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WHY I LOVE MORNINGSID

The photo on the front cover of this issue was taken by Anna Uehling '21, a current Morningside student and marketing intern.

I arrived at Morningside College from Chicago at the urging of my football coach and Morningside alum Dave Walery '53. I was looking for a smaller school away from home that would give me the space to mature and develop myself. Morningside checked the boxes.

Like many college students, I wasn't quite sure where I was headed. Morningside would provide answers. While attending a party, I met another Morningside student who is now my wife of 50 years, Carol. Her arrival in my life would also light the way to my future career when she suggested that I meet one of her favorite Morningside professors in the education department, Dr. Sharon Ocker.

I had initially thought a biology career was the path I wished to pursue, but meeting Dr. Ocker proved inspirational in allowing me to realize that a career in education was what I had been seeking. His influence launched my career as a lifelong learner and educator. I would eventually earn both my master's degree and doctorate. I served as a teacher and a principal at different schools in Iowa and Nebraska, and eventually became superintendent of West Des Moines Community Schools. I had a wonderful and fulfilling career, and I give much credit to Dr. Ocker for helping me realize the passion I had for teaching, learning, and working with kids and families.

In addition to a life partner and career, Morningside was also the place where I first really understood the importance of service. Through membership in Delta Sig and being part of the Morningside campus community, I worked alongside peers and individuals who would become good friends while taking on projects that helped the community. Those experiences allowed me to see there was so much more to life beyond myself, and that has stayed with me through the years.

Today, both Carol and I are active Rotarians who participate in many different kinds of service. For the last 13 years, one of our favorite projects has been an annual week-long trip to Mexico that has become almost like a family reunion when we are reunited with fellow volunteers to provide health, dental, education, and other services in different communities. It's something we love and our small way of trying to leave the world a little better than we found it.

Morningside has given to me in abundance, which is one of the reasons I am so proud to remain connected to this vibrant community through service on the board of directors. It's an incredible place that continues to inspire me and so many others. Carol and I not only love Morningside, but are proud to be part of it.



Dr. Tom Narak '70

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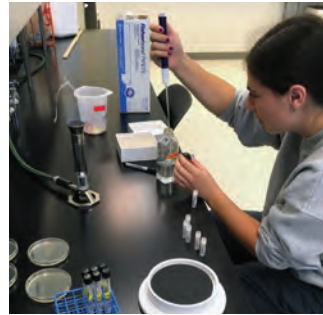
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We are #MsideStrong. Even with all of the uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Morningside community kicked off the fall semester with grace and style. #MaskUpMustangs

An unprecedented time



President Reynders postpones retirement

On March 23, 2020, President Reynders announced that he would stay at Morningside an additional year after initially planning to retire in May 2021. Reynders and the Board of Directors Executive Committee made the decision in response to the ever-evolving situation surrounding COVID-19. As a result, the Morningside Presidential Search Process will be suspended for one year.

“My wife Robin and I love Morningside as we have loved no other place,” said Reynders in his message to the campus community. “While we certainly look forward to our next chapter, we aren’t at all sorry that we get to spend another year as part of a community that means so much to us – especially if that additional time will once again put Morningside in the best position possible for its next leader.”

Morningside adds online RN-BSN program

Earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing became more accessible for registered nurses with the creation of an online RN to BSN program at Morningside. Designed for working nurses with an associate’s degree in nursing, Morningside’s online RN to BSN program can be completed in as little as one year (three terms) or at an individualized pace. Students can transfer up to 94 credits from accredited two-year colleges and classes are offered in eight-week blocks so they can apply anytime to begin in the fall, spring, or summer semester. At \$330 per credit hour, Morningside’s online RN to BSN program is an affordable option for nurses ready to take the next step in their career.

“In addition to earning their BSN, one of the really great things about this opportunity is that students in our online RN to BSN program can also begin thinking about additional advanced nursing degrees that we offer,” said Jackie Barber, dean of the Nysten School of Nursing at Morningside. “Earning a Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice are natural next steps for nurses and we would love to see the nurses in the RN to BSN program continue their education right here at Morningside.”



Online Graduate Education adds nine new degree options



Morningside College's Sharon Walker School of Education has launched nine new degree options for teachers pursuing their Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Morningside's 100% online graduate education program.

The graduate education program at Morningside is designed for working teachers seeking advancement as instructors and leaders in education. Morningside's graduate tuition rate is also one of the lowest in the country, making it an affordable option for teachers ready to take the next step in their career.

“Our new Master of Arts in Teaching degree options offer an excellent opportunity for teachers to advance their career in a variety of content areas tailored to the needs of today's students,” said LuAnn Haase, director of Morningside's teacher intern program and former dean of the Sharon Walker School of Education. “Whether you're interested in growing as a teacher or becoming a leader in your school or district, the faculty in our program are here to help and ready to guide the next generation of masters-level teachers.”

In addition to Morningside's MAT: Special Education and MAT: Professional Educator tracks, Morningside now offers the following degree options:

MAT: Athletic Program Management – Designed for candidates working as leaders in athletic programs in their schools or districts or those who aspire to do so. Courses are built upon curriculum content development by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

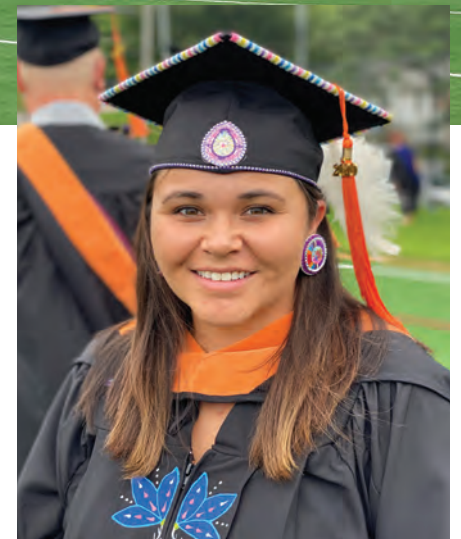
- MAT:** Autism Education – Designed for candidates interested in learning how to work more effectively with students on the autism spectrum.
- MAT:** Computer Science Education – Designed for candidates interested in learning more about teaching computer science.
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- MAT:** Talented and Gifted Education – Designed for candidates interested in learning how to more effectively work with students in Talented and Gifted programs.
- MAT:** Teacher Leadership – Designed for candidates who work as teacher leaders in their schools or districts or those who aspire to do so.

All of the master's degree options in Morningside's graduate education program are taught 100% online and provide relevant and practical experience that can be immediately applied in the classroom. Morningside also offers 100% online graduate-level Iowa teaching endorsements, education strand options, and educational partner courses. To learn more about Morningside's new MAT degree options, visit morningside.edu.

MORNINGSIDE AVENUES



Class of 2020, largest graduating class in Morningside history, celebrates commencement



After a semester rife with uncertainty, the Class of 2020 was able to celebrate their accomplishments

at the rescheduled commencement ceremony on August 8, 2020 at Elwood Olsen Stadium. Nearly 1,600 Morningside community members attended the event where they were encouraged to physically distance while celebrating their students. Even with the mask requirement, it was impossible to hide the smiles of graduates and their families and friends as they officially crossed the threshold from Morningside student to alumnus.

"The Class of 2020 will be well remembered in the history of Morningside College. Not only is this the largest ever combined graduating class, but they completed their degree requirements during a global pandemic that has altered every aspect of life," said vice president of academic affairs Chris Spicer. "That speaks not only to the caliber of students found at Morningside, but also to the excellent support of our faculty and staff"

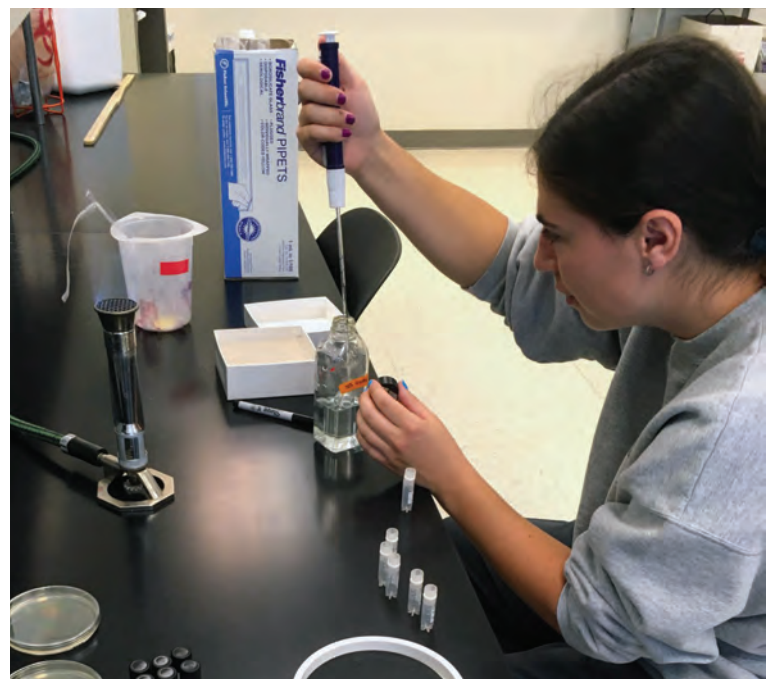
Morningside presents 2020 Summer Undergraduate Research Program projects

Five projects were selected for the 2020 Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) at Morningside College. SURP is a funded scholar's program at Morningside that provides students and faculty an opportunity to collaborate on research and scholarly work during the summer.

