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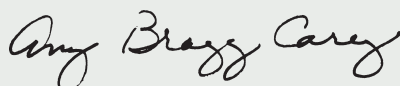
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At Friends University, we are stepping into many new things with energy and boldness. In this dynamic and challenging time in higher education, we must foster innovation and promote the implementation of effective ideas and approaches.

That's why I hope you will catch the excitement we feel about the development of new programs, the arrival of new faculty members and creation of new places. Additionally, we are gratified to share our focus

on dynamic learning through high impact practices.

While we continue to innovate, create and enhance Friends University, many things remain, such as our commitment to ensure that students thrive and succeed, and that our Christian mission is at the center of all we do.



Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University

ON THE COVER

Freshman Cory Harris and SGA President Kailee Murphy hang out at the newly remodeled Casado Campus Center.

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Women lead the way in STEM

BY CRAIG LINDEMAN

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Dr. Nora Strasser is a professor of mathematics and division chair of Natural Science and Mathematics. She earned a bachelor's and master's in mathematics from the University of South Dakota and a doctorate of higher education from Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Strasser has been with Friends University for 32 years.

Dr. Teresa Miller is an assistant professor and program director of mechanical engineering. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas and a master's and doctorate from Wichita State University.

Dr. Ana M. Jurcak-Detter is an assistant professor of biology teaching courses within the conservation science degree program. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York at Oswego and a master's and doctorate from Bowling Green State University.

This fall marked the debut of two new academic programs at the university — a bachelor's in mechanical engineering and a bachelor's in conservation science. While each program is groundbreaking in its own way, it is the people responsible for the programs that are attracting their own attention.

Nationwide, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs have been historically male dominated — both at the front of the classroom and behind the desks — but thanks to program heads Dr. Ana M. Jurcak-Detter, Dr. Teresa (Terri) Miller and Dr. Nora Strasser, and the Friends administration, that glass ceiling has been officially shattered.

While all three obtained their positions based on their own individual merits, the university hopes that the symbolism of having women in these positions will serve to inspire younger generations to follow their lead.

"Having role models is really important. It not only helps in the learning process, but it also provides motivation — which is a big part of our job," said Jasper Lesage, vice president of Academic Affairs. "So, while it wasn't our mission to hire women for these positions, we're very happy it happened."

The promotion of women to powerful positions is nothing new at Friends and some believe it is a direct reflection of the school's forward-thinking Quaker roots.

"We've had a tradition of females leading the way in math and chemistry at Friends," said Kenneth Stoltzfus, dean of Academic Affairs. "I think it's linked to the Quaker tradition of roles and attitudes toward women in leadership positions—there's a history of the faith being progressive in terms of giving women opportunities when others haven't."

The new programs are not only being led by women; they were inspired by them. In fact, it was the same women that are now in charge that first came up with the idea for the programs.

"The idea came from them (Terri and Nora) and they were instrumental in putting it together," said Lesage. "Our job is to empower people to do the work."

As far as the attention they are receiving for their new positions, the women themselves are somewhat bemused.

"It really shouldn't be that big of a deal," said Dr. Miller. "It should just be the norm."

That said, all three do acknowledge the impact that having women in leadership roles can have on others — especially those looking toward their future career paths.

"The lack of role models in any field is a detriment," said Dr. Nora Strasser. "As we get more role models, that will get more participation."

For years, the common reason people have given for the lack of women studying and working in STEM fields was simply a lack of interest, but it's an excuse Dr. Miller doesn't particularly buy.

"People say women don't go into STEM fields because they don't love numbers but that's just garbage," said Dr. Miller. "There's something else going on."

That "something else" may simply be the lack of open doors available to women.

"It's kind of like an old boys' club and it's hard to break into it," said Dr. Jurcak-Detter. "I've been lucky and have never been treated differently by my male colleagues, but I have personally seen other females bullied."

While women have been making strides in a variety of other areas, STEM-related fields—especially engineering—have continued to lag behind.

"(Opportunities for women) have improved in a lot of areas, but engineering is that last strong hold we haven't broken into yet," said Dr. Strasser.

"It really shouldn't be that big of a deal, it should just be the norm."

— Dr. Teresa Miller, assistant professor and program director of mechanical engineering

It's a problem that all three women have found to be especially prevalent in the corporate world.

"In academia you're judged on your merits, in the corporate world it's way more subjective. When I was looking for a position after I got my Ph.D., I actually had someone tell me 'sorry, we already have a female,'" said Dr. Miller. "Once there are more leadership roles for women in corporate America, I think that will change drastically."

So, if the women's new positions do hold a hidden meaning to younger women looking to follow in their footsteps, Dr. Jurcak-Detter hopes it is this:

"You can do this. You have what it takes."

So far, the initial reception of the programs has been strong, and all three women feel optimistic about their long-term success.

"We've had an amazing response," said Dr. Miller. "Every day we get calls asking about these new programs."

To learn more about the programs, visit friends.edu/mechanical-engineering/ and friends.edu/conservation-science/.



Partnerships help students focus on the future

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

L to R: Dr. Jasper Lesage, vice president of Academic Affairs at Friends University; Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president at Friends University; Sean Cash, assistant professor of Business Management at Friends University; Dr. Dennis Rittle, president at Cowley College; Lory West, former business faculty member at Cowley College and Dr. Michelle Schoon, vice president of Academic Affairs at Cowley College.



Friends University has formed several partnerships — with a Kansas community college to a Midwest education consortium — that will help more students find opportunities and even save money as they invest in their future.

Among the agreements is one that will keep Kansas students in the state to pursue studies beyond an associate degree and one that will open up a new geographical market for students who may otherwise not consider Friends for their education. Two provide leadership training for future careers in specific ministries.

Here are five ventures in which Friends is looking to the future and helping students seek out theirs.

🔶 In late spring 2019, Friends partnered with Cowley College on an agreement that allows current Cowley students

to seamlessly transfer credits from Cowley into Friends University's Bachelor of Science in business administration program. Two added bonuses are that the Friends business classes are offered at the Cowley County main campus in Arkansas City for a special price of \$260 per credit hour, making the program convenient and affordable.

🔶 Friends University recently joined the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, a multi-state tuition reciprocity program among more than 100 colleges and universities in 10 states. The consortium allows residents of 12 states (Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio or Wisconsin) to receive a 10% tuition reduction scholarship.

For a non-Kansas resident coming to Friends, that means a savings of about \$2,900 annually, said Vernon Dolezal, vice president of finance.

"This is a way to get our name out in the region and attract students from places we don't usually get many students from," Dolezal said.

🔶 In a pilot venture, Friends and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes have teamed up to provide two student-athletes with FCA leadership scholarships and internships, along with providing a consistent, larger FCA presence at Friends.

"This is a great win-win for Friends' leadership ministry and for the FCA ministry," said Rob Ramseyer, Friends athletic director. "If successful, the Friends/FCA partnership could serve



as a model for similar FCA internship programs at other universities," Ramseyer said.

FCA staff member Keith Townsend will meet with coaches and work with the university's 470 or so student-athletes. He will also mentor the two scholarship recipients to prepare them for future opportunities with the FCA ministry. Among the students' responsibilities will be running a weekly FCA "huddle," which is a small group Bible study among athletes from different sports.

- ◻ Friends' Christian spiritual formation program has partnered with Young Life, a religious program that helps adolescents grow in their faith, to offer scholarships and leadership training.

Friends' Christian spiritual formation major is designed to be a second major or certificate for students who want to deepen their spirituality and have their Christian faith enhance their life and career.

Students in the program who participate in Young Life can earn a \$1,000 annual renewable scholarship for up to four years and have opportunities to get leadership training and internships. Students who are looking for employment with Young Life may qualify for tuition reimbursement.

Students will learn to lead a club or volunteer, eventually train other leaders and have mentorship opportunities.

- ◻ Friends is also now a recognized Summit scholarship champion, joining more than a dozen other faith-based universities that offer scholarships to youth who have completed Summit's two-week student conference. The scholarship award is \$2,500. The conference provides Christian-based worldview training through conversations and discussions on a variety of topics.

