

Morningsider

Winter 2016 Conducting research in the Loess Hills as part of new summer program



The education I received at Morningside College gave me a way of looking at the world that I wouldn't have received without a liberal arts education. I grew up in a very tiny town and attended a small high school. While I received a good educational foundation, what I didn't get was strong encouragement to think critically and independently.

This changed significantly when I arrived at Morningside, where the faculty challenged me from the beginning. "What do you think?" was a question put to me regularly, and while it was unnerving in the beginning, it shook me out of some comfortable patterns. Morningside was, in the most positive sense, like living in a small town. I couldn't be invisible, and there was no place to hide. Professors always took notice and knew when I wasn't challenging myself.

Looking at behaviors and cultures that were new to me pervaded my college education. Without my experience at Morningside, I'm sure I wouldn't have dared to venture as far afield as I have over the course of my career. I lived and worked for two years in Saudi Arabia, for example, where my friends and colleagues came from Great Britain, Pakistan, Egypt, Syria and Somalia, among other countries. I would not have been able to embrace this experience as fully, I'm convinced, without my Morningside education.

The interaction with professors that was possible for me at a liberal arts college like Morningside also helped advance my thinking and modeled for me a way of dealing with others in a professional situation. In my current position as a nonprofit executive, I still remember and draw on specifics of these exchanges and relationships. They provided me with a model of productive and civil interactions. This has helped me professionally and personally as I have moved through my career and taken on new challenges.



Dr. Esther Mackintosh

is president of the Federation of State Humanities Councils, an organization that advocates for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She joined the staff of the federation in 1986 and has been president since 2004. Mackintosh earned a bachelor's degree from Morningside College in 1969, and she serves on the Morningside College Board of Directors. She lives in Washington, D.C.

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ON THE COVER

Student Logan Anderson takes in the beauty of the Loess Hills as he and Dr. Jim Stroh, professor of biology, conduct a survey to see what small mammals live in the tallgrass prairie. The western harvest mouse on the back is one example. The project was part of the new Summer Undergraduate Research Program. See the story on page 10. Photos by Doug Burg, Burg Studios.

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NOTABLE

Morningside hits enrollment record

This fall Morningside reported the largest total enrollment in school history with 2,902 full- and part-time students. Morningside also was named one of the nation's fastest growing private baccalaureate institutions in The Chronicle of Higher Education's annual Almanac of Higher Education. Morningside was ranked seventh on a list of the nation's 20 fastest growing private nonprofit colleges, based on a comparison of student enrollment growth from 2004 to 2014.

Student is ODK national leader of the year

Tiffany (Brasby) Hunt 2016, who graduated magna cum laude in May with a bachelor's degree in education, was named one of five Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) national leaders of the year. ODK is a national leadership honor society that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character. This is the third year in a row that a Morningside College student has been named one of the five ODK national leaders of the year.

Student wins national pitch competition

Josh Doering, a senior business major, won the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization 2016 Pitch Competition in October during the organization's national conference in Tampa, Fla. He received the award from a panel of judges who heard 80 college entrepreneurs from around the country pitch their startup business ideas. Doering has developed and marketed Seed Slide, a device that allows farmers to safely open and unload large seed boxes. Doering also won the top prize in the Future Founders' UPitch competition in Chicago in December.

Morningside College Board of Directors elects new members

The Morningside College Board of Directors elected seven members to new terms during the board's annual meeting in October.



Michael Bennett



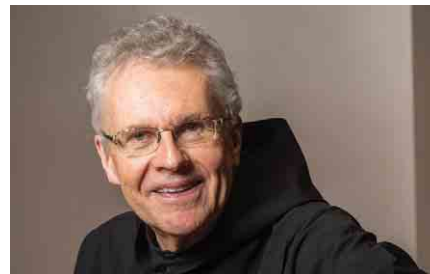
Thomas Carver



Alec DeVries



Juarez Patricio de Oliveira Jr.



Robert Koopmann

Brazilian professor, Benedictine monk visit campus

Dr. Juarez Patricio de Oliveira Jr., an agronomy professor from the Federal University of Goiás in Brazil, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Koopmann, a Benedictine monk, music professor and president emeritus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn., were in residence on campus as part of the new Dimmitt Fellows program. Patricio de Oliveira was on campus for four weeks and Koopmann for two weeks. They stayed in the visiting faculty apartment in Dimmitt Hall.

Board members elected to new terms include Michael L. Bennett of Jefferson, S.D., president of Albaton Enterprises, LLC in Sioux City; the Rev. Dr. Thomas Carver of Storm Lake, Iowa, superintendent of the Northwest District of the Iowa Conference, United Methodist Church; Alec DeVries of Sioux City, Morningside College Student Government president; Bishop Laurie Haller of Des Moines, Iowa, bishop of the Iowa Conference, United Methodist Church; Brian A. Johnson 1983 of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, financial

adviser at Security National Bank; Martin B. Palmer of Sioux City, president of Palmer Candy Company; and Dr. Leslie A. Werden of Dakota Dunes, S.D., associate professor of writing and rhetoric at Morningside College.

Curtis N. White 1976 of Noblesville, Ind., continues to serve as chair of the Morningside College Board of Directors. Cynthia C. Moser of Sioux City, an attorney and partner with the Heidman Law Firm, serves as board secretary.

Members named to chair board committees include

Dr. Esther M. Mackintosh 1969, president of the Federation of State Humanities Councils in Arlington, Va., Student Life and Learning Committee; Craig I. Struve 1970, agribusiness owner from Calumet, Iowa., Finance/Facilities and Investment Committee; Richard A. Waller of Dakota Dunes, S.D., External Relations Committee; and Dr. Stephen E. Davis of Hideaway, Texas, Graduate Programs Committee.



Laurie Haller



Brian Johnson



Martin Palmer



Leslie Werden

COLLEGE ENCOURAGES CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Eleven presidential candidates visited campus before the Iowa caucuses in February, including both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Other visitors included former President Bill Clinton and U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley.



Kevin Pottebaum 2010

Student Jordan Heim talks with Dr. Patrick McKinlay, professor of political science and chair of economics, political science and sociology, as part of the mass communication department's election night coverage.

Before the November elections, the Col. Bud Day Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside College worked with college and community partners to organize voter registration drives, debate parties, and workshops on the election process. Dr. Patrick Bass, professor and chair of history, gave lectures to educate the public on the history behind the issues of gun control and nationalism.

"I'm very excited about continuing to build partnerships, not only encouraging civic engagement, education and awareness among the campus community, but truly developing the Day Center into a resource for the broader community," said Dr. Valerie Hennings 2001, center director.

Provost receives national award



Dr. William C. Deeds, Morningside College provost, received the 2016 Chief Academic Officer Award from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in November at the organization's annual Institute for Chief Academic Officers in New Orleans.

The award recognizes Deeds for his significant support of colleagues at independent colleges and universities, his role as a mentor to many new chief academic officers, and the work he has done at the institutions at which he has served.

Morningside President John Reynders said he was "pleased but not surprised" that Deeds received this honor.

"Bill is an outstanding provost," Reynders said. "Morningside College has benefited from his service, and I have enjoyed working with him during most of my presidency. Bill is dedicated to our students and an exemplary leader for our faculty. His experience, ability and sense of humor make him a provost worthy of this honor. It is gratifying that his peers have recognized his commitment to private liberal arts educational institutions throughout the United States."

Deeds has served as Morningside's chief academic officer since 2000.

Fareed Zakaria gives Waitt Lecture

Fareed Zakaria, host of CNN's international affairs program "Fareed Zakaria GPS," gave the 2016 Waitt Lecture at Morningside College in October.

His lecture explored what it means to live in a truly global era with the growth of countries like China, India, Brazil, Russia and many others.

Zakaria is widely respected for his probing analysis and ability to spot economic and political trends. His Emmy-nominated CNN program, which also received a 2012 Peabody Award, features panel discussions and one-on-one interviews with heads of state, intellectuals and business leaders. He has written best-selling books,

and he was editor of Newsweek International from 2000 to 2010 and editor-at-large at Time from 2010 to 2014.

The Waitt Lecture Series at Morningside College was established in 1997 by Norman Waitt Jr. 1986, a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Norman Waitt Jr. 1986 and his sister, Marcia Waitt (left); Fareed Zakaria; and Morningside President John and Robin Reynders pose for a photo before the Waitt Lecture.

COLLEGE OFFERS NEW ONLINE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

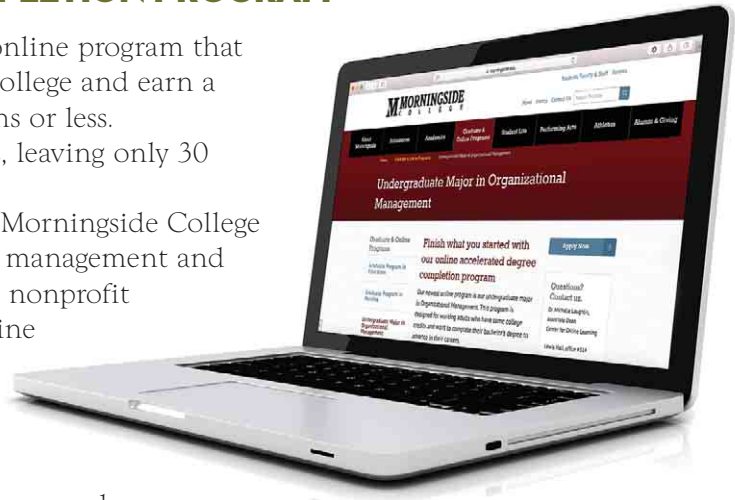
Morningside College is accepting applications for a new online program that gives non-traditional students the opportunity to return to college and earn a bachelor's degree in organizational management in 18 months or less.

