

# Morningsider

Summer 2016 College welcomes record number of international students to campus



The magazine has a new look! For the first time in eight years, we completed a redesign to celebrate the continued growth of the college.

The Morningsider has been around for more than 70 years. It started out as a newspaper and later evolved into a magazine. Even 20 years ago, it was still primarily a black-and-white publication.

The transformation of the magazine in recent years has been amazing. We have turned it into a modern publication that is visually appealing and reader friendly. With the redesign, we are redoubling our efforts. We also are expanding the most popular section of the magazine, the class notes.

It's easy to forget how far we've come. That is true for both the magazine and the college as a whole.

When we debuted the last Morningsider redesign, a transformation had taken place at the college. We had just turned the old parking lot at the center of campus into a park-like setting where students, faculty and staff could meet and interact. We had added a coffee shop to the library and made the dining hall look more like a restaurant than a college cafeteria. We had renovated athletic facilities and built a new softball complex and apartment-style residence halls.

Morningside was as strong as it ever had been. Now it is even stronger.

In the past eight years, we have constructed the first academic building on campus in 40 years and an advising center where full-time, professional advisers focus on meeting the needs of first-year students. We have completed a \$14 million renovation of Dimmitt Hall and renovated Eppley Auditorium.

Along with facilities improvements, we have strengthened academic and extracurricular programs. Morningside has added several new majors to meet the needs of students and employers in the area, as well as new sports and new music ensembles. We also have made improvements to our graduate education program, and it has grown by almost 60 percent as a result.

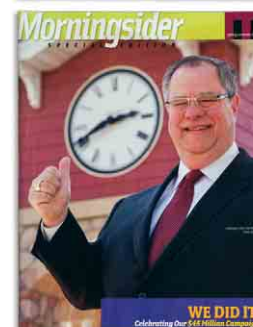
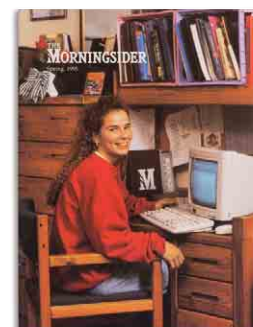
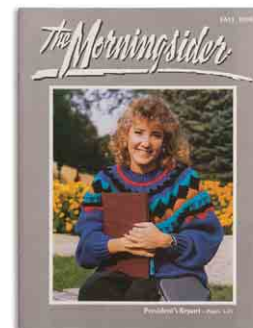
Much has been accomplished, and the college will continue to grow.

We want to do a better job of teaching students to use mathematical reasoning to solve real-world problems, so we are creating a new course that focuses on this topic. Starting in January, we will offer an online bachelor's degree completion program, and we recently received approval to offer a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

As the college grows, so should The Morningsider. We are excited about the changes, but also what remains the same. The magazine will continue to tell great stories about the college and our alumni. The college remains committed to a personalized, values-laden education that's anchored in the skills that the liberal arts teach so well.

I look forward to your feedback on the magazine. We hope you enjoy this issue!

  
John Reynders



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ON THE COVERS

Jessica Ormond (front) is a freshman from Antigua, and Joschua Schanda (back) is a freshman from Germany. This year there were 52 international students on campus representing 16 different countries. Check out the story on page 8. Photos by Doug Burg, Burg Studios.

*Students were able to live in Italy and take courses from Morningside professors this spring through the Morningside in Italy program.*



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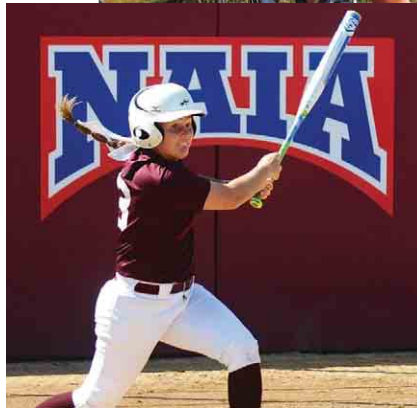
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the college.

## NOTABLE

### Graduate education program recognized

The website GoGrad.org named Morningside's graduate program in education one of the nation's best online master's in teaching programs. The website's "Top Online Master's in Teaching" list placed Morningside at number eight in a ranking of the nation's top 14 online graduate programs in teaching.

### College honored for role in special education

The Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa recognized Morningside for its leadership in teacher education in the field of learning disabilities. A change in the law meant the number of students qualifying for special education grew quickly. Morningside became a leader in the state, working in partnership with Area Education Agencies. This resulted in tremendous growth in certified special education teachers and consultants.

### Jazz Band places third at regional competition

The Morningside College Jazz Band competed in the Eau Claire Jazz Festival at the University of Wisconsin. The festival was in its 50th year, and it is the third largest jazz festival in the country. Morningside competed against 20 bands in its class from across the nation and received third place. The Morningside College Jazz Band is directed by Tony Hutchins.



## Morningside in Italy

Student Jaden Lux reports on the link between ancient and modern theatre during a class trip to the Greek theatre in Taormina, Sicily. Lux was one of 15 students to spend the spring semester taking courses from Morningside professors in Siracusa, Italy, as part of the Morningside in Italy program.



Eleanor Clift

### Famous journalists visit campus as scholars-in-residence

Eleanor Clift, a panelist on the syndicated talk show "The McLaughlin Group" and a correspondent for The Daily Beast, and Francis Cairncross, former editor of The Economist, each made weeklong visits to campus as part of the Council of Independent Colleges Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program. Their visits were funded by a grant from Humanities Iowa in honor of the centennial anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize.



Frances Cairncross

## Honorary Doctorates

**Michael L. Bennett**, president of Albaton Enterprises LLC in Sioux City, was honored for his service as a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors, involvement with numerous corporate and trade association boards and work on several Sioux City not-for-profit boards.

**John F. Bowitz**, a professor emeritus who taught art full time at Morningside for 36 years and served as chair of the art department for 20 years, was recognized for his long association with Morningside and his commitment to art and education.

**Yoshitaka Tanimoto**, president of Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata City, Osaka, Japan, was honored for his leadership at Kansai Gaidai University and his efforts to build on the university's international student exchange programs with Morningside College and more than 380 other universities and colleges in 54 countries.

**Glenna (Erickson) Tevis 1970**, a professor emerita who served as an education professor and later as director of graduate studies at Morningside, was recognized for her service to the college and her significant role in the growth of the college's graduate education program.



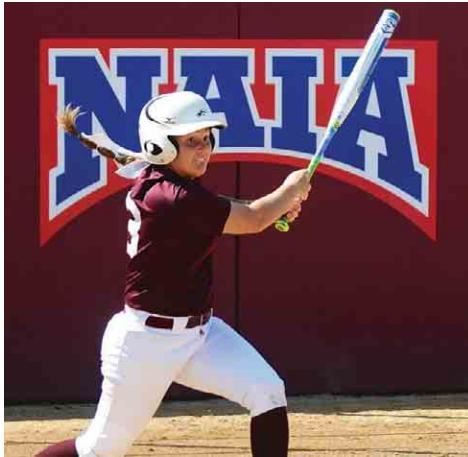
## College art and literary magazine receives award

The 2015 edition of Kiosk was one of six college magazines in the nation to receive a Gold Crown Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The association's highest award is given to college student magazines that demonstrate outstanding achievement in writing, editing, design and production. Kiosk includes fiction, nonfiction, poetry and artwork created by students, alumni or members of the Morningside College community. Students edit and design the publication. The 2015 edition featured Hannah Hecht 2015 as editor-in-chief.



## THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

The Betty Ling Tsang Fine Arts Series at Morningside College presented the comic musical "The Pirates of Penzance" in Eppley Auditorium. Nicholas Wuehrmann, an actor, singer and director from New York City, directed the production.



Rachel Koch was one of the top players for a Mustang team that advanced all the way to the NAIA Softball World Series. Photo by Dr. Gene Knudsen 1971.

## College hosts NAIA Softball World Series

The Mustangs were one of 10 teams from across the country that competed in the 2016 NAIA Softball World Series held May 27 to June 2 at Morningside's Elizabeth and Irving F. Jensen Softball Complex. The Mustangs won GPAC regular season and post-season tournament championships as well as the Morningside Bracket of the NAIA Softball National Championship Opening Round to advance to the NAIA World Series for the first time in school history. Morningside finished the season with a record of 47-10 to set a school record for victories. Aubrey Voboril was named the GPAC Pitcher of the Year and Jessica Jones-Sitzmann surpassed the 600-career victory mark during the season and was named the GPAC Coach of the Year.

## Morningside wins GPAC All-Sports Trophy

Morningside College won the 2015-16 Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) All-Sports Trophy to claim the coveted title for the fourth time in the last five years. The Mustangs won the all-sports trophy with 163.5 points, a 7.5-point margin over runner-up Concordia University. Morningside earned 85.5 points in women's sports and 78 points in men's sports. Points are awarded based on a school's finish in the regular season standings in each of the league's 19 sports. Morningside won regular season GPAC championships in women's basketball, football, softball and women's tennis. The Mustangs have won the GPAC All-Sports Trophy six times in the last 10 years.



## Women's golf team makes history

Morningside was the runner-up in the GPAC women's golf standings to qualify as a team for the NAIA Women's Golf National Championship tourney for the first time in school history. Todd Sapp was named the GPAC Coach of the Year after he guided the Mustangs to six tournament titles over the fall and spring campaigns with a lineup that consisted of five players with freshman eligibility.



Dr. Gene Knudsen 1971

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RUNS AWAY WITH GPAC TITLE

Jessica Tietz 2016 earned first-team NAIA All-America and first-team Academic All-America honors this season.



## BASEBALL TEAM HAS RECORD-BREAKING SEASON

Morningside had one of its most successful baseball seasons in school history when the Mustangs went 44-16 to set a school record for victories in a season. The Mustangs won the GPAC Tournament Championship to advance to the NAIA Baseball National Championship Opening Round for their first NAIA National Tournament appearance since 1960. The Mustangs featured an offensive attack that set numerous school records, including new single season marks for batting average (.333), home runs (68) and runs scored (472). Morningside scored 10 runs or more in 21 of its victories and was not shut out all season. Junior outfielder Jacob Lamoreux amassed a school-record 237 career hits with one season left to pad the total.

Cody Selig is a two-time first-team All-GPAC performer. Photo by Dr. Gene Knudsen 1971.

## Wrestler earns All-America honors

Steven Garcia capped an outstanding sophomore season when he earned All-America honors with a fourth-place finish in the 149 lb. division at the NAIA Wrestling National Championships in Topeka, Kan. Garcia finished the season with a record of 27-7.



Tim Tushla

## Tennis team rolls through GPAC

The Mustang women's tennis team wiped out its GPAC competition by outscoring the opposition 69-3 in league duals to win the GPAC crown with a perfect 8-0 record. All six players in the Mustang lineup were named to the All-GPAC team and Aileen Fuchs was named the GPAC Player of the Year. Larry Mason 1973 was named the GPAC Coach of the Year after he led the Mustangs to GPAC regular season and post-season tournament championships and their second NAIA National Tournament appearance in the last three years.



