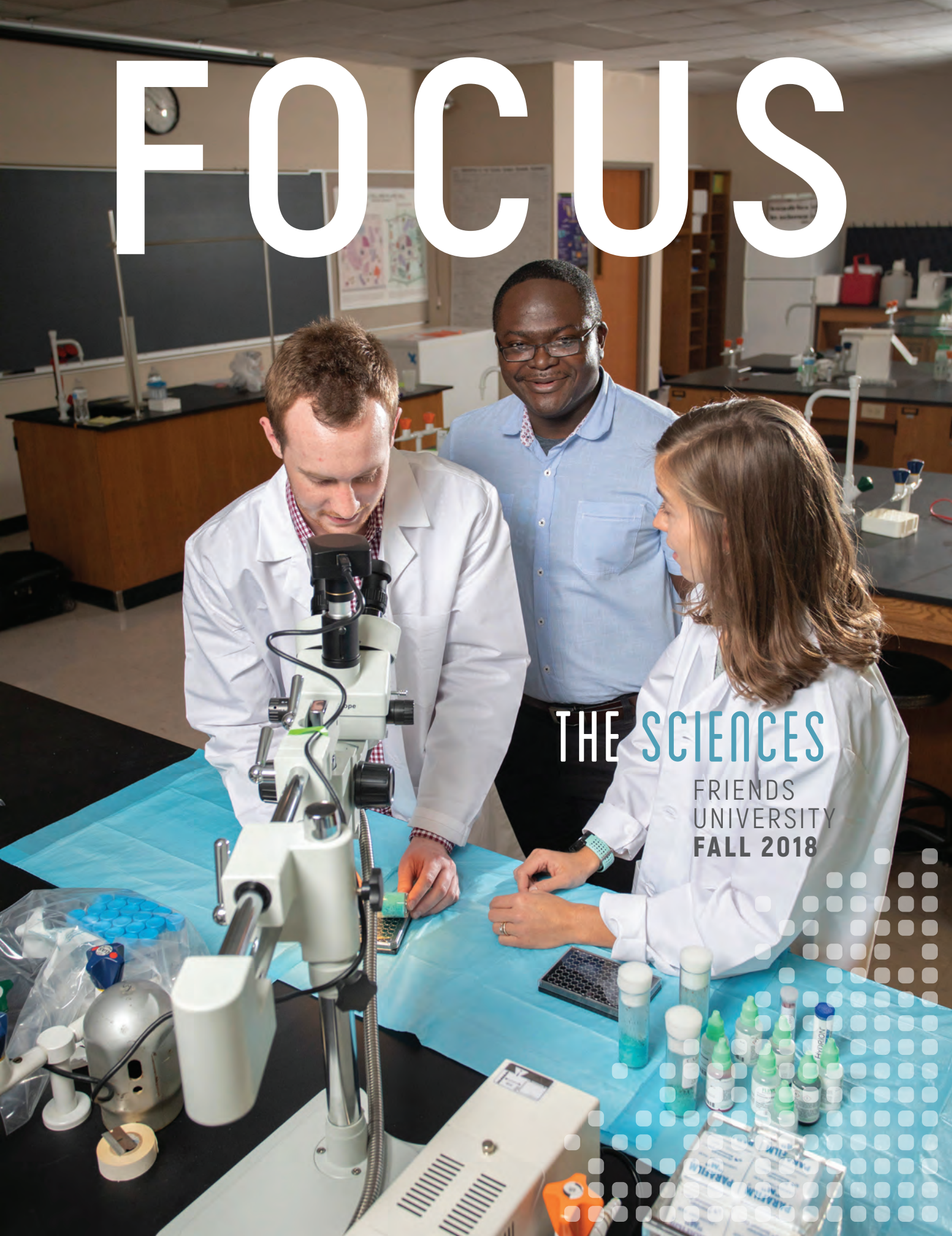


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends University has a long history of preparing students for stellar careers in the sciences. Dr. James Crow and Dr. Fred Wolinsky are two examples of alumni who have done ground-breaking research throughout their careers. But Friends has educated thousands of doctors, chemists, zoo keepers, mathematicians and others who have made, or are making, important contributions to people's lives.

While there may be some who see faith and science as potential opposing

forces, we value both. Our graduates understand there are deeper questions that can't be fully explained by science. Their work is guided by their faith in God, our Creator, and they rely on faith in Him to help explore the mysteries of the physical, as well as the spiritual, world.

Amy Bragg Carey

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
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ON THE COVER

Dr. Prince Agbedanu and students Josh Schafer and Christa Titus work in the Friends biology lab.

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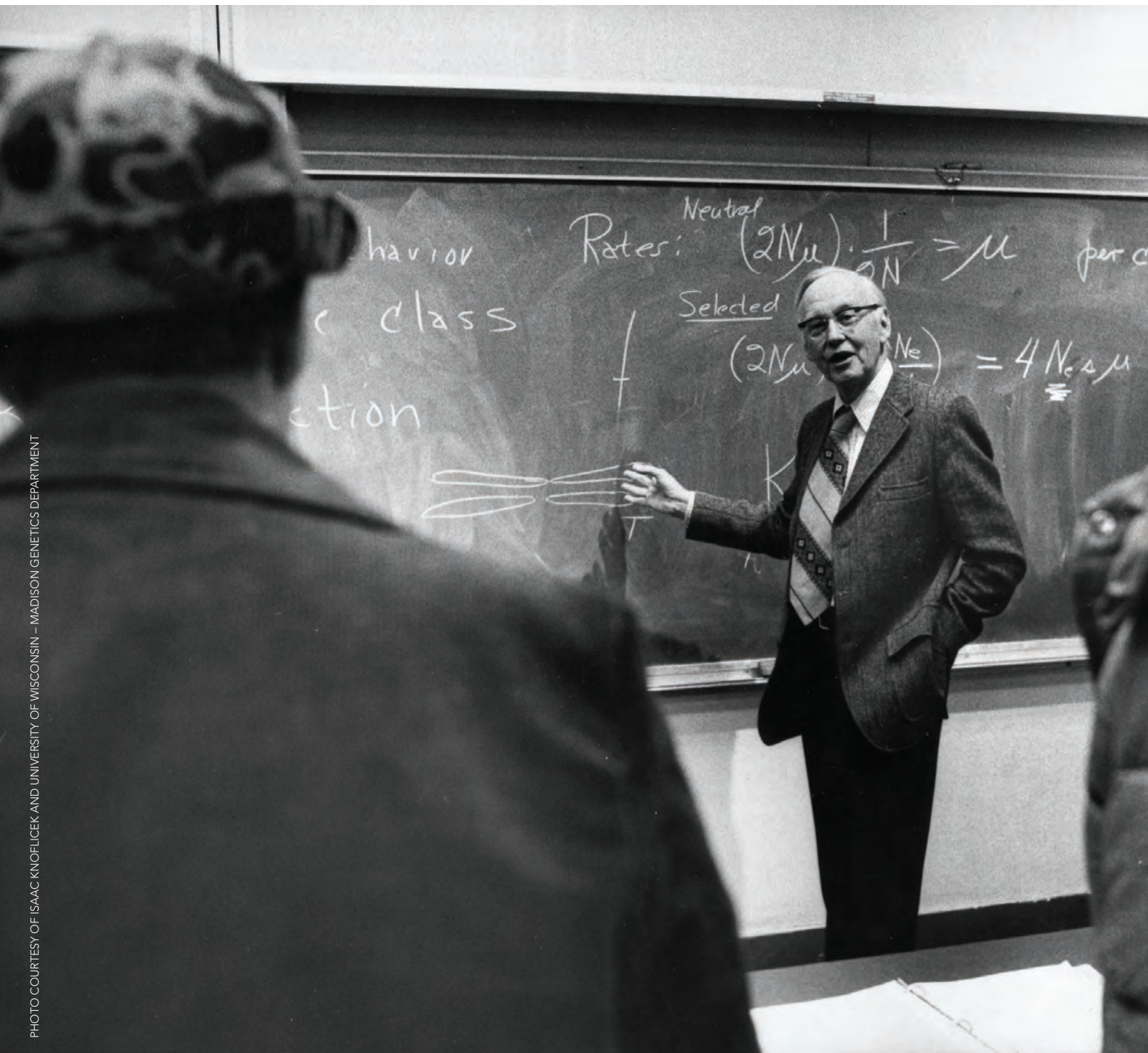


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A TALE OF TWO SCIENTISTS

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY



ne was an eminent geneticist who studied mutations in crops and from nuclear radiation, helped develop the field of population genetics, wrote standard texts in his field and fostered generations of fellow scientists at the University of Wisconsin.

The other is a University of Iowa sociologist who mined Medicare data for such insights as how older Americans recover from hip fractures but who thinks one of his best accomplishments was to help show that seniors, with training, can improve the speed in which they process mental tasks. That finding, he says, can truly matter, being the difference between spotting a roadside deer and braking in time vs. hitting the deer.

Both scientists and professors, Dr. James Crow, the geneticist, and Dr. Fred Wolinsky, the sociologist, won awards for their teaching and research. Both published widely, are well respected in their fields and share another distinction: They are Friends graduates.

