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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Teamwork. Leaders constantly talk about the importance of a great team and effective teamwork. God created us to be in relationship with one another and we do our best work when we work together. Athletic programs like ours at Friends University are successful because we foster a culture of excellence and teamwork. Melding together as a team has positive implications on the field and in the classroom. Teamwork is critical.

As we experienced the crisis of the COVID 19 Pandemic, teamwork was the

defining factor in our ability to educate students throughout the semester using remote formats. We have an amazing Friends Falcon team. Just like the bright and beautiful lights on the Davis tower, together we will strive to be a beacon of hope and encouragement in our community. Go team!

Amy Bragg Carey

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University

ON THE COVER

Friends University athletes, Junior, Hannah Watkins and Senior, Juan Valdes, train in the newly remodeled weight room.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

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GETTING A HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES
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When the Friends University baseball team practiced and played its home games this spring, it had a new home-field advantage.

In November 2019, Friends University partnered with the City of Wichita for an up to 30-year lease agreement that allows the Falcons baseball team full use of the West Side Athletic Field at 571 N. McLean Blvd. for practices and games.

City and university officials called the agreement a win-win situation; it furthers the city's Park and Recreation Department goal of creating community through people and programs and Friends now has a long-term home field. As a reflection of its service core value to care for the community, Friends is making

improvements to the field through fundraising and donation efforts.

"We had baseball teams for a long time and there's always been a struggle with having a home field," said Rob Ramseyer, Friends University athletic

director. According to university archives, Friends University fielded its first baseball team in the spring of 1899.

The team has always been rather nomadic for home field play and there's

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY FIELDLED ITS FIRST BASEBALL TEAM IN THE SPRING OF 1899.

no room for a field on campus. West Side Athletic Field is close to Friends so it's a very convenient field for games and practice. The university can also use the field to host potential tournaments.

As part of its agreement with Wichita, Friends University has improved the field, including installing nearly \$400,000 worth of artificial turf on the infield, foul-line territory and bullpen. Initially, Friends athletics had received \$300,000 in donations to cover costs for the materials and installation of turf on the infield, but

a generous donor provided additional funds to cover the other areas as well.

Having artificial turf allows the team to play and schedule tournaments and games without as much worry about the Kansas weather. The more attractive the facilities are, the greater opportunities the university has to fulfill their mission.

The Friends baseball players, coaches and volunteers put in some sweat equity as well, working evenings and weekends to gut and convert old locker rooms under the grandstand into the team's clubhouse, noted Head Coach Adam Neisius.

Star Lumber donated the materials for the renovation, while volunteers Dustin Pulliam, a relative of a player, and Art Hollingshead, Neisius' father-in-law, provided carpentry and handyman supervision.

"It was a cool project," said Neisius. "It helped provide the team with experiences that reflect the university's core values of respect, inclusion, service

and excellence. The team learned further lessons on working and cooperating together and improved a community amenity in the process."

"I think that's important," said Neisius, who took over the Friends baseball program in 2010.

Friends University athletics will also be the manager for additional West Side Athletic Field activities. Other users include some USD 259 (Wichita) high school teams, city summer league teams and occasional tournament use. "It'll be a very busy place," Neisius said.

ENGINEERING AND FOOTBALL PROVE GOOD TEAMMATES

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY
PHOTOS BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

Mannie Aguilar

Zach Witzanski

Stephen Acosta

New mechanical engineering program attracts students who want to both play football and study

Like a defensive line on the football field, adding a mechanical engineering program at Friends University gives more opportunity for students.

For some prospective student-athletes, engineering at Friends was a late-game surprise. For senior Zach Witzansky — to take the football analogy across the goal line — the new program was a “Hail Mary” pass that’s allowing him to become an engineer at Friends instead of attending graduate school.

For prospective students, it’s a big deal to have the Christian environment, athletics and coaching staff who believe “you can be in mechanical engineering and play sports.”

Friends began the bachelor’s program last fall, recognizing what it had heard for years: Students would love to pursue the field at a smaller, Christian college but there wasn’t one nearby. About 1 in 8 of Friends’ traditional students play football, and more play other sports. So having the program — led by Dr. Teresa Miller — fits well with students’ desires to succeed on the field and in the classroom.

For Acosta, the emphasis on academics attracted him to Friends, a school he had not heard of until being recruited. He’d been interested in engineering from a young age, liking its hands-on nature and problem-solving. He had been considering the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State, Texas A&M and Eastern New Mexico, and they all had engineering.

announcement the day before he visited that Friends was adding engineering.

On Acosta’s first visit, from watching practices to meeting with admissions, he felt “like I was being called to come here.” Since then, he’s appreciated the small classes, approachable instructors and not feeling like “a number in the system.” He’s told friends back home about his Friends’ experience off and on the field.

Like Acosta, Witzansky was interested in engineering. The Sapulpa, Okla., native knew he was size-challenged so pitched himself as a long snapper.

His four years on the football team taught lessons in teamwork and leadership he’s used in the classroom, lessons that reflect the university’s

"THERE ARE A LOT MORE FOOTBALL PLAYERS WHO WANT TO BE ENGINEERS. BEING AN NAIA SCHOOL, IT MIGHT BE ONE OF OUR GREATEST RECRUITING TOOLS."

ZACH WITZANSKY

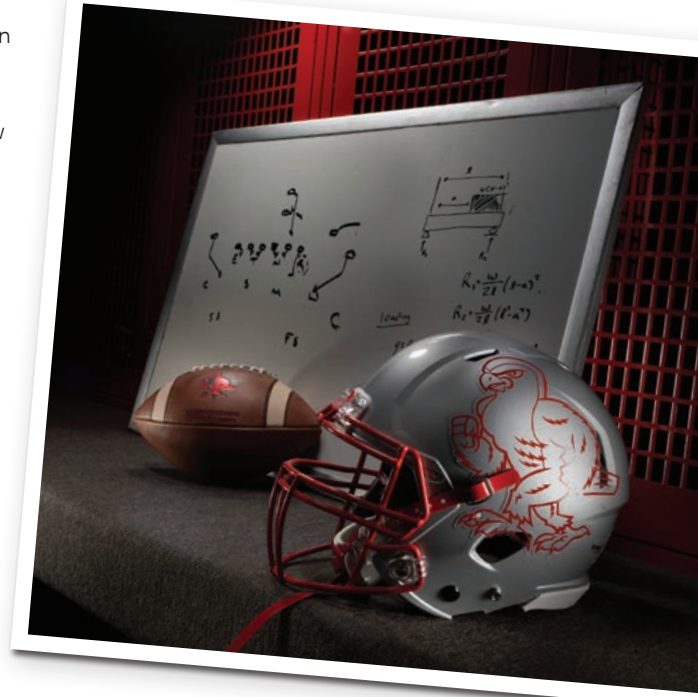
Witzansky and two freshman players — Stephen Acosta of Clovis, N.M., and Mannie Aguilar of Wichita, Kan. — are among students working on engineering degrees. Coach Dion Meneley and Dr. Rob Ramseyer, the athletic director, expect engineering will continue to be a draw for student-athletes.

