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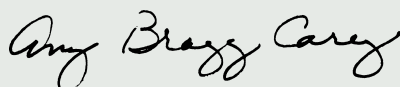
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each person is made in the image of God. This scriptural truth (Genesis 1:27) has shaped a longstanding value for the Society of Friends. The Friends University commitment to inclusion is a recognition of the intrinsic worth of every individual. While our modern culture expresses inclusion in different ways, we look through the lens of Jesus, using Him as our example. His life was marked by a sacrificial grace that extended to both the wealthy and the outcast, the Gentiles and the

Jews, connecting people with the unconditional love of the Father.

As a part of our R.I.S.E. values, you will see inclusion demonstrated in the pages of this magazine. These unique stories are of individuals and families that have had a lifegiving impact on our community.



Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
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ON THE COVER

Friends University alumnus and artist German Andrade.

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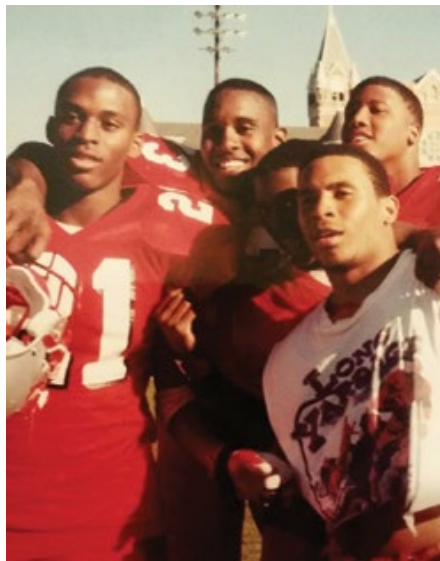
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The Mighty Road to Justice

BY BRIAN WHEPLEY



Donald Betts (back, center).

Donald Betts was a Friends University football player and Singing Quaker. He took part in Model UN and led the Multicultural Student Association. Elected student body president, Betts was the first African American to hold the post. By the time he was named Mr. Falcon, the title might have seemed redundant.

Since then, he's won seats at the Kansas Statehouse, ran for Congress, married Tania, and moved to Australia to build a business and raise a son and daughter (Donald Veraj and Oliviana Dharshi Betts, ages 12 and 7). He's become a lawyer and joined global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. It's been no simple journey.

He grew up amid violence in Las Vegas before returning to Wichita for college and the embrace of grandparents and other family. His brother was murdered, and Betts took in his nephew to raise. Nine years ago he lost a son of his own, Jett Wilson Betts, born prematurely. He cared for

his dying father-in-law, a "mighty" Sri Lankan man. He grew closer to his father but lost him at too young an age.

Betts recalled appearing in a Friends advertisement called "Imagine the Difference," a slogan fitting his approach. "No one but me could control the way I wanted to feel and learn and develop. It was up to me, no one else, to determine how I felt. I could not allow anyone but myself to stop my progress."

Former Friends professor Dr. Gretchen Eick came to know Betts as a teacher and adviser: "Donald is a charismatic, loving, deeply spiritual young man. He survived

a lot in his life. And a lot of that survival was his rootedness in his faith. He was just really grounded."

"You take those blows because you know that God is just building you to be something that he wants you to be, not what you want," Betts said. "If he makes a promise to you, he'll deliver it but maybe not when you want it delivered."

Betts had dreamed of a legal career, but law school rejections put that on hold after graduating with a political science and history degree in 2001. So he veered into Wichita's Democratic Party headquarters and politics. Within six years, he'd been elected state representative and senator and then, like many a Democrat in Kansas, lost to a Republican in the 4th Congressional District.

Politics, in a way, brought he and Tania together in his Statehouse days. During an exchange program, Betts and other lawmakers visited an Australian bar at Republicans' insistence because it had an "elephant on the wall." Tania was



African American Legislative Day at the Kansas Capitol 2018 with Senator Anthony Hensley (L), Senator U.L. "Rip" Gooch (C) and Donald Betts (R).

there, "gorgeous, just gorgeous." He approached via an intermediary and then directly. Her reaction: "Maybe later."

"Maybe later" came exactly a year later when Tania rang Betts at his legislative office. They began regular phone calls. They exchanged gifts. He traveled to Australia. She visited the U.S. He met her family. They engaged and married. After his congressional race, he fulfilled a pledge: If he lost, he'd move to Australia, where Tania was building a business.

Talking from Melbourne, Betts said he "could name and individually thank every professor" he had at Friends. Eick exposed him to Washington's workings, while Dr. C.G. Chacko and Model UN allowed him to represent Friends at Harvard University. "They gave us the flavor of the world; they showed us our possibilities."

Betts remembers arriving at Friends with the mindset that "you need to find out where you belong" and not

let other people determine where you need to belong.

"I went into that system, included others in the system and helped to build a more inclusive environment," he said. "If everyone else thought, 'OK, we're going to go in and do the same thing,' we'd be a better community and we would be closer to the Lord."

"He was very much an 'includer.' He made all kinds of others feel included and feel welcomed and feel like they're interesting and valuable," said Eick, remembering how Betts and friend Patrick Woods quietly prevented others from taking advantage of students with disabilities.

Betts never gave up on his dream of becoming a lawyer, finally earning his law degree in 2020 after study at Monash University in Melbourne. It's a goal fulfilled, but he'll likely keep finding new ones to achieve.

"I'm the master of my fate. I'm the captain of my soul," he said. "One thing I've learned, putting myself in a box doesn't work for me. I'm more of a whale. I like the ocean. I like to be free."

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Washington Days event in Topeka Kansas (bottom row from l-r: Rep. Valdenia Winn, Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Rep. Melody McCray-Miller), (top row from l-r: Sen. Donald Betts; President Barack Obama; Secretary/KS Governor Kathleen Sebelius; Sen David Haley).

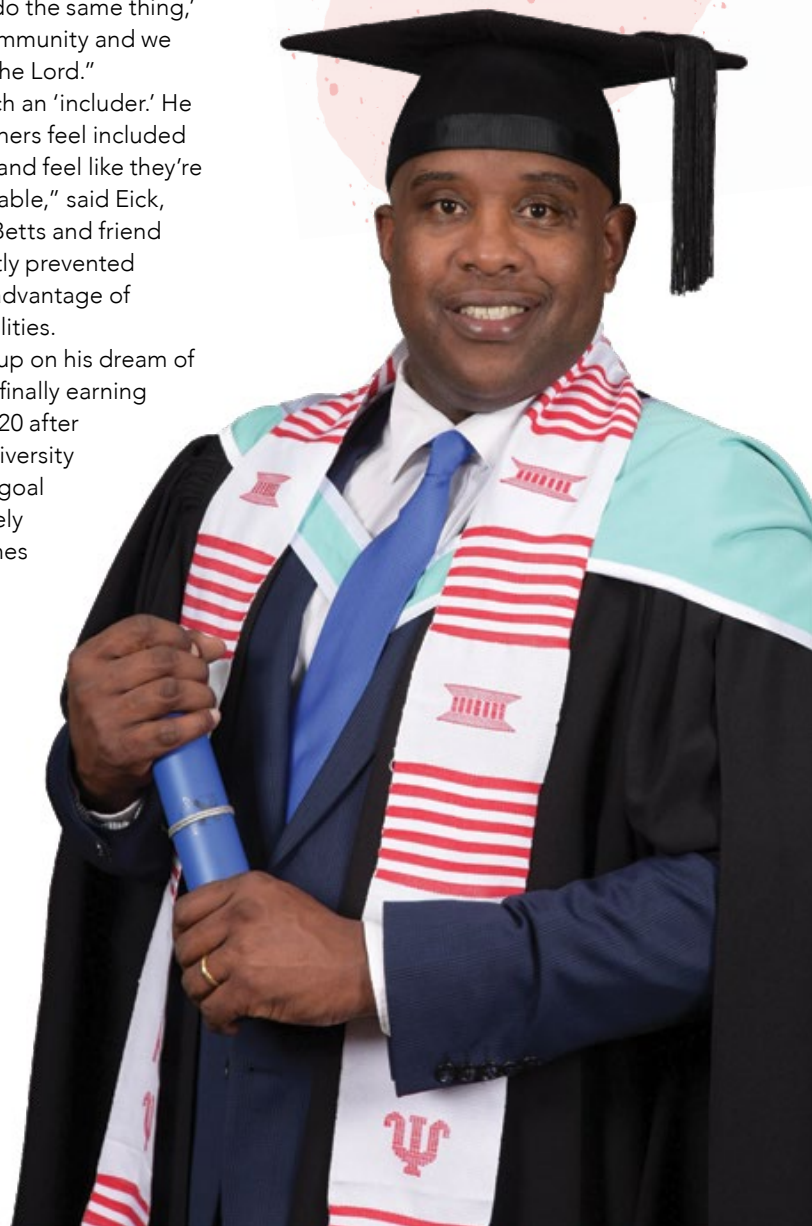




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Bloom Where You Are Planted

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

Dr. Rumano recently completed comprehensive training to be a Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) National Site Evaluator.