DR. JAMES CROW: GENETICIST

Dr. Crow, a 1937 biology and chemistry graduate, grew up in a Wichita family with a legacy of academic success. His brother, Ernest, was a longtime cardiologist in the city and a 1942 Friends graduate. Their father, H. Ernest Crow, graduated from Friends in 1909 and taught biology at Friends for 51 years.

Dr. Crow earned his doctorate in zoology from the University of Texas. After teaching at Dartmouth College he went to Wisconsin, staying until retirement in 1986.

After World War II and the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Dr. Crow served a prominent public health role, taking part in research on mutation from radiation and testifying before Congress. His work, a 1986 *Ag Press Service* article noted, included studies looking into the vigor of hybrid crops, resistance to DDT and other insecticides and the effects of mutations on people and other populations.

Dr. Crow served terms as president of the American Society of Human Genetics and the Genetics Society of America and was co-editor-in-chief of the journal *Genetics* for five years during the 1950s. He is credited with two foundational textbooks: "Genetic Notes: An Introduction to Genetics" — a book commonly called just "Crow's Notes" — and "An Introduction to Population Genetics Theory," with Motoo Kimura, covering the field of genetic variations within and between populations.



After his death at 95 in 2012, the Wisconsin genetics department compiled remembrances, noting: "Jim was known to the world as an outstanding geneticist, teacher and statesmen — but to many of us...he was simply one of the best colleagues one could ask for. He was in his office most days — up until the end of his life — reading papers, writing manuscripts and keeping up on the latest news in and out of science. He seemed perpetually in a good mood and could talk to anyone about any subject matter."

Millard Susman, professor emeritus at Wisconsin, said recently that his "generosity and his modesty were extraordinary," recalling how Dr. Crow spent a weekend solving a math problem for a paper Susman was writing. "He was clearly one of the smartest people I ever knew, but he never made you feel inferior."

Susman and Rayla Temin, another Wisconsin colleague, wrote an appreciation of Dr. Crow for Genetics in 2012, describing both his work and his great interest outside the lab. "Music was so much a part of Jim's life that no description would be complete without mention of his devotion to his viola and to his many friends in the music world," they wrote. "He started on violin when around 8 years old and later switched to viola because, as he said, there is always a need for a violist."

Susman recalled Dr. Crow's popularity and range as an instructor.

"I have run into people who were biology undergrads at Wisconsin who said Dr. Crow is the one who stands out as the absolute best. I had the experience of teaching courses with him. It was always humbling to look at the course evaluation. When you taught with him, you never had a chance. You were always at least second."

DR. FRED WOLINSKY: SOCIOLOGIST

Dr. Wolinsky, retired from teaching but still researching, grew up in Chicago and came to Friends because his father's heart attack financially narrowed his college options. But he says his choice proved serendipitous, bringing not only an education but also his wife, Sally, and a deep faith.

After getting his sociology degree at Friends, Dr. Wolinsky earned his master's at Drake University and doctorate at Southern Illinois University. He taught at East Carolina University, Saint Louis University (twice), Texas A&M, Indiana University and finally at Iowa. He also spent several years as a researcher with the American Medical Association, honing his appreciation of what might be learned from health information databases.

"When I was training as a sociologist in graduate school, computers were mainframes and there were a lot of public data sources people weren't using," Dr. Wolinsky said, mentioning that for one early project he received a crate of computer tape from the government. "It turned out I was relatively savvy with code."

"I was trained as a quantitative methodologist and medical sociologist and have focused my research career on studying the health and health behavior of older adults," Dr. Wolinsky explained in a biography for the University of Iowa.

"Some would say I'm an opportunity analyst," he noted recently. "Data

became available, and I seized the opportunity to work with it."

He has written more than 240 articles for journals of medicine, epidemiology, public health, geriatrics and gerontology, bringing over 8,700 citations by fellow scientists. Dr. Wolinsky's work — he taught some but mostly researched — was funded by the National Institutes of Health for three decades, a mighty run in the up-and-down federal funding cycles.

Digging into often-underutilized long-term health data from large numbers of Americans was valuable, but seeing how cognitive training could directly improve the memories and lives of test subjects has meant a great deal to him. Using a computer game of sorts that, with increasing difficulty, focuses the attention of subjects — both in the lab and later in nursing homes and assisted living facilities — "we showed that not only did people have increased processing and peripheral vision but also improved several other measures of cognitive function."

"What has been the nicest thing about this line of work is we have actually made them better. That makes this the most rewarding thing," he said.

"My career has been an accident," he insisted, "but I think God always had a plan for me. Without Friends, there wouldn't have been any of this. I had the privilege of studying with a number of remarkable people who were dedicated to helping students. I wouldn't be the person I am if I had gone somewhere else."

A GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY TO CARE

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES



For two weeks this past summer, a group of Friends University health sciences students conducted rounds with medical doctors and researched alongside scientists studying tropical diseases more than 6,000 miles from Wichita.

As part of a new study abroad experience, 10 students accompanied assistant professors of biology Dr. John Simmons and Dr. Prince Agbedanu to Ghana.



The May 24 to June 10 trip, which included a stopover in Brussels, was an extension of the spring semester class Global Health. The main objective of the class, co-taught by Simmons and Agbedanu, is to expose students to different health care models around the world, Dr. Simmons explained. While the Global Health class is required of all health science majors, the study abroad portion is optional because of the significant travel cost for students. This year's trip cost each student \$2,600.

With the new study abroad component, Friends University students can see an example of an international health care system firsthand.

A former British colony known as the Gold Coast until 1957, Ghana has a health care system that can be described as a national health system

with some people paying into the system, said Dr. Agbedanu, who is also Friends' director of human biology and the health science program.

But essentially, "Ghana's system is more like cash and carry," continued Dr. Agbedanu, who was born and educated in the West African country that is located between Cote d'Ivoire and Togo on the Gulf of Guinea. Both public and private hospitals exist in the developing country.

The study abroad program took the students to Kumasi in central Ghana, which is located about 125 miles northwest of the country's capital city, Accra. In Kumasi, the students split their time on clinical rotations at the hospital of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) and in the labs of the Kumasi Centre for

Collaborative Research (KCCR), located on the university's campus. The KCCR is a collaborative project between a private German company and KNUST.

Dr. Agbedanu has connections to both the university and KCCR — he's a 2005 graduate of KNUST and was a researcher at the lab. The international program office at KNUST coordinated most of the trip's logistics, arranging for experiences that helped the students learn about the country's medical and health care systems along with its culture.

"The whole time we were there, we had someone from the university chaperoning us," Dr. Simmons said.

As the students spent their mornings shadowing physicians, the doctors not only talked about treating patients for their various conditions but also how medical professionals



are educated and trained and how patients pay for health care.

For senior Amanda Smith, the clinical rotations made a big impact. She'd been planning to eventually become a dentist but now plans to go into medicine.

"I had never been in a hospital setting like this, but going on this trip really inspired me to go into medicine," said Smith. This past summer's trip was also her first international adventure.

"It was a very, very amazing opportunity and experience," she said.

Things like learning that mothers and newborns wore white on the maternity ward to symbolize victory and that haggling over prices in the large open-air market is expected were both educational and eye-opening. She said she can't even begin to

compare her experience of witnessing two surgical C-section births.

During afternoons at the research lab, students learned more about what are known as neglected tropical diseases, or NTDs. NTDs are a group of parasitic and bacterial diseases that include malaria, schistosomiasis and Buruli ulcers.

During a one-day field trip to the remote Agogo Presbyterian Hospital, the oldest mission hospital in Ghana, students saw the effects of Buruli ulcers.

"It's a horrible disease," Dr. Simmons said.

If not caught early, the flesh-eating bacteria cause gaping, open wounds. It's often difficult for a person to realize they've been infected because the bacteria release a neurotoxin to deaden any pain. Villagers are being taught to recognize the early signs of the disease

since it's very treatable and the effects are far less devastating if caught early, the students were told.

Smith described the scenery en route to the remote clinic in the rainforest as "breathtaking." A visit to the Kumasi Children's Home orphanage tugged at her emotions, too. Realizing how many people need help has her considering adopting a child in the future, she said.

"Students can become more aware of how blessed they are," said Dr. Agbedanu about the outcomes of a study abroad experience.

Plans are already underway for next year's trip, during which students will visit Finland and England. Smith said she plans to participate in that, as well, to continue enhancing her educational experiences.

"We're just getting started so we'll see where this goes," Dr. Simmons said.



SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS TOGETHER

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

Dr. Prince Agbedanu and his students (l to r: Troy Puga, Christa Titus, Josh Schafer, and Pearce Harris) create posters that share

Troy Puga, a baseball-playing junior from Pueblo, Colo., had a personal stake in his research project: a tear in his knee's lateral meniscus about a year ago sidelined the Friends University catcher. Could stem cells, he wondered, help speed an athlete's recovery?

Puga, working with Dr. Prince Agbedanu, assistant professor of biology, hasn't learned the answer just yet, but he's still learned a good deal.

"I definitely have gotten more patient," said Puga, sharing how he and Dr. Agbedanu are seeking more substances from the National Institutes of Health to test on planaria, a flatworm that readily regenerates. "Research is a long process to finding results. You learn to have

setbacks. You keep pushing through and keep trying to learn as much as you can."

