

Around^{THE} Green



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In 2018, Katrina Horner '15 took on the Pacific Crest Trail, winding 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington.

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LIKE CLAY ON THE POTTER'S WHEEL

Dear Alumni and Friends of Bethel College,

With joy, I present *Around the Green*, the new Bethel College alumni magazine. I want to thank Brad Schmidt '88 (director of alumni engagement), Tricia Clark (director of institutional communication and marketing), Erin Myrtle (communications coordinator of institutional communication and marketing), and the editorial board for bringing their creative ideas to reality. *Around the Green* represents one way to be in fellowship with you; expect to receive it twice a year in your mailbox. *THRESHERreview*, the online alumni newsletter, will continue on a monthly delivery schedule. You can also anticipate an increased social media presence and a new format for our annual report. Let us know how you are doing by submitting an update at www.bethelks.edu/alumni-update

This Summer 2019 issue of *Around the Green* conveys transformation and change. Often associated with loss, change has a bad reputation. The death of a loved one or an accident, as examples, are often out of our control and prompt abrupt, unwanted change. However, if we think about the changes that we can control – how shall we approach those scenarios? For the courage to change the things we can, Henry Emerson Fosdick, a Presbyterian pastor who opposed racism and injustice, wrote, “Christians are supposed to not merely to endure change, nor even to profit by it, but to cause it.” I offer the following simile to help us feel more comfortable about change, including recent updates to Bethel’s mission, vision, and values.

The process of institutional change is like clay on the potter’s wheel. Even as you reshape the clay, you retain its elemental structure, and in the molecular sense, nothing changes. Bethel College is still rooted in Christian theology, sustained by Anabaptist distinctiveness, and guided by Mennonite values. We warmly accept people and prize them for their unique personalities, talents, and life experiences. We believe in our unlimited capacity to love one another. Our commitment to faith formation and the liberal arts is unwavering. We retain our Anabaptist values of peace and justice, living in community, and high standards for behavior and performance. A Bethel education remains synonymous with academic rigor and high expectations.

What is new if the molecular structure of the clay remains the same? We’ve applied a gentle touch to the spinning clay to change its shape, which represents how the college serves students, families, church, and the broader society. Our new mission is to prepare students for meaningful lives of work and service. The word *meaningful* conveys depth of purpose

to our education. Rejecting the strictly utilitarian and materialistic outcomes of higher education, we instead strive for holistic wellness of our graduates. One of our new values is vocational discernment. We will guide students as they consider the perennial question of what they should do and who they should be.¹

We also adopted a new emphasis in our mission statement: practical experiences in career pathways. During the year-long discernment process, we studied colleges that integrated student employment experiences into their curricula. The students at these colleges reported higher levels of personal satisfaction, increased retention to the college, and excellent leadership skills. (Importantly for our long-term goals, the students at these colleges graduated with less student loan debt, on average, than students from other colleges in the United States.)

The triad of liberal arts, faith formation, and practical experiences in career pathways are the essential conditions – the *sine qua non* – of Christian higher education. This style of education is known to increase human flourishing (*shalom*) in our society. Students who walk that educational path with us will alter society in ways consistent with our Anabaptist heritage.

On the topic of paths, I hope you enjoy the stories of personal transformation and change in the “Feature” section. Cassidy '12, Ashley '13, and Brad '07 are living examples of how a Christian liberal arts education provides a backpack of skills to navigate career changes. On their thru-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail, Katrina Horner '15 and Bryce Hostetler '16 learned about confidence and impermanence, and also concluded that humanity is good.

Humanity is good! Indeed, we help each other with Christian love as we undergo transformation and change in our personal lives and institutional missions. Thank you for everything you do for Bethel College. We hope to see you soon here on campus, around the Green, or wherever we may meet.

With warm blessings,

Jon C. Gering

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President



¹Inspired by Schwen, M.R., and D.C. Bass, ed. *Leading Lives That Matter: What We Should Do and Who We Should Be*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Publishing, 2006. 563 pp.

TAKE NOTE



From left, Austin Prouty, Elizabeth Ratzlaff, Alec Loganbill, Cassandra Voth and Neil Smucker

The Thresher Award is Bethel's highest honor for academic achievement, given to graduating seniors for "outstanding and sustained contribution" to an academic department or discipline.

Allison McFarland, Ph.D., professor of business administration, and David Long, professor of art, were joint presenters of a Thresher Award to Austin Prouty, Newton, who completed a double major in business administration and graphic design.

Kip Wedel, Ph.D., associate professor of history and peace studies, gave a Thresher Award to Alec Loganbill, a history major from Hesston.

William Eash, Ph.D., professor of music, gave a Thresher Award to Neil Smucker, North Newton, who is a double major in music and math.

Siobhán Scarry, Ph.D., associate professor of English, gave a Thresher Award to Elizabeth Ratzlaff, Moundridge, an English major.

Dwight Krehbiel, Ph.D., professor of psychology, gave a Thresher Award to Cassandra Voth, a psychology major from Littleton, Colo.

» Six Thresher student-athletes have been named to the 2018-19 Google Cloud **Academic All-District® Team**, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and given on the basis of combined academic and athletic achievement. On the At-Large First Team ("at-large" covers multiple spring sports) are graduating seniors Gabe Johnson, Abilene, and Connor Mickens, Meriden, in golf, and seniors Ryan LaCombe in men's tennis and Kaci Wilson in women's tennis. Earlier, graduating senior Riley Schmieder, Wellman, Iowa, and sophomore Abby Schmidt were named to the Women's Basketball 2nd Team.

» **For the second straight year**, Sarah Balzer, senior, was the first-place winner of Bethel's C. Henry Smith Peace Oration contest, sponsored at Bethel by KIPCOR and overall by Mennonite Central Committee. Her speech, "A Voting Guide for Peacemakers Under Capitalism," urges Christians to examine where and how they spend their money and if they are contributing to human rights violations and environmental degradation when they do so.

» Bethel and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., signed a memo of understanding that makes Bethel students eligible to participate in the Washington Community Scholars' Center (WCSC), EMU's cross-cultural urban studies, internship and community living experience in the U.S. capital. Kimberly Schmidt '84 directs WCSC. Sophomore Jen Andres is the **first Bethel student to take advantage of the opportunity**, spending 10 weeks in D.C. from May-August 2019.

» There were 24 Thresher student-athletes who achieved **NAIA Academic-All American** status, in men's and women's basketball, football, golf, men's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's track, and volleyball.

» Ben Jones '96, Bethel events coordinator, was this year's **winner of the John O. '29 and Esther Schrag '38 Helping Hand Award**, nominated by graduating senior Shavane Morrison, Trenton, N.J.



» Jaylon Scott was named the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference **Freshman of the Year** in men's basketball. He led the KCAC in total rebounds and steals during the regular season, which also earned him All-KCAC 3rd Team and All-Freshman Team honors. Kieseian Weiher joined Scott on the All-Freshman Team, making this **the first time Bethel has had two athletes so honored in one season.**

» The **2019 Seth Dunn Memorial Award**, named for the Bethel senior who died in an accident in 2011, and given on the basis of service to campus and community, this year went to senior Akiyaa Hagen-Depusoir.

» Kyle Wilson, graduating senior from California City, Calif., finished 3rd overall in shot put at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships March 2, shattering his own school record with a throw of 17.50 meters (more than 57 feet). This gave him the **best finish in program history** for any Bethel male NAIA indoor competitor, and earned him the first indoor All-American designation since Eric Peters (pole vault) in 1997. His performance also garnered Male Athlete of the Year honors at the Threshpys, the athletic department's end-of-the-year celebration.

» As Abby Schmidt finished out her second season playing basketball for Bethel, she racked up a list of awards and records: the **Bethel women's first-ever KCAC Defensive Player of the Year**; KCAC 1st Team and All-Defensive Team; Bethel record in season rebounds (330) and double-doubles (17; indicates a game in which she both scored and rebounded in double figures). Schmidt led the KCAC in those two categories as well as in field-goal percentage. Her performance earned her Female Athlete of the Year honors at the Threshpys.

» **Six students were awarded URICA Summer Fellowship grants** for 2019 (URICA stands for Undergraduate Research, Internships and Creative Activity): Sarah Balzer and Akiyaa Hagen-Depusoir in social work, Madison Hofer-Holdeman in English, Caroline Preheim in psychology, Kaci Wilson in chemistry and Kaho Yanagidaira in business.

» Brad Born, Ph.D., professor of English, was **one of only 25** faculty members nationwide chosen to be part of the seminar "The Civil War in American Memory," held June 23-28 at Yale University. The seminar leader was David W. Blight, Yale professor of American history and author of *Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom*, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for history.

» Two Bethel professors **completed Ph.D. studies with distinction** during the spring semester, both from the University of Kansas: Jennifer Chappell Deckert '96, from the School of Social Welfare, and Christine Crouse-Dick in communication studies. Chappell Deckert earned a promotion from assistant to associate professor of social work. Crouse-Dick is associate professor of communication arts.

» Academic Dean Robert Milliman, Ph.D., presented the **2019 Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching Award** to Siobhán Scarry, Ph.D., associate professor of English.

» The Bethel women's basketball team set a record in 2018-19 for **most wins in a season** at 20.



