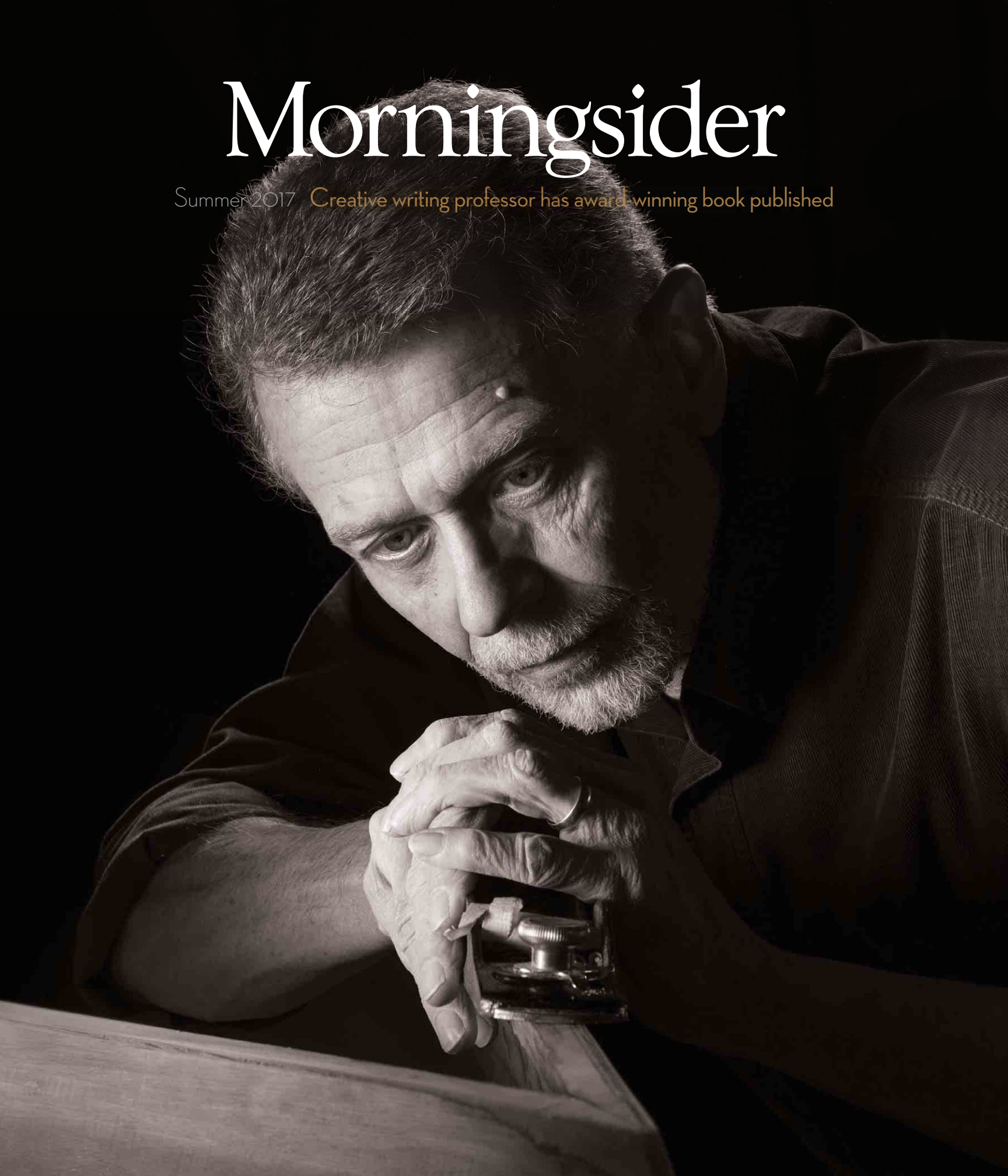


# Morningsider

Summer 2017 Creative writing professor has award-winning book published



My Morningside College education had a profound impact on my career. I graduated with a double major in economics and business with an emphasis in livestock marketing. But equally important in shaping my career was the broad liberal arts education that Morningside provided along with my major fields of study. I was exposed to literature, history, science and math - all taught by a very engaging and committed faculty.

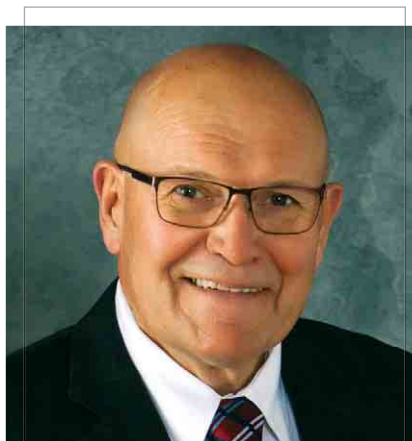
Today, Morningside continues to give students an edge in the job market. Morningside's general education curriculum focuses on learning outcomes that give students the skills employers value. Morningside graduates are able to think critically, communicate effectively, use ethical reasoning, synthesize information from a variety of perspectives, and use quantitative reasoning to solve problems.

What excites me about Morningside's future are new areas of study that greatly expand career opportunities for students. For example, majors in applied agricultural and food studies, social and behavioral sciences, and not-for-profit management are giving students wide-ranging career options in such diverse areas as food safety, law enforcement and social services.

Morningside truly prepared me for life. And it's very gratifying to see that the college continues to prepare students to lead rewarding and meaningful lives. As a life-long resident of the Siouxland area, I am proud that a large number of Morningside graduates remain in our quad-state area to live and work, actively contributing to the economic, social and cultural vitality of this great area.

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*Craig Struve is chair of the Morningside College Board of Directors.*



## **Craig Struve**

is CEO of SoilView, LLC in Paullina, Iowa. He has been involved in production agricultural businesses for over 40 years. Struve is a director-at-large for the Agribusiness Association of Iowa and serves on the Iowa Nutrient Research & Education Council Board of Directors. He is a 1970 graduate of Morningside College.

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ON THE COVER

Dr. Stephen Coyne, professor of English, builds a 13-foot kayak at his home in Sioux City. He has always felt a strong connection to the water, a major theme in his new novel. "The boating that I do takes me back to my roots and my childhood in my hometown and that environment that really is a part of the book." See the story on page 10. Photo by Doug Burg, Burg Studios.

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about the college.



Recent graduate Mallory Sea receives a Fulbright award.



Suzanna Gonzalez becomes Morningside's first-ever NAIA All-America swimmer.



Dr. Stephen Coyne, who teaches creative writing, has an award-winning novel published.

## NOTABLE

### **Morningside named a top school for scholarships**

The website "Student Loan Report" named Morningside College as one of the top 250 private U.S. colleges that award the most scholarship money to students. During the 2015-2016 academic year, Morningside awarded more than \$18 million in scholarships and grants to its undergraduate students.

### **College supports Second Year Experience**

Last year, the college piloted a Second Year Experience to help undergraduate students make connections at the college, explore careers and discover their life purpose or vocation. Morningside received a grant to expand the program to five departments, and the college may eventually expand the program to the entire campus.

### **Morningside to compete in Esports**

This fall Morningside will begin intercollegiate competition in Esports, playing "League of Legends" and "Overwatch." The games require skill, intellect and strategy, said Dean Stevens, professor of mathematical sciences and director of Esports at Morningside. "Honestly, it's like a real time chess match," he said.



Western Iowa Tech President Terry Murrell (left) and Morningside President John Reynders sign an agreement that makes it easier for community college students to transfer to Morningside and earn a bachelor's degree.

## Morningside launches program for community college students

Morningside launched a program this spring that creates a four-year plan for students to earn an associate's degree from Western Iowa Tech Community College and then a bachelor's degree from Morningside.

Morningside College Pathways is for students who intend to transfer to Morningside to earn a bachelor's degree in business and accounting, education or social and behavioral sciences.

Community college students admitted into the program also will receive a financial plan and financial aid award from Morningside.

They will be assigned a Morningside academic adviser, gain access to Morningside's advising and career planning tools, and be invited to participate in a variety of activities and events at Morningside, including being able to join performing arts groups.

As the time to transfer approaches, students will have the opportunity to register for Morningside classes and participate in the on-campus housing selection process at the same time as their rising-junior classmates at Morningside.

# MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE STARTS NEW WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



This spring Morningside selected 22 students for the inaugural class of the Connie Wimer Women's Leadership Program. The semester-long program is designed to help undergraduate women accelerate their professional growth. It is named in honor of Connie Wimer 1954, an Iowa business leader and member of the Morningside College Board of Directors who has championed leadership development and advancement for women throughout her career.

## Playwright visits campus as scholar-in-residence

Lorenzo Sandoval 1973, a playwright, actor and community leader, was in residence on campus this spring as part of the Dimmitt Fellows program. He taught classes, directed plays he has written and engaged with the community. Sandoval is artistic director of the Iowa Shakespeare Experience in Des Moines, Iowa. He teaches college courses in the area and has served statewide agencies dedicated to human rights, arts and humanities, and supporting Latino citizens.



Courtesy of ISU Extension and Outreach

## Honorary Doctorates

**Debra Humphreys**, vice president of strategic engagement at the Lumina Foundation in Indianapolis, Ind., was honored for her work at the Association of American Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C., and the Lumina Foundation.

**Dr. Richard T. Owens**, professor emeritus of education at Morningside College, was recognized for his many years of service and leadership in the education profession and his dedication to meeting the needs of special education students.

**Thomas J. Rosen 1970**, president and chief executive officer of Rosen's Diversified, Inc., in Fairmont, Minn., was honored for his 16 years of service on the Morningside College Board of Directors and his generous financial support of the college.

# RECENT GRAD AWARDED FULBRIGHT

By Jenny Welp Thomas

Mallory Sea 2016 recently received a Fulbright scholarship from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.



Mallory Sea free dives with jellyfish in the Red Sea.

Sea is one of about 2,000 U.S. citizens who will study, conduct research or teach abroad for the 2017-2018 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

In early 2018, she will begin work on a master's degree at the

University of Auckland's Institute of Marine Science in New Zealand. She will conduct research in the Hauraki Gulf, where the institute is working on a shellfish restoration project. She will study how shellfish are improving the ecosystem.

"The entire Morningside College community is overjoyed and immensely proud that Mallory has been selected to participate in the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government," said Morningside President John Reynders. "She is very deserving of this honor and joins the select group of Morningside graduates who have received a Fulbright award in the past."

Generally, about 10 percent of applicants are awarded a Fulbright scholarship, but only the very best students even apply, said Dr. Gail Ament, professor of Spanish and Morningside's Fulbright program

adviser.

"I was just reading some statistics about the Fulbright - how many Nobel Prize winners, heads of state, Pulitzer Prize winners were Fulbrighters," Ament said. "They are leaders in every walk of life."

Just a few years ago, Sea had no idea what she wanted to do for a career. Early in her sophomore year, she expressed frustration to one of her professors. Dr. Brian McFarland, associate professor chemistry, overheard the conversation, called her into his office, and invited her to do research with him. She gave it a try and loved it.

Her professors encouraged her to apply to summer research programs. So the summer after her junior year, she conducted research in Japan. Fewer than 5 percent of applicants were selected for the opportunity.

Sea wanted to spend the fall semester of her senior year at the

## Morningside V.P. is honored

Terri Curry, vice president for student life and enrollment, was honored at the annual Women of Excellence Awards banquet in Sioux City. She received an award in the Women Helping Women category. The awards recognize women whose strength of character, tenacity and personal growth has enabled them to effect change and progress in the Sioux City area.