Dr. Agbedanu and Dr. Josh Halonen, assistant professor of psychology, both have extensive research backgrounds and work alongside Friends students on projects. Puga, for example, also worked with Joshua Schafer, Pearce Harris and Dr. Agbedanu on a study of whether a plant could process excess carbon dioxide. Their studies suggest that plants may have a mechanism to get rid of excess carbon dioxide. Such research could prove valuable in a world of climate change.

Projects come about from discussions the two professors or other faculty have with students, with a university



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— Dr. Prince Agbedanu

findings from the research they conduct.

donor providing funding for the research grants. Students learn basic laboratory techniques, how to make good observations and how to collect consistent data. Results are important, of course, but so is the process.

"Students often feel like you can schedule a time and go to a lab and do the work and then publish, and I see this positively because it is a good drive for me to work with them to investigate what they are curious about. Over time, I work with them to see the level of planning and organization involved before you execute the project," said Dr. Agbedanu, director of the human biology and health sciences program. "We need to expose them to the expectations of research,



Student Timo Burnham wears a device on his head that measures brain wave activity while completing an exercise on the computer under the observation of Dr. Joshua Halonen and student Kimberly Bustillos-Chacon.

so that when they proceed to graduate school it won't come as a shock to them. We have a highly motivated group, and I admire their enthusiasm."

One student, Christa Titus, drawing on her own curiosity, worked with Dr. Agbedanu on research that could enlighten coffee-drinking students and professors alike: the most effective dosage and timing of caffeine intake. After exposing planaria, the flatworm, to various doses of caffeine and at different rates, they concluded a steady intake was better. Large doses, as some coffee guzzlers note, produced a rush of energy but then a crash. They are investigating next to find out if there is a relationship between caffeine and longevity.

Dr. Halonen, who heads Friends' research-sanctioning internal review board, said building a project from a personal interest is valuable. He's worked with student Timo Burnham to study decision-making processes, using electroencephalography (EEG) to observe brain wave activity. "I try to give students the freedom to come up with this question on their own. I really like helping people figure the universe out for themselves."

"They realize that they are talking about complex things, and when they can convey those, they learn a lot," Dr. Halonen said. "They go out and have some confidence."

Kimberly Bustillos-Chacon hopes to go to graduate school and become a forensic psychologist, pursuing an interest in what leads people to become serial killers. The research she's planning with Dr. Halonen — using electroencephalography to see whether brain waves indicate lies and deception — could prepare her for that career path.

"We will give the subjects cards to read and say, 'Hey, you're a witness or a person of interest, that you killed this person with this object. We'll use multiple cards with scenarios, one innocent, one guilty. If they are innocent, the thought is that brain waves are going to be different than if they have hurt someone."

"I've learned just how much there is to everything — the review board, the funding, the grants and all the things that are involved," she said.

"Research brings the whole academic thing to life. They are not just working with theory, but with things occurring in actual life," Dr. Agbedanu said.

University News

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS TO CAMPUS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR
PHOTOS BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

Friends University is pleased to welcome the following new faculty and administrators to campus this fall.



◀ ANDREA VÁZQUEZ AGUIRRE

Andrea Vázquez Aguirre is serving as visiting lecturer of dance. She is an interdisciplinary dance artist with a passion for ballet, modern and contemporary dance, and folk dance traditions. She was a scholar under FONCA (the Federal Council for Culture and Arts in Mexico) and has danced in several professional companies in Mexico and the United States. She creates work and teaches movement through Laban/Bartenieff lenses. She is co-director along with her creative and life partner, James J. Kaufmann of Another River Interdisciplinary Ensemble. She is currently making plans for The Nutcracker and the spring ballet performances at Friends University.



▲ SEAN CASH

Sean Anthony Cash is now serving as assistant professor of business management and program director of business management, but has served since 2010 as an adjunct instructor of marketing. He became the program director for the undergraduate business management program in the College of Adult and Professional Studies earlier this year. His career in business and entrepreneurship has included starting, managing and exiting four separate businesses in his career. He has held leadership roles in small businesses as well as Fortune 100 companies while specializing in marketing, new product development and implementing business growth strategies.



▼ **DR. REBECCA CULVER-TURNER**

Dr. Rebecca Culver-Turner is serving as program director of the Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) program in Wichita. She has served as the KC site clinical director and KC clinical internship supervisor for the university's MFT program in the Kansas City area. She serves on the MFT Advisory Committee for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board. In 2016, she was elected to serve on the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Elections Council. Her clinical, research and teaching specialties are trauma, attachment trauma, gender variance and the transgender population, and multicultural competency.

▲ **VERNON DOLEZAL**

Vernon Dolezal is serving as our new chief financial officer. He is a strategic-focused individual with 25 years of experience in accounting, finance, management and human resources. He previously served as CFO and as a member of the senior leadership team at High Touch Technologies in Wichita. Vernon has owned and operated his own company and held management positions in manufacturing distribution, financial services, food service, technology and computer software. Vernon serves on a number of local boards including Goodwill Industries and Financial Executives International. In 2011, he was named as a Wichita Business Journal CFO honoree.

◀ **CRAIG CURRY**

Craig Curry is the new visiting lecturer of music. He is the founding director of the Friends University Jazz Vocal Ensemble, which has developed a national reputation for excellence. In 2017, Curry was named composer-in-residence at Friends University in recognition of his work as a highly regarded and widely-published composer and arranger. With hundreds of published pieces, Curry's music is regularly performed across the U.S. and abroad. His recent choral publication "Jazz Gloria Deo" received an "Editor's Choice" award from music retailer J.W. Pepper. A versatile and skilled pianist, Curry frequently ministers in area churches performing with vocalist and Friends alumnus Earnest Alexander.

DR. JOAN GRIFFING ▶

Dr. Joan Griffing is the new Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair in Fine Arts. She spent the last 21 years serving as professor of music and chair of the music department at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va. She has developed community partnerships and innovative instructional approaches. A violinist, she has served as the concertmaster of the Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival Orchestra, first violinist with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and artist/faculty with the Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, N.C. She is a founding member of the chamber music group Musica Harmonia, formed to promote peace and cultural understanding through musical collaboration.





▲ **DR. SHELLY HOFFMAN**

Dr. Shelly Hoffman is serving as assistant professor of physical education. She has taught elementary physical education for the Wichita Public Schools for more than 20 years and was named the National Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 2014. Dr. Hoffman has also worked for many years in the recreation community and has a great deal of coaching experience within numerous sports. She has coached four-year-olds through high school students and traveled throughout the Midwest with competitive teams.

▼ **DR. ANA JURCAK-DETTET**

A native of Bethlehem, Pa., Dr. Ana Jurcak-Detter is teaching biology this fall. During her academic studies, she was a member of the Laboratory for Sensory Ecology for both her master's and doctoral degrees in biological sciences. Her research focused on animal behavior, specifically understanding the sensory environment of predator-prey interactions. She was also part of the NSF-funded Northern Ohio Alliance — Alliances for the Graduate Education and the Professoriate and participated in many STEM outreach events.



◀ **DR. JIM LONG**

Dr. Jim Long, associate professor of finance, is originally from Bismarck, N.D., where he served as associate professor and chair of graduate studies at the University of Mary. His dissertation focused on the impact of leadership on job satisfaction. Since his move from North Dakota, Dr. Long has been leading business operations for a large Wichita parish. Dr. Long will instruct students in finance, economics and other business courses.



2018 Distinguished Alumni honorees include (l to r): David Kellum, Mae Kellum, James Gregory Gross and Lt. Col. Erik Nott, M.D.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONORED AT HOMECOMING

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR

Friends University honored several alumni as distinguished alumni during Homecoming Oct. 5. Friends University expanded its award categories this year to highlight achievements in R.I.S.E. Values, Fine Arts, and Christian Leadership and Service.

"We are so pleased to see the work these alumni are doing in their respective fields and communities," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University. "Their work exemplifies our mission and values at Friends, which emphasize caring for others, engaging with our local communities and striving for excellence. We are honored to recognize them for their outstanding contributions."

Distinguished Alumni for Outstanding Achievement in R.I.S.E Values (Respect, Inclusion, Service and Excellence)

LT. COL. ERIK NOTT, M.D., UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lt. Col. Nott is a 1998 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. He is currently assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology while doing a one-year orthopedic surgery fellowship in foot and ankle surgery. His most recent assignment was to the United States Air Force Academy's (USAFA) 10th Medical Group. During his assignment at the USAFA, he served as the head team physician for the USAFA Preparatory School as well as chief of surgery and chief of orthopedic surgery. Nott also undertook the responsibility of overseeing training of more than 60 physicians, nurses and medical technicians in disaster response and casualty care.

Nott's first assignment was to the 1st Special Operations Support Squadron and later 720th Special Operations Support Squadron as part of their Operational Support Squadron Medical Flights. He has served as part of Air Force Special Operations Command's (AFSOC) Special Operations Surgical and Critical Care Transport Teams (SOST/SOCCET). Nott has been a mission commander or assistant mission commander on seven overseas taskings, including three combat zone deployments to Afghanistan, Africa and Europe, to provide medical support. Nott also deployed to Haiti for humanitarian assistance immediately after the 2010 earthquake. His awards include the Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal (twice), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (twice), Humanitarian Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Army Combat Medical Badge. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery.