Even before he stepped into his Friends University classroom after joining the faculty in July 2020, Moses Rumano, the division chair in education, started cultivating relationships within the university and Wichita communities.

When Rumano, a passionate gardener, learned that Friends had a large on-campus garden, he realized he could begin planting roots in his new community by rejuvenating the weed-filled plot.

The garden is helping bring together people — from ages 1 to 81 — from the university, the neighborhood, the nearby Northfield School of the Classic Arts for grades six through 12, and even friends from Africa as they wander by to say hello, work in the garden and pick the garden's bounty.

Located behind the Smith and Village apartments on South Glenn Street, the garden has become an extension of Rumano's passion for learning and teaching as he experiments with different growing methods and shares his gardening knowledge. It also affirms his beliefs in inclusion, God, gratitude and helping others.

RUMANO'S ROOTS

With his parent's guidance as he grew up in a rural community in Zimbabwe, Rumano learned to garden, nurture his faith in God, and understand that education could improve his life.

When Rumano, the first in his family to go to college, earned his teaching diploma and certification, "my father would no longer call me by my name. He started calling me teacher," Rumano said. It was a title Rumano accepted with honor.

"I wanted my community to see that one of their own could go on to become a teacher," Rumano said.

For Rumano, it wasn't enough to become a teacher himself — he wanted to help others become teachers as well.

After earning his undergraduate degree in history and religious studies at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, Rumano moved to Ohio to pursue a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Otterbein University in Westerville and a doctorate in educational administration at Miami University in Oxford. After adjunct professorships at Miami University and the University of Cincinnati, Rumano

at the Friends University garden and two other plots — including one at Newman University, he is looking forward to growing educational opportunities at Friends.

Under his leadership, the education division is exploring adding programs to train special education teachers at the undergraduate level and to encourage career-changers to pursue the teaching profession. The division is also considering adding doctoral-level degree programs, Rumano said.

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spent nine years on the education faculty of Malone University in Canton, Ohio, another Quaker university, until joining the Friends faculty.

NURTURING GROWTH

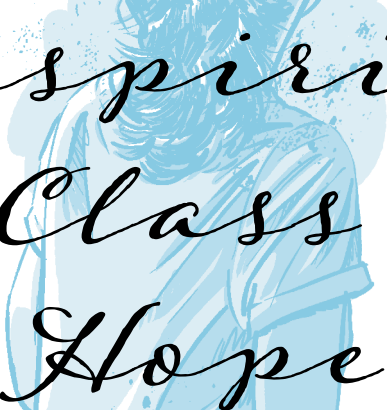
Rumano said he was drawn to Friends University because of the university's emphasis on servant leadership and its mission to "equip students to honor God and serve others by integrating their intellectual, spiritual and professional lives."

"That really appealed to me," Rumano said. "It is a powerful mission statement."

While Rumano enjoys nurturing the beans, pumpkins, corn, greens, other vegetables and even peanuts

A cross-cultural service-learning opportunity abroad is also in the works. Rumano plans to replicate a program he started at Malone University in which he will take Friends students to Zimbabwe to visit high schools and universities. He hopes conditions will allow the program to start in 2022. The first stop, he said, will be his hometown of Murewa and its school.

"I cannot wait to take students to Zimbabwe. I don't want to just take education students but also students from other areas in the university. It is a wonderful way to demonstrate we are all ambassadors for Christ, and it will allow the students to see and appreciate how much bigger the world is."



Inspiring a Class of Hope

BY ANNA CAREY

For many girls, styling their own hair is a right of passage. It's a subtle yet treasured symbol of independence. For Astrid Garcia, however, this seemingly simple task was often met with disappointment.

Born with one hand, a Honduran immigrant, Astrid faced many unique challenges throughout her childhood. Attempting to learn English at age seven and being questioned by kids who couldn't comprehend her disability, she quickly discovered how to internally silence the critics. But behind closed doors, she found herself crying in frustration, wishing to experience the distinctive milestones of womanhood like her American peers.

Being separated from her father and extended family who remain in Honduras, Astrid grew up clinging to her mother, Norma, for support. She was grounded in gratitude, knowing her mother made difficult sacrifices in order to give Astrid and her siblings a better life. She relied on her mother for more than provision and security. Even the

simplest of tasks, like gathering Astrid's hair into a ponytail were performed by Norma and in many ways, this kept Astrid from facing her fear of disappointment.

But she was always motivated by God's purpose and plan for her life. "I never imagined being here," she says. Knowing education isn't a priority in Honduras, and that many children live in poverty, Astrid has worked harder in an effort to make her family proud and "pay back" her mother's sacrifice. This drive pushed her to take a big leap toward independence: pursuing a college degree.

Living out Norma's mantra, who believed her children could do anything, Astrid enrolled at Friends University. From her first few steps on campus, she found herself awestruck. Met with genuine kindness, she felt the authentic impression of the community on the campus. Friends University checked many of the boxes: her desire to learn in a faith-based environment, strong-knit community, and value for inclusion.

Inclusion is one of Friends University's RISE Values: Respect, Inclusion, Service,


Excellence. But it's desire to be a welcoming and diverse environment is nothing new. Believing every person is an image-bearer of the Creator God, Friends was founded with a Quaker view in which every person is a valued contributor. It stands as one of the first universities in Kansas to allow women and African Americans to attend and still houses a diverse population of students, faculty and staff. Latinos like Astrid, also have unique leadership and community-centric opportunities in growing programs like the Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Latino Leadership (a scholarship program).

Now a senior, pursuing a degree in Elementary Education, Astrid is making a name for the Garcia family. A first generation student, she is setting an example for her younger siblings and ultimately shifting the course of her family history.

At Friends, she has experienced the generosity, vulnerability, and acceptance of her classmates and professors. She is encouraged by the other young men and women who are faith-filled and is making her own impact on the community.

Astrid has used social media as a platform to share some of her story and inspire others to take risks. In one video, she turns her back toward the camera to reveal her hair in a ponytail; a ponytail which she constructed all by herself! Embracing life's challenges, she believes "it would be boring if we were all the same!"

She is now teaching herself piano, fulfilling a childhood dream, knowing that all things are possible with God at the helm. And with a strong community of Christ-like peers and mentors around her, there's no doubt she has a brilliant future ahead.



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68 Semesters and Counting

BY ANNA CAREY



Back row: Josh, Chris, Jennifer, Andrew, Nathan, David, Jordan
Front row: Isabelle, Amelia, Rhonda, Les, Eliana, Bethanny

With a growing collection of undergraduate and master's degrees, the Loucks family has made a home at Friends University, sparking a family legacy.

In the early 1990s, Wichita High School West teacher Rhonda Loucks found herself eager to continue her own education. But with two young children at home, the pressures of parenthood and full-time work mounting, she needed a program that would fit into her already full life. After a chance encounter with Friends University president Dr. Biff Green, she was introduced to the new Master of Arts in Teaching program hosted in the evenings. It was a perfect fit for Rhonda and inspired husband Les to finish his bachelor's in computer science and information system. It didn't take long before he returned to Friends for a master's in the same field.

Though Rhonda and Les saw value in their own experience at Friends, there was never an expectation for any of their seven children to also attend. But when it came time to make the all-important college decision, even with a family of varying personalities, talents and interests, the Loucks children found themselves drawn to their parent's alma mater.

Rhonda and Les recall the disappointment that their eldest son Andrew was not getting the university football team invitations he had earned in high school. In what seemed like divine guidance, Les found himself driving past the Falcons' football team conditioning on the field. It sparked a meeting between Andrew and the Friends University coach. Ducking through the entryway, the six foot, nine-inch athlete caught the coach's attention at first sight. Andrew played four years as a Falcon offensive lineman and graduated with a bachelor's in computer science and information systems.

