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A young man with short dark hair and glasses is looking intently at a computer screen. He is wearing a green zip-up hoodie over a dark blue shirt. In the background, another person with curly hair is visible, also looking at a screen. The setting appears to be a computer lab or classroom with multiple monitors.

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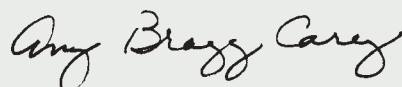
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

In today's ever-changing world, we need more critical thinkers, innovators, and problem solvers. The field of STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, emphasizes these characteristics. Friends University has made note of this global shift and has invested new resources into STEM. Whether it is a zookeeper administering care to zoo animals, a doctor providing medical treatments to patients, or a cyber security expert protecting vital data, Friends University gives students the

skills for a variety of STEM disciplines.

With STEM careers in high demand, we take this opportunity to develop innovative leaders who will represent Christ in their fields. It is an honor for us to be a small part of this journey as our students go forth, blessing many with their gifts.



Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University

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Cyber security student
Jovany Tamayo.

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\$1 Million Investment in Success

BY ANNA CAREY



Dr. Kimberly Krull,
Senator Jerry Moran and
Dr. Amy Bragg Carey

A career in cyber security is more than a job, according to U.S. Senator Jerry Moran, it's a "noble calling."

With cyber-attacks becoming more prevalent, the need for trained security professionals is imminent. Cyber Security Program Director, Matt Magee notes that over the next decade, the demand for information security professionals is expected to grow 35 percent, compared to a 15 percent growth in general computer occupations. These numbers are not surprising considering that nearly every news outlet features a story centered around cyber-attacks, and as Magee recounts, "It's not just a state or government level issue anymore, it's agricultural businesses in Hesston, Kansas getting ransomware attacks – things that are happening right here in our hometown."

Traditionally known for its strong aircraft industry presence, Wichita has now become a budding hub for cyber security. In July, Novacoast, Inc. relocated their corporate headquarters to Wichita while other security companies like Knowmadics have been establishing locations here. These companies are looking to local academic institutions to prepare the next generation of cyber security leaders.

Friends University is answering that call through a collaborative endeavor with Butler Community College.

Through various grants, Friends University secured a \$1 million investment in technology, labs and cyber scholarships. This milestone was celebrated on Sept. 9 with an open house event attended by Kansas Senator Jerry Moran, Butler Community College President Dr. Kim Krull and representatives from Novacoast, Inc.

With help from Sen. Moran, \$750,000 was generated from the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. This allowed funds from the Department of Education to be disseminated to Friends University to establish the Wichita Cybersecurity, Education,

Research and Training Center. According to Magee, not only does the government support provide a boost for the cyber program, it shows the community that the government is standing by local institutions, helping them find solutions to the pressing security issues that affect us all. An additional \$300,000 of the investment includes state-of-the-art Connected Classrooms, a new podcast studio, a Bloomberg Terminal and updates to the INTRUST Bank cyber lab.

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Throughout the last few years, Magee and his team have worked to modify the cyber program so that students can learn a wide variety of skills, preparing them for nearly any security career. This distinguishes Friends University because, as he says, "a lot of cyber security programs focus down one track," limiting the career options for students. But in order to keep the program relevant, Division Chair of Business, Dr. Jim Long notes that it can be a challenging race against progress. "You have to keep on improving, keep on investing, keep on making sure that your lab and your learning environment keeps pace with that very fluid cyber security ecosystem."

Dr. Long says the recent investments will help ensure the lab can continue its relevancy by funding infrastructure and software. But Friends University President Dr. Amy Bragg Carey notes that it's more than just the state-of-the-

art lab that makes this growing program stand out: "The personal attention from faculty, working with industry experts, and giving students real work experience through internship opportunities with companies like Novacoast all make the Cyber Security program at Friends especially unique." And the partnership with Butler Community College creates more affordable pathways toward a degree by giving scholarship opportunities to Butler students seeking



to finish out their four-year cyber degree at Friends University.

"STEM is growing," Dr. Long says. "It's really that facet of higher education where we're doing things, we're building things, we're making the world a better place." But the value of a STEM degree from Friends can be summed up with Long's words: "We don't want to educate people to be technically proficient, we want to educate leaders who are technically proficient."

Friends' Education Was 'Defining Time' for Well-Regarded Physician

BY AMY GEISZLER-JONES

From music to medicine, attending Friends University set the stage for Jace Hyder's success.

"It was a defining time for me," said Hyder, 70, a colorectal specialist and double board-certified surgeon who practices in Wichita. He is also a fellow in both the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, another indication of the caliber of his medical training and skills.

And it all started with the pre-med training he received at Friends, said Hyder, who graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

He went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine (KUSM). He did his residency and internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital-Oakland and received further specialized training with a colon and rectal surgery fellowship at the Ferguson Clinic in Honolulu. He returned to Wichita to set up his practice in 1988.

"It really made me who I am," said Hyder of his time at Friends. "I don't know how to explain it any other way. I almost get teary-eyed thinking about

my five years there. ... I always felt like people were there for me."

Having grown up in Farmington, New Mexico, Friends University wasn't on Hyder's radar of colleges to attend until his fellow high school orchestra musician and best friend since fourth grade got a brochure from his uncle who worked for Boeing in Wichita. Hyder received partial music and academic scholarships to Friends, where he played violin in the orchestra. He still enjoys playing the violin but a recent rotator cuff injury has put his playing days on hold.

During his final two years at Friends, Hyder was part of a small group of musicians and a preacher who would visit various Quaker churches in western Kansas, providing music and sermons. It's an experience he remembers fondly, helping strengthen his faith and his devotion to being of service.

A SOLID REPUTATION

As a practicing physician, Hyder said he's aware of the continued reputation Friends has for preparing future medical professionals with its pre-med program.

Among the science, technology, engineering and mathematics degree programs, health sciences is Friends' second most popular degree program, not far behind the school's zoo science degree. The health sciences program currently has more than 60 degree-seeking students.

Approximately nine graduates in the past five to six years have been accepted to medical schools, according to Prince Agbedanu, director of the human biology and health sciences program. Like Hyder, most have gone on to study at KUSM. More than a dozen other graduates have gone on to physician assistant and physical therapy doctoral programs.

Thanks to a new alliance with a new medical school in Wichita, the number of students who go on to complete medical school is expected to grow.

In April, Friends announced a partnership with the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (KansasCOM) that will give its health sciences students the opportunity to continue their professional medical studies with the state's first private, nonprofit osteopathic medical school. Through the alliance, a select number of qualified Friends students will be able to accelerate their career path by beginning their first year of medical studies with KansasCOM during their final year of undergraduate studies at Friends.