The women's basketball team won the conference championship by a five-game margin for the widest victory gap in the history of the league. Morningside posted a 33-3 record and was ranked No. 1 in the nation in NAIA Division II for much of the season. The Mustangs saw their hopes for a second consecutive NAIA II National Championship dashed by Marian University in the NAIA II National Tournament Quarterfinals, where they suffered a 76-69 loss against the eventual national champions. Jamie Sale was named the GPAC Coach of the Year and Jessica Tietz 2016 was named an NAIA II First-Team All-American and became the first women's basketball player in Morningside history to be named a First-Team Academic All-American.

# The World at Our Doorstep

Morningside welcomes record number of  
new international students

By Amanda Girres, student intern

*Katsuhisa Yokoyama of Japan*



When Jesseca Ormond left behind the blue skies and beautiful beaches of the Caribbean to study at Morningside College last fall, she had no idea what to expect.

“You need an entire guidebook if you’re moving to Iowa,” said Ormond, a resident of the island of Antigua. “Living in a place that snows is a lot. I was so excited the first day and the first week. And then it kept falling, and it kept falling.”

But there must be something special about Morningside College. This year the number of international students on campus was more than ever before. The college was home to a total of 52 students representing 16 different countries.

This record-breaking number is largely due to the 31 new international students Morningside welcomed last fall. Usually in the fall, there are less than 10 new students.

“We were head over heels,” said Mary Krejci, designated school official for international students at Morningside.

Despite being so far from their families, international students have no problem making themselves at home on campus, becoming active members of sports teams, clubs and organizations. Of the 52 students, 31 are members of an athletic team, eight are involved in music and 14 were recently initiated into the first-year honor societies.

In just two semesters, freshman Ormond has shown little hesitation in becoming involved in such activities.

“I’m really introverted, but I like communicating with people so I’ll put myself out there,” she said.

In addition to being the vice president of the International Student Association, she was also involved in Morningside College Student Government, SHADES (Students Helping Achieve Diversity and Equality Socially), Photo Club and the campus radio station, KMSC.

“What I really enjoy is being a DJ. on the radio station,” Ormond said. “I think that’s super cool because I get to control what somebody listens to for an hour.”

International students are certainly making the most of their time on campus, but this experience benefits others as well. Local students, faculty and staff believe that international students bring an invaluable and unique cultural experience to campus, adding to the firsthand educational opportunities at Morningside.

“What an experience in the classroom that you’re not going to get everywhere,” said Terri Curry, vice president for student life and enrollment. “I don’t think there’s anything better for a campus community than



to have globalization right on your campus.”

The friendly, close-knit environment of Morningside College provides fertile ground for international friendships to blossom. Although they are so far from home, many international students feel as if they have a family at Morningside.

While sharing his adventure at Morningside College, Katsuhisa Yokoyama 2016 of Japan recalled his experience going home with a local friend.

“I visited my friend from the swim team,” Yokoyama said. “He is from Nebraska. After the visit, I better understood American culture. Families here are very close, and everyone is so friendly.”

Yokoyama noted that he never would have had this opportunity at his previous school, a university of 50,000 students in Japan.

“In a huge Japanese university, I could make many friends, but I wouldn’t get to visit their families,” he said. “The friendships would be short term. Morningside is kind of small, but we can know each other more deeply.”

Ashley Stagner of Columbus Junction, Iowa, roomed with another international student from Japan. She believes local students gain a lot from their friendships with international students.

“They bring the benefit of a new culture,” Stagner said. “A lot of people are from small towns. You don’t really get the opportunity to experience a lot of culture, so any time you get that opportunity, it’s phenomenal.”

Faculty and staff have also taken an interest in building relationships with the international students, inviting them into their offices on numerous occasions to make them feel more at home.

“If I were their mom, I would hope someone would be there to answer their questions, say stop in, and really mean it,” said Curry.

In fact, the friendliness of the students, faculty and staff is one of the things that Ormond loves the most about Morningside College.

“I really enjoy and I really appreciate the fact that they’re so welcoming,” she said. “I know that they’re crazy busy, but they’re willing to listen and encourage you to drop by and say hi. It just makes you feel like you have a family, and that’s why I really love Morningside.”

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*Madara Bruvere of Latvia*



By Dr. Ross Fuglsang  
Associate Professor of  
Mass Communication

Being a newspaper editor isn't the most stable of careers in the Internet age, but Andy McGinn 1999 is breathing new life into The Jefferson Herald, his hometown newspaper.

The Morningside alum returned to Iowa in December 2013 to take over as editor of the community newspaper. Each week he delivers to his readers a "big picture window on the county."

"Ninety-eight percent of the people love it. It's exciting," McGinn said. "One week it's going to be a story about a POW and the next week it's going to be about an ultimate fighter. They don't know week-to-week what we're doing. Sometimes I don't know week-to-week what I'm doing."

The strategy is working. Since McGinn took charge, the Herald has earned nine Iowa Newspaper Association awards for writing, design and community service. During a Leap Year Sale on Feb. 29, they signed up 94 new subscriptions. Not bad for a town of 4,500 people.

"By small-town weekly standards, I think we're doing things you wouldn't expect," McGinn said. "I'm playing to my own strengths. If you ever wondered what would happen if one of the feature guys got hold of a whole newspaper, this is it."

McGinn credits the Herald's recent success to the newspaper's owners, Ann Wilson and Doug Burns, who



# Difference maker

*Grad comes home to re-create  
his hometown newspaper*

bought it in 2012 and gave it a facelift.

"They're trying to bring it into the modern era. The paper very much looked like it had in the '50s. Like 20 things on the front page. You expected one of them to be 'Horse thief caught; Lynching tonight,'" he said.

Now there are just two or three stories on the front page. The people of Jefferson and Greene County are front and center in brightly-written articles with large color photos. The newspaper is actually fun.



*Andy McGinn 1999 left his job at a daily newspaper to become a one-man news staff at the weekly newspaper in his hometown of Jefferson, Iowa. "If you ever wondered what would happen if one of the feature guys got hold of a whole newspaper, this is it," he said. Photo by Jeff Storjohann, Herald Publishing.*

"We have a pretty good mix of hard news and human interest. Generally, the visual lead will be a human interest story," Andy explained. "You have to have hard news or people don't feel like they're getting their money's worth. Hard news is like the vegetables on the plate if you're a meat eater."

McGinn adds, with no apology, that in the time he has been at the newspaper, he has not been to a single school board meeting. The Herald prints minutes of

city council and county supervisor meetings, and he'll attend if the agendas suggest something important will be discussed.

"I'm a one-man news staff," he said. "Do we want to just go to city council, board of supervisors, school board... or do we want to try something new, something different and have stories about people? I've found that people like reading about people, and they don't necessarily like reading about things. If they

## Rubbing elbows with the famous

Andy McGinn 1999 returned to Iowa in December 2013 to take over as editor of his hometown newspaper, The Jefferson Herald.

Before returning, however, he was an entertainment writer for the Springfield News-Sun in Ohio. For 14 years he shared his gift of gab with a who's who of celebrities. Some famous, some not.

"Some of my all-time favorite subjects in Springfield were unheralded local guys who had brushes with fame themselves," McGinn says. "Like the country singer from the '50s who had a voice like Hank Williams but whose career was doomed by the fact that he was in a wheelchair from polio. By the time I arrived in Springfield, he was a regular on the local karaoke circuit."

Another favorite was Joe "Jody" Parsley. The 84-year-old walked into the News-Sun offices claiming to have invented rap music. McGinn was the only person who listened to his story, which was picked up by a number of national media outlets.

"USA Today actually reached out to me in 2008 because they needed someone in that part of the country to cover the opening night of a Reba McEntire/Kelly Clarkson joint tour in Dayton, Ohio. Imagine my surprise when I opened up that email. Here's USA Today asking me to essentially review a concert for them... on deadline. Naturally, I jumped at the chance.

"They set me up in a skybox at the arena and I pounded out a piece for them. That assignment turned into me writing a series of short features as part of USA Today's ongoing coverage of 'American Idol' in which I did update stories on previous seasons' finalists. They were all featured in a special commemorative magazine, but they also ran the stories over the course of like 10 or 11 weeks in the paper."

did, more people would be at your average city council meeting."

### Education and Preparation

McGinn hasn't changed much from his days at Morningside. Red hair. Elfin face. Giddy laugh. As entertainment editor for The Collegian Reporter, he cultivated a wry, witty and generally unconventional writing style that is still evident in his Herald reporting.

The student who once took the Eppley Auditorium stage in chaps and red underwear is more serious as an adult. He's married, a father, and as a newspaper editor, a community leader.

His strategy for making the Herald relevant for Greene County readers was developed over years of working for a large metro daily newspaper in Ohio.

"Working for a daily, you could see what was possible, and there's no

reason we can't replicate that on a small-town scale," he said. "I mean, why do small-town papers have to have crappy design, for lack of a better word? If I go to the hospital here in Jefferson, I want the best care possible. I don't want crap care because it's a small town."

After graduating from Morningside, McGinn accepted a page designer job with The Fort Dodge Messenger. Within six



Andy McGinn 1999 takes photos of Greene County farmer and steam tractor expert Nick Foster. McGinn describes the move back to Jefferson, Iowa, as "equal parts surreal and rewarding." Photo by Dr. Ross Fuglsang.

months, he realized "putting together an international news brief package for the Thursday paper was not exciting me. I realized I really wanted to write full time."

He and his wife, Amy (Divis) 1999, packed up and moved to Springfield, Ohio. His position as an entertainment writer for the Springfield News-Sun turned out to be the perfect gig.

In his 14 years at the News-Sun, McGinn exploited a unique writing style, a love of pop culture, and the opportunity to have fun doing his job. He interviewed a who's who of celebrities for both the News-Sun and USA Today, and wrote a weekly column, "McGinn Again."

And he may just be kidding when he refers to himself as "the D.W. Griffith of newspapers," but in 2007 he was named Best Videographer by the Ohio Newspaper Association.

A highlight of the News-Sun years was a trip to Los Angeles in 2005 to cover the Grammy Awards and Springfield native John Legend.

"I was writing stories about John Legend before he even got a record deal. I just had a sense something big was going to happen," McGinn explained. Legend received eight nominations, and the newspaper sent Andy and a photographer to L.A. for nearly a week.

"We got to hang out with him and his family. We were in his hotel room when he was getting ready," McGinn says, a bit of wonder still in his voice. "Access Hollywood came and did a shoot with him. We sat and watched as his brother gave him a haircut. Then it's like, 'Excuse me, I have to take a shower now.' That kind of story opportunity.... To come right out of Iowa and do that kind of stuff was incredible."

## Coming Home

Those good times and the ability to have fun writing came less and less often, however, as the News-Sun cut staff, consolidated its newsroom with other newspapers and de-emphasized features and entertainment. McGinn found himself on the news beat, eventually covering the military beat and drone warfare.

"I went from all that to writing about drone warfare. It was quite the change, but in retrospect, my time

writing about the military and veterans made me a much more well-rounded writer, and some of my favorite stories so far in Jefferson have been about local veterans," he explained.