Family room facelift

Casado renovations provide new opportunities for campus community to thrive

BY CRAIG LINDEMAN

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

For the generations of Friends University students, faculty and staff who have called the university's main campus "home," the Casado Campus Center has been their unofficial family room. From playing a quick game of pool between classes to grabbing a cup of coffee with a colleague after work, Casado has been the place where the Friends community has come together to meet up, kick back and plan for the future.

To ensure that tradition lives on, lower Casado recently underwent numerous renovations that have made the center more modern, more comfortable and more conducive to facilitating interaction between Falcons of all walks of life.

Among the biggest changes that took place in Casado was the arrival of Starbucks and a new rotating food concept, which this fall has been a panini restaurant called "Pressed." The two new additions are the result of

the university's renewed contract with food service provider Sodexo and, according to Dr. Guy Chmielecki, vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Campus Ministries, were specifically chosen to bring people together and make them comfortable enough to want to stay and hang out.

"We knew Starbucks would be an obvious draw," said Dr. Chmielecki. "Coffee shops have been a premier 'third place' for much of the past two decades and Starbucks has led the way."

The old student government offices (aka "Studio Ninety-Eight") have also been converted into a convenience store to help alleviate the inconvenience caused by the lack of grocery stores in the area.

Aesthetic changes to the center include a new six-screen video wall, digital publicity boards, numerous charging stations, new furniture, updated

lighting and ceiling tile, fresh paint and multiple large canvas prints featuring scenes from campus and student life.

"We have worked with Stan Shelden of Shelden Architecture, as well as multiple members of the team at Scott Rice Interiors to select furniture and design a layout that will maximize interaction and engagement — which we believe to be a key element of a thriving community," said Dr. Chmielecki.

The renovations were completed in part thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Kansas City-based Sunderland Foundation, which supports construction and special interest projects that allow nonprofits to fulfill their missions.

Together, the renovations represent a conscious effort made by the university to create a thriving, tight-knit campus community.

"It is our sincere hope that these updates will bring new life to lower Casado, which serves as the student center for the campus," said Dr. Chmielecki. "We believe that all of the updates, renovations, and new food concepts and features will collectively serve to make that space the place to be on campus."



Ongoing campus traditions that serve to enhance our community

Walk Outs

Anytime a Friends athletic team wins a conference championship, chances are there will be a walk out. Plans for the event are secret until 8 a.m. the day of the event when members of the Student Government Association (SGA) visit various buildings on campus banging pots to notify other students of the need to petition for a walk out. Once alerted, students gather outside the president's office to ask permission. If granted, all schedules are sent out by email and classes for the day are canceled.

Funded by the SGA, walk outs generally include recognition of the winning team, a catered lunch for all students and free activities that have consisted of everything from going to a movie to a trip to the local trampoline park.

Falcon King


A relatively new event, Falcon King is Friends' annual "Big Man on Campus" competition. During the event, students in each resident hall nominate one male who must learn a choreographed dance routine taught to them by members of the ballet program. Faculty and staff judge each performance with the top five students entering a final question and answer round with the winner being named "Falcon King."

To add a philanthropic aspect, each participant in the event chooses a non-profit and a coin drop is held in each residence hall. Last year, over \$1,000 was raised for charity.

Chili Cook-Off

Held each year during Cherry Carnival week, and drawing as many as 800 people, the Chili Cook-Off brings university and campus clubs together to compete for a variety of awards based on their chili-cooking and booth-decorating skills. Prizes are decided by guest tasters along with a panel of secret judges who award trophies and prize money. Following the competition, everyone who attends is treated to a catered meal of hot dogs, mac & cheese, cinnamon rolls and, yes, chili.

Each summer, health sciences students take a two-week trip to get hands-on experience beyond being “just tourists.” In 2019, nine students and two faculty traveled through England/UK, Ireland and Iceland. Here, the group stands in front of the Tower Bridge in London, England. From L to R: Thomas Barnaby, Celia Milam, Jilian Lahey, Makayla Hollis, Kaitlyn Still, Katharyne Davis, Teresa Wilkinson, Lauren Hills and Cassidy Darrah.



‘Dynamic learning’ reclaims heritage while infusing classes with faith, energy

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY

- Internships that deliver hands-on experience and are bolstered by faculty counsel and feedback
- Research performed jointly by students and faculty
- Service learning that begins with a freshman project and continues across years and fields of study

All of the above fit into the category of high-impact learning practices and fall under the umbrella of Friends' dynamic learning initiative, a pillar in the university's strategic plan. Some are things already underway — like internships and research — but can be improved and made more systematic, said Jasper Lesage, vice president of Academic Affairs. The goal is for a student's experience not to be largely dependent on what course or professor they take.

Another one of these practices is to deliver an engaging education of experiences and faculty interaction.

"One thing we know is that most students don't want to go to class two or three times a week and be lectured to or have a PowerPoint read to them," said Jeremy Gallegos, professor of philosophy and ethics and division chair of Christian and Liberal Studies.

Underpinning it all is a commitment to infusing discussions of faith and vocation — the belief that one's work is a calling and not just a job — across classes and programs.

"We talk about being a place that equips students to honor God and serve others by integrating their intellectual, spiritual and professional lives. I want to know what that really means in the classroom," Lesage said. "We want to make this part of our DNA."

These discussions already occur in

the undergraduate Christian Spiritual Formation program because of its subject matter and because it's a second major for students majoring in psychology, business or other subjects.

"We are hoping that the idea of being formed here, the Christian spiritual formation process, will also happen outside formal Christian Spiritual Formation classes," said Ken Stoltzfus, academic dean.

"For a lot of people, there's a fear of talking about faith in the classroom, because it's seen as evangelism. You should get comfortable talking about faith," said Gallegos, noting discussions of faith and purpose are valuable to

book's authors to speak and a small group will start answering where to go next. The intent, Stoltzfus said, is to help faculty go deeper. "We want it to go beyond doing a devotion or singing a prayer before class and really bring in how does your discipline, the scholarship you're teaching, how does that intersect with the Christian story in some way?"

Gallegos and Stoltzfus head the dynamic learning team in the Friends University Strategic Plan. The initiative also focuses on assessment, student retention and other administrative matters. One accomplishment in the last year is an administrative consolidation that brought together like

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those of all religions and to atheists and agnostics, too.

Friends is taking several steps to increase that comfort level. New faculty orientation includes not only the nuts and bolts of teaching and working on campus but also integrating faith and learning. This summer, Friends received a \$10,000 grant from the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education to foster discussion about that integration.

"Very few of us are actually trained in this," Lesage said. "We're just Christians who are trying to figure out what it means in a way that's not trivial."

Interested faculty and staff have been reading a book together during this first semester. During the second semester, the university will bring in one of the

majors and programs and created seven academic divisions.

Another piece of the plan is creating and improving gathering spots — called "third spaces" — so students and faculty can meet and interact more readily outside the classroom and offices. Overall, whether involving teaching approaches or buildings, the mission is to take full advantage of what a small college offers and to answer a question of mission and history.

"What does being a Christian college in the Quaker tradition mean for doing higher education or student learning?" Lesage said. "We are reclaiming that heritage, that's our goal."

University News



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ADDS NEW MUSIC THEATRE AND THEATRE B.A. DEGREES FOR FALL 2019

BY HANNAH SMITH

The Friends University Fine Arts Department is excited to announce two new Bachelor of Arts degrees in Music Theatre and Theatre.

"Adding these two degrees was a natural step considering the high level of student interest coupled with the plethora of professional theatres in the region," said Fine Arts Chair Dr. Joan Griffing. "We're grateful for the advice of local professionals such as Wayne Bryan of Music Theatre of Wichita as we designed the curriculum. The new degrees will fully prepare students for success in the theatre and music theatre worlds upon graduation. The Music Theater degree program, while intense, will be one of the strongest 'triple threat' collegiate programs in the region."