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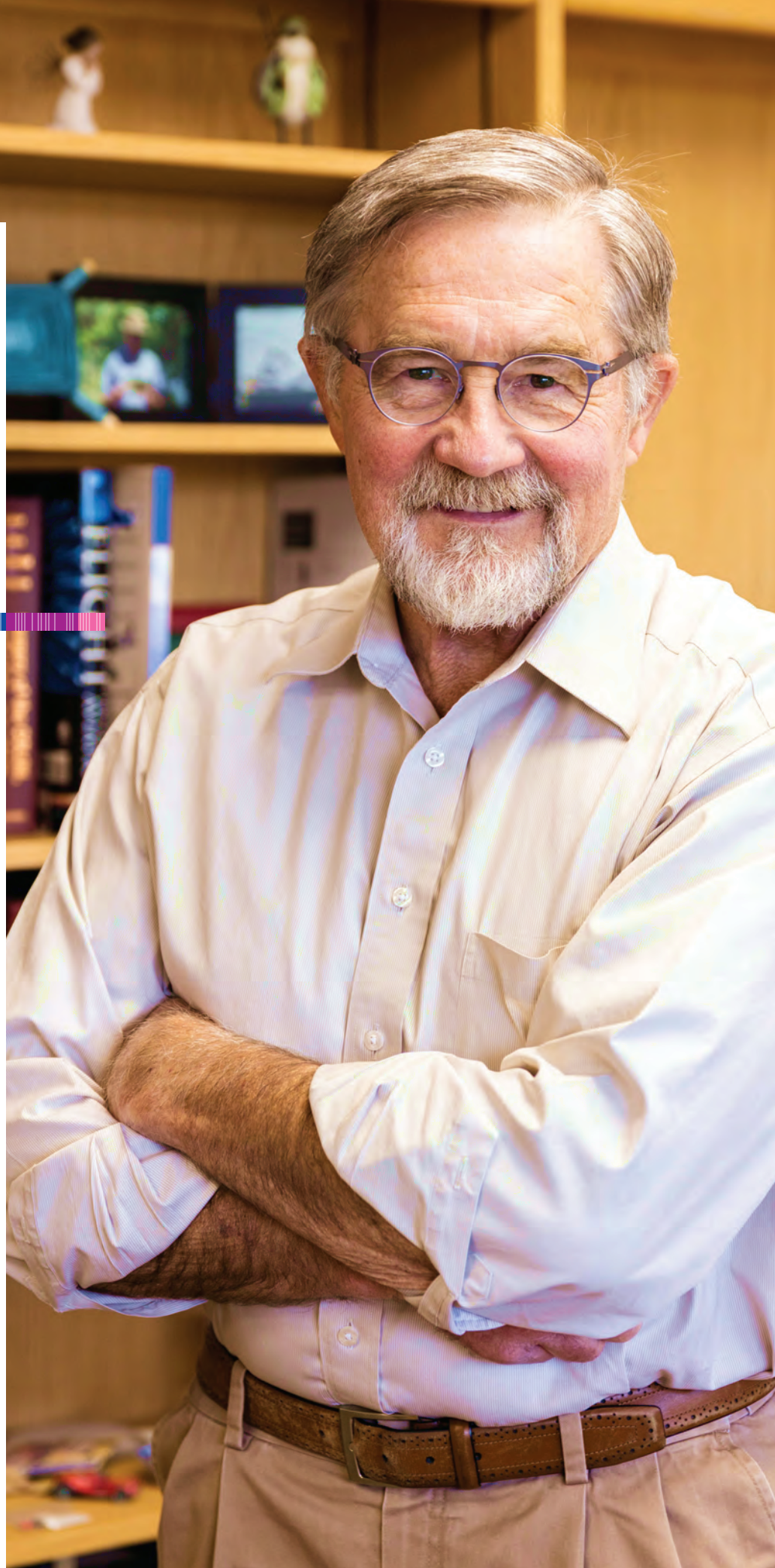
— Dr. Jace Hyder

Hyder has given back to the pre-med program by allowing students to earn shadowing hours at his practice and speaking to students on a few occasions, including when his stepson Joshua Schafer, '19, was a pre-med student at Friends.

While Hyder excelled at his pre-med studies at Friends University, there was one subject — linear algebra — that proved difficult. Apparently thinking that Hyder's years of medical studies would have improved his ability to comprehend linear algebra, the math professor John Chang showed up years later for a medical appointment with Hyder with the textbook in hand.

Chang remained encouraging, as he had been during Hyder's undergraduate years.

"He said, 'Jay-cee — he always called me Jay-cee — you can understand this,'" Hyder recalled.



A man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt with the word "Primitive" in red script, is focused on adjusting a mechanical device. The device is mounted on a black base and features a vertical silver rod with a blue component at the top. A clear plastic tube is connected to the side of the device. The background shows a laboratory setting with a green chalkboard and various equipment.

Primitive

Engineering a New Design at Friends

BY ANNA CAREY

An opportune meeting with Friends University STEM faculty and industry leaders Spirit, Bombardier, Koch Industries and Cessna in 2017 revealed that Wichita was lacking a Mechanical Engineering degree program that produced young engineers of moral character; engineers who would serve the industry with a sense of ethical responsibility. That desire so closely aligned with the Friends University mission, making Friends a strong candidate for a Mechanical Engineering program. According to university president, Dr. Amy Carey, "Mechanical Engineering was one of two programs we did not offer that were most requested by prospective students."

the engineering facilities available to Friends University students. According to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Ken Stoltzfus, "ABET says that we must demonstrate that our space and equipment are adequate for the needs of our program." Which is why engineering faculty have designed two world class laboratories, which Stoltzfus believes "far exceed the standard of adequacy."

The new \$2 Million Mechanical Engineering and Visual Arts Lab will be added onto the existing William Penn Science Building. Only in its fourth year, the Mechanical Engineering department has already outgrown its current facility, unable to comfortably fit the increasing number of students and the

integration of art and engineering as a way to inspire innovation and potential collaboration. With a few design courses as a part of the Mechanical Engineering curriculum, the hope is that students take advantage of both the art and engineering labs.

These exciting developments reflect the high-quality instruction students receive at Friends University and the increasing industry demand for engineering leaders. Dr. Stoltzfus says ABET accreditation will make Friends engineering graduates highly desirable in the job market and the new laboratories will ensure those students have already developed the practical skills necessary to be successful in their careers.

"Mechanical Engineering was one of two programs we did not offer that were most requested by prospective students."

— Dr. Amy Bragg Carey



Two years later, the Mechanical Engineering program launched and saw its first graduating class in spring of 2021. Now, after a few years of exciting growth, the program has been looking for innovative ways to distinguish itself for the future, support the changing demands of the industry and give students a dynamic, hands-on learning experience.

One of those distinguishing identifiers comes with the pursuit of accreditation from the American Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET), projected to be received summer of 2023. The ABET team made a recent visit to the university, a significant sign of progress, to view

larger equipment necessary to conduct relevant, real-world experiments. The addition of two state-of-the-art labs will hold fixed benches for microscopes, testers, wind tunnels and flumes. Flexibility is key to making certain these spaces serve students well into the future. Additionally, a third classroom will make space for Visual Arts students.

Another distinguishing identifier derives from a national shift from STEM to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). In hopes of meeting the needs of a 21st century economy, Friends University sees the





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ZOO SCIENCE

Friends University is one of a select number of universities with a Zoo Science program and the top STEM program at Friends University. The University is in partnership with the Sedgwick County Zoo where students receive hands-on experience with animal exhibits.





