

Morningsider

Summer 2018 Agricultural and food studies program experiences tremendous growth



I came to Morningside in the fall of 1966 from Fairmont, Minn. My mother said, "I think it is time somebody in this family got a college education."

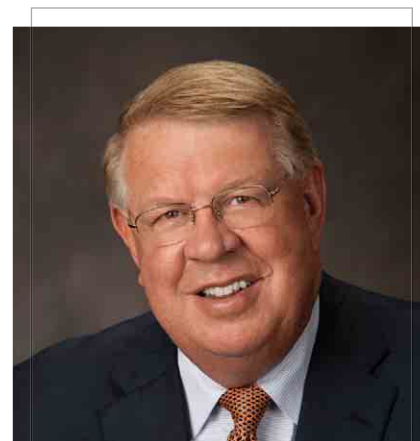
My Morningside adventure started slowly at first, but every week it got better and better. I walked on to the basketball team. I was the only one who didn't have a scholarship. I ended up playing and eventually starting. In my senior year, we were playing South Dakota State in the North Central Championship Holiday Tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D. I was introduced, and I looked around and saw 4,000 people. That was my special Morningside moment. After that night, I figured I could do anything. Sometime in your life you will have a special Morningside moment and realize you came from a very special place.

I think as Morningsiders, we don't believe we are in the same league as the elite schools, but I will tell you why this just isn't true.

1. Morningsiders come from small towns, villages and farms with a very rural background.
2. Morningsiders probably played a sport in college.
3. Morningsiders might be the first in the family to graduate from college.
4. Morningsiders know how to work. They worked before college, during college and know they will have to work very hard for the rest of their lives.
5. Morningsiders are very humble. Their relatives are middle class or blue collar. There are not a lot of spoiled kids at this school.
6. Morningsiders will have some debt after school. Not a lot of free rides here, but they will come away with an excellent education.

Do you know what I just described? The kind of person every employer wants in their company. You are special people with much to offer, so don't sell yourself short.

Rosen gave these comments as part of a 2017 commencement address at Morningside.



Thomas J. Rosen

is president and chief executive officer of Rosen's Diversified in Fairmont, Minn., an agricultural holding company involved in beef processing and hamburger grinding, agricultural chemical distribution, and trucking. The company has worldwide sales in excess of \$3 billion. Rosen graduated from Morningside College in 1970. He is a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

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Students Nicole Langbein (left), Lane Nichols and Rachael Arnts talk about agriculture in a field south of Sioux City. Go to page 10 to learn about the tremendous growth of the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program. Photo by Doug Burg, Burg Studios.

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Students selected for United Nations Youth Assembly

Samuel Padilla from Ibagué, Colombia, and Luke Peterson from Fairmont, Minn., attended the United Nations Youth Assembly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. The Morningside students were selected to join the 1,000 young leaders, social entrepreneurs and advocates from over 100 countries for the three-day session to tackle the world's most pressing issues along with experts and leaders from around the world.

College publishes first issue of new research journal

The Applied Research Center at Morningside published the first issue of the Journal of Applied and Educational Research in December 2017. The online, peer-reviewed journal showcases graduate student research and will be published every winter and summer. "Articles will be of interest to professionals working in psychology, nursing, education and other areas," said Dr. Dharma Jairam, co-editor with Dr. Kim Christopherson. To see the latest issue, go online to morningside.edu/researchjournal.

Student receives award at National FFA Convention

Summer Beery competed against professors and Ph.D. candidates and won an award at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Beery received a Distinguished Research Paper Presentation Award at the FFA convention's 36th Annual National Agricultural Mechanics Professional Development Blue Ribbon Papers Research Conference. Beery was the only undergraduate student to have a paper accepted for presentation at the conference.

College releases results

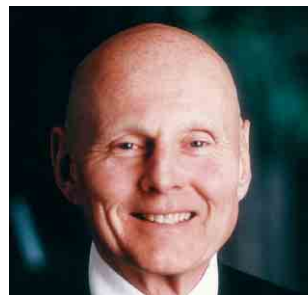
The Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside College released in May the results of its first Morningside Poll, a public opinion survey that measures the attitudes of Iowa residents on a variety of public policy issues and on the performance of the state's legislative and executive branches of government.

Detailed poll results are available online at morningside.edu/morningsidepoll.

"The Day Center's mission includes nonpartisan efforts to encourage civic engagement and interest in the political process," said Dr. Valerie Hennings 2001, assistant professor of political science at Morningside College and director of the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement. "Results from our first

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, BUSINESS EXECUTIVE VISIT CAMPUS

Mohana Rajakumar was in residence on campus for two weeks in March and W. Roger Curry 1961 was in residence for a week in April as part of the Dimmitt Fellows program. Rajakumar is an award-winning author, literature scholar and South Asian American who has lived in the Middle East since 2005. Curry is retired president and chief executive officer of Consolidated Freightways, where he was responsible for the operations of a \$2.4-billion transportation company with more than 25,000 employees. He also is a former member of the Morningside College Board of Directors. While on campus, the Dimmitt Fellows met with students and faculty and participated in public discussions and lectures.



W. Roger Curry 1961



Mohana Rajakumar

of first Morningside Poll

Morningside Poll are a valuable information resource for anyone interested in Iowa politics and policies, including students, educators, researchers and community leaders.”

Hennings said the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement intends to conduct the Morningside Poll on a regular basis.

Research Now SSI conducted the poll May 2-12. It involved computer-assisted interviews over the telephone (landline and cell) with 994 Iowa adults in a final sampling designed to be representative of the state’s population. The margin of error for the poll results is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Morningside College students, supervised by Hennings, analyzed the survey data from Research Now SSI and produced factsheets and survey briefs posted on the Morningside Poll website.

College names vice president for marketing

Erin Edlund has been named vice president for marketing at Morningside College. She is responsible for the college’s marketing and branding efforts, including website and social media. Edlund previously served for 13 years as a marketing professional within the Minnesota State system, the fourth largest higher education system in the country. She most recently worked as director of marketing at the Minnesota State system office in St. Paul, overseeing implementation of the new Minnesota State brand and launching several systemwide marketing campaigns to support Minnesota State’s 37 colleges and universities.



Erin Edlund

Honorary Doctorates

Dr. Kathleen Buchheit Stowick, retired professor of nursing and former chair of the Morningside College Nursing Education Department, was honored for her many years of service and leadership in nursing education at Morningside.

Richard A. Waller, a longtime banking executive and community leader in the Sioux City area, was honored for his many years of service on the Morningside College Board of Directors, as well as his active participation in many Sioux City area nonprofit, community and civic organizations.

Dr. Katherine M. Whatley, a senior vice president at the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C., was recognized for her career in higher education and her commitment to help colleges and universities improve their leadership expertise and administrative performance.

SPORTS HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE Dr. Sharon Ocker has compiled almost 20 years of columns on Morningside sports history into a 75-page book, “M-Club Messenger: Re-visited.” Highlights include pages on Paul Splittorff 1969, Shorty Shortenhaus 1949, Amy (Wilhelm) Lefler 1987 and many others. The book is available at the college bookstore. To learn more, go to store.morningside.edu or call 712-274-5170.

Taking the lead WOMEN FLOURISH IN NEW PROGRAM By Jenny Welp Thomas

Alejandra Castillo never saw herself as a leader. Then two professors and her work-study supervisor nominated her to participate in the new Connie Wimer Women's Leadership Program at Morningside College.

"It made me feel more confident," said the junior at Morningside. "I started doing a lot more, and I've gotten a lot more opportunities."

Morningside created the Connie Wimer Women's Leadership Program to help women accelerate their professional growth. Faculty and staff nominate students. Then a steering committee selects about 20 new students each year to participate in the two-year program.

"We're looking for a diverse group of women - some that have major leadership roles on campus, some who are developing as leaders and some who show promise of leadership," said Dr. Anne Power, associate professor of business and director of the women's leadership program.

Participants attended the Iowa Women Lead Change conference in Sioux City and met at Morningside with

Maria Cristina Gonzalez Noguera, a former communications director for First Lady Michelle Obama.

They learned about their individual strengths as leaders, read the book "Women Don't Ask" to learn about the importance of negotiation, and were encouraged to look for mentors and to be role models to others.

The young women are already using their new skills.

Darian Lisle started the program in the fall. She has learned that it is OK to make mistakes as long as you learn from them and that it is important to put yourself out there and take advantage of every opportunity.