Students can apply as many as 94 previous college credits, leaving only 30 credits to complete the bachelor's degree.

"A bachelor's degree in organizational management from Morningside College can open the door to career advancement, preparing you for management and leadership positions in business, education, government and nonprofit industries," said Dr. Michelle Laughlin, associate dean for online learning at Morningside.

The program starts in January. Courses will be offered in back-to-back eight-week sessions. Students can take as many as three four-credit courses per session, depending on what works best for their schedule. Students complete the coursework at whatever time of day works best for them.

Students must have at least 50 hours of college credit and at least two years of work or volunteer experience to be eligible for the program. Enrollment will be ongoing. More information is available at www.morningside.edu/onlineprograms.



MORNINGSIDERS IN HIGH PLACES

Justice Daryl Hecht 1974 spoke at Morningside College at the beginning of November. He discussed his work on the Iowa Supreme Court, as well as Iowa's judicial retention elections. Hecht has served on the Iowa Supreme Court since 2006.



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Tennis player wins character award

Natasha Hongsermeier, a senior on the women's tennis team, received the NAIA Dr. LeRoy Walker Champions of Character Award.

One of the most prestigious awards in the NAIA, the award recognizes a student-athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, campus and community leadership, athletic achievement and future ambition and who embraces the core values of the NAIA Champions of Character initiative – integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Hongsermeier is majoring in biology, chemistry and music. She has a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average, and she is a first-team All-GPAC performer on the tennis court.

Hongsermeier founded the Musicians for Healing program, which connects local musicians with music therapy needs of Siouxland healthcare facilities, and she also serves on the national board of Alpha Lambda Delta, a women's honor society.

She also received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study abroad this fall in Merida, Mexico.

Football player named to good works team

Luke Grooters, a senior linebacker on the football team, was named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team announced by Allstate Insurance Company and the American Football Coaches Association.

For more than two decades, the award has recognized college football players at all levels committed to making a difference in their communities and the lives of others. Members of the team are invited to New Orleans to take part in a special volunteer project leading up to the Allstate Sugar Bowl, where they will be recognized at halftime.

Grooters has taken part in 20 mission trips to Haiti through his family's nonprofit organization, Touch of Hope Haiti, including several trips with fellow football players. They paved a road to a local school, rebuilt homes in a local village and delivered food to the elderly.

Grooters is the third Morningside player named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team in the last six years. He is pictured with his family the day he received the award.



Kevin Pottebaum 2010



SOCCER TEAM HAS STANDOUT SEASON



FOOTBALL TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

The football team assured itself of at least a share of the GPAC championship when it defeated Hastings College 62-3 on Nov. 5 in Hastings, Neb.

The victory put the team's record at 8-1 overall and 7-0 in the GPAC for a one-game lead over second-place Doane with one game remaining in the regular season. The Mustangs blew out Doane 69-7 when the teams played during the regular season on Oct. 8 in Sioux City.

The Mustangs have either shared or won the GPAC title outright for six years running. They were ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation earlier this season and are headed for their 13th consecutive playoff appearance in the NAIA Championship Series, where they have advanced to at least the semifinals each of the last four years.

The Mustangs led the nation in scoring each of the past two years and have been one of the nation's most prolific scoring teams again this season. Senior running back Tyler Kavan became Morningside's all-time touchdown leader and went into the regular season finale with 60 career touchdowns.

Tyler Kavan is the all-time touchdown leader in Morningside history. Photo by Jamie Byrnes 2016.

Cross country team heads to national championships

The women's cross country team secured a berth in the NAIA Cross Country National Championships when the Mustangs won their first-ever GPAC Championship. The Mustangs qualified for nationals for the second year in a row and for the fourth time in the last six years. Alec DeVries from the men's team qualified for nationals as an individual.

The women's soccer team moved within one victory of a second straight berth in the NAIA National Tournament after it upset top seed Hastings in the GPAC Tournament Semifinals. The Mustangs took a 10-7-2 record into the GPAC Championship Game. The men's team took a 14-4-1 record into the GPAC Semifinals to put them one victory shy of a school record for wins in a season.



Dr. Gene Knudsen 1971

Ashley Vande Stouwe played a pivotal role in the successful volleyball season.

Volleyball team goes to nationals

After a three-year absence from the national tournament, the volleyball team enjoyed a bounce-back season to secure the host team berth for the NAIA Volleyball National Tournament to be held Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City. Under second-year head coach Beth Donnelly, the Mustangs finished the regular season with a record of 19-2.



Learning from the best

Students work one-on-one with professors as part of
the new Summer Undergraduate Research Program

By Jenny Welp Thomas



When kids like
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visual-spatial
skills?

Tallgrass prairie is one of the most endangered ecosystems in North America.

“Grasslands used to cover all of Nebraska, all of Kansas, all of Oklahoma, all of Iowa, southern Minnesota, South Dakota,” said Dr. Jim Stroh, professor of biology. “If 98 percent of those are gone, what about the organisms that live there? A lot of them have disappeared.”

Stroh and student Logan Anderson spent the summer conducting a survey in the Loess Hills to see what small mammals and butterflies they could find in the tallgrass prairie.

Their project was part of the new Summer Undergraduate Research Program at Morningside College. Professors worked one-on-one with students to conduct in-depth research projects, such as how and why brain cells die in Alzheimer’s disease, how to minimize the impact of the Zika virus, and how to produce plastic that could be used to repair cracks on a space station.

“We have been doing undergraduate student research at Morningside for a long time and doing it very well,” said Dr. William Deeds, provost. “The one thing we didn’t have was an intensive, in-depth summer program focused on research for undergraduates.”

The program is unique because professors and students can focus solely on their research. They are even paid a stipend so they don’t have to work.

“I work full time throughout the school year,” said student Cody Hankerson. “Being able to have an entire semester to do something that you’re actually really passionate about was huge for me.”

Also during the summer, professors and students don’t have to balance their research with classes and extracurricular activities.

Dr. Jessica Pleuss, assistant professor of psychology, has been conducting research with student Emily Stewart to see whether construction toys improve children’s visual-spatial abilities, perhaps leading to more success later in math and science.

They assess the children, send them home with toys and then assess them again a few weeks later. During the pilot study, which was spread out over an entire school year, they got a grand total of 10 participants.

“It was a good study and it was interesting, but it was really hard to get them to come in because we had to work

around our schedules but also their schedules,” she said.

Over the summer, they went to six child care centers. This time they got 39 participants.

“It eases the burden on parents,” Pleuss said. “Pretty much all they have to do is fill out questionnaires and send them to child care, where they are already going anyway, and we can just go to the child care and assess the children there instead of them having to come into our lab.”

Stewart said the project was a great experience for her, especially because she wants to be a children’s counselor.

“It gives me more insight, just to know how to work with kids on a professional level, how to work with their parents,” she said.

To participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program, professors and students put together an application and submitted it to the Faculty Development Committee. Eleven proposals were submitted, and five were awarded funding for their research.

Participants met for an opening session, got together regularly for lunch and social activities, and then gave presentations at the end of the eight-week session. Now they are preparing to present their research at the Palmer Student Research Symposium or at regional or national conferences.

Stroh had never met Anderson when the student stopped by last spring wanting to put together an application for the Summer Undergraduate Research Program. Even so, he agreed right away.

“That’s how I started too,” Stroh said. “I starting working as a research assistant when I was an undergraduate, and I’m still very good friends with the professor that I worked with. Even though he’s long retired, we kept in contact afterwards. He wrote me letters of recommendation. I visited him in Texas. All that kind of stuff.”

Stroh said the easiest way to teach students how to conduct a biological survey – and how to correctly identify different species – is to work right alongside them. Anderson said he was surprised he was able to work so closely with a professor as an undergraduate.