The Music Theatre program will be unique in that it puts equal emphasis on the practice of dancing, singing and acting, making this a triple threat degree necessary to succeed in today's world of music theatre performance.

The new major may sound familiar to some as the addition is more of a "reinstatement" of a previous program. Students pursuing a theatre major will have the unique opportunity to learn from some of the finest creative minds in the region, as well as perform or provide technical support in theatrical productions throughout the academic year.

The Music Theatre degree will allow a graduate to enter the work force as a practicing performing artist, choreographer, director, producer, chorus master and more. While the new Theatre degree will allow a graduate to enter the work force as a professional actor, director, stage manager, theatre critic, producer, technical director and more.



BRIE BOULANGER NAMED ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT

After serving in a variety of roles over the last nine years in both admissions and advancement, Brie Boulanger was promoted in June to Associate Vice President of University Advancement.

In her new position, Boulanger oversees the annual fund; corporate and foundation relations; major gifts and gift planning; endowment; capital campaigns and alumni; and constituent relations, stewardship and advancement services.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the advancement team and continue to serve the alumni and donors of this great university," said Boulanger. "My team and I are already hard at work striving to significantly increase constituent involvement and fund raising outcomes."

ONLINE CHANGE MANAGEMENT MBA PROGRAM RANKS AT SEVENTH IN NATION

BY HANNAH SMITH



Friends University's online MBA degree program with the Change Management concentration is ranked among the top 10 in the nation, according to MBACentral.org. During a review of the best online change management MBA programs, Friends University came in at number seven on the list.

Friends was specifically noted for being able to complete the master's program online, on campus or a blend of the two and for hosting the first chapter of the National Association of Women MBA's (NAWMBA) for private universities in Kansas.

"We are glad to see that our online MBA with the Change Management concentration has received such a high

rank," said MBA Program Director Michelle Case. "Our wonderful faculty members have worked to create an environment where all students can learn and prosper. This program provides students with all the tools they need to be successful in their professional field."

The MBA degree with the Change Management concentration focuses on teaching students how to redirect resources, business processes and budget allocations in order to transition individuals, teams and organizations and bring about substantial change. The program's courses teach students to use a variety of organizational skills that are designed to equip students to succeed in complex business environments.



DYNASTY INTACT: TRACK & FIELD FALCONS EXTEND DOMINANT RUN

BY LEVI CONVIRS

The Friends University Women's Track & Field Falcons continued their dynastic run this past season, winning the KCAC indoor and outdoor championship for a combined tenth straight time.

With the Falcons claiming the indoor title, head coach Cole Davis was named

the KCAC Coach of the Year and Lauren Doll was honored as the Women's Athlete of the Meet. Davis now has a combined 10 conference Coach of the Year honors to his name.

Doll put together a memorable performance in the Falcons' championship win, winning both the triple jump and long jump.

Shelby Hundley was also a critical component of the Falcons' winning effort, winning the 800 meters with a school record time of 2:17.57 and the 60 meter hurdles, while being a part of the team's first-place 4 x 800 meter relay team.

The Falcons also got conference championship performances from Christa Titus (1000 meters), Miranda Tenove (600 meters) and Makayla Hollis (pole vault).

The women's indoor Falcons then raced to the NAIA meet, where seven Falcons earned NAIA All-America status, including Doll, who placed fifth in the pentathlon.

The 4 x 800 meter relay produced four All-Americans for the Falcons, with Hundley, Tenove, Titus and Peyton Reaves teaming up for a 9.34.69 time.

The Falcons kept the momentum going into the outdoor season, capturing the program's fifth-straight conference title.

Outdoor conference champs for the Falcons included Taylor Brannen (high jump), Kortney Schutt (hammer throw), Titus (3K steeple), Doll (long jump) and Hundley (400 meter hurdles).

At the NAIA national outdoor meet, Kayla Allen produce an All-American finish in the 5K RaceWalk.

On the men's side, the KCAC indoor meet saw the Falcons receive conference championship performances from Cadin Gustafson (long jump), David Loucks (weight throw) and Chianté Stewart (triple jump).

At the NAIA indoor championships, Gustafson recorded a tremendous



effort in the heptathlon with a school record 4,840 points.

In the outdoor season, Noah Myers won the KCAC long jump title and the team of Isaac Sprague, Gabe Kuhn, Avery Stuever and Brett Martin led the Falcons to a championship in the 4 x 800 meter race.

To cap the season, Gustafson was an NAIA All-American in the decathlon and Myers earned All-American status in the long jump.



PHOTO BY DR. JOSEPH MYERS



BELDEN PICKED TO HEAD FALCONS' NEW POWERLIFTING PROGRAM

BY LEVI CONVIRS

This season, the Friends University Athletic Department is sporting a fresh look with the addition of the new powerlifting program, guided by head coach Joe Belden. Belden is also the Falcons' strength and conditioning coach, a position that is certain to enhance many aspects of Friends Athletics. The powerlifting program is a co-ed sport, with both male and female student athletes making up the roster.

"We are excited to announce the start of a powerlifting program and especially excited that Joe Belden is leading it," said Dr. Rob Ramseyer, Friends University athletic director. "Powerlifting is a popular and growing sport in our region, and we believe we are uniquely suited to develop a highly competitive program with our location. Further, Coach Belden

impacts all of our student-athletes in serving as the director of strength and conditioning to develop safe and high-quality training programs."

Belden added, "What makes this situation so exciting is, not only do we have a powerlifting program competing nationally with the 48 other programs across the country, but this position has the ability to impact the performance of over 400 student-athletes."

Tom Barry, the general manager of Westside Barbell in Columbus, Ohio, has worked with Belden for the last few years and says "Joe is one of the most dedicated and driven people I have personally dealt with in my coaching career."

"We are implementing the Westside Barbell Conjugate Method in training our

powerlifters," Belden said. "Their training methods have proven to be the best in the world. We are also incorporating traditional training with alternative training — simplicity meets variety; training our athletes optimally. We want to create a stronger, faster, explosive and more mobile athlete, with the key piece to the puzzle being injury prevention."

Here's what other Friends University head coaches had to say about the benefits of having a full-time strength and conditioning coach on campus:

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL HEAD COACH DION MENELEY

"The addition of a full-time strength and conditioning coach for our athletic department is extremely beneficial for all of our teams. The ability to collaborate with a trained professional regarding the goals of each player, unit and team will allow meaningful improvements to be made in a very efficient manner. Having a full-time coach dedicated to the daily improvement of our athletes is an asset that will pay dividends very quickly."

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL HEAD COACH MARTIN AYIN

"Having a strength and conditioning coach on staff allows our athletes to get to the next level through conditioning and weight training. We have amazing athletes in our athletic department, and I am excited to see them getting the attention they need to excel. I look forward to working with our new strength coach to come up with a plan for our programs to achieve and reach new heights in the KCAC and NAIA."

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH BRENT HOBSON

"This position benefits the whole athletic department in so many ways. He will definitely be a quality asset to each program throughout the year. I also think creating a powerlifting team is a great opportunity for a lot of athletes across the nation to come in and compete but also get a quality education here at Friends University."

INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW COACHES

BY LEVI CONVIRS

JOE BELDEN, POWERLIFTING COACH AND DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ►

Joe Belden is in his first year as head coach of the Friends University powerlifting program. He will also serve as the school's strength and conditioning coach.

Belden is certainly no stranger to the Wichita area, having served as the strength and conditioning coach at Wichita North High School for the past 17 years. He was also a kettlebell consultant for the University of Kansas strength and conditioning program in the spring of 2018.

A native of Wichita, Belden brings a wide range of athletic experience to Friends, including two stints as the head football coach at Wichita North from 2002-05 and 2013-16. At Wichita North, Belden helped orchestrate one of the biggest turnarounds in city league history, improving to 8-3 in 2003 following a 1-8 mark in the 2002 season. Overall, Belden has amassed 30 years of coaching experience over eight different sports.