» Salina sisters Candy (graduating senior, left) and Sandy (freshman) Dao represented Bethel at the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET), for the **42nd straight year**, April 5-7 at the University of Alabama. Candy qualified in three events, Persuasion, Poetry Interpretation and Prose Interpretation, and made her fourth consecutive trip to AFA-NIET. Sandy, going for the first time, qualified in Informative Speaking.



STEP BY STEP

by MELANIE ZUERCHER

The career path can lead around some blind curves, but a liberal arts education helped these three alumni find their way.

Cassidy McFadden with her DAISY Award

An important part of completing a Bethel (or any college) education comes when you declare a major and start down the career path. What also happens a lot more often than people might think are the sharp turns along the way.

Cassidy McFadden '12 grew up in a Church of the Brethren family (her mother, Wendy McFadden, is well known in Brethren publishing circles) in suburban Chicago. She took a gap year after high school with Brethren Voluntary Service (BVS), and was placed at CooperRiis, which describes itself as "a residential healing community and progressive transitional living program" for adults dealing with a variety of mental-health challenges, located in the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina.

"During that year," Cassidy recalls, "one of the nurses told me I should go to nursing school. I ignored her, or at least said it wasn't happening. I was going to go to Bethel and study psychology with Paul Lewis [professor emeritus of psychology, who retired in 2017] and become a clinical psychologist or similar."

Cassidy came to Bethel in 2008, where she studied psychology but also English and communication, ending up with a double major, in psychology and literary studies (as it was called then). After she graduated, she returned to the Asheville, N.C., area, where she got a paid job working with CooperRiis on one of the residential life teams. “I helped with outings and snacks – and also defusing [emergency situations]. I got a lot of experience in handling crises.”

And what she discovered, five-plus years after that prescient nurse co-worker told her she’d be good in the profession, was that it just might be true. Although she had loved her research experience in psychology at Bethel, her work at CooperRiis gave her what she really wanted, the “hands-on part of psychology.”

Cassidy was accepted into Western Carolina University’s advanced BSN program. She continued to work full-time while completing her prerequisites, then went to part-time when she entered the 15-month-long nursing sequence.

She recently completed two years as a “bedside nurse” in general medicine in Asheville’s main hospital, Mission Hospital. Started by a group of four nurses, Mission Health System was purchased earlier this year by Healthcare Corporation of America.

In 2018, Cassidy’s nursing skills got a huge affirmation in the form of a DAISY Award. The DAISY Foundation gives the awards with heavy weight given to patient recommendations, to recognize nurses across the United States who give excellent patient care.

“The most important thing for me is that, while it’s really nice that my manager and supervisors like me, I care more that my patients are pleased with the care I give them. That’s what the DAISY Award is for,” Cassidy says.

She has no trouble identifying how her psychology and English degrees and liberal arts education have made her into a good nurse.

“Communication is one of the reasons I’m good at my job. I tell patients often that I translate between what they want and what the doctors expect. A lot of people don’t think of that as part of the job of the nurse but to me that’s really central – and so is communicating with the next nurse or the CNA.”

“Co-workers have literally asked me to write e-mails for them. I’ve written pages for other nurses to send to the doctors [information sent to pagers, limited to 144 characters] and I’m good at that – being able to express it succinctly. The better you can do that, the more likely you are to get what the patient needs. If that’s not [using] a communication major, I don’t know what is.

“I learned a lot of research skills in the psychology department and I’m using them all the time. I have the ability to de-escalate a situation – [for example,] imagine needing to communicate with someone with a 4th-grade education, who’s also upset and could hurt someone. The foundation was built in both psychology and communication classes.”

Besides the national recognition of the DAISY Award, Mission Health-care gave Cassidy an award for a “good catch” in patient care. “I’m really good at documenting, at being thorough,” she says. “That’s how these things happen. That’s another value of a liberal arts education and what it offers.”

I’m in it for my patients. I feel like I’ve found a career, at least for right now, where I get to use all my strengths.



IT’S A DOG’S (AND CAT’S) LIFE

Ashley Klein ’13 also came to Bethel with a plan, but it wasn’t psychology. “I originally [was looking at] website development and a computer science major. Bethel as a liberal arts college meant taking classes outside your sphere, so I took a psych class with Dwight [Krehbiel ’69] and turned into a psychology major.”

Her ultimate research focus was animals, specifically dogs. A lifelong animal lover, that track “gave me a chance to pursue what I enjoyed.” However, as graduation loomed, “vet science or zoo science was all I could think of to do with animals,” and neither one seemed right for her.

The summer between her freshman and sophomore year, Ashley had started her own business, Blue Skies Pet Care. “I needed a job to earn money for college. I had been doing food service and wait staff since middle school and didn’t want to do that ever again.

“I hadn’t seen anybody [with a pet care service in Newton,] but I knew there was a need. People had dogs they loved, but didn’t have the physical or time capabilities to walk and exercise them as they needed. That turned into pet-sitting when people would be out of town for [work or] vacation.

“I was finishing my senior thesis and trying to decide whether I would continue the business or apply to a masters/doctorate program in canine cognition. I sat back and realized that the business had become full-time. I was at a point where I could hire.

“I enjoy Newton [where I was born and raised]. Too often, people become educated or whatever and then move on. I didn’t want to be one of those people. I felt like I could stay here and make a difference in organizations in the community such as the Chamber of Commerce and Newton Young Professionals.”

These days, Blue Skies Pet Care is thriving. The business has evolved “from starving college student to livable income, a growing business with a good reputation. I’m always trying to increase my quality of care and what I offer. A few years ago, I went digital with everything. Now I have an app people can use to schedule, leave messages or pay online.”

And Ashley has made good on her goal of giving back to the community. She was the single most active driving force behind development of Newton’s dog park, located in Centennial Park.

Ashley Klein with one of her dogs, Skye



AMY SHARP PHOTOGRAPHY

"I heard a lot of my clients saying they would go to Wichita to a dog park, and it wasn't even free — you'd pay a yearly membership to take your dogs. I approached the city of Newton and found they had planned to create one [as part of long-range planning], but the commission had struck it from the budget because of the need for budget cuts."

It took three years, getting Caring Hands Humane Society to be the fiscal sponsor for tax-deductible donations, finding matching grants, and a lot of fundraising with individuals, but the Newton Dog Park — free and open to the public and their dogs — is now a reality.

Like Cassidy, Ashley is clear that even though she didn't pursue psychology as a discipline, she uses her Bethel education every day.

I use my psychology major all the time, and not only in animal behavior — working with people, often people of different backgrounds. I'm not a people person but my communications courses, convocation and other [Bethel experiences] helped me develop my skills working with people.

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[What I do is really] an education process for our donors, helping them understand ‘why this is important’ and vital now and in the future. That’s the basics of pedagogy.



THE BASICS OF PEDAGOGY

Similar to Ashley’s story, it was a general education class that put Brad Kohlman ’07 on his career path in elementary education. If Brad’s name rings a bell, it’s because earlier this year he became Bethel’s vice president for institutional advancement. So what was the connection?

Introduction to Education pointed Brad in the direction of education as a major. However, “since this was a liberal arts school, it allowed me to take classes outside my declared major as well,” Brad says.

He spent the next eight years after graduation teaching 5th grade at Ewalt Elementary School in Augusta. “I had a lot of fun every day in the classroom. I wanted the kids to enjoy working, and to enjoy going to work myself, and I did.”

The “thirst for knowledge” he honed at Bethel led him to graduate school in a field outside K-12 education, to give himself more options, he says. He earned a master’s degree in education in sport management, with a focus on higher education, from Wichita State University.

“That gave me my first look at fundraising, which is an essential part of college sport management,” Brad says. “I did my internship at the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame in the Wichita Boathouse, where I learned about fundraising for a nonprofit.”

Although both Brad and his wife, Megan (Klaassen) Kohlman ’08, loved their work with the Augusta and Andover public schools, they wanted to live closer to Bethel so they could attend more sports and arts events there. They moved to Hesston, and Brad became director of Hesston Recreation and Community Education (HCRE).

He took that job in the middle of a major community improvement planning process, involving HCRE, the city of Hesston and USD 460, giving him hands-on experience “working together [with a group of people] to provide services to the community.”

A year later came an opening in the alumni office at Bethel, and Brad moved into that position, as director of alumni relations, later transitioning to director of alumni development. He was appointed vice president for institutional advancement this past February.

Brad says his teaching and graduate school experience, along with a liberal arts education, has helped give him the tools to be a successful administrator and fundraiser.

“When I was at Ewalt, as a young teacher, I was the president of the teachers’ union, which involved me in negotiating a multi-million-dollar contract with the school board. That was scary, and also a great opportunity to build more skills.

“Now I feel confident talking to different people, both in large groups and one-on-one. I understand the steps in the process of getting someone on the same page.”



Brad Kohlman at the 2018 Alumni Banquet



by MELANIE ZUERCHER

A Bethel biology professor parlays his networks into collaborating on a major soil study funded by the National Science Foundation.

A PARTNERSHIP FOR PRAIRIE BIODIVERSITY

Bethel might be small, but it's not lacking in good connections. That's obvious in the latest National Science Foundation (NSF) grant that Bethel's biology department has joined, this one a major study of soil microbes and prairie plants in the central grasslands of the United States.

"I've known the people running the project for a long time," says Jon Piper, professor of biology. "Jim Bever is a soil ecologist at [the University of Kansas]. His group is looking at what's going on with microbes in the soil and how these organisms influence the plant community. KU professor Helen Alexander is another principal investigator on the project — I've known her for more than 30 years.