Andrew's college experience inspired his younger siblings, though each found their own reason to pursue Friends. Chris was enamored by the quality of the Fine Arts department and spent a significant amount of his time involved in concert band, vocal jazz ensembles and the Singing Quakers in addition to his mathematics and computer science studies. During his senior year, he was encouraged to pursue an internship with Koch Industries and is still employed there.

After attending her brother's performances over the years, Bethanny found a familiarity with the Friends Fine Arts department. Beyond the many music opportunities available to her, Friends University was the community-



centric, home-away-from-home she had been looking for. She felt valued and known by her peers and professors and was able to engage in conversations around faith.

Like his older brother, David was eager to join the Friends football team but ended up falling in love with hammer throwing, earning his way to six national competitions. Younger brother Nathan looked at continuing cross country but decided to focus on academics by joining Friends University's first graduating class of the new Mechanical Engineering program. In keeping with family tradition, they both were familiar faces in different aspects of the Fine Arts department, participating in University Band, Concert Choir, Singing Quakers,

and working behind the scenes for the theatre department.

STEM scholar Joshua is the latest to find his way to Friends University, though not the last sibling of the Loucks family. Sorting through the many degree possibilities Friends has to offer and finding his place within the tight-knit community of both academics and fine arts, he plans to graduate in 2024.

But the Loucks family legacy at Friends continues. With high school senior Isabelle and a pair of growing grandchildren, there's still a chance we could see more of the Loucks family gracing the Friends hallways.

"Some ask if we are loyal to Friends University," says Rhonda Loucks. "Funny thing is, we are not. We are loyal to what

fits and what seems reasonable, and we desperately try to be loyal to the leading of God." According to the Loucks children, now working adults, Friends University has become a second home. With intentional community, quality extracurriculars, strong student-faculty relationships, a diversity of excellent degree programs and a

renewed emphasis on faith, "Friends just keeps seeming to be the right choice." The university has consistently been an effortless combination of what each family member needed and wanted out of their educational experience. And there's pride in being a part of the Falcon family knowing the Falcon name means something to the Kansas community. For Les and Rhonda Loucks, these things are all evidence that God is faithful and has been leading the decisions in the life of their family.

It may be an impressive 68 semesters, 10 degrees and counting but it's the one family legacy that has made a lasting difference.

Dr. Rob Ramseyer, Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, Dr. Kevin Hoppock and Jeff Ramsey (l-r) celebrate the completion of the Garvey P.E. Center with an official ribbon cutting.



University News

GARVEY P.E. CENTER RISE UP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE ONE IS COMPLETED

Phase one of the RISE Up Capital Campaign project gave the Garvey P.E. Center much-needed updates to bring the building in to the twenty-first century. The projects focused on four main areas including a larger training room, an expanded weight room, administrative spaces/team meeting room and a refreshed main lobby. The Garvey P.E. Center was originally in partnership with the Westside YMCA serving both the university's athletic facilities needs and the YMCA in the 1980s. Since the University acquired the building, minor improvements have been made to the space.

The RISE Up Capital Campaign encompasses several phases and is designed to make major facilities updates and improvements across campus.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES NEW LEADERSHIP DEGREE PROGRAMS THIS FALL

Friends University launched two new leadership degrees beginning this fall. Students now have the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration in Strategic Leadership (BBASL) and a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership (MSSL).

The new leadership bachelor's degree program will prepare students with strategic leadership principles to lead teams that can create meaningful organizational improvements through effective communication and people management skills. The master's level degree program will focus on the people side of business to help create transformational leaders who can empower and develop themselves, their teams and their organizations.



National Powerlifting champ Delacruz and Coach Joe Belden

POWERLIFTING NATIONAL CHAMPION AND FIFTH PLACE WOMEN'S FINISH AT THE USA COLLEGIATE NATIONALS

Dulce Delacruz gave the Friends University Powerlifting program its first-ever national champion and sealed a fifth place overall finish nationally for the Falcon Women in the raw division at the USA Powerlifting Collegiate Nationals in Baton Rouge, La.



Falcon women's powerlifting team at USA Collegiate Nationals

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Friends University has been awarded the **Homeschooling Parent Association (HSPA) Certification Badge**. This designation

assists families with college-bound students to find the perfect homeschool-friendly college or higher education opportunity.

Education Survey compiled a list of the best college programs in the U.S. and Friends University ranked number seven in the 2022 Best Master's in Family Counseling Program.



Study.com published its 2021 rankings, and Friends University is ranked number 41 on the Best Bachelor Degrees in Cyber Security list.

AcademicInfluence.com ranked Friends University as the number one school for Kansas Best Colleges and Universities of 2021 and ranked Friends University degree programs in the Best Schools In Kansas for your Major category including biology, business, chemistry, communication, criminal justice, education, mathematics, philosophy, political science and psychology.

Friends University has been recognized by **Intelligent.com** for the following degree programs:

- **Best Online Master's in Accounting** — Ranked #12
- **Best Online Master's in Healthcare Administration** — Ranked #20 nationally, #1 in Kansas
- **Best Online MBA Programs** — Ranked #24



U.S. News and World Report

Rankings for Friends University:

- **Top Regional University — Midwest**
Friends University is ranked #95 in the Midwest, at #3 among all Kansas higher education institutions and as #1 among private universities in Kansas.
- **Top Performers on Social Mobility — Regional Universities**
Friends University ranks at #4 based on how well schools graduated students who received Federal Pell Grants and #1 among all Kansas higher education institutions.

Friends was named a **College of Distinction** in the following categories:



2020-2021 College of Distinction



College of Christian Distinction



College of Kansas Distinction

Friends University's **Kappa Phi Chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society** has been named an Honor Chapter for its outstanding activities in 2020-2021.

Newsweek ranked Friends University residence halls at number 23 for Best College Dorms in America according to Niche.com.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY GRADUATING TEACHERS RECEIVE TEACHING TOOL KIT

Friends University is pleased to partner with Credit Union of America. As supporters and educators of our future teachers, Credit Union of America presented each graduating teacher a teacher tool kit filled with classroom supplies and goodies to help get their classroom started. Credit Union of America also recognized each mentor teacher with an Educate gift box to show their appreciation for the dedication and support they showed their student teachers during the semester.

"We are honored to have a new cohort of teachers graduating and going out into classrooms," said Janet Eubank, assistant professor of education. "These students have worked so hard and it is always exciting to watch a group of caring and dedicated educators go forth to serve the next generation of students. The teaching tool kit from Credit Union of America is such a special gesture and we are thankful for their support and encouragement to our new teachers as they begin their educational adventures."

"Carrying on the legacy of Credit Union of America's (CUA) founding father, John Michener, a science teacher at East High School, we are excited to provide gifts that will help these new teachers start their classroom careers. We also gift the mentor teachers as their experience is invaluable to the students. In addition, CUA is providing four (4) \$1,000 Teacher of Promise scholarships for the coming school year," announced Frank Shoffner, Credit Union of America CEO.

CONCERT CHOIR PERFORMED LOVE ENDURING

The Friends University Concert Choir presented its spring program, Love Enduring. The choral selections reflected God's steadfast love, praise and gratitude, and the joy of singing with pieces by Powell, Hagenberg, Duruflé, Hampton and more.

"After waiting a year to sing in person, we were thrilled to bring our annual Spring Concert, Love Enduring; music to inspire and encourage," said Concert Choir Director Rolaine Hetherington.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY THEATRE PRESENTED BASKERVILLE: A SHERLOCK HOLMES MYSTERY

Friends University presented the comedy, Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery. The story follows the iconic pair of Dr. John Watson and Mr. Sherlock Holmes as they decipher mysterious clues. Will they crack the mystery of "The Hound of the Baskervilles" before a family curse dooms its newest heir? This witty adaptation, written by Ken Ludwig, is told through various characters, scenes and locations with a small mixed ensemble that play more than 40 roles.



The Friends University Concert Band presented its spring concert featuring Assistant Professor of Music, Toni Libhart, on the xylophone, giving her a proper musical send off for her retirement.





SINGING QUAKERS PRESENTED SHOW PEOPLE AT SYMPHONY OF SPRING

The Singing Quakers Symphony of Spring concert, which has been a Wichita favorite for more than 50 years, featured the theme Show People, a night of Broadway, pop and Disney.