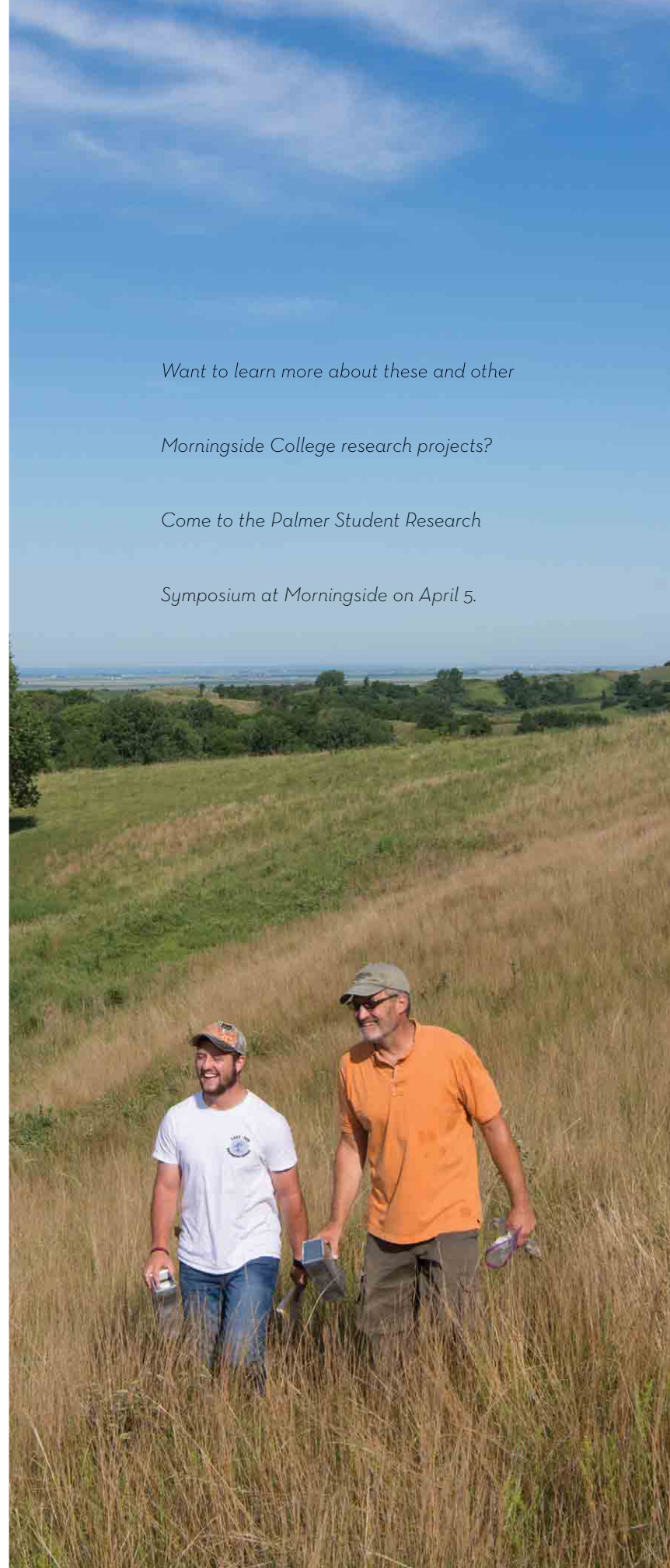
“Being able to draw from his experience and his knowledge, just kind of exposing me to the field of ecology and helping me try and figure out what I want to do with the rest of my life – it was good to have someone else’s perspective and build that relationship,” Anderson said.

Want to learn more about these and other

Morningside College research projects?

Come to the Palmer Student Research

Symposium at Morningside on April 5.



New Faculty

Taylor Clemens,

M.F.A., assistant professor of theatre, previously was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, and he was a stage manager and director for area theatre companies.



Steven Gates, Ph.D.,

professor of education and chair of the graduate program in education, has 33 years of experience in education. He has served on the faculty and as a senior administrator at the college level.



Carolyn Glackin,

A.B.D., visiting instructor of education, previously was a literacy consultant for Woodbury Central Community School District in Merville, Iowa. She has taught at the elementary level and served as a lead trainer/consultant for the Iowa Department of Education.



Suzanne Hendrix-Case,

D.M.A., assistant professor of music, has performed extensively as an opera singer in locations ranging from San Francisco to Vienna, Austria, and she has taught at the college level.



Mark Nielsen,

M.B.A., assistant professor of accounting, previously was an assistant professor of business at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City. Before that, he worked as a certified public accountant at Henjes, Conner & Williams in Sioux City.



Thomas H. Paulsen,

Ph.D., associate professor and chair of applied agricultural and food studies, previously served at Iowa State University in Ames as professor-in-charge of the capstone student-managed Ag 450 Farm and coordinator of the Agricultural Teacher Education Program. He also



taught agricultural education at the high school level for over 20 years.

Lauri Sells,

M.S.N., instructor of nursing education, previously was a clinical nursing instructor at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa, and she has almost 20 years of work experience as a registered nurse.



Dianna Sorenson,

Ph.D. professor of nursing education, has over 20 years of experience teaching nursing at the college level. Most recently, she has been a hospice nurse and a psychiatric-mental health clinical nurse specialist. In addition to her doctorate, she has an M.B.A. in healthcare administration.



Christina Triezenberg,

Ph.D., assistant professor of English, has previously worked as an adjunct professor of English at



Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., and at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. She also has taught at the middle and high school levels and worked in academic printing and publishing.

Faculty Notes

Patrick Blaine, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, helped evaluate proposals for federal funding for a number of different grant programs.

Aaron Bunker, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, and **Katie Hodgden, M.S.**, first-year adviser, gave presentations at a regional meeting of the National Academic Advising Association in Omaha, Neb. Bunker also spoke at a webinar on increasing diversity in the sciences.

Kim Christopherson, Ph.D., associate professor and educational technologist; **Susie Lubbers, M.S.**, assistant professor of education; and **Leslie Werden, Ph.D.**, associate professor of writing and rhetoric, presented papers at the Council of Writing Program Administrators conference in Raleigh, N.C.

Shannon Claxton, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, gave a presentation at the International Association

of Relationship Research conference in Toronto.

Shannon (Schmidt) De Clute 2002, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, presented research at the annual Midwestern Psychological Association convention in Chicago.

Marilyn Eastman, Ed.D., associate professor of marketing, and **Pam Mickelson**, Ed.D., professor and chair of business, gave presentations and chaired sessions at the Marketing Management Association Fall Educators' Conference in Providence, R.I. Mickelson also judged a teaching competition.

Bruce Forbes 1970, Ph.D., professor and chair of religious studies and faculty adviser of the Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) honor society at Morningside College, was elected national vice president of ODK.

Geoff Harkness, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, presented research at a conference at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He also presented research at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Valerie Hennings 2001, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, was named director of the Col. Bud Day

Center for Civic Engagement at Morningside College.

Dharma Jairam, Ph.D., assistant professor in the graduate education program; **Jessica LaPaglia**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; **John Pinto**, Ph.D., associate vice president for graduate programs and institutional assessment; **Jessica Pleuss**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; and **Alden Pam Stout**, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, presented research at the Association for Psychological Science convention in Chicago.

Dave Madsen, M.A., assistant professor and chair of mass communication, was elected to serve as co-chair of the Research Committee for the Small Programs Interest Group (SPIG) of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He also will serve as section editor of the SPIG newsletter.

Thomas H. Paulsen, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of applied agricultural and food studies, received a national educator award from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

Heather Reid, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, gave presentations in Syracuse, Sicily, and

Olympia, Greece, and she appeared on a public radio broadcast in Albany, N.Y. She also had two articles published; edited and published two volumes on Aristotle; organized a conference in Syracuse, Sicily; and edited papers for a book publication.

Tessa Weinstein, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics, received a grant from the Mathematical Association of America for a mathematical modeling workshop at Morningside for high school teachers and students.

Want to learn more? Go to morningside.edu and click on "News" or type your favorite professor's name into the search engine.

Staff Notes

Stacie Hays, M.S., career counselor, gave two presentations at the 2016 Career Professionals of Iowa Conference at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Retirements



Molly Williams, J.D., is retiring in January from her position as a professor of business at Morningside College. Williams has taught in the business department at Morningside since 1991. "Molly was a valued colleague, well respected among students and faculty," said another business professor. "She is known for her leadership in the area of ethics and business law." Williams showed her commitment to the campus and community through her service on boards and major faculty committees and by leading a new business honors group. According to one student, she "had a unique way of connecting with the students and explaining a subject that was hard for most students to grasp. Molly had a realness to her. She told you like it was, and that helped to form a stronger connection. She not only cared about her students' academic performance, but also their personal lives. I, like many students, am indebted to her due to the major impact that she has had upon my life."

CLASSES NOTES

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1953
Anamae (Koole) Vasquez, originally from Sheldon, Iowa, was honored in March of 2014 for over 50 years of service to the historic Trinity United Methodist Church in Denver, Colo. Vasquez earned a master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado, taught music for 10 years and was the organist at Trinity Church for 28 years. After that, she retired and continued playing for the church as needed. During these many years, she played for countless weddings and funerals and accompanied soloists and groups. She feels grateful and blessed to have played a small part in these life-changing occasions and in the ongoing mission of this great church. Vasquez was accompanied by her husband of 53 years, Abe Vasquez; their two sons, Leon and his wife, Carol, and Daniel, who lives in Portland, Ore.; their grandsons, Alex and Noah; and her sister,

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1960
Mary Elizabeth Sievert is president of Memorabilia Extra Ordinaire Inc., an antiques and

collectibles business in Davenport, Iowa.

1962
Gary and Kathy (McComb) McConnell 1963 had their love story featured in an Omaha World Herald series called "How They Met." The McConnells met when they were 18. They were working night shifts together in the psychiatric ward of a Sioux City hospital. It was because of Kathy that Gary transferred to Morningside College. Gary proposed in

the fall of 1959, and they got married on July 29, 1960. After college, they moved to Omaha, Neb., where they live today. They have two children and one grandchild.