Though it felt like time to leave the News-Sun, McGinn nearly passed on the Herald job. When his mom asked him if he'd be interested in being the Herald editor, his immediate response was, "Are you kidding me?" He had no interest in the newspaper he remembered. A day later he had his application in the mail.

"If the opening had come five years earlier, it would have been a solid no," he said. After some thought, he decided to look at the Herald's ad on journalismjobs.com. "By the last word, I was getting my portfolio ready. What clicked with me was 'come practice journalism free of corporate politics and structure.' I was on the floor drooling."

That same night he sent Doug Burns his portfolio; Burns called the next day to set up an interview. Burns was scheduled to attend a convention in Chicago so they met in the middle: Lafayette, Ind. Two hours later, Andy, Amy and their son, Henry, were moving back to Jefferson.

Looking back, Andy calls the News-Sun a 14-year training ground for his position at the Herald. "I got my education at Morningside, but with newspapers, you have to just start doing it. You have to be immersed in that culture."

McGinn describes the move back to Jefferson as "equal parts surreal and rewarding." The reward for McGinn has been to reconnect with his hometown and the people of Greene County. The reward for Herald subscribers is an attractive, modern newspaper.

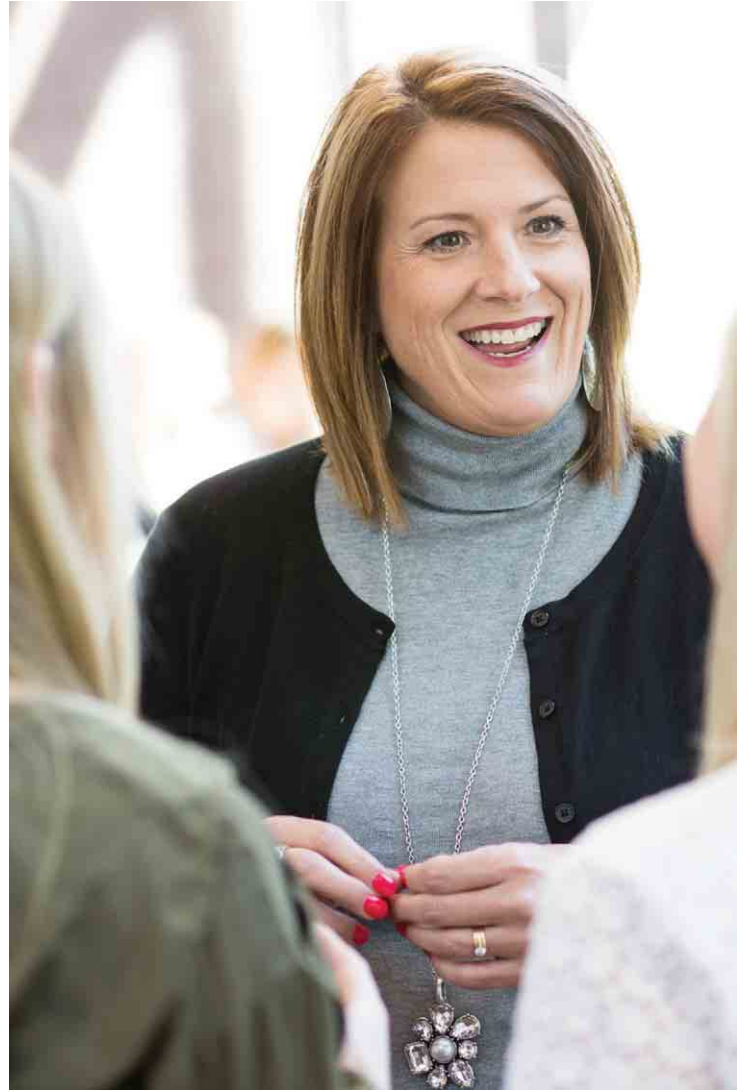


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# Walker Faculty Excellence Awards

Outside evaluators  
selected the recipients.

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



**Susie Lubbers** is an assistant professor of education who has been on the faculty since 2006. Award evaluators said much of her work is invisible to the community as a whole, yet it is important in shaping Morningside and its students. Teaching is clearly a strength. In the classroom, she creates an environment that is challenging, responsive to student needs and relevant to their future careers. She embraces new technologies and pedagogies. She also models life-long learning and continuous growth as a professional.



**Dr. Jeremy Schnieder** is an assistant professor of writing and rhetoric who has been on the faculty since 2010. He has a passion for effective teaching methods that are creative, different and interactive. Even when assignment topics were “seemingly impossible,” students said he taught them how to take nothing and turn it into something spectacular. As a scholar, he is active both individually and through collaborative projects. This is his second Walker Faculty Excellence Award. He received his first award in 2011.



**Dr. Alden Stout** is an assistant professor of philosophy who has been on the faculty since 2011. Evaluators said he led one of the most lively and interesting classes they had ever seen. During the year, he gave two professional presentations and had two published articles. Three of the four papers connected to pedagogy, while the other explored a topic strongly connected to a recent Morningside class. When teaching creates opportunities for scholarship and scholarship connects back to the classroom, both faculty and students benefit.

Doug Burg, Burg Studios

## Thompson Staff Excellence Awards



**Barb (Schelp) Chambers** 1977, director of graduate education, has devoted her working life to education. Her commitment to the graduate education program led her to move recently into a key administrative role. She has accepted every challenge that has been thrown her way, and she is well-respected for her administrative skills.



**Stacie Hays**, career services, is committed to students. Her door is always open for conversation or advice. Coworkers are impressed with the energy she dedicates to every student. Her efforts to build community partnerships have been enormously successful and have benefited students and the college.



**Tom Maxon**, head coach for men's and women's soccer, has been described as having a heart of gold. He meets weekly with athletes to see how college is going. He says every student has a role on the team, and without them, the team is not strong. He understands the number one goal for his athletes is to be successful students.



**Adam Fullerton**, library services director, understands the important role technology plays in learning. He has used technology to virtually bring internationally known speakers to campus. Under his leadership, the learning center has continued its transformation into a warm and welcoming space for students.



**Jay Malin**, head groundskeeper, deserves much of the credit for the beautiful appearance of the Morningside College campus. In the spring and summer, visitors see beautiful lawns, thriving flower beds, and well-tended trees and bushes. In the winter, they notice sidewalks that are clear of snow.



**Amy (Gerdes) Williams** 1998, senior associate director of admissions, believes in the Morningside experience and all the positive opportunities the college has to offer students. Colleagues see her as a positive role model and mentor and notice she is constantly looking for ways to improve. Williams also was named staff employee of the year.

## Faculty Notes

**Gail Ament**, Ph.D., professor of Spanish, was elected president of the board of directors for Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, a nonprofit organization in Vermillion, S.D.

**Aaron Bunker**, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, presented at the American Physiological Society Experimental Biology conference in San Diego, Calif.

**Tim Case**, M.F.A., visiting faculty artist, received a Judy Award from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch for best scenic design for a musical.

**Shannon Claxton**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, co-authored a paper that appeared in the journal *Emerging Adulthood*, and presented at a Society of the Study of Emerging Adulthood conference in Miami, Fla.

**Marilyn Eastman**, Ed.D., associate professor of marketing, won a national teaching competition and presented at the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators conference in Oklahoma City, Okla.

**David Elder**, Ph.D., assistant professor of writing and rhetoric, started a podcast for teachers - available at [podcastreviewpodcast.com](http://podcastreviewpodcast.com) - and presented at the



Conference on Community Writing in Boulder, Colo.

**Greg P. Guelcher**, Ph.D., professor of history, was re-elected to serve as executive secretary of the Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs. He also judged a student paper competition and chaired a panel at the organization's annual meeting.

**Geoff Harkness**, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, received the 2015-2016 Midwest Sociological Society Distinguished Book Award for his book "Chicago Hustle and Flow: Gangs, Gangsta Rap, and Social Class." He co-authored a paper with a student that was presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting and published in the journal *Sociology Compass*. He also wrote a book review published in the journal *Studies on Asia*.

**John Helms**, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, chaired a session and presented a paper at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in San Francisco, Calif.

**Jean (Peters) Hickman** 1981, Ph.D., assistant professor of music education, gave two presentations at the Iowa Music Educators Conference at Iowa State University in Ames.

**Dharma Jairam**, Ph.D., assistant professor in the

graduate education program, was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Educational and Developmental Psychology*.

**Anthony Kern**, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of biology, had an article published in the journal *Agroforestry Systems*.

**Marty (Steele) Knepper** 1972, Ph.D., professor of English and chair of English and modern languages, presented a paper at the national Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association conference.

**Mary Kovarna**, Ed.D., professor and chair of nursing education, presented at the Iowa Nurses' Association Legislative Day in Des Moines.

**Brian McFarland**, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, presented research conducted with students at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in St. Joseph, Mo.

**Pam Mickelson**, Ed.D., professor and chair of business, presented and judged a teaching competition at the Marketing Management Association educators' conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and gave a presentation at the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators conference in Oklahoma City.

**Layana Navarre-Jackson**, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, was appointed to the Minority Scholars Committee of the Midwest Sociological Society.

**Joan Nielsen**, Ed. Spec., associate professor of education, and **LuAnn Haase**, Ed.D., associate professor and chair of education, presented at the Iowa Culture and Language Conference in Coralville.

**Heather Reid**, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, presented a paper to the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy at Fordham Lincoln Center in New York; gave an invited lecture at the McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and had two articles published in the book "The Olympic Idea Nowadays."

**Chris Spicer**, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, and two students had an article published in the *Mathematical Association of America's Math Horizons*.

**Alden Stout**, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, had an article published in the journal *Teaching Ethics*.

**Leslie Werden**, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of writing and rhetoric; **David Elder**, Ph.D., and **Jeremy Schnieder**, Ph.D., assistant professors of writing and

rhetoric; **Alden Stout**, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy; and **Jessica Tinklenberg**, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies, presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Houston.

## Staff Notes

**Dr. William Deeds**, provost, gave three presentations at the Council of Independent Colleges Institute for Chief Academic Officers and Chief Advancement Officers in Baltimore.

**Stacie Hays**, career services, is president of the Iowa College Recruiting Network, a cooperative recruiting service that connects employers with students at Iowa's private colleges.

## New Appointments



**Shiran Nathaniel**, director of alumni relations, will build and enhance ties with alumni living in all 50 states and 165 foreign countries. He managed food services at Morningside through Sodexo before becoming a college employee in 2013.

## Retirements



**Pam Anderson** retired in December. She had served as the administrative assistant for the business department since 2004, supporting both faculty and students. She was always ready to share a smile and made time for everyone that came to Lincoln Center.