CONSERVATION SCIENCE

Conservation Science students take advantage of the partnership between Friends University and the Kansas Wildlife Exhibit.



COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Computer Systems and Information Systems degree program has had a 100 percent placement rate for graduates each year since 2014.

CYBER SECURITY

The INTRUST Bank Cyber Security Laboratory is one of only three of its kind state-of-the-art labs at universities nationwide. The degree program has been ranked 29 by Intelligent.com for Best Online Cyber Security Degree programs.

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Radiologic Technology offers a unique program created from a partnership with Hutchinson Community College.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOMES ANDREW JOHNSON AS NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Friends University is pleased to welcome Andy Johnson as the new Vice President of Enrollment Management where he will also serve on the President's Cabinet. He began his new role in the spring of 2022.

The role of the Enrollment Management office at Friends University is to work closely with student enrollment teams through recruitment, admission processes, retention programs and financial aid awards.

Johnson holds a Master of Divinity from Fresno Pacific University Biblical Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Tabor College. He previously held the positions of Director of Admissions at the University of Arkansas — Fort Smith; Vice President for Admissions at Bethel College; and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Director of Admissions and was an adjunct instructor at Fresno Pacific University.

University News





▲ MICHAEL CERAMELLA

Michael Ceramella is the new Assistant Professor of Finance. He holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a Bachelor of Administration in Finance from Holy Cross College. Ceramella previously served as an attorney at Pepper, Hamilton and Scheetz and Koch Industries, Inc. Most recently, he was an adjunct professor of economics at Hesston College and a business teacher at Wichita South High School.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY WELCOME NEW FACULTY TO CAMPUS

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



◀ DR. BHARGAV KOPPOLU

Dr. Bhargav Koppolu serves as the new Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Koppolu received a Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering from Wichita State University, a Master of Engineering with an Emphasis in Mechanical Engineering from Pittsburg State University and a Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University in India. Prior to joining Friends, Dr. Koppolu served as an engineering instructor and graduate teaching assistant at Wichita State University.

▼ DR. PAMELA MARTIN

Dr. Pamela Martin serves as the new Assistant Professor of Education. She holds a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and a Certification in District Leadership both from Wichita State University, a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mid-America Nazarene University. Dr. Martin has served as a classroom teacher in the private and public-school settings, was an adjunct instructor at Newman University and Head of Academy for K-12 at Central Christian Academy.





▲ WENDY MOHLER-SEIB

Wendy Mohler-Seib is the new Assistant Professor of Theology and Humanities. She holds a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Youth Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Southwestern College and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Religion from the University of Manchester. Prior to coming to Friends University, Mohler-Seib was the Director of Fatih Formation at Southwestern College where she was the Director of the Summit Youth Academy, a Visiting Scholar and an adjunct professor. She also held positions as a Senior Pastor and a Senior Associate Pastor at local United Methodist Churches.



▲ DR. AMANDA SPRUILL

Dr. Amanda Spruill serves as the new Marriage and Family Therapy Wichita Clinical Director. She received a Doctor of Philosophy in Marriage and Family Therapy from Texas Tech University, a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy from Abilene Christian University and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a Minor in Religious Studies from York College. Dr. Spruill previously held roles as the Assistant Professor of Professional Practice and Clinical Director at Oklahoma State University; Assistant Professor, Clinical Director and Clinical Supervisor at Converse College; adjunct faculty member at Abilene Christian University-Online Dallas Campus; Clinical Director at Fernbrook Family Center as well as serving as a marriage and family therapist in private practice.



INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY NEW CROSS COUNTRY COACH

SAM LLOYD-PERKS

Sam Lloyd-Perks serves as the new Cross Country Head Coach and the Assistant Track and Field Coach for the Falcons. Lloyd-Perks received a Master of Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University, a Bachelor of Science in Sport and Social Science at Cardiff Metropolitan University and a Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science and Level 2 Fitness Instructor Certification from Worcester Sixth Form College. As a collegiate athlete he competed at Worcester Sixth Form College, Cardiff Metropolitan University where he was a part of two national cross country championships and moved on to compete at NCAA-II Lincoln Memorial University. He founded Team Homestretch, a coaching business where he coached numerous runners in which seven athletes received All-American honors, numerous state records and six runners to Boston Marathon qualifying times. Coach Lloyd-Perks has also served as the Head Distance Coach at Cumberland Gap High School and at the running store Fleet Feet in Winston Salem, N.C.

FRIENDS GIVE BACK

The R.I.S.E Values (Respect, Inclusion, Service, Excellence) are lived out each day at Friends University. It is through our commitment to caring for each other and our community that our service shines through in many ways.

Interns from the Friends University Kansas City MFT program assisted the Olathe Public Schools licensed mental health professionals to provide free mental health services to the school district's Summer H.E.L.P (Help Each Live Productively) Clinic by providing individual sessions, group sessions, family therapy, parent support groups and staff wellness.

Friends University graduate-level marketing students had the opportunity to work in teams to develop a marketing plan for the Emerald City Chorus, a local non-profit.

Friends University MFT program hosted two free webinars for anyone struggling emotionally with anxiety, trouble sleeping or other trauma-like symptoms after tornados that affected the local Andover, Rose Hill and Wichita communities.

Latino Leadership was part of the Festival del Rio (River Fest) Hispanic-themed events and read stories to children from the community. They also took part in a one-of-a-kind program designed specifically for them and their mentors by the Kansas Leadership Center.



Student athletes helped with several projects around campus before school started.



Friends University hosted a Union Rescue Night at one of the Falcons football games. For every ticket sold, a dollar benefited the Union Rescue Mission, whose mission is to "Represent the love of Jesus while walking alongside people experiencing homelessness, poverty, addictions or other life challenges."



New Friends University students packed 60,000 meals for Numana, the international hunger relief organization, as part of their orientation activities.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY RECEIVES ACBSP ACCREDITATION

Friends faculty were on hand at the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) conference in Washington, D.C. to receive the official certificate of accreditation on behalf of the Friends University Division of Business. Friends University recently received the ACBSP accreditation which is a process that requires candidate programs to demonstrate teaching excellence, exemplary student learning outcomes and a continuous improvement model.



Pictured from l to r: Jordan Kieffer, Sean Cash, Jim Long and Nichole Wynn. (Not pictured Jena Cantwell, Kneeland Brown).

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY INDUCTS FOUR NEW MEMBERS INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Friends University welcomes four new members into its 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame class this year. The new members are Dale Faber, Dexter Davis, Chris Reed and Kaitlyn Keck.



▲ DALE FABER

Dale Faber was a veteran on the basketball sidelines for 18 years. He blends his coaching prowess and unique sense of humor to forever endear himself to everyone he meets. Dale retired from the coaching ranks following the 2020-21 season with 299 career victories, a pair of KCAC regular-season championships and two conference tournament titles.

Dale began coaching at Friends in 2003-04 and guided the Falcons to seven NAIA National Tournament appearances while coaching and developing one NAIA Player of the Year, three KCAC Players of the Year, a pair of Defensive Players of the Year and one Freshman of the Year.