Roger Neumann plays alto, tenor, soprano and baritone saxophones; flute; and clarinet. He has performed with or written music for Woody Herman, Count Basie, Ray Anthony, Les Brown, Bob Crosby, The Beach Boys, Jerry Garcia, Buddy Rich, Ray Charles and other big-name acts. His music has been featured on many television series, movies and CDs. He has recorded three CDs with his own L.A. big band, which is called Roger Neumann's Rather Large Band. On one of the CDs, Neumann's band, playing his arrangements, features his wife, singer Madeline Vergari. Neumann received Morningside's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.



President John Reynders (right) and his wife, Robin, and son, Mat, pose for a photo with retired Col. Warren "Bud" Nelson 1953 during an event this fall at the president's house. Nelson served as an instructor pilot during World War II. Then he served in the Iowa Air National Guard as one of the original pilots of the 174th Fighter Squadron - now the 185th Air Refueling Wing - when it was organized in Sioux City in 1946. He retired as wing commander in 1980.

1964

Joan (Rowse) Morton has celebrated eight years of retirement from Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, where she was editor.

1965

The Rev. Gordon Watson lives in Spencer, Iowa, with his wife, **Jan (Luhr) 1966**. While a student at Morningside, he participated in the final Selma-to-Montgomery March for voting rights with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A carload of Morningside students had already gone down to Alabama. On March 21, 1965, the first day of the march, the students called back to Morningside and said more people were needed. Watson and some other pre-theology students left in his car the next morning. Watson does not remember the names of the other passengers, but he does remember the college preparing box lunches and giving them gas money. They marched on March 23, 24 and 25. They were bused back and forth from a community center so they had a place to sleep. Right after King's speech on March 25, they heard the announcement "Northerners, leave Alabama now!" They did, and about an hour out of Montgomery, they heard on the radio that the building where they stayed

had been firebombed. They made the trip home in just 24 hours - two hours faster than the trip down. Spencer Municipal Utilities made a DVD about Watson's experience. Those interested in purchasing a copy may contact Spencer Municipal Utilities at dvdsales@smunet.net.

1969

Marcia (Small) Grabinski received the 2015

William L. Nicholas Citizen of the Year award from the Clear Lake Rotary Club in Clear Lake, Iowa.



1971

The late Rev. Dr. Mark Abernathy Lieder and his brother, **Dr. David Leggett Lieder 1975**, shared with their father a love of automobiles. Before Mark's untimely death from prostate cancer, he encouraged his father to write down his many car tales. As a result, the Rev. Dr. Lyle Lieder wrote and published a book, "My Life Behind the Wheel," and dedicated it to Mark. Lyle is a former vice president of Morningside College, and all five of his children attended Morningside.

Dr. Bill Russell was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in September. Russell is a playwright, lyricist and director



who sometimes alludes to his South Dakota roots in his plays. His musicals have been performed on and off Broadway, in London, across the United States and the United Kingdom, and in Brazil, Japan, Israel, Germany, Thailand, Canada, Australia and Sweden. He has received Tony Award nominations for his musical "Side Show," which premiered in London this fall. In 2015, three original cast albums of his shows were released, and two new shows had world premieres in 2016. In South Dakota, he directed his co-authored work "Pageant" this summer at the Black Hills Playhouse, and he continued his tradition of hosting benefit concerts in Spearfish. He also contributes his writing talents to various charity events. Russell has honorary doctorates from Morningside College and The Boston Conservatory.



1974

Marilyn (Dean) Mitchem celebrated 50 years of teaching piano and 30 years of teaching in Bettendorf, Iowa, when her students performed in a retirement recital at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bettendorf. She retired from teaching effective June 1. Mitchem began studying piano with her father at age 6. While at Morningside, she was a student of the late Dr. Lawrence DeWitt. Mitchem has taught piano lessons every calendar year since 1966 in six communities and two different states, teaching more than 450 people in her career. Depending on circumstances, her class sizes have ranged anywhere from five to more than 40 students weekly. About 15 of her students have gone on to careers in music performance or teaching.

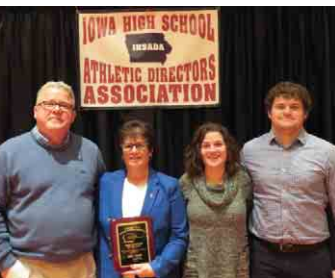


The Rev. G. Corwin Stoppel has published his fourth book and first novel, "The Great Saugatuck Murder Mystery." The book is set in Saugatuck, Mich., in the 1920s and is the fictional tale of the murder of the rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church. It is available from Amazon in paperback or e-book. Stoppel lives in Saugatuck and has served as the rector of All Saints' since 1990.

1976

Barry and Phyllis (Robertson) Fouts 1976 celebrated their 40th anniversary in July while vacationing in Virginia. They retired recently and are traveling America in their new home, an RV.

The Rev. Paul Frederiksen is the pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in Spencer, Iowa.



Lynn (Brandt) Ubben, school superintendent in Perry, Iowa, was named the Administrator of the Year by the Iowa High School Athletic

Directors Association. Ubben has been a superintendent for the last 12 years, first in Winfield-Mount Union and in Perry for the last seven years. She is a strong voice for student activities programs in Iowa. She led the Winfield-Mount Union community in the construction of a new baseball diamond and planning for upgrades at the football complex. Under her leadership in Perry, a performing arts center was constructed. Lighting systems were added to the baseball and softball fields, and the middle school gymnasium was renovated. Ubben enjoys attending activities to get to know students on a personal level. She is pictured with her husband, Dave, and her children, Molly and Mitch.

1977

Steve Hansen is a member of the board of directors for Boys and Girls Home and Family Services in Sioux City. He has also celebrated 15 years as the director of the Sioux City Public Museum.

1980

Paul Bush is the supervisor and state CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) administrator at the Iowa Division of Criminal



Investigation Crime Lab in Ankeny, Iowa.



1981

Scott Boyer is founder and president of OWP Pharmaceuticals and the ROW Foundation in Chicago. OWP Pharmaceuticals delivers quality branded generic epilepsy medications that are replicable and fairly priced. Its strategic focus is to support neurologists and patients in the U.S. with beneficial products and to use a significant portion of the profits to provide resources for those living with epilepsy in under-resourced areas of the world

by donating to the ROW Foundation. He recently gave a TEDx Talk to students at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., about his efforts to create social change. To watch the talk, go online to tedxtalks.ted.com and search for "Scott Boyer." Scott lives in West Chicago with his wife, Ruth. They have two grown children.

Cleo Franklin Jr. is vice president of marketing, product development and strategic planning at Mahindra in Houston, Texas.

1982

Colleen (Currans) Bush does graphic design work for the Iowa Department of Public Health in Des Moines



This fall the Hy-Vee on Gordon Drive showed its support for the Morningside College Mustangs. It was part of a college-display contest sponsored by Hy-Vee and Dr. Pepper. **Chris Cuthrell 1987** helped build the display with designer Chad Porter. Cuthrell works for Pepsi-Cola of Siouxland as key account manager for the 24 large format stores in the area, including Hy-Vee, Fareway, Target and Walmart.

through a company called V-Tech. Bush took this position in February. She also does freelance graphic design.

1986

Chris Johnson is senior vice president of telesales for Comdata, North American Trucking, in Brentwood, Tenn.

Diane (Griswold)

McCallum recently had her fourth novel, "The Other Side," published. The first three novels are "Outsider," "Another Shot" and "In the Shadows." All of them are science fiction, with a dash of mystery and adventure. McCallum continues to work at Names and Numbers in the ad management department.



1988

Lowell Ernst, director of K-12 instruction for the Pella Community School District in Pella, Iowa, has been named the 2016 Iowa Central Office Administrator of the Year by the School Administrators of Iowa.

A LIFESAVER One grad gives another lifesaving diagnosis

By Laura L. Florio

The Rev. Neil Blair 1973 was expecting a brief appointment when he walked into the office of **Dr. Jason Goergen 2006** on Friday, Feb. 5.

"I've been blessed with good health, but I had a sinus infection, and my friends had been on me to find a regular doctor," said the president of the Saint Paul School of Theology in the greater Kansas City area. "Jason was relatively new to his practice, was accepting new patients and came well recommended. So I chose him, not knowing, of course, that he was a Morningside graduate."

The appointment at Meritas Health in North Kansas City, Mo., went well, but took longer than expected. "Do you have any back pain?" Goergen asked. Blair said he did. "Does the pain ever stop?" Goergen asked. "Only when I do," Blair replied.

As a result, Goergen ordered an electrocardiogram, or EKG, and blood work, including a test for elevated levels of troponin – something not usually included in a routine check-up.

The next day, Goergen went to the hospital for Saturday morning rounds.

He checked Blair's test results. Sure enough, his troponin levels were elevated, indicating heart trouble. Goergen immediately called Blair. "Why don't you stop by the office for some more tests?"

When Blair arrived, Goergen explained the significance of his lab results. "I realize that, except for the back pain, you feel fine. However, this is a time-sensitive issue, and I need to get you into the hospital for more testing. Take a copy of the labs, and show them to the hospital staff so they understand it's serious."

Blair headed to the hospital. After examining the lab results, hospital staff immediately ordered a catheterization, which showed seven blockages and a defect in his aortic valve. Blair had just a few days to select a heart surgeon. On Wednesday, Feb. 10 – a week-and-a-half after that first appointment – he underwent quadruple bypass open-heart surgery, during which his aortic valve was also repaired.