Distinguished Alumni for Outstanding Achievement in the Fine Arts

JAMES GREGORY GROSS

Gross is a 1972 graduate with a Bachelor of Art in Art Education. His work can be seen in major collections including the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, British Museum, Bibliotheque Nationale and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. He has been featured in Arts Magazine and American Abstract Journals. He has spent more than four decades exhibiting and teaching art. His prints are still featured in permanent collections of the Guggenheim Museum, the Fogg Museum at Harvard, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. His art has hung in the U.S. Embassies in Beijing and Vienna. Locally, his works are in the collections at Emprise Bank and the Wichita Art Museum. Gross received an MFA degree in 1981 and was recently honored at Cornell and Georgetown University.

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— Dr. Amy Bragg Carey,
Friends University
President

Distinguished Alumni for Outstanding Christian Leadership and Service

DAVID AND MAE KELLUM

David, a 1957 graduate with a bachelor's in industrial arts, and Mae, a 1958 graduate with a bachelor's in home economics, have served as Religious Society of Friends missionaries in Burundi, Africa, for 23 years. Mae was involved in women's development programs, and David built churches, maintained power plants and fixed missionaries' cars. David also established the Kwibuka Technical School to prepare students for technical trades. For several terms, he served as the field director of the Burundi Friends Mission. Both David and Mae supported local congregations, mentored pastors and church leaders, and assisted African Friends with their spiritual and material needs. Additionally, David and Mae raised three children in Africa.

In 1983, the Kellums came back to the United States where David served as an industrial arts teacher at Berean Academy, and Mae taught ESL classes to refugees in Wichita. In 1999, they returned to Africa for four years to encourage Friends leaders, rebuild churches destroyed by the war and create the Sister Church Program to partner Burundi Friends churches with Friends congregations in the U.S. In 2003, they “retired” and moved to Chandler, Okla., where they have helped establish the Friends of Kibimba Hospital, a ministry that provides medical support, supplies and funding for a Friends hospital in Burundi. They frequently return to central Africa to accompany medical teams and short-term mission trips. They are active in the ministries of Chandler Evangelical Friends Church and Evangelical Friends Church — Mid America.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES FOUR NEW ENTRIES INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BY LEVI CONVIRS

Friends University inducted two former Falcon athletes and two athletic teams into the Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming 2018. The new inductees for 2018 are Doug Bacon, Anthony Evans, the 1968-69 Men's Basketball Team and the 1977 Men's Golf Team.

"We are pleased to honor this year's alumni for their athletic accomplishments while at Friends University," said Dr. Rob Ramseyer, athletic director. "Friends University student-athletes have a long history of striving for their best in their various sports, in the classroom and in the larger community. Congratulations to all our inductees."

DOUG BACON, 1976 GRADUATE ►

Bacon starred on the Falcons' football team and was a four-year starter from 1972-75.

He quarterbacked the 1974 squad to an undefeated season in the KCAC, throwing for 687 yards and seven touchdown passes along with 291 yards rushing and another five touchdowns on the ground to earn All-KCAC and honorable-mention District 10 honors.

In the 1975 season, Bacon was also an All-KCAC performer after throwing five touchdown passes and 854 yards and rushing for 200 yards and nine scores.

Bacon then transitioned into the role of assistant football and baseball coach from 1976-78.

He was part of a staff that led the Friends Football squad to an undefeated KCAC season and conference championship in 1976 that resulted in a sixth-place national ranking. Bacon also helped the Falcon Baseball unit capture the 1977 KCAC title.





▲ **ANTHONY EVANS, 1990 GRADUATE**

Evans lettered four seasons for the Falcon men's basketball team from 1987-90. A three-time all-conference, all-district and all-defensive team pick, Evans contributed to three straight KCAC championship winning teams.

Evans wrapped up his career as the Falcons' all-time leader in steals and second in assists. He was also selected as the team's Most Inspirational Player and was presented with the Wichita Eagle Falcons all-time first-team member award.

▼ **1968-69 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

The 1968-69 Men's Basketball Falcons, under the guidance of Head Coach and Athletic Director Jim McNerney, won the KCAC championship with a record of 20-4 and finished 20th in the final national rankings.

The squad produced multiple All-KCAC performers along with the conference's regular season MVP.

The Falcons also qualified for the men's district 10 tournament in Emporia, Kan. and finished the campaign with averages of 85.7 points per game while shooting 50 percent overall from the field.



◀ **1977 MEN'S GOLF TEAM**

The 1977 Men's Golf Falcons blitzed through the competition, winning all nine regular season invitationals they competed in.

The Falcons won the KCAC title for the first time since the program began in 1948, with multiple players earning All-KCAC recognition.

They also became the first and only KCAC and NAIA team to receive an invitation to compete in the Missouri Valley Conference's Wichita State University Shocker Golf Classic. At the Bethany Invitational, the four-man team shot a school-record 298 that still stands today.

DR. ROB RAMSEYER HIRED AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

BY LEVI CONVIRS

Dr. Rob Ramseyer is the new athletic director at Friends University, replacing Dr. Carole Obermeyer, who retired in May 2018. He comes to Friends from Hesston College, where he had most recently served as the school's athletic director and vice president of student development.

"We are pleased to have Rob lead our athletic department here at Friends," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, Friends University president. "He has a strong record of success in leading and mentoring student-athletes as well as fostering a faith-based athletic program that seeks to promote whole person development for our students."

As the athletic director at Hesston, Dr. Ramseyer oversaw an athletic department that featured 14 teams. Under Dr. Ramseyer, an Athletic Department handbook was created and student-athlete retention increased. He led an expansion of athletic rosters while developing and leading the implementation of the first philosophy of faith formation and athletic core covenants, in conjunction with crafting evaluation procedures to ensure successful execution.

A native of Wichita, Dr. Ramseyer also has significant coaching experience, as he held the role of head baseball coach at Hesston from 2011-15.

"I am enjoying working with the talented athletic department staff, coaches, and student-athletes to build upon recent successes and cultivate an environment that allows our student-athletes to grow in all areas of their lives because of their participation in athletics," Dr. Ramseyer said.

Dr. Ramseyer earned his bachelor's degree in History at MidAmerica Nazarene in 2006 and earned a Master of Science in Education in Sports Studies from the University of Kansas in 2010. He recently earned a Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University.

FALCON STUDENT-ATHLETES EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM

BY LEVI CONVIRS

The 2017-18 season proved to be a successful campaign for the Friends University athletic programs beyond the playing surface.

- Fourteen Falcon athletic squads earned the NAIA Scholar Team award and three teams (Men's and Women's Track & Field, Volleyball) put a league-high number of student-athletes on the KCAC Scholar Athlete team.
- The Volleyball Falcons achieved a Top 10 NAIA GPA and received the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic award.
- On the individual side, Augie Isaacson took home a top academic award, as he was chosen as the Google Cloud College Division Baseball Academic All-America of the Year, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). The honor included a first-team CoSIDA Academic-All America honor for Isaacson.
- A trio of Track & Field Falcons (Chelsea Baker, Natali Engle and Christa Follette) were also CoSIDA Academic All-America selections, as well as Football wide receiver Jacob Cron.



Second baseman Augie Isaacson was chosen as the Google Cloud College Division Baseball Academic All-America of the Year.

MEET FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEWEST COACHES

BY LEVI CONVIRS

Two Falcon athletic teams have new coaches this season. Heather Howard is the head coach for women's basketball and Suzanne Unruh is the head coach for softball.



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

▲ HEATHER HOWARD, HEAD COACH, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Howard comes to Friends from Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU), where she served as the interim head coach in March of this past season following a two-year stint as assistant coach for the NCAA D-II program in Maryville, Mo. As the assistant coach at NWMSU, Howard handled the duties of recruiting, scouting and player development. Howard's run at Northwest was preceded by a two-year tenure as assistant at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

"Her tireless work ethic, basketball IQ and holistic approach to coaching will make a positive impact on our basketball program, athletic department and institution," Athletic Director Dr. Rob Ramseyer said.



PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

◀ SUZANNE UNRUH HEAD COACH, SOFTBALL

Unruh is coming off a nine-year tenure as head coach of Tabor College. Last season, she was selected the league's top coach by her peers after leading the Bluejays to the conference regular season championship and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament.

"Suzanne is well respected throughout the region as a coach and as a person," said Athletic Director Dr. Rob Ramseyer. "She has won at a high level, and we believe she will continue to do that here. She believes in Christian higher education and will create an environment in her program that will impact her student-athletes in all areas of their lives."

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY OFFERS ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOPS

BY AMANDA HAWKINS, SENIOR

Friends University has launched a series of workshops designed to create intersections of opportunity where entrepreneurs, faculty and business professionals can come together to mentor, teach, learn and discuss entrepreneurship and business concepts.

The workshop series began in October and features a variety of speakers and topics to better equip aspiring or current business owners. Each workshop is approximately four hours and is presented at Friends University's campus in Wichita.

Mike Snyder and Bruce Rowley of RSM Marketing in Wichita presented the first entrepreneurship workshop Oct. 5 with Friends University Assistant Professor of Business Management Sean Cash. Bryan Frye, vice mayor of Wichita, offered opening remarks for the "Innovations in Business Start-ups" presentation.