Belden also brings a familiarity to Friends University, with a one-year stop as the assistant football coach and strength coach in the 1993-94 season. He has also taught weight training and conditioning at Wichita North since 2002 and is a certified International Kettlebell Federation and Maxbells, Kettlebell and Body Weight instructor.

Belden has achieved multiple strength and conditioning certifications, including Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), USA weightlifting certification (USAW), World Kettlebell Federation (WKC), Maxbells and a Body Weight/Joint Mobility certification from Steve Maxwell. He has trained numerous college and professional athletes, law enforcement officers and a current Navy Seal, while also developing, organizing and implementing speed development and hybrid training programs for The Adams Course and Belden Performance.

Belden completed his Bachelor of Science in Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Southwestern College in 1987.





◀ **JOE DINCECCO, MEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH**

Joe Dincecco enters his first season at the helm of the Friends University men's soccer program. Dincecco comes to Friends following a pair of NCAA D-I assistant men's soccer coaching stops, most recently two seasons at the University of South Florida under head coach Bob Butehorn.

He was a major asset to the USF coaching staff, helping strategize plays that led to a conference-leading seven goals scored off of attacking corner kicks.

Before going to USF, Dincecco was the assistant coach for three years at Florida Gulf Coast University, also under Butehorn. Dincecco helped FGCU capture two Atlantic Sun championships and notch the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament win.

He also aided FGCU in recording the longest home regular season conference winning streak in the nation, spanning 29 straight home victories from 2008-2016. FGCU was ranked No. 22 in the final NSCAA Top 25 poll in Dincecco's last season with the team.

Dincecco also contributed to the development of five players who went on to play professionally while at FGCU.

Overall during his seven-year assistant coaching tenure, Dincecco was a part of three Coaching Staff of the Year awards, three regular season championships and two NCAA D-I tournament appearances. He also helped mentor 37 all-conference performers, nine professional players, two conference players of the year and one first-team All-American.

In 2007, Dincecco completed his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Richmond and then earned a Master of Science in Sports Business Management from Manhattanville College in 2014.

DEAN JADERSTON, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH ▶

Dean Jaderston is in his first season as the head coach of the Friends University women's basketball program. Jaderston brings familiarity to the Falcons, having served as the head men's basketball coach for KCAC program Sterling College for the past 13 seasons.

At Sterling, Jaderston instilled a winning culture and became the program's all-time winningest coach with 189 career victories. He guided the Warriors to a pair of KCAC regular season championships and also a postseason conference title.

A two-time KCAC Coach of the Year, Jaderston coached six NAIA All-American performers during his tenure at Sterling. Off the hardwood, Jaderston also made a significant impact, overseeing a team GPA of at least 3.0 for 11 of the past 13 years. He also led three basketball mission trips to Panama.

Prior to taking over at Sterling, Jaderston served in the dual role of head men's basketball coach and athletic director at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill. for five seasons. He also spent eight seasons as both the head



women's basketball and women's tennis coach at Rosemount High School in Rosemount, Minn.

Jaderston and his wife Julie have been married for 32 years and are very active in youth and camping ministries. They currently serve as executive directors of a premier summer

Christian family conference called Northern Pines of Minnesota.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History/Secondary Education from Crown College in 1989 and then completed a Master of Arts in Adlerian Counseling and Psychotherapy from Adler Graduate School in 1998.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY TO CAMPUS

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



▲ DR. ROBERT BROOKS

Dr. Robert D. Brooks, assistant professor of music and jazz director, is a jazz saxophonist and music educator from Michigan. He received a Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor of Music from Central Michigan University. He has served as an interim director of jazz studies at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. and as professor of saxophone and clarinet at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Dr. Brooks' most recent releases on Ropeadope Records have been received with critical acclaim, and he has toured with Reginald Chapman's "Pressure Fit," Sun Stereo and The Lake Effect.



▲ DR. JENA M. CANTWELL

Dr. Jena M. Cantwell serves as assistant professor of business but has served since 2014 as an adjunct instructor in business. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, her Master of Arts in Human Resources Development and MBA from Webster University and her Doctor of Education in Business in Organizational Leadership and Development from Argosy University. Dr. Cantwell's dissertation focused on student soft skills and the need for these skills in the workplace. Dr. Cantwell has held roles in banking and education for the past 25 years, and her focus has been on customer service, banking, job satisfaction and training. Dr. Cantwell's new role is as a business generalist working with students at all levels of their education.



◀ DR. LILLIAN GREEN

Dr. Lillian Green is the new assistant professor of strings and orchestra director. She has taught at various schools, including West Virginia University, Peabody Conservatory and the Montverde Academy Music Conservatory. Most recently, she taught at Bethany College and directed the Bethany College/Lindsborg Community Orchestra. She performs frequently in Kansas and abroad. She earned a D.M.A. in Viola Performance and an M.M. in Music Theory Pedagogy from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. Previously, she earned an M.M. in Viola Performance from the University of Delaware and a bachelor's degree in music education from West Virginia University.

DR. DALE L. HEIDEBRECHT ►

Dr. Dale L. Heidebrecht serves as visiting lecturer in choral music. He received his Bachelor of Music Education from Wichita State University and his Master of Music and his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting and Literature from the University of Colorado. His dissertation focused on the Baroque composer Isabella Leonarda and he presented his vocal pedagogy research on the aging voice at the 2008 Southwestern American Choral Directors Association convention. As a director, singer and conductor, he has been active in church music for more than 30 years and has directed and performed in operas, musicals and plays.

**▲ DR. ARLEN JEFFERY**

Dr. Arlen Jeffery serves as assistant professor of chemistry. He graduated from Friends University with Bachelor of Science degrees in mathematics and chemistry and he earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Iowa, researching the synthesis of antiviral compounds. In 2002, he was awarded a National Science Foundation-MRI grant to repair the NMR at McMurry University and received a Pacesetter Award for teaching and research. A high-energy teacher, Dr. Jeffery uses the scientific method in the lab and classroom to prepare undergraduate students for the future. In 2011 and 2015, he presented at regional American Chemical Society meetings on advanced techniques in chemical education using microwave energy instead of conventional heating methods. His work in chemical education extends into online homework platforms that provide instant feedback.

▼ SHAWN KNOPP

Shawn Knopp serves as assistant professor of music education and director of band. Previously, Knopp oversaw the instrumental program at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. He directed the symphonic band, jazz band, faculty jazz combo, football band, basketball band, brass ensemble and chamber orchestra. Knopp earned a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Music in Wind Band Conducting from Kansas State University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a Music Education cognate at Kansas State University. In 2012, the Kansas Bandmasters Association recognized Knopp with the Outstanding Young Band Director Award.



DARLA LOGGANS ►

Darla Loggans serves as visiting professor of education but has served since 2018 as a student teacher supervisor and an adjunct instructor of teaching reading. She received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Friends University, her Master of Education in Reading and Instruction from Wichita State University and her National Board Certification in Literacy in 2010. She serves on the Friends University Professional Education Board Advisory Council and has worked extensively on curriculum development for the Wichita Public Schools. Loggans has taught elementary education for the Wichita Public Schools for more than 30 years and has mentored numerous student teachers in her classroom throughout her career.



▲ DR. REBEKAH REYES ADAMS

Dr. Rebekah Reyes Adams serves as assistant professor of Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) at the Kansas City site. She graduated from Pepperdine University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and minor in French, from Abilene Christian University (ACU) with a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy and from Kansas State University with a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy. She served as an adjunct faculty member for the Online Master of Marriage and Family Therapy at ACU and as a behavioral health consultant in a primary care clinic in Kansas City. Her clinical, research and teaching specialties are focused in the advancement of integrated care, couples and families coping with chronic illness and the impact of family functioning on health.