The following students and faculty members participated in Morningside's SURP during summer 2020:

- Damian Herrera and Stacey Alex, assistant professor of Spanish. Their project, "Latina/o/x Stories of Siouxland: An Oral History Archive," seeks to establish a publicly available digital video archive of Latina/o/x life-histories in Siouxland.
- Krista Zenk, Caitlin Makovicka, and Shannon Claxton, assistant professor of psychology. Their project, "Attachment and Sociosexuality: Exploring Differences Based on Religion and Parental Divorce," will evaluate whether parental divorce and religiosity moderate the relationship between attachment styles and sociosexual orientation for emerging adults.
- Alexandra Inskeep, Keonté Robertson, and Elizabeth Coody, assistant professor of religious studies. Their project, "The Comics and Sacred Text Database Project" aims to establish a scholarly database that organizes and catalogs instances of sacred texts in comic books.
- Margaret Bass and John Helms, associate professor of chemistry. Their project, "Photochemical dissolution of phosphorus from soil runoff and resuspended freshwater sediments: How the 'unlocking' of recalcitrant nutrients may lead to algal bloom conditions," will utilize a new method of phosphorus quantification to investigate the transition of phosphorus from solid and/or adsorbed phases into the freely dissolved phase.
- Andi Hays and Anni Moore, assistant professor of biology. Their project, "Comparison of Upper Respiratory Microbiomes of Free Range and Caged Chickens," will compare the upper respiratory microbiomes of free range and commercial traditionally caged egg-laying chickens.

Student research is an important part of the Morningside experience. While the Morningside College Palmer Student Research Symposium and Maud Adams Nursing Research Day was unfortunately canceled in spring 2020 due to COVID-19, normally this symposium provides a valuable opportunity for students to present research completed in a class or as an independent project with faculty supervision to the campus community.



Senior biology and chemistry major Andi Hays studied the upper respiratory microbiomes of chickens for her research project with assistant professor of biology Anni Moore.



Creating Future Leaders Today

Creating The Future

Cleo Franklin '81 embraces life's journey

A sign in Cleo Franklin's house reads, "Create: an explosion of new ideas being brought to life." Few words better describe the 1981 Morningside alumnus whose drive to bring his ideas to fruition has fueled him since childhood. Even as a young boy, he was in perpetual motion. He would pace with energetic thought, constantly ideating and planning his next move. His father's words still ring in his ears - "Son, a 24-hour day can be viewed as either one day or three eight-hour work shifts." It was a powerful lesson Franklin never forgot, one that framed time as a commodity that is never gained but always lost. While some people might pale at the thought of the sands of time slipping through the hourglass of life, it motivated him to be grounded in the present while always creating for the future.

"For me, it is all about pursuing and going after all the things that you cherish and what matters most in your life. My philosophy on life is centered on appreciating what you have and not worrying about what you may have missed," says Franklin. "This is an approach I have embraced, lived by, and that has fueled my professional and personal life. To live life looking beyond what is, but more to pursue what life can be - fearlessly and with no regrets."

Many in the Morningside and Siouxland community may remember Cleo Franklin as one of the college's all-time leading scorers for the men's basketball team from 1978 to 1981 under Coach Dan Callahan, a shining tenure which earned him numerous North Central Conference accolades and entry into the M Club Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018. Off the court, he served as the first African American student government president while working towards his bachelor's degree. After graduating from Morningside, he went on to earn a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina and held leadership roles at John Deere, Case New Holland, and Mahindra USA, Inc. Though agriculture may seem like an odd industry for this Chicago native, it was a natural fit for Franklin who strengthened the bond to his rural heritage during summers spent at his grandfather's homestead in Arkansas and through his connection to his mother's Mississippi delta roots. Along the way, he nurtured the seeds for his own business, Franklin Strategic Solutions.

In 2019, he returned to Morningside as not only a member of the board of directors but also as the founder of the Franklin

Leadership Foundation, a social non-profit platform that provides opportunities for career and leadership development through partnerships with global businesses, entrepreneurs, and industry experts to help develop the next generation of future leaders at Morningside through scholarships, mentorships, internships, and externships. The Foundation held its first summit for students in February 2020, which featured breakout sessions and a public panel discussion open to students, local entrepreneurs and community members. Though the pandemic impacted plans for a summit in the fall, Franklin and Morningside's Advancement and Career Services teams quickly adjusted and delivered a virtual professional series this summer and are planning additional development opportunities for Morningside students and alumni later this year.

Franklin also became a published author in 2020 with his first book, "Coffee With Cleo," a collection of leadership lessons that inspired a podcast of the same name. The book itself was a lesson in perseverance for its author - who found the process took absolute commitment, focus, and pure doggedness at times. "Writing is a love and hate process for me, and the great African American writer and activist James Baldwin's quote sums it up - 'If you are going to be a writer there is nothing I can say to stop you; if you're not going to be a writer there's nothing I can say that will help you. What you really need at the beginning is somebody to let you know that the effort is real,'" he says. "My experience with writing a book is real and the word 'real' encompasses all the best and worst the writing process has to offer." Though the path to publication wasn't easy, the natural-born storyteller found his voice and "Coffee With Cleo" hit the shelves with a plan for a second book already in the works.

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Even with a lengthy list of professional and personal successes, including his thirty-year marriage to his wife Lois and the life they built together with their family, Franklin will be the first to tell you that success doesn’t happen overnight nor is it accomplished alone. “No one is successful alone, and the successes that I’ve been blessed with are the direct result of others who have helped me throughout my personal and professional career,” he reflects. “I have always actively sought the support, counsel, and insights of others, and I feel strongly that the ability to be exposed to or have access to resources, whether that is financial, mentorship, or career guidance, is a true difference maker.”

It is this belief in the power of resources and experiences that led him to establish the Franklin Leadership Foundation Professional Development Series in the summer of 2020, a virtual series featuring experts offering advice, career counseling, and business insights. Today, this virtual mentoring platform, all conducted through a webinar-style presentation, can be found on Morningside’s YouTube channel for those who couldn’t watch it live or want to revisit and access key discussion points. By facilitating the series and providing a free digital resource, he hopes to create a cycle for others to pay it forward and become advocates for the underserved by actively finding ways to contribute to those who are in need of assistance to help guide and further their professional careers. He credits this mindset to his parents who were strong believers in the power of mentorship, service, and exposure to new experiences.

Franklin’s unique experiences as a student at Morningside also contributed to his commitment to creating opportunities. As a student, athlete, and president of the student government, he found his cup filled to the brim with challenges that sometimes made him question the path he had chosen and discover valuable life lessons in the process. He says his time at Morningside taught him humility and made him aware of strengths and personal limitations. He was also reminded of the words of his father about using time wisely, and his experiences helped him focus the use and management of time. Though the college was not as diverse as Chicago where he grew up, his experience reinforced the value of engaging others from different backgrounds while embracing new opportunities to help challenge old ways of thinking and develop new perspectives.

“My experience introduced me to a broader set of people I would have never met before and provided me the opportunity to extend my learnings and apply the successes and failures on the court and in academia with a broader perspective I appreciate to this day. It taught me to be open to others different from me, to be fearless and never waver in the pursuit of my goals, because if you do and if you are receptive, there will be a group of mentors and supportive people to help you along the way toward your life goals.” Now, he hopes to open the door to success for Morningside students through the Franklin Leadership Foundation and in his role as a board member. Even as the COVID-19 pandemic, social injustice, and a challenged economy loom, he finds himself inspired by the Morningside community. “In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity,” he muses, quoting Sun Tzu. “As a Morningside family member, I look forward to a bright future because the people who are building this future are some of the best people I have worked with.”

To learn more about the Franklin Leadership Foundation and “Coffee With Cleo,” visit morningside.edu/franklin-leadership-foundation.



1980-81 Maroon Chiefs, first row, L-R: Head Coach Callahan, C. Franklin, M. Faber, A. Jensen, H. Thomas, B. Mozer, Assistant Coach Crippen. Second row, L-R: P. DeBey, C. Willis, S. Brandsma, R. Laue, S. Schroeder, B. Hannah, V. Simmons.

Sunsetting Vision 2020

"Walking through Morningside today is a totally different experience than 10 or 20 years ago, and the beauty of campus has become a source of great pride."

Jim Walker, Lifetime Member of the Morningside College Board of Directors





As Morningside celebrated its 125th anniversary at the close of 2019, the college also achieved another incredible milestone - the completion of its most ambitious and successful fundraising campaign in history, the “Vision 2020 Campaign: Transformation II.”

Over eight years, Vision 2020 raised more than \$69 million, far exceeding a \$50 million goal intended to remodel, redesign, and reorient the campus to put students at its center. Though a pandemic prevented a celebration of the incredible generosity of those who made this transformation possible, the dramatic changes seen throughout the campus tell the remarkable success story of the campaign.

“This campaign has been an incredible achievement for Morningside and all who love this place,” said lifetime Morningside College board of directors member Jim Walker ’70. “We set out knowing this fundraising effort was truly going to set the stage for Morningside’s future, but I don’t think any of us fully appreciated how spectacular the change would be. Walking through Morningside today is a totally different experience than 10 or 20 years ago, and the beauty of campus has become a source of great pride.”

Vision 2020 was publicly launched in October 2012. In the year leading up to the campaign, Morningside used a quiet phase to secure more than \$30 million toward its \$50 million goal. This allowed work to begin on campus almost immediately, with a \$1.5 million renovation of Eppley Auditorium leading off second phase construction in 2013.

By 2014, Morningside had raised more than \$43 million and broke ground on Buhler Rohlfs Hall and the Krone Center, the first new academic buildings on campus in 40 years. Buhler Rohlfs was constructed to house the Sharon Walker School of Education, the Nylen School of Nursing, and the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies program, all of which had specific technological needs the building was designed to address. The Krone Center was constructed to provide critical space to support academic and student success.