"I'm actually becoming more vocal in class, becoming more a part of class discussions," Lisle said.

Castillo recently applied for a job and used her new skills to negotiate a higher paycheck.

"I was able to have the courage to say, 'I've had a lot of experience in this field. I feel like I could be getting paid a little bit more than what you're offering me,'" she said.

Grad receives prestigious scholarship for medical school

Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves 2017 received the prestigious Dennis R. Washington Leadership Scholarship awarded through the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans. The seven recipients were announced this spring in a full-page ad in the Wall Street Journal.

The scholarship gives Hongsermeier-Graves \$120,000 to obtain her medical degree at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She will begin medical school in the fall.

The Dennis R. Washington Leadership Scholarship is awarded to Horatio Alger Alumni Scholars who are pursuing master's or doctoral degrees in the fields of business, education, engineering, medicine or applied sciences.

Hongsermeier-Graves received an Ak-Sar-Ben/Horatio Alger Scholarship in 2012 to pursue her undergraduate degree from Morningside. She graduated summa cum laude in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry and a Bachelor of Arts in music.

Hongsermeier-Graves also received the Young Women of Excellence Award this spring for her contributions to the Siouxland community. She has spent the past year working at Morningside College as an admissions counselor.



Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves 2017

“And just by simply saying that, they’re like, ‘You’re right. We should be paying you more.’”

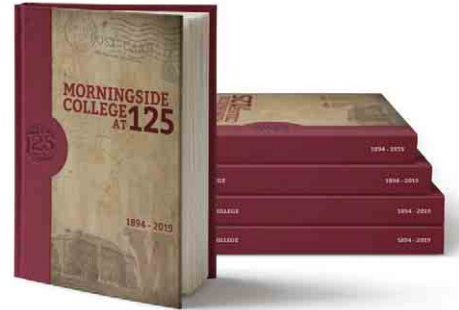
The program is named in honor of Connie (Horton) Wimer 1954, chair of Business Publications Corporation in Des Moines, Iowa, and the first woman to chair the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. She grew up in Merrill, Iowa; attended Morningside College; and now serves on the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Wimer has been heavily involved in the program, from providing input on content to attending events and hosting a luncheon in Des Moines with women of influence.

“After establishing my career fairly late in life by today’s standards, I wanted to help other young women have wider horizons, hopes and dreams,” she said. “I am a very strong feminist – because it really only means equal opportunities and rights. I want to help young women have access to all sorts of possibilities, and it gives me great pleasure to be a part of this program that does just that.”

Morningside to publish updated history book

To commemorate the 125th anniversary of Morningside College’s founding, we are publishing an updated college history written by Timothy Orwig 1980. “Morningside College at 125 (1894-2019)” will be available in the spring of 2019 for \$24.99. But you can pre-order your copy now and get free shipping and handling (a \$5 value).



Go to morningside125.com for more information about the new history book and place your pre-order through the Morningside College Bookstore. You also can call the bookstore at 712-274-5133 to place an order.

GRAD RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Erica Young 2017 has received a Fulbright scholarship from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

With her Fulbright scholarship, Young will begin work in the spring of 2019 as an English teaching assistant at a university in Brazil. She will assist local English instructors and provide a native speaker presence in the classrooms, as well as serve as a cultural ambassador for the United States. Fulbright award recipients are selected as part of an annual competition that recognizes academic and professional achievement, record of service and leadership potential.

The last Morningside graduate to receive a Fulbright award was Mallory Sea 2016 in the spring of 2017.

Young participated in overseas study experiences as an international affairs, Spanish and theatre major at Morningside. During the summer of 2015, she studied at the University of Granada in Spain. She also studied at the University of Havana in Cuba during the fall of 2016.



Erica Young 2017



Morningside to begin competition in lacrosse

Morningside will begin varsity competition in men's and women's lacrosse in the spring of 2020.

The lacrosse teams will seek affiliate membership in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, which currently includes lacrosse teams from eight schools in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, including Midland University from the GPAC.

A lacrosse field with an artificial turf playing surface

will be built near the existing parking lot west of Elwood Olsen Stadium in an area currently used for outdoor track and field throwing events. Morningside will build a new area for field throwing events on property it owns along the south side of Peters Avenue across from the stadium.

Construction work for the lacrosse field and field throwing events is expected to be completed by late summer.



Men's basketball wins both GPAC titles

The men's basketball team posted a 28-7 record for its second-highest victory total in school history. The team won the GPAC regular season championship with a 14-4 league record and captured the GPAC Postseason Tournament championship with an 80-76 victory against Northwestern to win both GPAC titles in the same season for the first time in school history.

The Mustangs reached the quarterfinals of the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship, where they lost 86-68 against eventual NAIA II National Champion Indiana Wesleyan.

Jim Sykes was named GPAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time in his career. Forward Tyler Borchers was a third-team NAIA II All-America selection, while guards Brody Egger and Alex Borchers were honorable mention All-Americans to give the Mustangs three NAIA All-Americans in the same season for the first time in school history.

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SWIMMER MAKES HISTORY AS NATIONAL CHAMPION

Suzanna Gonzalez became Morningside's first-ever NAIA National Champion swimmer when she swam a school-record time of 4:56.15 to win the women's 500-yard freestyle at the 2018 NAIA Swimming & Diving National Championships. Gonzalez added a second NAIA National Championship when she won the 1650-yard freestyle in a school-record time of 17:07.01 for a 19-second victory margin over her closest competitor. Gonzalez finished her two-year Morningside career as a five-time NAIA All-American.



Kati Kneifl won the javelin throw at the Drake Relays.

Morningsider wins event at Drake Relays

Kati Kneifl achieved one of the most impressive feats of the year when she won the javelin throw at the Drake Relays with a school-record distance of 152-2 to reign over a 19-athlete field that included 13 NCAA Division I competitors.

Kneifl increased her school record to 153-8 with a second-place finish at the NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships to earn NAIA All-America honors for the first time in her career.

Aurora Arevalo also earned All-America honors with a third-place finish in the heptathlon. Michelle Mumm finished her career as a nine-time All-American after she placed sixth in the 1500-meters and eighth in the 800-meters, while the men's 3200-meter relay team of Jacob Green, Dylan Lindstrom, Zach Ambrose and Jason Kenny earned All-America honors with a fifth-place finish.

Women's basketball player leads NAIA in 3-point field goals

Senior guard Madison Braun earned first-team NAIA Division II All-America honors after she led the nation with 128 3-point field goals and was the nation's seventh-leading scorer with an average of 20.4 points per game. Braun made a school-record 380 3-point field goals during her Morningside career. The Mustangs posted a 22-12 record to extend their streaks to 15 consecutive 20-win seasons and 16 straight NAIA Division II National Tournament appearances.

Noteworthy Feats

GPAC Women's Golfer of the Year Samantha Knight led the Mustangs to their first-ever GPAC Championship and their second NAIA National Tournament appearance in the last three years.

The softball team posted a 29-13 record to extend its streak to 17 consecutive winning seasons. The Mustangs were GPAC co-champions with a 16-4 league record to win their eighth GPAC crown in the last 12 years.

The dance team finished fifth at the 2018 NAIA Competitive Cheer & Dance National Championships. Kayla Inlay, Miranda Shipley and Jenna Winkler were named NAIA All-Americans in competitive dance, while Jessica Bennett, Nicole Hahn and Danielle Plathe were honorable mention All-Americans.

Jason Kenny and Michelle Mumm earned NAIA All-America honors in the 1000-meters, Jacob Green and Payton Boer were All-Americans in the 800-meters, and Reece Jackson was an All-American in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor track and field season. The women's distance medley relay team of Boer, Eleka Joseph, Emalee Fundermann and Mumm also earned All-America honors.

Nathan DeChaine was the 2018 GPAC Baseball Player of the Year after he batted .376 with 14 home runs and 49 RBIs and finished his career with a school-record 47 home runs and 212 RBIs.

Fertile ground

Morningside to add major in agricultural education

By Jenny Welp Thomas



Dr. Thomas Paulsen, associate professor and department head for the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, teaches a Foundations of Agricultural Education course.

The Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program at Morningside College has grown from about 10 students when the program started to almost 70 students four years later. This fall Morningside will become the third college in Iowa to prepare students to teach agriculture at the middle and high school levels.

This fall Morningside College will become the third college in Iowa to offer a major in agricultural education. The major will certify graduates to teach agriculture at the middle and high school levels.