"I first met Jim while I was working at The Land Institute [near Salina, before coming to Bethel]. I first became aware of Jim's research in soil ecology and its relevance to The Land Institute's research agenda.

"Jim kindly participated in a symposium I organized for the Ecological Society of America meeting in summer 1997. During my last sabbatical in 2013, he hosted me at Indiana University, where he was at the time. He and his wife Peggy Schultz put me up in their home and let me hang around in the lab and learn about their research."

About a year ago, Bever, Alexander and some colleagues at the Universities of Illinois and Minnesota were putting together a grant proposal for the NSF's Dimensions in Biodiversity program.

In the photo at left, Adam Sigwing, left, and Jon Piper work on putting seedlings like the one in the photo at right into the NSF study plot on the Bethel campus.



"Helen e-mailed me about the possibility of participating in the project. They wanted small colleges to collaborate," Jon says. "Collaboration between large research universities and smaller schools is important to the NSF."

The study will cover the eastern to western extent of the North American tallgrass prairie. Central Kansas is considered the western boundary and, based on average rainfall totals, is dryer than the eastern boundary (Illinois, Missouri). Researchers at each college and university involved will replicate the study across relatively dry to relatively wet prairie, looking at how soil factors contribute to biodiversity in the various areas.

"They are positing that a lot of biodiversity maintenance is being driven by soil microbes," Jon says, "so we'll be looking at the native plant species and the soil microorganisms in the different areas."

"Bethel represents the western edge of the study. We started seeds of three native plant species, in native soil collected from unplowed prairie land in the Flint Hills. In late April, these seedlings were transplanted into a field plot that will be maintained for several years to survey the soil community that develops."

The grant included funding for undergraduate student researchers at each school, as part of a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), so Jon is working with Adam Sigwing, a sophomore biology major from Halstead.

"There was an e-mail asking for a freshman or sophomore to collaborate on the project," Adam says, "and I'm interested in soil ecology."

"I thought this was a great opportunity for someone to do a multi-year seminar project, to get money for it and to participate in an REU," Jon says. "REUs are generally very competitive. Adam will be able to make contacts with potential graduate school advisers. I needed it to be a student who could stick with it for two years and who I knew would be reliable, and he also had the sufficient biology background."

The initial work involved getting the plants established in the field. There are three species: *Silphium integrifolium* (wholeleaf rosinweed), *Lespedeza capitata* (roundhead lespedeza) and *Andropogon gerardii* (big bluestem, a native grass).

"These plants are constants – they are found across the tallgrass prairie region," Jon says. "The variant is the local or native soil they're being placed in, which will have different kinds of soil organisms, and the climatic regime, particularly annual rainfall."

"We don't really know who those important soil organisms are. We went out and found some native prairie where all three plants were growing, and collected soil from the base of each of them. The plot is just south of the softball field. We mixed the native soil with what's there in the plot, and planted the seeds in the greenhouse."

Before transplanting, Adam and Jon prepared the ground – prairie burning, mowing, laying heavy tarps to "solarize" the soil, staking and identifying where the different plots are. There is a convenient water source nearby so "we can keep them hydrated [if necessary], but we want them to experience 'typical Kansas rainfall,'" Jon says.

NSF studies always enhance Bethel's reputation and familiarity to other STEM departments. I get to call on my personal connections with people going many years back. Anything that gets more positive publicity for the college and solidifies our reputation as a good research partner is terrific.

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Growing up in the Halstead area, I went camping, was in Boy Scouts, just liked being outside. I'm interested in nature and want to learn more about it and about climate change. I want to learn ways to preserve and protect it."

A part of the grant will provide Adam with an REU in residence at KU for summer 2020. He will have funds to support several months working on the soil study and then participating in a research conference at KU, where he'll be one of those reporting on the results of the study thus far. Adam's work on the project in the current year is being supported by a Bethel College RICHE grant.

Over the next two years, Adam looks forward to "getting used to the procedures and expectations of how a study is done. I hope to learn as much as I can and gain an appreciation for the tallgrass prairie. With the REU [in 2020], I'll be making connections with graduate advisers."

"I don't know yet if I'll continue with soil ecology, but I'm interested in it. This way, I can see what I click with."

"It's a win-win," Jon says. "One of the selling points... for these federal grants is partnerships. The NSF likes to see the greatest impact possible for the research dollar."



WHAT THE TRAIL CAN TEACH

by KATRINA HORNER

Two alumni tackle a major West Coast wilderness trek, and discover a metaphor for life.

Upwards of 6,000 hikers annually take on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), winding 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington. In a good year, about 15 percent of hikers finish the challenge. I was one of the fortunate few.

After hiking the Juan de Fuca Trail in British Columbia with long-time family friend Bryce Hostetler '16 one summer, we dreamed about someday taking on the PCT. One day out of the blue, in October 2017, Bryce called and said, "I really would like to hike the PCT this summer. Do you think you'd be able to go with me?"



BRYCE HOSTETLER

Katrina Horner '15, born and raised in La Junta, Colo., was working as a nurse at Miriam Hospital in Providence, R.I., when she was presented with a daunting and exhilarating opportunity. A longer version of this article first appeared in six installments, "Travel the Trail with Katrina," in the La Junta Tribune-Democrat between Dec. 14, 2018, and Jan. 25, 2019.

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Bryce and I stood just south of Campo, Calif., touching the fence at the border with Mexico, staring into the endless desert ahead of us and eagerly anticipating the five-month trek that was about to unfold.

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I thought about how big a commitment this would be – I'd have to leave a job I loved, a summer with good friends, my cat and most of all my fiancé, Brett Wedel '14. I discussed this with and received a wide range of reactions from many I loved.

Some were nervous about the unknown, while others supported me in taking this journey of a lifetime. In the end, how could I say no to an opportunity that might never present itself again?

I gave my two weeks' notice and started on the overwhelming amount of planning that goes into a trip of this length.

After a few minutes, we looked at each other and laughed as we realized neither of us knew which direction to go. We quickly found a trail marker and we were on our way.

Guthooks, a thru-hiker's trail map phone app, quickly became a tool we relied on. We charged our phones with Anker battery packs so we could use GPS coordinates to find our location even when our phones didn't have service. Guthooks also identified water stops and campsites.

The Water Report was another important tool through this section, frequently updated by us, fellow hikers and volunteer "trail angels" who left gallons of water for us on long dry stretches. Trail angels are essential in the desert – there are stretches of up to 40 miles with no water.

KATRINA HORNER



On a clear day in California, at 14,505 feet

BRYCE HOSTETLER

Weight was also a concern. When we started, as first-time thru-hikers, our packs were a sight. As the days passed, we began to figure out what was most essential to carry, including a lightweight water filter. Most of the time we collected water from streams, or cisterns that accumulated rainwater, but we relied on trail angels more than once.

I raised my arms in victory. “I did it,” I whispered. “I made it to the top of Mt. Whitney. I’m on top of the world.”



I sat serenely on the tallest peak in the 48 states, until the peace was disturbed by laughter and cheers. The Pacific Crest Trail and the John Muir Trail (JMT) share this section. For anyone interested in a shorter hike through gorgeous country, I highly recommend looking into the JMT.

We would camp a few miles from the top of each pass and wake when the sun started to rise, to make sure we could cross while the snow was still frozen. Mountain passes are much more dangerous once the snow starts to melt, as you risk falling through with no idea what is underneath. Hikers are encouraged to have micro-spikes for more secure footing while crossing the ice and an ice axe to help in an emergency stop when glissading (sliding down a steep slope of snow or ice) which, when done safely, is by far the most fun way to get down the mountainside.

From hiking peaks during sunrise to glissading, the Sierras were one of my favorite parts of the hike.

The Pacific Crest Trail had become my life, and I was determined to successfully hike the entire trail in one trip.

At this point, that meant we needed to be hiking about 30 miles a day, or we risked getting caught in bad weather in Washington. I had to prepare my mind and educate myself on how to keep my body physically healthy enough to endure this kind of pressure.

Diet was key. A high-fat diet is best for a thru-hiker — the fat is sustained in your body longer, allowing for more lasting energy production. I needed to eat about 4,000-6,000 calories daily. Ramen noodles, dehydrated potatoes, bagels with cream cheese, granola bars, prepackaged oatmeal, candy bars, chips and Little Debbie snacks made up a huge portion of my diet.

Resupplying could be tricky. Most of the time, we were on the crest of the mountains, meaning we had to hike down the peak and over a pass to a road where we often hitchhiked into town. Those extra miles out to resupply could really add up. At some spots with very long exit points, we had family mail us pre-prepared packages to resorts or camps along the trail.

Training, research and the knowledge I gained every day were a huge part of why I was successful on this trip.

Fear can be the most debilitating emotion in the world. What if I have to go home because my blisters get infected? What if I get separated from Bryce and we can't find each other? What if the trail becomes surrounded by forest fires?

You must have a plan, and be able to use critical thinking skills to determine a best solution. However, none of these were reasons I shouldn't attempt the hike. I wasn't going to let fear of the unknown dictate my life.

This trip brought up some of those what-ifs, and they all worked out. The Pacific Crest Trail Association was a big help when it came to fires and landslides. They made up-to-date reports of current fires, and created several detours to steer us out of trouble. We occasionally would see the volunteer crews out thinning the forest floor or cutting burnt, fallen trees blocking the trail.