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The \$13 million needed to construct the two buildings and the skybridge connecting them was led with naming gifts from philanthropists Walter A. Buhler (1935-1998) and Lucy (Yoshioka) Buhler, '56, a long-time board member; Roger J. Rohlf, '51, who passed in 2011 and was a college teacher and software designer for Boeing; and Wallace "Wally" A. Krone, '55, who died in 2018 and was a restaurant owner and entrepreneur.

By 2015, Morningside completed a \$14 million renovation of its largest and oldest residence hall, Dimmitt Hall. Leading gifts were made from the Kind World Foundation and Norman Waitt, Jr., '86; Walter A. and Lucy Y. Buhler, '56; Tom Rosen, '70; and the Andrea Waitt Carlton Family Foundation.

Perhaps most impressive, though, was that Morningside had reached its \$50 million goal almost four years early, though an additional \$19 million for the endowment and other small facilities projects would be raised in the subsequent years.

"The people associated with Morningside are one of the things that make this place so special. The connection alumni and friends have to Morningside has allowed us to accomplish remarkable feats, including Vision 2020," said President Reynders. "The work of both this campaign and the previous have transformed the campus over the last 20 years, and that has left Morningside well positioned for the future."

The catalyst for this dramatic transformation was part of a larger vision set in the early days of Morningside College President John Reynders' leadership. When Reynders arrived just before the turn of the millennium, the college was facing serious financial and enrollment challenges. While working to reframe campus culture around ongoing planning, Reynders and campaign chair Jim Walker also successfully launched and completed "This is Our Moment: The Campaign for Morningside College - Transformation I" from 2001-2009.

"This Is Our Moment" generated more than \$45 million and was critical to beginning Morningside's physical transformation. Some of the projects resulting from the campaign included construction of Hilker Campus Mall, the Buhler Outdoor Performing Arts Stage, the Kline Pergola, Lags Hall, the Waitt & Poppen Apartments, the Jensen Softball Complex, and the renovation of the Yockey Family Community Room, the Wikert Dining Hall, the Rosen-Verdoorn Sports Center, and Elwood Olsen Stadium.

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“Early in my time here, I commented that Morningside was a gem that simply needed a little polish. The work completed through these two campaigns has allowed us to restore the luster to our buildings and grounds, and ensure that the look of campus reflects how remarkable Morningside has always been,” said Reynders.

With two history-making campaigns completed and the end of President Reynder’s tenure now in sight, a single element of Morningside’s campus has remained untouched: the front entrance.

Currently, the campus does not have a clear entry point from Morningside Avenue and is somewhat undistinguished from the rest of the neighborhood. A proposed plan would create a more distinct entry point and complete the campus’ physical transformation. Vice president of advancement Kari Winklepleck '03 hopes to roll out the one-year mini campaign focused on the effort in early 2021.

“The front entrance was always intended to be the finishing touch on our campus

master plan, and it’s fitting that it will ultimately coincide with the end of President Reynders’ tenure in 2022,” said Winklepleck. “These last two decades have been truly transformational. That’s largely thanks to John’s leadership. This final touch will be a great way to honor his vision.”

Meanwhile, the results of Vision 2020 can clearly be seen and enjoyed throughout campus.

“We are fortunate to have such a supportive community of alumni and friends. Their incredible generosity made it possible to transform Morningside and its future,” said Winklepleck. “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the Morningside community over the next two years to complete the campus master plan and celebrate John’s legacy.”

For additional photos and information regarding Vision 2020 and the proposed front entrance project, visit morningside.edu.

The image below is a composite rendering of the proposed front entrance.



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The Morningside College President's Society recognizes donors who contribute \$1,000 or more during a fiscal year (June 1 – May 31). It gives Morningside the opportunity to pay tribute and express gratitude to those donors who have demonstrated an extraordinary financial commitment to the college.

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Mustangs on the Front Line

TYLER GANDY '18

“One of the oldest mysteries in the world is knowing how the human body works,” says Tyler Gandy '18. Now a Research Specialist for the Baack Lab at Sanford Research in Sioux Falls, he's using what he learned at Morningside to help solve this mystery and pave the way for future researchers.

But researching the human body doesn't produce answers overnight. Some researchers may spend their entire careers on a discovery that seems small, but their contribution lays the groundwork for the next generation of scientists to make advancements. Biomedical researchers like Tyler work together to continue exploring the human body and using what they learn to create therapies, vaccines, and cures that otherwise wouldn't exist.

Tyler's current research explores how maternal diabetes affects fetal heart development using human umbilical mesenchymal stem cells. Something that surprises people about his work is that there are multiple types of stem cells. “Whenever people hear the term ‘stem cells,’ most automatically think of embryonic stem cells which are illegal for research in most states,” he notes. “But when they learn that there are multiple types like the mesenchymal stem cells that I use, they are surprised and become curious.” For this project, Tyler helped create a three-dimensional scaffold from cord blood plasma that holds mesenchymal stem cells as a way to recreate the cell's native environment. But his work doesn't stop there - due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he has also been assisting with COVID-19 testing as well.



The path that brought Tyler to a career in biomedical research started with an interest in biology and psychology, two fields of study he was able to combine in Morningside's biopsychology program. From there, an opportunity to work with neuronal cells to study Alzheimer's with associate professor of biology Chad Leugers opened his eyes to the work of biomedical research.



Opportunities like this were the reason Tyler chose Morningside. “I felt that going to a smaller school would allow me opportunities that I would never get at a larger institution,” he reflects. “And to Morningside's credit, I was right.”

Tyler says it was because of opportunities provided by the faculty in the biology, chemistry, and psychology departments that he was able to learn valuable skills and experience success in his current role. Instructors like Chad Leugers and Jessica LaPaglia, associate professor of psychology, let him help with their research, while Anni Moore, assistant professor of biology, showed him that learning can be fun. Some of his favorite research projects included Dr. LaPaglia's research on the influence of retrieval on the misinformation effect, Dr. Leugers' work with tau proteins, and Dr. Moore's research on glacial and riverine wetland microbial responses to heavy metals.

In addition to supportive faculty, Tyler connected with staff members who made Morningside feel like home. “Char Jorgensen, Randee Small '88, and Laurreta Shaver truly made Morningside feel like my home away from home,” he says. “They are some of the kindest, sweetest, and most caring people I know. They were always there if I needed to talk and always gave good advice.”

Now, it's his turn to give advice. Tyler advises Morningside students interested in biopsychology and biomedical research to not be intimidated by the numerous and varied subspecialties in the field because it means there are plenty of opportunities to discover their path. Originally from Newport News, Va. and now living and working in the Midwest, finding his path was an important part of Tyler's time at Morningside. Looking back, he says his favorite part was how much the Morningside community cared about his success and the success of his classmates. “I never doubted that everyone at Morningside wanted me to be as successful as possible.”

MARIAH GESINK '13

Some people are lucky enough to find their calling early in life. Mariah Gesink '13, née Stauffer, is one of those people. Even before she learned what an epidemiologist was, she knew that she wanted to make her life about preventing the spread of infectious diseases.



“As crazy as this sounds, my love for epidemiology started when I was a little girl,” recalls Mariah. She remembers staying home sick from school in elementary school and watching the film “Outbreak” with her dad (don’t worry - she says he bleeped out all of the bad words). She was intrigued by the movie and thought it would be fun to save the world from an infectious disease. Her dream job at age six was to be a jet-flying wedding dress-designing doctor. She remained convinced that going to medical school and becoming a doctor was the path to her dream job - minus the designing wedding dresses and becoming a jet pilot part - until she came to Morningside and met a professor who introduced her to her real passion: epidemiology.

At Morningside, Mariah majored in biology and chemistry and minored in religious studies. She knew she wanted to go to a smaller school after visiting the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and she says it was love at first sight after visiting Morningside. Not only did Morningside offer smaller class sizes, but she would also be able to be on the track team. “The campus is beautiful, the professors are wonderful, and I felt like the track team was one giant family,” she says. “I knew all of this on my first visit.”

After graduating from Morningside, Mariah attended graduate school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health to earn her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology. She is now an Infection Prevention Epidemiologist at CHI Health Lakeside in her hometown of Omaha, Neb. As an epidemiologist working in a hospital, it’s her responsibility to develop infection control plans to protect patients and healthcare workers from infectious diseases. To do this, she identifies the risks of acquiring different types of infections and works to eliminate or control the risks. If an outbreak occurs, Mariah then determines the source of the infection and implements prevention and control measures to mitigate and stop the outbreak. In addition to this, she is also in charge of developing isolation policies for patients with infectious diseases, educating healthcare workers about the principles of infection control, monitoring the use of antibiotics and the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the hospital, developing policies to protect patients from hospital-acquired infections, and collecting data points for statistical summaries from microbiology reports like those compiled for influenza seasons and COVID-19.

“I wish people knew how much is done behind the scenes,” says Mariah. “When people think about healthcare, they usually think of the nurses and physicians who take care of them. But

there’s a robust team made of many different disciplines that are needed to get the work done. One of the disciplines is Infection Prevention, which is what my position falls under as a hospital epidemiologist.”

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mariah’s work has become even more important not only to the staff at her hospital but to friends and family who have turned to her for insight during this confusing time. While SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has only been known to the world for a few months, things have changed drastically and quickly. She recommends that people follow the advice of the doctors and scientists on the front line and validate information before sharing it.