Disney favorites, pop standards and Broadway tunes from around the world featured shows ranging from Les Misérables, Bye Bye Birdie, Frozen and The Wiz. Moving ballads, up-tempo dance numbers, orchestra and a full chorus made this a hit for all.

"The Symphony of Spring performance is by far a crowd favorite. As a Singing Quaker senior, I am thrilled to be able to perform the show, once again in front of a live audience," said Singing Quakers performer Emily Son.



Dr. Cecil Riney (left), retired director of the Friends University Singing Quakers for 45 years, is delighted to have Dr. Rayvon T.J. Moore leading the Singing Quakers.





▲ CHRIS ALLEN

A three-time all-conference performer, Allen finished his career as the Falcons career receiving leader (Dakstats era) in yards (2,620) and touchdowns (30) while also tallying a single-season record 1,329 yards in 2014.

The 2014 campaign also featured a single-season record 19 receiving touchdowns for Allen along with single-game marks of five scores and 272 yards in a 53-14 victory over Kansas Wesleyan University (10/4/14). Following the historic performance vs. KWU, Allen was named the KCAC, NAIA and USA College Football Offensive Player of the Week.

TRIO OF NEW INDUCTEES WELCOMED INTO FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Friends University welcomes three new members into its 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame class this year. The inductees are Chris Allen, Derek Racette and Bruce Burnett.

DEREK RACETTE ►

Racette was a standout dual-sport athlete as a member of the track & field squad and the football team.

In 2015, Racette won the program's first-ever NAIA national championship with a school-record mark of 64.65m in the Javelin.

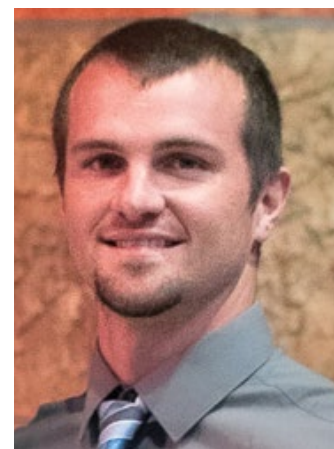
Overall, Racette is a three-time NAIA All-American and four-time All-KCAC performer in the Javelin while capturing the KCAC championship in the event during his sophomore season in 2013. His individual performances helped the Falcons win a combined five indoor and outdoor KCAC titles for his career.

Racette saw action all over the gridiron, including earning KCAC Special Teams Player of the Year by averaging a league-high 42.9 yards per punt in 2012.

He was again a first-team All-KCAC selection in 2013 when he ranked second on the team with 420 rushing yards along with five scores. He also threw for 321 yards and three touchdowns.

The following season, Racette was an all-conference honorable-mention pick after recording 50 tackles, 2.5 sacks and 7.5 tackles for loss to also snag USA All-American honorable-mention defensive back honors.

Off the field, Racette is a two-time KCAC Champions of Character award winner.



◀ BRUCE BURNETT

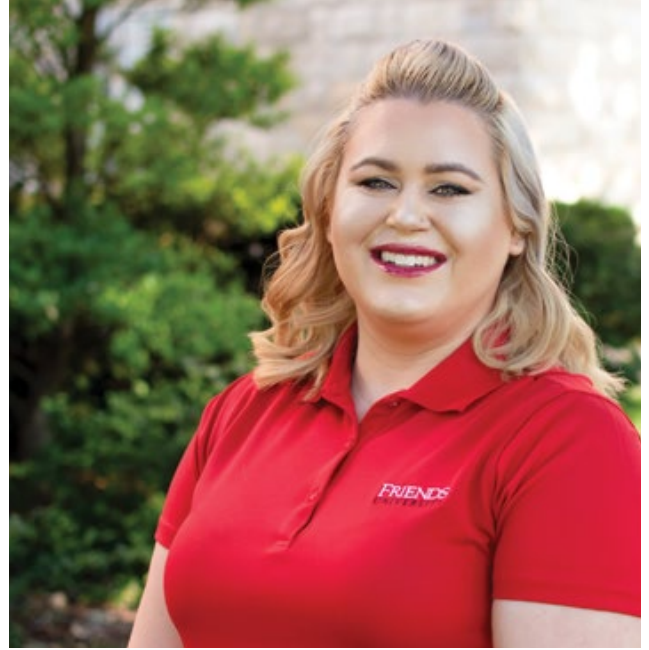
Burnett was inducted as both a standout supporter of Friends Athletics as well as a student-athlete.

Having served on the Board of Trustees for 27 years from 1985-2012, Burnett received the Distinguished Alumni Award and is a former member of the Gift Planning Advisory Committee. He has also served as a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame committee.

On the hardwood, Burnett contributed to a pair of KCAC championship squads and served as a team leader throughout his playing career that spanned from 1969-73.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOME NEW FACULTY TO CAMPUS

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



▲ DR. KAYLA ESCHLIMAN

Dr. Kayla Eschliman serves as the new assistant professor of chemistry. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Chemistry and General Chemistry from Kansas Wesleyan University and a Doctor of Philosophy in Organic Chemistry from Kansas State University. Dr. Eschliman is a recipient of the 2020 Berscheid and Derstadt Fellowship Award. She served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Kansas State University while working on publications and patents, and extensive research projects including her most recent research project on Protease Profiles for the Fast Identification of Lung Conditions.



◀ DR. KNEELAND BROWN

Dr. Kneeland Brown is the new special appointment professor of business and serves as a member of the Friends University Board of Trustees. Dr. Brown earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a minor in Social Studies and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Azusa Pacific University, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California. He is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration in Organizational Management from Azusa Pacific University. His previous experience includes serving as the President of Trinity Academy in Wichita, Kan., Dean of the DeVoe School of Business at Indiana Wesleyan University, Executive Director at the Focus Leadership Institute, and several roles at Azusa Pacific University including Founding Program Director of Ethnic Studies Minor; Executive Director and Director of Diversity Initiatives of the Office of Diversity Planning and Assessment; Associate Professor of Management; Special Assistant for Special Programs; and Student Services Coordinator with the School of Theology. Dr. Brown serves on several organization boards along with numerous research projects, presentations and various publications.

▼ **EMILY LOCKHART**

Emily Lockhart serves as the new assistant professor of health and physical education. Lockhart holds a Bachelor of Science in Recreation with an emphasis in Fitness Management and a Minor in Business Administration along with a Master of Science in Health and Physical Education from Pittsburg State University. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Health and Human Performance degree from Concordia University. Lockhart's previous experience includes the health and physical education department chair and assistant professor at Bethel College, and the sport science and health department chair and professor at Central Christian College of Kansas. She is a certified personal trainer and certified sport nutrition specialist with the National Council on Strength and Fitness, and holds numerous fitness certifications and has taught various fitness classes including Zumba, yoga, Pilates, spinning, kickboxing and weight training.

▲ **DONALYN MANION**

Donalyn Manion is the new visiting assistant professor of graphic arts and interim program director of visual arts. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Wichita State University and a Master of Fine Arts in Media Design from Full Sail University. Manion is an award-winning graphic designer with a vast array of professional design and teaching experience at both the high school and collegiate levels. Her recent experience provided several roles at Bethel College including assistant professor of graphic design, Beyond Studio art director, communications coordinator and adjunct professor. Manion also draws on her experience as a curriculum director and instructor at Wichita City Arts; photography and graphic design instructor and softball coach at Wichita South High School; and her role at Kansas State University as the art director and adjunct instructor for graphic design classes.

**DR. MATTHEW MAGEE** ►

Dr. Matthew Magee serves as the assistant professor of computer science. He received his Bachelor of Science in General Education with an emphasis in Computer Education from Wichita State University, a Master of Science in Technical Education degree and Education Specialist degree (EdS) in Technical Education from Pittsburg State University and a Doctor of Education in Teaching and Learning from Grand Canyon University. Magee serves on many advisory committees for K-12 school districts in Kansas and is a recipient of the 2018 Excellence in Education Award from Pittsburg State University. Magee has held roles as the computer science and support coordinator and instructor at Hutchinson Community College and a part-time instructor at Sterling College.