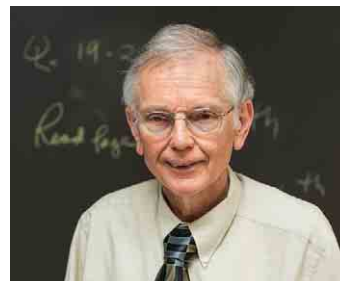


George Lindblade

**Gail Dooley, D.M.**, is retiring in January. She has been a professor of vocal music at Morningside since 1995. A colleague described her as a master teacher and said she is

one of the most intelligent, dedicated and professional educators with whom he has ever worked. "I routinely marvel at the improvements made by students in her studio," he said. "They are challenged, empowered and sing with increased technique and sensitivity." Many of Dooley's students have been finalists in the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition. She also has performed extensively herself, both classical recitals and performances of Appalachian folk songs. She has served as chair of the music department, senator and president of the faculty senate at critical points in the history of the college, a valuable member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and a member of significant search committees and task forces. "Intellect and ability are pale and ineffective without the passion and courage to make hard choices and to ethically stand for your convictions," her colleague said. "Dr. Dooley displayed all of these traits and more to the

great benefit of the college and our students." Dooley and her spouse, Linda Wideman 2012, are moving to Chattanooga, Tenn., to be closer to family. They look forward to lots of camping and kayaking in the Smoky Mountains.



**Jim Hopkins, CPA**, retired in May as a full-time professor. He joined the business department in 1986 and has become synonymous with the teaching of accounting at Morningside. He also is known for going out of his way to help colleagues. "Jim Hopkins loves helping others - offering tips on tax preparation, dates when taxes are due and insights into the tax system," a colleague said. "And he prepares students for the industry - they learn by

doing." While at Morningside, Hopkins wrote a chapter published in "Lexis Guide to Family Tax Matters" and wrote articles that appeared in journals published by the National Association of Tax Professionals, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the New York Society of CPAs. The articles published in CPA Journal and Tax Adviser were co-authored with Morningside students. Over the years, Hopkins has been an important member of the college's Finance and Facilities Committee. He also has served on the board of directors for the Taxpayers Research Council, a group that monitors spending and activities of local taxing entities. Before coming to Morningside, Hopkins worked seven years in public accounting and six years in private industry in the Sioux City area. He and his wife, Cheryl, plan on staying in Sioux City. He plans to teach one class in the fall semester and enjoy retirement.

## HONORS

### Wert Award

Dr. James J. March, professor of music, was judged by his peers to best exemplify the ideals of the teaching profession.

### ODK Awards

#### Faculty Person of the Year

Dr. Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972, professor of English and chair of English and modern languages

#### First-Year Teaching/Advising Award

Dave Madsen, assistant professor & chair of mass communication

### Staff Member of the Year

Sheri Hineman, assistant director of residence life

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

Dr. Geoff Harkness for Introduction to Sociology  
 Dr. Marty Knepper for Classical Mythology & Literature  
 Dr. Jessica LaPaglia for Experimental Psychology  
 The Business Department for department-wide efforts

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 Derek '09 & Tarah '09 Nolan  
 Cameron C. Oakley '14  
 Daniel T. Place '10  
 Andrew A. Poeckes '14  
 Kevin J. Pottebaum '11  
 Crystal A. Quibell '07  
 Sean Richardson '13  
 Gerald R. Robbins Jr. '13  
 Reid T. Rosen '13  
 Staci D. Rourke '06  
 Dr. Holly A. Schenzel '05  
 Breanna M. Schwartz '13  
 Nathan E. Schwartz '11  
 Robert C. Schwarz '14  
 Matthew '07 & Annie '06 Stachowitz  
 Judith Stanton '13  
 Evan D. Swan '11  
 J. William Swanson '09  
 Chuck Szitas '13  
 Garrett R. Thomas '16  
 Jenny '11 & Chris Thomas  
 Noah D. Towns '16  
 Sandra Van Drie-Yockey '12  
 Nicholas '09 & Kari '07 Vamer  
 Spencer B. Walker '13  
 Leah A. Winter '08  
 Samantha J. Wenger '08  
 Jessica M. Yosten '11

\*deceased 2015-2016

New members designated in italics.

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## 1936

**Edythe (Kunkle) Cavanaugh**

(center) celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 8, 2015.

Cavanaugh was born in Lead, S.D. In 1930 or so, her family moved to Rinard, Iowa, in Calhoun County, where she graduated from high school in May 1934. She then attended Morningside College, where she completed a two-year certificate for elementary education. From 1936 until 1943, she taught elementary school in Lohrville, Iowa. In 1941, she married Clem Cavanaugh, a farmer from the Lohrville area, shortly before he began military service as a pilot with the Army Air Corps. After the war, they returned to the family farm near Lohrville, where they raised four children and were active in many church and community activities. Soon after her youngest child graduated from college in 1975, Cavanaugh joined the staff of Iowa Central Community College, facilitating G.E.D. (General Educational Development) completion for adults in the area. She worked in that capacity for nearly 20 years, retiring in 1995 at the age of 80. In 2013, at the age of 98,



she moved from the farmstead to an independent living community in the Denver, Colo., area, where a son and a daughter live.

## 1948

**William Seibert** is enjoying retirement from teaching and is staying busy with his family. Seibert has two sons, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



## 1952

**Dr. Eleanor Ann (Mohr) Struthers** presented a paper at the North American Review's Bicentennial Creative Writing & Literature Conference at the University of Northern Iowa in June 2015. She also participated in a panel on Walt Whitman at the Iowa City Book Festival in the fall of 2015. Struthers continues to have her work published. Most recently, she had four poems appear in *Zymbol* magazine in Dublin, Ireland.



**Earl 1916 and Mabel (Irwin) Burgess 1915** (above) started a family tradition, and now four generations in their family have attended Morningside College. They were featured in the November/December 2015 edition of the *United Methodist Interpreter*. Their children, **Roger Burgess 1950** and **Muriel (Burgess) Nelson 1951**, attended Morningside, as did their grandchildren **Steve Nelson 1973**, **Nancy (Nelson) DeMeyer 1976**, **Jon Nelson 1978** and **Jim Nelson 1980** and their great-grandchild **Kara (Nelson) Nitz 2011**. Other Morningside graduates in the family are Jim's wife, **Sue (Iler) Nelson 1981**, and Kara's husband, **J.J. Nitz 2012**. Muriel served on the Morningside College Board of Directors from 1991 to 1993.

1953

**Robert Bates** is a volunteer at Inova Hospital and St. Martin's Senior Center, both in Alexandria, Va.

**Ruth (Wilson) Hickman** recently published her book "A Daily Teaching Devotional



from God's Word." The book is a teaching devotional that covers 365 redemptive chapters in the Bible, along with the opportunity to journal one's thoughts. It is available in stores and online at Amazon, eBooks and Hickman's website, [www.abundantword.org](http://www.abundantword.org). Hickman has been teaching Bible studies for 35 years. She and her husband, Chuck, founded Abundant Word Ministries in 1980, a Bible-teaching ministry committed to offering in-depth understanding and application of God's word. Through her ministry, Hickman has traveled all over the United States and Canada, and she has led groups to Israel. She was a guest on the Trinity Broadcasting Network and the television program "It's a New Day." Hickman also taught a weekly radio series and has a video and audio study series available on a wide variety of topics.

## A NOTABLE LIFE Grad reflects on career in music

By Laura L. Florio

There is music in the soul of **Dr. Tyrone Greive 1965**. He saw a violin demonstration at age 9, came home and declared he wanted to play the violin. "Music is like a religion," he said with a laugh. "You convert one person at a time."

By his senior year in high school, Greive was playing with the Sioux City Symphony. He received a music scholarship to attend Morningside, where he continued to play for the symphony and other groups.

After his junior year at Morningside, Greive was named concertmaster for Ohio's Lakeside Summer Symphony. His talent and hard work caught the eye of several professors, including **Dr. Leo Kucinski 1936**, who founded the Sioux City Symphony. "Leo was both my mentor and my second father. He encouraged me to apply for a part-time faculty position at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, even though many people considered me too young and inexperienced for such a job."

Greive was indeed hired, and his senior year of college was divided between studying at Morningside and teaching at Augustana. "I used to spend the majority of the week in Sioux City, and then I would drive to

Sioux Falls to teach. I had a 7:45 a.m. class on Saturdays!" he said. "I slept little. But it was a wonderful year. My education at Morningside instilled in me a passion to keep learning, and it prepared me for the things I would do later in life."

Upon graduation, Greive assumed a full-time faculty position at Augustana. He was also concertmaster for the Sioux Falls Symphony and performed with the Trio in Residence, where he met his wife, Janet Rayburn Greive. They were married in 1968. A year later, they left for Pittsburgh, Pa. He earned a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon University in 1970.

In 1975, they moved from Sioux Falls to Ann Arbor, Mich., where Tyrone received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in 1977. "I could have stayed at Augustana for many years, but my education at Morningside taught me to pursue learning, and I realized that I required more study in order to remain competitive in my field."

After graduating from the University of Michigan, Greive taught at Stephen F. Austin State University in



Nacogdoches, Texas, until 1979, when he was offered a position at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. In 1990, he became concertmaster of the Madison Symphony, a position he held until his retirement in 2010. Retiring from teaching in 2013, he still keeps in touch with his students. "To know that they learned a tradition of music that I learned from Leo and that they will add something to that tradition and pass it on to their students is rather profound."

In 1982, Greive played in an appreciation concert for Kucinski at Morningside, which prompted an interest in Polish music. That appreciation has spawned articles, recordings, trips to Poland and a book in the making called "Polish Violin Repertoire, in its historical and cultural context." Greive's article about Kucinski is available at [www.morningside.edu/leo](http://www.morningside.edu/leo).

Hickman has published several books, including "Hope for Hurting People," which was published in 1987. After graduating from Morningside, Hickman taught in Anthon and Holstein, Iowa, until 1957, when she moved to Denver, Colo., where she resides today. For 12 years she worked for Singer Sewing Machine Co. and had a sewing skills television program on KRMA-TV, an affiliate of PBS.

## 1957

**James Hindman**, founder of the Jiffy Lube franchise, presented the lecture "Was Blind, But Now I See" on the Morningside College campus. The lecture in September was based on Hindman's 2014 book "Was Blind, But Now I See," which detailed his battle against macular degeneration that blinded him by age 77. Hindman eventually underwent an innovative procedure that surgically implanted a miniature telescope behind the iris of his left eye. While not a cure, the procedure allowed Hindman to see again. The great foundation Hindman received at Morningside College provided the stepping stone to his master's degree. Ultimately, that education helped give him the ability to handle the many unknown challenges that are related to macular degeneration.

## 1959

**The Rev. Dr. Robert Leverenz** has published a new book, "There is Nothing New Under the Sun," which compares events of the 1980s to events of today. Both that book and "That's What They Are In For! A Pastoral Memoir of a Privileged Profession" are available on Amazon. Leverenz is a United Methodist minister and social worker. He has advanced degrees from Duke Divinity School, St. Paul School of Theology and the University of Iowa. He has served parishes in Iowa and Oregon. He lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, Melanie.