Consultants at the Iowa Department of Education strongly encouraged Morningside to develop this program in response to a severe shortage of teachers in this area, said Dr. LuAnn Haase, dean of the Sharon Walker School of Education at Morningside.

"Morningside College welcomes the opportunity to become a leader in the preparation of secondary agriculture teachers in the state of Iowa and in this region of our country," Haase said. "Continued collaboration between Morningside College and its K-12 school district partners benefits students, agriculture-related businesses, and, ultimately, our economy as Morningside graduates help close the gap in this labor market need."

Agricultural education has been a teacher shortage area in Iowa for 14 of the last 17 years, in South Dakota for the last nine years, and in Nebraska for three of the last four years.

At the same time, demand is growing, said Dr. Thomas Paulsen, associate professor and department head for the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program at Morningside.

"Schools are starting to understand that the agricultural sector, broadly defined, has tremendous career opportunities," he said.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects about 58,000 job openings per year for graduates with a bachelor's degree in agriculture - and only about 35,000 graduates to fill those openings.

That could explain the rapid growth of Morningside's agricultural and food studies program. It has grown from about 10 students when it started in 2014 to almost 70 students four years later.

The program offers an overview of agriculture that is accessible even to students with limited experience in the field. Then students minor in specialties such as agribusiness, agronomy, environmental policy and law, food safety, political science or mass communication.

Paulsen called education a logical growth area.

"We have an excellent education department at Morningside College. Very well respected," he said. "We're partnering with that experience."

Most agriculture programs can be found at large public universities. It is rare to find a small college with professors whose full-time job is to teach courses in agriculture, according to Paulsen. He said Morningside is a truly unique option for students who want the small-college experience.

DeAndra Fritz will be one of the first agricultural education majors at Morningside. Her mother is actually an agricultural education professor at a large university, but she thought a small college like Morningside would be a better fit for her.

"I chose a small school rather than a big school because I learn better in a classroom that is not a lecture hall," said the Morningside College sophomore.

"I learn better when the teacher is going to know my name and I can ask questions rather than a big university where there are 200 students in a class."

There were five students in her first agriculture class at Morningside.

Even though Fritz's mother is an agricultural education professor, there was no agricultural education program at her high school. She said her Morningside professors have been great about helping her get the experiences she needs to be successful.

For example, Paulsen helped her get in touch with an area high school so she could watch FFA practices.

"Students wanting to come here for an ag education, know you're going to get a lot of personal experience with your professors, and they're going to know you," she said. "They're going to make sure you get the education you need in order to be successful."



DeAndra Fritz

Student Sam Anderson (right) poses for a photo in the greenhouse during a History of Food and Agriculture class at Morningside College. Photo by David Radler.



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. David Elder is an associate professor of writing and rhetoric who has been on the faculty since 2010. As a teacher, he meets students where they are and accompanies them on their journey to new levels of learning and understanding. A student described his class as “one of the highlights of my year.” A colleague said, “The depth of his commitment is rare.” He is a fantastic teacher, a caring adviser, an active researcher and a beloved member of the campus community. This is his second Walker Faculty Excellence Award.



Dr. Brian McFarland is an associate professor of chemistry who has been on the faculty since 2013. He receives "Excellent Teacher" ratings in courses where the subject matter is rated "Highly Difficult." One student said his teaching was "second to none" and he was "unquestionably the best professor I have had at Morningside College." Last year he had a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal with a student as co-author. He volunteered on several college committees, all while covering many of the duties of a department chair.



Dr. Chris Spicer is an associate professor of mathematics who has been on the faculty since 2009. His students are so excited about their learning that they actively - and even wildly at times - compete to be the first to provide the essential idea that will move the learning process forward in the direction he is leading them. It was described as "teaching at its finest." An active scholar himself, Spicer wrote two papers with students that were published in two different peer-reviewed journals. This is his third Walker Faculty Excellence Award.

Photos by Jim Lee.

Thompson Staff Excellence Awards



Beth Boettcher, first-year adviser, is an excellent mentor whose initiative and proactive approach have helped improve the student experience at Morningside. She was instrumental in developing communication channels between her department and head coaches in athletics. She also was the point person for updating the online surveys for first-year students.



J.J. (Benson) Marlow **2003**, director of the Annual Scholarship Fund, oversees and manages a wide range of projects and initiatives that have a significant impact on the college. Last year, she made more than 100 face-to-face calls on alumni, friends and businesses. She was in charge of the first ever Morningside Madness day of giving that raised more than \$77,000.



Shari (Perley) Tramp **1996**, information services administrative manager, possesses knowledge and passion that help her department operate more effectively. She streamlined records processing and inventory management. This made it possible to store and process more than 600 notebook computers with less space and time than previously possible.



Wendy Wilde, athletic department receptionist, is a listening ear for students and staff. She works in the Hindman-Hobbs Center, the most used building on campus. She deals effectively with athletic coaches and staff and demonstrates outstanding customer service when off-campus groups wish to rent the building. Wilde also was named staff employee of the year.



Randi (Mann) Hudson **2005**, associate director of student financial planning, cares about everything she does, and it shows in her work ethic and positive attitude. She is self-motivated and looks for ways to streamline and improve processes. She is always willing to help by taking extra appointments, answering questions, or helping students understand their financial aid award.



Orlando Rodriguez, custodian, touches hundreds of students' lives every school year with his caring manner. He regularly goes above and beyond his normal job duties, addressing issues without being told to do so. He takes pride in giving people a great impression of Morningside when they are in the MacCollin Classroom Building and Eppley Fine Arts Building.



Stacy Weiland, lead custodian, is respected by everyone who works for him. They describe him as fair and credit him for doing whatever it takes to get the job done. Because of his excellent planning and organization efforts, he was able to save one full-time employee position, which helped the administration prioritization task force meet its goal.

Faculty Notes

Gail Ament, Ph.D., professor of Spanish, presented a paper at the International Conference on Hispanic Literature in Quito, Ecuador, and she traveled to San Francisco to evaluate Fulbright applications for English Teaching Assistantships to Ecuador and Venezuela.

Jackie (Brummond) Barber 1995, Ed.D., dean of the Nylen School of Nursing, and **Dianna Sorenson**, Ph.D., professor of nursing education, gave presentations at two American Association of Colleges of Nursing events in Anaheim, Calif., the Clinical Nurse Leader Summit and the Master's Education Conference.

Shannon Claxton, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, presented and chaired a symposium at the biennial meeting of the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood in Washington, D.C.

David Elder, Ph.D., associate professor of writing and rhetoric, presented a paper at the annual Conversation on the Liberal Arts conference at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., and he led a workshop at the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication in Kansas

City, Mo. **Leslie Werden**, Ph.D., associate professor of English and department head for humanities, also presented and served as a committee chair at the Kansas City conference.

Bruce Forbes 1970, Ph.D., retired professor of religious studies, participated in a session at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Boston, Mass.

Suzanne Hendrix-Case, D.M.A., assistant professor of music, performed with the Hawaii Opera Theater in Honolulu and the Potsdam State University of New York's Crane School of Music. She also gave a master class while in Potsdam.

Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972, Ph.D., retired professor of English, presented a paper co-authored with a student at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference in Indianapolis. While there, she participated in the organization's oral history project.

Pam Mickelson, Ed.D., professor of business and department head for accounting and business, helped plan the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization Global Conference and Pitch Competition in Tampa, Fla., and she was a chair of the chapter development sessions.

Thomas H. Paulsen, Ph.D., associate professor and department head for the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, co-authored papers that were published in the NACTA Journal, a publication of North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture; Journal of Research in Technical Careers; and Journal of Agricultural Education.

Anne Power, Ph.D., associate professor of business management, and **Shannon Claxton**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, presented at the annual Women in Educational Leadership Conference in Lincoln, Neb.

Heather Reid, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, has been awarded a fellowship by the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D.C. The fellowship will take place during the 2018-2019 academic year, with Reid in residence at the Center for Hellenic Studies during the month of October. Reid also had an article published in the Journal of Chinese Philosophy, presented at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville, Ky., as part of a seminar sponsored by the University of Louisville, and received the distinguished scholar award from the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport.

Twyla Rosenbaum, J.D., associate professor of business, received the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) certification from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Chris Spicer, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, was awarded the Iowa Section Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America.

Christina Triezenberg, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, coordinated a section of the Midwest Modern Language Association's annual conference in Cincinnati, where she presented a paper and moderated a panel.