▲ **LORI MOSHIER**

Lori Moshier serves as the assistant professor of education but has been a part of Friends University as an adjunct instructor in graduate workshops. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Education from Wichita State University, a Master of Education in Teaching and Learning from Friends University and is pursuing a Doctor of Education in Technology and Learning from William Howard Taft University. Prior to coming to Friends, Moshier has served as a high school business teacher, a mentor teacher, and dance team coach and the owner and operator of Danceworks By Lori Dance Studio. Most recently, Moshier served as the faculty development specialist and adjunct faculty at Butler Community College where she received the 2020 Butler Community College Board of Trustees Recognitions for Institutional Development.



▲ **DR. NICK SCHROEDER**

Dr. Nick Schroeder serves as the visiting assistant professor of music and interim program director of jazz but has been with Friends since 2016 as an adjunct brass improvisation instructor. He received his Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies from the University of North Texas and both a Master of Music in Jazz Studies and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Jazz Performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Schroeder is a freelance trumpet player, the jazz band director at Washburn University Summer Jazz Combo Camp, a bandleader at Salt City Big Band and has performed with notable groups such as The Rat Pack, The Temptations, The Four Tops and Guy Lombardo Orchestra to name a few. Previously Dr. Schroeder was the coordinator of the jazz program and music instructor at Hutchinson Community College.

DR. BRENT YODER ►

Dr. Brent Yoder is the new associate academic dean. He has extensive teaching experience and held various academic leadership and service roles in higher education. Dr. Yoder received an Associate of Arts in Chemistry from Hesston College, a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with a Minor in Business Administration and a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Dr. Yoder also holds a Level One Certificate and Level Two Certificate- Teach Leadership, from the Kansas Leadership Center. Most recently, he was the vice president of academics and former registrar at Hesston College.



DR. KEN STOLTZFUS APPOINTED TO VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Friends University is pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Ken Stoltzfus to Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Stoltzfus has been with the university for the last four years and has served as the Dean of the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education and most recently as the Academic Dean.

The Office of Academic Affairs provides leadership and development for the educational programs and curriculum offered at Friends University. Departments and degree programs include traditional undergraduate programs, graduate programs, adult undergraduate programs and online learning.

Prior to coming to Friends University, Dr. Stoltzfus served as a faculty member and department chair at Malone University, in Canton, Ohio; LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania, and Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. He also served as a 2010 Fulbright Senior Scholar in Saratov, Russia. Dr. Stoltzfus holds a Bachelor of Science in Education and Social Science Education from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Social Work from Temple University and a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare from Case Western Reserve University.



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INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW COACHES

AUSTIN MCBETH, MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH ►

Austin McBeth is in his first year as the head coach of the Friends University men's basketball program. McBeth arrived at Friends after a highly successful stint as the head assistant coach at NCAA D-II Truman State University of the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC). He served as the recruiting coordinator for Truman State and was the heart of a team that played in the NCAA Tournament.

McBeth's coaching experience includes head assistant coaching stops at the University of Illinois-Springfield and Montreat College in Black Mountain, NC. He was a volunteer GA Assistant Coach at ISU in 2013 and a part of his alma mater team, the Iowa State University men's basketball program under head coach Fred Hoiberg, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. McBeth has also served as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) President at Iowa State while also filling the role of an FCA Co-Sponsor at Iowa State, Montreat and Illinois-Springfield. In addition, he has authored two books on coaching philosophies and the important role that coaches play in the lives of athletes.



◀ BRYAN PEREZ, MEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH

Friends University elevates Bryan Perez to head coach of the men's soccer program. He was a crucial part of the Falcons' success the past two seasons under Coach Dincecco. He brings an important local association from his current tenure with FC Wichita, a local men's soccer amateur team that is a member of the National Premier Soccer League (NPSL).

In addition to being the head coach of FC Wichita, Perez also functions as the Technical Director for the program. Perez's experience also includes serving as the Director of Coaching for Alliance FC in Kansas City, where he led the coaches and developed the soccer curriculum.

His professional playing career includes competing six years for the Kansas City Comets, an indoor soccer team in the Major Arena Soccer League. He led the Comets to a pair of championships, including an undefeated season in 2015. He was also called to play for the United States Men's National Futsal team for their 2012 and 2016 World Cup Qualifying teams.

Perez played collegiately at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ENHANCES PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Friends University is pleased to enhance the Wichita Public Schools' Early College Academy (ECA) program to include a \$13,000 scholarship to Friends for ECA students upon their high school graduation. The Early College Academy program allows selected high school students at Northwest High School to take college classes for dual credit and is designed to promote access and opportunity for more students to graduate with a college degree.

"This program is designed to give students the opportunity to earn dual credits and gain practical experience in high school while getting a head start on their college career," said Dr. Preston Todd, associate academic dean at Friends University. "We are thrilled to be able to provide an excellent learning experience and a transformative educational experience for these young people. They are the next generation of professionals, and it is an honor to be a part of their higher education journey that begins at Friends University."

"Wichita Public Schools and the Early College Academy at Northwest High School are honored to be in this partnership with Friends University. To have the opportunity to earn as many as two years' worth of college credits through Friends while still in high school is remarkable, but to also now have the chance to earn such a generous scholarship for post-secondary education makes this program unrivaled in the area. Thank you, Friends University!" said Eric Hofer-Holdeman, principal at Northwest High School.

ECA students have the opportunity to graduate high school with approximately 50-60 college credits, allowing them to begin college as a third-year student.

BLOOMBERG TERMINAL OFFERS FRIENDS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS REAL-TIME LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Friends University business students now have the opportunity to experience the Bloomberg Terminal in the classroom to enhance their academic studies and give them a leg up as they pursue their career goals. The Bloomberg Terminal is the same platform used by the world's leading banks, corporations and government agencies to view real-time global financial data, news feeds and messages.

"This has been a long-term vision at Friends University and we are pleased to be able to offer this valuable tool to our students," said Dr. Jim Long, professor of finance and division chair of business at Friends University. "Students are gaining a practical application in the world of finance in which they can take these lessons and apply them in their future careers."

Friends University is one of approximately 300 colleges and universities around the globe and the first in the Wichita metro area, currently integrating Bloomberg into the curricula of the business and finance degree programs.



Donor Spotlight

JANA AND HOWARD McDANIEL



Jana and Howard McDaniel were kind enough to sit down and share with us what Friends University means to them. It was Dr. Cecil Riney who first introduced them to the Friends community and they are grateful to be a part of Friends year after year. They live in the Wichita area and have been married for 38 years with four children, 14 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The McDaniel's serve in the Wichita community and volunteer for the CASA of Sedgwick County organization where Howard is a child advocate and Jana serves on the board of directors. They enjoy traveling, spending time with family and their backyard oasis. Howard is an avid gardener and Jana is a quilter.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

Jana: I attended Oklahoma Baptist University and am a former teacher, worked in the trucking industry and a former buyer at Boeing.

Howard: I attended Pittsburg State University and started working in the heating and air business straight out of college. In 1986, I started my own company and own and operate Even Temp of Wichita, Inc. and Moody Heating and Air Conditioning.

What are your favorite memories of Friends University?

Jana: Christmas lighting ceremony

Howard: Fine arts concerts

Why do you feel it is important to give back or support organizations and why Friends?

Jana: The more we can help a student or child then that trickles down to help everyone. The children are our future. I am happy Friends supports Christian education and is a part of the Wichita community.

Howard: I appreciate the Godly influence and conservative values that Friends offers to students. Wichita is a great community. We like to support and give back locally.

What activities or events do you enjoy the most at Friends?

Jana: Fine arts events.

Howard: I am so thankful Dr. Riney picked up the phone and involved us with the concerts.

Any career advice for future Friends University alumni?

Jana: Follow the dream that God put in your heart no matter how long it takes.

Howard: Listen to your heart and the Holy Spirit. Put God first. Listen and be open to what He says to you.

Describe Friends University in three words.

Jana: Shining light. It's not three words, but reminds me of Friends.

Howard: Beacon in community.

Distinguished Alumni Awards



Distinguished Alumni for
Outstanding Achievement
in R.I.S.E. Values

R.C. BUFORD

R.C. Buford graduated from Friends University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management. He started his professional career as an assistant basketball coach at the University of Kansas and later moved to the NBA joining the San Antonio Spurs and the Los Angeles Clippers in assistant coaching roles. Buford later returned to the Spurs organization as the team's head scout and was elevated to director of scouting, general manager, president of sports franchises and his current role as the CEO for Spurs Sports and Entertainment. He was selected as the NBAs Executive of the Year in 2014 and 2016.