Dale's role at Friends is still ongoing, as he was named the Assistant AD for Development following his retirement. This position allows him to help raise funds for the athletic department and continue his effort of being a positive ambassador for Friends University athletics.



▲ DEXTER DAVIS

Dexter Davis was a standout for the Falcons where he recorded an NAIA-leading 14 sacks in 2012 that stood as a single-season school record until 2019. He started 39 games at defensive end over the course of his career, was a two-time first-team All-KCAC performer, and was named the KCAC Defensive Player of the Year in 2011. Dexter also earned a pair of American Football Coaches Association All-American honors.

In addition to football, Dexter also competed in track & field and won the KCAC championship in the 100m and helped the Falcons take the top conference in the 4 X 100 relay. He qualified for the 2014 NAIA meet in both events and finished in the top 20 nationally in the 100m in Gulf Shores, Ala.



▲ KAITLYN KECK

Kaitlyn Keck was a dominant member of the Friends University track & field squad. She recorded 25 All-KCAC performances and scored over 230 points at the KCAC Championship meets during her four-year career.

She also captured eight conference championships for the Falcons and earned two NAIA All-America nods in helping blaze the trail for what is now eight consecutive KCAC Indoor Track & Field Championships for the women's team.

A three-time KCAC Athlete of the Meet, Kaitlyn scored 41.5 points as a senior during the 2016 KCAC Outdoor meet to help the Falcons win the fifth conference team title of her star-studded career. She was a national qualifier in six different events and held multiple school records when her career ended.

Following her athletic career at Friends, Kaitlyn stayed at Friends University as a member of the coaching staff for a couple of years and helped the Falcon Women's team maintain its elite status in the conference.



◀ CHRIS REED

Chris Reed achieved eight school records during his baseball career at Friends, including the single-season and career record for doubles. He earned All-America recognition as a senior after hitting .440, slugging 18 home runs and driving in 60 runs. His batting average ranked third in the NAIA that season, while his home run total was second and his RBIs were seventh in the nation.

Chris was instrumental in helping the Falcons capture two KCAC championships during his three-year career and describes winning those titles as his favorite moment at Friends. He was a three-time All-KCAC performer and an All-Great Plains regional first-team selection.

Chris' career numbers include a .378 batting average, 25 home runs, 44 doubles, 120 RBIs and 117 runs scored.

SOFTBALL FALCONS' HAVE HISTORIC SEASON

The 2022 season featured plenty of memorable moments for the Falcons, highlighted by capturing their second KCAC tournament championship and recording their first NAIA Opening Round victory since the 2013 campaign.



National Champion and All-American Dulce Delacruz and All-American Bailee Passmore.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S POWERLIFTING HAVE STANDOUT PERFORMANCES AT USAPL NATIONALS

The Friends University men's and women's powerlifting team competed at the USA National Powerlifting Championships earning a sixth-place national finish overall for both teams.

Dulce Delacruz brought home a National Championship and All-American title in the 44kg while Bailee Passmore came in fourth nationally in the 44kg to earn an All-American honor. On the men's side, Tyler Wilson deadlifted 726 pounds in the 110kg to capture a National Championship.

All-American Bailee Passmore, Coach Joe Belden, and National Champion and All-American Dulce Delacruz.



FALCONS USE RECORD POINT TOTAL TO BRING KCAC COMMISSIONER'S CUP BACK TO WICHITA

Friends University Falcons once again captured the KCAC Commissioner's Cup with a record 160 points. This win is the fifth Commissioner's Cup in the past eight years.

In the fall, the Falcons were boosted by runner-up finishes in men's and women's cross country along with second-place showings in men's and women's soccer. The winter season produced KCAC championships in Women's Indoor Track & Field and Competitive Cheer for the Falcons along with a runner-up finish by Men's Indoor Track & Field and a fourth-place showing in the league from Women's Basketball. The spring season then clinched the top spot for the Falcons, with Track & Field once again serving as a major boon to the Falcons' chances. Both the Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Falcons secured a second-place finish at the KCAC Championship meet. Softball then came in third in the KCAC standings.



The Commissioner's Cup is an effort to further recognize the achievements of its student-athletes and member institutions. The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference developed an award for the institution that performs the greatest over the fall, winter, and spring athletic seasons. The KCAC Commissioner's Cup is awarded annually as a symbol of excellence in athletics representing 21 championships. Member institutions can earn points for their finish of each varsity team in those 21 officially recognized conference sports.



SCHUTT WINS INAUGURAL HONORARY ESPY FOR SMALL COLLEGE FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Friends University senior track & field standout Kortney Schutt has been voted as the first-ever Honorary ESPY as the Small College Female Athlete of the Year. The award is presented by ESPN Wichita 92.3. By winning this award, Schutt will receive the same ESPY award that is awarded to the likes of Patrick Mahomes, LeBron James, etc. Selected as both the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Women's South Central Region Indoor and Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year, Schutt enjoyed a dominant stretch of winning three consecutive KCAC Women's Indoor Field Athlete of the Week awards.



SINGING QUAKERS TEXAS TOUR

Friends University's Singing Quakers took to the road with a four-day singing tour in Friendswood, San Antonio and Fort Worth, Texas. The tour culminated back on campus with a Songs of the Spirit home concert finale.

The Singing Quakers presented concerts at Friendswood Friends Church in Friendswood, Texas and Arborlawn United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. They made a stop along the way to sing the National Anthem at the San Antonio Spurs vs. L.A. Lakers NBA game.

KRISTIN CHENOWETH HOSTED MASTER CLASS AT FRIENDS

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth came to Friends University to host a master class that included one-on-one instruction to a select group of students who are pursuing a degree in music theatre.

"We were thrilled to provide this opportunity for our students," said Dr. Nathanael May, Friends University's Fine Arts Division Chair. "Our students were so excited to work directly with Ms. Chenoweth, whose Midwest roots and brilliant career will inspire them for years to come."

A limited number of high school music theatre students were on hand to watch the masterclass and participate in a Friends University sponsored event which provided vocalists and dancers feedback from a panel of university and local experts.





FRIENDS STUDENTS GO TO ITALY FOR THE INAUGURAL SEASON OF OPERA SEME

After years in the making and several delays due to Covid-19, Friends University students headed off to Italy. Opera Seme is a collaboration between Friends University, Chapman University and Spazio Seme, an international Artistic Center located in Arezzo, Tuscany. Nine Friends students and alumni participated in the inaugural training program focused on developing the skills of undergraduate voice students with a focus on Italian language and culture, lyric diction, vocal technique, and stage deportment.

The program featured four full weeks of coaching, masterclasses, and language lessons mixed with day trips and cultural experiences. It also included full productions of W.A. Mozart's *La finta giardiniera* and Umberto Giordano's *Mese Mariano*, along with

a Broadway and Jazz Concert at Arezzo's Fortezza Medicea with the Orchestra Instabile di Arezzo.