Such a surgery requires



extensive recovery time and a strict diet. Nine months later, Blair feels healthier than he did prior to meeting Goergen.

"I now run about 30 miles per week. I am so grateful that Jason and I met, and that his education at Morningside and Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences prepared him to identify issues like mine. By asking me the right questions, I have zero heart damage. Had I waited or been misdiagnosed, that might not be the case."

Goergen and Blair caught up with each other several months after the operation at a Kansas City Royals event for Morningside College alumni. "We met at the game and had a great time. In fact, Neil has agreed to officiate my upcoming wedding in November!" Jason said.

1989

Chris Steinbach

joined the institutional advancement office at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, as a development officer. His duties will include building relationships with Loras alumni and supporters and raising money to provide current and future students with scholarships and other assistance. He comes to Loras after working since 2012 at a nonprofit homeless shelter in Muscatine, Iowa, where his duties included fundraising, grant writing, marketing, public relations and social media. Prior to 2012, he worked 23 years as a newspaper editor and reporter in Iowa, North



Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Idaho.

1990

Laura (Rehder) Cody is the principal at St. Paul School in Macomb, Ill.

1993

Chet Mandair is an innovation and digital transformation executive for Salesforce in San Francisco. Salesforce is an American cloud computing company.

Dana Mansfield just finished her first book in a suspense trilogy. It is called "Deceptions." Her first novel, "Sunset Park," was published in November 2012. For more information, visit www.danamansfield.com.

1994

Wendi (Madsen) Bennett is the office manager for Truck Country Quad Cities in Davenport, Iowa.

Loyanne (Dunn) Jensen is development director at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland in Sioux City.

1995

Sally (Rigter) Greenfield is the school counselor at Webster City High School in Webster City, Iowa.

Brian Schwanz

was promoted to director of human resources-secondary personnel for De Soto Unified School



District 232 in Shawnee, Kan.



1997

Brian Clarke has been named vice president of sales for Saputo Cheese USA, the U.S. division of Saputo Inc. and one of the top cheese processors in the United States. Brian; his wife, Dr. Angela Clarke; and family have relocated to the Chicago area from Northern California.

1998

Kent Ackmann recently had his third article, titled "Quarterback Coaching Pet Peeves," published in Texas Coach magazine. He is currently the passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Princeton High School in Princeton, Texas. Ackmann also was just named head boys' soccer coach at Princeton High School after serving as an assistant for the state runner-up girls' program the past two years.

Danielle (Grubb) Panowicz

is the co-sponsor of the RESPECT group at South Sioux City High School in South Sioux City, Neb. This group is composed of



Reid Welch (left), **Shelby Small** and **Katie Pearson** were in second grade when Girl Scout troop leader **Randee (Ball) Small 1988** brought them to a Morningside College women's basketball game. It was 2004, the year the women's basketball team won its first national championship. They met the team and had their shirts signed. All three Girl Scouts are now students at Morningside College, so they did a throwback photo.

students who spread respect in the school and community through service activities. Panowicz is also a guidance counselor at South Sioux City High School.

Eric Waldstein is head football coach at Rochester Community and Technical College in Rochester, Minn.

2000

Tracy Wingert was named the 2016 Teacher of the Year for the Le Mars Community School District.



2001

Chad Hutchinson is assistant conductor of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and music director of the South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestras.

2002

Heath Davis is an information technology support specialist at Williams & Company Consulting in Sioux City. He is also a part of a band called Se7en that released a CD, "Here 2 Stay," its first full-length CD. The CD release show was Aug. 25 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City. Se7en has won the Siouxland's Choice Award for Best Acoustic Band

and SiouxCityNow.com's Best of Sioux City Award for Best Local Band.

2003

Andrew McClannahan is an imaging management assistant at UnityPoint Health-Meriter in Madison, Wis. He is also a medic and physical therapy assistant in the United States Army Reserves with the 409th Area Support Medical Company (ASMC) in Madison, Wis. Along with his duties at the 409th ASMC, he is also a 2nd Platoon team leader and unit public affairs representative.

2004

Nathan Gilster is senior software engineer at Zuercher Technologies in Sioux Falls, S.D. Gilster is also the owner of a small startup software company called QS Solutions, doing software in the telecom industry.

Dan Tagstrom is a senior SAP business analyst consultant on the U.S. Army Logistics Modernization Program for the CSRA (spin-off of Computer Sciences Government Services) near McCook Lake, S.D. SAP is a German software company with products that allow businesses to track customer and business interactions, and CSRA is a software consulting company for state and federal government contracts.

2005

Luke Comeau is executive director of the Family Visitation Center in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Linda Jansen is a special education teacher at Webster City High School in Webster City, Iowa.

Adam Johnson is co-founder and CEO at IOpipe in the Greater New York City area. IOpipe is a new way to build and orchestrate apps.



2007

Dalton Meyers is administrator-in-training for NHS Management LLC in Fort Smith, Ark. Meyers also earned his M.B.A. from Webster University in Missouri.



Rachel (Lenhardt) Morehead recently made a job change after nine years at Iowa Western Community College. Her new role is development coordinator for the Jennie Edmundson Foundation, which supports Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Morehead's position with the hospital also includes graphic design for both the foundation and volunteer services departments. Her most recent accomplishment was working on the Spirit of Courage weekend, which raised over \$100,000 for the Charitable Patient Care Fund. Rachel and her husband, **Brandon 2009**, have two children, Brynne and Reid.

2008

Tracey Quint is an account executive at Viamedia in Sioux Falls, S.D.



Ashley (Atwood) Reynolds is an office manager for Mount Pleasant Economic Development Corporation in Mount Pleasant, Texas. Ashley and her husband, Austin, live in Mount Pleasant with their two children.

2009

Trey K. Blackburn is a teaching assistant at The New School for Drama in New York, N.Y., working with the Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting candidates. In March of 2015, Blackburn and his creative partner, Christie Marie Clark, founded Asterism Theatre Company. This past January, Asterism put on a workshop of his play "The Great Somewhere," which will be further developed later this year and next. Blackburn also produced "The See-Throughs" with Asterism Theatre Company. Asterism has another project, "L'Appel Du Vide," that Clark is working in conjunction with The Drama League in New York City. In June, Blackburn

returned to Morningside College with his fiancé, Nick Radu, to kick off the summer season of the Betty Ling Tsang Fine Arts Series with a performance of "The Servant of Two Masters" by Carlo Goldoni. This past August, Trey performed in "Swashbuckling Sam and the Tale of Blackbeard's Revenge" as a part of NYC Fringe in New York City. You can keep up with Blackburn on his website, www.treykblackburn.com.

Ben Loberg is an investment representative and financial adviser at First State Bank Investment Center in Holdrege, Neb. Loberg has more than seven years of experience in the financial service industry, assisting individuals as well as small and large businesses. He holds Series 7 and Series 66 industry registrations, along with life, health, long-term care, variable life, and variable annuity licenses. Loberg is an active member of the community, serving on the Holdrege Chamber Board, as a member of the Holdrege Rotary Club, and as chair of the Phelps County Development Corporation Loans and Incentives Committee. He also teaches personal finance classes for Central Community College and is an instructor for the EDGE Class (Enhancing, Developing, and Growing Entrepreneurs) through the

PK Partnership of Phelps County and Kearney County, Neb. Ben and his wife, Rebecca, live in Holdrege and have three children.

Kristina McGrain is a special education teacher at Perry Creek Elementary School in Sioux City.



She coached volleyball at East High School in Sioux City from 2009 to 2014. She returned to Morningside to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in special education in 2012. McGrain teaches students with mild to moderate disabilities in the areas of math, reading, writing and life skills.

2010

Mary Hammen is retired after teaching for 40 years. Hammen was a writing teacher at Southeast Valley Middle School in Burnside, Iowa.

Elliott Pomplun is now a senior account executive at Service Express Inc. in Houston, Texas.



Jordan Widholm works for the Engineering Department at Union Pacific in Omaha, Neb. The photo shows him with his wife, **Meggie (Mitchell) 2011**, at a wedding this summer.

David Wilch is an account supervisor at Blue Earth Marketing in Sioux City. He is responsible for account service, project management and business development for the firm.

2011

Heidi (Lieber) Connelly is a marketing director at Knoepfler Chevrolet in Sioux City.

Michelle Delaney is a bodily injury claims specialist at Nationwide Insurance in Lone Tree, Colo.



Shea Hartmann is a title examiner at Closing Siouxland, a licensed escrow company in Sioux City.

Kane Kuehl is energy lead at Central Valley Ag Coop in Le Mars, Iowa. Kane and his wife, **Mandi (Poss) 2008**, live in North Sioux City, S.D., with their three children: Carter, Charlie and Milly.

Lindsey (Siepker) Mueller is a graphic designer for Physicians Mutual in Omaha, Neb.

Melissa Nielsen was chosen to be an instructional coach for the East Mills Community School District in the southwest corner of Iowa. She works with teachers at Essex and East Mills elementary schools. In this position, Nielsen is out of the classroom 100 percent of the time, sharing her strategies of planning and teaching while promoting collaboration throughout the school districts. This is part of the state's Teacher Leadership and Compensation System to improve student achievement and enable teachers to learn from each other. Nielsen has spent four years teaching third grade and one year as a Title I reading teacher.