Buford is involved in the NBA Basketball Without Borders Africa Camp, serves as an advisory board member for Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE) at Duke University, serves on the Board of Directors of PeacePlayers International and is active with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Buford and his wife, Beth have a son, Chase and daughter, C.C. along with Alexis Wangmene from Cameroon and Samer Jasser from Israel whom they welcomed to their family.



Distinguished Alumni for
Outstanding Christian
Leadership and Service

NORMAN AND LEATHA HEIN

Norman graduated in 1972 and Leatha graduated in 1974 from Friends University both with bachelor's degrees in biology. It was at Friends University where the couple met and had many classes together, later marrying.

Over the years, the couple has been engaged with several careers from hybrid wheat research with DeKalb, farming, teaching science and math, coaching and most notably operating a landscape maintenance business for over 40 years. It is the Hein Lawn Service, Inc. that creates and designs the colorful floral displays in downtown Wichita for the Flowers on Douglas.

The Hein's have been active members of Northridge Friends Church in Wichita, Kan. since college where they are involved in a worship group and an adult Sunday school class.

In the horticultural industry, there is a well-known and excellent educational course that is known as Master Gardeners. Norman and Leatha are often asked, "Are you a Master Gardener?" Their reply is, "No, we are not but we do garden for the Master! No matter where or what we have been engaged in we have done it for the Master!"



Distinguished Alumni for
Outstanding Achievement
in the Fine Arts

TOM REEVES

Award-winning musician, Tom Reeves graduated from Friends University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. His music career spans over 40 years when he first began as a teacher in the Wichita area and then got his big break as the drummer for the Grammy and Dove award-winning group, The Imperials. He spent a decade performing thousands of shows across the country before landing in Nashville as a studio owner, producer and engineer. He is a key producer/engineer for industry giants such as Opryland Productions, Dollywood Entertainment, Celebrity cruises, Poet Theatricals, Word Music, Lifeway Worship, Brentwood/Benson Music and many more.

Reeves career highlights include recording services for Dolly Parton's Dollywood Entertainment and her newest Sony release, "I Believe in You," numerous musical scores for Celebrity Cruise Lines and others, and years of content production for Word Music, Lifeway Christian Resources, Brentwood/Benson and most recently, the full score for Sight & Sound Theatres' epic show, "Samson."

Fall 2021 Class Notes

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Aug. 1, 2021 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

JERRY BEAMER, '76, died May 27. He served in the U.S. Navy where he was an aircraft mechanic and later worked at the Berry Companies as the vice president of finance. He was an avid fisherman, handyman and was active in his children and grandchildren's activities.



David J. Alexander, '53, died November 28. He was a shaver repairman.

Emily Dawn Allred, died Feb. 20, after a valiant fight with cancer. She studied and performed at Chicago's famed Second City and was a member of Chicago's food service industry.

Laura N. Ball, '54, died Jan. 8. She had a variety of jobs from welding, auction work, upholstery and loved nothing more than being with her family.

LoAnna Mae Basore, '66, died Dec. 22. She was a genealogy and family history buff, writing multiple biographies for the 1987 Bentley Centennial History Book.

Wanda Marie Booth-Wait, '56, died Dec. 22. She was an elementary school teacher and longtime member of the Wilmore Federated Church where she served as church pianist.

Laurie Jean Brenn, '06, died May 4. She worked at Zeus Industrial Products as the fixed asset and project accounting manager.

Brent W. Brown, '10, died Feb. 10. He worked for Alliant Food Service/US Food for 20 years as a route driver and supervisor, Warren Tax Service, and H&R Block

Margaret Mae Tschopp Cline, '53, died Jan. 6. She was a cook, seamstress, gardener, birdwatcher, bookkeeper and a member of the Friendswood Church since 1956.

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

Frances "Lucille" Daley, '45, died Oct. 31. She was married to Lawrence V. "Cappy" Daley, III.

Stephen L. Dannels, '71, died Jan. 23. He was a retired senior vice president of Community Bank of Wichita at the Haysville branch.

Robert "Bob" Lee Davis, '99, died Nov. 14. He was a veteran with the U.S. National Guard and pastored several churches including Cheney Baptist Church.

DON CALHOUN, died Dec. 14. He spent years in the NFL after playing at K-State and was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame, Wichita Sports Hall of Fame and North High School Hall of Fame. Calhoun returned to Wichita as an assistant football coach at Friends University before working as a Waste Management route driver.



Duane Denton, '79, died Jan. 8. He worked as a registered nurse, a musician and a pastor at Bible Pathways Fellowship.

Jacquita May "Jackie" Dodson, '98, died Jan. 28. She was the director of finance and human resources at the Ark City Christian Academy.

Maureen Ann Dowsey, '03, died Jan. 8. She worked at Cargill Salt for 14 years and was also an instructor at Genesis teaching blast, power, core, and spin classes.

Ronald Robert Eggert, '08, died Jan. 6. He served in the U.S. Navy, worked for Massey-Ferguson/Agco Corp. for 52 years as a technical writer, and a deacon at Westside Church of Christ in Wichita, Kan.

Genevieve Faye Evans (Collins), '52, died March 24. She cared for many children at Happy Hours Day Nursery for 28 years and was a lifelong member of the Hazel Nutcrackers Square Dance Club.

John Fleming, '50, died Dec. 29. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was laboratory director of the Monterey County Hospital in California for 25 years.

Leland Ray "Lee" Fletcher, '99, died Feb. 10. He joined the U.S. Army Reserve and later retired from aircraft.

Edward Paul Foster, '49, died March 16. He served in the U.S. Navy, was an elementary teacher, principal, and went on to teach in the education department at Southwestern College for 24 years.



JESSIE JAMES FRADIEU, '94, died May 5. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and later retired from General Motors after 30 years of service.

Richard "Rich" Granger, '74, died May 2. He served in the U.S. Air Force, worked in law enforcement in Wichita, Kan. and Wellington, Kan.

Donna Marie Green, '68, died Feb. 2. Donna worked as an information operator for Southwestern Bell.

Alan C. Hancock, '60, died April 17. Dr. Hancock practiced medicine in Kansas City and was the district coroner.

Kenton Dale Harris, 55, died March 9. He served in the U.S. Army, was a teacher, coach and administrator in Friendswood, Texas where he started and led the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

William "Bill" Himebaugh, '55, died Feb. 13. He was a physical education teacher, coach, athletic director for the Wichita Public Schools and Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame inductee.

Betty Lee Hixon, '66, died April 28. She worked as a secretary with the Okmulgee Tech School before working as an elementary teacher with the Wichita School District for 40 years.

Marjorie Lee Holman, '44, died Feb. 23. She and her husband traveled as they followed their interests and children around the country.

Jimmie Don "Jim" Huff, '99, died March 16. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Later Huff worked at the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, drove the activity bus in Anthony, Kan. and loved watching all Marked Tree sports.

Garlon Leroy Jarnagin, '59, died May 5. He was a veteran and served in the U.S. Army. Jarnagin went on to be a teacher, coach, and administrator, working at numerous schools in central and western Kansas and Montrose, Colo.

David Lynn Johnson, '96, died March 9. He served the U.S. Navy and was a senior communications technician at Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline.

Zeta Dell Johnston, died April 11. She was the director of Little Folks School and served on the board of directors for many years after her retirement.

Richard Haworth King Jr., '61, died May 8, 2020. He taught at Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas before he had a long-standing career as a High School English educator in the Wichita Public School district.

Rollina Atherton Klasing, '54, died March 23. She was an artist for 70 years and was a part of the arts community in the Birmingham area for many years.

Gerald R. Latimer, '95, died March 1. He set up a new flight program for a mission hospital in Angola, Africa before serving as the coordinator and instructor for the Pratt Community College Aviation Technician-Airframe Training Program and working for Cessna.

Darrel Lavender, '00, died April 5, 2019. He was the son of missionary parents where he had a colorful childhood growing up in the Philippine Islands.

Melody K. (Brown) Lopez, '07, died Feb. 27. She loved being a mom and her greatest accomplishment was her son.

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

Eli N. Mascareñas, died Feb. 28. He was a Korean and Vietnam War Veteran who served for 24 years and later worked for Friends University as the admissions officer for 21 years.