From dreaming of helping stop the spread of infectious diseases as a little girl to doing exactly that as a hospital epidemiologist today, Mariah’s journey highlights the importance of not only following your dreams but finding a community that supports you every step of the way. Looking back at her time at Morningside, Mariah noted some of the influential professors, staff, and friends - including her now-husband, Brian Gesink '11 - that made her experience special. From President Reynders who she says was a great supporter and always encouraged her to chase her dreams, to Coach Dave Nash '90 who helped create the family environment that so many people love about the track and cross country team, and Bruce Forbes who convinced her to minor in religious studies after one class, she felt like the Morningside community really cared about her growth and achievements. Her advice for students is to really dig in and make the most of their experience at Morningside.



Mariah Gesink '13 and her husband Brian Gesink '11 with their children, Dawson and Emmett.

Music as Medicine

Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves '17 on the healing power of music

“A background in music has been useful in medical school because I understand how to listen,” says Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves '17. The soon-to-be Dr. Hongsermeier-Graves began her musical endeavors with the piano in 4th grade before finding her primary instrument, the flute, in 5th grade. She later added the piccolo and guitar to her arsenal and continued taking piano and flute lessons throughout college in addition to being involved with the Morningside Master Chorale ensemble.

When practicing her instruments, Natasha listens objectively to her own playing and makes modifications based on what she hears. She follows a similar process with patients, listening to their story and creating a plan to work toward a healthier life. Practicing and performing music has personal benefits as well. “Music in medical school has been my self-administered vaccine for burnout,” she adds. “Playing with the Nebraska Medical Orchestra and Musicians for Healing is how I stay human and re-energize.”

Natasha's journey into medicine started as a child interested in a variety of science careers. She bounced between wanting to be a paleontologist, astronaut, and equine geneticist before discovering medicine by watching her dad perform veterinary duties on their farm. She recalls a specific instance when she was around 10 years old where her dad had to sew up an injured calf. Natasha held the layers of tissue together so her dad could suture the wound, and the experience inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. She struggled between becoming a veterinarian or doctor late into her college career before ultimately choosing to focus on human patients.

Natasha will graduate from the University of Nebraska Medical Center with a Master of Public Health in addition to her M.D. in 2023. Earning multiple degrees is nothing new for the 2017 Morningside alumna who earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts each in Chemistry and Music. While her tendency to be interested in pretty much everything can sometimes make choices difficult, it was because of this that she chose Morningside. “I knew I was interested in science and music, and Morningside was a place where I could engage in both equally without having to choose one or the other.”

Natasha's flute teacher at Morningside, Diane Gross, opened her eyes to the healing power of music. While Diane was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, a rare cancer affecting smooth muscle tissue, in 2004, it did not stop her from playing and teaching.



Musicians for Healing, a group of musicians now led by Natasha that shares music in healthcare settings, was Diane's idea. After Diane passed away in 2019, Natasha saw Musicians for Healing as a way to keep her legacy alive and serve others through music the way Diane had taught her.

“As a pre-medical student, Musicians for Healing has allowed me to observe the benefits of integrating care in order to treat the whole patient,” Natasha writes on the Musicians for Healing website. She goes on to discuss how medical professionals have reported decreased stress and anxiety not only in their patients but also in themselves, aiding healthcare practitioners in the management of their emotional well-being while providing better care. By exploring a holistic approach that examines the relationship between the body and brain to utilize a clinically relevant understanding of music therapy, while imparting the value of service through music, Natasha believes her experience with Musicians for Healing will help her become a better doctor.

“Music brings comfort to patients in a way that words cannot,” she muses. “Diane gave me the idea of playing for patients as a way to not only engage in community service through music but also to practice performing and break down the ‘fourth wall’ as a musician. Losing her was extremely hard for me. She was an incredible mentor and friend.”

Musicians for Healing continues to shine a light on the power of music to comfort and inspire patients in healthcare settings, and this light has not been dimmed by the COVID-19 pandemic

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as the group established themselves in the Omaha area through a series of socially distanced outdoor performances. During a time where many patients and long-term care facility residents were indefinitely separated from their family and friends to mitigate the risk of transmission, the music performed by members of Musicians for Healing brought both residents and staff to tears on more than one occasion. Natasha says staff also came up to her multiple times and shared how much it meant to them and the residents to hear them play after dealing with the challenges posed by COVID-19.

Speaking of challenges due to the pandemic, Natasha, like many students, faced uncertainty in her academic schedule. Having recently taken the first part of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, she was slated to begin clinical rotations in March and was looking forward to applying what she'd learned in the classroom to real patients. Instead, rotations were postponed until late June and two of her courses moved online. Additionally, she's found herself pursuing a medical career during a time where science has become political, a development she calls disappointing. She



encourages people to take coronavirus seriously and consider how they can protect themselves and others. “Science is non-partisan,” she says. “I wear my mask for you, and I need you to wear your mask for me. Practice social distancing. Wash your hands. This is a pandemic in real life.”

As she prepares to graduate from medical school, Natasha reflects on the impact of her Morningside experience. Her favorite



memory is when her now-husband Danny Graves '18 proposed to her on the tennis courts. Both she and her husband played for the Morningside tennis team, and he popped the question using a ring box disguised as a tennis ball.

In addition to meeting her husband, she recalls over a dozen people who impacted her in life-changing ways at Morningside - the most inspiring being Diane. By the time their paths crossed, Diane had outlived her cancer diagnosis by over a decade. One of her lungs had been removed due to metastasis, yet her flute playing remained as beautiful as ever. “Diane understood better than anyone the connection between medicine and music,” Natasha says. “Her life lessons will always remind me of the importance of understanding patients not just as a doctor, but as a human being.”



Musicians for Healing at CHI Health Immanuel in Omaha, Neb.

Homecoming Through the Years

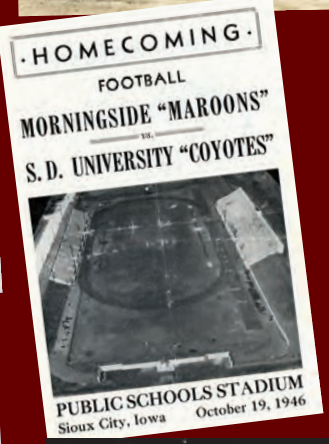
While Homecoming 2020 will look a little different this year, Morningside's rich history gives us lots of reasons to celebrate. Enjoy this pictorial look back at Morningside Homecomings past.



AN HISTORIC DAY.

Thanksgiving day of 1919 will be one of the biggest days in Morningside history. The reason is threefold. In the first place the mighty Notre Dame football team, hitherto undefeated, will meet its match in the eleven which has been developed at Morningside under the able tutelage of Coach Saunderson. In the second place, Bass Field—one of the finest stadiums in the middle west, almost equal to Stagg Field at the University of Chicago—will be officially dedicated. In the third place, Morningside's alumni and ex-students will on that day enjoy the greatest homecoming their alma mater ever witnessed.

To the present student of Morningside the day will be an outstanding one. He will come to appreciate the bigness of Morningside as he never did before. And, by coming in contact with the students who walked the campus in days gone by, he will begin to feel more than ever that he



MORNINGSIDE'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS PLAN A GREAT HOME-COMING

THANKSGIVING DAY WILL SEE HUNDREDS BACK AT OLD ALMA MATER.

Football Game With Notre Dame Feature of Day's Activities—Bass Field to Be Officially Dedicated.





FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

New faculty

Amanda Buse '12, assistant professor of graduate nursing.

Anita Collier, instructor in Morningside's Sharon Walker School of Education.

John Gonsler, instructor of criminal justice.

Lillian Lopez, professor of social sciences and interim department head for business and accounting.

Jessica Meckes, instructor of criminal justice.

Joshua Nannestad, associate professor of music education in Morningside's School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Rosanne Lienhard Plante '93, assistant professor of accounting and business.

Jennifer Peterson, assistant professor of English.

Daniel Wubbena, assistant professor of accounting and business.

New appointments

Jared Amundson '19, esports coach.

Theison Anderson, head men's volleyball coach.

Wendy Balomenos, office coordinator for Student Financial Planning.

Shari Benson '82, administrative coordinator for Student Life.

Beth Boettcher, associate dean of advising and coordinator for disability services

Kelly Chaney, dean of the Sharon Walker School of Education.

Tom Chilton '12, admissions counselor.

Kelli Flack, clinical practicum coordinator

Danielle Fennessy, area coordinator/ coordinator for Student Development.

LuAnn Haase, director of the teacher intern program

Austin Hendrix, facility technician.

Samantha Hendrix, housekeeper.

Ben Kenobbie, admissions counselor.

Jack O'Brien, head men's lacrosse coach.

Andrew Rode, assistant football coach.

Katie Roskie, associate registrar.

Kayla Ruff, assistant men's and women's volleyball coach.

Carly Shideler, director of operations for admissions.

Jessica Squier '11, head women's volleyball coach.

Caitlyn St. Marie, head women's lacrosse coach.

Anna Zetturland '18, admissions counselor.

Andre McWell was named the director of persistence and diversity in August 2020. In this role, McWell oversees programs and services that promote equity and inclusion and development of initiatives designed to improve student academic success. McWell has been at Morningside in various roles since 2000, most recently as the director of the Educational Enhancement Program.

Erin Edlund was named the vice president for external relations in July 2020. The external relations team is comprised of marketing and communication, the printshop, mailroom, alumni relations, sports information, and career services. New team members include **Shiran Nathaniel**, director of alumni relations; **Stacie Hays**, associate vice president of career services and professional development; and **Alex Watters '09**, career development specialist.

Awards

Bruce Forbes receives award from national leadership honor society

Bruce Forbes '70 received the 2020 Cheryl M. Hogle Distinguished Service Award from Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), the leading interdisciplinary national leadership honor society with over 300 circles throughout the United States.