Kenton Small is an Information Networking Technology (INT) instructor and eSports head coach at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kan.

Travis Ward is a customer service representative at ForRent Media Solutions in Sioux City.

GOING PLACES Grad starts companies, finds way to Harvard

By Laura L. Florio

Xiaoyan "Jenny" Wang 2010 grew up in rural China and found her way to Harvard University, where she is working as a research fellow. Morningside College played a key role in getting her there.

Wang studied English at Hwa Nan Women's College in Fuzhou, China. It was at Hwa Nan that Wang met Dr. Betts Rivét, a retired professor from California who was teaching at Hwa Nan.

"Have you ever thought about pursuing your degree in the U.S.?" Rivét asked, a question that changed Wang's life. Wang said she had, but she lacked money. In fact, Wang's desire to speak English inspired her to get up at 6 a.m. daily to practice English, as well as participate in as many English speech contests as possible until she won first place during her sophomore year. Rivét supported Wang through a mentorship that still persists today. "She corrected my English pronunciation word by word." Wang said.

Soon after, Wang's hopes were realized when she received a generous scholarship from Morningside College. Before leaving for Sioux City, she

was feted by more than 200 people in her village. "I was the first person in my village to attend college in the U.S., and everyone felt proud and happy for me."

Wang loved the people at Morningside. "My classes were challenging, but I received much support from faculty like **Dr. Bruce Forbes 1970**, students and especially from the director of security, Jim Cornelia. They helped me succeed."

After graduation, Wang returned to China and began teaching English at a school renowned for its English program. "Although I had a great job and salary, I didn't feel content because as a child, I dreamt of being a businesswoman." In pursuit of her goal, Wang started as a deputy sales manager at an industrial company and was eventually promoted to sales manager. "I possessed little business experience, so there were many challenges!"

However, with the encouragement from people around her, Wang decided to start her own company in 2014. The company



represents foreign companies seeking China manufacturing in hardware and rubber silicone. With a taste of success, Wang left China to continue pursuing business growth in North America in March 2015.

After traversing much of the continent, Wang settled in Boston, where she applied for and was awarded a research fellowship at Harvard University's Asia Center. She now conducts research in economic development, and she supervises her company in China and one recently initiated in the U.S. via phone and email.

When asked what advice she would impart to Morningside students, she said, "Don't limit yourself! Instead, pursue whatever your heart is dreaming. You never know what wonderful things you might achieve!"

2012

Jeff Bauer Jr. is an associate attorney at Rasmussen, Nelson and Wonio PLC with offices in Atlantic and Exira, Iowa.

Clint Jacobi is an account manager for Aureus Medical Group in Omaha, Neb.

Danielle (Hulst) Kleinhesselink is a first-grade teacher at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Elementary School in Hartley, Iowa.

Dane Larson is a regional pricing analyst for MillerCoors in Milwaukee, Wis.

Jared Wildeboer is a senior estimating coordinator at Interior Specialists in Aurora, Colo.

Tyler Winter is a school counselor at Waterloo West High School in Waterloo, Iowa. He is a football coach with the sophomore and varsity teams at West High. He is also the academic consultant for the Waterloo Black Hawks hockey team of the United States Hockey League.

2013

Ashley Boman is a physical therapist at Chase County Community Hospital in Imperial, Neb.

Alexis (Stabile) Kistner is a special education secretary at East Middle School in Sioux City.

Cristina McCrystal is a resident artist with Dramageddon Arts in Chicago.

Jordon McCubbin is a sales consultant at TKG Holdings LLC in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Taylor Rasmussen is the new mammalogist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in Indianapolis.

Stephanie (Wibben) Reynolds is a third-grade teacher at Sergeant Bluff-Luton Elementary School in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

Kristin Shaw received a Master of Public Affairs and a Master of Science in Environmental Science at the Indiana University-Bloomington School of Public and Environmental Affairs in December 2015. She currently is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the urban conservation coordinator for the Eastern Tallgrass Prairie

and Big Rivers Landscape Conservation Cooperative.

Tabitha Shepherd is a registered nurse at Mercy Medical Center - Sioux City.

Chelsey (Dunivan) Stahl is a data analytics computer engineer for UT-Battelle at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Judith Stanton is CEO and founder of Senior Lifestyle Advantage LLC in Laurel, Neb.



Georgia (Mize) Walker 2013 (left), **Rachel Thompson 2013** and **Mary (Horton) Olorundami 2014** have some fun during the 2016 Homecoming celebration. Walker just opened her own dance studio in Mountain Lake, Minn.; Thompson is the marketing director at Goosmann Law Firm in Sioux City; and Olorundami is a third-grade teacher at Bryant Elementary School in Sioux City.

2014

Abbey (Baker) Benson and her competition partner, Katie Matejka, won the 2015 Moot Court Competition at Creighton University School of Law. There were a total of 60 teams and six rounds of intensive competition. Moot court involves appellate cases as opposed to those at the trial level. Participants conduct research, write appellate briefs and present oral arguments to judges. The final round was judged by two members of the appeals court of Nebraska and one judge for the district court.

Austin Cave is fleet manager at K&B Transportation in South Sioux City, Neb.

Jesus Cendejas is the international student adviser at Morningside College. In this role, he helps international students get acclimated to the college, the culture and the country. He is there for whatever students need - mentoring, helping students get connected with resources in the community and even transportation. He and **Gene Ambrosion 1971** are the advisers for the International Student Association at Morningside College, where international and American students learn about different cultures. Along with his work at Morningside, Cendejas is a staff pastor at Calvary Chapel. Cendejas got involved with

the young church while a student at Morningside and was ordained as a staff pastor in April of 2014. The church focuses on teaching systematically through the Bible and outreach, such as working with organizations in the community and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Cendejas is the only Spanish-speaking pastor on staff, and he focuses on working with children and youth.

Sarah Davy is a preventive health specialist at Innovative Business Consultants in Sioux City. She provides a variety of work-site wellness services, including health screenings, wellness coaching, health education and health initiative consulting.

Justin Dixson graduated this spring from The School of Piano Technology for the Blind in Vancouver, Wash.

Scott Finke is a non-destructive testing technician at Olsson Associates in Omaha, Neb.

Kelly Guy is a data quality analyst at Siouxland Community Health Center in Sioux City.

Chelsey Harvey is a graduate student at University of Nebraska Omaha studying clinical



mental health counseling. Harvey is the president of the Upsilon Nu Omicron chapter of the international honor society, Chi Sigma Iota. She currently works with Family Connections in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She works with children who suffer from Oppositional Defiant Disorder, ADHD and adjustment disorders. In this position, Harvey reconnects families and builds healthier family structures. Harvey is currently working on her thesis, titled "What are School-Based Mental Health Counselors' Attitudes Towards the Utilization of Evidence-Based Practices."



Kirsten Jensen applied and was chosen to travel to the White House in Washington, D.C. Her trip was sponsored by the White House History Teacher Institute and

organized by the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa.



Kelly Kanaan is a public outreach specialist at United Families in Rapid City, S.D. In her position, Kanaan has fundraised enough money to purchase a vehicle to help promote the business. She is also a third-year law student at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

Allison (Brueggeman) Larson is director of the Sioux City College Access Network for the Siouxland Human Investment Partnership in Sioux City.

Nicole (Guericke) Lewis is an elementary music teacher for the Sioux City Community School District.

Jacki (Peters) Newendorp is an Insynctive business development specialist at the Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa.

Preston Nibaur is the senior environmental technician at Wells Enterprises in Le Mars, Iowa.

Andrew Poeckes is an application developer for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Neb.

Amy Small is a counselor at the Center for Behavioral Health in Sioux City. She graduated and received a master's degree in social work from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

John Sorenson became a certified intraoperative neuromonitoring technician in 2016, stationed at NuVasive Clinical Services in Sioux City, where he works closely with surgeons throughout the Midwest. He works on procedures such as spinal fusions, facial nerve, thyroidectomy, recurrent laryngeal nerve, transcranial motor evoked potential, electromyography, and somatosensory evoked potentials.



Cora (Kugler) Terry is an administrative assistant at Cannon Moss Brygger Architects in Sioux City. She and her husband, **Daniel 2015**, have one son, Troy, and they are expecting their second child in December.

2015

Aaron Brown is an associate chemist at Gelita in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

Derek Frahm is an associate business analyst for Jack Henry and Associates in Omaha, Neb. He also runs a software company called Roe With Me with his brother Ryan Frahm.

Amanda Heinrichs is attending the University of St. Thomas School of Law. She is also a law clerk for SiebenCarey in Minneapolis, Minn.

Desirae Lee is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Jeb Mugge is a medical, surgical and intensive care unit nurse at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Dillon Stane is a science teacher and assistant football coach at Tri-Center High School in Neola, Iowa.

Kelsey Strohbehn is working at Maxim Staffing Solutions in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Daniel Terry is a lab microbiologist at Vanguard Sciences in North Sioux City, S.D.

To nominate individuals for the M-Club Hall of Fame, go to www.morningside.edu. Under "Athletics," click on "M-Club Hall of Fame." We ask that all nominations be submitted through our online nomination form.



