quaker family in Atlanta, Kan., Phil stayed true to his roots by attending Friends University after high school.

Dr. Green has fond memories of traveling to Atlanta, where Phil would show him their family farm, where he grew up and went to school.

“You could tell he had great pride in his town and Quaker heritage. It was a great lesson for me in the hard times in which Phil grew up and how that upbringing created his belief system, his love for farming and appreciation for what Friends University gave him.”

Phil worked various jobs while attending Friends and paid his entire way through school. He met Vi at a local Nazarene Church on West Street, and they married in 1954.

After Phil graduated in 1955, he and Vi remained deeply connected to Friends. Vi had a lengthy career in the University Relations Office from 1972-1996. She and Eva Brightup, ‘86

and wife of Dr. Leroy Brightup, ‘58 and professor emeritus, spent many years working together at Friends.

Eva recalls a time in Vi’s career where the president asked her to act as the interim director of development.

“We ended up raising more money that year without a director because Vi just stayed with what she knew to do. She didn’t let it rattle her that we were without leadership, she just made it work. I learned a lot from her over the years,” Eva said.

Vi attended many athletic games, supplying the cheerleading section as Phil ran the clock for the basketball and football games for more than 40 years, without missing a game. Phil also served on the Friends University Board of Trustees for 25 years.

The Whiteman’s have expressed their love and dedication to Friends over the years, one of which was remembering Friends in their estate planning. While building their home on the corner of University and Hiram in 1978, they made the decision to leave it to the University.

“Phil and Vi’s love for Friends University and our students is special,” said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey. “This estate gift is another expression of their desire to see Friends continue to thrive. Their legacy will live on for generations. Bryan and I are thankful for their friendship and care for us; they are the best neighbors we could ever have!”

They also give yearly to the Annual Fund to help provide scholarships for current and future students of Friends University. The Whitemans have definitely made their mark on Friends University. They are a staple of the University community and will always have a special place in our hearts.

For details about estate plans, contact David Alexander, associate vice president of university advancement, at david_alexander@friends.edu, 316-295-5648 or visit friends.edu/give.



DUTCHER SELECTED FOR KICA ASPIRING CAMPUS LEADERS ACADEMY

BY GISELE MCMINIMY

Dr. Susan Dutcher, assistant professor and program director of marriage and family therapy, has been selected as one of 20 college faculty members who have been

identified as the future leaders of Kansas higher education. She will be part of the second class of the Kansas Independent College Association's (KICA) Aspiring Campus Leaders Academy.

KICA's new academy is the outgrowth of several years of conversation about the lack of high-quality training opportunities targeted for those in academics, not administration, at smaller, private colleges. It has become a model for several other states. KICA will be coordinating and presenting more than a dozen supplemental learning opportunities focused on "tactical" tools like budgeting, governance, data trends, hiring, faculty evaluation tools and more.

Dr. Dutcher has served in her role at Friends for four years and is a Wichita native. She completed her master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Friends University and obtained a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from George Fox University. She holds licensure in marriage and family therapy and clinical psychology. She is an

approved supervisor for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and an approved consultant with the Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing International Association. She has clinical experience working in community mental health, outpatient mental health, college counseling center, and the public school system. Dr. Dutcher provides supervision to Friends University students and graduates and maintains a small private practice specializing in treatment of trauma and providing some psychological testing. She teaches courses including cognitive behavioral therapy, psychopharmacology, family development, stress and violence, and internship courses.

The academy will kick off with a two-day training in May in Lawrence, Kan. KICA is partnering with Credo Higher Ed to provide training, along with sponsors IMA, Inc., EMPOWER Student Information Systems and Spelman Johnson.



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SPRING 2018 CLASS NOTES

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Jan. 31, 2018 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Clarice June Morris Ardovino, '39, died Aug. 22. She joined the WAAC/WAC, working in public relations, during World War II. She continued her work in public relations on Long Island, where she later moved, by working for community newspapers and a television station.

Robert Balay, '49, died Aug. 7. During his life, he served in the Army and worked as a technical writer, a librarian and an editor.

Mona Mae (Harvey) Berry, '46, died Sept. 28. She taught 27 years in Oklahoma and Colorado, and she was on various First Denver Friends Church committees.

Robert J. Price, '48, died Sept. 21, in New York City. He was an accomplished musician and writer.