"Average businesses focus on transactions. Great businesses learn how to transform themselves to meet changing needs. The key to that is learning. The Entrepreneurship Workshops at Friends University are helping businesses (their owners and managers) learn to be great businesses," Snyder said.

To register and learn more about the workshops, visit friends.edu/entrepreneurship.

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— Mike Snyder, RSM Marketing

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Sean Cash, Professor, Friends University

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Miguel Johns, CEO, KingFit

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Daniel White, AGHLC and Sean Cash, Professor, Friends University

FEBRUARY 8

How to Inspire People and Get Things Done

Miguel Johns, CEO, KingFit

ALUMNUS PURSUES DREAMS DESPITE DEVASTATING LOSS

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

Out of two tragedies — one that nearly cost him his life and the other that took the lives of his daughter and grandchildren — Marty Mortimer, a 2018 business management graduate and a current MBA student, found the courage to pursue two of his lifetime goals: earning a degree and starting a beef jerky business.

As he recovered from a near-fatal motorcycle accident six years ago, Mortimer started thinking, “You need to finish something you started and show your kids you can’t give up, so I finished my associate’s degree and kept going.”

Working full time for industrial distributor, IBT in Sioux City, Iowa, Mortimer completed his bachelor’s degree in business administration online through Friends this past May.

As part of his undergraduate capstone course in summer 2017,

Mortimer developed a business plan focused on his lifelong dream of owning a beef jerky company.

“I figured I’ll never have another shot so I might as well go for it,” he said about taking the next step and actually starting the company. “Ever since I was a kid, I’ve been intrigued with the different flavors of beef jerky, but I was getting disappointed in the flavors I was buying. I like to have flavors in my food.”

Then a second tragedy struck. In January, his only daughter, 27, and her four children ages 5, 2, 1 and 3 months were killed in a house fire in Pratt, Kan. Mortimer also has two sons.

Mortimer said Friends officials told him he could withdraw and return later. “I couldn’t have asked for a better, more compassionate school.” He especially gives credit to Michelle Case, assistant professor and program

director of MBA, for providing the most supportive and beneficial influence during his time at Friends.

But Mortimer, 53, said he needed to stay focused on something positive and productive, not on the grief surrounding his devastating loss. He not only finished his bachelor’s degree, but he enrolled in Friends’ online professional MBA program and opened Sioux City Jerky in the subsequent months.

Mortimer’s gourmet beef and bacon jerky products are sold in several locations in Sioux City and online at siouxcityjerky.com.

Sales have continued to grow each month, Mortimer said, noting that in one record month, he had nearly \$3,000 in sales, selling more than 200 pounds of the beef jerky. The jerky comes in a variety of flavors, with some of the best-sellers including Mango Habanero, Maniacal Express, Sea Salt & Honey and Garlic Pepper.

Mortimer plans to donate part of his company’s proceeds to Friends University and the Children’s Miracle Network in honor of his daughter, Charee, and her children.



PHOTO BY SHANIE MONAHAN

Q&A: FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW FINE ARTS CHAIR

Dr. Joan Griffing, the Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair of the Division of Fine Arts, is beginning her first semester at Friends University. As the chair of Fine Arts, she will oversee all aspects of Fine Arts, including departments devoted to vocal music, instrumental music, theatre, jazz, ballet, visual arts and communications. We asked her some questions as she begins her new leadership role.

What are your top priorities for your first year here at Friends?

My first priority is to get to know the faculty, staff and students and to hear about their goals, dreams and ideas for enriching the arts programs. I also intend to become involved in the broader Wichita community and learn ways Friends can collaborate with city arts programs.

What do you find to be the most rewarding aspect about working in the Fine Arts area?

The most rewarding aspect for me is the

ability to be creative, think outside the box and collaborate with others. The act of discovery is a daily experience in the arts. Those "aha!" moments give me goose bumps.

In addition, the ability of the arts to make a difference in the lives of others is very compelling. I hope to share the passion I have for affecting the common good with our students and help them find ways they can contribute to society.

What advice do you have for students who are pursuing their artistic talents?

Authentic self-expression is a hallmark of the arts. I would advise every student in the fine arts to be true to themselves through their chosen medium. This will enable them to embrace their individuality and make meaningful connections with others.

Also, I would encourage students to work hard and take full advantage of the excellent teaching and mentoring they will receive at Friends. The college years are a singularly unique time in their lives when they can devote themselves to developing their skills to their fullest potential.

For more information on Dr. Griffing's background, see the story on Friends University's new faculty and administrators on page 13.

MANY THANKS TO A FAITHFUL SERVANT LEADER

When Dr. Cecil Riney retired from his 45-year stint as the director of the Singing Quakers and the division chair of Fine Arts in 2005, he likely assumed the position was behind him. But then he graciously returned to fill a vacancy in the position — not only once, but twice.

"We are so very appreciative of Cecil's dedication and commitment to Friends University these past years when he stepped back in to provide ongoing leadership in the Division of Fine Arts during critical times," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president. "He has gone far above and beyond the call of service, and we are eternally grateful. We wish him the best as he now enjoys a true and lasting retirement."



Donor Profile

Dick Litherland, former College of Business faculty member, gets to know three Global MBA alumni who have benefited from his scholarship. L to R: Jordan Hegler, Patrick Harms, Dick Litherland and Jason Miller.

ESTABLISHING A LEGACY OF LOVE

BY DAVID ALEXANDER

Dr. Richard “Dick” Litherland joined the faculty of the Friends University College of Business in 1989. For several years, Dick was the director of the Master of Science in Management program. The majority of the classes he taught were at night, Saturdays or in Kansas City or Garden City. Richard retired from Friends University in 2002.

When Dick’s father Gerald passed in 2000, as a way of honoring him and celebrating his life, Dick and his mother Eleanor decided to establish an endowed scholarship in his father’s name. Proceeds from the Gerald

E. Litherland Endowed Scholarship originally were used to provide scholarships for graduate business students. For the past several years the scholarship earnings have helped offset costs associated with the international business residency component for students in the Global MBA program. The Litherland endowed scholarship has supported two business residencies in Chile, three in China and South Africa and two residencies in Montreal, Canada. This year the scholarship will help sponsor the 2019 business residency in Dubai.

When asked why he chose to honor his father by establishing an endowed scholarship, Dick shared that his father was the one who instilled in him the “importance of education and the desire to invest in teaching others.”

After retiring from Friends, Dick and wife Pauline purchased a home on 10 acres in Goddard. He enjoys restoring antique tractors and spending time with his grandchild.

An endowed scholarship provides a permanent and personal way for you to make a difference in the life of a student. Most of our students need financial help to achieve their dreams of attaining a college education. You can help them turn their dreams into reality by establishing an endowed scholarship fund.

For information on how you can establish an endowed scholarship, please contact David Alexander, associate vice president of university advancement. David can be reached by calling 316-295-5648 or by email at david_alexander@friends.edu.

Alumni Spotlight



PHIL AND ALEX MELUGIN

COMPILED BY BRIE BOULANGER, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Phil Melugin, G'87, founded Phoenix Home Care & Hospice in 2011 with the purpose of giving patients a new beginning when their world is often shrinking. The award-winning company has branches in four states and is based on innovation, skill and Christ-like values. In June 2012, Phil invited his nephew, Alex Melugin, G'09, to join the business.

Q: How did Phoenix Home Care & Hospice come about?

PHIL: It all started in Springfield, Mo., but I wanted to bring the company to my home town. I saw Alex had a significant presence and influence in the home care field in Wichita, so the timing was right.

ALEX: I began an internship for a local home care company during my junior year at Friends. After five years in the Wichita home care market, Phil asked if I was ready to start a Phoenix branch in Wichita. I have now opened and/or managed our offices in Overland Park and Topeka in Kansas; Loveland, Denver and Montrose in Colorado, and Independence in Missouri.

Q: Christian values are very important to your business. How do you relate them to the success of the business?

PHIL: We set out to unashamedly establish Christ-like values in our culture. While it has differentiated us

from our competition, it is an emotional outpouring of gratitude to God for the significant amount of support we received from several key team members, many of whom still work for us eight years later.

ALEX: Our family's Christian heritage and values played a huge role in founding Phoenix, but also our day-to-day lives and business decisions. Phoenix was founded on the Christ-Like principles of compassion, honesty and patience. We truly believe these principles have played an intricate role in our success.

Q: How do you feel your college experience at Friends contributed to your future success?

PHIL: It broadened my faith perspective and a belief in the general goodness of humanity. It reinforced my default world view that success comes from service-based leadership.

ALEX: While nothing but real-life experiences can ever fully prepare you for business, my education really did put me in the best position possible when working with long-time business men and women fresh out of college. Many of the connections I made at Friends have led to networking opportunities.

Q: What are some of your fondest memories of Friends?

PHIL: Soccer, Bill Allan, football and Davis Administration Building.

ALEX: Being part of the team that won back-to-back conference football championships in 2007 and 2008.

Fall 2018 Class Notes

IN MEMORY

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

Earline Faye Bogan, '56, died July 19. She was passionate about teaching and began her career in Topeka, where she taught kindergarten. Faye married the love of her life in 1962. Faye and Charles lived for 50 years in Abilene, Kan., where they raised their three children.