“It’s a unique offering for a small school like Friends,” said Dr. Ramseyer.

Still, he was intrigued by Friends, where he could study math and play football and had been offered a good financial aid package, something important as the oldest in a big family and the first to attend college. The fact that it’s a Christian college mattered a lot to the young man active in church. Acosta’s campus visit and what he heard from coaches sealed the deal. As did the

beliefs of inclusion, respect and working together. “Mechanical engineering lends itself well to those values because of the sheer amount of group work we do.”

“There are a lot more football players who want to be engineers,” Witzansky said. “Being an NAIA school, it might be one of our greatest recruiting tools.”



FCA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM HELPS STUDENT- ATHLETES

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES
PHOTOS BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

For freshmen cross-country student-athletes Caroline Giles and Josiah Bolton, a new opportunity to continue and grow their involvement with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes convinced them to attend Friends University.

Caroline Giles

Josiah Bolton



Last fall, Giles and Bolton were awarded the first internships in a pilot program between Friends University and FCA.

By teaming up to create the Friends-FCA scholarship internship program, both organizations are furthering their respective missions, while the interns are allowed to grow their faith, develop leadership skills and be of service to others and the community.

The venture also gives a consistent, larger FCA presence at Friends with an FCA staff member helping mentor the interns and being available to support all coaches and student-athletes. Weekly FCA huddles, which are small Bible studies among athletes from different sports, are also ongoing.

Keith Townsend, an FCA staff member who had been helping Wichita State University with its FCA chapter for 17 years, now splits his time between WSU and Friends.

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

Friends-FCA partnership would serve as a model for similar FCA internships programs at other universities."

"We're pleased to have a dynamic and important athletic partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes," said Friends University President Amy Bragg Carey. "It further develops the Friends' Christian mission with an organization that provides a solid, faith-based foundation and encouragement for all our student-athletes." Friends has nearly 500 student-athletes.



refine philosophical ideas, Townsend said, and deepen the students' understanding of their faith.

"I like studying with Keith and Josiah," Giles said. "It's a really good part of my week."

Through the weekly team huddles they attend and sometimes lead at

"THIS IS A GREAT WIN-WIN FOR FRIENDS' LEADERSHIP MINISTRY AND FOR THE FCA MINISTRY."
ROB RAMSEYER, FRIENDS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The agreement is also helping FCA further its goal of having what it calls a Coach for Christ in every community, someone who works with athletes participating at high school, college, elite amateur and professional club levels. Under the program, the Friends FCA interns will spend their senior year in a field placement.

The interns spend the first three years in the program studying biblical worldview curriculum and developing their leadership skills with the FCA staff member.

Giles and Bolton meet once a week for an hour with Townsend, discussing readings from the Summit Ministries-published textbooks that are being used for the curriculum. The discussions help

Friends and WSU, Giles and Bolton are creating fellowship, networking and learning opportunities.

"It's a great opportunity to put what I'm learning in the program back out," said Bolton about leading the huddles.

Both Giles and Bolton have already identified other opportunities to lead. Bolton, for example, is planning to organize a Fields of Faith gathering, a peer-to-peer FCA event. Giles said she is working on getting FCA recognized as an official student organization at Friends and she also will look for other ways to lead small group Bible studies.

"Anything to help people grow," she said.



Hannah Watkins

Juan Valdes

BUILDING LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CONNECTIONS

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY
PHOTOS BY STEVE RASMUSSEN

**The Student-Athlete
Leadership Team —
SALT — gives athletes
a say at Friends**

They've organized fan bingo at Friends University volleyball games, run the Race for Freedom 5K to combat human trafficking and wrapped Christmas gifts with the Salvation Army.

They've launched a year-end sports ceremony where student-athletes are honored with Freddy Awards for achievements on the field and in the classroom. And they've urged Friends athletic officials to improve the Garvey Center weight room while setting up a cleaning schedule to keep it from getting as messy and funky as it did in the past.

More than anything, the Student-Athlete Leadership Team — the

THE PROGRAM ENCOMPASSES THE VALUES FRIENDS ENCOURAGES AMONG ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING INTEGRITY, CIVILITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP, AND GIVING ONE'S BEST SO AS TO HONOR GOD.

Friends branch of a conferencewide initiative begun three years ago — is intended to serve as a two-way street of communication for student-athletes and athletic officials. And to foster leadership skills along the way.

Drawing one or two members from about a dozen sports teams, the leadership team is headed by seniors Troy Puga, a catcher on the baseball team, and Destani Garten, a defensive specialist in volleyball, who serve as president and vice president. Members of the team — SALT for short — meet every other week, and on alternating weeks Puga and Garten meet with athletic director Dr. Rob Ramseyer. A couple times a year, Puga and Garten meet with fellow leaders from other Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference campuses.

"They have worked on a lot of different things, like trying to facilitate student service and organizing the end of year banquet for the first time," Dr. Ramseyer said. "With so many athletes, it's necessary to create mechanisms for feedback. And SALT is also a place where I can bounce ideas off of them."

The program encompasses the values Friends encourages among all students, including integrity, civility, servant leadership, and giving one's best so as to honor God. That dovetails with the KCAC's Champions of Character program, which recognizes commitment to academics; conduct in competition; and promoting good character. Friends ranks highly in that program.

Garten said SALT has taught her a good deal. She's grown by stepping out in front of a crowd to run games and by communicating with student-athlete leaders and administrators.

"Just being able to relate to other people who are similar or who have different perspectives and to hear them out was great — and for me to be heard out," said Garten, who will go to Cleveland University, a Kansas City chiropractic school, next year. "The only way you grow is to step out of your comfort zone."



"A lot of it is about learning to listen, to hearing what people have to say and communicating between groups and the conference," said Puga, who is from Pueblo, Colo., and plans to attend medical school.

Cooperation and connections are big elements of SALT's mission: between different athletic teams, between athletes and the student body at large,

between athletes and administration, between students and the community. So, instead of one team taking part in a worthy service project like wrapping Christmas gifts, the goal is to involve multiple teams and increase the impact.

Garten was involved in the awards ceremony, communicating with teams, finding a guest speaker and publicizing the first-time event. The Freddy Awards were a key piece, with such honors as male and female athlete of the year, highest GPA, Champion of Character and male and female coach of the year. Nominations came from coaches or by team vote. "We wanted to give back to the athletes, to recognize the work they did," said Garten, who is from Pratt.

By planning the ceremony, SALT members practiced a valuable skill to take something from an idea to an action stage. They learned to formulate a plan and connect people and make it happen.

With the weight room project, they learned to not only raise a concern — the outdated facility stirred many complaints — but also to take ownership by helping clean it.

SALT has delivered lessons both straightforward — "If there's a problem and we haven't heard about it, there's no way to fix it," Garten said — and about working together for the short and long term. "The team has worked hard and taken the burden off us," Puga said. "I really hope we can lay the groundwork and make a difference for the future."