## Public notification of opportunity

Morningside College is seeking comments from the public about the college in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The college will host a visit Dec. 4-5, 2017, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association. Morningside College has been accredited by the HLC since 1913. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college to the following address:

# SCHOLARSHIP

School for Field Studies in Panama, where she would learn about marine and terrestrial ecosystems. She proposed the idea to Reynders, and he helped her make it happen. It was in Panama that she realized she loved doing research in the ocean.

"I would always say, 'I could do that, I could do that.' With everything," Sea said. "When I got to Panama, it was like, 'Oh, I need to do that.' It felt so right to me."

Sea saw Ament's email to students about the Fulbright program. Before she could apply for an award to do research, Sea needed to find an institutional affiliation in the host country. She sent emails of inquiry and got a response from Dr. Simon Thrush, head of the Institute of Marine Science at the University of Auckland. Together, they developed a grant proposal.

Sea applied for a Fulbright one

year ago. She was chosen as an alternate but ultimately did not receive the award.

As a result, she spent a year doing whatever she could to improve her application. She traveled to Mexico and earned certification as a scuba diving instructor. She also applied to do research in Saudi Arabia this spring with the person who basically invented her field of science, and she was chosen for the program.

She applied again for a Fulbright through Morningside last fall and received the award. While she waits to begin her Fulbright experience, she is teaching scuba diving in Hawaii. Sea is excited about the future and credits Morningside for helping her find her way.

"Morningside is one of the best decisions I've ever made," she said. "It's been fantastic."



Mallery Sea conducts research off the coast of the Red Sea in Saudi Arabia.

## to comment

Public Comment on Morningside College  
Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the commission's website at [www.hlcommission.org/comment](http://www.hlcommission.org/comment)

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by Nov. 1, 2017.

## Student makes history with semester in Cuba

This fall Erica Young became the first Morningside student to spend a semester studying abroad in Cuba. She was there when Fidel Castro died, and she saw his funeral procession.



# GPAC All-Sports Trophy stays at Morningside



The GPAC All-Sports Trophy remained at Morningside after the Mustangs won the award for the second year in a row and for the fifth time in the last six years. Morningside piled up 156 points to win this year's GPAC sports crown by a 12.5-point margin over runner-up Concordia University. The Mustangs led all schools with 79.5 points in the men's sports and were second with 76.5 points in the women's sports. Schools receive points based on the regular season standings in 19 conference sports. Morningside won regular season GPAC championships in football, women's cross country and softball.



Cassie Stanek became the winningest tennis player in Morningside history.

## Tennis teams set records

The women's tennis team had a 15-4 record and the men's tennis team had a 14-9 record to set school records for wins in a season. Cassie Stanek finished her career with school-record totals of 53 singles victories and 102 combined singles and doubles triumphs for the women's team.

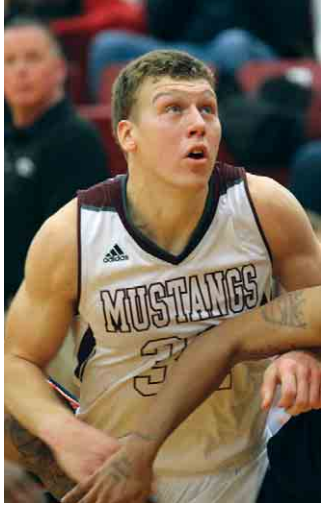
## College hosts NAIA Softball National Championship

Morningside was one of 10 locations across the country selected as an opening round site for the NAIA Softball National Championship. Morningside, Ottawa University, Reinhardt University and the University of Jamestown competed, from which Ottawa advanced to the NAIA Softball World Series. A national tournament qualifier for the eighth time in the last nine years, Morningside posted a 40-12 record and captured its third GPAC Championship in the last four years. Rachel Henks was a second-team NAIA All-American and Rachel Koch was the GPAC Player of the Year. Elin Landgren set an NAIA national record after she was hit by a pitch 72 times in her career.

## TRACK AND FIELD EARNS ALL-AMERICA HONORS

The Mustangs earned All-America honors in the men's 3200-meter relay in both the indoor and outdoor seasons as well as the women's indoor distance medley and women's outdoor 3200-meter relays. Michelle Mumm, Jacob Green and Jason Kenny earned NAIA All-America honors in the 1000 meters in the indoor track and field season.





Bryce Koch was an NAIA II honorable mention All-American.

## Basketball teams both top 20 wins

The women's basketball team posted a 24-9 record to extend its streak to 14 consecutive 20-win seasons and 15 straight NAIA Division II National Tournament appearances. Lexi Ackerman was a third-team NAIA II All-American to cap a career where she finished as the seventh-leading scorer in Morningside history with 1,674 points, while guard Madison Braun was an honorable mention All-American. The men's basketball team also accomplished a 20-win season with a 21-10 record. The team showed vast improvement from an

11-18 finish the previous year. The increase of 10 wins was one of the largest victory jumps in the nation in the NAIA II ranks. Ryan Tegtmeier finished his career as the 10th leading scorer in Morningside history with 1,349 points, and Bryce Koch earned NAIA II honorable mention All-America honors.

## DANCE AND CHEER TEAMS TAKE HONORS

The cheer team took top honors at the GPAC Championships, while the dance team finished sixth at the NAIA Competitive Cheer and Dance National Championships. Kayla Inlay and Melanie Kiser were NAIA Competitive Cheer All-Americans, while Inlay, Miranda Shipley and Jenna Winkler were honorable mention All-Americans in competitive dance.



Suzanna Gonzalez became Morningside's first All-America swimmer.

## SWIMMER MAKES HISTORY

Suzanna Gonzalez made history at the NAIA Swimming and Diving National Championships when she became Morningside's first-ever NAIA All-America swimmer. Gonzalez accomplished the feat when she swam a school-record time of 5:00.00 to finish second in the women's 500-yard freestyle. She went on to also earn All-America laurels with a school-record time of 17:27.77 for a third-place finish in the 1650-yard freestyle. Also this season, Gonzalez broke five school records and was named NAIA National Swimmer/Diver of the Month and the Liberal Arts Championships Women's Swimmer of the Meet.

# Noteworthy Feats

Keegan Hessler and Steven Garcia earned All-America honors with sixth-place finishes in the 125 and 149 lb. divisions at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

Jacob Lamoreux was the GPAC Baseball Player of the Year and set a school record with 311 career hits. Nathan DeChaine was an NAIA honorable mention All-American.

Corey Matthey won the GPAC Men's Golf Individual Championship and finished 23rd at the NAIA Men's Golf National Championship.

# It Turns Out Like This

Professor writes award-winning novel

By Jenny Welp Thomas



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Dr. Stephen Coyne joined the faculty at Morningside College in 1988. He teaches American literature and creative writing and serves as faculty adviser for Kiosk, the college's literary magazine. His stories have appeared in such journals as North American Review, New England Review, The Southern Review and The Georgia Review. He has received a number of writing awards, including the Roberts Writing Award, Heartland Fiction Prize and Prairie Schooner Readers' Choice Award.

Dr. Stephen Coyne, professor of English, had his book "It Turns Out Like This" published after winning the Many Voices Award from New Rivers Press.

His book was chosen from almost 400 entries around the world. Six months later, it won the Midwest Book Award for Short Stories from the Midwest Independent Publishing Association.

"It's terrific to have a creative writing professor produce a book widely regarded as a very fine piece of fiction," said President John Reynders. "And for our Faculty Book Club to have the opportunity to sit with the author and discuss how he wrote the book was really fun."

"It Turns Out Like This" is the life story of Stu Jakes, told in snapshots from his impoverished but spiritually rich childhood to his later years living on a crabbing boat and every hard turn in between.

"A vivid and haunting novel-in-stories," said Alan Davis, a judge for the Many Voices Award. "Stu is a flawed, ordinary man living a hardscrabble life both before and after his wife leaves him. Stephen Coyne writes with precision and lyricism about a particular place in a mature style that reminds me of Larry Brown, John Yount and Raymond Carver."

Every chapter in the book originally appeared in a top-tier publication as a short story except for the last two chapters, which Coyne wrote to pull the novel together. Many of the stories have won awards.

"What took me a while to see was that there was a larger story, a book-length story, within some of the short stories I had published," Coyne said. "Then it was a matter of drawing out that larger story."

Coyne wrote all but one of the short stories during his time at Morningside College. Even so, the book focuses on working class people living in the Mid-Atlantic region of the East Coast.

"I'm drawn to the lives of blue collar people - always have been," Coyne said. "Education is a wonderful thing, but it creates a kind of insulation between a person and experience. It creates coping mechanisms to minimize stress - to maximize possibilities or diminish mistakes. Without it, you're a little bit more exposed to the world."

The setting reflects Coyne's childhood in New Jersey

and 18 years in North Carolina, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and worked as a carpenter's helper, welder and fast food manager and later as a journalist and community college instructor. Coyne came to Morningside after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Denver.

"Morningside has become my home over the years, but it's far from my home," Coyne said. "Writing those stories here was a way for me to go home virtually."

Dr. Greg Guelcher, professor of history, read "It Turns Out Like This" and fell in love with the prose.

"Every other page, I'd read a carefully-crafted line of his writing and think, 'Wow! It can't get any better than this,'" he said. "Then I'd read on to the next page and experience the very same sensation! It makes for very compelling reading."

Dr. Bruce Forbes, professor of religious studies, agreed.

"It's a wonderful read," he said. "You can tell that every word is carefully chosen."

Student Mariah Wills saw a lot of truth in the book. For example, in the chapter "How Love Feels," she appreciated the first sentence, "Hope made you lean forward."