Morningside agriculture instructors receive NACTA awards

Thomas Paulsen, associate professor and department head of the Morningside College Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Department, received the Jack Everly Journal Award by the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) organization for the outstanding journal article published in 2019, and agriculture instructors **Annie Kinwa-Muzinga** and **Daniel Witten** were awarded the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit.



Char Jorgensen retires after 30+ years

Charlene “Char” Jorgensen is retiring after 34 years at Morningside College. While Char’s role is that of a data manager, anyone who knows her knows that she does much more to support the students and the mission of the college. “Her work ethic and motivation to make Morningside a better place each and every day is truly in everything she does,” said Amy Williams-Malenosky, senior associate director of admissions. “She has, of course, created countless students in our system and made files upon files. She has collected transcripts and test scores for miles. She has created, updated, and re-created reports for just about every department on this campus.”

“But what she really does is support our students and their families,” continued Williams-Malenosky. “Char answers the phone call from the panicking mom who isn’t sure if her child has done everything or if they are missing out on something that they should be doing. She has been the ‘mom’ in the back office to hundreds of student ambassadors. She is the calm in the storm of a lot of days for our prospective students and our current ones as well. She tirelessly goes above and beyond, and would do it for any of us. She will be missed!”

BOARD NEWS

TOM ROSEN '70 RECEIVES EDWARD C. JONES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Tom Rosen, Morningside alumnus and President and Chief Executive Officer of Rosen’s Diversified Inc., received the 2019 Edward C. Jones Community Service Award from the North American Meat Institute (NAMI).



Each year, NAMI awards the Edward C. Jones Community Service Award

to a member company or company representative that has made an outstanding contribution to their local community. NAMI commended Rosen and his family for their generous contributions to various donations and charities and noted Rosen’s significant donations to advance academia and research including his support of the NAMI Foundation and NAMI Scholarship Fund. The organization also recognized Rosen’s support for his plant managers and dedication to giving back to the community through the commitment of time and resources to programs that provide youth mentoring, scholarships, healthcare support, and more.

Tom Rosen graduated from Morningside College in 1970 and was inducted into the M Club Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 in recognition of his standout men’s basketball career. He served on the college’s Board of Directors for 16 years and received an honorary degree from Morningside in 2017. A generous supporter and friend of the college, Rosen contributed major naming gifts for Rosen-Verdoorn Athletic Complex – Allee Gym, Tom Rosen Field, and a multitude of additional campus improvements during the college’s This Is Our Moment and Vision 2020 capital campaigns. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Rosen’s Diversified Inc. which specializes in beef processing, agriculture-chemical distribution, and fertilizer.

CLASS NOTES

1946

Doris (Peterson) Markland

published two books at age 90, *Playing Life by Ear* and *My Half of the Conversation*.

1947

Carolyn Cox has provided on-going support of the University of Akron Women's Club Annual Scholarship Fund that has since been named after her.

1950

Chet Guinn has been awarded a Certificate of Special Recognition by the City of Des Moines.

1969

Dan Flanagan is associate pastor at First United Methodist Church of Richardson in Richardson, Texas.

Sandra (Pike) Raichel has celebrated 35 years as founder and owner of Vientos Tropicales.

1970

Bruce Forbes received the Cheryl M. Hogle Distinguished Service Award presented by ODK.



1971

George Ellis was inducted into the Fargo American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in January 2020.

David Wong is the I-House Secretary and Parliamentarian, photographer for a weekly newspaper, and a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, Phi Mu Alpha, and Alpha Phi Gamma. He has also participated in multiple choirs and received his Master's from the University of South Dakota where he was a member of the university choir and a chess champion.

1973

Mary (Duritzo) Reiling is a real estate salesperson for Coldwell Banker Realty in Princeton Junction, N.J.

1974

Gerald Stoppel published his sixth book, *The Murder at Nine Finger Charlie's Art Emporium*.

1975

Joelene (Ewers) Small owns Sew Eco Straws in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dale Howard was recently awarded the Most Valuable Professional (MVP) honorary title for the 17th year in a row by Microsoft.

1976

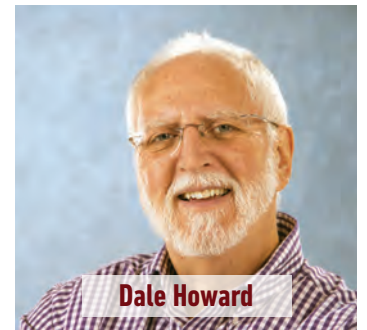
Stanley See has started a new business called See Opportunities in Austin, Texas.



Doris (Peterson) Markland



Dan Flanagan



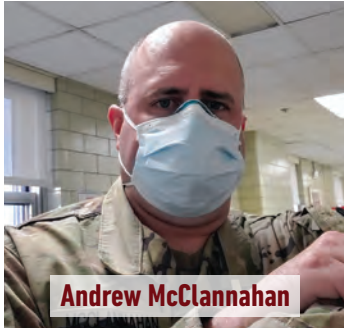
Dale Howard



Andrea (Anfinson) Clark



Amy (Johndreau) Denney



Andrew McClannahan



Joshua Kunze



Sonya (Allen) Hanisch



Luke Comeau

1977

Kent Boyer has earned a Ph.D. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Dallas in Spring 2020.

1983

Donna (Grell) Sonksen is office manager and assistant to the senior vice president for Ecolane USA Inc in Elk Horn, Iowa.

1984

William Irwin has achieved board certification of Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

1988

Alicia Bohlke is the director of physician practices for Tennova Medical Group of Tennessee in Clarksville, Tenn.

1991

Andrea (Anfinson) Clark is a certified financial planner who owns an independent fee-only firm.

1992

Sheila Brummer and the staff of Siouxland Public Media KWIT-KOJI recently won major accolades with the Midwest Broadcast Journalism Association (MBNA), Public Media Journalism Association (PMJA) and the Iowa Broadcast News Association (IBNA). Sheila was awarded almost a dozen first place awards for reporting, writing and anchoring. Sheila also contributed to a national award-winning documentary program on Flight 232 and the Moon Landing.

1993

Chet Mandair has started as SVP and chief information officer at Guidewire Software in Campbell, Calif.

Rosanne (Lienhard) Plante is a visiting professor of business at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

Scott E. Lamp was promoted to special agent in charge at the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation in Des Moines, Iowa.

Chad Sorenson celebrated the 12th anniversary of his company Adaptive HR Solutions.

1994

Angela Dieckman is a mental health counselor and owner of Thrive Therapy LLC in Muscatine, Iowa.

1996

Scott Moseman published his first academic article titled “*Truman and the Formation of the CIA*” for the Journal of Intelligence History.

1999

Amy (Johndreau) Denney was named the 2020 Iowa Principal of the Year by the School Administrators of Iowa.

2001

Gretchen (Wickey) Cooper is president of the Junior League of Sioux City in Sioux City, Iowa.

Danielle (Arends) Metzger has become a certified epic clinical Informaticist.

2002

Sonya (Allen) Hanisch is a special education teacher for the foundations program at Perry Creek Elementary School in Sioux City, Iowa. Sonya earned a MSE, Special Education Strategist I from Wayne State College in May, 2020.

Andrew McClannahan was mobilized to Boston, Mass., with the Army Reserves and was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

2004

Joshua Kunze is a fire engineer at Austin Fire and Rescue in Austin, Minn.

Luke Comeau is the Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern Mental Health Center in Luverne, Minn.

2005

Dustin Cooper is executive director of Arena Sports Academy in Sioux City, Iowa.

Andrew Husk is the Coordinator for Civic Engagement at the Muller Center at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C.

2006

Matthew Armstrong completed his MBA program through the University of Iowa.

2007

Megan (Wunsch) Jilg has started as creative specialist for Staples Promotional Products in Orange City, Iowa.

Rachel (Lenhardt) Morehead is the community advancement officer for the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Laura Roost is political science program coordinator, pre-law advisor, and assistant professor of political science at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C.

Lindsay (Smith) Hindman has written a book titled *100 Things to do in Sioux City and Siouxland Before You Die*.

Katie (Ripley) DeMaris was chosen as one of seven Young Retailers of the Year from National Retail Hardware Association.

2007

Ryne Young is the 2019 head baseball coach for the Carroll Tigers.

2008

Miranda (Heyer Stroh) Little is an instructor for occupational therapy and has received the Kingfisher Research and Scholarship Fellowship for 2020-2021 with a colleague.

2009

Ashley Chase received the 2019-20 Robert Morris University Student Government Association staff excellence award.

Jeremy Lahar has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Houston Police Department in Houston, Texas.

Molly (Dennis-Drees) Yock is a special education consultant at Heartland AEA in Johnston, Iowa.

Maurie Tomke is an assistant professor and department chair of sports management at Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa.

2010

Kevin Pottebaum is the public relations and communications coordinator for ISU Extension and Outreach in Woodbury County.

2011

Maggie (Mitchell) Widhom is a physical education teacher at Anchor Ponte Elementary in Bennington, Neb. Maggie earned a master's in Teaching from College of St. Mary's in 2018.

Kate (Nelson) Griffith is senior sales manager at Hotel Blackhawk in Davenport, Iowa.

2012

Nate McDonald is the activities director for Logan-Magnolia CSD in Logan, Iowa.

2015

Audri (Swisher) Iversen is an associate veterinarian at Dunes Animal Hospital in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Jaclyn (Kuspa) McCabe is a sales director at Nature's Alternative Farms, LLC in Littleton, Colo.