University News



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES A BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA CHAPTER

Friends University professors, students and staff wanted to establish a professional student organization for students to develop and foster business skills. After much research, the Business Professionals of America (BPA) was chosen as it offered a vast array of business disciplines and a vision to provide members with opportunities for growth through education, competition, community service and

personal development. The vision closely aligned with the mission and values of Friends University. In August 2019, the Friends University chapter was established and is the only active collegiate chapter in the Wichita metro area.

Upon launching the new Friends University BPA chapter, the first order of business was to host a successful state BPA Leadership Conference. Students got to work to organize and began fundraising efforts for the conference. They teamed up with businesses such as Chick-Fil-A, to sell chicken sandwiches to raise funds. Students sold beef jerky from Sioux City Jerky, owned by Friends University alumni, Marty Mortimer, who as a way to give back to Friends University, is giving a portion of sales back to the Friends University BPA chapter. Sioux City Jerky can be found at www.siouxcityjerky.com.

The state BPA Leadership Conference brought over 500 people to campus. In the inaugural year, the Friends University BPA chapter placed in eight post-secondary events, taking seven first-place finishes and one second-place finish. These standings qualified the team members to compete and represent Friends University at the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.



GLOBAL MBA PROGRAM AT FRIENDS UNIVERSITY LEADS THE WAY FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LEADERS

The unique business residency capstone for the Global MBA (GMBA) program at Friends University is designed to enhance the interdependence of companies around the world as a major success factor for local businesses. Participation in round-table discussions and learning about the advantages of companies



in different countries contribute to our students' competitiveness in the domestic business market. Meeting with executives in foreign countries puts to the test academic knowledge received in the classroom against real-time

business practices in countries such as Chili, China, South Africa, Canada and the Middle East. Roman Rodriguez said, "The faculty in the Global MBA program really pushed me to better understand global business and communications through in-depth case studies and discussions with business experts. Additionally, the business residency abroad in Beijing proved to be a transformational experience where I was able to learn directly from top executives participating in the global economy. Overall, the degree program provided compressive preparation for real-world applications."

The GMBA provides students the foundation and experience needed to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market and succeed in the local and global economy. Leading executives share their companies' success factors and the role of export and import growth. Students get to know ten to twelve CEOs and government officials, including presidents in the country of business residency destinations and take part in briefings and discussions.

"The business residency abroad in Beijing proved to be a transformational experience."

— Roman Rodriguez



Many local companies are involved in international trade through exports, imports, supply chain, or its diverse work force. The GMBA's opportunity to connect and network with businesses and people in real-time is a once in a lifetime, enriching and educational experience.





Donations to the Falcon Fund make it possible for students to receive scholarships that allow them to fulfill the University's mission to grow intellectually, spiritually, and professionally. This support is crucial for students because, as a private institution, Friends University does not receive state funding. Your gift can help bridge the gap between what students pay and the actual cost of an education at Friends University.

Nearly **100%**
of our traditional undergraduate students
receive significant scholarship support.

"Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, I have had to move back home with my parents. In this transition, I temporarily lost my three jobs. Thank you so much to all the donors out there. I would not be here without you."

Samantha Scantlin
Junior vocal performance major

We hope you will consider partnering with us again or for the first time as we prepare the next generation of Falcons for their first flight toward their future! It's easy! Send a gift to Friends University or donate online.

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FRIENDS UNIVERSITY HALO STUDENTS SELECTED TO BE INTERNS AT UNITED STATES HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

“This was an amazing opportunity for our students to take on a major leadership responsibility.”

— Teresa Molina

A group of Friends University Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) student delegates were selected as volunteer interns at the 38th National United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI) Conference in Chicago this past Feb. The USHLI has become the premier Hispanic leadership conference in the nation and an award-winning non-profit organization.

The mission of the USHLI is to fulfill the promises and principles of democracy by promoting education, research, servant leadership development and civic engagement.

“We have worked hard and it is



an honor to be able to attend this conference,” said Teresa Molina, professor of Spanish. “This was an amazing opportunity for our students to take on a major leadership responsibility at a national conference which aligns with the mission and values of Friends University.”

The HALO students assisted with the day-to-day operations of the USHLI conference while having the opportunity to interact with recruiters, national policy-makers, and future employers. Many of the conference attendees were present or future leaders who will become the most influential Hispanic leaders of their generation.



U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORTS' BEST ONLINE PROGRAMS

Several online master's programs offered by Friends University have earned national rankings from U.S. News & World Reports' Best Online Programs. Friends University online programs that are ranked in the following categories include:

BEST ONLINE BUSINESS PROGRAMS (NON-MBA)

The Master of Health Care Leadership and Master in Management Information Systems online graduate programs are ranked at #100 in the nation and at #1 in Kansas, among all higher learning institutions in Kansas.

BEST ONLINE MBA PROGRAMS

The Master of Business Administration and the Global Master of Business Administration online graduate programs are ranked #229 in the nation, at #7 among all Kansas education institutions and as #3 among private universities in Kansas.

BEST ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The online Master of Education in Teaching and Learning program is ranked at #120 nationally, at #5 among all Kansas universities and as the #1 private college education program in Kansas.



MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Friends University has been named as a 2020-2021 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.



INTELLIGENT.COM RANKINGS

Friends University has been awarded top ranking status for multiple degree programs and was listed among hundreds of other competing institutions across the nation by Intelligent.com. Each program is based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation and post-graduate employment.

Intelligent.com analyzed hundreds of schools with comparable programs on a scale of 0 to 100, with Friends University making it to the final list for six degree programs.



Master's in Health Services Degree Programs — Ranked #4



MBA in Healthcare Management Degree Programs — Ranked #4



Cyber Security Degree Programs — Ranked #5



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MBA Degree Programs — Ranked #24