Despite their efforts, we hiked a huge portion of the trail in smoke or with smoky views because there were so many fires on the West Coast that summer. Fires followed us from California near Yosemite to the very end of Washington.

Be prepared for and knowledgeable about situations that may arise in the wilderness before heading out and, once prepared, don't let fear of the what-ifs get to you – a valuable lesson that helped me along the PCT, and I'm sure will do so in years to come.

My feet pounded down the mountainside as we dropped 4,000 feet in elevation over just six miles. We were only a short distance from the bridge that crosses the Columbia River on the Oregon-Washington border.

Washington welcomed us well, with bush after bush of wild blackberries. We ate until our hands were purple and our bellies were full. Berries also meant more wildlife. We saw many varieties of birds, snakes, deer, elk, mountain goats, cougars, moose and bears. Black bears especially love the berries. We would often cross paths, but they wanted nothing to do with us as long as we left them to eating their berries.

Endless days of rain reminded us we were approaching the end of September along with the border with Canada. There were very few times I was ready to be done with the trail, but one was the morning of the fifth straight day of rain, when I had to put on wet clothes and pack all my soaking wet belongings into my wet backpack.

The mental aspects of the trail were just as challenging at times as the physical. Luckily, a true trail angel had set up camp in this dreary weather. She wrapped me in a blanket and handed me a cup of piping hot chocolate, a slice of her homemade bread and a bowl of tortilla soup. I will be forever thankful for that stranger's kindness as I passed through on a tough day.

As we came to the terminus, a few others were sitting there, awestruck by their accomplishment and grateful for the health and opportunity to make it to the end. We all celebrated as we sprayed mini-champagne bottles we had carried just for this moment.

We crossed into Canada and hiked the eight miles to Manning Park, the closest exit point. From there, we said our goodbyes, hitchhiked into Vancouver, Wash., and the rest was history – the best history of my life, thus far.

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Thru-hiking changes you. It wasn't until I was home and reintegrating myself into society that I fully realized how transforming this trek had been.

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Having these experiences enriches your life and the lives of those around you, who surely benefit from the better person who has emerged from within, with more confidence, kindness, peace and understanding.

The journey has continued to shift my worldview and has revealed new insights and previously unknown strengths. I am realizing that many of the lessons from the trail are helping me live my best life every day.

Humanity is good – Before setting out on this journey, I heard so much concern for how “dangerous” this trek was going to be. People

told me that as a woman I shouldn't attempt a feat like this, to be “realistic” and pick a smaller goal.

Instead, I experienced how beautiful people could be. Perfect strangers gave us rides to town when we were hitchhiking. Some invited us into their homes and cooked us a hot meal or let us use their shower. Others provided “trail magic” by going many miles out of their way to bring us snacks or fresh water in dry desert stretches.

Of course, the world isn't perfect, but these strangers reminded me there are good people in the world.

Confidence – Thru-hiking allows you to reconnect with yourself, to forgive yourself, to remember what passions drive you, without distraction from the rest of the world. You rekindle companionship with yourself and understand what goals you have moving forward.

Then your confidence will skyrocket, as mine did during this journey – allowing you to be persistent in pursuit of your goals, whether on the mountain or back home.

Impermanence – In my experience, this is the greatest lesson of all. The others can be difficult to embrace if you haven't truly come to appreciate impermanence. Nothing, I mean nothing, in this world will last forever.

The worst moments, the worst days, the worst week ever – they will all end. The worst job is temporary. The feelings of loneliness will pass when a friend or even a stranger sends a smile your way or perhaps engages you in a deep conversation. The rainy days give way to brilliant sunshine, the cold to warmth, and back again.

A few other lessons I learned: Forgiveness. Flexibility. “Earning” the views makes them even more beautiful. All have helped me widen my worldview and be more appreciative of the time I have with those who matter most.

I was privileged to have the time to soul-search on this thru-hike. Now that I'm home, I'm trying to keep learning from the trail by journaling, walking and enjoying every minute with the people I surround myself with. There will always be miles behind and miles ahead, but focus on the current mile. The steps between the destinations define your journey. Make them count!

Bryce and Katrina in the desert



CAMPUS NEWS

STUDENTS

MURAL IS INTENDED TO START NEW TRADITION ON BETHEL CAMPUS

As Bethel's academic year wound down, an observant visitor to campus May 15 might have found graduating senior Jesus "Chuy" Alba of Dallas in a somewhat precarious position.

Alba was perched on a scaffolding on the north side of Haury Hall, creating a small mural representing the Class of 2019.

The mural idea originated with senior Lil Padro, an assistant in the Office of Student Life.

"I [had] heard of students wanting a mural or some representation of school spirit [on] campus," Padro said. "I liked the idea of a mural, so I decided to start talking to people and artists around campus to see if it was something that the majority wanted, not only a select few.

"I felt that a mural is something that could last and be symbol of the senior class."

Padro first talked with administrators — President Jon Gering '94 and Vice President for Student Life Samuel Haynes. They responded positively, but told her she needed to get the

Student Government Association (SGA) on board.

Padro's vision was that creating and adding a new mural each year would become a tradition, so she needed to "pass a bill" within SGA. She developed a proposal that included a detailed timeline and budget.

The Student Senate passed Padro's bill but the student body president vetoed it. "He felt that students did not have enough time to contact their senators and tell them their opinions," Padro said.

However, by the next SGA meeting, enough students had spoken in support of the mural bill that the Student Senate could override the president's veto, which they did in a unanimous vote.

As Padro was looking for funding for the project, she approached the Bethel College

Alumni Association, which was receptive — "Great thanks to them," Padro said.

In future years, Student Activities and Engagement (within Student Life) and SGA are also signed on for financial support.

Alba has done mural-like work before. He came up with a design proposal, which he then had Padro, some other students and Associate Professor of Visual Art and Design Rachel Epp Buller comment on.

"The plan is for this to continue throughout Bethel history," Padro said. "It will continue to be a mural representing the graduating senior class.

"My hope is that during their class reunions, everyone is able to go back and look at the mural that they made to represent them here at Bethel."

MELANIE ZUERCHER



Chuy Alba works on the Haury Hall mural.



BETHEL, CMU LAUNCH JOINT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH JOURNAL

With the help of the internet, students, faculty and administrators from two Mennonite colleges in two different countries met April 23 to launch something brand-new in Mennonite higher education.

The groups from Bethel College and Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, were celebrating the first issue, now live, of the *Marpeck Undergraduate Research Journal* (affectionately known as *MURJ*).

The first issue can be accessed at marpeck-journal.bethelks.edu/ojs/index.php/Journal

Jonathan Dueck, Ph.D., vice president academic (VPA) and academic dean at CMU, called *MURJ* "an absolute first for Mennonite colleges and universities."

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time a Mennonite college or university has done an undergraduate research journal, or that there's been an undergraduate research journal between a linked pair of institutions."

The name derives from a major source of financial support, the Marpeck Fund – set up by brothers Robert S. Kreider '39 and Gerald

Kreider '42 to foster exactly this kind of cooperation between the Mennonite colleges and seminaries in North America.

The inaugural issue of *MURJ* comprises essays by six students, four from CMU and two from Bethel, in literature, philosophy, biblical studies, psychology and history.

Leah Friesen '18 and Alec Loganbill, graduating senior, along with CMU students Isaac Schlegel and Allegra Friesen Epp, spoke briefly about their experiences with this kind of scholarly publication (CMU students Micah Enns-Dyck and Emily Stobbe-Wiebe were not able to attend).

The peer review process was new to the students, and all agreed it was a valuable and informative experience "that helped make us better writers," Friesen Epp said.

The managing editor for *MURJ* is Gregory Wiebe, Ph.D., executive coordinator for the Office of the VPA at CMU, while Renae Stucky, who is on the library and Kauffman Museum staffs at Bethel, served as layout editor.

Editorial board members are David Balzer, M.A., CMU assistant professor of communica-

tion and media, Rachel Krause, Ph.D., CMU assistant professor of biology, Dwight Krehbiel '69, Ph.D., Bethel professor of psychology, and Kip Wedel, Ph.D., Bethel associate professor of history and peace studies.

Both Dueck and Robert Milliman, Ph.D., Bethel vice president for academic affairs and academic dean, expressed their hope that *MURJ* will continue to grow and thrive, and to draw student contributions from other Mennonite colleges and universities as well as their own.

"This is a vehicle for sharing the creative energies of students, and we're very pleased with it," said Milliman, and Dueck added, "Congratulations to the students – this is a significant achievement, and a lot of fun to see. Let's make another one of these!"

MELANIE ZUERCHER FOR BETHEL AND CMU



Standing are, from left, Dwight Krehbiel, and Leah Friesen and Alec Loganbill, talking with their CMU counterparts via Zoom.

DAO IS BETHEL'S SECOND FORENSICS ALL-AMERICAN

Two years after claiming its first-ever American Forensic Association (AFA) All-American, Bethel College can now boast a second.

April 4 during opening ceremonies for this year's AFA National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET), at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, graduating senior Candy Dao, Salina, was named to the 2019 All-American team.



Candy Dao with her All-American award, at the University of Alabama

The All-American honor recognizes students beyond the area of forensics competition. Achievement in forensics holds equal weight with scholarship and service. AFA All-Americans are seniors who have demonstrated outstanding qualities in all three areas.