Leslie Werden, Ph.D., associate professor of English, department head for humanities, and a faculty adviser for Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, is feature article editor for The Circle, the national publication of Omicron Delta Kappa.

Mary Zink, M.B.A., assistant professor of business, and **Anne Power**, Ph.D., associate professor of business management, gave presentations at the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis and the

Association for Business Communication international conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Retirements

Duane Benson

retired as director of the bookstore. Benson was hired in 2005 after working almost 30 years at SuperValu, where he was store manager. Benson has provided exceptional customer service to the Morningside community. He has been selected by students and administrators to receive staff excellence awards. He developed the option for students to order books online and pick up their bagged order at the beginning of the semester. He also was instrumental in bringing students the option to rent textbooks from the bookstore.



Bruce Forbes

1970, Ph.D., retired as the Arthur L. Bunch Professor of Religious Studies and chair of philosophy and religious studies. An ordained minister with a Ph.D. in the history of Christianity, Forbes has received numerous awards since he started teaching at Morningside in 1978. Forbes co-edited a seminal book on religion and popular culture, now in its third edition, and he has written two books on the origins of American holidays. He has been adviser for the Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. The Morningside circle of Omicron Delta Kappa has been recognized as one of the best in the nation, and Forbes has served on the organization's national advisory board and as national vice president.



Kitty Green,

M.A., assistant professor of history, has instructed and entertained Morningside College students since 1979. Many have discovered that her American History course was their favorite and most memorable academic experience. Green is known for her offerings in history and geography, but she was also one of our best first-year seminar instructors. A leader in the local and regional movements for women's rights in the 1970s, Green went on to develop the women's studies program at Morningside. She also co-founded the Morningside in Italy experience and served on numerous college committees and task forces. An active scholar, she has focused on the history of Sioux City, prohibition and women's suffrage. She served on the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women and the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees.



Celia Stevenson,

M.A., retired as assistant professor of education. Stevenson taught elementary and middle school students for 33 years, and she served as an adjunct faculty member at Doane College for six summer sessions before joining the undergraduate education department at Morningside in 2012. An outstanding teacher and teacher educator, Stevenson shared her passion for teaching, especially teaching math and teaching in the middle school. She started the Morningside Middle Level Educators' Club and served as adviser, accompanying students to the national conference for middle level educators nearly every year. She also brought about 350 middle school students to campus each spring for middle school math bees.



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1946

Doris (Peterson) Markland published her second book, titled "My Half of the Conversation." Her first book, "Playing Life by Ear," was published two years ago. Both are available at bookstore.iUniverse.com and Amazon.com. Markland was born in Stanhope, Iowa, and has lived in Norfolk, Neb., for 54 years. She is one of five remaining members of the Grammar Girls, who graduated from Morningside in 1946 and remained close friends through the years.

1950

Mary (Gasser) Turner said she is happy to be alive at 89! She said she was saved at the age of 32 and blessed by God with many trips overseas - and three pen pals. Turner has five children, two of whom are pastors. She will celebrate her 90th birthday with her family in early July.

1952

Dr. Eleanor Ann (Mohr) Struthers won the Wild Leek Press Inaugural Poetry Chapbook Competition with her publication "The Kindness of Crocodiles." Coming out of her experiences in Sri Lanka as a Fulbright Fellow, the series of poems explores the lives of Sri Lanka's endangered animals. Another chapbook of her poems, "Aleppo Burning," was published this

spring by The Head & The Hand Press. This chapbook was also a prize winner. Struthers lived in Syria for two years as a Fulbright Fellow, teaching at the University of Aleppo. Her love of the beautiful city and her concern about the current civil war and what it has done to the city and its people permeates these short poems.

1955

Dr. Michael Paradise grew up on the Greek island of Crete. When it was invaded by the Nazis during World War II, he joined the resistance as a runner for a British intelligence group. He was captured and tortured by the Nazis when he was 15 but miraculously avoided execution by escaping. Paradise came to Sioux City at the invitation of family and earned a bachelor's degree from Morningside College. He went on to pursue a career as a teacher and education administrator, serving as a college president, university chancellor and executive director of an international college consortium. Paradise wrote a book about his life and was in the final stages of editing when he died in October 2016. "When War Came to Paradise" is available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

1957

Robert Sabel enjoyed his 60th year as president of his 1957 class.

1959

Jane (Arnold) Heikens is a piano teacher and community leader in Lake Park, Iowa. She also sings in her United Methodist Church choir and has done so for many years.

1963

Dr. Karen (Lias) Wolff served from 2000 to 2005 as dean of the school of music at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She retired and is now a dean emerita and professor emerita of music education at the University of Michigan. Since retirement, she has been writing fiction. Her first novel is set in Siouxland and will be published in the coming year.



1964



Photo by Sioux City Journal.

Greg Dunn worked in the Sioux City stockyards while a student at Morningside College. At that time, there was a statue getting beaten up by the semis coming in and out of the stockyards. "December Morn" was a statue of a woman standing on top of an ornate fountain pedestal with a large basin at the bottom. Dunn asked if something could be done to save the statue. He was told, "If you want it, you can have it." The fountain pedestal was the only part of the statue he could save. The Sioux City Journal recently ran a series of articles on the fate of the statue. It is believed that the rest of the statue has been destroyed. Dunn lives on Lincoln Way in Sioux City with his wife, Estie, and the fountain pedestal is on display in their backyard.

1965

Don Peterson retired after 35 years with the Stockton Symphony in Stockton, Calif. He will keep his fingers going by playing in a community orchestra closer to his home in Manteca, Calif.

Dick Salem

started out in residential real estate in the 1970s and has worked in commercial real estate from the 1980s up until today. His company, Salem Commercial Real Estate, was the largest commercial real estate company in Siouxland in 2001 when it became the commercial division of United Real Estate Solutions. Then in 2005, Salem became broker associate and vice president of a new company,



United Commercial. Last year he decided to revive the Salem Real Estate name by opening an office in downtown Sioux City.

1969



Dr. Dan Flanagan was inducted last year into the Papillion-La Vista Schools Foundation Hall of Fame as a Community Booster. Flanagan served on the Papillion-La Vista School Board for four years, two of them as board president. He also has served as chair of the planned giving committee for the Papillion-La Vista Schools Foundation from its inception to the present day.

Doug Melvold retired in October 2016. He and his brothers sold their family-owned newspaper and commercial printing business in Eastern Iowa, and he is enjoying retirement.

1970

Roger P. Jensen retired as vice president and branch manager of North Star Bank in Ringsted, Iowa. In retirement he also works part time as a broker associate for Johnson Realty in Emmetsburg, Iowa.

1971

Dr. Bill Russell wrote the book and lyrics for a new musical, "Unexpected Joy," which recently premiered at The York Theatre in New York. "Unexpected Joy" is the story of three generations of female singers, long-held family tensions, and a week together where change is in



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the air. The musical will play London's Southwark Playhouse in September, and Jay Records will release the original cast recording. Russell also will direct "Oklahoma!" at the Black Hills Playhouse in honor of the 75th anniversary of this American classic. The show opens on July 13 and runs through July 29.

1972



Gene Buccelli Jr. and his wife, Connie, live in Charlotte, N.C. To celebrate their 54th anniversary on Jan. 11, 2018, they took a riverboat cruise down the Rhine River in Europe in May 2018. This summer Gene and Connie are going to his 58th high school reunion in Washington, D.C. They are the great-grandparents of two boys, ages 2 and 6, and one of their grandchildren just graduated from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with honors and has a full-tuition scholarship to graduate school at Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pa. Gene still

teaches Sunday school periodically, and he teaches six-week Bible studies reviewing books by Adam Hamilton. He recently won the Happy Olde Men trophy for the best score in his church's annual golf tournament. He also volunteered for the PGA tournament at Quail Hollow Country Club in Charlotte.



Doug Huitink retired from his position as product manager for Wilson Trailer Co. in Sioux City.

Dr. Richard Rutt retired as professor and director of the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training at Pacific University in Hillsboro, Ore. He continues to serve as the chair of the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board.

1973

Nancy (Bellows) Frederiksen retired from teaching after 44 years in the classroom. For the last 17 years, she taught World History and Advanced Placement European History to sophomores at

Urbandale High School in Urbandale, Iowa.