Arezzo is the hometown of Guido d'Arezzo, the father of modern Western musical notation, and is just over an hour outside of Florence, the birthplace of opera. Located in southeastern Tuscany, the city boasts a wide range of sites to see including fortresses, monuments, churches, museums, and ancient Roman archeological ruins.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY PRESENTED THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING DRAMA, RABBIT HOLE



Friends University presented the drama, *Rabbit Hole*. The David Lindsay-Abaire's drama is filled with distinctive wit and grace. The story charts Becca and Howie Corbett's bittersweet search for comfort after tragedy. It's a complex narrative delving into navigating grief and family relations when things don't go according to plan.

The play was directed by Sheldon Mba, assistant professor of music theatre & dance. "We were given an in-depth look into the private life of a broken home — a perspective we rarely see. It was uncomfortable but reassuring knowing that no family is perfect and that the grieving process isn't linear," said Mba. "I'm incredibly proud of this cast and crew of *Rabbit Hole*."



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FRIENDSTALKS FEATURES REAGAN CANNON

The Friends Talk lecture series hosted leader, speaker, coach and founder of RC Consulting, Reagan Cannon. She highlighted Five Ways to Hire, Engage and Promote Women in the Workplace to Win the War for Talent. As part of the Friends Talk series, Friends University features a diverse array of local and national experts in philosophy, religion and spirituality to teach our community something new and substantial about the way we see the world. Friends Talks are held twice a year with free admission and are open to the public. For additional information or to be a part of the next Friends Talk series, follow friends.edu/talks.

MEET THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

The President's Advisory Council is a group of community and business leaders and executives that meet with Dr. Carey twice a year to provide insight, feedback and connections for Friends University. Friends University administration, faculty and staff work to connect with employers, community leaders and services that will make solid, long-lasting connections as an integral part of a higher education learning practice to enhance the student experience and help prepare them for what comes next.



Front row (l to r): Dyan Thornton ('88) – IMA, Inc., Vice President; Ebony Clemons-Ajibolade ('06) – Evergy, Sr. Economic Development Manager; Dr. Amy Bragg Carey - Friends University President; Brooke Bennett Aziere ('00)- Foulston Siefkin LLP; Partner; Fred Berry – Berry Companies, Inc., Chairman Emeritus; Vernon Dolezal, Friends University, CFO, Vice President of Finance; Angie Elliott ('98) – Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, Vice President.

Back Row (l to r): Sean Cash – Friends University, Assistant Chair, Division of Business, Assistant Professor of Marketing; Ben Hutton ('08) – Hutton Construction, President; Teketa Harding ('02)- Capital Federal Savings Bank, Community Development Manager; Damon Young ('13) – Kansas Leadership Center, Chief Business Officer; Javier Villegas- Family First Insurance Alliance, President; Paul Attwater- Morgan Stanley and Company, Senior Vice President.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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Friends University was awarded the Making the Difference Award by the **Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation (KHEDF)**

U.S. News and World Report 2022-2023 U.S. News Best Colleges Rankings:

- Friends University is ranked #14 for Campus Ethnic Diversity
- Friends University is ranked #24 for our percent of classes under 20 students
- Friends University is ranked #40 for student-to-faculty ratio of 12-1

Sigma Delta Pi — National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society:

- Outstanding Chapter for 2021-2022 from 582 chapters
- Outstanding Chapter for five chapters that have won the honor for three consecutive years
- Honor for Chapter Advisor

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MBA Central analyzed the Best Kansas Online MBA Degree Programs and ranked Friends University at number one.

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Donor Spotlight

VEDA AND KEVIN JOURNAGAN



Veda and Kevin Journagan were kind enough to share with us about themselves and their time at Friends University. This lovely couple met at Friends University and started dating in 1974 on a Singing Quakers tour at the World's Fair in Spokane, Washington. The couple later married and have been married for 47 years. They are the proud parents to Rebecca and Angelyn ('04 Friends alumna) and grandparents of five grandchildren.

Tell us a bit about yourself.

Family, career, hobbies?

Veda: I taught junior and senior high vocal music upon graduation from Friends. After our daughters were born, I worked for 29 years as an accompanist for high school choral departments and served as a staff pianist for a large church in Wichita for 10 years. After we moved to Topeka, Kansas, I continued as an accompanist and had an active studio of private piano and voice students for 24 years until I fully retired in May of this year.

Kevin: I have worked in feed sales, as a G.M. of an Ag Cooperative, but I have worked primarily in the financial field as an Ag Lender. Currently I am a partner in Credit Review Group LLC. Veda and I recently began playing pickleball. We enjoy being active and spending time in Colorado and being with our grandchildren.

When did you attend Friends and what was your major?

Veda: I graduated in 1974 with a degree in music education.

Kevin: I graduated in 1977 with a degree in agricultural business.

What are your favorite memories from your time at Friends?

Veda: My favorite memories of Friends are the Singing Quaker tours like the special tour of Washington, D.C. to sing for the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the grounds of the White House, singing at a Christmas concert in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capital Building and at the World's Fair which is when Kevin and I started dating.

Kevin: My memories of Friends include the years I was in the Singing Quakers and giving Dr. Riney a hard time! Whenever Dr. Riney needed more volume on low notes from the bass, he would just point to us and give us that smile! I also played a lot of ping pong!

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

Veda: Kevin and I paid our way through college, so scholarship funds were crucial in helping us afford to attend Friends University. We have been delighted

to support the annual scholarship fundraiser so other students can experience the rich heritage of Friends University. Continuing the legacy of Friends is rewarding because of all that Friends has meant to us as students and later as parents of a student, and now as a former teacher of students who are thriving at Friends.

Kevin: I give back because of Friends' integrity as a Christian university and because I believe those values will build strong young leaders who will shape future generations. It has also been a privilege to serve and provide input to improve the growth of the university as a former member of the Board of Trustees.

Any words of wisdom for future alumni?

Veda: Friends is not just a place to get your degree. It is truly a caring environment where students are mentored and nurtured both educationally and in spiritual growth.

Kevin: Friends is like a big family where they know you as an individual and really care about you plus Friends has a track record of excellence in real-world achievements nationally and internationally.

Alumni Spotlight



MICHELLE TIGARD
KAMMERER

What year did you graduate?

I graduated from Friends University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing (Minor in Music).

Why did you choose Friends?

I chose Friends because, coming from a small town, I saw the benefit of going to a smaller school. I felt it would give me a more focused relationship with my professors and my educational goals. I also received scholarships in academics, music and athletics.

Who influenced you the most during your time at Friends?

Dr. Cecil Riney was a big influence to me at Friends. I was part of the Singing Quakers as a Freshman and he believed in me and my dreams in music before I was even on campus. My professor (and later my advisor), Betsy Ross, helped develop an educational plan that fit my needs and my future dreams. My degree did not exist, at the time, so we put our heads together, worked with University leadership and created a new path for a degree in business, marketing and music.

Share your best college memory while at Friends.

The Symphony of Spring shows at Friends were my favorite. They were a review of Broadway shows starring the entire Fine Arts Department which included the Singing Quakers, band, dance department, theater department, etc. It was so fun!