Master's in Education Degree Programs — Ranked #34



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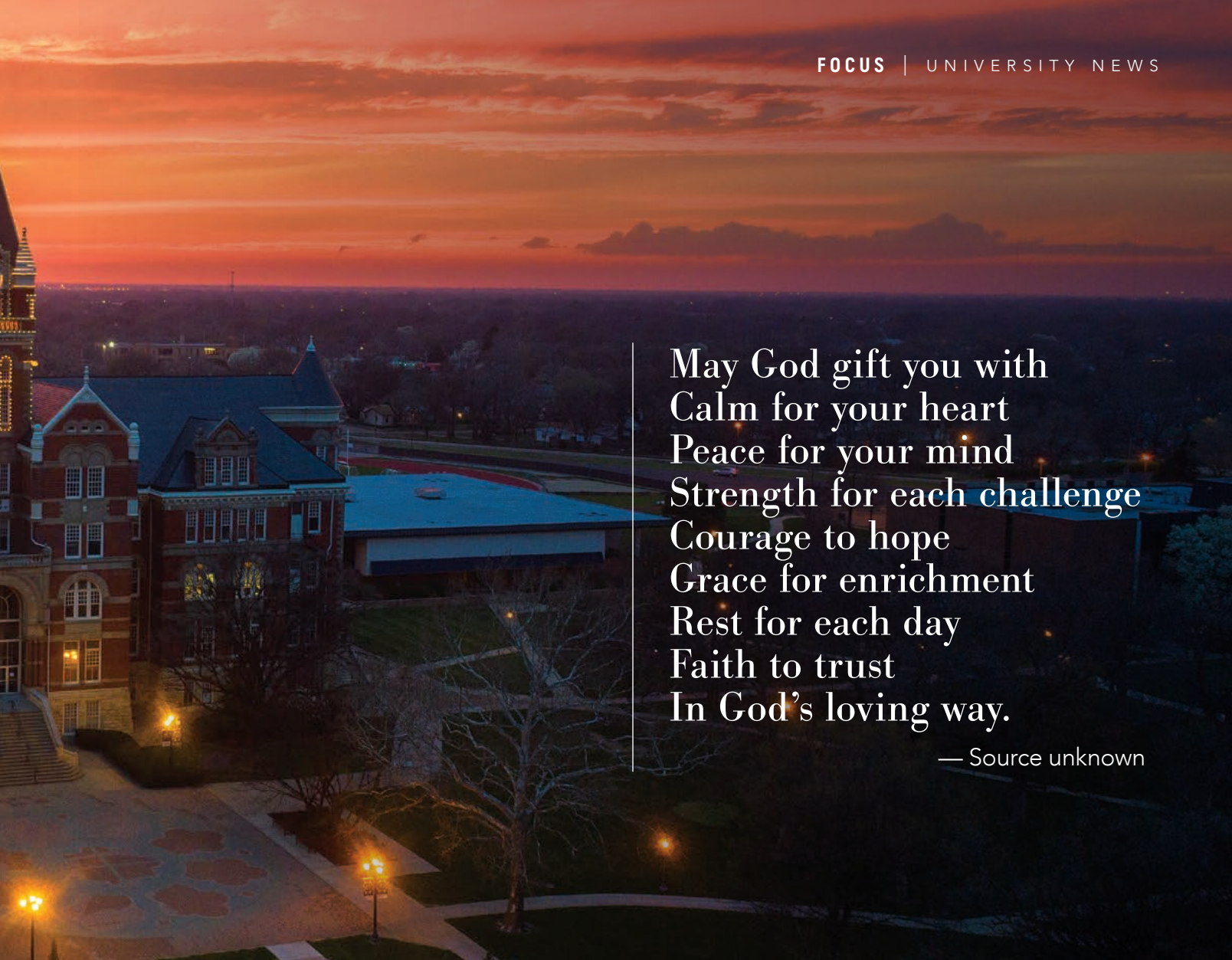
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FRIENDS UNIVERSITY OFFERS LIGHT OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March 2020, the world was turned upside down with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Friends University rapidly but thoughtfully had to shift to online everything during an unprecedented time in history.

University leaders formulated contingency plans to continue operations within newly issued regulations and guidelines to finish the semester. Faculty adjusted their courses to online platforms. Administrative offices adapted their day-to-day operations to remote formats. In-person events such as campus tours and admission sessions were transferred to be showcased on video. Enrollment and auditions became virtual events. Students moved out of on-campus housing. Commencement was canceled and rescheduled for a later date. Athletic and fine arts events were canceled. Although it was not the spring semester we imagined, we can be proud of how the Friends University community came together to complete the semester with excellence.



May God gift you with
Calm for your heart
Peace for your mind
Strength for each challenge
Courage to hope
Grace for enrichment
Rest for each day
Faith to trust
In God's loving way.

— Source unknown

As we look to the future and the fall semester there are still unknowns. However, we are committed to being the best Friends University we can be in the new "Coronavirus normal." Classes will resume in-person for the fall semester and we will work with our local and state officials to mitigate the health and safety risks.

On March 27, 2020, Friends University held a virtual lighting ceremony to relight the Davis Tower as a symbol of hope and encouragement for our community. As a faith-based community, we wanted to express our love and prayers to the people of our city and nation during this difficult time.

We are a community and we will R.I.S.E. (Respect, Inclusion, Service, Excellence) together to shine God's light to those around us and be the community we are called to be. Our connections are everlasting as members of the body of Christ and Friends University. We will get through this.

For the most up-to-date information on Friends University and COVID-19, visit friends.edu/coronavirus.

We invite you to stay involved and support Friends University

- Wear your Friends gear and post a photo on social media with #myfriendsu
- Donate food to the student food pantry
- Give a gift to the Falcon Fund at friends.edu/give
- Share and Like Friends University social media posts so we can share our amazing university with prospective students
- Pray for our university, students, employees and alumni

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ELECTS NEW BOARD CHAIR



Dr. Kevin Hoppock was elected as the Friends University Board Chair at the end of 2019. As a dedicated Friends University board member for 15 years, he has served in several capacities and is a pillar to the Friends community. His new role as the board chair allows

him to oversee the health and welfare of the university which mirrors his professional calling in medicine. Dr. Hoppock is a family physician at Ascension Medical Group Via Christi where he serves patients of all ages.

Dr. Hoppock leads the legislative efforts with the Medical Society of Sedgwick County and the Kansas Medical Society, and previously represented Kansas in the American Medical Association. He volunteers with the Christian Medical and Dental Association, serves on the National Evangelical Friends Mission Board, and is active in his church where he serves on the outreach board and was the former praise and worship leader at Northridge Friends Church. Dr. Hoppock's greatest joy is being a husband, father and grandfather. He completed his undergraduate studies at Wichita State University and attended Kansas University School of Medicine where he received his MD.



(Left to right) Back Row: C. Patrick Woods, Kim Dugger Attwater, Dr. Jace Hyder, Brent Edmisten; Fourth Row: Bob Casper, Jim Nagy, Jeff Ramsey; Third Row: Dr. David Williams, Paul Moore, Renae Ryan, Kevin Henderson; Second Row: David DePew, Dr. Kneeland Brown, Lynn Ghormley; Front Row: Dr. John Lewis, Dr. Kevin Hoppock, Dr. Amy Bragg Carey.



REGINA MILLER NAMED TO FRIENDS UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regina Miller has been named to the Friends University Board of Trustees and began serving on the board on April 16. Miller is an award-winning entrepreneur in Wichita, Kan. with over 25 years of leadership and management experience. She is the owner of Pepperdine Academy, formerly the Princeton Children's Center LLC and the R. Miller Consulting LLC.

Miller serves as a member on the Greater YMCA board, the Wichita School District 259 advisory board for early childhood education and previously served 20 years as an advisor on the Butler Community College early childhood education board. She and her husband, Jesse reside in Wichita and are the proud parents of two adult children. She is a graduate of Butler Community College and holds associate degrees in both early childhood education and general studies.

PHOTO BY STEVE RASMUSSEN



▲ SCOTT MOSHIER, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Scott Moshier is in his first year as the Assistant Athletic Director at Friends University.

Moshier, a local resident of Wichita, brings an extensive athletic background to Friends, having served as the head football coach at Wichita North High School since 2017. He was also the school's assistant track coach, strength and conditioning coach and an instructor in the Physical Education department.