Connie (Hicks) Lewis

retired from teaching second grade in the Ottumwa Community School District in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mark Packard retired from teaching sociology and psychology at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Neb., in 2017. He started teaching at Southeast Community College in 1992 as an adjunct professor and accepted a full-time position in 1997. A long-time top shooter in Lincoln Pool Leagues, he was inducted into the Midwest Pool Association Hall of Fame in 2013. He now teaches Beginning 8-Ball Pool with the Southeast Community College Continuing Education Division. He also tours the country on his Honda Goldwing. Packard is the son of Dwight Lockwood Packard, former chair of business administration and economics at Morningside.

1974

The Rev. Ann (Lockrem) Albert

was ordained as a Lutheran minister in September. She will be serving St. John's Lutheran Church in Essex, Iowa, and Fremont Lutheran Church in Nyman, Iowa.

Dr. Jerry Baker received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the 2017 National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis. He received the honorary degree for making an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturalists. Baker is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Ga.



1975

Edgar J. Den Beste retired from his position as market president for Great Western Bank in Sioux City.

Thomas Gehl retired as senior assistant vice president for marketing and sales operations at Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Neb.

Howard M. Staber retired from The Boulder Co. in Sioux City after seven years.

WHERE IT ALL STARTED Scholarships led couple to Morningside – and a lifetime of success

By Jenny Welp Thomas

Scholarships made it possible for **Dr. Mark and Linda (Stark) Titus 1969** to come to Morningside College. It is at Morningside that they met and built a foundation for their successful careers.

"My family and I chose Morningside because of the scholarship," Linda said. "We didn't really know much about Morningside at the time, but the scholarship was good and it was close by. Sometimes the Lord just opens doors for you, and Morningside was a blessing."

Mark was ready to go to the University of Chicago when Morningside offered him a comparable scholarship. Looking back, he knows he ended up at the right place.

"The relationships that started at Morningside, some of them are maintained to this day," he said. "It goes back to that sense of family, that sense of belonging, that I don't think I would have realized to the same extent if I would have gone to a bigger university."

Mark and Linda met in freshman honors and got married two weeks after graduation.

Linda got a teaching job to support Mark while he earned his veterinary degree from the University of

Minnesota in St. Paul. Then Linda went back to school at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul.

"When I started law school, there were 22 percent women in my freshman class at William Mitchell, and that was the largest percentage of women there had ever been," she said.

Linda had a year of law school left and was expecting their first child when Mark got the opportunity to work as a veterinarian in his hometown of Jackson, Minn. So they moved to Jackson, Linda took six months off and then commuted back and forth to St. Paul for her final year of law school.

Linda worked in private practice and as Jackson County Attorney. Then in 1990, she was the first woman to be appointed district court judge for Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District, which serves 15 counties in Southwest Minnesota. She was district court judge for Jackson County until she retired in 2014.

Mark worked with farm animals as a veterinarian in Jackson, Minn., until times got tough in the 1980s.

"As Yogi Berra says, there are forks in the road, and you've got to take them," he said. "Had to do something different."

Mark worked for one year

at Hills Pet Products, a large pet food company. Then in 1987, he got a job with a small animal vaccine company just 30 minutes away in Worthington, Minn. He would spend the rest of his career working for various vaccine companies in Worthington.

Mark retired in 2014 but then got bored and went back to work two years later. He is currently the manager of regulatory affairs for Newport Laboratories. It is a subsidiary of Boehringer-Ingelheim, a multibillion-dollar German company.

Both Mark and Linda have pursued interests outside of their careers. Mark teaches classes on genealogy and local history in the local school's community education program and enjoys fishing and wood-working. He

also served on the local school board for 21 years and serves on the board for a regional foundation that is currently focusing on assisting children living in poverty.

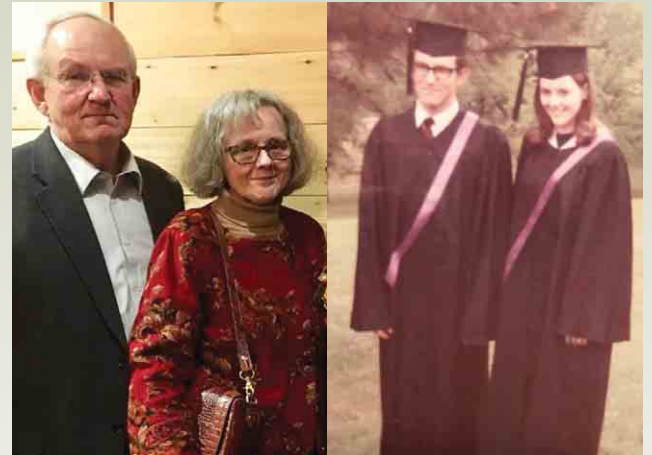
Linda serves on the board for the Jackson Center for the Arts that opened in 2016. It

has a gallery, classroom space and a performance area for events such as a winter concert series.

Mark and Linda have two sons, Andrew in Jackson and **Daniel 2002** in Omaha, Neb. They have two grandchildren and a third on the way.

Mark and Linda make it a point to stay connected to Morningside. They go to alumni events and football games. And almost every time they drive to Omaha to visit their son, they stop in Sioux City to drive through campus and reminisce.

Because they remember how much scholarships



meant to them, they are regular supporters of the Annual Scholarship Fund.

"Morningside has made what we have done since possible," Linda said. "And we are grateful."

Mark Stuck

has spent over 30 years in the financial services industry, most recently leading the Stuck Layman Rose Group, a Baird Financial Advisor Team in Sioux City. Stuck recently was named 2017 Baird Branch Manager



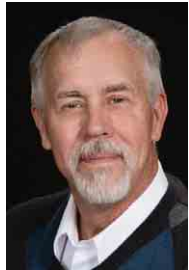
of the Year and the Baird Market Director for Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. He also was named one of the top 10 branch managers in the nation by On Wall Street magazine for 2017. He lives in Sioux City with his wife, Lori.

1976

Bonnie Fear retired in June 2016 after 38 years as a teacher librarian.

John R. Held was elected to serve on the board for the Denison Community School District. He recently retired after teaching high school social studies for 40 years, the last 32 years in the Denison Community School District.

Lonnie Hohl is a real estate agent with Woodland Realty in Sioux City. This is his 33rd year in the real estate business.



Beth (Potter) Nash

retired from her position as public and donor relations supervisor at Three Rivers Park District in Plymouth, Minn.



Photo by L. Erickson.

Mike Sorn retired in June 2016 after 40 years of teaching high school math, with the last 31 years at Cambridge-Isanti High School in Cambridge, Minn. In 2007, he was named Teacher of Excellence for the district. In 2012, he was a candidate for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. In 2013, he was inducted into the Bluejacket Basketball Hall of Fame. In May and June of 2017, he rode his bicycle with a tour group from Los Angeles to Boston, riding 3,405 miles in 50 days.

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1977

Darlene (Davidson) Kloepfel is running for election to become the first county executive of Champaign County, Ill. Kloepfel worked for more than 15 years as director of community services for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and was the first to formally announce herself as a candidate.



Marlene (Ostebee) Nissen

retired in May 2017 from her position as the teacher librarian for Fairview Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Carroll Middle School and Carroll High School in Carroll, Iowa.



Lori (Hillger) Vetsch retired in June 2017 from teaching

middle school math in Brewster, Minn. She moved with her husband to Mankato, Minn., where they volunteer at their church, at Vine Faith in Action and at Prairie Winds Middle School. She and her husband were recently awarded the 2018 Outstanding Volunteer Award from the Mankato Area Public Schools. They also help out with their grandchildren.

Karen (Hansen) Weinman has worked for Partners in Family Development for 17 years as a parent educator with the Parents as Teachers program, providing support and education to families with young children up to kindergarten.

1978

Beth (Benjamin) Vorhees retired from West Virginia Public Broadcasting in 2017 after over 30 years in news broadcasting.



1979

The Rev. Randy Hedge is pastor at the Plankinton and White Lake United Methodist Churches in South Dakota.

Gregory Mieras is a financial professional with AXA Advisors. He recently earned the Centurion Award for outstanding professional performance in 2016. He also received a Distinguished Service Award from his company, which he earned after receiving the National Leaders Corp Award 20 times. Mieras joined AXA Advisors in 1979. He lives in Omaha, Neb., with his wife, Mona. He has two married children and one granddaughter.