Amanda Heinrichs-Milburn is the assistant county attorney for Minn.

2016

Abigail (Hoy) Nissan graduated with master's in history and graduate certificate in gender and women's studies from Minnesota State University-Mankato in May 2018.

2017

Alec DeVries is the assistant director of residential life and student activities at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Kathleen (McCaffery) Konrardy is a special education coordinator for Holy Family Catholic Schools in Dubuque, Iowa.

Trey Rossman is the 7-12 social studies teacher at Ravenna Public Schools in Ravenna, Neb.

Danny Graves is the tennis director and head tennis pro at First Serve Tennis Center in South Sioux City, Neb.

Alec DeVries earned a master's in higher education and student development from Taylor University.

Melanie (Geisler) Kiser has completed a master's in Industrial organizational Psychology.

2018

Abby Breaman is a 1st grade teacher in the Lincoln Public Schools system.

Jesse Nitzschke is a high school counselor for Worthington Public Schools in Worthington, Minn.

Lauren Lehmkuhl is the creative marketing coordinator for Mount Marty University in Yankton, S.D.

Jared Sorenson has been promoted to senior analyst at First National Bank of Omaha in Omaha, Neb.

2019

Rose Pelelo-Ray is a UMV technician contracted with Mid-American Energy and Asplundh in Sioux City, Iowa.

Asha (Linn) Khan-Snyder has accepted a practicum position for her master's program at Dean and Associates.

2020

Kyle Kommes is a staff accountant at Agee and Company in Sioux City, IA.



Miranda Little



Ashley Chase



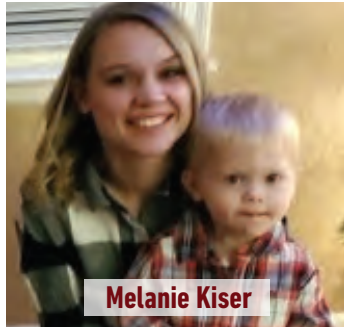
Jeremy Lahar



Kathleen (McCaffery) Konrardy



Trey Rossman



Melanie Kiser



Lauren Lehmkuhl



Jared Sorenson



Rose Pelelo-Ray

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

1943

Donald Wertz celebrated his 98th birthday.

1954

Gene "Hoot" Evers and **Sally (Eber) Evers** celebrated 65 years of marriage.

1958

Marjorie (Rowlands) Cunningham and Rodger Cunningham celebrated 54 years of marriage.

1963

Pamela (Patrick) Likins has moved to Kings Mountain, North Carolina, after the death of her husband in 2017.

1965

Don Thompson has become involved in forming the Barrington High School Alumni Association in Barrington, Illinois, since his retirement. BHSAA was formed in conjunction with the Barrington 220 Educational Foundation. The alumni association fosters

good relationships among BHS alumni and promotes the goals of the Educational foundation. The joint venture has raised millions of dollars in support of Barrington Schools.

1968

James Fredette celebrated 51 years of marriage.

1969

Esther Mackintosh retired as president of Federation of State Humanities Councils in Arlington, Va., after 33 years.

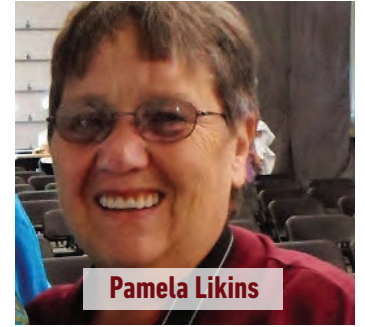
1970

Marianne Fuchsen retired on October 1, 2019, from Sacred Heart Church in Spencer, Iowa, after 42 years.

Marilyn (Vaupel) Kopperud retired from teaching after 44 years.

1971

Kathryn Lundquist is focused on philanthropic work with the SHARE scholarship program



Pamela Likins



Marilyn (Vaupel) Kopperud

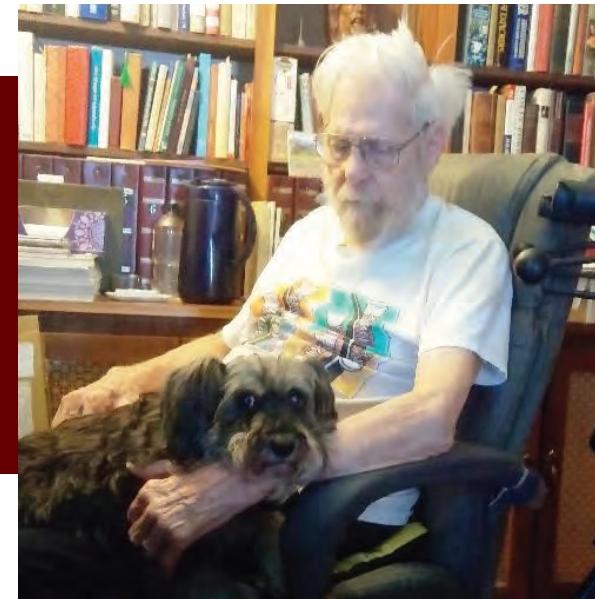
for international graduate students at Thunderbird School of International Management/ASU; the Philanthropy Council for Oncology at Medstar Montgomery Medical Center in Olney, Md.; and as vice-chair of the Foundation Board of Maryland Public Television.

1972

Eugene Buccelli and **Connie Buccelli** celebrated 56 years of marriage on January 11, 2020.

1952

Eugene Lamport received his Master of Divinity at Drake University after graduating from Morningside. He spent 66 years as an ordained minister in the Christian Church, and has four children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He is getting ready to celebrate his 91st birthday in December and enjoying a wonderful retirement.



Pam Mitchell retired as a Revenue Cycle Manager from UnityPoint St. Luke's in Sioux City, Iowa, after 37 years.

1973

Macia (Qualls) Clark retired from LePort Montessori Schools in Redondo Beach, Calif.

George Stowe retired from the State of Minnesota as an anatomy and physiology adjunct professor in Bemidji, Minn., after a total of 46 years teaching.

Steve Sparks has retired as the health literacy director at Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. in Madison, Wisc. after a total of 40 years in a hospital setting.

1974

Gary Nims and **Rita Albrecht Nims** celebrated 40 years of marriage on July 12, 2020.

Gerald Stoppel retired from the Episcopal Church of the good Shepherd in Allegan, Mich., after more than 29 years.

1975

Rick Luther has retired and now works as a Garden Tour Guide at Bok Tower Gardens.

1976

Kathryn Kimball retired on January 31, 2020, from the Upper Room Museum in Nashville, Tenn., after 40 years.

Steve Reed retired from the San Bernardino City Unified School District after 30 years.

Ruth (Wilson) Eiffert has retired from Chesapeake Public Schools in Chesapeake, Va., after a total of 43 years teaching.

Delwyn Olivier has retired as pastor from Augustana Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, after almost 20 years.

1977

Patrick Bradley retired from the University of Central Missouri after 25 years.

1978

Annette (Ruhs) Kruse has retired from United Methodist Church of Iowa in Des Moines, Iowa, after 35 years.

1979

Mark Freerks retired as the store manager of Walmart in Bentonville, Ark., after 37 years.

1981

Julie (Jensen) Drees retired as an Elementary Music Specialist at Le Mars Community Schools after 26 years.

Kathy (Jepsen) Brownmiller

retired from the Crawford County Medical Center in Denison, Iowa.

1983

Mark Berg retired from West Harrison Schools and Harlan Community School System after 34 years.

1993

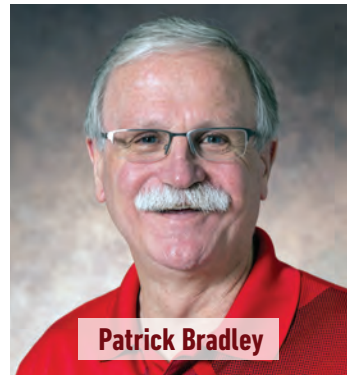
Marsha (Johnson) Newman and Butch Newman celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 13, 2020. Marsha and Butch met on Halloween night at Jerry's Pizza in Morningside in Sioux City, IA.



Steve Reed



Annette (Ruhs) Kruse



Patrick Bradley



Kathy (Jepsen) Brownmiller



1964

John Lemkuil celebrated 55 years of marriage.





Tom Gerking

1985

Lori (Bielenberg) Baldwin retired from Siouxland District Health Department as a public health nurse after 27 years.

Kelli (Murphy) Tuttle has retired from East High School in Sioux City, Iowa, after 33 years.

1986

Emily (Rasmus) Jasman retired from the Sioux City Community School District in Sioux City, Iowa, after 33 years.

1987

Brenda (Dyhrkopp) Olson, who was incorrectly recognized as being deceased; is alive and well.

Guy Harrington was the CEO for Hoot Education.

1988

Sara (Ulven) Salansky is currently a board member and serves as director of development for Adoptee Hub.

1990

Tom Gerking completed his 30th year of teaching at Westwood Community School in Sloan, Iowa.

Christine Rich retired from her own company Absolute Screen Art after 22 years.

2009

Ashley (McNabney) Plumer was recently awarded a MARK of excellence award for her efforts launching a new intuitive grants management platform enterprise widely contributing to the execution of \$850K in community grants globally.

2013

McKenzie (Hartman) King and David King celebrated 5 years of marriage.

2014

Kyle Kinney recently graduated from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine with a doctorate in microbiology.

2015

Ashley (Drey) Wittrock celebrated five years of marriage.