Moshier has an outstanding history as

a Kansas high school teacher and coach in Oxford, Wellington, Hoxie, Belle Plaine and Meade. At Meade High School, his responsibilities included head football coach, head golf coach, strength and conditioning coach, assistant track coach and FCA Huddle leader. He left Meade as the school's all-time winningest coach and guided the team to state championships in 2010 and 2012. On the administrative side, he also served as the school's principal for five years.

Moshier has received the following distinctions: three consecutive 2A District 8 Coach of the Year nods; Coach of the Year honors from the Kansas Football Coaches Association, Kpreps and the Hutchinson News; coached the West squad in the 2015 Kansas Shrine Bowl; coached in the K101 Classic Bowl on three occasions and received the Excellence in Education award from Coffeyville Community College.

Moshier competed in college football at Pratt Community College and Southwestern College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He later earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Emporia State University.

INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW ATHLETIC STAFF

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◀ HENRY BRUN, HEAD TRACK & FIELD COACH

Henry Brun is in his first season at the helm of the Friends University Men's and Women's Track & Field programs.

Brun led the Benedictine Ravens' track & field program and was the Director of Cross Country/Track & Field. Under Brun's guidance, the Raven's track and field programs vaulted into elite status, with the women's team surging into the top 20 nationally and the men's squad achieving a top 30 national ranking for the first time in school history. Brun's success culminated with a Heart of America conference Women's Indoor Championship in 2016 that earned Brun the Coach of the Year award for the women's indoor season.

Before taking over the Benedictine track programs, Brun served as the Associate Track & Field Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator at NCAA D-III program at Adrian College. At Adrian, Brun's duties included coaching sprints, jumps and hurdles and planning strength and conditioning programs. He also coordinated team academic progress, established an alumni/family support program, facilitated fundraising efforts and assisted in community service projects.

Brun competed collegiately at Alma College, where he was an NCAA D-III All-American performer in the triple jump and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and New Media Studies.

Prior to venturing into his current track & field career, Brun served in the United States Air Force from 2005-2010.

BRIGHT STAR MUSICAL SHINES ON THE STAGE



PHOTO BY ZACKERY WILLIS

The Friends University theatre department performed the fall musical, *Bright Star*.

The musical featured the Tony®-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell. Broadway's *Bright Star* tells a sweeping tale set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. When Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens in her a longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past—and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives.

Friends welcomed guest director and choreographer Karen Robu who led a wonderful cast of young artists from the university's new music theatre degree program.

"The tale, *Bright Star*, tells of life, love, growing up, separation, and reunification. It is one that I think anyone can relate to at one point or another, and I am ecstatic to have had the opportunity to step into this story," said sophomore Olena Brown, who played the leading role of Alice Murphy in the show.

"The tale, *Bright Star*, tells of life, love, growing up, separation, and reunification."

— Olena Brown



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DIE FLEDERMAUS OPERETTA IS THE FIRST EVER MUSIC AND DANCE MAINSTAGE COLLABORATION

Friends University recently presented Johann Strauss's classic operetta Die Fledermaus during the spring semester.



Performed in a new English translation, Die Fledermaus (The Bat) is a delightful farce about a man's elaborate plan for revenge for a practical joke, leading to mistaken identities, secret rendezvous and light-hearted deceit. Set in late 19th century Vienna, Strauss's most famous operetta

is filled with rousing melodies and joyful waltzes, featuring a talented cast of young singers, beautiful ballet sequences, and a full orchestra. This was the first-ever mainstage collaboration between Friends' music and ballet department, replacing their spring ballet and annual opera.

Friends welcomed their guest choreographer William "Bill" Evans, who worked with six ballet majors and one voice performance major to create seven different dances making up the extended ballet portion in the second act. He also choreographed the story of the practical joke that was performed in the opening during the overture, along with other little snippets of dance throughout the show.

Rolaine Hetherington, assistant professor of voice, served as the stage director and chorus master. Dr. Matthew Schloneger, associate professor of voice, served as the music director and conductor. Kurt Priebe, assistant professor of drama and media managed and oversaw set designs. Students and teachers put in countless hours of hard work to create this spectacular and entertaining event.

RADIUM GIRLS DRAMA HITS THE STAGE

Friends University presented D.W. Gregory's full-length drama Radium Girls which is inspired by the true story of female dial painters who helped create luminous watches in the 1920s. The drama explores the mysterious illnesses they encountered following their exposure and their plight to have their cases heard in U.S. court. This insightful production is told in a cinematic fashion with a small mixed ensemble who played more than 30 roles.

Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a "wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth and the commercialization of science."



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY PRESENTED "ELLINGTON'S NUTCRACKER" WITH LIVE JAZZ BAND

"'Ellington's Nutcracker' added diversity to the options for audiences and participants for the holiday season."

— Andrea Vazquez-Aguirre.



This past December, the Friends University Ballet Department presented the jazz version of "Ellington's Nutcracker." This ballet was set to a live jazz band playing, The Duke Ellington Orchestra's composition of The Nutcracker Suite.

Friends students and other dancers from the community shared the stage with multiple guest performers, chosen for their extraordinary artistry including, Alicia Mae Holloway, a dancer from the Dance Theatre of Harlem in New York City.

The first weekend of performances featured the return of Jeremy J. Edmonson, a freelance dancer from New Mexico and Cortney Taylor Key, a freelance dancer from New York City. Dandara Amorim Veiga and Lyvan Verdecia returned from Ballet Hispanico in New York City to share their magic on the second weekend of performances.

Not only did patrons have the opportunity to see these amazing guest artists, but they got to take free community dance classes taught by the artists themselves. David Berger, the composer, also offered students and audiences his expertise in Ellington's work and legacy 20 minutes before two of the shows.

"'Ellington's Nutcracker' added diversity to the options for audiences and participants for the holiday season. Just as the original score had opened the door to an appreciation of European romanticism to countless American children, so exposure to Ellington did the same for today's youth in discovering the richness of American jazz," said choreographer and ballet director, Andrea Vazquez-Aguirre.



Donor Profile

WARREN & BETTY TOWNSEND

Tell us a bit about yourself.

Family, career, hobbies?

I married my high school sweetheart, Betty and we have two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. We are very proud of them all and their commitment to Christ.

I have been singing in church since I was a child and continue doing so still. I have been fortunate to be able to be a soloist with the Friends University Singing Quakers, Wichita State University Chorale, The Wichita Choral Society, the Colby Community Choral Society, the Garden City Choral Society and the Wellington Choral Society. Several times I was the tenor soloist in Handel's "Messiah" and other major works.

Some may think that music took up my whole life. However, I am an avid bow trophy deer hunter and enjoy playing golf. Betty and I, and our boys

enjoyed wilderness camping, canoeing and traveling the United States. Many summers, I worked in construction and renovated 1920's era houses. Swimming has been important to me all my life. Swimming and Life Saving merit badges were the first two on my way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Betty and I have been involved with Boy Scouts for many years. Last January our grandson became the fourth generation Eagle Scout in our family.

When did you attend Friends and what was your major?

Dr. Riney and I both came to Friends in 1959. He, as the director of the Singing Quakers, and I as an awkward student, not sure what I was getting into. Under Dr. Riney's direction, the Singing Quakers continued the great choral tradition that I had heard about from Neil Derringer,

my choir director at Wichita North High School, who encouraged me to look at Friends University for my college home.