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

Take advantage of being at a smaller school. Get involved. Lead. Get to know and speak with your professors. You will get out of it, what you put in.

Describe Friends in three words.

Opportunity, peaceful, musical

What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

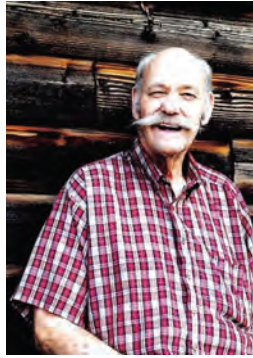
I have been blessed to have received many awards and accolades throughout my career, for which I am humbled and honored to receive. But nothing beats watching when music touches a life. Music can timestamp our lives, make us feel, change our minds and our hearts. Watching someone sing, dance or enjoy a song that I had even the smallest part in, is my greatest accomplishment.

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

Friends University is a community unto itself. Leading many initiatives and groups at Friends, the passion for music was always what led us most. It's the same in what I do every day. I am so lucky to work in the music industry surrounded by people who share the same passion and drive for music.

Michelle Tigard Kammerer works as the Head of Country Music at Amazon Music.

Fall 2022 Class Notes



RALPH E. ANTHONY, '99, died Jan. 14. He worked at the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department, was a manager at Red Barn Drive In, was a district manager for an insurance agency, and later retired from Southeast Kansas Independent Living where he was an advocate for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. After his retirement he was elected to the Caney City Commission.

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Aug. 1, 2022 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Carlameta "Carla" Anderson, '94, died March 17. She worked for Western Electric (AT&T) for 23 years, taught management classes at Maple Woods and Longview College and opened Carla's Café and Catering.

Joycina "Joyce" Day Baker, '50, died June 5. She and her husband established Baker's Lucky 7 Supermarket in Friendswood, Texas and authored the book, "Friendswood: A settlement of Friendly Folks."

Stephen S. Barcus, '72, died April 13, 2020.

Dustin E. Barnes, '00, died March 22. He worked for Farrar Corporation, was a member of the Milton United Methodist Church and the Christian Motorcycle Fellowship.

Lilly "Marie" Bayha, '49, died April 10. She was an active part of operating the family farm and ranch and served on the Fowler School Board.

Dawn Bonebrake, '08, died May 28. She spent many years as an admissions director in several higher education settings.

Doris E. (Grover) Bonham, '69, died June 8. She was an elementary teacher and primary grade reading specialist and was active in the Midwest City, Okla. Azalea Flower Club.

Jeannine Bryan, '60, died June 17. She taught science and home economics classes and was involved in several quilters organizations.

Richard "Dick" L. Busby, '69, died June 12, 2020.

He was a music educator for many years in addition to serving in music and youth ministry.

Matthew Dean Calhoon, '10, died March 27. He enjoyed coaching wrestling especially his sons and loved his job as an underwriting supervisor for Kansas Mutual Insurance.

Larry G. Chaney, '52, died Feb. 21. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at the Social Security Administration as a District Manager.

Anthony "Tony" M. Colaluca, '00, died March 28. He was a perfusionist for over 30 years and retired as a clinical manager for Healthcare Services Group, Inc.

Sana Louette Conley, '97, died Feb. 4. She worked as a home health and hospice nurse until her retirement.

David A. Cooper, '91, died, April 10. He served in the U.S. Navy, worked for General Motors, John Deere, Cessna Aircraft and Snapper for 18 years until his retirement.

Jamie B. Coulter died June 24. He was the Chairman and CEO of Coulter Enterprises, Chief Executive Officer of Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon, a member of the Pizza Hut Hall of Fame and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Friends University.

Marla A. Cunningham, '87, died June 15. She worked for Wichita Public Schools and Green Acres Health Food store.

Marilyn Davis, '64, died May 23. She taught junior high English and went on to be an adoption case worker at Union County Job and Family Services and Union County Probate and Juvenile Court.

Paul L. Donham, '64, died May 3. He played semi pro baseball, was inducted into the Kansas Baseball Hall of Fame and became a real estate agent for JP Weigand.

Rev. Richie L. Driver, '75, died Feb. 6. He was a retired educator from Livingston School System after 35 years and served as a minister with the United Pentecostal Church International for more than 40 years.

Aaron Marc Drybread, '07, died Feb. 7. He served in the U.S. Navy, taught at Wichita State University and was passionate about everything he did especially music.

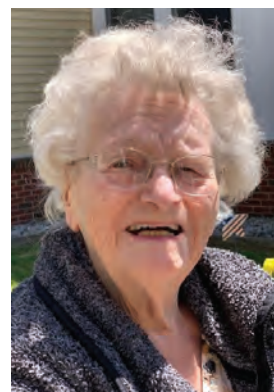


GAIL FINNEY, '97, died Aug. 20. She was a Kansas Democratic State Representative where she represented District 84 in Wichita in the Kansas Statehouse for 13 years.

Mary C. Suther Gerstner, '95, died Jan. 25. She was a musician, a seamstress and a public servant to the State of Kansas including the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Bob Gilpin, '64, died April 16. He taught chemistry and physics at Pratt High School and Pratt Community College, was a part-time pastor for 40 years and opened a business for hydro testing of oxygen cylinders with his sons.

CLAIRE M. GEHL, '76, died June 7. She worked at Raytheon for 20 years, owned The Cookie Cottage and turned her sewing talents into Bag Crafters where she made tote bags of all sizes.



Catherine Granell, '96, died April 9. She was a math teacher for Wichita Public Schools, loved to sing and spend time with her animals.

Peggy (Robbins) Gregory, '73, died Feb. 3. She was a retired middle school educator.

Janeva Kathleen Doornbos Grist, '50, died May 27. She was an accomplished vocalist who served many churches by singing, directing choirs and leading Bible studies.

Rita Joyce Gulick, '66, died May 12. She was an elementary and middle school teacher and an active member of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Ramona L. Pearson Hampton, '49, died March 4. She played the piano and organ for various organizations and was a part of Daughters of the Nile.

Carolyn D. Harrington, '96, died March 14. She was an elementary and middle school teacher and reading specialist and was active in her church.

John B. Head, Jr., '99, died March 13, 2017. He worked at Bombardier Learjet for 33 years, was a real estate agent and a 32nd Degree Master Mason.

Robert "Bob" Glenn Hull, '57, died Jan. 20. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked at the National Cooperative Refinery Association for 34 years.



JAY HAYS, '57, died April 27. He served in the U.S. Army, worked at Boeing Aircraft and Owens Automotive Supply until he took over his father's farm in Oklahoma. Jay was active in his church serving as a Sunday school teacher and on the church board.

Edward K. Jaax, '60, died Feb. 20. He served with the 39th Infantry in Nuremberg, Germany, took over the family's farming business and served on the Afton Township Board for over 40 years.

John G. Jackson, '96, died May 26. He served in the U.S. Army, worked in concrete construction and co-owned Jackson Construction.

Gloria M. Kerr, '93, died April 23. She retired from the Day and Zimmerman Company at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant after 33 years of service.

