

## *Deepening Roots*

*The Rosen Ag Center, Lags Greenhouse, and recently acquired farmland have the Regina Roth Applied Ag and Food Studies Department poised for growth*

# WHY WE LOVE MORNINGSIDE

As we approach our 50-year reunion, you might think it would be difficult to recollect memories from so long ago, but that is simply not so. Morningside's imprint on our lives is deep. It prepared and created within us that independent spirit that allows for thinking outside the box, digging deep to find solutions to problems, investing in a no-quit attitude, and the creativity to pioneer several startup enterprises over our lifetimes.

We love Morningside because it placed people in our lives who shaped who we ultimately became. Many universities and places of higher learning can successfully set you up for a satisfying career, but the relationships that can be built at Morningside set it apart.

From the minute we stepped foot onto Morningside's campus, those relationships began forming. We met so many kids like ourselves who were fresh out of high school. We continued "growing up" together, changing into young adults ready to take on life's challenges. Those friends, relationships, and experiences stayed with us and are of equal importance to the great education we received.

As we talk about our Morningside friendships with non-Morningsiders, they are amazed at the longevity, importance, and numbers of those relationships. We talk about other Morningsiders nearly every day and are proud to call them friends. The specialness of those relationships is felt when I call my college roommate and ask her how her 95-year-old mother is doing, when I send a birthday card off to our godchild whose parents are dear Mside friends, when we attend a lovely alumni event hosted by Connie Wimer and tell her about the wonderful dinner we just had with our neighbors that included her daughter, or while at the Snoot/Jake Golf Outing in Okoboji that began in 2004 as a way to honor beloved Morningsiders and is now an annual tradition that has generated more than \$400,000 for athletic scholarships.

Morningside College may now be Morningside University. The Chiefs have become the Mustangs. The buildings and campus have certainly changed. However, what remains evident is the same solid and real "at home" feeling that has always been part of the campus culture.

We are forever grateful for all that Morningside has and continues to give us.



***Cheryl and Denny "Pete" Pederson, Class of 1972***

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# Morningside Avenues

## 2022 commencement marks historic moments



President Emeritus John Reynders



Craig Struve '70



One hundred ninety-six undergraduate students and 241 graduate students graduated from Morningside University on Saturday, May 14, at the commencement ceremony held at Elwood Olsen Stadium.

Morningside's 2022 commencement marked the final ceremony for John Reynders, who retired in June 2022 as the longest serving president in Morningside's history. Reynders and Craig Struve '70, former chair of the Morningside University Board of Directors, received honorary degrees in recognition of their years of service and generosity to the university. Reynders was also named the first president emeritus in Morningside history.



## Morningside Choir honored

The Morningside Choir was selected to perform at the Iowa Choral Directors Association (ICDA) Choral Showcase this past April.

The choir represented the college/university division and was the only university choir in the state chosen for the prestigious showcase that includes top choirs from throughout Iowa. The Morningside Choir is an auditioned choral ensemble recognized for its excellence in regional, national, and international choral performance. The choir performs a wide array of choral repertoire and is open to all Morningside students regardless of major. The Morningside Choir performs multiple concerts each semester, including the annual production of Christmas at Morningside and a regional tour in the spring.

# Morningside receives National Endowment for the Humanities Grant

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced in April that Morningside University has received a \$142,797 Humanities Connections Implementation Grant to support a three-year project that will implement an agricultural humanities minor at the University.

“Receiving an NEH grant is a great honor and certainly reflects the quality of faculty, students, and the great work being done within the humanities and the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies departments,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs Chris Spicer. “Morningside faculty do a great job of partnering across disciplines to create innovative programming. I look forward to seeing this evolve.”

English professor and humanities department head Dr. Leslie Werden serves as the project director for the grant. Werden is excited to begin the work the grant will fund.

“We are excited to showcase the interdisciplinary nature of humanities courses, starting with our connection to applied ag and food studies,” noted Dr. Werden. “We already have connecting courses like ‘Religion and Food’ and ‘Literature, Writing, and Empathy.’ We will add courses like ‘The Land Ethic’ as well as ‘Integrative Communications for Humanities and Agriculture.’”

Next steps for the grant include resource review and project development, followed by faculty workshops and integrating admissions and potential community partners into the planning.

The team who completed the work on the grant proposal included Werden; Dr. Elizabeth Coody, assistant professor of religious studies; Dr. Brandon Boesch, assistant professor of philosophy; Dr. Jen Peterson, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Tom Paulsen, professor of applied agriculture and food studies.