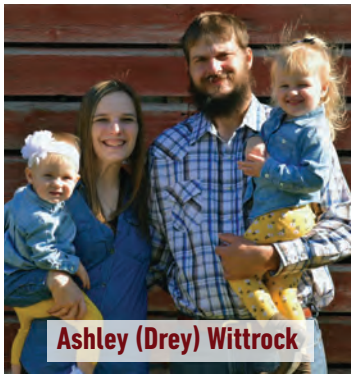
Brendan Pinto received a doctorate in Population and Evolutionary Genomics and accepted a post-doctoral research position in the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of Texas at Austin.

2017

Rachel Faga has been promoted to district manager for Arbonne and is in her third year of teaching.



Christine Rich



Ashley (Drey) Wittrock



2019

Madison Pierson just finished her foundation year of graduate school at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy.



Nick and Paige Brincks



Molly and Jake Beauchene



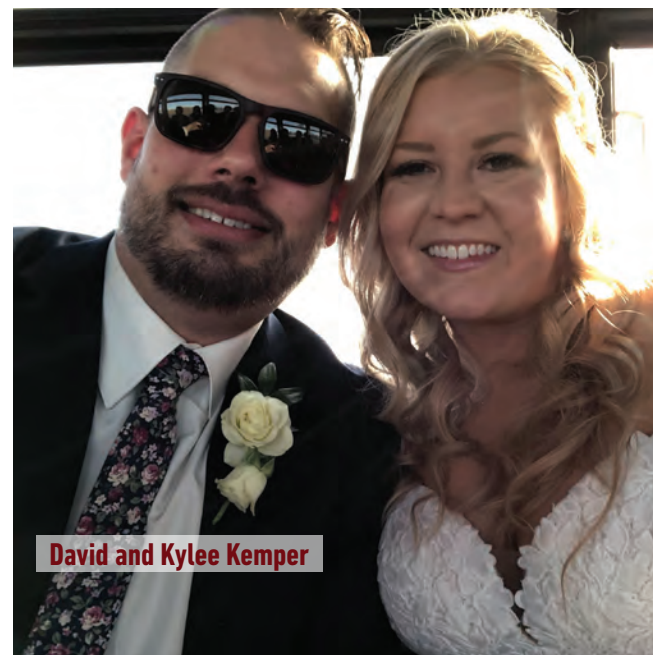
Emily and Brian Cole



Riley and Lucas Farrington



Madison and Jace Neubaum



David and Kylee Kemper

NEWLYWEDS

1975

Joelene Ewers and Jim Small, February 23, 2019.

2004

Fawn Woiwood and David Long, October 26, 2019.

2006

David Rice and Kylee Kemper, February 1, 2020.

2010

Emily Cox and Brian Cole, Sept 14, 2019. At home in Sioux City, IA.

2012

Kyle Eagen and **Cassie Scoblic**, Sept 15, 2018.

2014

Nick Brincks and **Paige Potter**, June 29, 2019 at Laurens United Methodist Church, Laurens, IA. At home in Ames, IA.

Katie Sambrano and **Weston Burkhardt**, September 2018.

2015

Jaclyn Kupsa and Clayton McCabe, June 8, 2019.

2018

Madison Monahan and **Jace Neubaum**, Sept 7, 2019.

Molly McInnis and **Jake Beauchene**, Oct 12, 2019. At home in Sioux City, IA.

2019

Riley Custer and **Lucas Farrington**, June 13, 2020.

Kaitlyn (Polk) Thomas and Dylan Thomas, July 25, 2020.



Fawn Woiwood and David Long



Kaitlyn (Polk) and Dylan Thomas

FUTURE MSIDERS

1996

Dacia Bolton-Bates and **Kevin Bates** welcomed Sya Lynn Bates on Feb 3, 2020.

2002

Shannon (Schmidt) De Clute and Ryan De Clute welcomed Amelia Elizabeth Belle on Aug 22, 2019.

2003

Angie (Turner) Ricklefs and Ben Ricklefs welcomed Annika Jahn Ricklefs on October 21, 2019.

2004

Abby (Oliver) Armstrong and Matthew Armstrong welcomed Oscar Fox on May 10, 2018.

2007

Jennifer Nelson and Matt Kennedy welcomed Charlie on Jan 23, 2018.

2008

Melissa (Stidfole) Pena and **Jesus Pena** welcomed Bryson Joseph Pena on July 25, 2020.

Joshua Wilkerson and Jennifer Wilkerson welcomed Lauren Elise on Nov. 25, 2019.

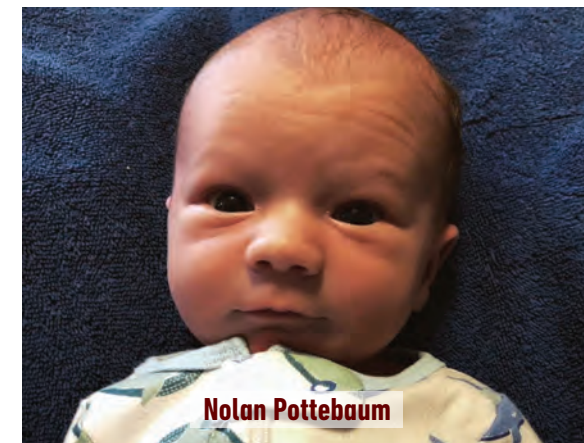
2009

Kendra (Klien) Hajek and Ryan welcomed Phoenix Rose Hajek on Dec 25, 2019.

Nick Paulsen and Alexa (Lohry) Paulsen welcomed Elleanor (Nora) Joy on Jan 27, 2020.

Maurie Tomke and Jessica Tomke welcomed Jacob Noonan Tomke on March 15, 2020.

Michael Stabile and **Stephanie (Baker) Stabile** welcomed Hadley Stabile on April 15, 2020.





Addyson Dacey Pacheco



Emmett James Gesink

Ashley (McNabey) Plumer and Cyle Plumer welcomed Blaire Victoria on May 1, 2019.

2010

Kevin Pottebaum and Amanda Pottebaum welcomed Nolan on March 17, 2020.

2011

Mariah (Stauffer) Gesink and **Brian Gesink** welcomed Emmett James on April 16, 2019.

Kara (Nelson) Nitz and **JJ Nitz**, welcomed a baby on March 13, 2019.

Marissa (Greco) Kowal and Daniel Kowal welcomed Lily Kowal on July 23, 2020.

2012

Alex Pacheco and Kelley welcomed Addyson Dacey Pacheco on Jan 9, 2020.

Bailey (Bichel) Bowen and Nathan Bowen welcomed Boyd Sterling Bowen on March 11, 2020.

Nate McDonald and Taylor McDonald welcomed Henry McDonald on July 15, 2020.

2013

Michael Oetken and English Oetken welcomed Ruby Renae Oetken on July 14, 2020.

2015

Abbey (McDonald) Fitzgerald and Charlie Fitzgerald welcomed Gracie on Sept 3, 2019.

Kristina (Andrews) Blackman and Jake Blackman welcomed Levi Allen on June 23, 2020.

2018

Dorinda (Krause) Scott and Leif Scott welcomed Sias Dwain on Feb 22, 2020.



Gracie Fitzgerald



Henry McDonald



Lily Kowal

IN LOVING MEMORY

1939

Raymond A. Hess, Spirit Lake, Iowa, died Sept 30, 2019.

Roberta (Stock) Pendleton, Sioux City, Iowa, died April 17, 2020.

1940

Berget O. Starch, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 5, 2020.

1941

Maurice "Maury" Schneider, Orange City, Iowa, died Feb 18, 2020.

1942

Katheryne (Wertz) Adamson, Kearney, Neb., died February 19, 2011.

1943

Phyllis (Omer) Luchsinger, Jonesville, Va., died Jan. 15, 2020.

Leonard Stiles, Bremerton, Wash. died March 17, 1996.

1944

Betty (Wicklund) McNeil, Daly City, Calif., died October 28, 2018.

1945

Mary (Logan) Sweet, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died August 3, 2014.

Homer Sweet, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died September 26, 2015.

1948

Gwendolyn "Gwen" (Horton) White, Concord, Mass., died March 27, 2017.

John C. Wansink, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 2, 2020.

1949

Ione Beryl Morgan, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 19, 2020.

Eldred Saltwell, Park Ridge, Ill., died May 3, 2020.

Eleanor (Nelson) Baird, Washougal, Wash., died March 26, 2016.

Annalee (Zeman) Felton, Van Buren, Ark., died October 18, 2019.

1950

John Foxen, WillIowamsport, Md., died Nov. 14, 2019.

Gerald "Jerry" Y. Foss, Idaho Falls, Idaho, died July 13, 2014.

France R. Wanberg, Holstein, Iowa, died April 9, 2020.

Richard Arthur Morgan, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 13, 2020.

Fred D. Wells, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 12, 2020.

Gretchen (Huntoon Dokken) Patter, Linn Grove, Iowa, died June 3, 2020.

Geaorge D. Semple, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 16, 2020.

1951

Don McCarthy, Burlington, Iowa, died March 13, 2020.

Lorraine (Patchen) Chittenden, Sherwood, Ore., died October 31, 2014.

1952

Karroll M. Carson, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 1, 2020.

Dennis Donovan, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 29, 2020.

Richard Shumaker, Delmar, N.Y., died February 26, 2020.

1953

Robert "Bob" H. Bates, Gainesville, Va., died Jan. 2, 2020.

Mary Jo (Lockard) Eckerman, Le Mars, Iowa, died Jan. 14, 2020.

Helen Leota (Miller) Fischer, Woodbine, Iowa, died April 6, 2020.

John Reardon, Stow, Ohio, died January 17, 2015.

1956

Beverly (Johnson) Gano, Battle Ground, Wash., died June 23, 2020.