KEN SPURGEON ►

Ken Spurgeon serves as assistant professor of history. He has served as an adjunct professor at Friends University since 2010. He received his Bachelor of Art and Master of Art degrees in History from Wichita State University, while also completing hours in Secondary Education Social Studies. He has taught at Central High School in Burden, Kan. and at Northfield School of the Liberal Arts and has been a director of instruction and education at Cowley College. His master's thesis, "A Kansas Soldier at War," later became a book published by the History Press in 2013. In 2004, he founded Lone Chimney Films Inc. and has written or co-written and directed three documentaries and a docudrama. Two of his films have earned the Western Heritage Award (Wrangler) and three have aired on PBS stations.



◀ TERESA MOLINA

Teresa Molina serves as assistant professor of Spanish. She is a veteran Heritage Spanish teacher, International Baccalaureate Spanish and Foreign Language department head with USD 259 and she taught Spanish and Foreign Language Methodology as an adjunct faculty for Friends University for years before joining the faculty full-time. Teresa teaches the interpretation/translation classes for the newly designed Spanish major, Hispanic History and Culture as well as traditional Spanish courses. She is also the sponsor of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization. Teresa holds degrees from Friends University and Wichita State University.



◀ DR. JACOB ALAN COOK

Dr. Jacob Alan Cook serves as visiting assistant professor of religion and Apprentice Institute Coordinator. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy from Friends University and his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., where he also served as the associate director of Fuller's Just Peacemaking Initiative. His dissertation, "Evangelicals and Identity Politics," passed with distinction and he is currently revising it for publication with Fortress Academic/Lexington Books. Jake has written several chapters on peacemaking and Christian identity, three of which will appear in books later this year.

FRIENDS OFFERS MILITARY TUITION DISCOUNT AND RECEIVES DESIGNATION AS MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

BY HANNAH SMITH

Friends University is now offering adult bachelor's degree programs at \$250 per credit hour to military personnel and their spouses. This matches the amount of military assistance paid per credit hour to eligible members of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

The discount applies to current, retired and honorably discharged military and Kansas Army and Air National Guard as a thank you for their service.

"We are very pleased to offer this discount and to be included on the Military Friendly list," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president. "Friends has continued to place more emphasis on better serving our military service members' and veterans' educational needs. They have done so much for our country that they deserve the opportunity to earn an education at a private, faith-based university."

In addition, Friends University has been named as a 2019-2020 Military Friendly school. This designation provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY HOSTS COMPTIA PENTEST+ CERTIFICATION TRAINING



Friends University offered a cyber security training course to IT professionals and businesses Aug. 5-9. The course ran from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and provided 40 hours of training. The CompTIA PenTest+ certification training prepared attendees to take the CompTIA PenTest+ certification exam.

"Studies show that 96 percent of hiring managers use certifications for recruitment and advancement criteria," said Sean Cash, assistant professor of business management. "It is imperative that we continue to supply competent security professionals as IT jobs are expected to increase by 28 percent by 2026."

A CompTIA PenTest+ certified instructor who has extensive real-world experience instructed attendees. The course enabled professionals to learn up-to-date penetration testing methodology, how to plan and scope a penetration test, how to conduct passive and active reconnaissance testing, how to exploit networks and systems during a penetration test, and more. Hands-on live classroom instruction took place in the state-of-the-art INTRUST Bank Cyber Security Laboratory at Friends University. The lab simulates cyber threats in a realistic environment and is one of only three based in the university setting.



SINGING PRAISES: STUDENTS, SUPPORTERS GROW THROUGH SINGING QUAKERS' TRIP

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

After this past summer's Singing Quakers' two-week trip to Italy and Austria, student Emily Chancellor became a self-described "better version of myself."

"This trip was so much more than beautiful sights and traveling to a foreign country. This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to sing with my favorite people in some of the most beautiful parts of the world, to grow spiritually in a way that I never had before, and it gave me the opportunity to find myself outside of Kansas," Emily wrote in a Facebook post, reflecting on the trip.

On the trip, the Singing Quakers shared their faith by lifting their voices in grand European cathedrals and in doing service projects. The trip helped many grow personally and culturally — for some it was their first time outside of Kansas or the U.S.

"These trips leave lasting impressions, well into the future," said Friends Alumni Director Michael Walz. As a Singing Quaker when the choir visited New York City and Washington, D.C., in 2004, Walz still recalls the somber and moving impact of singing in an observation deck overlooking construction of what would become the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

This year, Walz also helped plan a trip for a group of 16 parents and supporters, as well as Friends President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey and a music faculty



member, to accompany the Singing Quakers. Based on its success, this "companion trip" will likely continue in the future, Walz said. The choir does an international summer tour generally every four years.

The trip also was a swan song for Mark Bartel, as he ended his 14-year tenure as associate professor of choral music and is returning to his native Canada for family reasons.

The final European concert struck a chord with many of those in attendance, including student Jared Shetler.

"We held hands and sang 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' one last time with Dr. Bartel while encircling a beautiful Salzburg sanctuary," Shetler wrote in his Facebook reflections post.

Visiting professor Dale Heidelbrecht, a Marion, Kan., native, is conducting the Singing Quakers and jazz vocal ensemble this academic year while a nationwide search for a permanent director is done, said Joan Griffing, chair of fine arts.

The Singing Quakers choir celebrates its 95th anniversary this year.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ADOPTS STATEWIDE TRANSFER POLICY

Friends University adopted a new policy, which makes transferring from any Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) community college easier. Individuals with an associate's degree from KBOR community colleges automatically satisfy all of Friends University's general education requirements, except for the religion requirements. Traditional undergraduate students must complete an additional nine hours of religion courses while adult undergraduate students must complete an additional three hours of religion and a three-hour capstone course.

"Our new policy makes it easier for prospective students to transfer to Friends University."

"We are excited to announce this new policy," said Dr. Ken Stoltzfus, academic dean. "According to the National Student Clearinghouse, Kansas has one of the highest percentages of students completing four-year degrees after beginning at two-year public institutions (20.24 percent). Our new policy makes it easier for prospective students to transfer to Friends University."

The new policy, which began in the fall, supports Friends University's articulation agreements with various community colleges by facilitating a more streamlined transfer process for students who have graduated with an associate's degree and desire to continue their education at a private Christian liberal arts university.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friends University has named Dr. Kneeland Brown and Brent E. Edmisten to its Board of Trustees. Edmisten and Brown began serving on the board in October.



◀ **DR. KNEELAND C. BROWN** has served as president of Trinity Academy since 2017. Prior to taking on this position he served as dean of the DeVoe School of Business at Indiana Wesleyan University. For more than a decade, Kneeland has served in the higher education space as a dean, chief-of-staff, executive director, program director and associate professor, teaching Organizational Development/Management and Ethnic Studies. Kneeland was selected for participation in the CCCU's 2010 class of fellows for the Multi-Ethnic Leadership Development Institute (ME-LDI).

Kneeland completed his B.A. and M.A. at Azusa Pacific University and his Doctor of Education at the University of Southern California. He presently serves as editor-in-chief of "The DeVoe Report" and he also serves in leadership with Enterprise Stewardship, a Capital III company. Kneeland recently completed six years of service on the board of Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) International.

▼ **BRENT E. EDMISTEN** is the vice president of operations, supply chain management and engineering of Excel Industries, where he has worked since July 2012. Previously, Edmisten held executive leadership positions at Cessna Aircraft Co. and Hawker Beechcraft Corp. He has almost 25 years of experience in the design, deployment and leadership of organizations.

Edmisten is a 1996 graduate of Friends University with an Executive MBA. He also is a Certified Six Sigma Green Belt, an APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional, an ISM Lifetime Certified Purchasing Manager and a Certified Professional in Supply Management. He has earned the Purchasing Medal of Excellence in Supply Chain Management Award, has authored articles for magazines and other publications, has spoken at conferences and has served as a member of various university and nonprofit boards.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Brown and Brent Edmisten to our board," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, Friends University president. "Their extensive leadership experience and expertise will add a tremendous amount of value to our team."



Fall 2019 Class Notes

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after August 13, 2019 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Ralph H. Allen, Jr., '82, died Jan. 28. He was a retired chaplain of the Sedgwick County Jail, an author and a runner. He served in the Navy for four years.