James "Richard" Brooks, '62, died March 20. He taught high school biology and was a football and basketball coach before working for Citizens State Bank in Atlanta and Winfield. He later worked at Farm Bureau in Winfield.

Leon Brown, '50, died Jan. 28. He was a former resident of Friendswood, Texas as well as Cloudcroft, Tularosa, and Las Cruces in New Mexico.

Alexis Bruner, '92, died Nov. 20, 2017. She was a business owner.

JOHN R. HENDERSON JR., '48, died June 29. He served in the Army and became Colorado's first licensed African-American architect. He worked at several firms before joining the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1963, working on projects across the country. He loved jazz and hung out one night with Count Basie when he stayed at the home of a friend. After traveling around the world and retiring in 1981, he established a business called African-American Trading Co., selling art and objects from around the world for 35 years.



Geri Marie Chamberlain, '00, died March 19. She worked in accounting and human resources at Professional Insurance Management in Wichita, Kan., for 16 years prior to moving to Kansas City in 2014. There, she began her career as accounting manager at Examinetics.

David Robert Chanowski, '88, died Jan. 26. He had a career in IT at Sedgwick County, Boeing Commercial Airlines, SpiritAero Systems, AIX/Engineering, Single Glass and NetApp Storage Systems. He also taught MIS classes as an adjunct professor for Friends University for more than a decade.

Thomas James Clegg, '65, died March 22. He had several careers, which included teaching biochemistry in Pennsbury School District, working as a State Farm agent, inventing/developing Christiana Candles and operating a fine dining restaurant and bed and breakfast.

Dr. Beryl Watson Cline, '52, died Feb. 22. He was a beloved, long-time veterinarian in Alvin, serving northern Brazoria County, Texas, for nearly 50 years. He loved to sing, hunt, tell stories and jokes, and play any sport. He was active in the Friendswood Friends Church and coached the high school Bible Quiz Team to a national championship. Beryl served for many years on the Alvin ISD Board of Trustees,

was active in leadership in the Alvin Chamber of Commerce and achieved 50 years of perfect attendance in the Alvin Rotary Club.

Dr. Robert Duane Cowan, '42, died July 26. He received a Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University, and he worked at Los Alamos Scientific (later National) Laboratory, working in the theoretical physics division.

Wendell F. Cunningham, '59, died April 15. He was a retired Boeing engineer, retired United Methodist pastor and World War II veteran.

Jean Davis, '56, died April 5. She taught school in Kansas and traveled overseas to teach U.S. Army dependents. She enjoyed sewing, geography, traveling and most of all being with her family.

Brete William DeBord, '01, died Feb. 27. He farmed and later became a salesman.

Anne Duam, '90, died April 15. She taught elementary school in Derby for more than 35 years and touched the lives of hundreds of families.

Ann M. Erickson, '00, died Feb. 16. Ann retired from Cessna Aircraft Company where she was a senior business analyst.

Jerry Leon Farney, '61, died June 23. He worked for New Holland and later purchased Panhandle Implement Company with Jack and Ken Wooster.

Henry Gurney Jinnette, '67, died June 16. He served in the Air Force and was a chaplain. Later, he became a pastor.

Nancy L. Jones, '92, died Jan. 31. She served as deputy clerk and as clerk of the District Court and chief clerk of the 12th Judicial District. She later served as the director of social services for Sunset Nursing Home from 1990 until her retirement.

LaVeta Mae Jones, '57, died Jan. 28. She was a registered nurse.

Norma Jean (Montgomery) Kinyon, '90, died June 9. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kingman, Kan., and was an artisan of sewing and crafts.

Lois Lorraine (Wendling) Liggett, '66, died Feb. 5. She retired from teaching in Belle Plaine in 1990 after 30 years and was a musician.

Keith Ronald Mardock, '59, died March 2. He was the pastor of Hesper Friends Meeting in Hesper for 30 years before retiring in 2015.

Florence LaVerne (Stadel) Meinecke, '69, died April 12. She taught in the Wichita Public Schools and served as soloist and choir director at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Earl E. Minor, '47, died June 2. He served in the military and worked as an engineer at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.

Doris Louise Reeves, '58, died Feb. 16, 2018. She was a member of the Asbury Methodist Church, Red Hats and Botanica.

Leanna (McVay) Roberts, '94, died April 18. She worked at Decatur County Hospital and at Mowry Clinic in Salina.

Robert Rodgers, '00, died March 23. Rodgers worked as a night auditor, night manager, installer, trainer, system support analyst and support manager during his 30 years with Marriott Hotels. After retiring from Marriott in 2013, he joined IBM to continue supporting the Marriott account.

Roberta "Beals" Ruebel, '50, died April 20, 2017. She was very active in church work.

Philip Sadler, '90, died Jan. 26. He served in the Air Force and worked at Western Publishing in Fayetteville, N.C.

Janis Meredith (Gross) Schwab, '97, died June 18. She attended North Oak Community Church, was a member of Sisters of Survivorship and volunteered for many organizations, including Relay for Life, Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Fashion Shows, and the Fort Hays State University Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs.

Leona May Shadle, '56, died Feb. 1. She taught school in Augusta, Kansas City, Junction City and Salina, where she retired after teaching for 43 years.

Inger Elizabeth (Pyles) Shaw, '12, died Feb. 21. She served as the director of TAPS Dance Co. after opening the business. She loved music, dancing, art and her children.

Margaret E. Showalter, '92, died April 21. She worked as a correctional officer in Texas and in Kansas.

Irene Ruth Turner, '45, died June 20. She and her husband owned and operated the local weekly newspaper in Cabool, Mo. She was involved in various ministries through her local church.

Delbert Neill Wheeler, '69, died Sept. 9. Neill spent most of his working career serving young people through a variety of educational roles, including teacher, principal, superintendent and coach. Most recently he served as an assistant football coach at Friends.

Jean Ann Wilson, '98, died Jan. 18. She was employed with the Santa Fe Railway.

David Jessie Wilson, '96, died Feb. 6. He was employed with Standard Motor Products and Funk Manufacturing.

(Douglas) Kim Wray, '73, died June 20. He worked in agriculture, technology and retail before eventually founding his own trade show display company, DisplayWorks, where he worked for nearly 30 years.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Norma Redick, '58, retired from playing the organ in June 2017 after 64 years of playing, including the last 41 years at First Baptist Church of Stilwell, Kan.

1970s

Dr. Bradley Nassif, '77, was one of the plenary speakers at the 2018 Florovsky Week conference in Wichita. He is a professor of Biblical and theological studies at North Park University in Chicago. In addition to consulting for The New York Times and contributing to Christianity

Today, he has made a significant contribution in the dialogue between evangelicals and Eastern Orthodox believers.

1980s

David Corman, '84, sang as part of a "Timeless Opera" concert with the Salina Symphony May 6 at the Stiefel Theatre for the Performing Arts. He studied at Friends University, Yale University and the Julliard School. David had a two-year professional operatic career and serves as the director of vocal music at Odessa College.

Jennifer and **Kent Dold, '84**, along with a friend opened a restaurant, Clementine on Main, in New Iberia, La.

James Aaron Fowler, '84, provided a music program for children at the Kilgore Memorial Library in Nebraska.

Robin Gibson, '88, performed a concert of contemporary, traditional and country gospel songs April 29 at Lakeside United Methodist Church in Texas.

Lanny Shirk, '82, is the president of Cadence Aerospace's Astro Spar Arden Operations.

1990s

Henry Bireline, '94, has been named chief operating officer at the Toledo Zoo and Aquarium in Toledo, Ohio.



DR. JEFF EHRLICH, '90/'98, is now serving as the executive director of Park University's new campus in Gilbert, Ariz. Jeff has been with Park since 2011, serving in a variety of roles, including a stint as the University's interim president from July 2015 to January 2016. He most recently served as the director of special projects and strategic initiatives. His wife, **DR. DONNA EHRLICH, '95/'01**, is serving as the academic director of the new campus. She previously served as an associate professor of computer information systems and program coordinator of the computer information systems degree at Park University.

Angie Lane, '93, was named Heritage Elementary School's Teacher of the Year in Edmond, Okla.

Randi Shetley, '97, played Lady Capulet in a Romeo and Juliet production for Forte Theatre Productions LLC in July and August.

Sandra Wiley, '90, was named as one of the 2018 CPA Practice Advisor Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Accounting award winners. She serves as president of Boomer Consulting, Inc. in Manhattan, Kan., where her years of experience as a management and strategic planning consultant make her a sought-after resource for CPA firms across the country. A group of 13 judges selected the 25 award recipients. Wiley was presented with the honor during a ceremony in June at the ACIPA ENGAGE Conference in Las Vegas.

2000s

Alexander Bush, '09, is a member of the 10th Advance Kansas class.

Stephanie Clark, '02, has been hired as the local sales manager at News 9 in Oklahoma City.

Nicole (Young) Cochener, '01 and the owner of Squishy Studios in Las Vegas, created an art piece ("At the Bottom") that was accepted into the Las Vegas Artists' Guild Spring juried show. It was on display from May 3 to June 23 in the Sahara West Library Group Art Gallery in Las Vegas.

Kristal Cutler, '02/'04, led the All-City Marching Band for the Wichita River Festival Parade.

Rick Deibert, '01, is the new fire chief of the Shawnee Heights Fire District.