AFA began recognizing All-Americans in 2001.

Dao has competed for Bethel forensics all four years, including qualifying to AFA-NIET each of those years. She graduated May 19 with a double major in biology and chemistry.

When asked about her campus involvements, she listed, in addition to her studies, "forensics, because it consumes my life, and [the Bethel College] Concert Choir, which consumes the part of my life that isn't forensics or my academics."

She also worked as a tutor in the sciences and a student ambassador in admissions during her years at Bethel, as well as giving countless weekend hours to judging high school forensics tournaments.

Francisca Méndez-Harclerode, Ph.D., professor of biology, praised Dao for her performance as a science student and tutor, "eager to go beyond what is required and working well with others, especially others with different backgrounds and cultures."

"Candy's parents are Vietnamese immigrants, and as the oldest child in her family, Candy was often in charge of translating ... for doctor appointments and other official meetings, for not only her family but also the rest of the Vietnamese community in Salina. She is ... very familiar with cross-cultural communication, has excellent social skills and communicates well orally – not only during forensics competitions, but in daily life."

Dao has an impressive list of accomplishments in forensics, starting with her four straight qualifications to the forensics national collegiate tournament.

This year, she competed in three events at AFA-NIET, Persuasion, Poetry Interpretation and Prose Interpretation. She has also qualified Dramatic Interpretation and Program of Oral Interpretation (POI) at past nationals.

In addition, her performance in Persuasion this year earned her a trip to the 2019 Inter-

state Oratory National Tournament, the oldest of its kind in the United States, limited to the top two students from each state. IO was held April 28-29 at West Chester (Pa.) University.

Dao owns five state championships over the course of her collegiate career, in Persuasion, Poetry, POI (twice) and Prose.

Even with the mid-season departure of forensics coach Michael Taylor, Dao said, "Regardless of the unforeseen circumstances of this year's forensics season, it has been my most successful, as I have seven tournament champion titles, and demonstrated success through adversity."

Acting forensics coach Gail Niles Stucky '81 said, "I have to express my personal appreciation for Candy's professionalism and support during a difficult coaching transition for the forensics team. She displayed great restraint and concern for others, and helped me negotiate squad dynamics as well as serve as a great example for our freshman members."

"Candy's leadership is subtle yet very effective, and she helped make this semester a success for the entire team."

MELANIE ZUERCHER

UNICACH

MEXICO COLLABORATION ENHANCES NEW MISSION AND VISION

A new presidential tenure and a new cross-cultural relationship got underway at Bethel at about the same time a little over a year ago.

Jon C. Gering, Ph.D., took office at the end of January 2018, just when Professor of Biology Francisca Méndez-Harclerode, Ph.D., and six students were concluding a new January interterm travel course, Biological and Cultural Richness of Mexico.

The course ran in cooperation with the Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas (Chiapas University of Sciences and Arts), or UNICACH.

One of Gering's first official functions as Bethel president was to host a delegation from UNICACH, including its rector (president) and several faculty and staff members, in April.

And this past January, Gering, Bethel Vice President for Business Affairs Allen Wedel '69 and six more Bethel alumni spent 10 days experiencing Chiapas, led by UNICACH faculty and students, Méndez-Harclerode and Bethel's UNICACH program coordinator Kate Swartley.

Méndez-Harclerode, a native of Mexico, initiated the exchange because she wanted Bethel students to learn science and biology in natural settings that can't be found in south-central Kansas.

And though the Bethel-UNICACH collaboration began with biology professors looking for a way to give their students opportunities to study different ecosystems (marine and jungle; prairie), it's already expanding.

In 2018, a Bethel biology student developed his own internship working on several biology projects at UNICACH. This year, a social work and an English major will get experience in their respective fields as they also live with families and use their Spanish.

But Méndez-Harclerode also hopes students will be immersed in the complexity and variety of Mexico that most U.S. citizens miss.

"It is easy to overlook Mexico's richness," she says, "to have a one-dimensional view that focuses exclusively on the social disparity, violence and poverty" — what U.S. media and politicians tend to emphasize about Mexico.

Swartley echoes the sentiment.



From left, Francisca Méndez-Harclerode, Richard Rempel '63 and Erna Rempel '62 at the Mayan ruins of Palenque

"In the relationship of Mexico and the United States, we want our students to know the country, not [just] the rhetoric," she says.

The developing collaboration with UNICACH is "a great cross-cultural opportunity for our students," she adds. "It goes so well with the new mission, vision and values."

As he pondered his Mexico experience, which included a trip to the border with Guatemala as well as time spent on the UNICACH main campus in Tuxtla Gutierrez and visits to Mayan cultural sites, Gering reflected on those same connections.

The new vision statement includes a commitment to producing graduates who — among other characteristics — "increase human flourishing (*shalom*) in society by owning and enacting their faith" and "[demonstrate] compassion for the powerless." "Global consciousness" is one of the seven values.

Gering says one thing that deeply affected him was observing the people traveling on foot along the Chiapas roads.

He had spent significant time in Belize and Guatemala previously, and was familiar with

"the streams of people you always see" sharing the roads with vehicles.

In Mexico, he "soon learned to recognize the migrants. It became obvious there were many of them. These people were making a 2,000-mile journey in flip-flops, carrying only a small knapsack. What compelled them to leave? What are the promises — many of them false — that are bringing them to the southern [U.S.] border?

"If Jesus were here today, he would be [with] the people in Chiapas. UNICACH has a goal of helping to increase human flourishing and wellbeing, just like we do.

"We look very different on the surface — a small, liberal arts, private Christian college in the Midwestern U.S. and a medium-sized, state and federally funded university in the poorest state in Mexico. But there is a lot we can learn from each other about how to help our students succeed."

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CAMPUS SNAPSHOTS



1. Mudslam, May 2019. 2. Bubbert Awards, May 2019. 3. Concert Choir Home Concert, March 2019. 4. *This Random World*, April 2019. 5. Commencement, May 2019. 6. Baccalaureate, May 2019. 7. The Threshpys, May 2019. 8. Orchestra concert, March 2019. 9. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 2019.



CAMPUS

MUSIC BECOMES THE TIE THAT BINDS TWO COLLEGES, CONSTITUENCIES

Russell Adrian '05 came to Bethel from southern Minnesota in the early 2000s, thinking he would study engineering.

Today, he holds a doctorate in music, and chairs the music department and leads the choral music program at Hesston College.

On Feb. 17, Adrian and his former professor and choir director, now colleague, William Eash, D.M.A., collaborated on a performance with their two college choirs, the Bel Canto Singers and the Bethel College Concert Choir.

"As soon as Russ came to Hesston [in 2015], he started talking about having a joint concert," says Eash, who is chair of the music department at Bethel. The biggest obstacle was almost opposite schedules in terms of major performances during the school year.

"I have wanted to figure out ways our colleges can do more together," Adrian says, "and music is a natural [avenue]."

About a year ago, the two sat down with their calendars and decided that mid- to late February would be a good time, when both groups would have made progress on their spring break (Bethel) and post-commencement (Hesston) tour programs.

A "neutral" location seemed to be a good plan, so Adrian began looking for a church big enough to host two choirs and their audience, and willing to feed the singers beforehand. "The fellowship [around the table] is an important part of this," he says.



LARRY BARTEL



Tabor Mennonite Church, in a rural location between Newton and Goessel, and not far from Hesston, extended the invitation.

"There's quite a bit of support for both colleges there," says Adrian, who also attends the church with his family.

"The congregation was really invested in this," he adds. "There was a lot of energy and excitement, and they did a lot of work — putting up risers, setting up chairs, doing publicity," in addition to preparing a meal for around 80 people.

And, incidentally, getting the church's still-unfinished fellowship hall cleaned up and fit to host a capacity crowd.

So when it came time to decide where the concert's freewill offering would go, the answer was to Tabor's campaign to fund their new addition.

"I'm [finishing] my fourth year at Hesston, and I don't know when I've gotten so many compliments on a concert," Adrian says.

In addition to their own programs, the choirs learned three songs to sing together (the third one with the Tabor church choir joining as well).

"It took [Bel Canto and the Concert Choir] about 10 seconds to get into singing together," Adrian says. "It was a good precedent for what our students can do together when they're given a chance."

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HIGHLIGHT

A 'CAPITOL' CHOIR

Tim Hodge, who represents Kansas House District 72, which includes North Newton (and who lives with his family on the corner of Main and 27th Streets, right across from campus) invited the Bethel College Concert Choir to sing in the rotunda of the Kansas state capitol in Topeka on May 8. If you'd like to see a video of the performance, visit the Bethel Facebook page.

KREHBIEL TO GRADUATES: CARING MATTERS MOST

One important purpose of a Bethel College education, said 2019 commencement speaker Dwight Krehbiel '69, Ph.D., is to put students on the right career path – it's there in the college's new mission statement.

But, said the professor of psychology who will retire after 41 years at Bethel, while that's his wish for every graduate, he also hopes for more.

Krehbiel spoke May 19 to Bethel's 126th graduating class in an address he titled "Why a Bethel Education? Careers, Professions, Vocations."

Many alumni remember Krehbiel for teaching Computers in the Sciences and Applied Statistics, to which he gave a nod in his opening, before noting "how little many people feel drawn to statistical reasoning, preferring the compelling story instead."