Nadyne C. Kinser, '53, died April 16. She worked in food service at Security High School, and was the Director of Food Service at Friends Bible College and several Friends camps.



Nabor E. Leal, '03, died June 4. He had an entrepreneurial spirit and used his talents to help others grow their businesses.

Gary Scott Loveland, '09, died July 1. He spent most of his career in aviation and worked at Textron Aviation.

Robin W. Lowery, '91, died July 14. He worked at Good Samaritan Society Valley Vista Nursing Home, Three Rivers Home Health, Lake Pend Oreille School District and ran his photography business MARAMAJ Photography.

Donella W. Lowery, '50, died Feb. 24. She was a teacher and principal and served on the board of the Georgia Elementary School Principals Association.

DAVID M. KAHMANN, '96, died June 26. He owned Kahmann Construction, LLC and was involved in his local community through coaching, construction, friendships and family.

JoAnne Martin, '55, died March 22. She was a home economics teacher and 4-H Agent for the Kenai Peninsula for 25 years.

Cheryl McCullough, '11, died April 27, 2020. She was a paraprofessional and loved seeing her students flourish.



ROVILLA MCCLELLAN RITCHEY LORIMOR, '10, died Feb. 21. She loved serving the Lord and was a pastor at New Dimensions Church along with authoring the book titled "Eliminating Fear in Your Life Through God's Word."

Terrance "Terry" J. McGeeney, '90, died April 30. He was a substance abuse counselor and pastoral care counselor for Union Pacific Railroad, St. Joseph Hospital, and SonRise Church.

Kerry W. McKelvy, '96, died May 3, 2015.

Wilma E. McLean, '46, died June 30. She was an English teacher and head librarian at North High School and later wrote a book of family stories after she retired.

Darrell K. Merriman, '58, died July 14. He was an elementary teacher as well as a high school English teacher before becoming a junior high and high school administrator.

Faith Ellen (Shugart) Mitchell, '65, died Jan. 10. She was a teacher and worked at Lockheed-Martin for more than 25 years where she worked as a senior administrative support for space exploration.

Beverly I. (Brown) Murphy, '78, died Feb. 1. She worked for the Federal government for 15 years, was a teacher's aide, home health caregiver, a seamstress and had a home income tax preparation business.



MARGARET S. (MASON) MAULIN, '87, died June 14. She was a homemaker and worked in various positions such as a waitress, veterinarian assistant, scrub nurse and Dillard's associate. Margaret also volunteered at her church and at the homeless shelter.



JUDITH K. MCGHEE, '73, died June 23. She had a 40-year career in teaching at both the elementary and collegiate level along with being a Girl Scout leader and Master Gardener.

Beverly C. Parker, '88, died Jan. 17. She enjoyed mixing her love of God and performing by using puppet shows as a form of ministry at the First Christian Church in Clearwater.

Mary B. Mardock Pearson, '51, died March 1. She worked as a paraprofessional, for the Boulder Daily Camera, Rocky Mountain News, Neodata Services, Inc., and did bookkeeping and accounting for the Western Auto Store.

Gerald "Jerry" W. Prilliman, '57, died Jan. 28. He worked at University Hospital and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, was a fan of basketball and a gardener.

Donald "Don" E. Rice, '73, died July 9. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a teacher and owned the Howard Meat Locker and worked for the Howard Police Department.

Donald L. Roberts, '61, died March 30. He was a talented musician and was the Director of the Music Library at Northwestern University.

Roena A. Robinson, '97, died Dec. 12, 2018.

Donna Roembach, '44, died May 7. She was a homemaker and went on to work at KU Medical Center as an administrative assistant for nearly 15 years.

Matthew Lee Rogers, '99, died March 16. He was a clubhouse manager for the Wichita Wranglers and was a teacher, assistant principal, principal and the Superintendent at USD 380 Vermillion Schools.

LaVerne Estella Dewees Rosenberger, '54, died Feb. 26. She was a teacher, worked at the ASCS office, City Floral, Greensburg State Bank, Hayse Greenhouse, owned Butterfly Boutique and gave piano lessons.

Lesley L. Sanders, '99, died Jan. 14. She had an eye for beauty and loved fashion and interior design.

C. Gene Schaeffer, '01, died Feb. 9. He was a program manager at Beech Aircraft for many years.

Charles Shahan, '96, died June 7. He owned several businesses including the Temple Theatre/Yates Center Drive-In, Northside Plumbing and Electric and retired from Wolf Creek as a Master Health Physics Technician.

Darlene A. Smith, '98, died April 23. She was a successful hairstylist and an instructor and librarian at Vatterott College.

David Dean Smith, '65, died April 17. He managed food service for hospitals in several states before farming, truck driving and owning a restaurant called Dave's Restaurant in Larned, Kan.

Joan C. Smith, '58, died March 12. She worked as a secretary at Wichita Public Schools and was a receptionist at Culbertson-Smith Mortuary.

O. Jean Stucky, '62, died Jan. 21. She was a nurse for many years at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital.

Barbara Childs Tatum, '58, died March 28.

Richard E. Thiessen, '62, died April 10. He was a mathematics professor at Oral Roberts University and Fresno Pacific University where he also served as the Director of the Graduate Math/Science Education Program.

Debbie Jean Thomas, '08, died Feb. 2. She worked as the Director of Quality and Risk Management at the Robert J. Dole Memorial V.A. Hospital, and at her own nursing consulting business.

Robert F. Thomas, '70, died Feb. 24. He was a real estate agent, a retired farmer and worked as a compliance crop claims representative for Great American Insurance Company.

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Sandra "Kay" Tweet, '63, died April 6, 2021 and **Larry Tweet, '96**, died May 11. Kay was a substitute teacher for Wichita Public Schools and known as the Valley Center Kindergarten Apron Lady. Larry served in the U.S. Army and retired from Learjet with his 40-year pin. Together they spent their lives in ministry and pastoring at the Calvary Temple Assembly of God for over 45 years.

Robyn DeNe' Waller, '12,

died Feb. 6. She worked for numerous years in management roles in operations and human resources.

Russell D. Weldon, '93,

died April 12. He retired as an accountant and enjoyed spending time with his family, church and friends.

Susan A. Whitaker, '09,

died May 4. She worked in human resources for Valeo Behavioral Health for 32 years.

Charles T. Whitney, '72,

died April 10. He was a design engineer at Cessna and shared Wichita's history with historic city trolley tours, porch talks of historic homes and acting as a docent at the Wichita Historical Museum.

Jean E. Wikle, '74,

died May 22. She sold her professional accounting business, owned two farms, worked at Fourth National Bank and taught piano lessons.

William Willhite, '91,

died May 19. He served in the U.S. Navy and taught school in California.

PAUL MEISSNER,

'77, retired from Credit Union of America after 31 years of service.



CLASS NOTES

1970s

Marty Miller, '73/'90, announced his retirement from Botanica.



DR. ANDRE' J. THOMAS, '73, was appointed as the London Symphony Orchestra Associate Artist for a three-year period.

1980s

Dr. Russell Miller, '83, retired from Andover Public Schools after nearly 35 years as a school and district-level administrator.