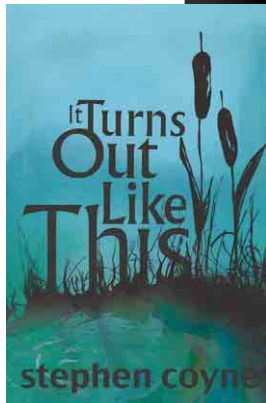
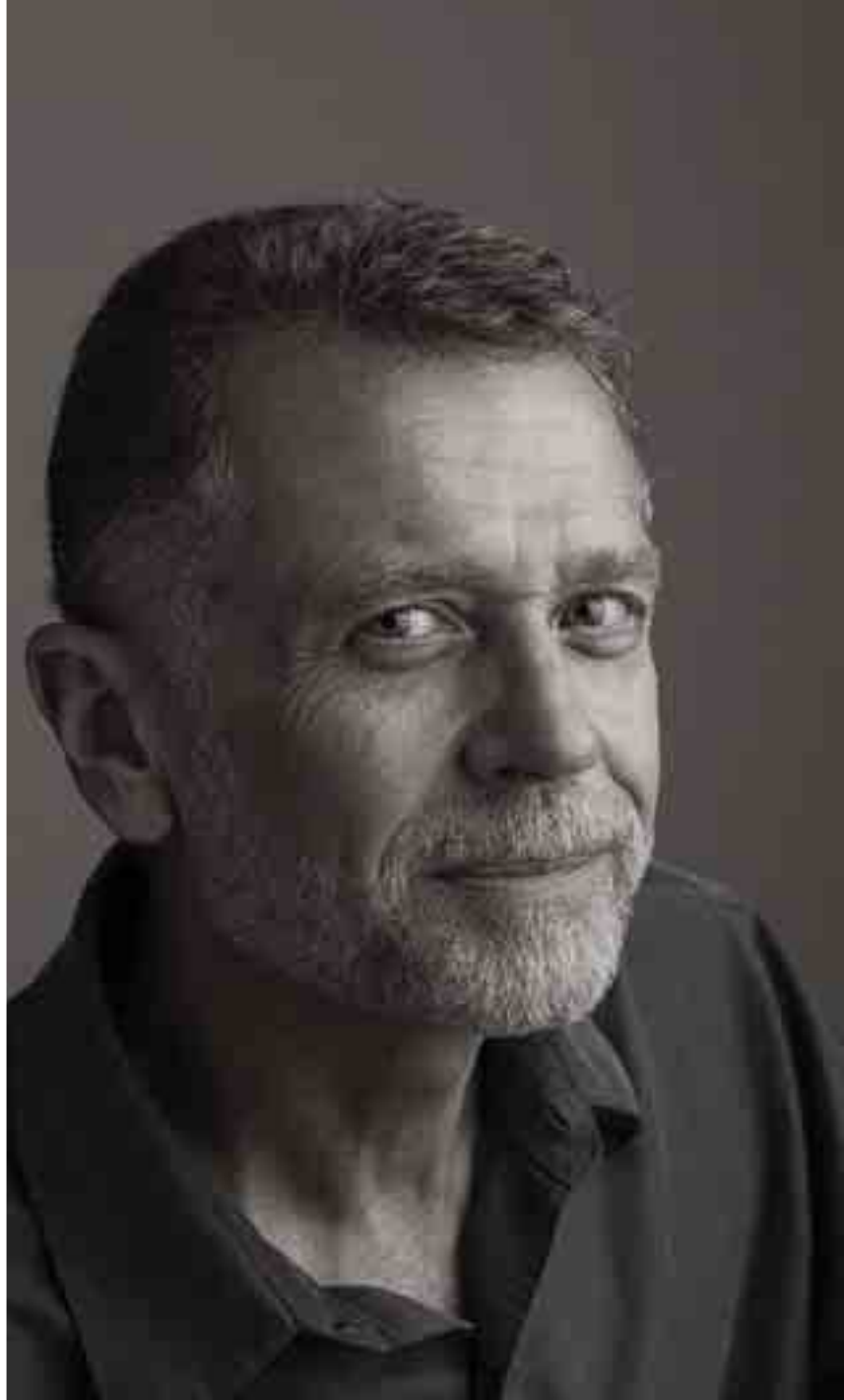
Wills said it means a lot to her that Coyne has had poems and short stories published in top-tier publications, and now he has published an award-winning book.

"To me, it means that he knows what you have to do in order to get published, which is something that I find very helpful because I do want to be published someday."

Coyne said his students have inspired him as a writer throughout his years at the college.

"It's great to be around a bunch of people who are trying to write stories and poems because that's what I'm trying to do," he said. "What could be better for a writer than to hang around people who think writing matters and who are trying to get better at it? It's good for the students to be around a teacher like that, and it's good for the teacher to be around students like that."

"It Turns Out Like This" can be purchased at the Morningside College Bookstore, at Barnes and Noble at Southern Hills Mall in Sioux City, or from Amazon.com.



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# Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Awards

Outside evaluators  
selected the recipients.

Criteria for selection  
included teaching  
excellence, effective  
advising, scholarship  
and service to the  
college during the  
previous academic year.



**Dr. Valerie Hennings 2001** is an assistant professor of political science who has been on the faculty since 2014. She is also director of the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside. Whether working with community members on how to caucus in Iowa or offering students insight into the political process, she is, as one student noted, “the epitome of the Morningside mission statement.” She is engaged with students both inside and outside of the classroom, and her scholarly work has received attention in the national press.



**Dr. Jessica Pleuss** is an assistant professor of psychology who has been on the faculty since 2012. Teaching is clearly a strength. In and out of the classroom, she models life-long learning and professional growth. Her work with student research assistants has been highly successful and has led to national conference presentations and follow-up studies. She leads without praise or notoriety, assuming leadership positions even without official appointment or recognition. Colleagues praised her modeling of research with students and her leadership qualities.



**Dr. Tim Sesterhenn** is an assistant professor of biology who has been on the faculty since 2014. He impressed evaluators by developing the skills of a veteran faculty member so quickly. He identified ways to improve his teaching, seeking input from peers and joining a group of colleagues focused on teaching excellence. He set up a research program from scratch upon arrival at Morningside, inviting students to participate in the process. He became immersed in campus culture by throwing himself into committee work, even taking on leadership roles.

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## Thompson Staff Excellence Awards



**Nick Butth 2011**, technology services technician, makes the extra effort to provide superior customer service. During the past several years, he has gotten most of the outdated technology upgraded in classrooms, meeting rooms and residence halls across campus. And for those of us who are not tech-savvy, he is always willing to assist when help is needed.



**Bobbi (Eberly) Meister 1999**, personal counselor, is a consummate professional whose expertise and empathy in the performance of her job are a tremendous benefit to students. She skillfully helps students face and resolve challenges that could negatively affect their success in college and in their personal lives, and she enables them to learn important lessons about themselves.



**Kim Hawkins**, administrative assistant for graduate programs and institutional assessment, has had a tremendous impact on graduate education, institutional assessment and the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process. She was key in planning and coordinating our first graduate education commencement ceremony a year ago.



**Larry Still**, maintenance electrician, is an excellent role model for other employees and an outstanding troubleshooter. He's also been called a jack-of-all-trades who really is good at everything he does. He tackles a wide variety of projects all around the campus that impact students, faculty and staff. He sees what needs to be done, and he gets it done.



**Allie Kirby 2007**, assistant director of admissions, is a team player who is always looking for ways to make the biggest impact. She approaches her job with a positive, can-do attitude and shows a genuine passion for students and their families. Because of her solid work ethic, others in the department naturally gravitate to her for advice, input, support and guidance.



**Jake Stevenson 2008**, head wrestling coach, is no stranger to accolades and awards. Along with athletic accomplishments, he focuses on ensuring that his student athletes excel in the classroom and in the community through service to others. He truly does build Champions of Character on campus. Stevenson also was named staff employee of the year.

## Faculty Notes

**Jackie (Brummond) Barber 1995**, Ed.D., dean of nursing education, and **Dianna Sorenson**, Ph.D., professor of nursing education, earned Clinical Nurse Leader certification from the Commission on Nurse Certification of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

**Patrick Blaine**, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, joined the annual conference and endowment committees of the American Literary Translators Association.

**Kim Christopherson**, Ph.D., associate professor and educational technologist, presented at the Quality Matters conference in Portland, Ore.

**Shannon Claxton**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; **Shannon (Schmidt) De Clute 2002**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; **Jessica LaPaglia**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; and **Jessica Pleuss**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, presented at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology convention in St. Pete Beach, Fla.

**Rich Crow**, M.S., assistant professor of applied agricultural and food studies, was chosen for the Iowa Corn

Leadership Enhancement and Development program.

**Marilyn Eastman**, Ed.D., associate professor of marketing, and **Anne Power**, associate professor of business management, presented at the Midwest Academy of Management Conference in Fargo, N.D.

**David Elder**, Ph.D., associate professor of writing and rhetoric and director of the writing center, presented at the International Writing Centers Association conference in Denver, and he had a short nonfiction story published in the online lifestyle magazine Live Into Beauty.

**Bruce Forbes 1970**, Ph.D., professor of religious studies and chair of philosophy and religious studies, co-edited "Religion and Popular Culture in America, Third Edition," published by the University of California Press, and he wrote the introduction and an essay for the book. Forbes also organized sessions for the Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature meeting in St. Paul, Minn.

**Steven Gates**, Ph.D., professor of education and chair of the graduate program in education, presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference in Omaha, Neb.

**Shar Georgesen**, Ph.D., associate professor of nursing, completed her doctoral degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She presented a poster at the Midwest Regional Nursing Educators Conference in Columbia, Mo., and presented a paper at the Midwest Nursing Research Society annual research conference in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Gregory P. Guelcher**, Ph.D., chaired a panel at the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society regional conference at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

**John Helms**, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, was lead author of a paper included in Limnology and Oceanography's 60th anniversary special edition, "The Top 60 Papers from the First 60 Years of L&O." He also was chosen to attend the National Science Foundation Division of Chemistry Early Career Investigators Workshop in Arlington, Va., and he was appointed to the Sioux City Environmental Advisory Board.

**Suzanne Hendrix-Case**, D.M., assistant professor of music, placed second in the Gerda Lissner Opera Competition, Wagner Division, and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

**Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972**, Ph.D., professor of

English and chair of English and modern languages, and Alpha Lambda Delta chapter adviser, presented with students Jaclyn Arens and Maddie Dotzler at the National Alpha Lambda Delta Leadership Workshop in Washington, D.C., and she was honored as one of the five Executive Director's Outstanding Advisers of the Year.

**Dave Madsen**, M.A., assistant professor and chair of mass communication, presented at the Broadcast Education Association conference at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

**Brian McFarland**, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, and Mallory Sea 2016 had an article published in the online edition of the Journal of Polymers and the Environment.

**Pam Mickelson**, Ed.D., professor and chair of business administration; **Marilyn Eastman**, Ed.D., associate professor of marketing; and student Alyssa Nehring presented at the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators conference in Little Rock, Ark. Eastman and Mickelson chaired portions of the conference, and Mickelson developed a new section for student research. Mickelson also helped plan the Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization national conference in Tampa, Fla.

**Joan Nielsen**, Ed. Spec., associate professor of education and project manager for the Project Proficient program for teachers to become certified to work with English language learners, presented at the National Professional Development Project Directors Meeting in Arlington, Va.

**Thomas H. Paulsen**, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of applied agricultural and food studies, was lead author of an article published in the Journal of Agricultural Systems, Technology, and Management, and he co-authored an article published in the Journal of Agricultural Education. He also received the Outstanding Early Career Member award from the North Central Region of the American Association for Agricultural Education. At the organization's research conference at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., he served as a session discussant and was elected to serve on the regional research committee.

**Heather Reid**, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, gave three presentations at the 34th Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy conference at Fordham University Lincoln Center in New York. Reid had articles published in the International Journal of Sports Science and Coaching; Sport, Ethics and Philosophy;

and the International Olympic Academy Journal. She had a chapter published in the book "Defining Sport: Conceptions and Borderlines" edited by Shawn E. Klein for Lexington Books.

**Betty Skewis-Arnett 1983**, M.F.A., professor of theatre, had the multimedia piece

"The Bard and the Barn" accepted into a juried show at the Orange City Arts: Artists' Showcase at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

**Chris Spicer**, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematical sciences, and students Ashley Fiedler, Carlie Maasz and Monta Meirose had a paper

published in the Mathematical Association of America's Mathematics Magazine.

**Christina Triezenberg**, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, presented a paper at the Midwest Modern Language Association's annual conference in St. Louis.

**Leslie Werden**, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of writing and rhetoric, and **David Elder**, Ph.D., associate professor of writing and rhetoric and director of the writing center, presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Portland, Ore.

## Beloved professor passes away

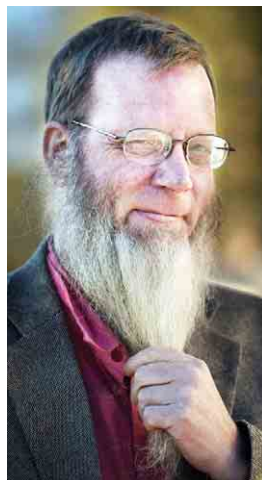
Dr. Mark "Doc" Heistad died April 17, 2017, of esophageal cancer while at his sister Carolyn Heistad's house in Duluth, Minn., high on a hill overlooking Lake Superior. He was 59.

Doc joined the faculty at Morningside College in 2002 and served as an associate professor of mass communication until this spring, when he took medical leave.