Donnie (Don) Bell, '59, died July 30. He served in the Army for four years before becoming a teacher.

Stewart Brown, '53, died Dec. 13. In addition to serving in the Army, he was a business owner of Brown's Quality Feed & Service in La Grange, Texas, for 15 years. He was also a dairy farmer and cattle rancher.

Janice Earline Carter, '56, died Nov. 23. She taught and shared her artistic talents with many students in the public schools of Derby, Wellington, Osawatomie and Ottawa as well as through many church and community events.

Donald Clifford Newman, '54, died Oct. 23. He was a Quaker minister, school teacher and a Fuller Brush salesman.

DeEtta Mae Peek, '51, died Sept. 29. In 1982 she graduated from the Columbia Public Schools Program of Practical Nursing and worked for several health care organizations in Columbia, Mo.

Thresia "Tish" M. Pierce, '55, died Nov. 30. She taught in the public schools for more than 40 years, primarily the first, second and third grades. In 1969 she was named Wichita, Kansas Woman of the Year. She was listed in a number of Who's Who publications for her outstanding contributions in the fields of teaching and writing.

Marilyn Dale (Davis) Pitts, '51, died Oct. 4. In addition to working for a time at the Veteran's Administration, she was a pastor's wife and ministered to many.

Dr. Rev. William E. Rathbun, '54, died Jan. 5. After serving in the Navy, he served as a pastor for 37 years.

Vincent Townsend Smith, '53, died Sept. 13. After moving to Southern California where he worked for Bray Oil Company, Burmah-Castrol, Montrose and Tribol Oil and Grease, he retired in 1993 and moved to Oregon.

Herbert Friedl Vanek, '52, died Jan. 3. After narrowly escaping Nazi oppression in Austria, he came to America and attended Friends University. He was an accomplished air brush artist and sculpture artist of some acclaim, in addition to climbing mountains, running races and bicycling across continents.

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Elnora Sue Anna Herrman, '62, died Aug. 20. She was a retired school teacher and was married to her husband, Ivan, for nearly 47 years.

Dulcia Virginia Douglass March, '65, died Dec. 17. She worked for the Army Air Force for two years and taught for 25 years.

Ann M. Sook, '62, died Oct. 22. She served in various occupations during the course of her life, including working for a medical office, serving as an Avon representative, managing Rainbows End Card & Gift Shop and working for Osco Drugs (now CVS).

Evelyn Lucille Stephens, '65, died Dec. 26. She taught for more than 40 years and continued to substitute teach and tutor students for many more.

Susan Jean (Patterson) Pangrac, '85, died Dec. 26. She was the owner of a preschool, an instructor at Wichita Collegiate School and an adjunct instructor at Butler Community College.

Lois M. Smith, '80, died Nov. 27. She had a long and productive career as an office manager of various car dealerships in the Wichita area.

Mary Ann Biehler, '96, died Aug. 29. After raising her family, she began working in the medical industry and retired after 24 years as a contract manufacturing analyst for Abbott Labs.

Tana M. Goertz, '99, died Sept. 18. She was a resident of Hutchinson since 1997 and an ACT testing coordinator for Hutchinson Community College.

Dennis A. Main, '92, died Oct. 5. He was an entrepreneur and operated several businesses with his wife, including Main Electronics, American Speedy Print and Amateur Radio Equipment.

Kenneth LeRoy Peterson, '92, died Jan. 6. After serving in the Navy, he worked as a pastor with the Salvation Army for 15 years. He also worked as a drug counselor and retired as a machinist at Eaton Corp.

Robert "Bob" E. Seymour, '99, died Jan. 12. He was employed for 18 years with the Kansas Department of Corrections as a counselor and guard.

Grace M. Shultz, '91, died Oct. 30. She served as a fourth-grade teacher for 11 years.

Deborah Lynn Green Nesbit, '07, died Oct. 15. She was in the Army as a medic, and she worked for the Sedgwick County Department of Corrections and COMCARE.

Randall James Ellis, '00, died Nov. 23. He served in the Air Force and counseled in various locations, including 20 years with the Department of Defense.

Kathleen Foster Friesen, '09, died Nov. 12. She worked with the University of Missouri Kansas City dental school where she assisted in research work, taught at William Jewell College and began a business that was the start of a life devoted to helping people learn to change and adapt to the world around them. Her business was eventually

acquired by the Stauffer Company in Goshen, Ind., where she focused on both processes and technology.