## 1961

**Bill Ver Heul** was inducted into the South High School Hall of Fame in Bakersfield, Calif., in 2015. He served as a teacher and athletic/activities director at the school from 1964 to 1983 and as an assistant principal at the district's newly built Regional Occupational Center from 1983 to 1994. In 1994, he was selected as the district director of school support services, where he oversaw all athletic/activity programs for the then 15-school, 33,000-student district, the largest 9-12 school district in the state. Ver Heul retired from the district in 2000. In 2003, he became the Central Section's South Area commissioner for the

California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), the governing body for high school sports in California. In 2012, he received the section's Distinguished Service Award. He may retire from the CIF position in June of 2017. That is still open.

## 1964

**Dr. Gary Acton** recently retired after 48 years as a professor of English, with the last 32 years as chair of the Department of English, Philosophy, and Modern Languages, at Montana State University Billings. Gary and his wife, Jo, now devote their time to caring for their numerous dogs, some rescues and others breed dogs they show around the nation and extensively in Europe.

**Patricia (Nirk) Jasper** has been retired for 13 years after teaching elementary school students for 37 years. Jasper and six of her friends from freshman year in Dimmitt Hall got together in the summer of 2014 to celebrate 50 years since graduation.

## 1967

**Gary Determan** and his wife, Janice, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August with a Mass at Nativity Church in Sioux City,

followed by a family dinner.

## 1968

**Dennis Dykema** had paintings on display at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.



Business Record

## 1970

**Michael Abbott** retired after 20 years as CEO of American Enterprise Group, a group of health and life insurance companies based in Des Moines, Iowa. He had worked for the company for 45 years. Abbott will continue to serve as chair of the company's board of directors. He reflected on his career in an article in the Des Moines Business Record. In the article, he described



**Jean (Passer) Roemer 1975** (left) and **Jill Seinola 1974** pose for a photo in front of the Wabasha Street Caves in April during a Morningside College reunion in the Twin Cities. Around 70 alumni and students gathered for a brunch that was hosted by President John Reynders. After the brunch, the group toured the Wabasha Street Caves.



American Enterprise Group as a company that cares about the customer. "People rely on us," Abbott said. "As I like to say, when they need us, they need us to perform like we said we were going to perform without any controversy."



**1971**  
**George Held** retired in 2014 after 13 years as the communications supervisor for Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He recently moved to Marshalltown, Iowa, to be with his new wife, Kathie, who is director of the Head Start program in that area. For their honeymoon, they took a 17-day trip to Venice,

Switzerland, Paris and Rome. In the photo, they are on a dinner cruise on the Seine in Paris.

## 1972

**Michael Schmidt** has been appointed to a two-year term as the state membership chair for the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. The organization has 36,000 members.

## 1973

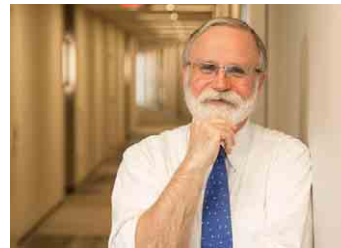
**Linda Brant** is the drama director at Charles City High School in Charles City, Iowa. She was named Woman of the Year by the Charles City Chamber of Commerce. She also was named to the Educational Hall of Fame by the Excellence in Education Foundation.

## 1974

**The Rev. Gerald Stoppel** celebrated a quarter-century as rector of All Saints'

Episcopal Church in Saugatuck, Mich.

**Terry Wright**, dean of the University of Central Arkansas College of Fine Arts and Communication, had a piece of artwork, "Trapeze Anxiety," accepted into the Delta Exhibition at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock, Ark.



Bryan Tebbenkamp

## 1977

**Patrick Bradley** is the senior housing director at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. He recently was featured in a cover story for the university's alumni magazine that celebrated his achievements at the college. Among other things, the article lauded Bradley's friendly demeanor, positive attitude and leadership at the college; his oversight of improvements to the residence halls; and his stewardship of financial resources. Last year Bradley was one of six individuals to receive a Parthenon Award from the Association of College and

University Housing Officers-International Foundation. The foundation's most prestigious award, it recognizes outstanding collegiate housing professionals for their service, leadership, achievement and contributions to the housing field.



## 1978

**Daniel Brooks** is senior vice president and general manager of beef enterprise for Tyson Fresh Meats in Dakota Dunes, S.D. He manages the company's overall beef business including revenue, procurement and operations.

## 1979

**Roger Kriebs** has been selected to work as an official this summer at the 2016 U.S. Olympic Trials for track and field at the University of Oregon in Eugene.



**John Steele**, executive vice



Judy and **Jeff Bennett 1972** (clockwise from left); **John 1974** and **Dr. Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972**; **Lorenzo Sandoval 1973**; **Marilyn (Kehoe) 1972** and **John Van Ausdall 1972**; and **Mike 1972** and Jane Schmidt pose for a photo in Des Moines, Iowa, after seeing the "Hollywood in the Heartland" exhibit at the State Historical Museum of Iowa. Knepper, professor and chair of English and modern languages at Morningside, was a contributing expert for the exhibit.

president, treasurer and chief financial officer for Werner Enterprises in Omaha, Neb., met this spring with Morningside College advertising students at Werner Enterprises. He and the executive vice president of marketing talked with students about their work on Trucking Moves America Forward, a national campaign to improve the image of truck drivers. Dr. Pam Mickelson, professor and chair of business at Morningside, had students working on the campaign as a yearlong class project. In the photo, Steele is showing students a wall that honors Werner truck drivers for lifesaving acts.



## 1980

**Vice Adm. Michael Franken**, the deputy commander for U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany, attended the International Circle's formal dinner last fall, and he was approached by the Greek General Counsel in the Republic of Stuttgart, **Panayiotis Partos 1980**. After talking a while, they realized that they both had attended Morningside College. Partos said he

hadn't met someone from his alma mater since his 1980 graduation. Then they figured out that they both had lived on the third floor of Dimmitt Hall, just down the hall from each other, in 1977. Franken said it's a small world where Morningside graduates are making a difference!

## 1981

**Anne (Nassiff) Langlois** is a physician assistant at Hawarden Regional Healthcare Clinic - Hawarden Clinic in Hawarden, Iowa.

**Dr. Bryan Watkins** is now vice president and chief academic officer at Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in Lake Forest, Ill.

## 1982

**Mark Gambaiana** left his position as vice president for university advancement at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., at the end of 2015 to take a position as vice president of development for ChildServe, a nonprofit organization in Johnston, Iowa, that offers services to children with special health care needs and serves about 3,000 children annually.

## 1984

**Kelly (Phillips) Kamowski** has a business with cartoonist Jerry King creating and marketing cartoons to

companies for use on social media. Kelly also has an unfunny brand called Compassionate Cartoons with Stephanie Piro and writes cartoon ideas for Dennis the Menace cartoons. "Wheel of Fortune" produced a segment that aired on the show last year about her 25-year career writing cartoons, both ideas and captions.



## 1985

**Mike Langley** and his father, Jack, are singer-songwriters who have been performing together on stage for more than 40 years. They have traveled from Sioux City to Nashville to Vienna, Austria, and back. Mike and his late brother, **Jon Langley 1998**, lived and toured together as The Langley Brothers Band in Austria, France and England for several years. Mike runs his own record labels, Orange Carpet Music and R & G Records. With dozens of CDs to his credit and hundreds of original songs, he has been performing solo full time for 30 years in front of audiences in 10 countries. Mike was inducted into the Iowa Rock and Roll Music Association's Hall of Fame in 2012, and he teaches guitar at Morningside.



## 1986

**Bill Zahren**, his wife, **Rhonda (Schreur) 1985**, and their daughter, **Haley 2014**, pose with members of the band Echosmith before a concert at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City in December 2015. A member of the band is holding "Officer Involved," Bill's new crime novel. Bill gave the band a copy because Echosmith is mentioned in the book. "Officer Involved" is based in Siouxland. Bill used some of his experiences as a past Sioux City Journal crime reporter to inspire the mystery novel.

## 1988

**Tom LoVan** was given a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Americanism Medal by the Pilot Rock Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The medal is awarded to an adult who has been a naturalized United States citizen. Recipients must have shown outstanding qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. They must also have actively assisted others to become American citizens

and displayed outstanding ability in community affairs.

**David Reed** received a Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award from Toastmasters International. This is the highest award given by the organization. Reed received the award in November 2015 at the District 35 Fall Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. He is currently president of Deere Tales, the Toastmasters club at John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wis. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills.



**1993 Rosanne (Lienhard) Plante** of Hinton, Iowa, was crowned Mrs. Iowa International in February. In this role, Plante is promoting the health and family advantages of home and school gardens. Her goal is to encourage 100 individuals or



## A GOOD SAMARITAN Grad leads regional health care center

By Laura L. Florio

When **Becky (Boese) Pape 1978** attended Morningside, she had no idea she would one day run a major medical center. Currently the CEO of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, Ore., Pape oversees over 2,500 employees, along with physician-integrated operations on the main campus. "Health care has changed dramatically in the past few years. We are doing much more population health - moving the dial on health measures to achieve better patient outcomes for many people."

Pape spoke highly of her Morningside education. "The nursing program at Morningside provided us with clinical exposure at all three of the city's major hospitals, something that benefited me greatly later in my career. Moreover, the liberal arts emphasis taught me to be inquisitive and a life-long learner."

Morningside also offered a wonderful social environment. "I still keep in touch with many of my friends from Morningside."

Pape met her husband, **Tom 1977**, at Morningside. They were married right after her graduation. "Since we are both from the Sioux City area, my husband and I

wanted to try another part of the United States. He was hired by a company in Corvallis, Ore., and with my nursing degree, I quickly found a job. We moved out here kind of on a lark, and here we are, 30-some years later!"

For the first few years, Pape worked in critical care and nursing education, operated a home health agency and obtained a master's degree. Then she returned to the hospital setting as director of staff education at Good Samaritan Hospital. "I came around the time the hospital was beginning its affiliations with other health organizations in the region. When I began, I worked with a staff of two to educate 400 employees. In a decade or so, those numbers had grown to 25 staff and 5,000 employees!"

Pape was then promoted to vice president of patient care services for the Albany and Lebanon hospitals. Several years later, she was named CEO in Lebanon. During her 10 years there, she was in charge of major capital projects and helped form a partnership with Western University in Pomona, Calif.,



which resulted in the construction of a new medical school in Lebanon. The first class of 100 physicians graduated in 2011.

Pape was hired to be chief operating officer for Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in 2013 and appointed CEO in January.

As CEO, Pape works 14-hour days and attends many events on behalf of the medical center. She was recently appointed to a state task force on health care. Her life is full, but she would not have it any other way. "I don't take many vacations, but when I do, it's to a very remote part of the country," she said with a laugh.

Her favorite part of her job is interacting with staff and patients. When asked what advice she would give today's students, Pape said, "Cherish every moment! It may seem difficult now, but looking back, you'll remember all the fun you had."

families to plant a row or portion of "hope" in their gardens and provide fresh produce to The Gospel Mission's soup kitchen and pantry in Sioux City. Plante is an attorney and the lead instructor/adviser of the paralegal studies program at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. She is president of the Iowa State Bar Association Public Service Project. She also is a certified Iowa Master Gardener and a founding and continuing planning committee member of the Siouxland Garden Show. This summer Plante will compete for the title of Mrs. International 2016 during the final competition in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. International showcases

married women 21 to 56 years old and features three categories of competition, including interview, evening gown and fitness wear.