# MUSTANG Minute

## Consistent Path

By Mark Adkins

*Mike Clement '03 experiences "incredible ride" in life on the diamond*

Consistency has been a guiding principle of Mike Clement's baseball journey. Clement, a hitting coach for the Ole Miss Rebels, who won their first baseball national championship this year, credits his time at Morningside and Sioux City for helping set the foundation of consistency that has always been part of his diamond journey.

"Ole Miss head Coach Mike Bianco's leadership reminds me a lot of how former Morningside University head Coach Jim Scholten did things during my playing and early coaching days," Clement added. "His biggest strength was a lot like what Coach Bianco had developed at Ole Miss. He surrounded himself with good people. It wasn't just his staff with assistants like Bob Protextor and Rich Grife who were mainstays. He had good players, too, and most of us were from Iowa. It led to a consistency of being a winning program in the always-tough North Central Conference and NCAA Division II. You always knew where he stood, and the teams were much the same on and off the field."

In year eight as hitting coach for the Southeastern Conference powerhouse Ole Miss Rebels, Clement's consistent view towards baseball coaching success was realized. With an electric crowd on hand singing the praises of Hotty Toddy, the program claimed the College World Series championship. The path to dogpiling on the mound of Charles Schwab Field in Omaha saw unbeaten runs through the regional and super regional.

"Once we got out to a lead in game one in the championship series against Oklahoma, it just felt good," Clement said. "The whole state of Mississippi had driven to Omaha it seemed. It was a very partisan Rebels crowd, so we knew it would be hard to beat us. Our staff knew the building blocks had been in place. It might have taken longer than we would have wanted, but as we looked back over the last five years, the steps were there."

Clement's baseball journey had a similar feel. His family background gave him a view of the grand old game that had a similar theme towards consistent success in coaching and competing. His dad, Brad, is an Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Famer, and his brother, Jeff, who managed to reach the big leagues as a player, eventually wound up on the University of Iowa staff.

"God blessed our family in many ways," he reflected. "However, my younger brother had a higher level of talent that I figured I couldn't reach, so I knew I had to take a new baseball path. There I was at 11 years of age wondering what my future might look like. I knew I wanted to be around the game I loved and grew up with."





That desire led to an impressive high school career and a 2002 all-North Central Conference catcher honor at Morningside. Coaching would be the next step after his playing days concluded. As he worked his way up the ranks, Clement's ability to keep his eye on the prize was something the athletes at each of his stops could see and benefit from. He tutored numerous All-Americans at several of his stints, including with the Rebels, eventually building to this year's championship run.

"Going into 2021-2022, we knew we had the pieces to make a run," reflected Clement. "Our team was battle tested and had players who had seen two straight super regionals. I felt like that played a big key for us moving forward when we had to play so many crucial games down the stretch in the regular season, then in the conference tournament just to get to the national field. It felt like we were on even ground with everyone else going into the NCAAs. Our team had unbelievable confidence going into the postseason."

Even from the pinnacle of college baseball glory, Clement still frequently finds himself looking back on his Morningside experience.

"I stayed around despite not having eligibility remaining and Coach Scholten kept me on as an undergraduate assistant. You couldn't have asked for more than working with him," remembered Clement.



Morningside is such a special place. Despite the 20 years that have passed since we played together, once I see my teammates, the time just melts away. It's a cool little fraternity."

"Even with the school making a transition from D2 to NAIA and a lot of turnover, a major reason I chose Morningside after my junior college career was over was because I had a friend named Dave Miriovsky who was there. I wanted that small college feel and to be around guys like him that I knew I would connect with for a lifetime."

Clement added, "It says a lot that some of my Morningside teammates were even in the stands in Omaha, cheering me and my team on. Morningside is such a special place. Despite the 20 years that have passed since we played together, once I see my teammates, the time just melts away. It's a cool little fraternity."

Now as part of the fraternity of coaches with a national title under their belt, Clement hopes to continue his practice of consistency to give other players some of the opportunities and achievements he has enjoyed.

"The national title was fun, but you find yourself wanting to bottle stuff like that up and sprinkle it over every player that comes through. I feel that way looking back on my playing and coaching career, and Morningside was an important part of that."