Lawrence "Larry" George Gibson, '01, died July 29. He served in the Navy and worked for the Rubbermaid Company in Winfield.

Robert Harvey, '77/'98, died Jan. 23. He was retired from his position as the program director of Friends University's Master of Health Care Leadership (MHCL) program. Harvey helped develop the program at Friends, and under his leadership the MHCL program received many high national rankings. Before coming to Friends, he spent 25 years working in the health care community and 16 years as senior vice president of Via Christi Health.

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Annabelle Hinshaw, '48 and wife of former Friends faculty member Dr. Verlin O. Hinshaw, died June 30. She was an elementary school teacher, secretary, devoted wife and stay-at-home mother.

Jamezetta Johnson, '06, died Aug. 10. She and her husband owned several small businesses, and she performed the secretarial and accounting work for the businesses in addition to her role as a homemaker.

Tiffany E. (Carson) Brooks, '11, died Jan. 20. She was employed by the State of Kansas for the past 17 years.

James Michael "Mike" Hoskinson, '13, died June 22. He was described as "the Pocket-T aficionado, amateur geologist, history buff, Renaissance man and perpetual 12-year-old boy." Mike was the husband of Heidi Hoskinson, former vice president of academic affairs.

Class Notes

1930s

Clifford J. Osborn, '39 and a retired U.S. marine major, celebrated his 100th birthday Nov. 29.

1960s

Maxine Hendryx Sahlberg, '62, retired in May 2015 after 26 years of teaching and 27 years as an elementary school counselor.

1970s

Dr. Dan E. Ferguson, '72, wrote a book, "Grace's Mirror: Healing for Perfectionists," which was recently published by Page Publishing.

Morris McCorvey, '74, taught an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute class during the fall semester in Oklahoma. The course covered the life of Ralph Ellison, a writer known for the novel "Invisible Man."

Max Ranney, '78, retired after 39 years in the IATSE, the entertainment union that represents workers in the U.S. and Canada.

Thomas Rishel, '78, retired and moved to Ottawa, Kan., with his wife after a combined total of 60 years teaching music in the public schools of southwest Kansas.

Arden Sanders, '74, served in Papua New Guinea with the Kamasau translation project from 1976 to 1999. He

and his wife, Joy, conducted linguistic analysis, trained literacy teachers and supervisors, and trained translators. Before they left, they helped establish active vernacular prep schools and a translation of the New Testament and portions of the Old Testament. They currently teach at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics where they train translation personnel. Arden teaches translation and, with Joy, phonetics.

1980s

Vickie Young Beam, '89, was promoted to principal at Cover & Rossiter of Wilmington, Del.

David Brant, '89, is being reappointed to serve a four-year term on Kansas' Human Rights Commission.

Mark Brown, '82, was formerly the vice president of child and adolescent services at Prairie View Inc. and clinical director at Cowley County Mental Health.

Dan Slusher, '87, had a four-year tour in Baku, Azerbaijan, where he was a political advisor on human rights and religious freedom to the U.S. Ambassador. His current

position is with the U.S. Consul in Panama. His wife is also a U.S. diplomat and serves as the deputy director of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement office in Panama. Slusher has been with the U.S. Department of State since 2004 and has served in Costa Rica, Peru, Azerbaijan, Panama and Washington, D.C. He has also done temporary work in The Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Brazil and Ft. Bragg, N.C.

1990s

Henry Bireline, '94, was named chief operating officer at the Toledo Zoo in Toledo, Ohio in January.

Catherine Johnson, '97/'14, developed the idea for an EcoFest as part of her master's degree thesis. The festival took place Oct. 29 at the Bartlett Arboretum in Belle Plaine, Kan.

Micheal Lane, '93, is the first non-family member appointed as CEO of Meyers, a national leader in brand marketing and high-end commercial printing.

Shawndra Montgomery, '91 and a former adjunct faculty member, is currently a high school art teacher at



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT DALE SEIWERT

Dale Seiwert, G'81, was named the general manager of The Wichita Eagle in January. He is responsible for the Eagle's publishing, advertising and financial operations. He began working at the Eagle 38 years ago when he joined the paper for a part-time position (which became a full-time position) during his final semester in accounting at Friends. He most recently served as a McClatchy regional manager of financial planning and analyst for The Eagle, Kansas City Star, Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Belleville (Ill.) News Democrat.