1990s

Curtis L. Banks, '95, is the founder of Money Smart Education LLC and recently republished his book, "The Book on Money Management."

Laura Bergquist, '90, was featured in the online publication of Word & Way highlighting her role as the Music Director and Conductor of the Broadway performance of "Allegiance: A New Musical."

Percy Kirk, '93, senior vice president and region manager for Cox Communications' Southwest Region, was featured in the Greater Phoenix In Business digital publication, for his work to ensure that inclusion, diversity and equity remain the core of the company's values.

Tracy Resseguie, '90, was named a 2023 GRAMMY Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist.

Dallas Woolf '93, was appointed the principal at Russel High School.

2000s

Katrina Breedon '02/'19, co-founder of R.O.S.E. (Reach Out to Someone Else), was named a Mental Health Hero by Stop Suicide ICT.

BETHANY KENDRICK, '06, was named Director of Communications and External Relations at Missouri Southern State University.



Megan M. Harper, '08, was promoted to Director of Marketing and Sales for Twin Valley and SKT along with an appointment to the Flagship Kansas Tech Board of Directors.

Jill Leiker, '08, retired from Johnson County Parks and Recreation District (JCPRD) after 23 years.

Scott Morris, '09, launched the new computer application called MyShift.

Nicholas Newby, '02, was named to the 101 Top Presidents in Aerospace Space by Best Startup U.S.

Dan Rouen, '00, was named to the 101 Top Presidents in the Media and Entertainment Space list by Best Startup U.S.

DR. MATTHEW "MATT" SKILLEN, '03, was appointed the Dean of Faculty and Associate Provost for Student Learning at Elizabethtown College.



CHAPLIN MAJOR JAMES TAYLOR, '03, was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force. He is currently stationed at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. Taylor's wife Kasondra is a '08 Friends University alumna.

Dr. Sohna Shook, '07, received her Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Psychology from Walden University.

Jonathan Wood, '04, was named to the 2022 Tall Grass Film Festival Board of Directors.

Josh Gaines, '13, received his Master's in Executive Public Administration from the University of South Dakota.



BRIAN ISHAM, '19, was promoted to Assistant Vice President-Culture at Credit Union of America.

2010s

Julian Bruner '14, was appointed the Southern Territory Special Representative for International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM).

Kelli Fast, '15, accepted a new teaching position at Trinity Academy's K-8 school.



BLAIR MILLER, '14, was named the Community Relations Director for Chisholm Place.

Lisa Paine, '16, was featured in *World*, an online publication, for the work her non-profit organization, Juniper Arts is doing to provide fine arts education for youth in the local foster care and juvenile justice systems.

Bryce Pfister, '11, was appointed to the role of Vice President and General Manager of Collins Bus, a subsidiary of REV Group, Inc.



JESSIE GORGES-SAWHILL, '11, has a new role as the Associate Director of Philanthropy with the United Way of the Plains.

Amy Sheldon, '17, won the Outstanding Director and Outstanding Production categories at the Jester Awards for Trinity Academy's production of *Oklahoma*.

Matt Stuckey, '15, has a new role in the Admissions Department of Kansas City University's new College of Dental Medicine.

Allison Wall, '13, released two anthologies titled "Well, This is Tense" and "Crawling Back."

Bridgette West-Williams, '15, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2022 40 Under 40 award honoree.

Daniel White, '15, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2022 40 Under 40 award honoree.

Damon Young, '13, was appointed the Chief Business Officer at the Kansas Leadership Center.

2020s

Alexandra Stamps McDowell, '20, was named a Horizon Award winner through the Kansas Teachers of the Year program.

Ben Ralston, '22, released his new song titled "Just Two Kids."

Vandana Trivedi, '21, accepted a new position as a recruiter at Credit Union of America.

Kara Whitfield, '21, accepted a new teaching position at the Trinity Academy K-8 school.

FACULTY/STAFF/BOARD NOTES

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science, director of the Honors Program and Model U.N. sponsor, was interviewed on ABC News, KAKE News and several other publications as a political expert.

DR. STAN HARSTINE, professor of religion, released a new book, "Reading John through Johannine Lenses." Dr. Harstine also presented an address at the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion at Belmont University along with presenting his paper and moderating a session for Johannine Literature at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Salzburg, Austria.



MIKE JADERSTON serves as the Director of Campus Ministries at Friends University. He holds a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Leadership from Friends University and a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries with an Emphasis in Youth Ministry from Sterling College. He previously served as the Director of Students at Eastminster Church.



Dr. Jeremy Gallegos, professor of philosophy and ethics, general education assessment coordinator and division chair of theology and humanities, presented "Hume's Descriptive Psychology and the Artificial Virtues as Applied to the Philosophical Practice of Consulting" at the American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA).

Adjunct professor **Lakshmi Kambampati** was selected by the U.S. Department of State to serve as an English Language Fellow for the 2022-2023 academic year in Tanzania.

Aaron Krone, associate professor of art, received special recognition in Light, Space and Time Art Gallery Cityscapes International Online Competition for his painting titled "Night Watch." Krone also had artwork accepted into several international galleries in London, England; Barcelona, Spain; Prague, Czech Republic; Geneva, Switzerland; Thessaloniki, Greece; and Bogota, Colombia.



DANITA MASON serves as the Senior Director of Human Resources at Friends University. She holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of General Studies in Business and Sociology, both from Texas Women's University. She previously held the position of Human Resources Manager, Payroll, Benefits and Compliance at Envision, Inc.



NATHANAEL MAY serves as the Tim and Gail Buchanan Endowed Chair for the Fine Arts Division at Friends University. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Performance and Literature from the University of Kansas, a Master of Music in Performance and Literature from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, N.Y., and a Bachelor of Music in Performance from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He previously served as the Chairperson for the School of Fine Arts at Missouri Western State University and is the founder of soundSCAPE Composition and Performance Exchange.

Dr. Teresa Miller, associate professor of engineering and program director of mechanical engineering, was selected as a Women Who Lead in Education by the Wichita Business Journal.

Assistant Professor of Spanish, **Teresa Molina**, was the emcee for the K-State Research and Extension - Sedgwick County's event to honor and conserve Hispanic heritage.

Dr. Rob Ramseyer, associate vice president of athletics, was named a Research Fellow with the 3D Institute in a premier role where he will work with the athletic department and the 3D Institute to research 3D concepts.

Dr. Jerry Smartt, professor of Spanish and director of foreign languages, accepted three Sigma Delta Pi Chapter of the National Collegiate Hispanic Society awards on behalf of Friends University in Puerto Rico.

Alyssa Whalen, fine arts event coordinator, repelled off the Ambassador Hotel to bring awareness to the work that ICT S.O.S. is doing to help human trafficking.

KEN SPURGEON, assistant professor of history, released his film "The Contested Plains" with a showing at the Orpheum. Spurgeon was also featured on KOAM News to discuss the research for his Civil War book.



SANYA WILES serves as the Senior Director of Development for University Advancement at Friends University. As an alumna, she holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She was previously the Director of Advising and Student Services at Wichita State University.



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