1980

Dr. Dean DuVal retired from the Procter & Gamble Company after over 32 years of work as a scientist and research and development manager. While at Procter & Gamble, he was named inventor on over 150 patents and patent applications associated with well-known consumer products such as Tide, Downy, Dawn, Febreze, Iams, Eukanuba, Bounty, Charmin, Pampers and Always. DuVal still teaches innovation and entrepreneurship classes as an adjunct professor at the



University of Cincinnati in Ohio and is president of Clean Slate Innovations, an intellectual property consulting company.

1981

The Rev. Doug Federhart

most recently served as a spiritual care professional with the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation from 2013 to 2017. He is now proprietor and lead minister for Cirque Discovery, providing spiritual coaching for people in various life transitions. He continues residing in south Minneapolis, sharing his life with husband Stuart Holland.



1983

Linda (Duff) Nichols became a grandma in 2017. She teaches special education math and science at Danville High School in Danville, Ill.

Dr. Keith Vollstedt, surgeon and president of Midlands Clinic in Dakota Dunes, S.D., was elected as a trustee for the Woodbury Medical Society Board of Directors for 2018.

Thomas H. Warren Sr.

was inducted into the Omaha Public Schools Athletic Hall of Fame.

While at Omaha Technical High School in Omaha, Neb., Warren earned eight varsity letters - three in football, three in track and two in basketball. In football, he ran for 700 yards, eight touchdowns and had 36 tackles and the team was Metropolitan Conference runner-up in 1977. In basketball, his team was the Metropolitan Conference champion in 1978 and the Holiday Tournament champion in 1979. His track team was the district champion in the 4 x 200-yard relay. Warren earned a football scholarship to Morningside College, where he was a four-year starter at defensive back. He earned North Central Conference Defensive Player of the Week and was honored as 2nd Team All-North Central Conference as a senior. He went on to earn a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha and served in the Omaha Police Department for 24 years - becoming the first African American to serve as police chief. He is currently president and chief executive



officer of the Urban League of Nebraska in Omaha.

1984

Dr. William Irwin is a senior toxicologist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Irwin recently achieved the European Registered Toxicologist rating, a board certification which he now holds in addition to his rating as a Diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology. He also gave a presentation at a mitochondrial health symposium on the role of mitochondria in the development of tumors.



Lisa (McDermott) Wiese is the administrator of educational services, media and technology for Northwest Area Education Agency in Sioux City.

1985

Randy Peters joined Lamb Arts Regional Theatre as its community development coordinator. Before joining the theatre in Sioux City, he traveled across the country singing opera and musical theatre. He most recently served as artistic director for the Betty Ling Tsang Summer Fine Arts Series at

Morningside College, which he created and ran until recently.

Margo (Haack) Townsend has served as postmaster in Cherokee, Iowa, since February 2014. She has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years, with 29 of those years as postmaster.

1987

Dr. Paul McCallum received 2012 and 2017 Robert K. Ratzlaff Outstanding Faculty Awards from the student government at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan. Students nominate faculty that demonstrate excellence in instruction and service to students on campus. McCallum is a professor and director of English graduate studies at Pittsburg State University.

1988

Bradley Bergeson has been a counselor and a program developer in the human services field. He lives in Denison, Iowa.



Todd and Roxie (Gerken) Geerdes 1989 were honored by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association for 25 years of coaching. Todd teaches seventh- and eighth-grade computer science and coaches junior varsity boys' golf and varsity girls' golf and Roxie teaches eighth-grade English and language arts and coaches eighth-grade volleyball for the Brandon Valley School District in Brandon, S.D.

Curt Klaahsen wrote an autobiography, "When Life Meets Coaching: One Coach's Journey Through the Courts, Fields, and Classrooms of Iowa." The book reflects on 30 years of life lessons and is available on Amazon. Klaahsen has taught at the middle and high school levels and has coached six sports. As a varsity head coach, he has almost 300 wins in basketball, over 200 wins in volleyball, and over 100 wins in baseball. He has had four players head on to Division I programs with a fifth player committed in the



future and numerous other athletes who have gone on to play college sports. He recently started a company, When Life Meets Coaching, where he hopes to recruit, mentor and train coaches to create great experiences for athletes of all ages. More information is available online at whenlifemeetscoaching.com.

David F. Reed was elected as Division A director for District 35 Toastmasters in Wisconsin for 2017-2018.



1993 Douglas Rants was elected to serve a second term on the board for the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District, which is located just northwest of Des Moines, Iowa.



1997



Dr. Patrick J. Murphy accepted a position as the inaugural Goodrich Endowed Chair in Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Collat School of Business at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In this role, he will lead the university's academic entrepreneurship programs and initiatives. He is leaving DePaul University in Chicago this summer after 16 years, where he is an award-winning teacher and researcher and full professor in the Driehaus College of Business. Murphy is a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Tatyana Sergeyeva works at Wells Fargo in Chicago. She is employed there as a senior bilingual communications consultant.



1998

Jamie (Robeson) Hackett is a marketing consultant for Wells Fargo Wholesale Bank Marketing and Commercial Real Estate in West Des Moines, Iowa.



Konnie Mouw is a middle school and high school special education teacher in the West Sioux Community School District in Hawarden, Iowa.

1999

Barry Bower is defensive coordinator for the CAM High School football team in Anita, Iowa. Bower has worked for larger school districts in Arizona, Minnesota and Iowa. He most recently served as an assistant principal, athletic director and football coach in Red Oak, Iowa. He decided to return to his hometown of Anita so he could spend more time with his family and focus more on being a dad. His son plays on the CAM High School football team.

2000



Jeremy Dumkrieger recently was named winner of the Iowa Democratic Party's Bob Creech Award for Outstanding County Party Chair. He is chair of the Woodbury County Democratic Party. Dumkrieger is being inducted into the Iowa Democratic Party Hall of Fame this summer. He is an art teacher in the Lawton-Bronson Community School District.

2001

Kristi Clark is a school counselor at Maple Valley-Anthon Oto High School in Mapleton, Iowa. She graduated from the University of South Dakota in May 2017 with a master's degree in school counseling.

Ryan Dumkrieger is the principal at North High School in Sioux City. He was named the 2018 Iowa Secondary Principal of



the Year by School Administrators of Iowa. "Choose any measure of how a successful secondary school is evaluated and Ryan is making it happen at Sioux City North," said Roark Horn, executive director of School Administrators of Iowa. "As examples, graduation and attendance rates are rising and Advanced Placement opportunities have nearly tripled in three years. Through Ryan's leadership, his team of outstanding educators is creating a learning environment where students are engaged and successful."

Jonathan Friessen is a vice president and principal relationship manager of

business banking at Wells Fargo in Sioux City.

2002



Lori (Stapleton) Dingel is a fourth- through eighth-grade resource teacher for the Graettinger-Terril Community School District in Graettinger, Iowa. She and her husband, Brian, have been married for seven years and have two sons and four daughters. She is a proud grandparent of six wonderful grandchildren, three boys

and three girls. She lives in Lake Park, Iowa, with her husband, two dogs and three cats. She enjoys teaching every day and continuing her own education. She just recently completed her 25th year of teaching.

2003

Karlyn (Stirler) Pierson

was named the 2018 Nursing Alumna of the Year by the Morningside College Nylen School of Nursing and the Morningside Student Nurses' Association. Pierson is supervisor of Mayo Clinic's Department of Surgery Clinical Research Office in Rochester, Minn. She has a Master of Arts in Nursing degree from Augsburg University in Minneapolis, Minn. Pierson also has received her Certified Clinical Research Professional certification and is a member of the Society of Clinical Research Associates.



Erin (Barham) Pinney is an adjunct professor at Morningside College, teaching Children's Literature. She is also an elementary enrichment teacher in the talented and gifted program in the Sioux City Community School District.

2004



Derrick Elman is the new head football coach at Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Iowa, after spending 14 years as assistant coach for Iowa Falls-Alden High School in Iowa Falls, Iowa. His wife, **Amy (Huseman) 2003**, is a home health care nurse for UnityPoint Health in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They are pictured with their children, Payton and Noah.

Abby (Christianson) Weber is the guidance counselor at Lincoln Elementary School in Spencer, Iowa.

2006

Dustin Tallant is a talent acquisition manager for Cimarex Energy Corporation in Denver, Colo.

2009

Katie McGuire is a registered nurse at Methodist Women's Hospital in Elkhorn, Neb.



Iowa State Rep. Jacob Bossman 2002 (right), R-Sioux City, participated in a legislative forum in March sponsored by the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside College. Bossman was joined by State Sen. David Johnson (left), I-Ocheyedan, and State Rep. Chris Hall, D-Sioux City. The legislators took questions about state politics and issues facing the Iowa Legislature.