Cheney High School. She had the following articles published in Nasco Artworks: "Octahedrons" and "Big Dyed Paper Art."

William R. Mott, '92, has been appointed as chief judge of the 30th Judicial District, effective Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2019. Mott has served as district judge in the district since 2007.

Terri Novak, '96, was elected to K4Connect's board of directors. She previously served as the chief operating officer of Kisco Senior Living.

Mark Rodriguez, '99, was appointed to the board of directors for Goodwill of the Olympics and Rainier Region

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT CRAIG BAY

Craig Bay, '92/'96 and Friends University Board of Trustee member, is serving as plant construction manager and overseeing the construction of an 60,000-square-foot manufacturing facility for Kyodo Yushi Manufacturing Americas Inc. He will serve as the plant manager once the facility is open. Bay previously served as the director of special projects for the Greater Wichita Partnership, where he led the Blueprint for Regional Economic Growth initiative. He currently serves as treasurer of the Friends board.



for 2018. He was elected for a three-year term.

Debra Stafford Gray, '94, is serving as a professor at Kansas City Kansas Community College. She was also a professor for the

University of Phoenix and Colorado Technical University. She received an ATD Certification as a facilitator/trainer, is a contractor for General Motors and other large organizations, and is a travel agency owner at MsDebstravel.com (VIPTravelinks).

students selected to conduct the mixed choir during the final concert. Hanne is president-elect of the Kodály Music Educators of Kansas. He is director of fine arts and teaches vocal music and psychology at Wichita's The Independent School.

Megan Housby, '06, studied desert and marine landscapes through ecological and social field methods in Baja in summer 2017. A military pay technician at the Department of the Army Reserve Pay in Fort McCoy, Wis., she took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.

Brandon Johnson, '09, was recently elected to represent Wichita's 1st District on the Wichita City Council.

Russell "Rusty" Leeds, '09, was selected as Sedgwick County's assistant manager of public safety, code enforcement and emergency management.

Angie May, '03, serves in the Army National Guard while practicing marriage and family therapy.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT STACEY WINTER

Stacey Winter, G'96, has been named CEO of Empac, a Wichita nonprofit established to provide counseling, training and support to area workforces. She oversees the 40-year-old company that employs 13 staff, including five full-time counselors. The organization serves 225 companies with a combined workforce of

about 58,000 people and provides marital, family and parental counseling, addiction counseling, critical incident counseling, as well as education and other training to employees.



2000s

Erica Arb, '00, is serving as the director of Happy Hearts Preschool at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Salina.

Jolene Biggs, '03, was appointed as a council member for the Great Bend City Council.

Jeff Chatlas, '09, published "Dogbone Boulevard," a humorous compilation of his one-panel cartoons.

Michelle Distler, '00/'03, has been serving as the 23rd mayor and first female mayor of Shawnee, Kan., since 2015, after serving 10 years representing Ward 4.

Matt Hanne, '02, traveled to Kecskemét, Hungary in July 2017 to participate in the 29th International Kodály Seminar and was one of five

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

EBONY CLEMONS-AJIBOLADE

Ebony Clemons-Ajibolade, G'06, was named as a 2017 Leader in Diversity by the Wichita Business Journal and a 2017 honoree of Black Women Empowered in Wichita. She serves as community relations manager at Westar, where she interfaces with community and education stakeholders and non-profit organizations to enhance Westar's outreach efforts, including recruitment and employee volunteer engagement. She is active in a number of community organizations, including: Wichita Symphony Orchestra; Real Men, Real Heroes; KETCH; Workforce Alliance; Urban League; and the Kansas African American Museum.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

HELEN RIGDON

Helen Rigdon, G'01, is the new director of the Sioux City Public Library in Sioux City, Iowa. She started the position in October and oversees the library system that includes three branches, a \$3 million operating budget and more than 210,000 physical books and recordings. She previously held various positions at libraries in Kansas and Missouri, including most recently as a branch manager at the Wichita Public Library.

Elizabeth "Annie" McCully, '06, is a new member of the Andover Police Department.

Dustin Parker, '03, had a solo art show, "Monster Mania," at Lawrence Photo Print and Frame in October.