"He is going to be remembered as a great professor, colleague and human being," said Dave Madsen, assistant professor and chair of mass communication. "We'll certainly miss him in our department as the force behind our student-run radio station, KMSC, and our very busy sports broadcasting program."

Students said Doc had a big impact on them.

"I almost called it quits many times - almost dropped out several times," said Tom Chilton 2012. "Doc was there with me in



Justin Wan, Sioux City Journal

his office, in the trenches, pulling me, dragging me along, saying, 'You can do this. You're going to graduate. You're not going to quit. You're talented. You're so much better than you think you are.'"

Kaitlyn Polk just got to know Doc this fall, her first semester at Morningside.

"I may not have known Doc long, but it doesn't take that much time for someone to have an impact on your life," she said. "He helped me realize that I've just got to do what I love and go for it."

Doc loved his students as much as they loved him, according to his brother.

"His life blood was his students," said Dr. David Heistad during a tribute on Minnesota Public Radio. Doc worked in public radio for over 15 years and received state, regional and national awards. "He wasn't married - didn't have kids himself - but his students were his family and really gave a lot back to him too."

## HONORS

### Wert Award

Dr. Gregory P. Guelcher, professor of history, was judged by his peers to best exemplify the ideals of the teaching profession.

### ODK Awards

#### Faculty Person of the Year

Dr. Gregory P. Guelcher, professor of history

#### First-Year Teaching/Advising Award

Dr. Geoff Harkness, assistant professor of sociology

### Staff Member of the Year

Kari (Bull) Winklepleck 2003, vice president for institutional advancement

### Dr. William C. Yockey Assessment Awards for efforts to improve learning

Dr. Tony Kern and Dr. Alden Stout for Genetics  
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## 1949

### **Clarice (Hammerstrom)**

**Speck** is retired from teaching kindergarten in the Sioux City Community School District. She and her husband, Francis, spent 20 years as National Park volunteers - one year at Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida and 19 years at Tumacácori National Historical Park in Arizona. Clarice did children's programs, and Francis did maintenance for the parks. They have 11 great-grandchildren.

### **Eleanor (Everett) Tasker**

recently retired from her position as director of music for First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, Neb. Tasker graduated from Morningside College with a degree in music education. Early in her career, she taught music in the public schools for nine years. Tasker served 70 years as a church organist and music director, with the last 25 years being at First Lutheran Church in South Sioux City. Fifty-three years ago, she started the hand bell choirs in Sioux City at Morningside Presbyterian Church, which is now Faith United Presbyterian Church. She earned a music directorship from the North Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she received a Distinguished

Service Award from Morningside College in 1989. She will turn 90 in July, and she still has a few piano students.

## 1957

**Wendell Roth's** grandson, Adam Kascht, is a student at Morningside College after graduating from high school in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, with the class of 2016.

## 1961

**Janna (Dodge) Dirks** retired after 37 years teaching in Storm Lake and Royal, Iowa. She now spends her time traveling, playing bridge and volunteering.

**Dick Johnson** received LeadingAge Iowa's 2016 Board Member of the Year Award.



LeadingAge Iowa is a state association for nonprofit organizations serving Iowa seniors. Johnson was nominated for the award by Meth-Wick Community, a nonprofit senior living community in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As vice president of the Meth-Wick Board of Directors, he has chaired two capital campaigns totaling \$7.5 million for renovations or

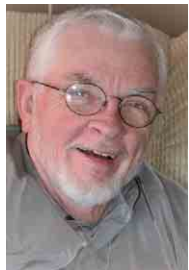
additions to Meth-Wick facilities. Johnson is a retired vice president of Rockwell Collins. He served in senior management positions with the company in Newport Beach, Calif., and Dallas, Texas, before returning to Cedar Rapids. He has been active in the community for over 35 years and continues to serve on trustee boards for several nonprofit organizations. Johnson lives in Cedar Rapids with his wife, Jackie. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

## 1962

**Raymond J. Hansen** retired from Commercial Bag Co. in Normal, Ill., in 2014 at the age of 75. He moved to Arizona to escape the cold and loves it there. He goes for walks every day.

## 1963

**The Rev. David Rogula** in his retirement serves in the Northern Illinois Conference as an interim minister at Esmond United Methodist Church; a visitation pastor at Rochelle United Methodist Church; and a volunteer hospice chaplain.



1964



**Dr. Diane Boerner Boyer** retired from her position as a nursing professor at Loyola University Chicago. She now spends her time volunteering at a free clinic, teaching English as a second language, writing grants, singing in a Unitarian church choir, playing in a recorder group and working with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. She also is an accreditation site visitor for the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education. She is pictured with her first great-granddaughter, Sydney, about 10 minutes after she was born.

1965

**Donald Peterson** continues to play viola with the Stockton Symphony in Stockton, Calif.



**Jean C. (Beyer) Ruhser** has published a book, "Seven Summers with Peregrines: Finding Midlife Adventures," with her husband, Gary G. Ruhser, recounting the adventures they shared while participating in the historic effort to return then-endangered Peregrine Falcons to their former range. During the summers from 1990 to 1996, the couple camped in mountainous areas of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming for months at a time while caring for and monitoring captive-bred young Peregrines as they learned to hunt for themselves. The authors describe interactions with

wildlife, including bears and rattlesnakes, as well as the challenges of primitive camping conditions, weather extremes, flat tires and wildfires. Most memorable of all were the Peregrines themselves, the subjects of hours of observations and binders full of notes, as they matured and took to the skies. The book is available on Amazon.com. Jean is retired from her career teaching biology and ornithology at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Her husband is a retired professional engineer.



**Don R. Thompson** was named the Barrington High

School 2016 Distinguished Graduate. He was honored for his career in education and his impact on the area and the Barrington 220 School District. A lifelong resident of Barrington, Ill., Thompson served as a teacher, assistant principal, associate principal and principal in his 34 years with the school district. He is the only person to have served as principal at all three Barrington middle schools. He had the honor of opening Barrington Middle School – Prairie Campus in the fall of 1992 and was the spokesperson for the board of education for the building referendum that made the campus possible. He also chaired the successful building referendum for the construction of two new elementary buildings and the high school expansion in 2000. After he retired in 2000, he continued to serve



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as a part-time consultant to the superintendent through 2003. Through the years, Thompson also has been active in educational and civic organizations in Barrington. Among other things, he is a board member for the school district's education foundation, a founding member of the Suburban Middle School Principals Association, and founding president of the Barrington High School Alumni Association.

**Melvin and Pam (Kneeland) Wheeler 1967** are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2017.

## 1967



**Doug Brown** has been the owner and president of Mid-Iowa Interviewing for 26 years. Mid-Iowa Interviewing is a market research company located in Des Moines, Iowa. Prior to Mid-Iowa Interviewing, Brown spent 23 years in the banking business.

## 1970

**Carolyn (Paige) Smith** retired from her position as coordinator of STARS/Community Mentor Connection, a nonprofit organization in Albert Lea, Minn., where adult volunteers serve as mentors for children.

**Craig Struve** was inducted into the O'Brien County Value-Added Agriculture Steering Committee's Agriculture Hall of Fame during the O'Brien County Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Primghar, Iowa. Struve is the CEO of SoilView, LLC located in Paullina, Iowa. SoilView collects soil and field information for agronomy service companies in a 14-state area.

## 1972



**Ritch Stolpe** recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his Briar and Bow Archery shop in downtown Sioux City. The shop offers three indoor ranges where, over the years, thousands of archers have

practiced their skills. Stolpe is an accomplished outdoorsman who has hunted his way throughout the western states, Alaska and Canada for deer, antelope, bear, moose, caribou and elk. Stolpe's shop features his extensive arrowhead and wildlife skull collections. Over the years, he has served in a variety of capacities in archery organizations and received one of the highest awards given to an archer in Iowa. From 1988 thru 2002, Stolpe published and edited Midwestbowhunter magazine. In 1999, he was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Iowa Bowhunters Association.

## 1973

**Dr. Edward Johnson** is president and CEO of University Growth Solutions in Phoenix, Ariz., an



advisory services company for college and university innovation high-growth strategies. He previously served as president of three colleges and universities. Johnson serves as board chair for Second Nature, coordinating nearly 700 universities moving to carbon neutrality, and he is board chair for Gainey Bancorp in Scottsdale, Ariz. He also serves as board vice chair for

SIAS International University Foundation, which supports China's largest private university, and for Prescott College in Arizona.

**Phil Lebo** of Grundy Center, Iowa, was inducted into the Grundy Center Sports Hall of Fame in 2016. He coached in Grundy Center for 26 years, coaching four sports. As head baseball coach for 21 years, he led the Spartans to 268 wins, the most in school history. As track coach for 15 years, he sent 53 athletes to the state track meet. He served as a head football coach for two years and was an assistant coach for the state championship team in 1984. He also coached junior high basketball for many years. Lebo served as president of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association and was inducted into the organization's hall of fame in 2004. An athlete himself, Lebo played baseball for three years at Morningside College.

## 1974

**Deb Gengler-Copple** worked as a graphic artist, but her passion for painting wildlife



redirected her career and took her to national parks to

photograph and view wildlife firsthand. She owns Deb Copple Studio in Hubbard, Neb., where she creates and sells her artwork.

## 1975

**Delbert Christensen** was one of three umpires selected to work the Class 4A championship game at the 2016 Iowa Girls High School State Softball Tournament in Fort Dodge, Iowa. This was his sixth state tournament and second championship game.

**Connie (Selk) Goeken** recently retired from Spencer Community Theatre in Spencer, Iowa, after working for the organization for 25 years, finishing as executive director.

**Brian Linafelter** retired after 40 years of teaching in the Sioux City Community School District. He retired with over 40 trophies for math competitions at both the local and state level. He also was named the Anne Blackburn Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 by Powell Broadcasting radio stations.

**Penny (Staebler) Miller** retired from her position as the principal at Kuemper Catholic High School in Carroll, Iowa. She served as principal for 14 years in her 36 years of education.

## MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE SWEETHEARTS

**Francis 1943 and Vernice (Christiansen) Kingsbury 1945** met at Morningside College in the early 1940s. Francis washed dishes in the women's dorm, and Vernice waited tables there. They both played in the band.

They announced their engagement at Vernice's sorority meeting shortly before Francis left for the service in 1943. They got married on June 13, 1944, and had nine days together before Francis was shipped out of the country. Francis was gone for a year and a half, serving in Paris for most of that time in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps.

When Francis returned

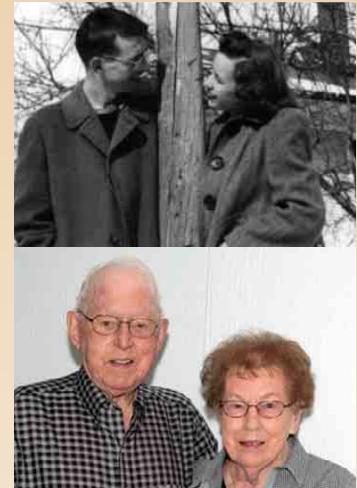
**Joan Meyer 1949** came to Morningside College as a freshman in 1945. **Darwyn Snyder 1948** returned to Morningside to continue his education in 1946 after three years in the Army, two of which were spent in Europe. They had their first date at Morningside's Christmas Formal in 1946 and were married one year later on Dec. 27, 1947, when Darwyn was a senior and Joan was a junior. Their honeymoon was cut short because Joan had to be back on campus for play rehearsals.