Upon graduation from Friends University in January of 1964, I was hired as a K-12 vocal music teacher in Neodesha, Kan. I taught in five different towns in Kansas for over 42 years. The highlight of my teaching career was teaching in Garden City when the students performed two operas in two years: "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." I had the privilege to encourage several students and friends to go to Friends University and sing with the Singing Quakers.

What is your favorite memory from your time at Friends?

My fondest memories were those of being a member of the Singing Quakers under the direction of Dr. Riney. Once Dr. Riney gave a cut-off so vigorously that his expandable wristwatch went flying across the room. When on tours, we sometimes would get a softball game going. Dr. Riney could crunch the ball further than anyone I ever saw. It was an honor to go on the first European tour, getting to sing in St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and singing for Nadia Boulanger in Fontainebleau. One of my other favorite memories at Friends University is playing and lettering in tennis and playing football in my senior year.

Why do you feel it's important to give back and why Friends?

I would not be the person I am if I had gone somewhere else for my college experience. I feel that if I can support Friends University, and I will for the rest of my life, that I may in some small way give some future students a positive Christian college adventure to last a lifetime.

Any career advice for our future alumni?

Here is some advice for life. Love God. Be fortunate to find a Christian mate. Life has its ups and downs and is tough. I found that having Betty in my life made all the bumps a lot smoother and the fun parts a lot funnier. Find something that you love to do and go for it.

Alumni Spotlight

THE TRINITY OF FRIENDS

We have a Trinity of Friends University alumni who all work together at Trinity Academy School in Wichita, Kan. Amy Shelden, theatre arts director and forensics teacher; Ryan Royle, band director 5-12, worship through music, music theory; and Michelle Henderson, head of fine arts, are all Friends University alumni who teach and serve the students in the Fine Arts Department at Trinity Academy. This trio of teachers brings a unique perspective from three different decades and how Friends University has shaped them personally and professionally. Here is what they have to say about their time and memories at Friends University.

What year did you graduate?

Amy: 2017

Ryan: 2010

Michelle: 1981 for my bachelors and 1991 for masters

Why did you choose Friends University?

Amy: The Singing Quakers. I heard them when I was 12 years old and wanted to be a part of the group from then on.

Ryan: I was able to pursue my calling to study music as well as religion and philosophy.



(Left to right) Michelle Henderson, Ryan Royle and Amy Shelden.

Michelle: I wanted to be part of the Singing Quakers and music department. I basically grew up in the fine arts department and never wanted to look anywhere else.

Who influenced you most during your time at Friends?

Amy: Dr. Bartel and Cindy Blasdel with the Singing Quakers, Dr. Parker in the theatre department and Dr. Ronn in the English department.

Ryan: Lisa Hittle, Dr. Leopold, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Harstine and James Bryan Smith.

Michelle: That's an easy one! Definitely, my dad, Dr. Riney and my mom. My students still get the benefit of his wisdom and experience.

Share your best college memory while at Friends.

Amy: The worshipful Candlelight Concerts every year; every show I was in; my term as the SGA President; working with Dr. Carey and the Advancement team; to name a few.

Ryan: My performances and travels with the Friends Jazz Arts Band. We visited France, Italy and performed with incredible jazz artists.

Michelle: The Singing Quakers performances, rehearsals and the unique bond many of us still share today.

What advice do you have for current students who want to make the most out of their experience at Friends?

Amy: Don't take the small school experience for granted. You get a much more personal experience with your professors and they can help you discover what your gifts and talents are.

Ryan: Seek out your community as you journey through your time at Friends and don't forget to have fun!

Michelle: Savor every moment, laugh a lot and look to the Lord for wisdom.

Describe Friends University in three words.

Amy: Close-knit, creative, cultivating.

Ryan: Community, unique, supporting.

Michelle: Faith, family, excellence.

What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

Amy: Working at Christian Youth Theater and now Trinity Academy.

Ryan: The growth of the instrumental music program at Trinity. The first year I started we had around 16 students. Now we are up to around 100 instrumental music students between the Concert Bands, Jazz Band and Worship Band classes.

Michelle: Developing the choral program at Trinity during my 17 years here. I love working with high school students in a school where I can openly share my faith and love for wonderful choral music.

How did your education at Friends prepare you for your career?

Amy: My Friends University education opened many doors for me and prepared me for my careers in theatre education and grant writing and fundraising.

Ryan: The unique combination of knowledge I gained while at Friends prepared me for the position I now have at Trinity Academy. My job has evolved from just an instrumental music teaching position to include worship theology and music, music theory, and a multitude of other great opportunities.

Michelle: The professors who invested in me still motivate me to invest in my students. I want my students to have the same wonderful experiences (musically, spiritually and educationally) that I was privileged to have at Friends University.



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Spring 2020 Class Notes

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Feb. 25, 2020 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Ben R. Bennett, '65, died Dec. 12. Ben was a teacher and the head wrestling coach at Junction City High School before moving on to work with the U.S.A. Wrestling team for the 1984 Olympics. He then was named Kansas Wrestling Coach of the Year and was a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



SISTER ANN CATHERINE BURGER, '65, died Jan. 4. She spent 23 years in medical technology at hospitals in Kansas and Oklahoma and was well known in the Wichita area through Dear Neighbor Ministries.

Margaret Mae (Tschopp) Cline, '53, died Jan. 6. Cline attended Friends University where she met her husband, Beryle Cline before moving to Alvin, Texas, where they raised their four children. She was an excellent cook, seamstress, gardener, and helper of their family farm. She was an active and much loved member of the Friendswood Friends Church since 1956.

Kim Diane Coplan, '92, died Nov. 21.

Hilary L Crow Archambeau, '11, died Jan. 9. Crow received a Bachelor's Degree in Zoo Science. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Winfield School District and helped her father out at their family owned restaurant. In 2019 Crow moved to Ceder Vale to pursue a career working with horses and cattle with Holt Land and Cattle Company.

Frances Lucille Daley, '45, died Oct. 31.

John R. Fleming, '50, died Dec. 29. After serving in the United States Army, Daley worked as a laboratory director in California for 25 years before retiring and moving back to Minneapolis, Kan.

Rick Lee Frendle, '68, died Jan. 2. He had a 35-year career with Medline Industries, providing hospitals and other health care facilities with medical and surgical products.

John Wendell Gollihar, '93, died Oct. 24. After serving in the U.S. Army and receiving a Purple Heart, John worked as a Wichita police officer for 10 years and went on to serve 20 years with LifeWatch.

John Swara Jema, '88, died in 1992.

Carla Bribiesca Lasater, '02, died Dec. 5. Carla was a faithful servant to the Lord and devoted her time to her family, watching her children participate in various sporting activities, teaching Sunday school, and volunteering at her church and her children's school.

Darrell Alan Lavender, '00, died April 5, 2019. Lavender was the son of missionary parents, he had a colorful childhood growing up in the Philippine Islands. He was married to the love of his life, Sherry for 42 years.