James E. McAfee, Jr., '50, died April 18.

William "Bill" Fredrick McKean, '60, died Jan. 31. He served as a Chaplain for the Fort Scott Police Department.

GISELE MCMINIMY, died June 4. She devoted her professional life to the Friends University communications department for over 25 years until her retirement as the Director of Brand and Communications in 2019. McMinimy was a sweet and strong soul who radiated positivity and genuinely embraced life.



Scott Kyle McNay, '72, died Jan. 7. He began picking parts at Cessna Aircraft Company, retiring 36 years later as a technical publications writer.

James "Jimmy" Robert Means Jr., '50, Feb. 25. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Counter Intelligence Division. Means went on to work as a teacher, coach, administrator and ran the family farm.

Vern Miller, '51, died June 11. He served in the U.S. Army and was a legendary Kansas lawman and Wichita attorney whose career spanned decades.

Jerry M. Mulloy, '01, died Dec. 12. He was a long standing member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local #1613 and worked for the former Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L) for 43 years.

Patricia Alice Nix, '91, died Dec. 23. She was a nurse.

Teri A. Porter, '95, died May 27. She dedicated 32 years of her career to Gates Rubber Company where her final position was as the Corporate Director of Human Resources for the company.

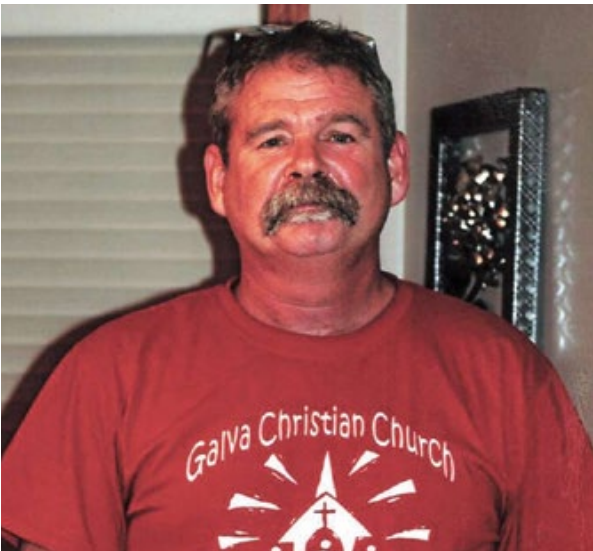
Dr. Earl James Reeves, Jr., '55, died Jan. 11. He was involved in the formation of Tulsa's magnet schools, taught at the University of Tulsa where he became the Dean of the Chapel and later retired as the president of Missouri Valley College.

PATRICIA RANK, '66, died May 27. She was a teacher, worked at Kansas Gas and Electric (KG&E) and later formed Central Insurance and Financial Services. Rank also obtained her private pilot's license.



Carlene Austin Merrick Riley, '94, died March 31. Her nursing career spanned 40 years where she worked in public health, hospitals, clinics, surgery, and teaching in the LPN program at Delta Community College.

Elizabeth Riner, '48, died April 3. She worked for the Johnson County Library for several years and was active in the Presbyterian Church.



JERRY BRIAN ROBERTSON, died May 8. He worked as a brick layer and carpenter with Pyle Construction and Gilbert Construction.

Richard "Dick" Shacklett, '50, died April 28. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II and then became a priest in the Episcopal Church.

Jennifer Anessia (Tyson) Simons, '91, died April 29. She attended NewSpring Church, Wichita, Kan. and was a faithful follower of Jesus.

Arthur Richardson Smith, '92, died Jan. 6. He was the Executive Director for Faculty Affairs at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan.

Betty Ann Parrish Smith, '61, died Feb. 4. She was a primary school teacher her entire career. Smith was a life-long learner, a strong advocate for education and an avid reader.

Mary Ann Thompson, '63, died Jan. 11. She was a teacher for 47 years in Wichita Public Schools and the Collegiate School.

Rosalea 'Rosie' Joanne Christopher Thompson, '61, died May 22. She and her husband started Advanced Communications in Montana.

James Eric "Rick" Tjaden, died April 11. He was a former coach for Friends University and Butler Community College.

Deanna Elizabeth Waggaman, '90, died April 26. She taught music and was an organist and pianist for many different churches.

Leta Walkemeyer, '59, died Sept. 3. She was an elementary teacher until her children were born. Her greatest joys were serving the farm life, her family, community and Bethel Friends Church.

William "Bill" J. Watson, '99, died April 12. He worked for Southwestern Bell and AT&T for 33 years where he retired as a manager in the small business and wholesale accounts.

Tamara "Tammy" Ann Weller, '11, died Feb. 26. She worked as a caregiver before working as a para and substitute teacher for many years for Winfield USD 465.



PHILIP WHITEMAN, '55, died Aug. 31. He was a long-time Friends University board member, Quaker church stalwart and Friends Athletic Hall of Fame recipient. Whiteman loved Falcon athletics and operated the game clock for several decades.

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Charles Thomas "Tom" Whitney, Jr., '72, died April 10. He was a design engineer for 34 years.

Janet Willis, '61, died June 5 and **Milton C. Willis, '63**, died May 9. Janet was a teacher and Milton served in the U.S. Air National Guard and was a psychiatric social worker before they started a construction company that they owned and operated for 30 years.

Wyquita Magdalene Winton, '53, died Jan. 21. She worked at the Florence Citizen for many years, where she authored the feature "Wyquita's Wanderings."

Timothy Joe Wyatt, '08, died May 22, 2020. He was a service manager at Ochs, Inc. and a marriage and family counselor at the Center for Counseling in Great Bend.

CLASS NOTES**1940s**

Iola Cadwallader, '47, continues to write music. Her most recent work, Settings for Women's Voices of 3, was performed in November by the William Penn Choir.

1950s

Dr. Marshall Stanton, '57, was welcomed into ShelterBox USA Hall of Fame.

1980s

Timothy Gray, '83, successfully planted seven churches between the United States and Thailand, making it a total of eight churches planted since 2006.

Susan Laushman, '85, received the 2020-2021 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Outstanding Music Educator Award for Section 5.

Matt Lundy, '89, was named County Commissioner of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency Board of Directors.

Lori Smith Mayden, '86, was named Teacher of the Year for Newkirk High School in Newkirk, Okla.

Dale Seiwert, '81, was named the Vice President of Finance and Administration for the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Brian Stranghoner, '84, is the assistant professor of music education and voice at Tabor College.



BILL DUGGAN, '96, is the new director of FreCom dispatch center.

1990s

Dr. Kevin Brinker, '96, was named the Interim EMSS Medical Director in Sedgwick County.

Jason Streeter, '97, retired from his zoo keeping career after 20 years and began a new adventure as a marriage and family therapist.

2000s

Sarah Baalman, '02, was promoted to Product Stewardship Manager at BG Products, Inc.

Kali Barnett, '08, published her first children's book titled "Fred the Bee."

Lisa Carpenter, '00, joined the Bacon Wilson firm as the new Executive Director.



DEDE ANDERSON PIERCE, '96, was named Principal of the Early Childhood Center in Maize, Kan.

Tyler Eastman, '03, started Vivfyre to partner with companies on their customers' complete digital experiences.

Nathan Foreman, '02, joined the Tate and Kitzke L.L.C in Hugoton, Kan.

Heather (Jameson) Johanning, '09, attended the Army School of Music with the 36th Infantry Division Band and completed the Senior Leader Course.



EMILY JUHNKE, '02, was promoted to Vice President of Marketing and Communication at Keycentrix, LLC.

ASHLEY WALZ, '07, teaches third and fourth grade at Holy Name Catholic School in Winfield, Kan.



LAURA SCAGLIONE, '01, accepted a new role as the assistant principal and activities director at Andover High School.

Tyrena Judie, '07, was recognized as a Wichita Business Journal Women who lead in financial services honoree.

Joel Leftwich, '00, was hired as the Chief Strategy Officer for Kansas Farm Bureau.

BreAnna Monk, '08, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 award honoree

Hilary Staton, '04, completed a short film titled Still, which appeared in seven festivals and can be viewed on YouTube.

Calah Titus, '00, purchased Great Image Designs, a local screen print, embroidery and promotional products store.

Timothy Tyson, '01, was elected to serve on the Kansas Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.