After six years of teaching in Iowa, they moved to Omaha, Neb., where Darwyn accepted an instrumental

home, he worked at the family-owned Bank of Dixon County in Ponca, Neb. Their son and grandson are the president and senior vice president now, keeping the bank in the family for five generations. Vernice taught school in Wakefield, Neb., for one year. Then because she was married, she could not teach. Later she did do some substitute teaching in Ponca.

Francis will be 95 in June, and Vernice is 94. They have three children, four grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Their love of photography continues, and they enjoy following the activities of their great-grandchildren, especially sports.

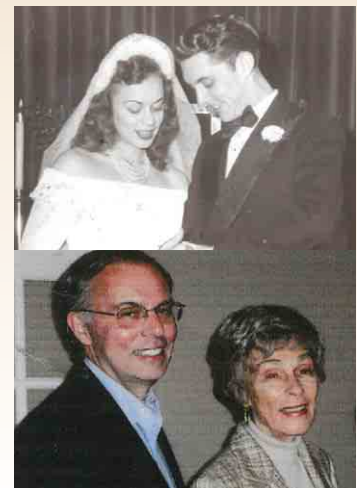
They recently celebrated 73 years of marriage and are thankful to still be able to live in their own home of 60-plus years. They thank God for their blessings.



music position in the Westside Community Schools, where he taught until 1984. Joan loved Omaha and became active in the Omaha Community Playhouse, where she had several leading roles. In addition to teaching, Darwyn directed church choirs for 26 years, and Joan sang in choirs and performed many vocal solos. In 1977, Darwyn started the Nebraska Wind Symphony, which he directed for 18 years. This community concert band celebrated its 40th anniversary in April.

Joan and Darwyn moved to St. Louis in 2011 to be near family. They live in Friendship Village with 600

other senior citizens. They will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary this year. They have a son and a daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



**Heidi Pfeil** is a real estate agent with Keller Williams Montana in Bozeman, Mont.

**Mark Stuck** was recently named the Baird 2016 Branch Manager of the Year. As a director, he oversees Baird offices in Sioux City; Omaha, Neb.; Des Moines, Iowa; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

## 1976

**Nancy (Earhart) Burt**

recently accepted a position as director of the BRIDGES

Employment Resource Center at Active Generations in Sioux Falls, S.D. She lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, Rick. They frequently visit their two children and two grandchildren in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

**Barry Fouts** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is writing a book about the Morningside College versus Briar Cliff University basketball series from 1974 to today. The book should be published in early December.

**Sharon E. (McCallum)**

**Galvin** retired in March of 2016 after 28 years with the

U.S. Postal Service as a rural letter carrier in New York. She then moved to Kentucky, where she opened a coffee shop. Galvin is the chief baker and occasional barista. Her husband, Tom, retired about eight years ago from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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**Lenderts**

has retired after more than 25 years in the printing industry. His printing career began in technical sales with IBM, supporting customers who printed both internal business reports as well as external customer documents. As the marketplace changed over the years, so did his assignments. IBM sold its production printing business to Ricoh. Internal business reports began to be stored and accessed digitally. Government regulations were put in place to track and enforce secure and accurate document delivery compliance. Industry focus moved to the processes used to print, insert and deliver the many insurance, financial and medical documents that individual consumers receive



today. Lenderts retired as a technical solutions architect responsible for designing and selling Ricoh document delivery workflow solutions in the Central United States.

## 1978

**Brenda (Brundage)**

**Gleason** retired after teaching nursing for 32 years at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

**Teri (Bonderson) Herrig** is

a real estate agent with Century 21 ProLink in Sioux City. She was recognized for her commitment to quality service during the company's quarterly awards breakfast.

## 1980

**The late Randy Hinkel** was inducted into the Iowa Association of Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2016. A teacher and coach for track and football at Madrid High School in Madrid, Iowa, he was one of just 11 coaches in state history to reach 300 wins when he died in 2015.

## 1981

**Cleo Franklin**

**Jr.**, vice president and chief marketing officer for Mahindra North

America, had several



interviews broadcasted on national television networks such as Fox Business News and RFD-TV. He also has been interviewed for articles in Successful Farming Magazine, Business Week and other major industry publications. These interviews focused on his business acumen, corporate social responsibility efforts, brand-building expertise and agricultural industry advice. He also was the keynote speaker for the American Agri-Women National Convention in November in Raleigh, N.C. In addition, Franklin received an Honorary American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October 2016 for his service in agriculture and contributions while serving on the National FFA Sponsors Board of Directors.

## 1984

**Dr. Craig Wansink**

was selected by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities to receive

the 2017 Tidewater Humanitarian Award. The award honors individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment





to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Wansink embodies this commitment on a daily basis through his roles as a professor of religious studies and the Joan P. and Macon F. Brock Jr. Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach, Va.

### 1985

**Mark O'Connell** is assistant director of the Annual Scholarship Fund at Morningside College.

Originally from rural Smithland, Iowa, he now resides in Sioux City.



### 1986

**Joel Steenhoven** is the president of Siouxland Federal Credit Union in Dakota Dunes, S.D.



**Bill Zahren** has published two novels set in Sioux City. The first, "Officer Involved,"

was published in 2015 and the second, "Paper Trail," came out in September of 2016. His plan is to publish a third novel, "Avenging Angel," in 2017, which is dedicated to his previous English professors, including Dr. Jan Hodge and the late Dr. Ed Mazeika. He created the lead characters in the series - Assistant Woodbury County Attorney Hillary Reed and Sioux City Sentinel-Leader reporter Tom Kingman - for "Officer Involved." To create "Paper Trail," he created fictional characters inspired by his time as a journalist and his four years working at Gateway. Signed copies are

available in Sioux City at Sioux City Gifts. Books are also available online at Amazon or BN.com and can be ordered through any Barnes and Noble bookstore. You can learn more at billzahren.com.

### 1987

**Paul and Lisa (Grubb) Niebuhr 1988**, along with their children and family - including Donna Lahn, retired student services office coordinator at Morningside College - wish to thank their fellow Morningside friends and alumni for their expressions of sympathy and support following the tragic

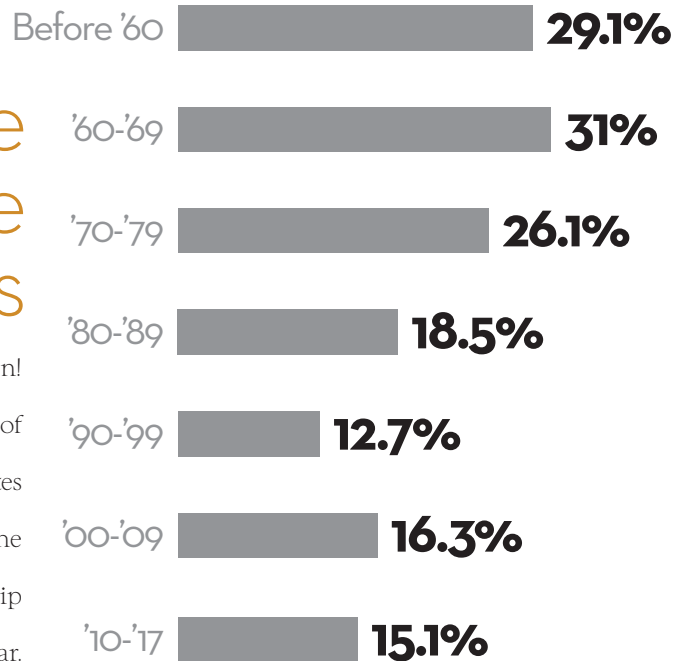
death of their son, Evan Niebuhr, on Oct. 14, 2016. For more information, see the Le Mars Daily Sentinel article titled "Saying Farewell to Evan" that appeared on Oct. 21. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good. His mercy endures forever." - Psalm 136

### 1988

**David F. Reed** celebrated his five-year anniversary as a buyer for John Deere & Company. He purchases electronics and casted metals from global suppliers for the factory in Horicon, Wis.

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## 1990

**Chad Benson** successfully completed his third year as a student in the Harvard Business School (HBS) Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). YPO is made up of roughly 24,000 chief executives from 130 countries around the world with a total of 15 million employees and over \$6 trillion in revenue. YPO has built a highly competitive executive education program with HBS dating back 65 years. U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy met with students in this legendary program in 1954 to discuss how the country could avoid an economic recession. The program epitomizes the true global peer networking experience in an environment that fosters real business learning, growth and intense immersion of case-focused learning with the top Harvard professors. Successful participants in the program receive their undergraduate degree from Harvard. Benson is president and chief executive officer of CBE Companies in Cedar Falls, Iowa. CBE is a global provider of outsourced call center solutions specializing in first- and third-party debt collection, fraud and customer care services. Benson has worked for CBE since 2008. Before that, he spent nine years with Capital One. He also held multiple marketing and operational

positions with Gateway Computers over a 10-year period.

## 1993

**Christine Stultz** is a real estate broker associate with Century 21 ProLink in Sioux City. She was recognized for her commitment to quality service and high sales volume during the company's quarterly awards breakfast.

## 1996

**Lt. Cmdr. Scott Moseman** retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in history at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.



## 1997



**Dr. Patrick J. Murphy** is an award-winning teacher and researcher and full professor at the DePaul University Driehaus College of Business in Chicago. Murphy was selected as one of 50 Chicago

leaders for Chicago Inno's "50 on Fire" for 2016. He was recognized by the digital media company for his impact on the Chicago innovation economy. The organization started with almost 1,000 nominees and narrowed the list down to 150 finalists. Then 20 judges, influencers and experts within the community selected the 50 winners. Murphy won in the education category. Then in 2017, Murphy was selected by Future Founders as the Entrepreneurship Professor of the Year from among Chicago-area universities. Murphy recently took a trip to Egypt, where he fulfilled a childhood dream by climbing up the side of the Great Pyramid of Giza. He called it a "life-changing vacation." He is pictured on the Giza Plateau with wife, Gina Sian.

## 1998

**Guy Berkenpas** is a science teacher at Kingsley-Pierson High School in Kingsley, Iowa.

**Sharon Steckman** was elected to her fifth term in the Iowa House of Representatives, working for citizens in Mason City

and the surrounding area who live in the 53rd District.

## 1999

**Ragen (Colby) Cote** is executive director of Downtown Partners in Sioux City. Last fall she was named to Siouxland Magazine's "10 under 40" list of 10 local residents under the age of 40 who have improved their community through their work.



## 2000



**Sheila (Born) De Jong** received the Distinguished Service to Humankind Award from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. De Jong is the founder and president of the Katelyn's Fund orphan ministry. In 2005, she and her husband were preparing to welcome twin girls born in Guatemala. Before they could bring them home,

however, one twin died. Katelyn's Fund, named in their daughter's memory, now advocates for orphans around the world and provides emotional, spiritual and financial support to families pursuing international adoption. Since its inception, it has provided over \$1 million in grants to more than 500 families who have adopted children from 41 countries. Go to [katelynsfund.org](http://katelynsfund.org) for more information. De Jong has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northwestern College and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Morningside College.

## 2001

**The Rev. Sheryl (Hamann) Ashley** is the pastor at Anthon United Methodist Church in Anthon, Iowa. She retired from the ministry in Correctionville/Cushing after 13 years, then was asked to serve at Wesley United Methodist Church in Sioux City, where she served for two years as the intentional interim. After retiring again, Ashley was offered a half-time position at Anthon United Methodist Church.

## MAKING HER MARK Writer finds success, inspires others

By Laura L. Florio

**Jennifer Bowen Hicks 1997**, an award-winning creative writer, shares her talent with others through a prison-writing workshop.