1957

Robert Kingsbury, Sioux City, Iowa, died February 17, 2020.

Robert Tiemens, Colorado Springs, Colo., died March 30, 2020.

1958

John "Jack" Powell, Vermillion, S.D., died April 20, 2020.

Nancy Ellen (Collison) Nielsen, Onawa, Iowa, died February 12, 2020.

1959

James "Jim" L. Seuntjens, Ocala, Fla., died Jan. 9, 2020.

Robert Wiltse, Correctionville, Iowa, died April 14, 2020.

Loren "Larry" Dale Gordon, St. Joseph, Mo., died Feb 22, 2020.

Marilyn (Alloway) Steinberg, Newbury Park, Calif., died June 10, 2019.

Gordon Fountain, Hansville, Wash., died June 25, 2020.

1960

Robert Morgan, Bella Vista, Ark., died August 1, 2019.

Norma (Gregg) Dicks, Cherokee, Iowa, died November 21, 2018.

Marilyn (Willer) Miller, Cupertino, Calif., died July 7, 2020.

1961

Rodney Harms, Hartley, Iowa, died May 2, 2020.

Dale V. Eberhard, Council Bluffs, Iowa, died March 3, 2020.

1962

Emil Greiner, Rapid City, S.D., died July 18, 2020.

1963

Robert Neswick, Sioux City, Iowa, died April 23, 2020.

Richard “Rich” Landis,
Davenport, Iowa, died March
8, 2020.

James Haegele, Graettinger,
Iowa, died July 2, 2020.

John Boggie, Cedar Falls, Iowa,
died March 28, 2019.

1964

Dr. Gerald H. Krockover, West
Lafayette, Ind., died Jan. 29,
2020.

Nancy (Pascal) Bollard,
Shawnee, Kan., died
September 30, 2013.

1965

Judith (Percy) Golden, Shasta
Lake, Calif., died March 6,
2020.

Donald “Don” D. Sappingfield,
Sioux City, Iowa, died Jan. 6,
2020.

Clare Swanson, Ruthven, Iowa,
died May 3, 2020.

Donald Peterson, Manteca,
Calif., died June 21, 2020.

Fern (Spencer) Gadbois,
ColumbIowa, Mo., died July 18,
2020.

1966

**Marjorie “Marge” (Castan)
Hagerdon**, Mapleton, Iowa,
June 8, 2020.

Daryl Schlei, Elgin, Ill., died
February 23, 2020.

1967

Glorlowa K. (Stofferan) Ryan,
Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, died Jan.
9, 2020.

Harold “Hal” Henry Pruin,
Marion, Iowa, died March 19,
2020.

1968

Richard Burk, Sioux Falls, S.D.,
died April 20, 2020.

Terree Ritz, Bronson, Iowa,
died March 20, 2020.

James Willits, Mapleton, Iowa,
died February 8, 2020.

Charles Chambers, Chicago,
Ill., died February 11, 2019.

1969

Rev. Dr. Thomas LaVern Truby,
Oregon City, Ore., died March
16, 2020.

Judy (Wendel) Sidebottom,
Harrisonville, Mo., died
December 7, 2018.

Robert Lower, Quincy, Wash.,
died March 28, 2020.

Jane (Todd) Prichard, West
Lafayette, Ind., died June 30,
2020.

1970

Robert V. “Bob” Culver, Sioux
City, Iowa, died June 11, 2020.

Bryon Peterson, Mapleton,
Iowa, died January 28, 2020.

1971

**Joy Christine “Chris” (Johnson)
Musser**, Des Moines, Iowa,
died April 6, 2018.

Margret (Haertel) Kolbjornsen,
Peterborough, N.H., died
February 3, 2018.

Peggy (Rinearson) Gondek,
Glendale, Ariz., died February
24, 2020.

Joy (Johnson) Musser, West
Des Moines, Iowa, died April
6, 2018.

1973

Michelle K. (Garvin) Sparks,
Verona, Wisc., died Jan. 3,
2020.

Robert “Bob” Phillip Showers,
Warrensburg, Mo., died Feb 14,
2020.

1974

Timothy Mark Nelson,
Muscatine, Iowa, died May 5,
2020.

1975

David Widman, Sergeant Bluff,
Iowa, died June 27, 2020.

Edgar Den Beste, Sioux City,
Iowa, died July 17, 2020.

Lou Wonne (Wulf) Kuhlmann,
Ricketts, Iowa, died January
29, 2020.

1976

Ned Reynolds, Whiting, Iowa,
died February 1, 2020.

Pearl Suhr, Correctionville,
Iowa, died February 8, 2018.

1977

Jeffrey Mahrt, Spencer, Iowa,
died July 11, 2020.

1978

Ronald G. Pettit, Sioux City,
Iowa, died March 2, 2020.

Carol (Croxford) Considine,
Iowa City, Iowa, died October
13, 2013.

1979

Lynn L. (Mikkelsen) Posey,
Sioux City, Iowa, died April 11,
2020.

Connie J. (Pecaut) Wilnen,
Fountain Hills, Iowa, died May
19, 2020.

1981

Delores (Spade) Ward, Sioux
City, Iowa, died May 29, 2020.

1982

Rhonda Sue (Maack) Nemitz,
Kiron, Iowa, died May 22,
2020.

1983

Ruth I. (Wilson) Hayes,
Cherokee, Iowa, died March 3,
2020.

1984

Jeffery Raby, Fargo, N.D., died
May 31, 2020.

1986

Jacquelyn Elaine Jensen, Sioux
City, Iowa, died June 22, 2020.

1987

David Grice, Spring, Texas, died
March 27, 2020.

1989

John Collison, Onawa, Iowa,
died April 15, 2020.

1990

Robin (Wells) Ashley, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 7, 2020.

1991

Kimberly K. (Bartels) Vermilyea, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 25, 2020.

1994

Darlene (Bengtson) Moss, Sioux City, Iowa, died July 20, 2020.

Karen (Bubenyak) Moore, North Liberty, Iowa, died May 26, 2020.

1997

Marc Willowams, Silver Spring, Md., died May 17, 2019.

2002

Dlowane "Danny" Owens, Soldier, Iowa, died March 28, 2020.

2009

Lindsey (Rubel) Whitlock, Sioux City, Iowa, died June 28, 2020.

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Irving Jensen, Jr.

(1932 - 2020)

One of Morningside College's most ardent supporters and leaders, Irving Jensen, Jr., passed away July 22, 2020, at age 88.



Irving served as part of the Morningside College Board of Directors for nearly three decades, was heavily involved with Morningside athletics, and was integral to a number of transformational capital projects at Morningside. Vice President of Institutional Advancement Kari Winklepleck noted that, "Irving believed Morningside to be a true gem of the Midwest, often drawing comparisons between Morningside and his alma mater, Yale University."

Among the projects that Irving generously supported were the Elizabeth & Irving Jensen Softball Complex, dedicated in 2006 and named after Irving's mother and father, and the Irving F. & Carolyn B. Jensen Press Box, which was dedicated in fall 2019 to honor both Jensen and his late wife, Carolyn "Tigger" Jensen.

Beyond Morningside, Irving was a tireless advocate for the Sioux City community. He helped lead the effort to save, preserve, and restore Sioux City's downtown Orpheum Theatre, was a committed donor and supporter to the Sioux City Museum, and served on many boards and projects throughout Siouxland.

"Irving deeply valued education and history, and he was second to none when it came to considering the details of projects," said Morningside College President John Reynder. "He will be deeply missed, but his contributions will not soon be forgotten."

Irving was born on March 19, 1932. He graduated from Central High School in January 1950 and Yale University in 1954. Irving was a member of the ROTC and was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force assigned to Lackland Air Force Base from 1954-1956. He then became a captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves before resigning his commission in 1965.

He was employed by the Irving F. Jensen Co. Inc. from 1959 to 2006, when the company was sold to Knife River Corporation. Throughout his career he was very involved with professional organizations, including the Iowa Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the National AGC.

Irving married Carolyn "Tigger" Bekins on Nov. 1, 1954; she passed on June 12, 2017.

Left to honor and remember their legacy are their four daughters, Mia Jensen, Juliana Mayne, Carolyn Bender, Nancy Kent, and a son, Irving F. Jensen, III.

2020 STAY HOME COMING

MONDAY, OCT. 5 CELEBRATING ATHLETICS

- Watch social media for fun facts and history
- Look for a new episode of the Down the Mside Line podcast

TUESDAY, OCT. 6 CELEBRATING ACADEMICS

- Look for new episodes of “Professors in Golf Carts Having Conversations”
- “Back to Class” Zoom event with Bruce Forbes

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 CELEBRATING STUDENT LIFE + ARTS

- Check out student takeovers on social media
- Take part in a campus worship service through a live event on the Morningside College Facebook page

THURSDAY, OCT. 8 CELEBRATING ALUMNI + FRIENDS

- Check out Morningside’s new Alumni Showcase feature
- Join Morningside President John Reynders and his wife, Robin, on Zoom for an update on what’s happening on campus and a toast to Morningside

FRIDAY, OCT. 9 MORNINGSIDE SPIRIT DAY

- Morningsiders around the world are encouraged to wear their Morningside gear and share photos using #MsideProud
- Watch for videos to get you into the spirit of Homecoming Week.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 MORNINGSIDE RALLY DAY

- Consider watching a Mustang athletic event
- Wear your Morningside maroon with pride and consider sharing photos on social media using #MsideProud

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THEN AND NOW



After a hiatus of almost two decades, Morningside revived a marching band program – complete with color guard and pit percussion. The new Marching Mustangs made their public performance debut at the first home football game during the 2014 season.