Susan R. Lenoir, '94, died Jan. 21. Susan was a Captain and enjoyed a nearly 20-year career with the Kansas Department of Corrections where she retired as a Corrections Officer. She was the first female officer in the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Barry Lee Magner, '01, died Nov. 23. He spent the majority of his career working in management for Yellow Freight and Family Service and Guidance Center.

Matthew Aaron May, '07, died Jan. 9. After performing for Music Theatre Wichita, Matthew raised sheep on his local farm while continuing to perform and direct local theatrical productions.

Wiley W. Meyer Jr., '58, died Jan. 7. He enjoyed a career in sales for various industries and was one of the founders of Tranchemco, Inc.



WILLARD DALE GOODRICH, died Nov. 17. He was a lifetime college educator for about 37 years at Pittsburg State University, Wichita State University and for 27 years at Friends University, where he retired as the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

"Dr. Goodrich was an integral part of the Friends University administration," said Dona Gibson, professor of education and psychology, director of the Master of Education in Teaching and Learning, and Master of Education in Special Education. "He had a love for education and his leadership and dedication to his students was a gift to all of us at Friends University."



DEAN RUSSEL

STANDS, '58, died Dec. 1. Dean's career started as the Assistant to the City Manager of Wichita, Kan. He then began a career in the life insurance industry by launching his own independent Prudential Life Insurance agencies in Oklahoma.

Charles J. Ott, '54, died Oct. 29. Charles started farming in Clearwater, Kansas before relocating to their Peck farmstead.

Dawn Lynette Pruitt, '04, died June 27, 2013. She taught at Butler Community College and enjoyed volunteering at the Wichita Humane Society and as a girl scout leader.

Verlene Rasmussen, '57, died Jan. 19. Verlene taught piano for 30 years and Kindermusic for several years. She also served as the Pratt Friends Church treasurer for more than 30 years.

Deborah Kay Rice, '86, died Jan 8. Deborah retired from Butler Community College after 21 years as a security officer. Prior to her work at Butler Community College, Deborah also worked at the Phillips Pipeline, Southwestern Bell, and the Greenwood County EMS and Sheriff's Department.

Mark Emerson Spangler, '98, died Dec. 8. Before serving as marketing director for major medical corporations, Spangler served in the Naval Reserves Intelligence Program and founded an Interdisciplinary Advisory in Boston. He then completed an MA Degree in Christian Ministry and an MS Degree in Family Therapy and became a counselor and clinical chaplain. Mark was a recorded Quaker minister and an active volunteer for many different organizations and communities throughout his life.

Richard M. St. Germain '02, died Jan. 24.

Viola Mae Teubner, '64, died Dec. 28. Viola began her studies at Friends University where she met her husband, Earl Gohon. When he was drafted into the Army her college studies were halted and she worked for Beechcraft during World War II. Viola later returned to Friends University to complete her degree and went on to teach Kindergarten for 10 years.

Louisa E. Van Horne, '00, died Jan. 15. Louisa taught for many years for Child Evangelism Fellowship and was an instructor of Basic First-Aid Training. She then retired from the Mid-Continent Public Library after 28 years of service.

Won Z. Yoon, '59, died Dec. 5. He began his teaching career as assistant professor in History at SUNY Geneseo before earning the title of Professor in History at Siena College, where he taught for a total of 36 years.

Victoria Jane Youngman, '55, died Jan. 14. Victoria worked in the Mount Vernon Nazarene College Business office as a secretary and as a Social Worker for the American Cancer Society, Interchurch and Hospice.

1950s

Bruce Blake, '59, served 27 years on the Board of Pensions of the United Methodists Church, which included President of the Board, before retiring. Blake was honored in Chicago on Dec. 18 at Wespath and a conference room, which will be used to welcome participants and visitors to the home office of the Board, was named the Blake Conference Room.

Marshall P. Stanton, '57, was inducted into ShelterBox USA Hall of Fame after raising more than \$100,000 to provide emergency shelter and supplies to people who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.

1970s

Andre' Thomas, '73, conducted a concert with the London Symphony Orchestra which will have the European premier of his Mass. Andre' has also been appointed as the Yale University Visiting Professor of Choral Conducting and Interim Conductor of Yale Camerata.

CLASS NOTES

1940s

Iola M. Cadwallader, '47, is well and of sound mind, living comfortably in a wonderful assisted living facility. She has continued to write music and her most recent work, Settings for Women's Voices of 3 was performed in November by the William Penn Choir with 19 high school women joining as well.



DAVID ALAN WEISHAAR, '93, has served in the military for 39 years and commands the Kansas Air National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General-Air. He will become the next Kansas Adjutant General, replacing the current Adjutant General Lee Tafanelli in April. The role of the Adjutant General is the principal military advisor to the Governor.

Jason Paul Streeter, '98, retired from a wonderful 20-year zoo keeping career and began a new adventure as a Marriage and Family Therapist.

2000s

Kali Rachelle Barnett, '08, published her first children's book in 2019 titled "Fred the Bee" and is also running for Congress in the First District of Kansas.

Alexander C. Bush, '09, recently graduated Officer Training School and became a commissioned officer, Second Lieutenant in the Air force.

Trevor Joe Hands, '02, produced a three-part mini-series for his company, Garden City Co-Op, for the history of their centennial year.

Courtney E. Long, '08, published her first article in the music journal, The Saxophone Symposium, Volume 42 titled, Trichord Transformation and a Quest for Symmetry in Dorothy Chang's Two Preludes: An Analysis.

Vanessa Martinez, '08, received the 2020 Magnet Principal of the Year for Region VI Award. Vanessa is the principal at Horace Mann Dual Language Magnet for Wichita Public Schools.

1980s

Timothy L. Gray, '83, successfully planted seven churches between the United States and Thailand. That makes a total of eight churches he has planted since 2006.

Dale Seiwert, '81, was with The Wichita Eagle for 39 years in various management roles before becoming the Vice President of Finance and Administration for the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

1990s

William E Duggan, '96, was hired as the Director of FreCom Dispatch Center. He has been in public safety for over 30 years, 25 of those working in Andover, Kan. He has been a volunteer firefighter Lieutenant/Safety Officer, Emergency Medical Technician, Patrol Officer, 911 Director, and the First Information Technology Director in Andover.

Angie Elliott, '98, vice president of membership and engagement at the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, graduated from the Institute of Organization Management, a professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Scot L. Pierce, '96, was invited to announce the opening round of the N.A.I.A. National Volleyball Tournament Championships in Leavenworth, Kan.

DAVID LEE EVENDEN, '07, and wife Brooke, welcomed their third child, Stella into the world in 2019. David has also published 2 books: *Pentest: A Practitioners Study Guide (Cyber)* and *Network+: A Practitioners Study Guide*, and is serving as an **Executive-in-Residence for Cyber Security Education at Friends University.**



BreAnna Monk, '08, '13 & '16, was interviewed by KSNs Good Day Kansas for her work with senior citizens as the senior services and transportation administrator for the City of Derby.

Calah Lynn Titus, '00, purchased Great Image Designs located in Wichita, KS and moved the business to Old Towne in Wichita.