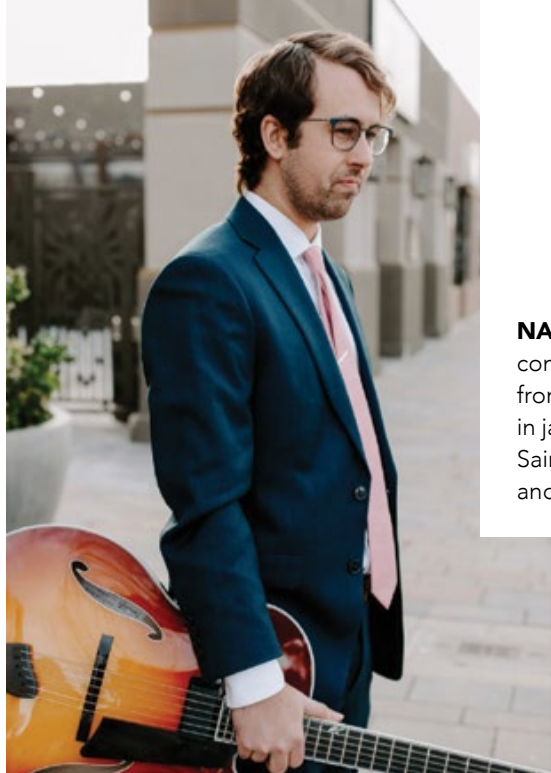
JEFF SCHUELE, '08, was named the new Executive Director of Live Well Live Atchison, Kan.

2010s

Nicole (Bauer) Biery, '15, recently joined K-State Research and Extension in Sedgwick County where she will do community outreach, school enrichment as well as working with the livestock committee and other leadership programming.

Bill Cochran, '11, was named Chief of Staff for the City Manager in Topeka, Kan.

Christine Conway, '17, is pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Wichita State.



NATHAN BORTON, '16, completed his master's degree from Michigan State University in jazz studies and teaches at Saint Thomas Aquinas College and Hope College.

Megan Nagel, '15, was named Northridge Elementary principal for Newton Public Schools.

Zach Rich, '16, is a 2021 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award recipient.

Matthew Tannehill, '11, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 award honoree.

2020s

Matthew Ho, '16, received his Masters of Arts in Teaching from Wichita State University and was certified in his second Project Lead the Way curriculum.

Morgan Holick, '16, graduated with her masters from Princeton Theological Seminary and accepted a position as a youth pastor in Colo.

Kelley Laswell, '18, has been announced as the new CEO at Parkside Homes in Hillsboro, Kan.

LaRae Mansch, '12, was recognized as a Wichita Business Journal Women Who Lead in Financial Services honoree.

German Andrade, '21, was a finalist in The Figurative Art Exhibition art competition for his piece titled "Girl Scout."

Matty Donaldson, '20, was recognized as a Wichita Business Journal Women Who Lead in Financial Services honoree.

Jacob Kerby, '21, is a tax analyst at Koch Industries and is pursuing his MBA at Friend University.

Alexandra Stamps McDowell, '20, received the Distinguished Classroom Teacher Award in the New Teacher Elementary category for Wichita Public Schools.

Megan Couey, '18, accepted a position with South Central Mental Health as a school based therapist for the Circle School District.

Kianga K. Crowley, '19, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 award honoree.

Stephanie Dechant, '17, was recognized as a Wichita Business Journal Women Who Lead in Financial Services honoree.

Calvin Eastwood, '15, opened Summerbrook Dental in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jeren Francois, '19, joined Expleo Group as a national talent acquisition partner.

Michelle Green, '12 and '14, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 award honoree.

Vanessa Hinds, '13, was named the principal of Logan Avenue Elementary School for Emporia Public Schools.

KEILA GARCIA, '19, joined Mahaney Group as the marketing communications specialist.



SAMANTHA SCANTLIN, '21, performed the National Anthem at Kauffman Stadium when the Kansas City Royals played the Cleveland Indians.



DR. RUSSELL ARBEN FOX, professor of political science; director of the honors program; and model UN sponsor, was named the Friends University 2021 recipient of the **W.A. Young Excellence in Teaching Award**. Dr. Fox was interviewed several times as a political expert for KAKE News along with being featured in the Wichita Eagle, Lawrence Journal-World, The Topeka Capital-Journal, Hays Post, The Salina Journal and the Wichita Story Magazine for stories like Appreciating the conversation beyond the page and On the value of championing values.

FACULTY/STAFF/BOARD NOTES



SEAN CASH, assistant professor of marketing and assistant chair of the division of business information and technology: outreach, was selected as the post-secondary representative for Kansas on the Classroom Educators Advisory Council (CEAC) for Business Professionals of America. In addition, he recently completed his certification as a Digital Marketing Professional from the Digital Marketing Institute and the American Marketing Association.

Mary Duncan, adjunct professor and '09 alumna, published the book, *You Really Can Make a Difference*, which helps equip parents so they can help their own child prepare for kindergarten readiness.

Dr. Jerree Forbes, executive-in-residence for the master of health care leadership program, was selected as a Wichita Business Journal's Excellence in Healthcare Series for Geriatrics honoree which recognizes medical professionals who have distinguished themselves as leaders, teachers and experts in healthcare.

DR. DONA GIBSON, professor of education and psychology, director of the master of education in teaching and learning and master of education in special education, was recognized by the Wichita Business Journal for Women Who Lead: Education.



Sheldon Mba, assistant professor of music theatre and dance, was nominated for a 2021 Theatre Kansas Award for his choreography and staging in Wichita's Trinity Academy's production of Tarzan.

Aaron Meister, men's and women's wrestling coach, was a guest on several radio and podcast shows where he talked about coaching and recruiting Olympic Gold Medal winner, Tamyra Mensah-Stock.

Paul Hill, adjunct professor of Holy Scriptures, was named the Friends University 2021 recipient of the **Jan LaFever Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award.**

Dr. Jim Long, professor of finance and division chair of business, was invited to LCC International University in Klaipeda, Lithuania as an Erasmus+ visiting scholar. He was in residence in Klaipeda for a week where he participated in lecturing, meeting with faculty and students, and developed opportunities for partnerships between

LCC's business department and Friends University's business department.

Dr. Ken Stoltzfus, vice president of academic affairs and academic dean, played an instrumental role in submitting an Erasmus+ grant for a staff exchange for an LCC faculty member to come to Friends and for one Friends faculty member to go to LCC.

AARON KRONE, associate professor of art, had numerous pieces published in art magazines including the Orenda Journal, Art Portfolio Magazine, Artist's Magazine, Artistonish Magazine and his piece titled Emotion appears in Art Portfolio's ten-year anniversary issue. In addition, Krone's work has been shown in several exhibitions along with being named the Art Show Internationals Online Art Competition Open-2 Merit Prize winner for his piece in which he was the only American to win in this category.



ROBIN JOHNSON, head athletic trainer, was recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for Athletic Training Appreciation.



DR. TERESA MILLER, assistant professor and program director of mechanical engineering, is an associate editor for the Journal of Aerospace Science, Technologies and Systems.



BROOK ROBERTS, controller, was named as a Wichita Business Journal 2021 CFO Award honoree.

Judge Kevin Mark Smith, adjunct professor of criminal law and criminal procedures, had a successful re-election for the Division 12 judge of the Kansas Eighteenth Judicial District. Judge Smith also serves on the board of the Kansas Bar Association (KBA) Family Law Section.

Rob Ramseyer, associate vice president of athletics, was selected as a mentor for the KU mentorship program. Ramseyer was also named a Wichita Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 award honoree.

Ken Spurgeon, assistant professor of history, had his film, Home on the Range appear on PBS along with a series he hosted on PBS called Crossroads which was part of a grant from Humanities Kansas and sponsored by the Butler County Historical Society. Dr. Spurgeon also assisted in interviewing Newly O'Brien and Buck Taylor of Gunsmoke for the Abilene Reflector-Chronical, Kan.



DR. MATTHEW SCHLONEGER, associate professor of voice, was elected President of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. In addition, Dr. Schloneger's recent piece titled Quantifying Vocal Repertoire Tessituras Through Real-Time Measures has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Voice. He has also served on the editorial board for the Journal of Voice for the last three years.

DR. DICK TETER, professor of computer science and information systems, was selected as Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Faculty Athletic Representative of the Year.



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