Iva Lou Baker, '43, died Feb. 2. She was a homemaker, a trust officer for the Fourth National Bank and a newspaper reporter.

Virginia Jean Bertrand, '51, died March 1. She was a retired medical technologist who worked at McConnell Air Force Base, StatLab and Roche Labs.

Claude M. Chisholm, '76, died Feb. 7. He was a musician and a music teacher, and he worked at an instrumental repair shop.

Linda Beth Coffey (nee Crites), '58, died Jan. 27. While at Friends, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She worked as a teacher in public and private schools and at a country club and Christian bookstore.

Robert Cowan, '42, died July 26. OSA Fellow and William F. Meggars Award recipient, he was known for his work in the field of atomic structure and spectra and for developing computer programs for the calculation of these quantities. Cowan spent the majority of his career at the Los Alamos Scientific (later National)

Laboratory, working in the Theoretical Physics Division. Robert also volunteered in the community as an umpire for softball games, Boy Scout leader, and English as a Second Language tutor.

Shirley Ann Cummings, '53, died March 30. She was a teacher and organist.

Mary Louise (Riner) Falconbridge, '68, died May 26. She was a schoolteacher, musician and faithful Christian.

James Arthur Gemas, '98, died May 3. He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman and retired from Spirit AeroSystems in 2012.

John C. Green, '73, died Feb. 21. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Isabel American Legion.

Bradley E. Haddock, Board of Trustees member, died April 1. Prior to founding Haddock Law Office, he worked as an attorney at Koch Industries for more than 29 years, serving most of those years as vice president and general counsel of the Koch Chemical Technology Group.

Paul Hardin, '84, died Feb. 23. He was the president and owner of 10 Miracle Ear hearing centers in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

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Reece Devon Hobby III, '98, died May 7. He worked for Boeing Wichita and retired from Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation. He loved the outdoors and all things related.

Tommy Lee Holland, '61, died May 6. He served in the Army, worked as a law clerk for the Supreme Court of Oklahoma and taught at the University of Tulsa College of Law. Some of the positions he held at the University of Tulsa include acting dean of the law school and assistant dean.

Lori Hoppock, '87 and wife of Board of Trustees Member **Dr. Kevin Hoppock**, passed away March 29. She cherished her time at Friends University as a Singing Quaker.

Byron M. Johnson, '10, died March 4. He worked at Spirit AeroSystems for 13 years.

Oris Kingery, '62, died Sept. 10, 2018. He was a retired industrial arts teacher.

Janet Elaine Philips Knight, '85, died Feb. 20. She worked for Central State Bank among other places and eventually the Central Office of Andover School District.

Joseph "Joe" Kravitz, '93, died July 1. He worked for several police departments including the Sedgwick County Sherriff's Department for 29 years, the Wichita Police Department for seven years and most recently as a sherriff's deputy for the Butler County Sherriff's Department for 14 years. He enjoyed fishing and competitive shooting.

Darrin Anselm Leibham, '92, died July 18. He was a wide receiver at both Independence Community College and Friends University and was also the Wichita City League diving champion. Darrin and the 1987-88 ICC football team were inducted into the ICC Athletic Hall of Fame. He worked at Love Box Co., Carlson Products and CI Properties.

Dr. Claude Marshall Lynch, '57, died Feb. 19. He served in the Army and as a teacher and school administrator. After retiring, he formed Education Consultant Services Inc.

Harriet Sue McCulley, '59, died April 30. She taught grade school, served as a bookkeeper for a tire company and volunteered at a school in Wichita.

Patsy M. McCune, '73, died May 16. She was an active member of Derby First Assembly of God and enjoyed working in the various children's programs.

Dorothy Maxine (Gingerich) Miller, '65, died Jan. 29, 2018. She worked as a librarian for 20 years and served as a pastor's wife for 40 years.

Velma K. Morz, '45, died April 22. She taught at Friends University and played the piano for church services. She taught in various places for more than 50 years.

Darlene Newby, '69, died June 14. She taught elementary school and served in the Quaker ministry.

Rhanda Sue O'Hair, '83, died May 9. She loved children and was a preschool and Sunday school teacher for 40 years.

Clifford Osborn, '39, died July 10. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and spent the next 35 years in the investment and printing industries.

Frances Altina Owens, '51, died May 24. She was a teacher, substitute teacher, volunteer for the Boy Scouts, president of the Women's

Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 4 and board member for the Government Employees Credit Union and election polling stations.

Bruce R. Parmenter died Feb. 20. He served as a minister of several Christian Churches and Churches of Christ for over 20 years. He was a professor at Lincoln Christian Seminary (1968-77) and a professor of Marriage and Family Therapy at Friends University (1989-93).

Steven Francis Payne, '85, died April 30. He received his bachelor's degree in ministry from Friends University and his master's in divinity from Denver Seminary.

Laris Pickett, '96, died July 10.

Richard Piña, '96, died June 7. He was a former Friends University employee and father to three Friends University students (Andre, Brandon and Christopher). He loved people, including his family, friends, coworkers and the blues music community.

Carol J. Porter, '89, died Jan. 21. She worked at Gates Rubber Company for 30 years and became the first female manager at Gates. She loved to shop for antiques and attend rodeos.

John Densham Postlewait, '08, died Dec. 2, 2018. He worked for more than 30 years with Racket Merchandise. He also taught part time at Johnson County Community College while working part-time for CW Concrete in Olathe, Kan.

Sandra Sue Raines, '02, died March 13. She worked for the State of Kansas for more than 20 years.

Dr. Roland D. Reimer died Jan. 25. He taught at Friends University's Center for Family Living from 1977 to 1980.

John Harold Rodda, '68, died Jan. 18. He was an embalmer and funeral director. He served in various organizations including the Civitan Club of Wichita, the Albert Pike Masonic Lodge No. 303, the Wichita Consistory and the Midian Shrine Temple.

Shelia J. Russell, '07, died Feb. 1. She was an educator for 35 years and retired from the USAF Reserve as a Senior Master Sergeant after 33 years.

Laura Lee Siever, '72, died May 16.

Dr. Lewis A. Smith, '45, died Jan. 18. He served in the Army Air Corp and was also an optometrist.

Effie Swain, '58, died January 1, 2018.

Marvin Emmanuel Swim, '43, died June 2, 2018. He was a World War II veteran and retired from Boeing as the corporate general auditor.

Helen J. Throckmorton, '45, died Feb. 8. She was head of the Wichita State University English department and retired in 1992. She co-authored books and was published in major journals.

Janice Lee Tomlin, '90, died June 9. She was employed at the Dillons Central Bakery and was a homemaker. She later became a medical lab tech.

Charles F. Tschopp, '55, died Feb. 10. He served in the military and in the public sector as a doctor. He was also the head of the medical department at the University of Vermont.

Sara "Sally" W. Peters Van Meter, '94, died June 17. She worked for various organizations including the U.S. Board of Education, Kansas Board of Education, Light & Taylor Law Firm, University of Kansas and Lawrence USD 497.

CLASS NOTES

1940s

Donna Roembach, '44, celebrated her 97th birthday in July. She still lives at home and drives a little.

1950s

June Bacon-Bercey, '51, was recognized by KSN on March 26 for being the first African-American woman to receive a degree in meteorology and the first female television meteorologist. She was also the first woman and African-American to be awarded the American Meteorological Society Seal of Approval for Excellence in Television Weathercasting.

1960s

Earl Whiteman, '68, spent 30 years as a federal employee working within the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. During that time, he served as the federal manager of the Rocky Flats plutonium enrichment plant near Denver, Colo. where he oversaw nearly 8,000 employees. Following the end of the Cold War, he was responsible for downsizing the country's nuclear infrastructure and making it sustainable for the post-Cold War era. Whiteman officially retired in 2001 but continued to serve as a government consultant for the next 10 years. He currently resides in Sun Lakes, Ariz.



Norma Thayer, '53, and Robert Thayer recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. They met at Friends when Norma was the music department secretary. They were fellow members of the choir at the College Hill Methodist Church where Fred Mayer, chair of the Friends music department, was choir director. The Thayers have retired to Tualatin, Ore.