INTRODUCING

# *Dr. Albert Mosley*

13TH PRESIDENT OF MORNINGSIDE

By Erin Edlund

On July 1, 2022, Morningside University turned the page to begin an exciting new chapter in its history. Dr. Albert Mosley took the helm as the 13th president of Morningside after being announced as president-elect in December 2021.





Dr. Mosley previously served as senior vice president and chief mission integration officer for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, a nonprofit, comprehensive, six-hospital health care system with 13,000 employees based in Memphis, Tenn. As part of the executive leadership team, Mosley provided strategic visioning and leadership to a division with more than 350 employees and a budget in excess of \$50 million. That division included the Methodist Healthcare Foundation, Methodist Le Bonheur Community Outreach, behavioral health, the Center for Bioethics and Health Equity, the Center of Excellence in Faith & Health Equity, strategic philanthropy, international ministries, spiritual care, volunteer services, and clinical pastoral education.

Since arriving at Morningside, President Mosley has been focused on spending time with and hearing from Morningsiders. His goal is to become more familiar with the culture and to get a sense for what is on the minds of the Morningside community. Whether meeting with students, spending time with faculty and staff, Zooming with or traveling to see board members, sharing a zoo experience with alumni, attending department meetings, or making his way to many other events in between, President Mosley has not shied away from immersing himself in all aspects of Morningside with the intent of using the conversations as a foundation for planning for the future.

There will be much more to come from President Mosley, including celebrating his inauguration on-campus on Friday, April 21, 2023. In the meantime, spend a little time getting to know our new president.

### Humble Beginnings

Mosley is a first-generation college graduate and first-generation professional who was born and raised in the rural, east-central Mississippi community of Shuqualak. The 500 people in that community consisted mostly of Mosley's family and extended family, whom he credits for instilling in him a belief that he could accomplish anything.

From that rural community, Mosley went on to earn degrees from Millsaps College, Duke University, Yale University, and the University of

Georgia. He has also received a number of honors and awards over the course of his life and career, including being named the recipient of the Duke University William J. Griffith University Service Award, receiving a special citation for Excellence in Community Leadership from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and being honored with the Richard Hernandez Religious Leadership Award given by the Northwest Interfaith Movement in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Entrepreneurial Spirit

Mosley is known in higher education and nonprofit settings for his entrepreneurial spirit, administrative acumen, and demonstrated ability to lead through seasons of significant change.

At Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, Mosley launched several transformational, community-based initiatives. He led a large-scale partnership with the Shelby County School System in Memphis, Tenn., designed to increase literacy rates. That partnership was recently awarded a \$4.6 million grant by the Tennessee Department of Education to expand to all public elementary schools in the county. He has also helped lead the Methodist Healthcare Foundation and Methodist Le Bonheur Community Outreach to garner more than \$50 million in grants and philanthropy. These funds have helped serve underserved populations and food insecure patients since the start of the pandemic and have also helped increase access for mental and behavioral health.



Part of the Mosley family touring campus.

While serving as the executive vice president and chief operating officer for Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla., Mosley was responsible for the overall direction and coordination of five university divisions and the vice presidents leading each area. He also led the assessment, revision, and implementation of Bethune-Cookman's strategic and long-term plan and helped the institution earn several significant grants.

At Johns Hopkins University and Duke University, Mosley served in student affairs roles that helped him develop a reputation for his commitment to advancing robust connections between the campus and local community.

One of Mosley's crowning achievements as a transformational leader, though, occurred during his six years as president of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Ga. There, he was able to retire all the institution's debt and increase the endowment by nearly 75 percent. He also helped Gammon achieve historic enrollment numbers and establish new and innovative certificate programs.

### Servant Leader

Mosley is a dedicated leader who has served in many distinguished national and international organizations and leadership roles. He currently serves on the board of directors for Leadership Memphis and as the chair of Volunteer Memphis. He is a board member for the Tennessee Hospital Association and serves as the chair of its Council on Inclusion and Health Equity. Additionally, in 2019, Mosley was appointed to a four-year term on the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct by the Tennessee Speaker of the House.

In higher education, Mosley is a member of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for LeMoyne-Owen College. He is part of the Board of Trustees for Martin Methodist College; he is a board member, treasurer, and chair of the Finance Committee for Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe; and he is vice chair of the University Senate of the United Methodist Church. Mosley also frequently travels and lectures across the country and around the world on transformational leadership and change management.