Photo courtesy of Dr. Bob Rasmus

Dr. Autumn (Bartel) Shobe 2009

ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO M-CLUB HALL OF FAME

By Dave Rebstock

The 2008-2009 women's basketball team won the NAIA Division II National Championship when it defeated GPAC rival Hastings 68-63 in the national title game to cap a perfect 38-0 season. The team is one of only three in history to win the NAIA II national title with an undefeated record.



Dani Gass 2009 is the only three-time first-team All-American and four-time first-team All-GPAC women's basketball player in school history. Gass was the 2006 GPAC Freshman of the Year and in 2008-2009 was named the 2009 GPAC Player of the Year and the NAIA Division II National Player of the Year after she helped lead the Mustangs to a national championship with a perfect 38-0 record. She graduated as the fourth-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder in Morningside history with 1,802 career points and 1,094 career rebounds. She is Morningside's all-time leader with 451 career steals and is second with 686 career assists.



Chris Johnson 2006 became the first men's soccer player to go into the M-Club Hall of Fame. Johnson was a three-time first-team All-GPAC performer, a two-time NAIA All-Region selection and a two-time NAIA honorable mention All-American. He is the all-time leading scorer in Morningside history with career totals of 62 goals, 36 assists and 160 points. Johnson led the Mustangs to a share of the GPAC championship as a junior. As a senior, he was named the GPAC and NAIA Region III Player of the Year.



Ken Stripling 1960 was a two-sport athlete in men's basketball and baseball. Stripling scored 912 points in his three seasons with the basketball team to make him the all-time leading scorer in Morningside history at the time of his graduation. He earned first-team All-North Central Conference (NCC) honors as a junior and senior. In baseball, Stripling was the ace pitcher for the 1960 team that won the NCC championship and is the only team in school history to compete in the NAIA Baseball World Series. He had a 5-0 record to lead the NCC in pitching victories.



Dan Travaille 1966 was a standout sprinter for Morningside's track & field team and was a four-time NCC champion. He set school records with times of 9.6 seconds in the 100-yard dash and 21.4 seconds in the 220-yard dash. Travaille was the 1964 and 1965 NCC outdoor champion in the 100-yard dash, the 1965 NCC outdoor champion in the 220-yard dash, and the 1965 NCC indoor champion in the 60-yard dash.

Photos by Dr. Gene Knudsen 1971

Brandon Wegher was on campus this summer to host a football camp. Wegher joined Steve Ryan, head football coach, and numerous assistant coaches and players on the field with 93 campers ranging from 6 to 14 years old. All of them went through drills and tried to learn from one of the best to play in Sioux City. Wegher was a running back for the Carolina Panthers and was on the sideline for Super Bowl 50.

2016

Martin Abbott is working in Sioux City with the startup company TeamKnect. He's working on developing a team communication app for athletic programs.

Kara Bentz is the assistant director of youth and young adult ministry for the Diocese of Sioux City.

Brock Giles is a math teacher, head girls' basketball coach and head girls' cross country coach at Avery High School in Avery, Texas.

MaryLee Hamilton is an adoption coordinator for Adopt Connect, an adoption facility in North Sioux City, S.D.



Brianna Harding is a junior designer at Bailey Lauerman in Omaha, Neb.

Anthony "Tony" Heimer is an associate programmer analyst at Hormel Foods in Austin, Minn. He currently lives in his hometown of St. Ansgar, Iowa.



Taylor Holmes is a community liaison director at Countryside Health Care Center in Sioux City.

Nicole Loe is an intern at the Sioux City Farmers Market.



Micah Neary is an eighth-grade science teacher at Carroll Middle School in Carroll, Iowa.

Trevor Pavlik works for Nelson Builders Inc. and is a real estate investor. He lives in Omaha, Neb.



Channing Pick is the entrepreneurship and innovation graduate fellow at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Elizabeth Ross is a transitional kindergarten through sixth-grade vocal music teacher at Gehlen Catholic School in Le Mars, Iowa, and a fifth- through eighth-grade instrumental music instructor at Spalding Catholic School in Granville, Iowa.

Jackson Steinberg is a deputy sheriff for the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office in Osage, Iowa.

Alex Struck is a high school English teacher at Lone Tree High School in Lone Tree, Iowa. Struck is also the new assistant varsity girls' basketball coach.

In Loving Memory

1930

Gladys (Blair) Ludens, Morrison, Ill., died March 12, 2016.

1934

Dorothy Baxter, New York, N.Y., died March 26, 2016.

1939

Nadine (Lindquist) Flinders, San Antonio, Texas, died March 30, 2016.

1940

Alice (Hanson) Hemphill, Odebolt, Iowa, died April 18, 2016.

1941

Arthur Clayton, Tulsa, Okla., died Sept. 12, 2015.

June (Hammerstrom)

Harrison, Wayzata, Minn., died July 1, 2014.

1942

Marjorie (Salsbury) Allbright, Colorado Springs, Colo., died May 20, 2016.

Geraldine (Booth) Brown,

Sioux City, died May 10, 2016.

Homer Garretson, Dunkirk, N.Y., died March 21, 2012.

Robert Hempstead,
Springfield, Ohio, died
March 10, 2014.

1943

Dr. Warren Jurgensen,
Fort Worth, Texas, died
Oct. 2, 2015.

1944

**Gloria (Odegard)
Garretson**, Dunkirk, N.Y.,
died Aug. 9, 2015.

1945

Dr. Warren Moore,
Brighton, Mich., died
Sept. 3, 2015.

1946

**Barbara (Moorhead)
Kladstrup Hostetler**, Bella
Vista, Ark., died
June 18, 2016.

Robert "Bob" Simon,
Dolliver, Iowa, died
Nov. 16, 2013.

1947

Evelyn (Kuhlman) Fisher,
St. Paul, Minn., died
April 10, 2016.

The Rev. Paul Zeman Sr.,
Dixon, Ill., died Dec. 2, 2015.

1948

Irene (Lynn) Bolton, Elk
River, Minn., died
March 21, 2016.

**Marian (Hempstead)
Forward**, Colorado Springs,
Colo., died Aug. 23, 2014.

**Eleanor (Walter)
Rowenhorst**, Sheldon,
Iowa, died April 17, 2016.

1949

H. Milo "Mike" Hall Jr.,
Spirit Lake, Iowa, died
May 15, 2016.

Eileen Henry, Caldwell,
Idaho, died April 5, 2016.

Dale Hiedeman, Tallahassee,
Fla., died Jan. 6, 2016.

Madelyn (Schweizer) Krug,
Glendora, Calif., died
April 24, 2016.

Arthur "Bill" Nystrom,
Milford, Iowa, died May 15,
2016.

1950

Dick Sellon, Rogers, Ark.,
died Aug. 26, 2013.

Robert Werkmeister,
Sioux City, died
April 11, 2016.

1951

Robert Barks, Urbandale,
Iowa, died April 12, 2016.

Carol (Hebeler) Miller,
Dallas, Texas, died April 5, 2016.

**Margaret (Marksbury)
Hilts**, Dallas, Ore., died
March 29, 2016.

Charles Mahaffey, Peoria,
Ariz., died Aug. 23, 2016.

Donald Pilgrim, Decorah,
Iowa, died Feb. 23, 2016.

1952

Goldie (Walbran) Culver,
St. Paul, Minn., died
July 15, 2014.

Gerald Curry, South Sioux
City, Neb., died July 25, 2016.

Edward Renfro, Goodyear,
Ariz., died April 15, 2016.

1953

Robert Culbertson,
Lewiston, Idaho, died
Dec. 3, 2015.

Gordon Ohm, Arnolds Park,
Iowa, died July 10, 2016.

Yvonne (Yanney) Pape,
Sioux City, died March 27,
2016.

Albert Scott, Roswell, N.M.,
died March 5, 2012.

1955

Edwin Brunsting,
Charles City, Iowa, died
May 31, 2016.

Duane Deane, Sioux City,
died June 23, 2016.

1956

Ray Foster, Long Beach,
Calif., died May 17, 2012.

**Emmajean (Paulson)
Zeising**, Litchfield Park, Ariz.,
died April 19, 2012.

1958

**Dorothy (Rohde)
Andersen**, Hubbard, Neb.,
died June 22, 2016.

David Goodrich, Johnston,
Iowa, died May 5, 2016.

Lorna (Arneson) Zellmer,
Sioux City, died July 17, 2016.
She began her career in the
college's alumni office and
later served as secretary in the
nursing department, retiring
in 1998. She received the
Order of Morningside in 2003.

1959

Robert Molstad, Sioux City,
died June 25, 2016.

1960

Jack Douma, Enid, Okla.,
died April 26, 2016.

Stanley Heikens, Lake Park,
Iowa, died March 1, 2016.

1962

Ronald Bourret, Lake Mary,
Fla., died April 25, 2016.

Dr. Gary Hargroves, Fridley,
Minn., died July 4, 2016.

Roger Soukup, The Villages,
Fla., died March 13, 2016.

1964

Judith (Wood) Wilcox, Rapid City, S.D., died June 20, 2016.

1965

Sharon (Nelson) Friedrich, Rock Valley, Iowa, died May 8, 2016.