Tom Inderhees, '02/'03, has been named the new executive director of Travanse Living in Olathe, Kan.

David E. Williams, '03, spoke about the state of the pork sector in June at the World Pork Expo in Des Moines, Iowa. Williams serves as vice president of Informa Agribusiness Consulting as well as director of the Agribusiness Intelligence Protein Group. Based out of Austin, Texas, his responsibilities include helping Informa customers understand the global meat supply and providing meat-based project consulting and client services. He also works with customers on livestock hedging and trading models.

2010s

Juante Baldwin, '16, has signed with the Indianapolis Colts after competing on a try-out basis during the team's mandatory mini-camp. He also spent time in Kansas City on a tryout basis for the Chief's 2018 rookie mini-camp. He played football at Friends for three seasons then transferred to Pittsburg State, where he played for two seasons.

Brady Bowen, '15, has joined the Wichita Wingnuts.

Mayo Davison, '17, completed an internship with KWCH-TV 12 last summer and was hired as a digital producer.

BRIG. GEN. DAVID WEISHAAR, '93, is the Assistant Adjutant General — Air, Kansas National Guard and the Commander, Kansas Air National Guard. He serves as the chief advisor to The Adjutant General on all matters pertaining to Air National Guard programs, policies, operations, management, and command and control of the Kansas Air National Guard. He also provides staff assistance guidance and direction concerning Air National Guard personnel, administration, training, recruiting and retention incentives, and budgetary matters. Gen. Weishaar is responsible for more than 2,300 Kansas Air National Guard personnel serving in two wings and one geographically separated unit.



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MARIA D. SOLDEVILLA, '03, has been with Daiichi Sankyo, Inc. for 10 years. She was recently awarded the highest sales award in pharmaceutical sales, Gold Cup or President's Club for finishing FY2017 in the top 10 percent of her sales force. She won a trip to the Four Seasons Resort in Punta Mita, Mexico this past May. This is Maria's second Gold Cup Award at Daiichi Sankyo, Inc. She is also a real estate investor and completed four buy-and-hold single family remodels last year in partnership with her husband's construction company in Kansas City. Maria has three children, Esther, age 8, Roman, age 6, and Felipa, age 2.

Kevin Diemer, '14, graduated from the Wichita Police Department (WPD) Police Academy July 12. He is currently serving as a patrol officer with the WPD.

Michael Edwards, '14, is the senior director of sales at Charter Communications in San Antonio, Texas.

Sidney Harrison, '18, has accepted a position as a graphic designer at Soaring Heat Natural Bed in Seattle. She began her new job June 4.

Teresa Houston, '14, is a member of the 10th Advance Kansas class.

Samantha Jones, '18, and **Laurie Stead, '18**, have both accepted positions as behavioral health professionals through Corizon at El Dorado Correctional Facility.

Elizabeth McKee, '18 made history after graduating with a bachelor's degree at the age of 17. She is the youngest person to graduate from Friends University in recent history.

Stephen McNett, '12, is the head coach for the Central Christian College baseball program.

Sunny Walker Overholdt, '13, accepted a position as an art teacher at Northwest High School, where she will be teaching the printmaking courses. She was previously at Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School.

Dylan Seeney, '15, accepted a position at Heights High School, where he will be specializing in ceramics. He was previously an art teacher at Wellington High School.

Lyndsay Seymour, '18, has accepted a position at Horizons Mental Health

Center where she completed her clinical internship.

Amy Shelden, '17 and coordinator of foundations, corporate sponsors and events at Friends University, served as the intern director for Christian Youth Theater's "White Christmas," as the assistant director for "Hello, Dolly!," and as the stage manager for "Newsies." She is scheduled to be the assistant director for "My Fair Lady" (Jan. 24-26, 2019).

Zackary Shinkle, '16, graduated with an M.S. in Education in Higher Education Student Affairs in 2018. He has been hired at Bethel College as the coordinator of student activities and engagement.

T.J. Miller, '18, has accepted a full-time position as an independent contractor with McKenzie & Associates. He will be focusing heavily on the LGBTQIA community

and helping that community obtain more empowering resources. His five-year plan is to practice in California. He also has a deep passion for the population struggling with addiction and grief.

Emma Ward, '18, is starting her own practice in Salina, called Emma Ward Therapy Services.

Jessica Washee, '17, was hired as an event leader/coordinator at Numana Inc.

Kenya Wilson, '13, received the Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Distance Learning by an Individual Award from Texas Distance Learning Association in March 2018. She received the Blackboard Catalyst Award in June 2017.

Dustin Yates, '17, has accepted a job at Data Center Inc. in Hutchinson as a programmer.

C. PATRICK WOODS, '03, is serving as the president of the Kansas Association of School Boards based in Topeka. He is director of talent management and diversity at Westar in Topeka and has served on the Topeka Board of Education for a decade. He has been named as one of the "Top Kansans You Should Know" by Ingrams's business magazine in Kansas City and one of Greater Topeka's "20 Under 40" Top Professionals by the Jayhawk Area Council BSA.





TWO GRADUATES RECOGNIZED AS 40 UNDER 40

Two Friends University graduates have been named to the Wichita Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list. The award recognizes 40 people under the age of 40 for their career achievements, contributions to their organizations and their community involvement.

▲ **AMANDA HUELSKAMP** is a 2015 graduate with a Master of Science in Operations Management. She has served as director of human resources at GlobalParts.aero since 2014. She also serves as the vice president of finance with the board of directors for Wichita's Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). She has earned a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification as well as her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) from the HR Certification Institute. She was previously honored by the WBJ as a 2016 HR Professional.

► **MANDY (AMANDA) WILBERT** is a 2004 graduate with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. She is employed at Cox Communications where she serves as senior manager of public affairs. Before moving to Cox, she served as director of community relations at Communities in Schools for six years and with the American Cancer Society for three years. She has been a Big Sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas. Other activities include serving on the board of directors for Kidzcope, serving as a first-grade program facilitator for Junior Achievement, serving as director of membership for Junior League of Wichita and being a young leader with United Way.



FACULTY/STAFF/ BOARD NOTES

Dr. Mark Bartel, associate professor of music and director of choral music, led the Wichita Chamber Chorale in a concert focusing on homelessness, in partnership with Family Promise of Wichita and the Wichita Community Children's Choir April 2. He was the guest conductor and clinician for the Mennonite Society of Musical Heritage festival in Denver, Colo., June 22-24. As president of the Kansas Choral Directors Association, he planned the annual association professional development convention in Topeka, Kan., in July. Dr. Bartel also received the W.A. Young Excellence in Teaching Award in May.

Dr. William D. "Bill" Brooks, former dean of the College of Business and director of the Master of Science in Management program, died May 22. He joined Friends in August 1986 and retired in 1993. He also taught at the University of Kansas, Purdue University and the University of Oklahoma.

Wesley Dale Buller, football coach for the Friends Falcons from 1965 to 1968, passed away April 2. He also taught and coached at the high school level before becoming head football and track coach at Bethel College, Friends University and Southwestern College. He served as principal at various schools in Yates Center, Oberlin and Onaga.



DR. GUY CHMIELESKI NAMED INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

DR. GUY CHMIELESKI, campus pastor and dean of campus ministries, is also serving as the interim vice president of student affairs for the 2018-19 academic year while Friends searches for a full-time vice president. He has worked in student affairs throughout much of his career. "Guy is a strong and effective leader, and I am confident his passion for raising up student leaders will flow over to his work in student affairs," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president.

Cindy Blasdel, visiting lecturer of music, was the accompanist for the KMEA Middle School Honor Choir.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president, was named as one of the Wichita Business Journal's Women in Business honorees and was recognized at an event in August. Dr. Carey spoke at a meeting of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) April 15.

Dr. Valentina Chappell, professor of business and technology and program director of the Global MBA program, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Wichita Area Sister Cities (WASC) board and from President Dr. Glyn Rimmington. She was also appointed as a WASC honorary board member with a lifelong membership in the organization.

Amanda (Pickett) Claxton, director of student affairs and '14 graduate, wrote an article called "Going with the F.L.O." with a colleague from her higher education master's program at the University of Arkansas. The article was published in Campus Activities Programming Magazine in March.

Lauren Fitzgerald, artist in residence, had a solo show titled "Fiendish Flora" on display at City Arts. Fitzgerald is best known for her low-relief artworks made from multiple layers of hand-cut paper.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science, director of the honors program and model UN sponsor, served as one of several Wichitans questioning candidates about the issues during the Democratic Gubernatorial Debate that aired on KPTS in July.

Danielle Frideres, director of career services, won an Action Team Member of the Year Award from Young Professionals of Wichita.

Dr. Dona R. Gibson, professor of education and psychology and director of the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning and the Master of Education in Special Education, presented "Clinical Partnerships: One University's Journey" at the World Federation of the Associations of Teacher Education international conference in Melbourne, Australia, in July.

Dr. Joan Griffing, fine arts division chair, performed the world premiere of "Earth and Sky" by Gwyneth Walker, a triple concerto for violin, viola, cello and orchestra at the University of Wyoming Oct. 25. Dr. Griffing's chamber music group Musica Harmonia commissioned this work, which celebrates the beauty of the natural world.