Jesse Powell, '04, and a business partner purchased GForce Performance Engineering, a Wichita-based company that focuses on driveline upgrades for performance vehicles.

Steve Roberson, '02, has been accepted into the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Brian Stranghoner, '02, was the chorus master for the Wichita Grand Opera's presentation of "Stabat Mater" at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita in September. As the choir teacher at Rose Hill High School and choir director at Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Derby, Stranghoner was also named the 2016-17 Outstanding High School

Music Educator for the Kansas Music Educators Association in South Central Kansas.

David E. Williams, '03, discussed the cattle and beef outlook during a session at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association conference in Phoenix.

Jonathan Wood, '04, is the senior graphic designer at Howerton+White.

2010s

Julie Alexander, '17, and **Danielle Chapman, '17**, opened a private practice in west Wichita called Thrive Counseling.

Bailey Burnett, '15/'17, has been hired by Mental Health Association in Wichita, providing therapy to individuals, couples and families with various difficulties. She is also working toward her American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) certification.

Samantha Crelly, '17, is a full-time outpatient clinician at SCMHC's Andover office.

Danika Drake, '17, accepted an outpatient therapist position at Horizons Mental Health Center's area offices in Anthony and Kingman, Kan.

Nick Gauna, '10, has been named coach of the Klamath Falls Gems, a baseball team, for the 2018 season.

Joe Haag, '10, is the fire chief for the El Dorado Fire Department.

Lori Haas, '17, started a private practice centrally located in Wichita called Peace Love and Therapy LLC.

Jannah Handshy, '17, is working at Horizons Mental Health Center in the Kingman and Anthony, Kan. offices.

Paula Heinz, '11, is serving as a science teacher and assistant coach for cross country at Beatrice High School in Nebraska.

Jenny Helms, '17, is practicing at Real Life Counseling LLC in Wichita.

Kelli Henderson, '17, is a junior art director for Associated Integrated Marketing.

Paige Janney, '14/'17, is working on an Apache reservation in Arizona as an elementary school-based clinician.

Ariana Kauffman, '11, is the new vice president of marketing at Bluestem Communities.

Stephanie Leopold, '17, has been hired by Clinical Associates in Wichita. She works in the company's

community-based treatment program with adult sex offenders who are on parole.

Michail Loyd, '17, was recognized as one of the "Who's Who in Local Health Care in Wichita" in the Wichita Business Journal in November. She has been an executive administrator of Regent Park Rehabilitation and Health since 2015.

Sarah Madgwick, '17, is practicing at Christ First Counseling Center and Associates in Emporia and Topeka, Kan.

Liz Miller, '13, works at the Central Christian Counseling Center.

Seth Oldham, '12, presented two sessions at the Kansas World Language Association conference at the Wichita Marriott in October. Oldham is presently teaching in the International Baccalaureate program at the Lincoln College Preparatory Academy in Kansas City, Mo.

Eric Parks, '11, has practiced at both Emotion Journey and Sunny Side Up private practices. He then moved to Pathway Family Counseling, where he practiced for the past three years and was the director of counseling for the past year. Eric also served as a graduate teaching assistant for various courses in Friends

Katie Pembleton, '11, is the new assistant program director at Valley Hope of Moundridge.

Eldon Picou, '16, is the technology instructor at Adult Learning Center in Manhattan, Kan.

Zach Rich, '16, received the 2018 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award.

Danielle Roberts, '16, and **Kirsten (Palmer) Landenberger, '16**, have been practicing at Pathway Family Counseling since September 2016. In July 2017, Danielle was hired as the counseling center's new director.



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT MICKEY SHANNON

Mickey Shannon, G'04/'05, was awarded the Kansas' Finest award by Kansas! Magazine. Every year the magazine selects a few nominees who have been instrumental in promoting the state of Kansas through their work. Other recent honors include being featured in Wichita Magazine as a person of interest and winning a Holland Heralds Night Photography competition that led to one of his Kansas Milky Way images being published in the KLM Airline's in-flight magazine. Shannon regularly travels throughout Kansas capturing stunning images of landscapes, landmarks and night photography, and he has recently ventured into film-making. His photos have been published in 50-plus publications. He has also served as web developer at Friends University since 2014. Some of Shannon's photography work can be seen at mickeyshannon.com.

Morgan Kuckelman, '17, has been hired by McKenzie & Associates in downtown Wichita. She will work primarily with adults, couples and families.