### Greatest Source of Inspiration

Of his many credentials, accomplishments, and achievements, Mosley points to his family as his greatest source of inspiration. He is married to Dr. Syreeta McTavous-Mosley, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., who is a dentist by profession. Dr. McTavous-



Above: Enjoying yard games with students and families at Orientation Weekend. Below: Welcoming international students.



Mosley is a graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and Howard University College of Dentistry. She currently serves at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Dentistry as an assistant professor and the director of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Prior to her current roles, she treated adult and pediatric patients in private practice and in a clinic that provided dental services to disadvantaged populations.

The Mosleys are proud parents of four children. Their adult sons Avery and Todd are both students at the University of Memphis. Addison is a junior at the University of Tennessee in Martin, Tenn., and Ava-Rose is a third grader.

# Welcome **HOME**

**Oct. 7-9, 2022**



## **HOMECOMING '22** **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **FRIDAY, OCT. 7**

- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Campus Tours
- 5:30 p.m. Class of '62 & '72 Reunion Reception & Dinner with the President
- 6 p.m. JV Women's Volleyball vs Mt. Marty
- 7:30 p.m. Varsity Women's Volleyball vs Mt. Marty

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 8**

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Campus Tours
- 9 a.m. M-Club Brunch, Alumni Athletics Awards Celebration
- 9:30 a.m. Class of '62 & '72 Reunion Reception
- 1:30 p.m. Morningside Football vs Hastings College
- 3:30 p.m. JV Women's Volleyball vs St. Mary's
- 4 p.m. Taste of Morningside & Milestone Reunion Tent (Classes of 2017, 2012, 2007, 2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982, 1977, 1972, 1967, 1962, 1957, 1952, 1947, 1942)
- 5 p.m. Varsity Women's Volleyball vs St. Mary's

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 9**

- 10 a.m. Worship Service
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Marquis Brunch
- 11:15 a.m. CODA Award Luncheon
- 3 p.m. Homecoming Concert

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# Deepening Roots



By Erin Edlund

In just seven years, the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies program has grown from one office and three classrooms to now offering a large working garden, ag center, greenhouse, outdoor classroom, test plots, and a soon-to-be farm. These new donor-funded learning spaces were imagined by and continue to be managed almost entirely by students working alongside their faculty. The yield of their collective work is already nothing short of impressive.

For Tom Moss, a sophomore from North Platte, Neb., the Rosen Ag Center is not just the place where he goes to take his classes as a student in the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural & Food Studies program. This summer, managing and working in the Rosen Ag Center was his full-time focus.

“The ag center is incredible. Being at Morningside we already have a lot of freedom to research and explore ideas. This new facility has taken that to a whole new level. I am doing things as a sophomore that friends at bigger schools may not ever get to do in their undergraduate ag program. I love every minute of it,” said Moss.

The Rosen Ag Center is a new state-of-the-art facility constructed in 2021 thanks to a generous donation from Tom Rosen '70 and his family. It features a greenhouse funded by the Lags Foundation that honors the memory of Dave “Lags” Lageschulte '73, as well as an outdoor classroom made possible by Cargill.

Ag students Tom Moss and Bethany Widman inspect produce living in the grow towers inside the newly constructed Rosen Ag Center and Lags Greenhouse.

“We were fortunate to have three major supporters for the project who really saw the vision of what we were hoping to build for students in our ag program,” said Mike Freeman, director of development at Morningside University who helped bring the project to fruition. “Our donors saw this facility as an investment in our students, in Morningside, and in agriculture in this region, and they were willing to come forward with the gifts to make it possible.”

Inside the 3,3600 square-foot facility sitting on two and a half acres on the southwest side of campus, students have access to learning spaces and laboratories that include a headhouse for preparation and storage, an aquaponics room where tilapia and other aquatic production is taking place, a room of grow towers that allows students to experiment with various types of growing, and two production house rooms capable of producing crops with separate climate requirements.

“The opportunities for student research at any point in our program are significant, and those experiments and ideas are leading to new opportunities and partnerships,” said Dr. Tom Paulsen, professor and head of the department. “As a few examples, we will be growing poinsettias to be used on

campus during the holidays, we have agreements with several restaurants in town interested in some of the food we are growing, and we have been able to provide some great learning opportunities for K-12 students.”

Considering that the program started with a conference room and three offices when it was launched in 2015, Paulsen could not be more grateful for the wonderland learning environment he is now able to share with students. “Tom Rosen and his family, the Lageschulte family, and Cargill have given our program an incredible gift with this facility that I assure you we won’t squander in any way,” said Paulsen. “The Rosen Ag Center has opened up a whole new world of teaching, learning, and research for us that is a huge benefit to our program as well as the community.”