Even though she followed a non-traditional path to graduation, starting at Morningside College and then marrying, having children and returning to Morningside some years later to finish her degree, Bowen Hicks relished her time at Morningside.

"I loved hanging out in the computer lab," she said. "Talking and suffering late into the night with other students was fun. I also loved keeping the dorm door open to the hallway, so anyone walking by might stop and chat. It was a warm community."

She also enjoyed her English professors.

"Dr. Steve Coyne was a real live writer who wrote fiction about Southerners, which I thought was the most exciting and intimidating thing in the world," she said. "He said nice things about one of my poems during a workshop, which made my decade. **Dr. Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972** had a big-hearted, geeky infatuation with Shakespeare that was contagious. And

Dr. Ed Mazeika told me I was a writer right when I needed to hear that."

Bowen Hicks followed up her Morningside education with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in creative writing from the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She also attended writing workshops and conferences and supplemented her income through teaching.

Bowen Hicks' experiences eventually cultivated an interest in bringing writing workshops to the area prisons around St. Paul, Minn. She contacted several wardens, and several agreed to host a workshop. The class went so well that she gathered a group of other writers to come and teach. The classes soon took on a life of their own in the form of the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop, with Bowen Hicks as the founder and artistic director.

About 20 creative workshops are offered to 200 inmates across the state of Minnesota each year. During the classes, writers teach craft and offer readings, and participants share their own work. In addition to helping the inmates refine the invaluable skill of writing, the classes help



them live a more examined life. Fifty participants also take part in a mentor program.

Bowen Hicks has found success in her own right. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in *Orion*, *The Iowa Review*, *The Kenyon Review* online, *The Rumpus*, *North American Review* and *Third Coast*. She received special mention in a Pushcart Prize anthology and in an edition of *The Best American Essays*. She has won awards for her fiction and her nonfiction. She is currently working on an essay collection.

When asked what wisdom she would impart to Morningside students, Bowen Hicks said, "Figure out what you love, and go for it."

## 2002

### Lisa Crosby Wipperling

has accepted a position in the fall acting cohort to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree from Louisiana State University. She will spend the summer acting in her second season at the Texas Shakespeare Festival in Kilgore, Texas, before settling in Baton Rouge. While living in Sioux City with her husband, **Jesse Wipperling 2002**, she has served as a freelance performing artist, coach and judge for both the Iowa High School Speech Association and Iowa High School Music Association; a vocal instructor for the Morningside Institute for Performing Artists at Morningside College; and a substitute teacher for the Sioux City Community Schools.



**Justin and Diana (Hsu) Hopkins 2003** live in Wuxi,

China, a city near Shanghai in eastern China. They returned to Sioux City last summer with three Chinese elementary and middle school students who attend their All In English private language academy in Wuxi. The group also visited Chicago and the Black Hills in South Dakota. The trip was designed to expose the Chinese students to United States culture and immerse them in the English language. About 300 students attend the after-school classes and programs offered through the All in English academy owned and operated by Justin and Diana. Justin is the son of Jim Hopkins, who recently retired as professor of accounting at Morningside. Justin and Diana met while they were students at Morningside and have lived in China for 13 years. Diana is originally from Taiwan. They are pictured with their two sons.

## 2003

### Jennifer (Rose) Bass

is a real estate agent with Century 21 ProLink in Sioux City. She was recognized for her commitment to quality service during the company's quarterly awards breakfast.



**Jason Gehling** is market president of Wells Fargo Bank in Sioux City. Last fall he was named to Siouxland Magazine's "10 under 40" list of 10 local residents under the age of 40 who have improved their community through their work.



**John Leigh** is a branch manager at Siouxland Federal Credit Union in Sioux City.

## 2004

**Abby (Oliver) Armstrong** is a service delivery analyst for Mercer in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Sean Saunders** is the owner of SWS Golf Academy and SWS Golf Performance in Springfield, Mo. Saunders has been a PGA professional since 2009. He has received certification as a personal trainer from the American Council on Exercise and as a Titleist Performance Institute Level 3 Fitness Professional. He is one of the only PGA professionals in the country who has all of these advanced fitness certifications. He also currently offers group and private golf-specific training at Republic Warrior Sports. Saunders competed on the hit show "American Ninja Warrior - Season 9" in

Oklahoma City and placed 33rd, missing the city finals by three spots. He is trying to get back on the show again for the chance to win \$1 million.

### Jason Uhl

is an art teacher, yearbook adviser and art club sponsor at Sheldon High School in Sheldon, Iowa.



## 2005

### Alissah (Brosamle) Albert

is a special education strategist for Northwest Area Education Agency in Sioux City.

### Mandie (Norby) Mayo

recently accepted a position as director of communications and community engagement for the Sioux City Community School District after serving three years as director of marketing and communications at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City. Last fall she was named to Siouxland Magazine's "10 under 40" list of 10 local residents under the age of 40 who have improved their community through their work.

**Dr. Holly (Varenhorst) Schenzel**

was recognized by the Morningside College Nylen School of Nursing and the Morningside Student Nurses' Association as the 2017 Nursing Alumna of the Year. Schenzel is a nurse practitioner in Mayo Clinic's Division of Hospital Internal Medicine in Rochester, Minn. She also is a part-time instructor for Morningside's Nylen School of Nursing.



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**2006**

**Megan (Donohoe) Cross** is the deputy clerk at Merville City Hall in Merville, Iowa. She is currently married to Jeremy Cross and has two daughters, Kenzie, age 6, and Eleanor, age 3.



**Dr. Jonathan M. Fisk** is an assistant professor of political science at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., where

he teaches courses on environmental politics, leadership and ethics, public personnel management, and organizational theory. His current research examines state and local environmental and energy politics. He is pictured with his wife, Melanie, and son, Noah.

**Matthew Stachowitz** was named assistant vice president of consumer credit/compliance and bank secrecy act officer for Security National Bank in Sioux City.

**2007**

**Jill (Bottolfsen) Bisenius** is a graphic design technician for Northwest Area Education Agency in Sioux City. She and her husband, **Joe 2009**, have a son, James, and a daughter, Kensie.

**Austin McDonald** is the owner of Roberto's Pizza and Deb's Deli Sandwiches in Dunlap, Iowa.

**2008**

**Jeanna Gerot** received the Iowa Art Educator of the Year Award from Art Educators of Iowa. She has also been selected by the National Art Education Association as the art educator of the year for Iowa. The awards, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognize outstanding achievement and contributions in previous years to the field of art education within the state of Iowa. Gerot is a visual arts teacher at Wapello Junior/Senior High School in Wapello, Iowa.

**Bob Waddell** is vice president of Hippo, a full-service, health care advertising agency based in Kansas City specializing in strategic creative, digital,

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## 2009



**Trevor Alfredson** is a business teacher, activities director and tech coordinator for the Whiting Community School District in Whiting, Iowa. Alfredson is also the head boys' basketball coach at Woodbury Central High School in Merville, Iowa. He and his wife, **Mary (Bleil)** **2007**, have two sets of twins: Cade and Kellen, who are 3, and Carter and Kaleb, who are 13.

**Chris Delfs** is a real estate agent and the assistant managing broker with Keller Williams Siouxland in Sioux City. He earned an Achievement Award for outstanding sales performance and customer service during the company's quarterly awards banquet. He lives in Sioux City and was recently named president of a local nonprofit organization and serves as a member of the board of directors for the Northwest Iowa Regional Board of Realtors.

**Kari Hansen** is assistant director for the achievement center Brain Balance of Omaha in Omaha, Neb. She has been with the center since September 2016. The center works with students ages 4 to 17 who struggle with academics, behavior, social interaction and sensory integration.

**Kelsey (Baldwin) Montange** is a speech language pathologist at Aegis Therapies in Sioux City.

**Alex Watters**, a first-year adviser at Morningside College, was chosen to fill a vacant seat on the Sioux City Council through the end of the year. Fourteen residents applied to fill the position, including four former city council members. Watters plans to run this fall for a four-year term on the Sioux City Council. Three of the five council seats will be on the November ballot. Meanwhile, Watters was named to Siouxland Magazine's "10 under 40" list of 10 local residents under the age of 40 who have improved their community through their work.



## 2011

**Amanda Martens**, a doctoral student in psychological sciences, was one of two Kansas State University



graduate students chosen to receive the Graduate Student Council Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence. The award recognizes graduate teaching assistants who have excelled in classroom teaching and promotes awareness of the important contributions graduate students make to the scholarship of the university. Martens was the university's doctoral nominee for the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' Excellence in Teaching Award. She received this award as well and traveled to Indianapolis in April to be recognized.



**Landon and Jamie (Vander Kooi) Wright** live in Hinton, Iowa, with their son, Noah. Landon is owner of Wall of

Fame in Sioux City, and Jamie is earning a Master of Science in Nursing from Morningside College to become a nurse practitioner.

## 2012

**Derek Dougherty** is a special education teacher and a co-athletic director for Charter Oak-Ute Community School District in Charter Oak, Iowa.

**Jeremy Green** is a quality assurance consultant at QCI in Des Moines, Iowa. Currently he is on contract at The Principal Financial Group.

**Jacqueline (Goergen) Mack** is accounts payable manager at Chesterman Co. in Sioux City.

## 2013

**Nathan Connelly** is a commercial real estate broker with NAI United in Sioux City. He recently received honors as the region's Top Producing Commercial Real Estate Broker for 2016.

**Michelle Kuester** is editor of the Dakota County Star newspaper in South Sioux City, Neb.



**Jeremy Myers** is a social service worker for the Department of Health and Human Services in Omaha, Neb.

**Michael Oetken** is a financial adviser at Broker Dealer Financial Services in West Des Moines, Iowa. He serves as leader of the Morningside College alumni chapter in Des Moines.



**Chuck Szitas** is a national sales manager for Automatic Equipment Manufacturing in Pender, Neb.

**Alisa (Christensen) Winkel** is the physician liaison at Iowa Heart Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

**Josh Winkel** is a manager at Fort Dodge Car Credit in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

## 2014

**Tasha (Drey) Goodvin** is an admissions counselor at Morningside College. She works with high school sophomores and juniors. She also recruits high school seniors in multiple states including California, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

## CREAM OF THE CROP Grad stands out in law school

By Laura L. Florio

**Marshall Tuttle 2011** blazes a trail. This was especially true at Drake Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, where he served as president of the Student Bar Association and recently graduated with accolades.

He has done very well, considering that he didn't even realize until his junior year at Morningside College that he wanted to be a lawyer.

Tuttle originally came to Morningside because he wanted to play football - and because it felt like home.

"The college has such a welcoming atmosphere, and since going to Morningside has been a family tradition - my parents and sister are alumni - it felt like the right choice," he said.

Tuttle found success in his four years as a linebacker on the football team. In 2010, he was the GPAC Defensive Player of the Year and an American Football Coaches Association NAIA All-American.

"Coach Casey Jacobsen made it clear he wanted me to succeed - not only in football - but academically and personally as well," he said. "He brought out the best in me."

In the classroom, Tuttle

thought he would become a social studies teacher. But his professors pushed him to think outside the box about where a history major might lead. During his junior year, Lillian Lopez, who is now vice president for advising, asked whether he had ever considered a career in law.

"I confessed I had not, but then she presented me with the opportunity to intern with Shuck Law Firm, a firm in downtown Sioux City," he said. "I thought, 'Why not?'"

Attorney Dan Shuck took Tuttle to depositions and trial and really gave Tuttle a taste of what practicing law was like. When it came time to apply, Tuttle said he was struck by the support he received from Morningside.