Maurie Tomke is in his eighth year at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. After six years as the assistant wrestling coach - and helping lead the team to three straight top 10 finishes and a third-place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Wrestling Tournament, he was promoted to student engagement and athletics coordinator in 2016. Tomke continues to volunteer with the wrestling team, and he sings the national anthem at all home games as well as at the NJCAA National Wrestling Tournament and the NJCAA Graphic Edge Bowl. He is pictured with one of his national finalists during the championship match at the NJCAA National Wrestling Tournament.

Alex Watters was elected in November to serve a four-year term on the Sioux City Council



after the council appointed him in February 2017 to fill the remaining term of Keith Radig, who left the council to serve on the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors.

2010

Jason Engleman is the seventh- through 12th-grade principal and activities director for the Central Lyon Community School District in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Abdier Marrero is a Gear Up Iowa grant coach at North High School in Sioux City, where he helps students transition to college. He is also the head cross country and track coach for North High School. Marrero has served in the U.S. Army Reserves for almost 18 years. He has been deployed two times under Operation Iraqi Freedom, to Baghdad in 2004 and to Qayyarah Airfield West in northern Iraq in 2005. He is currently working on his master's degree in school counseling through Buena Vista University, and he is still proud to be a Mustang!

Liz Pyburn is an admissions counselor at Morningside College for portions of Nebraska and the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.



2011

Laura (McElroy) Dau is a first-grade teacher at Leeds Elementary School in Sioux City.



Allison Larson 2014, Sarah Kleve 2017, Rachel Radel 2008 and Andrew Gerodias 2011 spoke at Morningside in March on their careers in psychology. Larson is a social worker for the Institute of Community Alliances in Sioux City; Kleve is a financial case manager at Center for Siouxland in Sioux City; Radel works in human resources at the University of Nebraska Omaha; and Gerodias is a mental health therapist for Jackson Recovery Centers in Sioux City.

2012

Jessica Boschen

is the education and outreach coordinator for NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska in Norfolk. She is also a freelance writer.



Monte Larsen was named Siouxland Track Coach of the Year by the Sioux City Journal. He left Morningside College as the school's most decorated track and field athlete, a four-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national champion, and a 12-time All American. He is in his fifth year as the girls' and boys' cross country

coach at Sergeant Bluff-Luton High School in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Larsen also teaches seventh-grade math and has begun his first year as the girls' and boys' middle school track and field coach.

2013

Daniel Cunningham is a customer service associate at Sioux City Brick.

Paul Davies earned a master's degree in clinical mental health from the University of South Dakota. He is a licensed mental health practitioner in Norfolk, Neb. He lives in Norfolk with his wife, **Amber (Wortmann) 2013**, who is expecting, and their two kids, who are 3 and 6 years of age.

Dr. Michael O'Neal

is an optometrist at Dunes Eye Consultants in Dakota Dunes, S.D.



In addition to well-vision exams, he leads the Dunes Eye Consultants Myopia Control Center, which provides treatment to help slow or stop the progression of nearsightedness in children.

Reid Rosen is the executive vice president of Rosen's Inc. in Liberty, Mo. He graduated from Cornell University in May 2017 with a master's degree in agricultural economics.

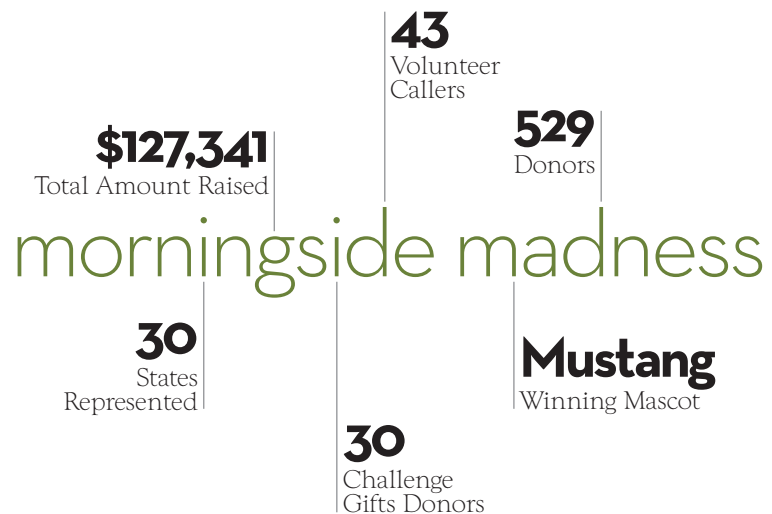


2014

Tyler Kacmarynski just completed his second year as an assistant wrestling coach at Morningside College. Kacmarynski enjoyed a standout wrestling career at Morningside, graduating in sixth place on the Mustangs' all-time victory list with a career record of 98-46 with 23 falls. He earned first-team All-GPAC honors in the heavyweight division as a



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junior and senior and was a second-team All-GPAC performer at 197 lbs. as a sophomore. He was a four-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national qualifier.

Matt Robertson

is a regional sales manager for AAA print and digital advertising based in Omaha, Neb. He oversees marketing and sales efforts for AAA in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Robertson was named the 2016 Allied Member of the Year for the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association for his leadership and guidance in the industry. Allied Members who have been an active partner in Ohio's lodging industry are considered for this award as voted by association members. In his spare time, Robertson designs Snapchat geofilters for fun. One of his Lincoln, Neb., filters was selected out of thousands of submissions to be a featured geofilter on Snapchat.com. To date, he has over 182 million views of his geofilter around the world.



2015

Abigail Atkinson teaches special education at North Union High School in Armstrong, Iowa.

Lynae Toom is a leasing specialist for Worcester Communities in Kansas City, Mo.



2016

Megan Ingalls is an elementary special education teacher for the North Union Community School District in Swea City, Iowa.

Zach Schroeder is a computer technician for the Plattsmouth Community Schools in Nebraska.

Sadie Shuck is an English teacher for the Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology: A STEM School in Myrtle Beach, S.C. She is working on a master's degree and planning a wedding in July. She wrote a paper on "Gay Male Allusions and Subtext in the Film 'Dead Poets Society'" during a capstone course with **Dr. Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972**, who has since retired from her position as a professor of English at Morningside College. Knepper mentored Shuck as she wrote the paper, added

research and examples, and presented the paper this spring at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference in Indianapolis.

Noah Towns performed 20th-century pop music in March at the Betty Strong Encounter Center in Sioux City.



2017

Scott Eddy is a high school science teacher and a track and field coach for the Independence Community School District in Independence, Iowa.

Camden Kuchel is an early childhood special education teacher at the Akron Children's Center in Akron, Iowa.

Zach Polk is the sports director and mid-day on-air personality at KDOM radio in Windom, Minn.



Sean Skillern is a science teacher and track and field

coach at Grinnell-Newburg High School in Grinnell, Iowa.

Jocelyn Wolff works for Lead Up in Lincoln, Neb., as an AmeriCorps program specialist. Lead Up works with underrepresented youth to develop skills for college and career.



Summer Wulf is leading the art department at Audubon Middle-High School in Audubon, Iowa.

In Loving Memory

1937

Frances (Archer) Filipi, Omaha, Neb., died Sept. 21, 2006.

1938

Rowena (Bennett) Hurlbut, Ames, Iowa, died June 10, 2017.

1942

Lt. Col. Billy C. Gray, Bemidji, Minn., died July 21, 2016.

M. Maxine (Pooley) Jacobson, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., died Aug. 28, 2017.

1943

Dr. James Adams, Alexandria, Minn., died Jan. 11, 2018.

1948

John B. Balkema, Lenox, Mass., died Sept. 29, 2017.

Velma (Redenbaugh)

Moore, Fort Collins, Colo., died June 27, 2017.

1949

Charles Berkstresser Jr., Carmichael, Calif., died Sept. 22, 2017.

Margaret (Johnson)

Mesmer, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Dec. 17, 2017.

Donna (Paulin) Rognes,

Holstein, Iowa, died Oct. 26, 2017.

1950

Johnnie Williams, Omaha, Neb., died Nov. 28, 2017.

1951

Mary (Peterson) Enockson, Sioux City, died Oct. 27, 2017.

1952

Edwin Henrich, Newell, Iowa, died Nov. 13, 2017.

Ruth (Verlinden) Tarvin,

Sioux City, died Feb. 27, 2018.