The one he chose was that of Mona Hanna-Attisha, a pediatrician in Flint, Mich., the single person most directly responsible for researching and then publicly revealing the extent of lead poisoning from the city's water, at considerable risk to her career and professional reputation.

Hanna-Attisha had encountered challenges discerning her own career path, moving from a bachelor's degree in environmental science to a master's degree in public health before finally pursuing pediatric medicine.

"We hope your ability to think critically and express your ideas clearly and persuasively will stand you in good stead in whatever professional path you may choose [and] give you the flexibility you will need if you change professions, as so many college graduates now do [and as was the case for Hanna-Attisha]," Krehbiel said.

He listed some of "the most pressing [current] issues: racial bias built into our institutional and governmental structures; sexual abuse and harassment, evident everywhere, including academic institutions and churches, [and] equally evident against LGBTQ people; bias against immigrants in spite of the immigrant heritage of the vast majority of us; health care that often leaves the needs of the most vulnerable unaddressed; gun violence that threatens to turn even our schools and churches into armed camps; and the overarching existential crisis of our time, the phenomenon of climate change.

"Our pursuit of success in careers and professions by itself does little to address these critical problems. My hope is certainly that your Bethel education has helped you find your career path and that you are on your way to a rewarding position in some profession, but I also believe that we should aspire to much more."

This may be where the concept of "vocation" comes into play, he said. "Some may use the term 'calling' – hearing a kind of voice within us. It is what we feel we have been born to do."

Yet even vocational discernment won't solve the world's ills, Krehbiel said, unless we also care.

Like Hanna-Attisha in her recently published book on the Flint water crisis, Krehbiel quoted probably the best-known line from Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot / Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

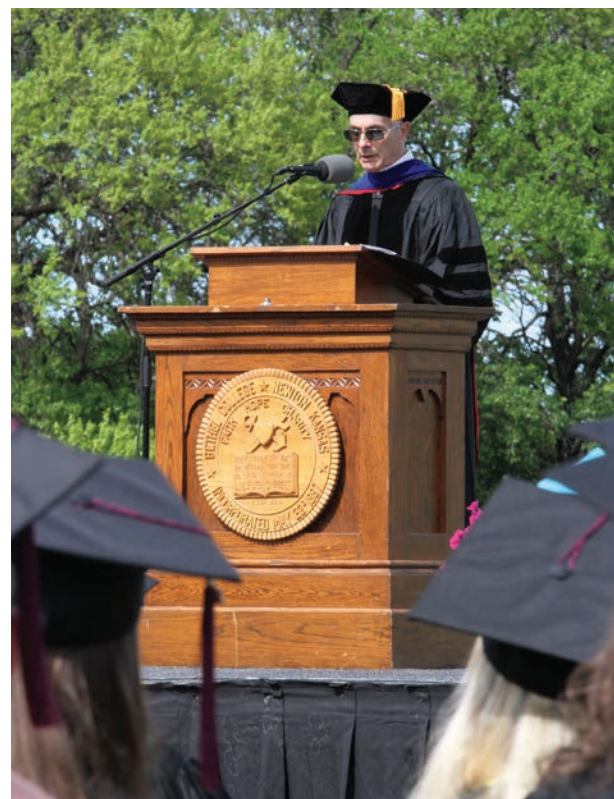
"Unless someone like you cares" – about harassment and abuse on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual identity, race or national origin; about safety from gun violence; about equitable access to health care, clean water, housing and education; about the fate of the planet itself – "nothing is going to get better. It's not," Krehbiel said.

"Let me conclude by reiterating my hopes for the success of all in the Class of 2019 in finding a rewarding career and profession, a path that inspires you and makes you feel that this is what you were born to do. But I also hope for much more – that you will care a whole awful lot."

Earlier in the day, Dawn Yoder Harms, pastor of Bethel College Mennonite Church, began baccalaureate by lighting two candles: the Christ candle, always lit to open a Bethel worship service, and a candle for Qadrey Tolliver, who died in an automobile accident in October 2015 and would have been a member of the Class of 2019.

Music for the service came not only from several senior instrumentalists and the Bethel College Concert Choir, but also the Bethel College Gospel Choir, resurrected this school year after a hiatus of several years.

The baccalaureate theme, "Just keep rollin' on," was based on a song by graduating senior Tawon Green, San Bernardino, Calif.



Green performed the verses rap-style and then invited the congregation, helped by the Concert Choir, to join the chorus.

There were also brief reflections by graduating seniors Jade Brown, Sanford, Fla., Nathan Kroeker, Augusta, and Kiera Broehl, Wichita.

Brown talked about how she reversed course 180 degrees from when she started at Bethel as a junior college transfer student.

When she first came, she said, she wasn't "putting in the time [in class]. I was not talking to anyone. I was not making friends outside the women's basketball team."

But, she said, the support of faculty, staff, administrators and her host parents, Brad '07 and Megan Kohlman '08, helped make the difference.

"Coming to Bethel was the best decision I've made in my life thus far."

Musician Kanye West has a description for her background, she said: "'Where I'm from the dopeboys [are] the rockstars.' The Bethel College community is now what I see when I think of rock stars."

MELANIE ZUERCHER

EMPLOYEES

TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT HELPS STUDENTS OPEN DOORS THROUGH WRITING



The Ralph P. Schrag '37 Distinguished Teaching Award, presented each year at commencement, recognizes a faculty member who "has made an outstanding contribution to teaching."

The 2019 recipient is Siobhán Scarry, Ph.D., associate professor of English.

Scarry began teaching at Bethel in 2014. She has a B.A. from the University of Arizona, both an M.A. in English literature and an MFA in creative writing from the University of Montana, and a Ph.D. in English literature from the State

University of New York at Buffalo.

"In her role as an adviser, Dr. Scarry is proactive and positive, always working in the best interest of the student," said Robert Milliman, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, when presenting the award. "As a dedicated Liberal Education Adviser, she epitomizes the engaged student advocate."

Scarry's scholarly work includes articles in *Paideuma* and *Southern Humanities Review*, and a contribution to a book of

essays on the poet Robert Duncan. Her creative work includes the 2014 collection of poems *Pilgrimly* (Parlor Press), with two more books of poetry in progress.

She has developed the Visiting Writer Series at Bethel, serves as the adviser for the biannual literary publication *YAWP!*, and headed up the creation of a Writing and Publishing Certificate that was added to the curriculum in 2018.

Comments from students as well as peers help determine the recipient of the Schrag Teaching Award.

One student in the basic class Critical Writing said that, whether or not they took another writing course, "I leave this [one] with a higher confidence in my writing skills, and tools to succeed in academic writing."

A student in an upper-level English class remarked, "This class stretched me, and I'm really grateful for that stretching – it will really affect the way I live my life," and another said, "[Writing opened] a doorway for me to have my voice heard when I otherwise find it very difficult to speak."

KOHLMAN BECOMES VP FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Brad Kohlman '07 began Feb. 27 as vice president for institutional advancement (VPIA).

He came to Bethel as director of alumni relations in 2016 and, since 2017, has been director of alumni development.

Kohlman has a B.S. in elementary education, and also earned a Master of Education in sport management from Wichita State University in 2013. He is completing hours toward becoming a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE).

From 2007-15, Kohlman taught 5th grade at Ewalt Elementary School in Augusta, where he was twice nominated for Teacher of the Year. He was director of Hesston Recreation and

Community Education, 2015-16.

"Throughout the interview process," said Bethel President Jon C. Gering, "Brad demonstrated vision and skills that will serve the advancement office and Bethel College well into the future."

"Brad was hired from a competitive national search that had 20 qualified applicants. He comes to the VPIA position with experience in planned giving, major gift development and marketing."

Kohlman is married to Megan (Klaassen) Kohlman '08. They live in Hesston and are the parents of two young sons.



NEW DIRECTOR TAKES OVER IN INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

Tricia Clark, Lindsborg, began April 17 as director of the Office of Institutional Communication and Marketing.

She was most recently director of communication and marketing at Bethany College, Lindsborg, from 2017 through early 2019.

Announcing Clark's appointment, Bethel President Jon C. Gering, Ph.D., noted that Clark's "accomplishments at Bethany were significant for the success of the college."

Among those accomplishments: launching a new branding and marketing campaign; helping increase alumni giving by 12.5%; assisting in recruiting the largest freshman class and transfer group in Bethany's history; providing vision and leadership for the college website; overseeing production of Bethany College commercials, covering the KWCH viewing area, that aired during the 2019 Super Bowl; and

managing all college social media platforms, increasing Bethany's presence by 44.5%.

"I am delighted to be joining the team at Bethel," Clark said. "I look forward to working with such accomplished professionals and am excited to promote the recent successes of Bethel College."

Before working at Bethany College, Clark spent seven years, 2010-2017, as marketing manager assistant for the Lindsborg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

She has a B.A. in English literature from Kansas State University. Following graduation from K-State, Clark worked in publishing in St. Paul, Minn., first as an intern at Graywolf Press and then, from 1997-2003, as marketing, publications and acquisitions manager for Consortium Book Sales and Distribution.



KAUFFMAN MUSEUM WELCOMES REINSCHMIDT



Michael Reinschmidt, Ph.D., began Dec. 1, 2018, as director of Kauffman Museum.

Reinschmidt brings a range of international experience to his new position. He earned a doctoral degree in cultural anthropology, ethnomusicology and American literature from the University of Göttingen, Germany.