**1994**

**Michael McCarthy** is executive director of the Mercy Heart Center at Mercy Medical Center-Sioux City.



**Mindy (Hass) Russell** has been named vice president of marketing for Catapult Systems, a leading information technology services provider headquartered in Austin, Texas. She lives in Dripping

Springs, Texas, with her husband, Eric, and three children.

**Dimiter Todorov** was promoted to vice president, legal, at The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, where he has been in the legal department since 2008.

**1996**

**Jason Lauritsen** is director of client success at Quantum Workplace in Omaha, Neb.

**Chad Rasmussen** was recognized by the Morningside College Nylen School of



Nursing and the Morningside Student Nurses' Association as the 2016 Nursing Alumnus of the Year. Rasmussen is a surgery instructor and an assistant professor of family medicine at the Mayo College of Medicine in Rochester, Minn. He also is a certified nurse practitioner with the Mayo Clinic Department of Family Medicine.

**1998**

**Matt Campbell** was promoted to vice president, commercial loan officer, at Central Bank in Sioux City.



**Sandy Hamman** and her husband, Phil, wrote a book about the mass murders that took place in 1973 in Gitchee Manitou State Preserve on the South Dakota and Iowa border. Phil had a personal connection to the story, as he was best friends with one of the boys who was murdered that night. A 13-year-old girl, Sandra Cheskey, was the lone survivor of the night. Breaking four decades of silence, Cheskey was interviewed for the book, titled "Gitchee Girl: The Survivor's Inside Story of the Mass Murders that Shocked the Heartland." The book is available at Drilling Pharmacy in Sioux City; Haisch Pharmacy in Canton,



Business alumni returned to campus in April to give advice to current students during an Entrepreneurship in the Classroom event led by **Gene McNaughton 1991**, well-known speaker and consultant. The panelists have held leadership positions in organizations including IBP/Tyson, Gateway, Bishop Heelan Catholic School, MCI, Wells Enterprises Inc., Sterling Computers, Jimmy John's, Firststar Bank, Capital One, CBE Companies and local farm operations. With their professor Dr. Pam Mickelson (right) before the panel discussion are McNaughton (front left), **Tracie (Mohr) Franko 1989**, **Chad Benson 1990**, **Stan Lupkes 1989**, **Doyle Turner 1991**, **Tom Betz 1989** (back left), **Chris Benson 1994** and **Tim McCabe 1988**.

S.D.; Amazon; and Barnes and Noble. Sandy has been a special education teacher in Sioux City since 1994. She specializes in teaching reading and writing.

## 1999

**Matt Anderson** has been named the curator of history for the Sioux City Public Museum. He started working at the museum as an intern and has now been working there for 15 years.

**Teresa Gronwoldt** is an All Star Program skater and Sockit Wenches coach for the Rat City Rollergirls in Seattle, Wash. She is employed remotely as a senior media planner for UnityWorks out of Minneapolis, Minn.

**Mike Oeffner**, the sports editor for Harlan Newspapers, received third place for best sports pages in the weekly newspaper class category from the Iowa Newspaper Association in November.

## 2000

**Angel (Neuroth) Derochie** was promoted to chief financial officer for Ho-Chunk Inc. in Winnebago, Neb.



**Jim Guttau** was one of 24 young professionals named one of "Colorado's Finest" by the Colorado Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was honored at a ceremony in October. "I am honored to be chosen for Colorado's Finest, and I have committed to raise money to help the foundation realize its mission of controlling and curing Cystic Fibrosis," Guttau said. When the foundation was established in 1955, most children with Cystic Fibrosis did not live to see their first day of elementary school. Now people with Cystic Fibrosis are living into their 30s, 40s and beyond.



**Howard Patchin** is analytics manager at Johnson Controls in Minneapolis, Minn.

## 2002

**A.G. Kruger** accepted a position at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion as a throws coach. He is currently training for his fourth Olympic Games on Team USA, competing in the hammer throw. Learn more online at gokruger.com.

## 2003

**Beth (Herbst) Kolbo** received the 2016 Golden Apple Teacher Award during

the South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet in January. The award is presented to area teachers that have made a dramatic difference in the lives of students and the community. Kolbo is a teacher and coach at South Sioux City Middle School.

## Andrew McClannahan

is a unit public affairs representative, healthcare specialist, and physical therapy assistant for the U.S. Army Reserve in Madison, Wis. He is also a medical administrative assistant at Edgewood College Health Services. He also serves on the parks commission for the city of Fitchburg, Wis.



## 2004

**Clint Pudenz**, a teacher and coach in the Colfax-Mingo Community School District,



**Adam Lloyd 2004** (clockwise from left), **Mary (Johannsen) Lloyd 2007**, **Karrie Meyerhoff 2015**, **Tyler Woods 2008** and **Kaitlin Woods** are all smiles in February when a group of about 40 young alumni and students cheered on the Sioux City Musketeers hockey team.

was named the Iowa Junior High Wrestling Coach of the Year in February at the state wrestling tournament in Des Moines. He accepted the recognition with his wife, **Kristen (Schultz) 2004**.

## 2005

**Bev Pollard** is a kindergarten teacher at Clarke Elementary School in Osceola, Iowa. She has taught in Osceola for 30 years.

## 2007

**Jim Schmidt** graduated from Bellevue University in October 2014 with a Master of Science in clinical counseling. He currently has a provisional license as a mental health practitioner, and he is in the process of

obtaining postgraduate hours for state licensure. He is currently working at Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska as a children's mental health therapist and kid squad consultant.

**Matthew Stachowitz** is the Bank Secrecy Act officer at Security National Bank in Sioux City. In addition to his duties as the bank's retail credit and compliance officer, he is responsible for staying current with all compliance, regulatory trends and employee and board training on the topic of the Bank Secrecy Act, which requires financial institutions to assist government agencies in detecting and preventing money laundering, fraud or other criminal activities.

## 2008

**Diana Garcia** is operations director for the Nebraska Trucking Association in Lincoln, Neb.

**Emily Olsen** earned a master's degree in nursing. She is working at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Neb., as a palliative care nurse practitioner.

**Brandon Shostak** is a certified holistic life coach with his own business, Align. Its website is [www.alignyourjourney.com](http://www.alignyourjourney.com). Shostak also assists the vocal music program at Gretna High School in Gretna, Neb.,

and he sings with a professional vocal ensemble called Résonance.

**Scott Wismont** is a senior customer service mentor at PayPal in La Vista, Neb. He also is an independent travel agent with Magical Enchanted Vacations.

## 2009

**Kari Hansen** is in her seventh year of teaching special education for the Council Bluffs Community School District. Hansen also has earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

**Mark Martindale** is a senior accountant-business performance analyst at Great Western Bank in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Jason Semprini** and his wife, Laura, traveled to Fiji in August as members of the Peace Corps. They will remain there until November 2017. They are working to promote healthy lifestyles and environmental awareness in conjunction with Fiji's Ministry of Education and Ministry of Youth and Sports.

## 2010

**Katie (Cook) Fourney** is director of client services at Right Idea Media & Creative in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**Kendra (Kock) Fredericksen** was promoted to a manager

in the accounting department at Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Neb. She also started a new position at Union Pacific Railroad as manager of internal controls.

**Lindsay Hansen** is plan administrator specialist for SilverStone Group in Omaha, Neb.



**Tim Richard** is a core software analyst and auditor in Ralston, Neb. He also coaches football at Underwood High School in Underwood, Iowa. He is married to **Christina (Blomgren)** 2011, and they have two children, Reece and Evie.

**Elizabeth (Babcock) Schmidt** lives in Omaha, Neb. She does payroll processing at Interpublic Group, and she volunteers at the Joslyn Castle.

## 2011

**Christina (Blomgren) Richard** is a kindergarten teacher in Avoca, Iowa. She completed a master's degree at the University of Nebraska Omaha in May of 2015.

## Leslie Wenzel

is the principal at Gilmore City-Bradgate Elementary School in Gilmore City, Iowa.



## Meggie (Mitchell) Widholm

is a teaching assistant at Elkhorn Ridge Middle School in Omaha, Neb.

**Jacob Widman** is an accountant for Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative in Merville, Iowa. Widman resides in Sioux City with his wife, Amber, and their two children.

## 2012

**Hannah (Grimsley) Cooper** is a kindergarten teacher at Cardinal Elementary School in South Sioux City, Neb.

**Kyle Eagen** recently returned from volunteer teaching earth sciences overseas in Chuuk, Micronesia. He now works for Marianna Industries in Omaha, Neb.

**John Kelley** is the football and wrestling coach at North High School in Sioux City.

**Cassie Scoblic** loves teaching fourth grade, especially science! She recently presented at the National Science Teachers

Association National  
Conference.

**Abbie Vander Maten** is a fourth-grade teacher at Rock Valley Elementary School in Rock Valley, Iowa.



## 2013

**Emily Beckfield** is a compliance specialist at Sherman Associates, a property management company in Minneapolis, Minn. Next year she will marry her best friend and the love of her life, Jason Storck. They hope to adopt a fur baby soon, but they may have to wait until they have more space. In the meantime, they fill their days with books, games, and overall health and wellness.

**Monica Iverson** is a registered nurse in the Arrhythmia & Anticoagulation Clinic at the Nebraska Heart Institute in Lincoln, Neb.

**Keisha Meyer** earned a master's degree in human services from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Neb.

## PAY IT FORWARD Grad shares passion for career with students

By Laura L. Florio

Morningside helped **Steve Ponder 1986** discover his passion for marketing. He recently gave back by getting students involved in a national marketing campaign that promotes the trucking industry.

Ponder originally came to Morningside to pursue a degree in chemistry. "I planned to go into the pharmacy industry, but during my first year at Morningside, I took a mass communication course, which profoundly altered my study path." Ponder became intrigued with marketing, so he created his own major, drawing from courses in business, economics and mass communication. An internship at Bass & Associates led to a job as a copywriter following graduation. For the next decade, Ponder wrote commercials for both print and broadcast media and designed marketing plans for various companies.

In 1995, Ponder was recruited by Great West Casualty, a client of Bass & Associates that specialized in providing trucking insurance. Since then, Ponder has worked his way up the corporate ladder. He is now executive vice president. "My Morningside education provided me with a very

broad background, which helps me with the work I do today by prompting me to see the world in a multi-dimensional way, instead of merely through the lens of business and marketing. My professors, specifically John Pinto and Doug Livermore, encouraged me to work hard and forge my own path."

Ponder sits on committees for several national organizations. Because of this, Ponder met Kevin Burch, president of Jet Express. After discussing the importance of the trucking industry and all it has to offer, they started Trucking Moves America Forward, a nonprofit organization committed to education about, promotion of and recruitment for the trucking industry. The organization raised \$6 million in cash and in-kind donations during its first year of operation.