Gary King, Firestone, Colo., died June 21, 2016.

John Simonsen, Quimby, Iowa, died Feb. 29, 2016.

Carol (Jans) Weidauer, Le Mars, Iowa, died May 19, 2016.

Darrell Young, Sioux City, died June 21, 2016.

1966

The Rev. David Pacholke, Dubuque, Iowa, died April 27, 2016.

Clair Ross, Plano, Texas, died Nov. 14, 2012.

1967

Kenneth Seiling Jr., Des Moines, Iowa, died May 20, 2016.

Barbara Wilson, Lawton, Iowa, died Dec. 27, 2008.

1968

The Rev. Daniel Davis Sr., Lincoln, Neb., died May 12, 2016.

Phillip Murphy, Wichita, Kan., died March 16, 2016.

1969

Lorna (Bodum) Mount, Kaneohe, Hawaii, died March 20, 2016.

Nancy (Field) Oudheusden, Blair, Neb., died March 29, 2016.

1970

Sandra (Pencook) McGrew, Blaine, Minn., died April 16, 2016.

1971

Lily (Dragoo) Kerns, Marionville, Mo., died Oct. 31, 2015.

1972

Mary (Mack) Martin, Fountain, Colo., died Aug. 8, 2016.

Tim O'Clair, Redmond, Ore., died March 9, 2016.

Linda (Lang) Watt, Prescott, Ariz., died June 29, 2016.

1974

Keith Kopperud, Alexandria, Minn., died Feb. 26, 2016.

Glenn Schechter, Dover, Fla., died May 4, 2016.

Dr. Anthony Sciorrotta, Johnston, Iowa, died March 20, 2016.

1975

Katherine Collins, Spencer, Iowa, died June 7, 2012.

1976

Marian Cripps, De Witt, Iowa, died Feb. 23, 2016.

1978

Vernon Parmelee, Le Mars, Iowa, died June 29, 2016.

1980

Donna (Hilligoss) Wynn, Sioux City, died Aug. 29, 2016.

1985

Lisa (Erwin) Andersen, Lincoln, Neb., died April 5, 2016.

1989

Dorothy (Park) Knee, Kansas City, Kan., died Nov. 18, 2015.

1990

Gregory Schneiders, Loveland, Colo., died Feb. 2, 2016.

1991

Charles Saunsoci, Macy, Neb., died May 29, 2006.

1996

Caroline (Camposano) Donaway, Sioux City, died June 21, 2016.

1997

Sharon (Speulda) Goodwin, Sioux City, died April 8, 2016.

1998

Carrie Dee Burris, Ontario, Calif., died June 24, 2016.

Remembering Cherished Friends

Dr. Alan Arnold, Sioux City, died March 11, 2016. Arnold was an associate professor of music at Morningside in the 1980s. He directed the jazz ensemble and the brass ensemble and taught applied low brass.

Byron Brower, Punta Gorda, Fla., died Feb. 29, 2016. He and his wife, Muriel, took great interest in Morningside College students from Zimbabwe and gave them a lot of support over the years.

Dr. David Marker, Holden, Mass., died May 1, 2016. He served as interim president of Morningside College before President John Reynders came to Morningside.

Future Morningsiders



1997

Brian Clarke and his wife, Dr. Angela Clarke, Long Grove, Ill., a daughter, Angelyse Mei, Nov. 29, 2014.

2003

Jennica (Jackes) Corporon and her husband, Ayrton, Dakota Dunes, S.D., a son, Maxwell J., Jan. 23, 2016.



2007

Dr. Jennifer Nelson and her husband, Matthew, Roanoke, Va., a daughter, Cora Arlene, Nov. 5, 2015.

Matt and Annie (Cory) Stachowitz 2006, Dakota Dunes, S.D., a son, Latham Lane, March 3, 2016.

2008

Jacob Stevenson and his wife, Jessica, North Sioux City, S.D., a daughter, Anna, June 5, 2015.

Jordan and Megan (Tuttle) Wall, Eagan, Minn., a daughter, Harper Ann, Feb. 20, 2016.

2009

Brandon and Rachel (Lenhardt) Morehead 2007, Council Bluffs, Iowa, a son, Reid, Dec. 26, 2015.

2011

Terence and Whitney (Postma) Hancock 2012, Des Moines, Iowa, a son, Benjamin Samuel, April 8, 2016.

Kane and Mandi (Poss) Kuehl 2008, North Sioux City, S.D., a daughter, Milly Marie, June 3, 2016.

2012

Clint Jacobi and Allison Wright, Osmond, Neb., a son, Burke, March 10, 2015.

Newlyweds

1991

Connie Sensanbaugh and Ronald Stearns, June 25, 2016, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sioux City. At home in Fairfield, Iowa.

ALUMNI OFFICE UPDATE

By Shiran Nathaniel, Director of Alumni Relations



Homecoming 2016 was a tremendous success. As I was in the midst of all the activities of the weekend, it was very refreshing and fulfilling to see alumni and friends having fun, sharing stories, building new memories and having a great time being back on campus. A very big thank you goes out to all the people who helped make the weekend a great success, and a special thank you to all of you who came back, from near and far, to celebrate with us.

Morningside College is, and always has been, a very special place. Whether you graduated 60 years ago and were a Maroon, or graduated last year and are a Mustang, Morningside will always be a part of who you are. I am starting my 11th year at Morningside, and I feel the same sense of nostalgia, affection and association with this great institution. The people at Morningside make the difference. The students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends all contribute to the overall success of this institution

and make a positive impact on society across the globe.

As we continue to enhance our alumni relations program at Morningside, we need your help. We want to make sure that we have accurate contact information for you, so please go online to morningside.edu/alumni and click on "Update Contact Information." In the past year, with the assistance of the alumni board, we have been working on getting students more connected to alumni. There are numerous benefits for our current students in building those relationships. If you would be interested in mentoring or advising our current students, please let me know.

As we enter the holiday season, I am thankful for each and every one of you who have in some way helped make Morningside College what it is today. We could not do it without your support.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

1994

Jodi Mollet and Travis Mercural, June 4, 2016, Chateau de Plante, Hinton, Iowa. At home in Sioux City.



2003

Jesus Pena and Melissa Stidfole 2008, July 16, 2016, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2007

Jaclyn Buttermore and Jacob Braa, July 16, 2016, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Garretson, S.D.

Dalton Meyers and Ashley Simmons, March 14, 2015, Van Buren, Ark. At home in Van Buren.

2010

Kyle Holdsworth and Elen O'Brien, July 30, 2016, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sioux City. At home in Big Lake, Minn.

Michael Stabile and Stephanie Baker, Aug. 22, 2015, St. Michael Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2011

Kristi Amstutz and Ron Kurtz, June 4, 2016. At home in Pleasant Hill, Iowa.

Emily Christen and Thomas McNeel, June 18, 2016, St. Anselm's Catholic Church, Anselmo, Neb. At home in Anselmo.

2012

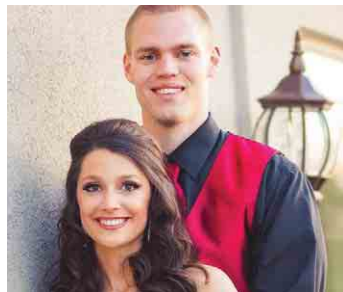
Dan Johnson and Abby Pingel, June 4, 2016, Spencer, Iowa. At home in Sioux City.

2013

Brittany Buren and Mitchell Blair, June 20, 2015, Vail Presbyterian Church, Vail, Iowa. At home in Huxley, Iowa.

Cory Maassen and Ashleigh Starr 2014, June 28, 2014, Avoca, Iowa. At home in Sioux City.

Stephanie Wibben and Dylan Reynolds, July 26, 2014, Rock Rapids, Iowa. At home in Sioux City.



2014

Abbey Baker and Brock Benson, May 21, 2016,

Fountains Ballroom, Glenwood, Iowa. At home in Omaha, Neb.

Cole Boger and Morgan VanDerSloot, July 8, 2016, Orange City, Iowa.

Scott Finke and Cameron Oakley, July 16, 2016, St. Michael's Church, Sioux City. At home in Omaha, Neb.

Kyle Gogel and Bailey Vonk 2015, Aug. 20, 2016, Terrace View Event Center, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

Shelby Mathiason and John Lindberg, May 29, 2016, Latham Park, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

Kayla Miller and Alex Vanderhoff, June 11, 2016, Fonda, Iowa. At home in Royal, Iowa.



Jacki Peters and Brett Newendorp, April 30, 2016. At home in Pella, Iowa.

2015

Alex Kurtenbach and Mariah Karlin, June 11, 2016, First United Methodist

Church, Columbus, Neb. At home in Omaha, Neb.

Stephanie Shever and Kristian Freed, July 2, 2016, Grace United Methodist Church, Sioux City. At home in Cherokee, Iowa.

Laura Tomjack and Joseph Olson, June 25, 2016, St. Patrick Catholic Church, O'Neill, Neb. At home in Ewing, Neb.

2016

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

Ethan Stofferan and Taylor White, June 18, 2016, Worthington, Minn. At home in North Sioux City, S.D.



Alex Struck and Megan Carlson, May 28, 2016. At home in Coralville, Iowa.

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