Timothy N Tyson, '01, was elected in 2019 to represent the 3rd District and served on the Linn County Farm Bureau board for eight years. Tyson runs cattle and operates a hay operation in Linn County. He also owns TNT Solutions, an aerial imaging company.

Ashley Lanine Walz, '07, graduated from Wichita State with a degree in Elementary Education and is now teaching Special Education K-2 at Kennedy Elementary in Wellington, Kan.

2010s

Nathan Kenneth Borton, '16, completed his Master's Degree from Michigan State University in Jazz Studies as guitar teaching assistant and was then hired at Saint Thomas Aquinas College as Lecturer of Music (Jazz Guitar). Borton also received two Downbeat Awards for Outstanding Graduate Soloist and Best Engineered Live Recording, placed third in the Wilson Center International Guitar Competition, and just got

back from M.S.U.s Jazz Orchestra 1 International Tour to Japan. He has recently performed as a sideman on Sencalar/Glassman Quintet debut, at the Detroit Jazz Festival, Lansing Jazz Festival, and the Wichita Jazz Festival.

Kenny Bui, '16, accepted a position at Johnson Controls as the Global VA/VE manager.

Christine Marie Conway, '17, has officially completed all classroom work and has recently begun clinicals on her way to becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Wichita State.

Jeren LaRay Francois, '18, started a new position in 2019 as Corporate Talent Acquisition (HR) at Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc. and is now the adjunct Professor of Saxophone and Clarinet at Kansas Wesleyan University. He also has acted in various commercials for Visit Wichita 2019 and traveled to Tulum.

Matthew T. Ho, '16, completed his fourth year of teaching high school at Kapaun Mt. Carmel, received his Masters of Arts in Teaching from Wichita State, and was certified in his second project Lead the Way Curriculum, Intro. to Engineering Design.

Morgan Lindsey Holick, '16, graduated with her masters from Princeton Theological Seminary and accepted a youth pastor job at a church in Colo.



HALEY ALLOWAY, associate campus pastor of formation, received the William Charles Treadwell, Jr. Award of Excellence in Christian Education from George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Zachary James Rich, '16, just finished his debut album, *Boundless* along with winning the 2019 Owen Prize in Jazz Composition, placing third in the Bill Conti Composition Contest, being named Outstanding Trombone at the Jack Rudin Jazz Championship and was selected to present at JEN in New Orleans.

Roman Daniel Rodriguez, '11, started out as the Brand Manager for Friends University and went on to serve as Press Secretary for Congressman Estes since 2017. Rodriguez was promoted to Communications Director for Congressman Estes and will continue to serve from the Wichita District Office.

Sheersty Stanton, '17, has joined Architect Counseling Center to provide therapeutic services.

FACULTY/STAFF/ BOARD NOTES

Sarah Bosworth, business and technology administrative assistant was elected to the Wichita Area Sister Cities Board.

DR. JOAN GRIFFING, the Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair of the Division of Arts, performed as a violinist on *Earth and Sky* by composer Gwyneth Walker with the Colorado Chamber Orchestra on their spring tour. It is an interdisciplinary work for string trio soloists, orchestra, Native American readers and wilderness photography. The work was commissioned by her chamber music group, *Musica Harmonia*.

Natalie Brown, adjunct professor for art education method courses, was the feature artist in September for the Regier Art Gallery at Bethel College. She exhibited a piece titled "In Bloom" featuring thrown, altered, carved, and glazed botanical forms.

Sean Cash, assistant professor of business management, was selected to serve as an expert Super Bowl Ad Panelist for the American Marketing Association Wichita Chapter Annual Super Bowl ad review.

Dr. Valentina Chappell, professor of business & technology was elected to the Wichita Area Sister Cities Board and was selected as a recipient of the Women Who Lead Technology award by the Wichita Business Journal.

Emily Connor, director of graduate & professional studies recruitment, was selected for the Mission Wichita Class of 2020 and a Wichita Business Journal Mentoring Monday mentoring panelist.



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Russell Arben Fox,

Professor of Political Science, Director of the History and Politics major and the Honors Program, will start contributing to Insight Kansas, a small panel of academics who produce monthly newspaper and online columns about Kansas politics and policy, which are shared and reprinted in newspapers (including The Wichita Eagle) and news websites throughout the state starting in March.

Chris Kettler, Professor

of Theology and Religion, recently had his book "The God Who Loves and Is Loved: The Vicarious Humanity of Christ and the Response of Love" published by Cascade Books.

Shawn Knopp, assistant professor of music education, director of bands, and music education program director, recently conducted middle school and high school honor bands for the Wichita Suburban League

Middle School Honor Band in Andover, Kan., the Kansas Music Educators Association Southeast District High School Honor Band in Pittsburgh, Kan. and the Wichita All City 11th & 12th Grade Honor Band. He also presented at the Kansas Music Educators Association In-Service Workshop, the College Band Directors National Association-Southwest Division, and was the Keynote Speaker at the Performing Arts Symposium for USD 385 Andover, KS Public Schools. Shawn served as a band adjudicator for several music festivals in Kansas and Oklahoma. His dissertation in-progress is titled "A Qualitative Study: How Band Directors Foster Belongingness in First and Second Year Band Students."

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Patrick Mathews,

Professor of Biology and Director of Zoo Science, accompanied senior, Shelby Martin, to the Kansas Natural Resources Conferences to present a research poster titled: Soil Substrate Preferences in Comanche Harvester Ants, *Pogonomyrmex Comanche*, at a site in South-Central Kansas.

Teresa Molina, professor of Spanish, won the Wichita Business Journal's Innovators of the Year 2019 Award and was elected to the Wichita Area Sister Cities Board.

Brook Roberts,

controller, was elected to serve on the School Board of Douglass, Kan.



JOHN RHODES, associate professor of education, education QA coordinator and interim head of education is a member of the Kansas State Department of Education (KDSE) Evaluation Review Committee and has served as a state trainer for program reviewers and led 3 institutional biology program reviews this semester. He also served as lead site visitor for the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation at the University of Hawaii, West O'ahu and is currently leading efforts to gain approval for a re-developed History, Government and Social Studies Education program for Friends University. John also serves as the chairman of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Preservation Board and the Derby Historical Society and Museum.

Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish and director of foreign languages, has won the National Award for Outstanding Advisor, the Wichita Business Journal's Women Who Lead-Education Award, the Kansas World Language Association Phyllis Farrar Leadership Award and the Wichita Business Journal's Innovators of the Year 2019 Award.

Ken Stoltzfus, academic dean, co-authored the article "The experiences for German social workers during the refugee crisis." It was published in the Journal of Social Work. His co-authors were Dr. David Cecil and Dr. Rachel Hagues, of Samford University.

PRESTON TODD, associate academic dean, was selected to receive the Class of 2020 Wichita Business Journal 40 Under 40 Award.

"We are honored that Dr. Preston Todd was selected for this award," said Dr. Jasper Lesage, vice president of academic affairs. "His leadership and commitment to the students at Friends University provide them with an outstanding academic experience and award-winning programs."



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