1954

James W. Galli, Sioux City, died Feb. 7, 2018. He taught physics at Morningside College from 1956 to 1994.

Clifford D. Hansen, Sioux

City, died Oct. 7, 2017.

1955

Roger Gohring, Hughson, Calif., died Aug. 3, 2017.

Wallace "Wally" A. Krone,

San Mateo, Calif., died Jan. 30, 2018. Krone was a former member of the Morningside College Board of

Directors. He co-chaired a major fundraising campaign for Morningside in the 1990s, and he provided the naming gift for the Wallace "Wally" A. Krone Advising Center.

1956

Adrian "Kit" Larsen,

Hinton, Iowa, died Dec. 13, 2017.

Paul Noble, Loveland, Colo., died Sept. 3, 2017.

1957

James Bobier, Sioux City, died Oct. 29, 2017.

Don Hoffman, Columbus,

Neb., died Feb. 23, 2018.

1958

The Rev. Eugene Walding,

Sioux City, died Nov. 27, 2017.

1959

Dr. James E. Deignan,

Sioux City, died Nov. 7, 2017.

Clifford Herzig, Satsuma,

Fla., died Nov. 17, 2017.

Roland D. "Rolly" Junck,

Sioux City, died May 28, 2018. Junck was a former member and chair of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Nancy (Crary) Veglahn,

Sioux Falls, S.D., died Oct. 6, 2017.

1960

Linde (Wohlenberg)

Tandy, Minneapolis, Minn., died Jan. 18, 2018.

1961

Dr. Thomas J. Kass,

Pocahontas, Iowa, died Sept. 12, 2017.

Allen Sadler, Phoenix, Ariz.,

died Oct. 8, 2013.

1962

R. Kent Creswell, Omaha,

Neb., died Aug. 27, 2014.

Sally (Comfort) Voss,

Stuart, Fla., died

Nov. 14, 2017.

1964

Lois A. Dennler, St. Louis,

Mo., died March 4, 2018.

Dr. James Williams, Ocala,

Fla., died Sept. 21, 2017.

1965

Richard L. DeHeck,

Montgomery, Ala., died

Oct. 24, 2017.

Sharon (Nelson) Friedrich,

Rock Valley, Iowa, died

May 8, 2016.

1966

Janice (Retherford) Jess,

West Des Moines, Iowa, died

Feb. 20, 2018.



Remembering Leo Harris

Leo Harris 1957 taught accounting at Morningside College from 1962 to 1991. He died in March 2017. A memorial has been established in his name to benefit accounting students at Morningside. To donate, contact Mike Freeman, director of development, at 712-274-5464.

Kenneth Rush, Gold Canyon, Ariz., died Dec. 14, 2017.

1969

Phyllis (Parks)

Cadwallader, Des Moines, Iowa, died Jan. 18, 2018.

Dr. Dan D. Hamil, Omaha, Neb., died Jan. 18, 2018.

1972

Frank C. Banys Jr., Kingsley, Iowa, died Oct. 30, 2017.

Douglas E. Potts, Sioux City, died Nov. 14, 2017.

1974

Dr. Paul A. Berger Jr., Sioux City, died Aug. 19, 2017.

Aletha Sensanbaugh, Jenison, Mich., died Jan. 9, 2018.

Judith (Rader) Wendt, Fords, N.J., died Sept. 6, 2017.

1975

Earl L. Belt, Sioux City, died Jan. 22, 2018.

Virginia A. Erlandson, Onawa, Iowa, died Oct. 23, 2017.

1978

Larry Naber, Ankeny, Iowa, died Nov. 23, 2016.

1985

Becky (Olson) Vermilyea, Sioux City, died Jan. 2, 2018.

1989

Nyaradzai Kadenge, Tampa, Fla., died June 22, 2017.

1990

Susan (Hochwender) Gottsch, Hinton, Iowa, died Oct. 17, 2017.

1993

Kevin Scherrman, Sioux City, died Nov. 28, 2017.

1997

Sharon Moritz, Northwood, Iowa, died Jan. 27, 2018.

Remembering Cherished Friends

The Rev. Hoyt Hickman, Los Altos, Calif., died Sept. 5, 2016. Hickman received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the college in 1978.

Charles L. Hobbs, Whiting, Iowa, died Oct. 29, 2017. He attended Morningside College for two years in the 1950s.

Jenifer Scherer, Minneapolis, Minn., died May 27, 2016. Scherer worked for the college in residence life.

Charlie Zook, Sioux City, died March 15, 2018. Zook was a former member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Future Morningsiders

2000



Angela (Toel) Peters and her husband, Paul, Le Mars, Iowa, a daughter, Makenna Grace, Feb. 20, 2018.

2002



Elisha (Kremer) Sites and her husband, Loren, Pueblo, Colo., a son, Jaxon Oliver, Feb. 5, 2017.

Jeanette (Wiederien) and Robert Todd 1998, Ida Grove, Iowa, a daughter, Abigail Shirley, Oct. 2, 2015.

2009



Maurie Tomke and his wife, Jessica, Iowa Falls, Iowa, a daughter, Charlotte Anne, Aug. 11, 2017.

2010



Joshua Benson and his wife, Casey, Omaha, Neb., a son, Ezra Joshua, May 31, 2017.

2011

Laura (McElroy) Dau and her husband, Jeremy, Merville, Iowa, a son, Kaleb, Jan. 15, 2018.

Abby (Bull) Sayers and her husband, Chris, Clarkson, Neb., a daughter, River Iverson, March 5, 2018.

2013

Kelsie (Gagnon) and Josh Nelson, Sioux City, a son, Remington Allen, April 16, 2016.



Adam and Holly (Anderson) Sexton 2012, Jefferson, S.D., a daughter, Sophia Kaye, Sept. 9, 2017.

Newlyweds

1998

Jenna Bouse and Dave Arneson, July 10, 2013, Okoboji, Iowa. At home in Crete, Neb.

2008

Logan Anderson and Sarah Jensen, Aug. 12, 2017, Grace Lutheran Church, Luverne, Minn. At home in Beresford, S.D.

Jeffrey Paulson and Sandi Schwindt, Sept. 8, 2017, Königsbrunn, Germany. At home in Königsbrunn.

2009



Maurie Tomke and Jessica Goedken, March 10, 2016, Reiman Gardens, Ames, Iowa. At home in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

2010

Katie Gorden and Adam Bogenrief, Nov. 11, 2017, Country Celebrations Event Center, Sioux City. At home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Trent Ruhland and Nancy Perrin 2011, Oct. 13, 2013, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cherokee, Iowa. At home in Akron, Iowa.

2011

Laura McElroy and Jeremy Dau, July 16, 2016, Okoboji, Iowa. At home in Merville, Iowa.

Heather Nielsen and Jake Appel, Sept. 30, 2017, Grace Methodist Church, Sioux City. At home in Ankeny, Iowa.

2012

Jessica Lee Kuhr and Matthew Wayne Fritz, Oct. 14, 2017, Platte Center, Neb. At home in Lincoln, Neb.

Curtis Rife and Lauren Sorenson 2014, July 28, 2017, Country Celebrations Event Center, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2013

Kathleen Arnts and Danny Mortier, Nov. 4, 2017, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Storm Lake, Iowa. At home in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Keith Chvatal and Jacy Jahn, Sept. 23, 2017, St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo, Neb. At home in Wahoo.

Paul Davies and Amber Wortmann, June 15, 2013, Holy Trinity Church, Hartington, Neb. At home in Norfolk, Neb.

Kelsie Gagnon and Josh Nelson, Aug. 12, 2017. At home in Sioux City.

Tyler Lenz and Erica Boyd, Oct. 27, 2017, Magnolia Hotel, Omaha, Neb. At home in Vancouver, Wash.

John Carl Sievert and Casie Jo Rehder 2016, Aug. 5, 2017, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sioux City. At home in Akron, Iowa.

2014

Chelsey Harvey and Jordan Hirt, Nov. 18, 2017, First Christian Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa. At home in Council Bluffs.

2015

Amanda Heinrichs and Tucker Milburn, Nov. 25, 2017, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Estherville, Iowa. At home in Minneapolis, Minn.

2017

Kendra Krager and Michael Grote, July 22, 2017, Prairie Pedlar Gardens, Odebolt, Iowa. At home in Odebolt.

Ciara Mahr and Matthew Snitker, Sept. 23, 2017, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Waukon, Iowa. At home in Waukon.

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