University's Marriage and Family Therapy program. He became a Kansas Board Certified Supervisor and is providing clinical supervision at Friends University's Kansas City Marriage and Family Therapy location.

Roman Rodriguez, '11/'16, began serving as the press secretary for Congressman Ron Estes last fall. He previously served as the brand manager and senior graphic designer at Friends University since 2011.

Emily Sauber, '16, joined Prairie View Inc.'s clinical staff last August.

Paula Schaefer, '13, is in private practice and is a partner at Behavioral Medicine Specialists, P.A. She is trained in EMDR and participated in some post-graduate training in Bowen Family Systems Theory.

Heather Schafer, '17, is practicing at Mindful Matters in Salina, Kan.

Shelby L. Smith, '16, is working with grizzly bears, gray wolves and birds of prey at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, Mont.

Tracy Smith, '17, and **Katrina Zachary, '17**, opened a private practice called Shine Integrative Therapy Aug. 29 in Newton, Kan.

Matt Spurlock, '13, was hired as Foulston Siefkin LLP's director of technology.

Dawn Sweeney, '13, and **Erin Cavanaugh, '11**, co-own Season's Family Counseling in Wichita. **Rachel Ukens, '13**, has joined the practice as well. All three therapists are trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing therapy. Erin is also bilingual and able to offer services to the Spanish-speaking community.

Charles Thompson, '12, is working on a doctorate in education.

Kory Vaught, '13, joined Highland Community College's football coaching staff.

Donnell J. Vigil, '10, has been elected by the Board

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT **BILL COCHRAN**

Bill Cochran, G'11, was named the chief of police for the City of Topeka in January. He is a 31-year-veteran with the Topeka police force and had served as the interim chief of police since November 2017. He has worked in multiple capacities in the department, including homicide, traffic, patrol, field operations and criminal investigations. He was also a member of the Army National Guard for 20 years, retiring as a 1st Lieutenant in 2005.



of Directors to serve as CEO and president of International Star Inc.

Jackie Wade, '16, is the first female general manager in the funeral industry in the Hutchinson area where she serves as general manager of Hutchinson Funeral Chapel & Crematory.

Ben Watson, '12, joined the Central Oregon banking team as an assistant vice president business client advisor.

Wendy Wilson, '17, is practicing at Affiliated Family Counselors in east Wichita.

Angela Goodson, '17, is practicing at Winfield Family Therapy in Winfield, Kan.

FACULTY/STAFF/ BOARD NOTES

Charleen Ayers, adjunct faculty in fine arts, and

Patrick Greene, '92, performed in the Wichita Grand Opera performance of "Madama Butterfly" in September.

Dr. Mark Bartel, associate professor of music and director of choral music,

was the artistic director and the conductor of the Wichita Chamber Chorale's (WCC's) 40th anniversary of the "Sounding Joy" holiday concert. He has served in this role since 2010. Dr. Bartel also designed and conducted two commemorative public worship services with the WCC, marking the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in October and November. At one of the services, he presented a lecture titled "Luther, Bach and Us: Reflections on the Reformation and Worship as 'Work.'" In addition, Dr. Bartel conducted the Manitoba Provincial Honor Choir Feb. 2-4 in Winnipeg, Canada.

Dr. Jennifer Brown, adjunct faculty in education, recently earned her National Board Certification.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president, joined three other higher education presidents in January to speak at a Young Professionals of Wichita "lunch and learn" about how they reached their respective positions, as well as what their respective institutions are doing to positively affect the future of

Wichita and its residents. Dr. Carey also volunteered and helped kick off Open Streets ICT in September.

Dr. Valentina Chappell, professor of business and technology and program director of the Global MBA, accepted an invitation to serve as a volunteer on the editorial board for the Journal of Education and Development ISSN 2529-7996 (Singapore). Additionally, she presented her research on "Diversity and Inclusiveness in the Age of Globalization" at the European conference (ECEL) in Portugal where she also chaired a session in November.

Justin Eichorn, assistant professor of cyber defense and program director of adult computer information systems/cyber security, wrote an article titled "Learning to Learn in Cyber Education" for The EvoLLLution.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science, director of the honors program and model UN sponsor, moderated a panel, "War Matters," for the New Symposium Society in February. Dr. Fox spoke to Informed Women of

Harvey County in November about the impact of gerrymandering.