Dr. Malcolm Harris, emeritus professor, presented a paper titled "Good Pope John's (Not So) Secret Agenda to Reunite Christianity," which explores John XXIII's motivations for calling the Second Vatican Council and the implications for ecumenical dialogue and Christian unity at the Florovsky Week Conference in Wichita July 12.

Dr. Stan Harstine, professor of religion, presented his research to one of four Johannine Literature sections at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting held July 30-Aug. 3 at the University of Helsinki, Finland. His paper, "Rethinking the Johannine Pentecost: An Investigation into UC Von Wahlde's Claim," utilized a narrative methodological approach to examine whether John 20:22 does represent the new birth mentioned by Jesus to Nicodemus earlier in John 3. Dr. Harstine also had his book review of Francis J. Moloney's "Johannine Studies: 1975-2017" (Mohr

Siebeck, 2017), published in the Review of Biblical Literature, and he taught a seven-part series at First Baptist Church in Towanda, Kan., on "Learning to Share the Gospel Comfortably" April 8 to May 20.

Lisa Hittle, assistant professor of music and director of the jazz program, served as an expert panelist for the opening event of the 5th Annual Charlie Parker Celebration in Kansas City. Hittle was an adjudicator for the Oklahoma State Jazz Ensemble Competition in Tulsa, Okla., April 24-25. She was a clinician/guest artist at the 41st Annual University of Kansas Jazz Festival March 2. Hittle and **Randy Zellers**, adjunct faculty in fine arts, conducted a jazz history lecture/demonstration for the Museum of World Treasures series "Coffee with the Curator" March 15.

Keas Keasler, program director and assistant professor of Christian spiritual formation, was a keynote speaker at a conference at Princeton

Theological Seminary April 12-14, and he participated in a panel discussion. Additionally, he presented a lecture at Arise City Summit in Tampa, Fla. His lecture was titled "Ethics and the Transformation of the Church."

Dr. Chris Kettler, professor of theology and religion, was honored with the St. John of Damascus Award for exemplars of the renewal of culture Aug. 24. The award is given by the Eighth Day Institute. He also presented a paper titled "What Does Edinburgh Have to Do with Constantinople?" which addressed Reformed and Orthodox Theology, Divine and Human Agency, and the Theology of T. F. Torrance at the Florovsky Week Conference in Wichita July 12.

Dr. Alan Maccarone, former professor of biology, and **Dr. John Simmons**, assistant professor of biology, attended the Kansas Academy of Science Annual Meeting in Topeka, Kan., with Friends University students April 7, 2018.

Nick Morris, Friends University's new assistant athletic director, was named the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference sports information director of the year for his work at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Jason Parr, head coach of the men's and women's cross country teams and assistant coach of the men's and women's track and field teams, was featured in a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Magazine article.

Nichole Pendleton has been promoted to associate professor of accounting.

Dr. Vicki Ronn has been promoted to associate professor of English. She gave the presentation "The Giant is a Woman!: The 'Dragon Wisdom' of Ursula Le Guin" at MythCon 49 in Atlanta, Ga., July 21. Dr. Ronn led a discussion of Le Guin's nonfiction essays and her contribution to fantasy and science fiction. Dr. Ronn, as awards steward for the Mythopoeic Society, also announced the 2018 Mythopoeic Awards.

PAUL WINCHESTER RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS

PAUL WINCHESTER, director of physical plant, retired at the end of July 2018 after working at Friends for 45 years. He began working as an electrician in Physical Plant in 1973 when Friends University President Hal Cope asked his father, Ray, to serve as director of the department. Upon Ray's retirement in 1992, Paul was named director and oversaw a department that ranged in size from about eight to 10 staff members throughout the years. During his tenure, Paul oversaw extensive renovations, landscaping enhancements and the construction of several new facilities in a time of rapid growth. Paul's Pond, a new pond installed on campus in 2004 was named after him to recognize his long-standing service to Friends University. The Winchester's always considered Friends a second home and their colleagues to be their extended family. They loved to see students they worked with graduate and become successful. "We thank Paul for his dedication to Friends and our students," said President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey. "He and his family will be greatly missed after nearly five decades of leaving their imprint on our campus - not only on the physical aspect of campus but on the hearts and minds of our students, faculty and staff."



OBERMEYERS RETIRE

DR. CAROLE and **DR. DENNIS OBERMEYER** retired this past May after serving for a decade or more in their respective roles at Friends. Carole was hired as vice president of student affairs in 2006. Throughout her tenure Carole led a group of staff members dedicated to meeting student needs through resident life, student life, counseling, wellness and international students, the Casado Campus Center and recreation, and – for a while, campus ministries. In recent years she also served as the director of athletics. Dennis began serving as a faculty member in 2008. He served as the lead faculty member for the physical education program. He also oversaw the health and physical education program that prepares students for employment in various fitness-related facilities. “Their support of our students was readily apparent as they were at nearly every athletic game, student event, fine art performance and other campus activities,” said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president. “Their presence will very much be missed on our campus.”



Dr. Rob Ramseyer, athletic director, spoke July 18 at the National Collegiate Recruiting Conference at Boston University. The talk was titled “Culture and Recruiting: A Shift in Perspective.”

Karen Scroggins, assistant professor of graphic arts and director of the visual arts program, taught graphics to students ages 14 to 18 at the Chickasaw Nation Fine Arts Academy for 12 days this summer. She also judged the Northeast Magnet Junior Art Show April 23 and the Congressional Art Show (hosted by Congressman Ron Estes) at Mark Arts April 26. She also judged an art show for Cloud County Community College’s annual high school Art Day April 13.

Dr. Kathy Slemp, director and professor of human resource management, presented “Do Online Students Really Need to See Their Instructors?” at the Adult Higher Education Alliance (AHEA) Annual Conference 2018: Quality of Life in Adult Learning March 8-9 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish and director of foreign languages, is the 2018 recipient of the Minaya Alvar-Fanez Award for exemplary efforts in assisting with chapter activities by the executive committee of the national Spanish honorary society, Sigma Delta Pi. The Friends University chapter was named one of 10 Honor Chapters based on exemplary activities and

projects. Dr. Smartt led the 2018 Latino Leaders Immersion event on campus in August. She completed the program “Your Leadership Edge” at the Kansas Leadership Center July 9-12.

Dr. Jim Smith, associate professor of religion and Dallas Willard Chair for Christian Spiritual Formation, has approximately 40 devotionals that appear in “Faith that Matters,” a book of 365 devotions from classic Christian leaders. The devotionals come from Dr. Smith’s book “Embracing the Love of God: The Path and Promise of Christian Life” published by HarperCollins in 1995.

Ken Spurgeon, social and behavioral sciences adjunct faculty member in CBASE, received the Jan LaFever Award for Adjunct Teaching.

Dr. Donna Stuber, professor emeritus, and Kristina Thielen, ’10, published their chapter, “Research Methods,” in the second edition of “Thinking Critically About Social Psychology,” published by Kendal-Hunt.

Valerie Wall, director of Friendship Fields and adjunct faculty member, was named “Educator of the Year” by the Down Syndrome Society. Wall received the award because of her work with Friendship Fields, a program for college-age adults with disabilities.

Dr. Tor Wynn, associate professor of sociology and criminology, moderated at and took four students to the 2018 Alpha Chi National Conference April 5-7 in Portland, Ore. He also presented at and took three students to the Midwest Sociological Society meetings March 22-25 in Minneapolis.



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2018 Homecoming Royalty include (l to r): Mikhail Yeremin, Shelby Fox, Zeek Craven, Bianca Petty, Jonathan Pettyjohn, Bethany Young.

HOMECOMING 2018

Falcon spirits soared during Homecoming Oct. 5-7 despite wide swings in the weekend's weather. The classes of 1968 and 1958 celebrated their 50th and 60th reunions and toured campus on a sunny, warm Friday. The day ended with more than 250 guests attending the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony and the Alumni Awards Dinner. (See pages 15-18 for more details about honorees.)

Saturday brought chilly weather but impending rain storms held off long enough for the Falcon Football team to celebrate a 48-34 victory over Bethany College. An Alumni Tailgate and Carnival gave alumni, students, faculty and staff time to mingle and catch up. Other activities throughout the weekend included the "Jazz Swings Western Style" concert, Singing Quakers Heritage Sunday at University Friends Church and Future Falcon Visit Day.



▲ **CLASS OF 1958** L to R: Leroy Brightup, Mae Kellum, Rev. Merl Kinser, Norma Redick, Bill Simmons, Zack Wilkerson.



◀ **CLASS OF 1968** Front Row, L to R: Carole AufderHeyde, Vickie Breneman-Moots, Sue Zahn, Joyce Corkill-Teubner, Donna Green, Paula Brown, Sherrie Andersen, Noel Zahn. Back Row, L to R: Bill AufderHeyde, Sheldon Carpenter, Rick Frendle, David Barbosa, Marilyn Hitchcock, Ann Perrin, George Adams, Dennis Ross.



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Symphony of Spring

MAY 11, 2019

Commencement



A team of students strike a pose with Freddy Falcon as part of a New Student Orientation Scavenger Hunt activity to learn more about campus. Approximately 250 new students enjoyed activities such as a Movie on the Lawn, a Campus Ministries worship gathering and a Delano neighborhood cleanup in partnership with the Delano Neighborhood Association and the Love Your Community organization.

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