1970s

Grace Gayle, '74, is a member of a college and church choir that was invited to sing the New York premiere of "LUX: The Dawn from on High" by Daniel Forrest at Carnegie Hall, N.Y., in Feb. 2019.

Jim Nagy, '77, General Motors executive vice president and global chief human resources officer delivered a presentation, "GM Financial Global Footprint," to Friends students April 4.

1990s

Jill Bosley, '98, has been named a new foundation director at AdventHealth Fish Memorial in Orange City, Fla. She will oversee the operations and management of the fundraising at the hospital.

Chris Hoose, '97 and '99, wrote an article about outdated IT practices companies need to eliminate for The Pasadena/San Gabriel Valley Journal.

Pedro Leite, '90 and '93, has been named vice president of student affairs by the Cloud County Community College board of trustees.

Luke Lewis, '96, has been named the new city administrator in Knob Noster, Mo.

Mitch McVicker, '95, was featured by the Bristol Herald Courier before a performance in Kingsport, Tenn.

Kevin Mokhtarian, '95, earned a Master of Science in 2008 from Kansas State University.



DEAN HALL, '92, swam 768 miles down the Eel River in Northern California. Hall was the first person to swim the entire length of the Willamette River and the River Shannon, both found in Ireland. He was promoting awareness about the growing need to protect our American waterways.

John Sander, '92, serves as vice president of research and development at Lubrication Engineers Inc. and spoke in an Efficient Plant podcast.

Vonda Schuster, '93, is celebrating her 21st year teaching theatre at Wichita South High. She has been involved in local theaters outside of the classroom as well, including performing and occasionally directing with the Kechi Playhouse, the Wichita Community Theatre and in more than 25 shows with the Wichita Shakespeare Company (Shakespeare in the Park). She served as co-

costumer for "Hairspray" at the Wichita East Performing Arts Center in March and directed a Repertory Theatre class in April with the theme of "An Evening of Culture."

2000s

Ted Chartier, '01, was honored on the Forbes/SHOOK Best-In-State Wealth Advisors list as one of seven individuals from the Kansas City and St. Louis areas "who are among our best and brightest." Chartier is senior vice president at Wealth Management in Leawood, Kan.

David Evenden, '06, was featured at Start Up Grind-Wichita, hosted at Friends University on March 19. He is a cyber security analyst with more than 12 years of active experience in the intelligence community.

Phillip Jensen, '07, was hired as the vice president of operations at Marberry in North Aurora, Ill.

Louis Locke, '08, was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant March 1, 2019.

Melissa Riley, '06 and '09, has been hired by Heartspring as their chief human resources officer.

Steve Roberson, '02, has been promoted as Newton's next fire/EMS chief. Since 2016, he served as deputy chief.

2010s

Max Abood, '17, was featured on KMWU 89.1's A Musical Life segment. He performs in the bands Circular Reference, Revisionist (playing bass) and Old News (playing drums).

Rebecca Aneloski, '13, competed for a commission for Repertory Dance Theatre in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Georgianna Correll, '11, has been named State Hospital Commission Deputy Commissioner.

Andrea Dimmen, '12, opened a ballet studio.

Subrena Hicks, '12, joined Kansas City Mental Health Associates as one of their team members. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Kansas and a Nationally Certified Counselor.

Lindsey Keais, '18, was hired by McKenzie & Associates LLC in Wichita.

Chris Keith, '18, with Select Medical participated in a Master of Health Care Leadership panel at Friends University April 30.

Sara Millburn, '18, with Via Christi Health and independent author participated in a Master of Health Care Leadership panel at Friends University April 30.

Emily Ozbun, '18, was hired by McKenzie & Associates LLC in Wichita.

Jeremy Pauly, '19, with Wesley Medical Center participated in a Master of Health Care Leadership panel at Friends University April 30.

Gabrielle Price, '18, was hired by McKenzie & Associates LLC in Wichita.

Susan Runyan, '16, with Runyan Health Care Quality Consulting participated in a Master of Health Care Leadership panel at Friends University April 30.

Cory Schmidt, '13, is serving as a K-9 handler for the Hutchinson Police Department.

C. Patrick Woods, '13, joined the Friends University Board of Trustees.

FACULTY/ STAFF NOTES

Amy Yan-Barton, system analyst/programmer, was invited to serve on the Industry Advisory Board for the Computer Systems Technology program at Kansas State University Polytechnic. Amy attended the annual meeting April 5 in Salina, Kan. The board members listened to the faculty's report on the programs, discussed content for the course of study and met with students.

Dr. Gary D. Branum, associate professor of chemistry and co-chair of the Environmental Compliance Committee, was the invited speaker at the April meeting of

the Wichita Section of the American Chemical Society at Bethel College. He spoke about his 30 years of experience in forensic toxicology.

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey attended the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) board meeting April 4.

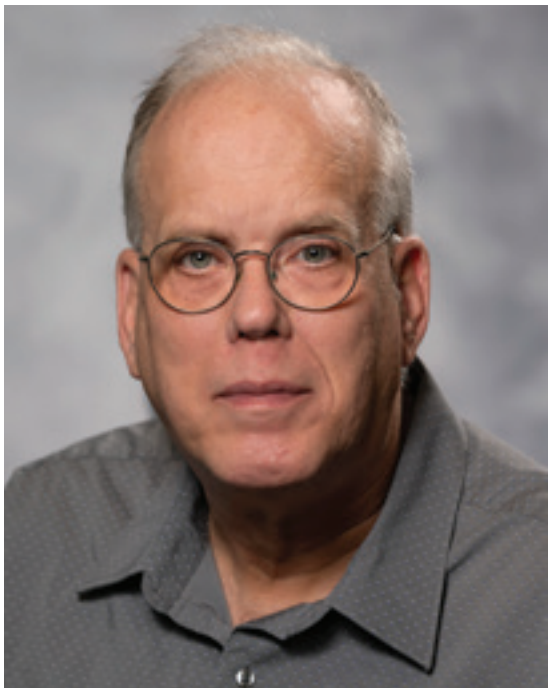
John Carroll, director of operations for the Apprentice Institute, was featured by Asbury Theological Seminary in their collection of inspirational stories of people in ministry called "Attempt Something Big." John earned his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury in 2013.

Craig Curry's composition "Gospel Nativity Carol for SATB Voices and Piano," has been published by Jubilate Music. J.W. Pepper, the nation's largest print music retailer, named it an "Editor's Choice." Craig's "Wonderful Child" for piano duet was published by Hope Publishing in the collection, "Christmas Classics for 4-hand piano."

Dr. Jeremy Gallegos, professor of philosophy and ethics, general education assessment coordinator and division chair of Theology and Humanities, has had his recent review of "Jesus as Philosopher: The Moral Sage in the Synoptic Gospels" by Runar M. Thorsteinsson published in the Religious Studies Review, volume 45.1. This is his first contribution to this periodical and he is currently reviewing a volume on Aristotle.



ERICA HILL, '14, filed to run for the Lawrence school board. Currently, she serves as the finance and operations manager for the LMH Health Foundation and as a health equity advocate with LMH Health.



CHRIS KETTLER gave a paper at the Eighth Day Institute's second-annual Florovsky-Newman conference held at Newman University on "The Church as the Family of God: The Vicarious Love of the Son for Flames, Friends, and Families" in June.

Lisa Hittle, assistant professor of music and director of the jazz program, was the featured guest soloist and guest conductor with the Delano Jazz Ensemble April 7. She was also the featured soloist with the USD 259 faculty jazz ensemble at Jazz-in-the-Round April 16.

Shelly Hoffman, assistant professor of physical education, attended the National SHAPE America Physical Education Convention in Tampa, Fla. April 9-13.

Jasper Lesage and Aidan Dunleavy presented "Developing a Culture of Assessment and Data-Driven Decision-Making Using Course Evaluations" at the CampusLabs Elevate Conference, July 14-16 in Baltimore, Md. Elevate is a three-day interactive conference dedicated to maximizing the benefits of assessment and teaching and learning solutions.