He previously spent almost seven years as administrator of the Tohono O'odham Nation Cultural Center and Museum west of Tucson, Ariz.

Other positions have included teaching anthropology and museum studies at California State University in Fullerton and Chico, at Chonbuk National and Inje Universities in South Korea for three, and at Arizona State University.

While in Korea, he led exhibition field research during several summers for the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. He has served as curator at the Korean American

National Museum in Los Angeles and as registrar at the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix.

Reinschmidt is a two-time recipient of research fellowships from the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and successfully wrote major grants for museums he served from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Arts, among many other awards from public and private foundations, donors, corporations and international research foundations.

"As the new director, I will pay attention to learning and internalizing Kauffman Museum's cultural contexts, and how we can come together as learners and visionaries to expand the museum in its proven capacity to preserve, teach and inspire," Reinschmidt said.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD APPROVES NEW SPORT,
MISSION / VISION / VALUES STATEMENTS

At their spring meeting April 5-6, the Bethel College Board approved the addition of a new sport, as well as acting favorably on new mission, vision, and values statements.

They approved the new sport, men's and women's swimming and diving, to begin with the 2020-21 school year, and also took action toward starting up a previously approved sport, competitive dance, in fall 2019.

Tony Hoops '05, athletic director, noted that the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) since 2012 has pushed its member schools to expand their sports offerings.

Bethel has not done so since it added softball in 2011 and competitive cheer in 2014, and it currently has the lowest number of sports offered (16) of any of the 13 KCAC institutions.

"Competitive dance was previously approved because it should mesh well with the already established and successful competitive cheer program," Hoops said.

Swimming and diving is a "KCAC sport of emphasis for growth," Hoops said, with the conference offering its first meet earlier this spring. "Swimming/diving is a growing sport within the state of Kansas and neighboring states at the high school and club level," he added.

While Bethel does not have an on-campus swimming pool, it has good relationships with Newton High School and the Newton YMCA, which both have pools (and NHS has diving boards) of size and quality suited to training for competition.

The newly approved mission, vision and values statements were officially rolled out with a campus celebration on May 3.



MISSION

Bethel College

**prepares students for
meaningful lives of work
and service through
faith formation,
the liberal arts,
and practical experience
in career pathways.**

VISION

Bethel College

**graduates students who
increase human flourishing
(shalom) in society
by owning and enacting
their faith, demonstrating
compassion for the powerless,
engaging in critical
thought, and bringing
value to the workplace.**



Students, faculty and staff gathered on the Ad Building plaza May 3 for some freshly popped popcorn, courtesy of Student Life, and Bethel swag emblazoned with the newly approved guiding statements. After President Jon Gering spoke briefly, there was a celebratory “re-lettering of the letterboard” in the Ad Building lobby with the 139 characters that comprise the new Bethel mission statement. Having every celebration attendee place an individual letter on the board “symbolizes our shared commitment to the future of Bethel College,” the president said.

VALUES

High standards and expectations

FOR BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE IN ALL DIMENSIONS OF CAMPUS LIFE

Dialogue

THAT TRANSFORMS CONFLICT WITHIN
COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES
IN OPINION AND UNDERSTANDING

Peace and justice

THAT SEEK FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY

Vocational discernment

THAT HELPS STUDENTS IDENTIFY THEIR CALLING AND GOD’S PURPOSE FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL LIVES

Holistic wellness

THROUGH A BALANCE OF MENTAL,
PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Creative approaches

FOR LIVING HARMONIOUSLY WITHIN A CONSTANTLY
CHANGING WORLD AND WORKPLACE

Community with global consciousness

THAT CHERISHES SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY, SHARED ENDEAVORS, AND INTERGENERATIONAL LIVING

TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS BEGIN TERMS WITH THE NEW YEAR

Two Bethel graduates whose career trajectories have taken them into management and executive roles in very different fields began terms on the Board of Directors Jan. 1.

Blair Loganbill '95, Hesston, has been director of nursing for Bluestem Communities, Kidron-Bethel campus, since 2012. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1995, and previously completed a B.A. in business administration and economics from Bethel in 1980.



Between 1980 and 1993, when he entered Bethel's nursing program, Loganbill worked in management positions for several local (Hesston and Newton) businesses, including his own small business, Heartland Home Protections.

After graduating with honors with his BSN, Loganbill worked until 2012 with Via Christi Health Systems in Wichita, first as a staff nurse and then (1998-2012) as a charge nurse, both in the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU).

In 2007, Loganbill received Via Christi's St. Catherine of Siena Nurse Recognition Award, given annually to the nurse who best exemplifies Via Christi's core values of human dignity, service, vision, competence and community.

Loganbill is married to Lisa (Habegger) Loganbill '81. They are the parents of Alec, a graduating senior, and Mia, who just completed her first year at Bethel.

Thomas A. Penner '91, Moorestown, N.J., has a B.A. from Bethel in history and business administration and an MBA with honors from the University of Michigan.

Since 2016, Penner has been president and CEO of Professional Plumbing Group, based in Conway, S.C., leading strategy, operations, human capital and financial performance for a private equity-owned, middle-market distribution company.



Since completing his MBA, Penner has held numerous management and executive positions, with the S.C. Johnson Company from 1996-2009; the oneCARE Company from 2009-12; and the Kohler Company from 2013-16.

Penner is married to Paige Penner and they have two children, Ryan and Mara.

Loganbill is an Alumni Association appointment beginning his first full term, while Penner is serving an unexpired term as a board appointment.



HIGHLIGHT

AT BETHEL, GOVERNOR LOOKS BACK AT FIRST 100 DAYS

The Kansas National Education Association-Retired group, celebrating 25 years, held its 2019 meeting April 24 on the Bethel campus, and welcomed a special guest – Democratic Governor Laura Kelly, elected in 2018.

The date coincided with Kelly's first 100 days in office, so she used her appearance as an opportunity for a brief assessment.

"It's been a busy three months," she said. "We hit the ground running, after thawing out from the [January] inauguration."

Kelly stated her "commitment to

children and families, which is front and center in my budget, policies and appointments."

Finally, "my favorite thing of the first 100 days," she said, "was passing Senate Bill 16, a bipartisan school funding bill."

She praised the education lobby for contributing to "[the] kind of advocacy that helped us put together a bipartisan committee and pass that bill."

The retired teachers (and the campus visitors who came to hear her speak) gave Kelly a warm welcome, along with a KNEA tote bag the presenter called Kelly's "red bag of courage."

CLASS NOTES

Information received as of April 30, 2019

1950–59

Mary Ann (Hooge) Goerzen '56, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, retired from teaching around 1990. At different times and places, she taught home economics, Grade 6 and kindergarten. She and her husband, Martin Goerzen '56, retired to Salmon Arm (he died March 20, 2017).

Maynard Kaufman '57, Bangor, Mich., published his third book, *From James Joyce to Organic Farming: A Memoir*. He recounts his journey from writing his doctoral dissertation on James Joyce at the University of Chicago Divinity School, to teaching at Western Michigan University, to starting a School of Homesteading on his farm, which led him to organic farming and environmental activism.

1960–69

Roger Eichelberger '64, Hesston, is the author of *Job and Life Opportunities: Moving Up*, which is "written for people who want to move up in their work and also experience more happiness in life."

Lauren Friesen '65, Chicago, edited a collection of his father-in-law J. Lawrence Burkholder's works entitled *Mennonite Ethics: From Isolation to Engagement* (FriesenPress, 2018).

Jim Juhnke '62, North Newton, published an essay, "Kansas Mennonites and the Bicentennial," in the book *Civil Religion and American Christianity* (BorderStone Press, 2015).

Leo Pauls '62, Emporia, was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Emporia State University, where he served on the faculty for more than 35 years in numerous roles.

Peter P. Preheim '60, Marion, S.D., received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association in August 2018. He practiced in Marion for 47 years before retiring in 2013.

Emerson Wiens '60, North Newton, had his sculptures featured in the show "The Songs of the Land Never Cease" at the Carriage Factory Gallery in Newton, Sept. 15–Nov. 9, 2018.

1970–79

Donna (Unruh) Becker '70, Newton, completed training with Historical Echoes to give one-woman performances in which she will portray historical figures, specifically women who were champions in the fields of medicine, mental health and social justice.

Duane Goossen '78, Topeka, was appointed to the transition team for Kansas Governor-Elect Laura Kelly, and then as interim secretary of administration after she took office in January.

Denise (Funk) Nickel '72, Goessel, was recognized by USD 411, Goessel Public Schools, at a special staff reception on May 8 for 25 years of service.

1980–89

Roger Reimer '82, Hesston, was recognized for 30 years of service at the CHS McPherson Refinery service awards banquet in February. He is a #1 operator in the feed prep unit at the CHS McPherson Refinery, previously NCRA.

Wendy Funk Schrag '86, Newton, received the Robert W. Whitlock Lifetime Achievement Award in May from the National Kidney Foundation Council of Nephrology Social Workers.

Carlos Vazquez '82, Goose Creek, S.C., has joined CBRE Inc. as senior project manager, based in the Charleston office.

K. Mark Wedel '81, Salina, is managing director of the Wedel Financial Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. He is a Wells Fargo Premier Advisor and a member of the Wells Fargo Advisors Presidents Council.

1990–99

Nicole (Unruh) Brokar '99, Tecumseh, is employed as a librarian/media specialist at Whitson Elementary, Topeka Public Schools.