Raymond Garvey, adjunct faculty in the Global MBA program, taught graduate students who were completing an international negotiation program at Aix Marseille University in France in December.

Dr. Chris Habben, professor of marriage and family therapy, Kansas City site program director, and Kansas City site specialized accreditation and assessment administration, gave a TEDx talk in Overland Park, Kan. He spoke about applying systems thinking to relationships.

Dr. Von Hansen, adjunct faculty in fine arts, recruited 99 college and high school percussionists to perform "Inuksuit: Drums on the Pond" around a lake. The performance took place in September at the Wichita "Autumn & Art" event.

Dr. Malcolm Harris, professor of finance, presented "Big Debacles: Financial Performance, Incentives and Culture: What Can We Learn?" to the Institute for Internal Auditors in December. He also gave a talk in the Docentium series on "Frank Sheed: Entrepreneur of Catholicism, Apologist Extraordinaire and Midwife of the Catholic Literary Revival" at the Spiritual Life Center in December.

Lisa Hittle, assistant professor of music and director of the jazz program; **Randall Zellers**, adjunct faculty in fine arts; and the

Friends University Jazz Vocal Ensemble (directed by **Craig Curry**, adjunct faculty in fine arts) provided music at the Grumpy Old Men's Christmas Dinner, before the Take 6 Christmas Show in December.

Lisa Hittle joined the advisory board for Fisch Haus Studios in Wichita. She also conducted the 43rd Annual Stan Kenton Christmas Carols at West Heights United Methodist Church in Wichita and at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hutchinson in December. Interviews with Hittle were included in a recently published book, "Changing the Tune: The Kansas City Women's Jazz Festival 1978-1985," by Carolyn Glenn Brewer.

Dr. David Hofmeister, dean of the College of Adult and Professional Studies and the Graduate School, wrote an article titled "Professional Education Needs to Formalize a New Platform" for The EvoLLLution.

Aaron Krone, assistant professor of art, had artwork that was featured in the Riney Fine Arts Gallery at Friends University in late February and early March.

Ted Krone, professor emeritus, and **Karen Scroggins**, assistant professor of graphics arts and director of the visual arts program, had artwork that was accepted into the 2017 Wichita National All Media Exhibition. Included in the exhibition were Krone's "Continental Shelf Tectonic Swift" and "Marianna Trench" and Scroggins' "The Hundred Dresses." The

exhibition took place Sept. 8 to Oct. 15 at Mark Arts.

Col. Joseph Jabara, adjunct faculty in business and technology, and **Jonathan Lanning**, program director and assistant professor of cyber security, presented at the first large-scale cyber security forum in Kansas in October at Wichita State University.

Jonathan Lanning, program director and assistant professor of cyber security, testified in Federal court as a Subject Matter Expert on Cyber Security and Social Media, providing insight on how security controls function within Facebook to enable various accesses to user information.

Brian Powers, visiting assistant professor of business, was unanimously appointed to serve on the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board, which serves the needs of citizens with disabilities by ensuring ADA compliance. This is the sixth year he has been appointed to this board as a voting member.

Crystal Roach, director of financial aid, is participating in the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (RMASFAA) Leadership Pipeline, which is a yearlong leadership development and professional mentoring program for financial aid professionals.

REMEMBERING FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Jeri Fisk died Feb. 16. She began working at Friends in 1985 and served for many years as the administrative assistant for the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics before her retirement in 2012.

Robert "Bob" Harvey died Jan. 23. He was retired from his position as the program director of the Master of Health Care Leadership program. See his Class Notes obituary on page 23.

Ray Winchester, who served as the director of Physical Plant at Friends University from 1973 until June 1992, died Sept. 26. Ray was 90 years old. Paul Winchester, Ray's son, took over as director of Physical Plant in 1992 when Ray retired. Ray continued to work at Friends University on a part-time basis until 2006. Ray took great pride in his work on campus and loved Friends University very much.

Dr. William Harrison "Bill" Wunder, former professor of business and chair of the division of business, technology and leadership within the Graduate School, died Aug. 10. He also served as director of Friends' Executive MBA program and was the former president of Marymount College of Kansas in Salina.