"President Reynders wrote me a recommendation, as did two alumni, **Tom Flynn 1968** and **Jerry Foxhoven 1974**, who live in the Des Moines area. Morningside not only equipped me to go to law school with an excellent education and experiential learning opportunities; people at the college helped to see me successfully through the process."

After deferring for two years to work for the Federal TRIO Program to assist low-income, first-generation college students,



Tuttle enrolled at Drake Law School.

Before he graduated in 2016, he received the Timothy N. Carlucci Award for the law student who best exemplifies civility and professionalism in their dealings with fellow students and others in the profession. He also was awarded the Martin Tollefson Award, the highest form of recognition for leadership and service contributions to Drake Law School.

Tuttle now works for Peddicord Wharton Law Firm in West Des Moines, Iowa, which specializes in personal injury and workers compensation. He is married to **Megan (Mosher) 2011**, and they have an 18-month old son, Carson.

**Jordan Johnson** is the administrative assistant for Kroese & Kroese PC, a certified public accounting office in Le Mars, Iowa, that assists clients in attaining their financial goals.

**Tyler Kacmarynski** is an assistant account manager at Sterling Computers in Dakota Dunes, S.D. He is also an assistant wrestling coach at Morningside College.

**Jacquelyn (Peters) Newendorp** is an associate product specialist at Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa. In this position, she focuses on product development and improvement. As a product expert, she assists customer service with technical issues and training, and communicates with the field as necessary regarding product changes and updates.

**Emma Remy** is a program manager of worldwide real estate for Amazon in Seattle. She supports the transaction and construction teams with any funding requests for existing and prospective fulfillment centers, and does data analysis.

**Cole Schwarz** is an agent and partner at Anderson Financial in Great Bend, Kan.

**Scott Smith** is a registered nurse case manager for Brookdale Senior Living in Denver, Colo.

**Jennifer (Van't Hof) Waddle** is a special education teacher at Kinsey Elementary School in Sioux Center, Iowa.



## 2015

**Kyle Borchers** is the fifth- and sixth-grade social studies teacher at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Middle School in Sanborn, Iowa.

**Alma Cortez** teaches Spanish at East Sac County High School in Lake View, Iowa.

**Brittany (Weber) Eckert** is a therapeutic horseback riding instructor and volunteer coordinator at Special Troopers Adaptive Riding School in Sioux City. She also is a part-time transitional kindergarten teacher in the Galva-Holstein Community School District.

**Katie Larson** is a fifth-grade teacher at Missouri Valley Elementary School in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

**Christian Nohr** is an account manager at Sterling

Computers in Dakota Dunes, S.D. In that role, he supports the U.S. Department of Defense. He is responsible for several key federal agencies, including the Military Health System, Defense Health Agency, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Defense Media Activity and Washington Headquarters Services. He works directly with technology and procurement professionals within these agencies to craft information technology solutions that meet their unique needs. Nohr is supported by a team of solution architects and engineers that assist customers with information technology pain points, assessment planning, and design from a vendor-neutral perspective.

**Jennifer Petsche** is a support services specialist for University of Iowa Health Care in Iowa City, Iowa.

**Amy Stewart** is a math and language arts teacher at Spencer Middle School in Spencer, Iowa.

**Natalie (Waller) Tarpey** is an account executive for KDSM Fox 17 in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Ethan Van Briesen** is a fourth-grade teacher, cross country coach and basketball coach for the junior high and junior varsity teams at



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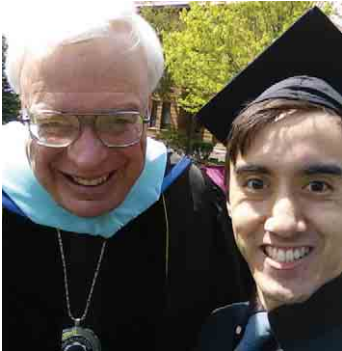


Ellsworth Public School in Ellsworth, Minn.

## 2016

**Kelsey Ahart** is a graphic designer for McLaughlin International in Carroll, Iowa.

**Amber Burg** is a project manager and proofreader for Venel in Omaha, Neb. Venel is a firm that markets and promotes orthopedic practice, assisting doctors and practices across the country.



**Benjamin Catus** is an educator for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Shelby Hall** is a registered nurse for Catholic Health Initiatives in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

**Heidi Jacobsen** is a processor for Closing Siouxland Inc.

**Allison Junck** is a second-grade teacher at Lawton-Bronson Elementary School in Bronson, Iowa.

**Nicole Loe** is the director of marketing for Jumpy Monkey Coffee Roasting Company in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. She organizes fundraisers, is a brand ambassador to retailers, directs sales and assists with directing staff.



**Collin Schrader** is attending the University of Iowa to earn a doctorate in physical therapy.

**Taylor Woods** is a special education teacher for the Akron-Westfield Community School District in Akron, Iowa.

## In Loving Memory

**1937**  
**Carol (Eberly) Stremming**,  
Evansville, Ind., died  
Jan. 24, 2011.

**1938**  
**Lucille (Crain) Dick**, Sun  
City, Ariz., died  
March 20, 2014.

**Alice (Robinson) Dotson**,  
Langdon, Iowa, died  
Oct. 18, 2016.

**Dorothy (Latshaw) Kenworthy**, Norwalk, Conn.,  
died July 26, 2016.

**Harriette (Larson) McGuire**, Sioux City, died  
Feb. 20, 2017.

**1939**  
**Harm Hagena**, Lennox, S.D.,  
died March 20, 2009.

**1940**  
**Mildred Colahan**, Largo,  
Fla., died Jan. 24, 2014.

**Helen L. (Hannah) Goodner**, Des Moines, Iowa,  
died Jan. 10, 2017.

**1942**  
**Helen (Weaver) Cook**,  
Sioux City, died Jan. 14, 2017.

**Clarice (Rohweder) Hanson**, Eagle Grove, Iowa,  
died Aug. 7, 2016.

**1943**  
**Orlan W. Ott Sr.**, Waterloo,  
Iowa, died Jan. 14, 2017.

**Ellen Jean White**,  
Anchorage, Alaska, died  
Jan. 16, 2017. She served in  
the Air Force for 26 years,  
retiring as a lieutenant  
colonel in 1970.

**1944**  
**Ruth (Hofmann) Schmalenberger**,  
Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Jan. 6,  
2017. She established an  
endowed scholarship in her

name for Morningside College students in 1997.

**1945**  
**Dr. Gus Lease**, San Jose,  
Calif., died Sept. 4, 2016.

**Leah (Huxtable) Waterman**, Newell, Iowa,  
died June 25, 2016.

**1946**  
**Ellen (Westergaard) Jackson**, Whiting, Iowa,  
died Nov. 21, 2016.

**1947**  
**Constance (Dilly) Elvik**,  
Corona, Calif., died Sept. 6,  
2014.

**Laura (Carter) Harrison**,  
Sioux City, died Nov. 7, 2016.

**1948**  
**Dr. Lawrence Freeman**,  
Los Angeles, Calif., died  
June 23, 2014.

**Joyce (Tronsrue) Whitlow**,  
Johnstown, Pa., died Oct. 28,  
2016.

**1949**  
**Robert Carlson**, Rochester,  
Minn., died Sept. 11, 2014.

**Chleo J. Weins**, Sioux City,  
died Oct. 14, 2016.

**1950**  
**Leslie Cornwell**, Fort  
Collins, Colo., died  
Jan. 10, 2016.

**Frank Curry**, Le Mars, Iowa, died Feb. 22, 2017.

**Mary Fiddick**, Sierra Madre, Calif., died Nov. 11, 2015.

**Marge (Walton) Hiedeman**, Tallahassee, Fla., died Aug. 26, 2016.

**John Leavitt**, Marcus, Iowa, died Dec. 27, 2016.

**Forrest E. McElmuray**, Iowa Falls, Iowa, died March 11, 2017.

**Charles Slowey**, Valrico, Fla., died Nov. 26, 2016.

**Theodore Towler**, Lake Almanor, Calif., died Sept. 24, 2014.

**Mary Jo (Briggs) Weins**, Sioux City, died Dec. 24, 2014.

## 1951

**Dr. Roy Beauchene**, Knoxville, Tenn., died Oct. 1, 2016.

**Roger P. Davis**, Grand Rapids, Mich., died Dec. 4, 2016.

**The Rev. Ernest P. Hansen**, Spencer, Iowa, died Nov. 19, 2016.

**Leon Harbeck**, Sioux City, died Nov. 13, 2016.

**Elwood Leapley**, Bakersfield, Calif., died Oct. 16, 2012.

## 1952

**Kathleen (Brodsky) Martin**, Fort Myers, Fla., died Oct. 28, 2016.

**Wallace Propst**, Tujunga, Calif., died Oct. 16, 2016.

**Diana Louise (Sinning) Smith**, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Nov. 23, 2016.

**Dr. Elias Robert Stephens Jr.**, North Liberty, Iowa, died Feb. 8, 2017.

## 1953

**Derrell Dow**, Sioux City, died Dec. 25, 2016.

**Isabelle F. Gibbs**, Garner, Iowa, died Oct. 17, 2016.

**Janet (Durlin) Hansen**, Sioux City, died Sept. 14, 2016.

**Donald Krone**, Sioux City, died Feb. 7, 2017.

**Jamie Mackey**, Minnetonka, Minn., died June 22, 2006.

**Ben Ploof Jr.**, Coralville, Iowa, died Sept. 19, 2016.

**Robert I. Rogers**, Merville, Iowa, died Jan. 29, 2017.

**Janet (Burg) Sturm**, Armstrong, Iowa, died Feb. 8, 2017.

## 1954

**Dorothy (Grosvenor) Lynch**, Marshall, Texas, died March 24, 2016.

## 1955

**Dr. Michael E. Paradise**, Aberdeen, S.D., died Oct. 28, 2016.

## 1956

**Beverly (Coates) Muir**, Arlington, Texas, died June 6, 2016.

## 1958

**James Gisel**, Cottage Grove, Minn., died Aug. 31, 2016.

**Richard D. Hartnett**, Sioux City, died Nov. 1, 2016.

**James McDonald**, Vermillion, S.D., died Dec. 13, 2016.

**Robert Leon Renfro**, Lincoln, Neb., died Oct. 31, 2016.

**Verdell Schmale**, Fayette, Iowa, died Oct. 5, 2016.

**Orlin Solberg**, Ringsted, Iowa, died Jan. 30, 2017.

## 1959

**Glen Haupt II**, Sioux City, died Oct. 29, 2016.

## 1960

**Jerold Dykstra**, Sheldon, Iowa, died Sept. 23, 2016.

**John Gilbert**, Overland Park, Kan., died Sept. 10, 2016.

**Cecil Larson**, Sioux City, died Sept. 24, 2016. He spent his entire career at Morningside

College, retiring as vice president of business in 1996.