Rachel Epp Buller '96, Newton, Bethel associate professor of visual art and design, was named Outstanding Art Educator-Higher Education for 2018-19 by the Kansas Art Education Association (KAEA).

Matt Caldwell '94, Springfield, Ohio, has been named president of the Greenville Market for Bon Secours St. Francis Health Systems of Greenville, S.C. He has been president of Mercy Health in Springfield since 2016.

Jennifer Chappell Deckert '96, North Newton, successfully defended her dissertation Feb. 27 at the University of Kansas to earn a Ph.D. from the School of Social Welfare. She also completed a graduate certificate in women, gender and sexuality studies, and earned a promotion from assistant to associate professor of social work at Bethel.

Lowell Ebersole '93, Wichita, was named associate chief medical officer for Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF:

ALUMNI EVENTS: bethelks.edu/alumni/events | ATHLETICS: bethelthreshers.com | FINE ARTS: bethelks.edu/calendar

Alumni are invited to submit recent news of interest to others—marriage, job change, addition of a child, award, promotion, graduate school, retirement, and so on—to the **Office of Alumni Relations**.

Mail to 300 East 27th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, e-mail to alumni@bethelks.edu or submit via the Bethel website at www.bethelks.edu/alumni-update.

Please model your information after the current listings below, beginning with name, class year, city and state.

Anyone who earns 24 or more credit hours is a Bethel alumnus, whether a graduate or not. When reaching alumni status, they are assigned a “class year” (later replaced by “grad year” if they graduate). The year behind each name below is the person’s class year, often the same as the grad year unless the individual has told the alumni office that they wish to associate with another reunion year (as in the case of a five-year program, study overseas, etc., that delays graduation).

For additional activities of Bethel faculty and staff who are alumni of the college, go to www.bethelks.edu/news-events/news-room/facstaff-achievements.

Gary R. Entz ’90, Rhinelander, Wis., contributes a weekly segment called “A Northwoods Moment in History” for local public radio WXPB 91.7 in Rhinelander. The program broadcasts at 6:45 and 8:45 Wednesdays during NPR’s “Morning Edition” and again at 5:45 p.m. during “All Things Considered.” Podcasts of earlier episodes of “A Northwoods Moment in History” are at www.wxpr.org/topic/northwoods-moment-history

Kent Erb ’95, Newton, is employed as chief financial officer at the Citizens State Bank in Moundridge.

Mark Janzen ’93, Seattle, is employed as vice president, engineering, at Avalara Inc. in Seattle.

2000–09

Cory Buchta ’09, Kechi, is employed as community services representative for the City of Wichita.

Ricky Coon ’06, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been named the next head football coach at Dodge City Community College.

Emily Smith Goering ’05, Washington, D.C., completed a Ph.D. in social work in March at the University of Maryland. Her research is in child abuse and neglect, with a focus on child welfare systems and organizations. She and her husband, **Joel Goering** ’04, also

welcomed their second child, Antonio “Joel” Goering, on March 19.

Matt Hein ’09, North Newton, is director of development for EmberHope Youthville in Newton.

Brad Kohlman ’07, Hesston, became Bethel vice president for institutional advancement on Feb. 27.

Karen (Sindelar) Lehman ’04, Newton, received the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2018 State Award for Excellence.

Robert Lopez ’05, San Antonio, Texas, was named teacher of the year at the Emma Frey Disciplinary Alternative Education Program in San Antonio.

Karrie Peterson ’06, Washington D.C., is employed as a foreign affairs officer for the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Samuel Voth Schrag ’04, Arlington, Texas, has been called as the next pastor of Peace Mennonite Church, Dallas.

Ricky Snyder ’07, Hutchinson, was named interim principal at Trinity Catholic Junior-Senior High School in Hutchinson for 2019-20. He will also continue as coach of the girls’ basketball team.

Taryn Temple ’02, Topeka, had her published play *The Redemption of Gertie Greene*

performed by middle-school students in Moundridge in December. Her father, **Lawrence E. (Larry) Temple** ’71, was the director.

2010–19

Leland W. Brown III ’16, Cincinnati, accepted the prestigious Albert C. Yates Fellowship and a graduate assistantship in the sports administration program at the University of Cincinnati in spring 2018. He expects to finish his thesis this August. He is heading to the NCAA to work within the Division of Diversity and Inclusion as a member of the post-graduate internship class of 2019-20.

Kyle Claassen ’10, Terre Haute, Ind., completed his Ph.D. at the University of Kansas and is currently assistant professor of mathematics at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute.

Michelle Kapalata ’17, Wichita, is employed as an RN at Via Christi St. Francis.

Joseph Kondziola ’15, Wichita, is a RESEA case manager at the Wichita Workforce Alliance for the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Austin McCabe-Juhnke ’11, Columbus, Ohio, travelled to The Hague, Netherlands, last fall to visit Bethel Chapel. Austin coordinates Columbus Mennonite Church’s sanctuary status efforts. The church has offered sanctuary to an undocumented immigrant for over a year, and Bethel Chapel has a similar situation with an immigrant family.

Sarah Pohl ’12, Burbank, Calif., is an assistant video editor for Nickelodeon.

Victoria Roberts ’15, Sedgwick, graduated with honors from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and is now a U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class.

Jill Siebert ’16, Newton, received the 2019 Kansas Horizon Award, which recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in elementary and secondary classrooms. Jill teaches music in the Hillsboro school system, and is also the artistic director of the Newton Community Children’s Choir, following her sister, **Megan Siebert** ’14. Their grandmother, the late **Norma Preheim** ’54, founded the NCCC almost 30 years ago.

Miriam Weaverdyck '13, Los Angeles, was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship for her work in social neuroscience at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Ben Wiens '18, Manhattan, and **Tyler Shima** '18, Topeka, published an article in the peer-reviewed journal *Proceedings of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research*, based on their senior thesis research on feral cats in Harvey County.

marriages

Ariane Bergen '13 and Jesse Woodworth, Fraser, Colo., Sep. 14, 2018

Cory Buchta '09 and Kacey Spangler, Kechi, July 22, 2017

Chase Stucky '17 and **Hailey Heide** '17, Lawrence, July 28, 2018

Jennifer Scott '14 and Brandon Kindell, Shawnee, Oct. 20, 2018

births and adoptions

Leslie Branson '07 and **Marissa (Windish)** '09, Denver, a daughter, Sofia Arden, Aug. 10, 2018

Chris Herman '17 and Kaley, Wichita, a son, Cohen, March 21, 2018

Susan Schmeichel Harder '10 and **Ben Harder** '11, Sioux Falls, S.D., a son, Roy Willis, Oct. 13, 2018

Michelle Kapalata '17 and Adam, Wichita, a son, Aden, March 6, 2018

Jennifer Miller '96 and Eric Boschmann, Denver, a daughter, Julia Rae, July 2018

Kristen (Schrag) Stucky '09 and Tyler, Moundridge, a daughter, Kinslee Mae, Nov. 22, 2018

deaths

Robert Balzer '50, Topeka, July 24, 2017

Paul G. Becker '43, Denver, Nov. 19, 2018

Viola (Franz) Boese '46, Spokane, Wash., March 6

William Buller '56, Crystal Lake, Ill., Feb. 20

Harry Dudte '42, Newton, Feb. 24, 2017

Paul Dyck '52, Bluffton, Ohio, Apr. 13

Lester Ewy '44, North Newton, March 26

Sarah (Peters) Fleming '43, Hesston, July 13, 2018

Lillian Galle '57, Newton, Feb. 24

Jacob D. Goering '41, North Newton, Jan. 12

Stanley Goering '58, Fullerton, Calif., May 27, 2017

Scott David Graber '90, Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 17, 2018

Shirley (Funk) Harms '56, North Newton, Feb. 8

Carl Hege '61, Aberdeen, Idaho, Mar. 7

Eleanor (Wood) Hiebert '44, San Angelo, Texas, April 1

Gerlof Homan '54, Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 17, 2017

Zelma Marie (Dalke) Krehbiel '45, McPherson, Feb. 4

Katharine (Voth) Moyer-Harder '48, Broken Arrow, Okla., Jan. 29

William Poppe '65, Medford, Ore., March 7

Norma (Voran) Preheim '54, North Newton, Feb. 3

Winfred Reimer '50, Bellingham, Wash., April 7

Alvin T. Schmidt '50, North Newton, Dec. 31, 2018

Doris (Nikkel) Schmidt '54, South Hutchinson, Aug. 12, 2018

Richard Schmidt '52, North Newton, April 9

Roland Schmidt '42, North Newton, April 13

Myron Schultz '55, Greeley, Colo., Feb. 3

Hilda (Stucky) Schrag '39, Moundridge, Oct. 25, 2018

Stanley Schrag '52, Moundridge, April 20

Jack Stauffer '65, Newton, Oct. 14, 2018

Pauline (Thierstein) Toews '52, Whitewater, March 28

Marlon Wasemiller '44, Riverside, Calif., June 19, 2018

Harold Woelk '50, Goessel, June 12, 2018

Benjamin Zerger '51, South Hutchinson, Oct. 12, 2017

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Friday, Sept. 27, 2019, 7:30 p.m.
Cafeteria, Schultz Student Center

- Welcome and invocation
- Call to order and chair's remarks
- State of the College report
- Corporation business
- Closing remarks