Jill Morgan was accepted into the doctorate (Ed.D) program at Kansas State University in Adult Learning and Leadership.

Dr. Rob Ramseyer, athletic director, served as part of a panel presentation Jan. 25 at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga. The title of the presentation was "From 'At Least' to 'At Last': Strategies for Connecting Athletics and Academics." The panel discussed how to form better connections between athletics and academics so the two areas can work more effectively together.

Deb Stockman was named one of the 2019 Women in Business by the Wichita Business Journal. Women in Business recognizes outstanding women in the Wichita area for their career accomplishments and contributions to the success of women.

KEAS KEASLER, assistant professor of Christian Spiritual Formation; program director of Christian Spiritual Formation, was a keynote speaker for Summit 2018, hosted by Evangelical Friends Church of North America. The conference took place in Denver, Colo., December 28, 2018 - January 1, 2019. The talk was titled "The Aims of Jesus & the Kingdom of God." Keas was also the main speaker for the 2019 yearly meeting hosted by the Evangelical Friends Church (Eastern Region). The yearly meeting took place in Canton, Ohio, July 20-22, 2019. Keas gave a series of four talks on the theme of Kingdom Discipleship.





2019 Distinguished Alumni honorees include (L to R): Mary Hendershot, Ben Hutton and Barbara (Babs) Mellor.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

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

BEN HUTTON

Ben is a 2008 graduate with a master's in business administration. Ben started working at Hutton Construction when he was 12 shortly after his father, Mark Hutton, founded the business. After graduating from Kansas State with a degree in construction management, Ben worked his way through the ranks at Hutton from project manager to business

development to assuming the role of president in 2010 and most recently becoming CEO in 2016. When Ben isn't leading the company, he stays involved with many community organizations including Project Wichita, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Wichita Chamber and the Global Leadership Summit to name a few. As a strong supporter of the Friends University mission to provide Christian quality higher education in the city of Wichita, Ben is also a member of the Friends University President's Advisory Council. His biggest passions are his faith and spending family time with his wife Erin and their three children.

Distinguished Alumni for Outstanding Achievement in the Fine Arts

BARBARA (BABS) MELLOR

Barbara (Babs) Mellor graduated from Friends University in 1949. She is a professional sculptor, gifted with a love of hard work, humor and creativity. Babs has studied with some of the best sculptors in America and abroad. She enjoys spending her time teaching many students classical art and her students find her creativity and sense of adventure infectious.

Babs has been commissioned to create many large bronze statues for cities and private individuals. Some of her sculptures can be found locally at Friends University, Century II, Newman University, Veterans Memorial Park, Douglas

Avenue, Mark Arts and Auburn Hills Golf Course. Other works can be found as far as England and France.

Nothing better summarizes Babs Mellor's approach to her art as a student, a teacher and a practitioner than the quotation from Michelangelo found prominently displayed in her classroom: "Ancora Imparo" (I am still learning).

Distinguished Alumni for Outstanding Christian Leadership and Service

MARY HENDERSHOT

Mary is a 1985 graduate with a bachelor's in music education. She also holds a master's degree in flute performance from Wichita State, '88, and master's degree in ethnomusicology from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn., '07. Mary has served with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Burkina Faso since 1993. As an arts consultant, she works alongside local musicians helping them craft Biblically based songs, using indigenous music styles, instruments and dance. "During songwriting workshops, I love the moment when a new song, infused with Eternal Truth, comes to life."

In addition to leading arts seminars in over eight countries in West and Central Africa, Mary is a familiar face in the music scene in Burkina Faso, playing saxophone and flute with her jazz ensemble, Chill and also with numerous Burkinabe artists.

GRADUATES MAKE THE LIST OF 40 UNDER 40

This summer, four Friends University graduates were named to the Wichita Business Journal's 2019 40 Under 40 class. The award honors 40 young professionals under the age of 40 for their leadership, community involvement and contributions to their organization.



◀ **ABHILASH JACOB** earned his Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems in 2004 and his Masters of Management Information Systems in 2006. He is a software engineering manager for NetApp. Abhilash was recently awarded the Pat Ayars Mentoring Award from the Wichita Business Journal. He volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House Red Shoe Society and enjoys cooking meals for the families at the house. Abhilash and his wife Samantha have two children.

▶ **ALEX MELUGIN** is a 2009 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is vice president of operations for Phoenix Home Care & Hospice. As a Falcon, Alex won back-to-back KCAC conference football titles in 2008 and 2009 and was KCAC conference player of the year in 2009. More recently, Alex is a team player dedicated to helping people suffering from ALS – a disease that took the life of his grandmother. He served as corporate recruitment chairman for The Walk to Defeat ALS in 2018 and helped the Wichita ALS chapter be the first regional office to secure this year's corporate recruitment chair. Alex and his wife Ashley have three children.





▲ **JUVENTINO NAVA** graduated with his Masters of Organizational Development in 2011. He is the director of outreach and eligibility at GraceMed Health Clinic where he has achieved his biggest accomplishment of facilitating and implementing GraceMed's Homeless Outreach program. Juventino is also the executive director of the Miss Wichita Organization and has worked with Miss America Miss Kansas over the years.

► **JENNIFER KEIM** is a 2013 graduate from Friends with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership. She is the director of risk at Meritrust Credit Union. Jennifer serves on the board for Raise My Head Foundation and the Heartland Credit Foundation Bash committee. Jennifer and her husband Ryan have three children.



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GLOBAL MBA PROGRAM HOLDS SECOND ALUMNI APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Last May, representatives of Friends' Global MBA program, along with members of the university's administration, held a special luncheon at Textron Aviation to recognize the achievements of past graduates of the program who are current Textron employees.

"The purpose of the event was to just get together with our alumni and tell them once again that we are very proud of them," said Valentina Chappell, director of the Global MBA program.

Beyond receiving recognition, the event also provided alums of the program with the opportunity to discuss their professional experiences with one another while keeping the university apprised of how the program has affected their careers.



"The lunch was an excellent opportunity to network with my peers and learn about how the GMBA program has been a beneficial tool in reaching their career aspirations and was a great opportunity to share what is happening in my career with peers and Friends University faculty," said Michael Smith, Global MBA program alumnus and Textron aircraft delivery manager.

Current Global MBA students who attended the event also found it valuable as they begin to look toward their own future career paths.

"I thought the event was fantastic. It gave me some great connections that I'll be able to use for career opportunities in the future when I complete my degree," said current Global MBA student Joe Graybill.

The event was the second in what the university hopes will become an ongoing series. In 2018, representatives from the university visited Koch Industries.



There was spirit in the air for Homecoming 2019 from October 4-6. The weekend festivities kicked-off with the annual golf tournament and former athletes and alums were celebrated at the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony and the Alumni Awards Dinner. While the Falcon football team lost to the McPherson College Bulldogs 26-20, a highlight of the game was having Wichita Southeast and Valley Center high school participate as the pep band, including a pregame and half-time performance.

The classes of 1959 and 1969 celebrated their 50th and 60th reunions on Saturday while the Zoo Science reunion took place later that night. Other weekend activities included "The Universal Language of Jazz" performance by Jazz Ensemble I and Jazz Trumpeter Dr. Todd Kelly, an Alumni Tailgate and Carnival, and the Singing Quakers Heritage concert on Sunday.







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DEC. 4, 2019

Ceremony of Lights

DEC. 6-8, 2019

Christmas Candlelight Concert

DEC. 13-15 & 20-21, 2019

Ellington's Nutcracker

Emma Browning
performs in The
Nutcracker in 2018.

FEB. 14-15, 2020

27th Annual Jazz Festival

MARCH 28-29, 2020

Singing Quakers Home Concert

APRIL 7, 2020

2019 Scholarship Luncheon

APRIL 24-26, 2020

Symphony of Spring

MAY 9, 2020

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