This year Ponder worked with Dr. Pam Mickelson, professor and chair of business at Morningside, to provide a real-world experience for marketing and advertising students. Students conducted marketing research and



designed an engagement guide for clients to more effectively use the services of Trucking Moves America Forward. At the end of the year, students presented their findings to the organization's executive committee and an advertising agency in Washington, D.C., via a conference call and webinar at Great West Casualty's office in South Sioux City, Neb. "The executive committee was very impressed with the quality of the students' work and their diligence. As a result of their work, we decided to increase our social media presence and create a LinkedIn page. The students also presented us with several directions in which we can take our ad campaign."

Steve is married to **Marcie (Coe) Ponder 2015**, who works in the English department at Morningside. They have two children, **Matthew Ponder 2013** and Erin Ponder.



**Jay Myers** proposed to **Bailee Keizer 2013** at Morningside College during Homecoming 2015. Keizer attended the Homecoming church service at Morningside, thinking Myers was at their home church sticking to his normal routine. After the Homecoming church service, alumni are invited to join current members of the Morningside College Choir to sing the "Morningside Hymn." When it came time to sing the hymn, choir director Tim Watson asked Keizer to come to the center of the circle. Suddenly Keizer saw a break in the circle, and Myers came

walking toward her. Then he got down on one knee and proposed. The two had met during their freshman year at Morningside College in Composition and Communication (C&C) class, but they didn't get to know each other well until their senior year, when they were both in the musical production of "Grease." They started dating shortly after that. They currently live in Blair, Neb. Keizer works at Crossroads of Western Iowa in Missouri Valley helping people with disabilities. Myers is a social worker for the Department of Health and Human Services in Blair. They both work part time at the Blair Family YMCA doing personal training and youth weight training. Keizer is also a membership manager there. They plan to get married in October of this year.



## 2014

**Sarah Davy** is the community wellness coordinator at Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA in South Sioux City, Neb.

**Sara Olson** is the history education coordinator at the Sioux City Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and the Betty Strong Encounter Center.

**Tatum Peery** works in trust operations at Union Bank & Trust in Lincoln, Neb.

## David Riveros Garcia's

anticorruption organization, which he leads as executive director, received a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment



for Democracy, a U.S. nonprofit organization. The grant funded a project to monitor the 2015 municipal elections in 10 cities in Paraguay, including the capital, Asunción. The project also created a web platform that allows citizens to follow up on their elected officials' promises in areas such as education, infrastructure and accessibility. In addition, Riveros Garcia continues his work with the World Bank. Paraguay is one of three countries where the World Bank is studying citizen participation and human rights, specifically, the human rights of participation, assembly, information, and association. He also assisted with a think-tank's research on the contribution of the private sector in the reduction of social inequities in his country with regards to the new sustainable development goals. As a winner of the InnovandoPY 2015 Hackathon organized by the Paraguayan government's Information and Communication Technologies Secretariat with



**Matt Stachowitz 2007** speaks at Morningside College in April when 25 students had the opportunity to meet with seven alumni to discuss "Life After College." It was the last of a three-part series that brought students and alumni together to discuss various topics. Stachowitz serves on the Alumni Board and helped coordinate these events with the Student Alumni Association.



the support of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Riveros Garcia currently leads a team developing a mobile/web app for the Health Ministry that uses open data to facilitate information to citizens so they can access public health services and report irregularities.

## 2015

**Carly Borr** is a registered nurse at Sanford Health in Rapid City, S.D.

**Cora Fox** was the keynote speaker for the Veterans Day program at West Monona High School in Onawa, Iowa.

**Tiffany Green** is a second-grade teacher at Lenox Elementary School in Lenox, Iowa.

**Amanda LaCour** is an extended care director/teacher's assistant for Legacy School in Omaha, Neb.



**Lacey "Ruth" Martinez** has served for almost a year as a community outreach coordinator for the Japanese American Service Committee at AmeriCorps in Chicago. In the photo, Martinez (right)

and her supervisor are recruiting volunteers and spreading awareness of their organization in the community. Some of her other accomplishments this year include organizing the annual health fair, collecting items for the silent auction, writing about her experience for the organization's website, and helping a Japanese intern get settled in the community.



**Scott Martinson** was voted Best Local Artist in the 2016 Siouxland's Choice Awards. Martinson had a painting of his mentor, Terri McGaffin, associate professor of art at Morningside, on display during an exhibition at Iowa State University Design West in Sioux City. He was an artist-in-residence at Iowa State University Design West in the summer of 2015.

**Colleen Murray** is a registered nurse at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis.



**Steve O'Neill** is assistant

account manager at Sterling Computers in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

**Paige Potter** is marketing projects coordinator at the Hy-Vee Corporate Office in West Des Moines, Iowa.

**Autumn Reisetter** received the 2016 Owens Award for Professional Service from the Morningside College

Graduate Program in Education. Reisetter is a special education teacher at Oskaloosa High School in Oskaloosa, Iowa.



**Chad Richardson** is co-owner at Dynamic Visual Media in Sioux City; accountant at Quam & Berglin, CPAs, in Elk Point, S.D.; and partner at Tri-State Investments in Sioux City. He is taking classes online to earn a master's degree in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University, and he is working on getting his license as a certified public accountant.



**Samuel Shelton** is a chemistry technician at VanGuard Sciences in North Sioux City, S.D.

**Katelyn Stowe** works in quality systems for Katecho in Des Moines, Iowa, where she is an administrative assistant.



**Lynae Toom** is a primary teacher at Abundant Life Christian Schools in La Union, Honduras, Central America.



**Erica Van Holland** is program manager at Riverside Technologies in North Sioux City, S.D. She plans to wed **Codey Kallweit 2014** in July.



**Cassandra (Schmith) Vogt** is a photographer, artist and owner of Back Roads Artistry. She specializes in wedding, engagement, family, children and senior picture photography. Vogt is also a special education paraeducator during the

school year. She is pictured with her family.

**Rachel Vonderharr** is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

**Chaps Wilcke** is a science teacher at East Sac County High School in Lake View, Iowa.

## In Loving Memory

### 1939

**Evelyn (DePue) McClure**, Petoskey, Mich., died Dec. 16, 2015.

**Doris (Alexander) Phillips**, Spearfish, S.D., died Oct. 4, 2015.

**Doris (Niffenegger) Vaupel**, Windom, Minn., died March 8, 2012.

### 1940

**Lester Menke**, Des Moines, Iowa, died March 5, 2016. Menke served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1973 to 1985 and on the Morningside College Board of Directors from 1976 to 1981. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Morningside in 1975.

### 1941

**Beverly (Borland) Kass**, Sioux City, died July 24, 2014.

**Irene (Schaal) Potter**, Rockwell City, Iowa, died July 3, 2015.

### 1942

**Col. James Cobb**, Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 31, 2008.

**Dr. Richard Werder**, Williamsport, Md., died March 1, 2016.

### 1944

**Dr. Harold A. Ladwig**, Wilson, N.C., died March 31, 2016.

**Marjorie (Foster) Ladwig**, Wilson, N.C., died Sept. 20, 2015.

### 1945

**John Helm**, Sioux City, died Dec. 31, 2015.

**Corrie (Teachout) Kingsbury**, Sugar Land, Texas, died Oct. 17, 2015.

**Harriet (Keith) Schlichting**, Auburn, Calif., died Nov. 11, 2014.

### 1946

**Sarah (Gingles) Falk**, Onawa, Iowa, died Jan. 30, 2016.

**Corrine (Olson) Supplee**, Lancaster, Pa., died Aug. 1, 2014.

### 1947

**William Carter**, Ames, Iowa, died Jan. 18, 2016.

**Mary (Kingsbury) Sundell**, Wakefield, Neb., died Dec. 22, 2015.

**Victor Tamashunas**, Ames, Iowa, died Aug. 22, 2015.

### 1948

**Joseph Campbell**, Sioux City, died Nov. 15, 2015.

**Dorothy (McConnell) Faul**, San Jose, Calif., died May 18, 2015.

**Mary (Lembcke) Speckhart**, Sioux City, died Jan. 15, 2016.

### 1949

**Lyla Mae (Rehnbloom) Bristow**, Bettendorf, Iowa, died Sept. 5, 2013.

**Bonnie (Schultz) Geibe**, Lake View, Iowa, died Sept. 24, 2015.

**Richard Loffswold**, Girard, Kan., died Jan. 16, 2016.

**Linda (Rance) Moe**, Sioux City, died Feb. 18, 2016.

### 1950

**Roy Haenfler**, Scottsdale, Ariz., died Sept. 6, 2015.

**Doris (Davis) Rubsam**, New Brighton, Minn., died Nov. 23, 2011.

**Spero Siganos**, Sioux City, died Feb. 12, 2016.

### 1951

**Eugene Markland**, Norfolk, Neb., died May 12, 2011.

**Leo Tokarczyk**, Springfield, Mo., died Feb. 22, 2014.

### 1952

**Douglas Gresham**, Lantzville, British Columbia, died Nov. 16, 2015.

**Jack Hohs**, Grand Rapids, Mich., died April 2, 2015.

**Louis Tokar**, Tempe, Ariz., died Nov. 20, 2015.

### 1953

**Dorothy (Sullenger) Whitehouse**, Fort Myers, Fla., died Nov. 15, 2015.

### 1953

**John Boice**, Loveland, Colo., died Jan. 29, 2016.

**Harold Coffman**, Sun City, Ariz., died Sept. 1, 2014.

**Ray Knauer**, Mesa, Ariz., died Feb. 3, 2016.

**Richard Leafstone**, San Jose, Calif., died April 13, 2014.

**Jerry Volkert**, Sac City, Iowa, died Sept. 27, 2015.

### 1954

**Anne (Murray) Berger**, Omaha, Neb., died Sept. 17, 2015.

**Helga (Hoffmann) Rohr**, Chicago, died Sept. 7, 2015.

1955

**Duane "Buck" Miller**, North Sioux City, S.D., died Oct. 25, 2015.

**Rae (Mize) Templeton**, Fremont, Neb., died June 30, 2015.

1956

**Dr. Zean William Zurcher**, Freeport, N.Y., died July 10, 2015.

1957

**Alice (Denker) Jensen**, Omaha, Neb., died Feb. 10, 2016.

**Dr. William Lo**, Beverly Hills, Calif., died July 16, 2015.

**Richard Muir**, Leawood, Kan., died Nov. 16, 2015.

**Delbert Schlutz**, Omaha, Neb., died Nov. 26, 2015.

1958

**Kenneth Beenken**, Bloomington, Minn., died Jan. 8, 2016.

**Joanne (Franzen) Grueskin**, Carlsbad, Calif., died Nov. 23, 2015.

1959

**Orville Tronson**, Spencer, Iowa, died Dec. 7, 2015.

**The Rev. L. Don Veglahn**, Sioux Falls, S.D., died March 10, 2015.

## THE DONUT LADY Grad owns popular donut and coffee shop

By Laura L. Florio

Just a few years after graduating, **Liz Pyburn 2010** realized her dream of owning a coffee shop.