**Mary Elizabeth Sievert**, Davenport, Iowa, died Dec. 28, 2016.

**Joseph Woodward**, Sioux City, died Jan. 9, 2017.

## 1961

**Marilyn (Sommers) Forsling**, Ames, Iowa, died Nov. 20, 2016.

**Joan (Rymill) Johansen**, Sioux City, died Jan. 6, 2017.

## 1962

**Louis Gene Rupp**, Sioux City, died Dec. 3, 2016.

## 1963

**Patricia (Niven) Christensen**, Sioux City, died Oct. 28, 2016.

**Richard Null**, Sioux City, died Nov. 13, 2016.

**Jean (Bottjen) Pierce**, Prague, Neb., died Jan. 31, 2017.

## 1964

**Tatiana Bodine**, Sioux City, died Feb. 4, 2017.

**Thomas Hooker**, West Linn, Ore., died Sept. 30, 2015.

**Mabel (Riddle) Lauridsen**, Oconomowoc, Wis., died Feb. 4, 2017.

**Leone Morgan**, Mapleton, Iowa, died Dec. 22, 2016.

**Shirley Vannorsdel**, Kingsley, Iowa, died Aug. 1, 2011.

1965

**Cornelius "Neil" Hyink**, Grand Rapids, Minn., died Jan. 1, 2017.

1966

**Dave Bolfik**, West Des Moines, Iowa, died Feb. 16, 2017.

**Christine (Sandstoe) Burton**, Des Moines, Iowa, died Aug. 14, 2016.

**Dr. Lonnie Edwards**, Princeton, Ind., died Sept. 17, 2016.

**John W. Kellogg II**, Missouri Valley, Iowa, died Aug. 22, 2016.

**William Tordoff**, Frisco, Colo., died April 17, 2016.

1967

**Ronald B. Bowman**, Bonham, Texas, died Oct. 10, 2016.

**Robert G. Kilstrom**, Bettendorf, Iowa, died Jan. 5, 2017.

**The Rev. Doug Nicholas**, Woodbury, Minn., died Nov. 27, 2016.

1969

**Retired Col. Edwin Den Beste**, Johns Creek, Ga., died March 31, 2015.

## COMEBACK STORY Professors help student reach potential

By Laura L. Florio

**Todd Carnes 2013** conducts research for a multinational corporation. But during his time at Morningside College, he struggled academically. He gives his professors credit for helping him turn things around.

"I spent significantly more time socializing and meeting new people than I did studying or attending class," he said. "My freshman and sophomore years, I was able to slide by on my intelligence and good graces. But my junior year, I failed two courses, and Dr. Greg Guelcher was threatening to fail me in a third if I didn't attend class.

"It was an epiphany - a true wake-up call - and I am thankful my professors cared enough about me to hold me accountable."

Carnes re-enrolled in the courses he failed and excelled, earning the respect of his professor, Dr. Chris Spicer. He attended an Association for Computing Machinery conference with another professor, Dean Stevens, and realized he faced a lot of competition in his field.

So Carnes began to pursue academic challenges. The more difficult the

challenge, the more he committed himself to finding a solution. His senior year included developing a game engine, which he used to recreate the original Pokemon game. This impressed Great West Casualty Co., where he got an internship and a job upon graduation. Carnes worked there for a year before creating a start-up with three college friends. They developed a fleet tracking app.

Although the start-up did not last, Carnes used the success of the app to procure a job with Triton Services in Maine. Carnes worked from home, which gave him the independence to dabble in a few side projects, including teaching himself android programming.

Triton eventually brought Carnes out to the West Coast, where his initiative attracted the attention of Pipeline. For Pipeline, he developed integrated solutions for nuclear power plants for a year before he was hired to join the research team at Sharp Laboratories of America, a division of Sharp Corporation.

Carnes works with 18 researchers whose work paves the way for new products and services for



Sharp and its partners. He collaborates with Fortune 500 companies around the world. In September, he was named a senior software engineer in research.

Carnes has had to work hard to prove himself. "I'm the first one in our Santa Ana office, but I am also the first one out," he said with a laugh. "I enjoy the freedom of my job, the challenges I encounter every day, and how rewarding it is to come up with something completely new that no one else has thought of previously."

He doesn't just challenge himself professionally. He recently took up hiking and completed a 15-mile trek up the Santiago Peak in Southern California. He also volunteers at the Nicholas Academic Centers in Santa Ana, where he tutors middle and high school students.

## ALUMNI OFFICE UPDATE

By Shiran Nathaniel, Director of Alumni Relations



In May on a beautiful spring day, I had the opportunity to be a part of the commencement ceremony on campus.

We celebrated all of the great achievements of the Class of 2017 and welcomed graduates into the Morningside College alumni community.

Springtime is a season of change all around us. The grass gets greener, flowers bloom, the weather gets warmer and students all around the country graduate into a new chapter of their lives. Like many before them, students in the Class of 2017 face many changes ahead. Some will be starting new jobs, some will be relocating to new communities, and some may even be starting the next phase of their educational journey.

As the director of alumni relations, I continually look for ways for alumni to stay engaged with Morningside College. Our latest endeavor is an online community called Morningside Connect. It offers social networking

similar to Facebook or LinkedIn, as well as other features, and it has been created exclusively for the Morningside College community.

This platform transforms Morningside College's traditional means of helping and giving back and cultivates a vibrant community that enhances your Morningside experience. Morningside Connect allows you to re-connect with classmates, offer advice and mentor current students, broaden your professional network with other alumni, and much more. Please do take the time to join this community at [morningside.edu/connect](http://morningside.edu/connect)

Whether you attend Morningside alumni events around the country, participate in Homecoming festivities, attend athletic events, join Morningside Connect, or even just read The Morningsider, my

hope is that you continue to stay engaged with the college. Morningside has a great history and alumni base, but we also have a very vibrant future ahead of us, as is evident in the Class of 2017. Whether you identify as a Maroon, a Chief or a Mustang, we are one Morningside!



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**The Rev. Eric Johnson**, North Fort Myers, Fla., died Feb. 3, 2017.

**1970**

**Despi Kounas**, Sioux City, died Nov. 27, 2016.

**1971**

**Laura Kay (Bryant) Crowl**, Hornick, Iowa, died Aug. 25, 2016.

**Michael Fitzgerald**, Mandarin, Fla., died Dec. 28, 2013.

**The Rev. Eleanor Foster**, Allerton, Iowa, died Nov. 28, 2016.

**1972**

**Rosemary (Thomsen) Lighthall**, Des Moines, Iowa, died Nov. 19, 2016.

**1975**

**Lawrence Boyd**, Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Nov. 15, 2016.

**1976**

**Andrea J. Conrad**, South Sioux City, Neb., died Oct. 8, 2016.

**Mervin Hobbs**, Dexter, Mich., died Dec. 31, 2016.

1977

**Darlys (Richardson) Crees**, Lansing, Iowa, died Jan. 20, 2017.

**Theresa Sperry**, Schuyler, Neb., died Nov. 2, 2016.

1982

**Lisa (Dorr) Derby**, Kingsley, Iowa, died Feb. 21, 2017.

**Helen Thomas**, Decatur, Neb., died Feb. 9, 2017.

1983

**Carol (Ryan) Kessenich**, Le Mars, Iowa, died March 31, 2017.

**Jeffrey Dean Kolb**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died Sept. 29, 2016.

1985

**Tamara Paulson**, Maitland, Mo., died Feb. 19, 2017.

**Rosalee (Anson) Taylor**, Sioux City, died Oct. 16, 2016.

1988

**Kelly (Shea) Quinton**, Fargo, N.D., died Feb. 2, 2017.

1994

**Judith Partlow**, Primghar, Iowa, died Oct. 30, 2016.

1999

**Rhonda (Reiff) Ragen**, Ottumwa, Iowa, died Aug. 18, 2016.

2011

**Justin R. Shideler**, Sioux City, died Dec. 9, 2016.

## Remembering Cherished Friends

**Marcella "Sally" Frazier**, Sioux City, died Jan. 26, 2017. She was a former employee of Morningside College. She worked at the college as a custodian.

**Frederick George Stolen**, Sioux City, died Nov. 16, 2016. Stolen was a former employee of Morningside. He coached baseball.

**Margaret Thompson**, Stockton, Calif., died Nov. 10, 2016. She was the wife of the late Thomas S. Thompson, who was president of Morningside College from 1969 to 1978. She endowed funds for the annual Thomas S. Thompson Staff Excellence Awards for Morningside College employees.

**Harley Whitfield**, Sarasota, Fla., died Jan. 9, 2017. Whitfield is a former member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

## Future Morningsiders

2003

**Jesus and Melissa (Stidfole) Pena** 2008, Sioux City, a son, Brexton Royce, March 27, 2017.



2005



**Mandie (Norby) Mayo** and her husband, Jeremy, Sioux City, a son, Rylan Wayne, Sept. 29, 2016.

2009



**Joe and Jill (Bottolfsen) Bisenius** 2007, Sioux City, a son, James Patrick, Nov. 7, 2016.

**Derek and Tarah (Sagedahl) Nolan**, Parker, S.D., a daughter, Halle, Sept. 6, 2016.

2011

**Andrew and Amanda (Plemel) Gerodias** 2009, Sioux City, a daughter, Julianna Eve, Dec. 31, 2015.

**Marshall and Megan (Mosher) Tuttle**, Ankeny, Iowa, a son, Carson Clark, Oct. 15, 2015.

**Landon and Jamie (Vander Kooi) Wright**, Hinton, Iowa, a son, Noah Lee, Dec. 14, 2016.

## Newlyweds

1973

**Mark Packard** and Carol Ringenberg, Sept. 9, 2016. At home in Lincoln, Neb.

## 1984

**Dr. Craig Wansink** and Nancy Chapman, Dec. 23, 2016, Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va. At home in Virginia Beach, Va.

## 2011



**Tyler Petersen** and Jackie Hausman, Sept. 10, 2016, Zion Lutheran Church, Arcadia, Iowa. At home in Westside, Iowa.

**Landon Wright and Jamie Vander Kooi**, Sept. 26, 2015, Immaculate Conception Church, Sioux City. At home in Hinton, Iowa.

## 2012

**Karena Danner** and Andrew Cunningham, Aug. 27, 2016, Luther Memorial Church, Syracuse, Neb. At home in Syracuse.

**Jackie Goergen** and Murphy Mack, Nov. 5, 2016, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton, Iowa. At home in Vermillion, S.D.

**Emily Gutz** and Joseph Horrigan, Nov. 18, 2016, Prairie Lakes Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa. At home in North Chicago, Ill.

## 2013

**Michael Fischer** and Morgan Streif, Aug. 13, 2016, Borromeo Catholic Church, Gretna, Neb. At home in Bennington, Neb.



**Kory Kistner and Alexis Stabile**, July 22, 2016, Steamboat Springs, Colo. At home in Sioux City.

**Josh Winkel and Alisa Christensen**, June 22, 2013, Nain Lutheran Church, Newell, Iowa. At home in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

## 2014



**Tasha Drey** and Taylor Goodvin, June 4, 2016, Sunnybrook Community Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.



**Mitch Jasper and Ashley Petersen 2016**, Jan. 21, 2017, St. John Lutheran Church, Chester, Neb. At home in Hebron, Neb.



**Tyler Kacmarynski and Amanda Osborne 2015**, Aug. 27, 2016, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Washington, Kan. At home in Sioux City.

## 2015

**Derek Frahm and Justine Petersen 2017**, Aug. 14, 2016, Calvary Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb. At home in Omaha.



**Kaleb Horton and Leslie Pfeifer**, Sept. 24, 2016, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hastings, Neb. At home in Mission, Kan.

**McKenzie Monahan** and Cameron Groenke, Oct. 8, 2016, Hilltop United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D. At home in Sioux City.

**Joseph Tarpey and Natalie Waller**, Sept. 24, 2016, Sacred Heart Parish, West Des Moines, Iowa. At home in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Brittany Weber** and Aaron Eckert, Sept. 17, 2016, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Anthon, Iowa. At home in Sioux City.

## 2016

**Heather Bovy** and Nathan Richards, July 16, 2016, St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church, Waterloo, Iowa. At home in Waterloo.

**Carly Heese** and Greg Conry, June 25, 2016, St. Michael's Catholic Church, Harlan, Iowa. At home in Harlan.

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