Dr. Michelle Robertson, professor of marriage and family therapy, opened a branch of Brain Balance with Amy Downing in the Shops at Tallgrass in July. Dr. Robertson co-authored "The Marital Attitudes Scale: Assessing and Treating Ambivalent Clients," which was published in the Journal of Divorce & Remarriage.

Dr. Vicki Ronn, assistant professor of English, presented a paper titled "Straw into Gold: Mythopoeia, the Fiber Arts, and the Value of Women's Production" at the 48th Annual Mythopoeic Society Conference at the University of Illinois at Champaign in July. Dr. Ronn also joined the Council of Stewards as the coordinator of the Mythopoeic Awards (The Aslans) for the coming year.

Dr. Matthew Schloneger, assistant professor of voice, played King Kaspar in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" with Music On Site.

Dr. Kenneth Stoltzfus, dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education, hosted an October New Symposium discussion on "Is High-Quality, Affordable Medical Care in America Still a Reasonable Expectation for Most Americans? Is It Even a Human Right? Is It Better Achieved by Government Guarantee or by the Free Market?"

Rachel Steiner, director of graduate and professional studies recruitment, was selected as a 2017 Wichita Business Journal Emerging Leader, a yearlong program,

which includes roundtable discussions, social events, panels and a class at the Kansas Leadership Center. Steiner spoke at a NAWMBA member meeting in October and participated in a Wichita

Business Journal roundtable discussion for the Emerging Leaders program in February.

Dr. Preston Todd, assistant dean of student success, presented "Data

Surfing for Retention Success: From Trend Lines to Break Lines" at the National Symposium on Student Retention in November.

FACULTY EARN EMERITUS STATUS

The Friends University Board of Trustees granted emeritus faculty status to three faculty members at its February board meeting. Dr. Ed Pearson and Dr. Malcolm Harris are retiring at the end of the spring 2018 semester. Robert (Bob) Harvey's status was granted posthumously. The following information was provided through the emeritus faculty nomination process.

DR. MALCOLM HARRIS

Malcolm joined the Friends University faculty in January 2006 as a professor of finance. Malcolm has provided outstanding service to the University. He regularly teaches a full slate of courses and often teaches overloads. He teaches nearly every student in the Division of Business and Information Technology through the core finance and economics courses and is the primary instructor for the division's capstone course. As part of his teaching, Malcolm has developed and edited six casebooks tailored to the different courses he teaches. He has also been involved in scholarly activities and routinely presents papers at conferences. Malcolm is routinely quoted in both local and national media on a variety of topics. The Wichita Eagle and Wichita Business Journal have made Malcolm one of their "go to" sources on topics of finance, economics and the workings of the financial and labor markets.

ROBERT (BOB) HARVEY (POSTHUMOUS)

Bob joined Friends University in 2008 as program director of the Master of Health Care Leadership Program. His leadership provided sharp, innovative and intense learning experiences that were light years ahead of other programs in Kansas. Throughout his time at the University, Bob continued to work, consult and assist in the health care field. His first-hand experiences brought the challenges and opportunities in health care directly into the classroom. Graduate students, colleagues and health care leaders in the community all commented on the depth of thought, guidance and support Bob provided to others. His mentorship through classes and outside of class contributed significantly to the number of graduates who have achieved C-suite or advanced positions in their organizations. Bob's trademark comment was, "How will this benefit the student?" To that end, he served students and the university well.

DR. EDMOND PEARSON

Ed joined the Friends University faculty in August 2002 as an instructor of business. He has contributed significantly to the lives and careers of students. His breadth of knowledge in numerous fields has made him an outstanding teacher for traditional, adult undergraduates and graduate students. His service, guidance and friendship focuses within and extends well beyond Friends University. Many students, especially athletes, connected with Ed during their time at the University and have remained connected beyond their graduation. His approach is humble and coupled with the ethos of a marine. He studied and taught law, business and technology courses. He pursued a degree in theology to serve God and the community as an ordained Baptist preacher. His tremendous capacity enables him to reach into a student's life and guide each student to accomplish much. This is his greatest gift.

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Education Conference

Aug. 20

Fall Classes Begin

Oct. 5-7

Homecoming

Oct. 25-27

Apprentice Gathering Conference



Friends University will celebrate Commencement at INTRUST Bank Arena May 12. Approximately 400 students are expected to graduate, including on-campus students from Wichita and the Kansas City Education Center as well as online students.

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