Pyburn earned a business degree from Morningside, dedicating all her class projects to designing and running a coffee shop. She mentioned that her accounting course with Jim Hopkins and business strategies course with Mary Zink were particularly helpful for her career path. She even took an on-campus job at the Spoonholder Café to gain experience. "The classes at Morningside prepare you for real life, and there are many resources available to students."

Within three weeks of graduating, Pyburn relocated to a ski resort town called Steamboat Springs, Colo., where she worked in several of the resort coffee houses. "One of the perks of working at a ski resort is that you are given a ski pass. My friends and I would work in the mornings and ski during the afternoons. It was great."

She then took a part-time job at Milk Run, a small donut and coffee shop owned by a young couple. Several months later, the couple decided to pursue other careers and put Milk Run up for sale. Pyburn pooled together all her

savings, partnered with her father, Rick, and bought the shop! Her father relocated from Sioux City to Colorado in order to help run things. Now she manages the business - hiring, scheduling,

accounting and deliveries - while her father makes the donuts. Her mother, Sue, is still in Sioux City serving as associate director of admissions at Morningside.

Pyburn's day begins at 5 a.m. when she makes donut deliveries to the gas stations, hotels and other businesses around Steamboat Springs. Milk Run opens at 6:30 a.m. and closes at 12:30 p.m. - or whenever they sell out of donuts. The rest of her afternoon is spent running errands and handling the financial aspects of the shop. As Steamboat Springs is a resort town, there are lulls and rushes, but Pyburn and her father sell between 50 and 120 dozen donuts every day. "Coffee is really our secondary product. People come for our donuts. We have over 30 flavors, including Maple Bacon, Reese's, Snickers, Cookies & Cream and the Marion Donut named in memory of



my grandmother."

Pyburn enjoys her job immensely, though she admits to 70-hour work weeks, nearly no vacations and having to do a lot of subbing for her employees. The benefits far outweigh the challenges. She loves working with her father, a former hospital administrator who now bakes donuts and helps her navigate difficult business decisions.

The ski slopes in Steamboat Springs draw people from all over the world, and Pyburn enjoys interacting with them. **Curt White 1976**, chair of the Morningside College Board of Directors, is a customer. Around town, Pyburn is a celebrity, affectionately known as The Donut Lady.

Milk Run was named one of the top 10 donut shops in Colorado by the website OnlyInYourState.com. If you're in the area, stop by. The donuts are delicious.

## 1960

**Nola (Meyer) Gantt**, Tehachapi, Calif., died June 28, 2015.

**Donald Temoshek**, Kearney, Neb., died Nov. 4, 2015.

## 1961

**Robert Edlund**, Sioux City, died Sept. 4, 2015.

## 1962

**Jean (Wilson) Edwards**, Primgar, Iowa, died Dec. 4, 2015.

**Darrell Jepson**, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Sept. 4, 2015.

## 1963

**Duke O'Hern**, Sioux City, died Dec. 23, 2015.

**Judith (Jones) Pepper**, Surprise, Ariz., died Feb. 17, 2016.

## 1964

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

## 1965

**Carol (Marquart) Depew**, Lawton, Iowa, died Feb. 17, 2016.

**Larry Staines**, Arnolds Park, Iowa, died July 17, 2015.

## 1966

**William "Bill" Murphy**, Las Vegas, Nev., died Oct. 1, 2015.

## 1967

**Elsie Dunbar**, Whiting, Iowa, died Dec. 14, 2015.

**Patricia (Drommer) Will**, Dakota Dunes, S.D., died Aug. 6, 2015.

## 1968

**Judy Daniels**, Sioux City, died Aug. 14, 2015.

## 1969

**Judy (Collier) Johnson**, Manson, Iowa, died May 5, 2013.

## 1970

**Dorothy Berry**, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Jan. 6, 2016.

**Timothy Bornholtz**, Naples, Fla., died Feb. 19, 2016.

**Jesse Whitnall IV**, Jackson, Tenn., died April 21, 2015.

## 1971

**Margaret (Braunger) Neenan**, Spring Green, Wis., died Dec. 8, 2015.

**George Peterson**, Lakeland, Fla., died Nov. 18, 2015.

## 1972

**Robert Hemphill**, Odebolt, Iowa, died Oct. 11, 2015.

**Alicia Leamer**, Sioux City, died Aug. 25, 2015.

## 1973

**Dr. Robert Saylor**, Ozark, Mo., died Dec. 28, 2015.

## 1974

**Perry Barnes**, Sioux City, died Jan. 15, 2016.

**Judy (Sterling) Ralston**, Bourbonnais, Ill., died June 23, 2015.

## 1975

**David Edmonds**, Spencer, Iowa, died July 31, 2015.

**Mavis Smith**, Cushing, Iowa, died Oct. 26, 2015.

**Dennis Stodden**, Cherokee, Iowa, died Feb. 7, 2016.

## 1980

**Randy Hinkel**, Madrid, Iowa, died Dec. 20, 2015. A high school football and track coach, he was one of just 11 coaches in state history to reach 300 wins. Hinkel was named M-Club Coach of the Year in 1991.

## 1981

**Kelly Kruithoff**, Sioux City, died Dec. 6, 2015. The City of North Sioux City, S.D., put up a plaque at city hall to honor his work as an editor and reporter. He covered North Sioux City news for over 30 years.



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1982

**Cathy (Jansen) Wagenaar**,  
Sioux Center, Iowa, died  
Nov. 12, 2015.

1984

**Ron Chamberlain**, Sioux  
City, died Dec. 30, 2015.

1986

**Brian Biggerstaff**, Conroe,  
Texas, died Oct. 31, 2015.

**Tracey (Denney) Simmons**,  
St. Paul, Minn., died  
Dec. 1, 2015.

1988

**Darrell Thomas**, Council  
Bluffs, Iowa, died  
Oct. 6, 2015.

1992

**Glenda (Woodard)  
Paulson**, Kiron, Iowa, died  
Sept. 3, 2015.

## Remembering Cherished Friends

**Dr. Joseph Norio Uemura**,  
Burnsville, Minn., died March  
3, 2016. Uemura taught  
philosophy at Morningside  
College from 1959 to 1966.  
Morningside awarded him an  
honorary doctorate in 2000.  
He delivered the keynote  
address at the Sharon Walker  
Faculty Excellence Awards  
dinner in 2007.

## ALUMNI OFFICE UPDATE

By Gene Ambrosion



On June 1, a change took place in alumni relations at Morningside College. Shiran Nathaniel officially assumed the duties of alumni relations director.

Some of you already know Shiran from your student days at Morningside when he was general manager of the Sodexo food service on campus for seven years. During the past year, Shiran served as assistant director of alumni relations. And many of you may have met him at alumni events on campus or at various gatherings the alumni office sponsored around the country.

Shiran is leading the alumni office at an exciting time. Morningside is expanding alumni programs and exploring new ways to connect with the more than 11,000 alumni who live in all 50 states and 165 foreign countries. You will have many opportunities to

interact with Shiran in the future — either in person or online.

I have started a new role as special projects assistant in the president's office at Morningside. In my new assignment, I will still interact with alumni — only in a slightly different way. One of my new assignments is to build an organized and highly proactive student-alumni mentorship program in cooperation with our career services staff on campus. Also, Morningside is coming up on its 125th anniversary, and I will help oversee planning and execution of that year-long celebration.

During my 20-plus years as alumni relations director, I have had the honor of serving with an incredible group of dedicated alumni who have given of themselves selflessly as members of the Morningside College Alumni Board of

Directors. That group has evolved over the years to be the most proactive advocate for Morningsiders there is.

Morningside College has made tremendous progress over the past 15 years. The campus has been transformed, enrollment has grown and new academic programs are preparing students for fulfilling careers. During this period, alumni played an important role in supporting Morningside. Under Shiran's leadership, the alumni office will continue to involve alumni in new and exciting ways with all of the great things happening at this college.

## Future Morningsiders

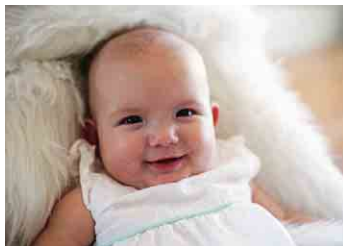
2000

**Angela (Toel) Peters** and her husband, Paul, Le Mars, Iowa, a daughter, Alyssa Mae, May 14, 2015.



2004

**Leslie (Stodden) Box** and her husband, Jeremy, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a daughter, Emma Faith, Dec. 22, 2014.



2006

**Nikki (Kent) Vakulskas** and her husband, Dan, Sioux City, a daughter, Madison Jane, Dec. 16, 2015.

2007

**Megan (Hinds) Pratt** and her husband, Jamey, Sioux City, a daughter, Cambree Lou, Nov. 13, 2015.



**Brandilynn (Shipler) and Grant Wittstruck 2008**, Panama City Beach, Fla., a daughter, Elliana Rae, Feb. 13, 2016.

2009

**Dana Baldrige** and his wife, Kadi, Sioux City, a son, Noah Reed, Nov. 27, 2015.



2010

**Kendra (Kock) Fredericksen** and her husband, Trent, Bennington, Neb., a son, Samuel Davey, Aug. 22, 2015.



**Tim and Christina (Blomgren) Richard 2011**, Persia, Iowa, a son, Reece Robert, Oct. 15, 2015.

## Newlyweds

1971

**George Held** and Kathie Carpenter, Sept. 4, 2015, Perry, Iowa. At home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

2009

**Janine Miller and Jeff Gacke 2013**, Sept. 26, 2015, Calvary Lutheran Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2010

**Alycia Ahrens** and James Marsh, Sept. 5, 2015, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Carroll, Iowa. At home in Omaha, Neb.

2011

**Brice Buryanek** and Amanda Herrick, Oct. 24, 2015, Glenwood, Iowa. At home in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

**Tyler Schleis and Ambra Coon 2012**, Sept. 14, 2013, St. James Catholic Church, Le Mars, Iowa. At home in Sioux Falls, S.D.



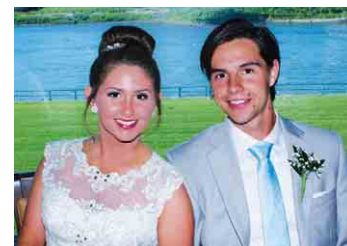
2012

**Mitchell Parkhill** and Beth

Stratbucker, Oct. 10, 2015, Peeper Ranch, Lenexa, Kan. At home in Overland Park, Kan.

2013

**Jacob Elsbernd** and Jena Halverson, Oct. 24, 2015, St. Al's, Calmar, Iowa. At home in Calmar.



**Taylor Gatz** and Britton Conover, June 20, 2015, Whispering Creek, Sioux City. At home in South Sioux City, Neb.

**Will Pfau** and Natasha Hemmelrick, Oct. 10, 2015, Ireton, Iowa. At home in Ingleside, Ill.

**Blake Schany** and Justin Kuiper, Sept. 12, 2015, The Shores, Emmetsburg, Iowa. At home in Emmetsburg.

2014

**Jordan Bruck** and Cody Webster, Aug. 1, 2015, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portsmouth, Iowa. At home in Kimballton, Iowa.

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