In addition to the ag center and greenhouse, another project that Moss has been working on alongside Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Assistant Professor Dan Witten is developing the Cargill Outdoor Classroom and the test plot area located outside of the building. The land is being used for agronomic research plots and precision ag research plots. It will also eventually provide in-ground garden demonstration and production plots for crops that require larger spaces, a tree and shrub nursery for campus groundskeeping, an edible forest plot, a vineyard, and other potential outdoor ag and environmental science research.

“The Cargill Outdoor Classroom allows our students to engage in the applied portion of our curriculum. With its proximity to campus, students can be introduced to a topic and five minutes later see the application in a field-type setting,” said Witten.

These new spaces will augment the already existing Morningside Garden, which began growing in 2018. Students who took a class taught by Tom Paulsen helped conceive the idea for the garden with the hope they could use it for in-class study and co-curricular activities while providing fresh produce for the campus dining hall and the community. They also wanted the garden to be a place that educated children and other community members about gardening best practices.

Paulsen and his students were able to attain a \$10,000 matching grant from the Wellmark Foundation to get the garden going. With leadership from adjunct faculty member and director of the garden, Dee McKenna, 90 students contributed 270 hours of labor to transform the grassy lot across the street from Buhler Rohlfs Hall into a garden with in-ground beds, raised beds, pollinator gardens, and a shed.

Since that first year, the Morningside Garden has had thousands of visitors and produced thousands of pounds of produce ranging from potatoes to carrots to green beans.



**Smaller photo, left:** The Lags Foundation honors the memory of David “Lags” Lageschulte '73. Lags was a highly successful business person who was also known for his selfless generosity and fundraising abilities. The Lags

Foundation carries on his spirit of giving, including providing funds for the Lags Greenhouse.

**Larger photo, left:** Father and son, Tom Rosen '70 and Reid Rosen '13, pose outside of the Rosen Ag Center at the dedication that was held in May 2022. The transformational gift provided by Tom Rosen and family helped make the new facility a reality.

“The Morningside Garden is a place where we can take what students are learning in agronomy and ag business management and apply it to growing our own food. Our students are involved in every aspect and have a ton of ownership in what happens in the garden. It brings everything they are learning to life,” said McKenna.

It was this level of student involvement that has also been key to building the Rosen Ag Center, Lags Greenhouse, and Cargill Outdoor Classroom. Paulsen, Witten, McKenna, and Professor Annie Kinwa-Muzinga found ways to break down the work needed to complete the new learning spaces so that students could take ownership in everything from selecting equipment to deciding the layout.

“Building this program has been a step-by-step, phase-by-phase process. Involving students at every point has been great not only because of the experience it offers them, but I also appreciate the assurance that the students are working alongside us as we make decisions so we know we are creating the kind of learning environment they want,” said Paulsen.

With the Rosen Ag Center now in full bloom with ideas, research, swiss chard, basil, and so much more, the students and faculty in the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies program are enjoying their bounty with an eye toward the future.

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## Pesky pigweed to one, amazing amaranth to another

***Amaranth, more commonly known as pigweed, is often aggressively weeded from plant beds and gardens in the United States. In other parts of the world, though, it is lovingly harvested.***

Dr. Annie Kinwa-Muzinga knows this firsthand. A native of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kinwa-Muzinga enjoys amaranth as a healthy staple that she describes as similar to a salad. She also knew that in Sioux City, a year-round demand for amaranth exists among individuals like herself who are from Africa, South America, and beyond because the only options that otherwise exist are frozen, not fresh.

“I went to Dr. Paulsen once we knew the Rosen Ag Center was going to happen and suggested that we try our hand at producing an ethnic food in the greenhouse. He was right on board with it,” said Kinwa-Muzinga.

In fall 2021, Kinwa-Muzinga developed a plan to have her agribusiness entrepreneurship class participate in a project to grow the root in the greenhouse. The project included budgeting, production, marketing, and selling amaranth,

basil and romaine, allowing students to take part in every aspect of building the business plan.

“Our next step was to find a market. The students got out and made connections with the community members, and we were able to sell all of the amaranth we had within 15 minutes,” recalled Kinwa-Muzinga.

The excitement and demand have not let up. Since January 2022, the greenhouse has shipped more than 100 pounds of the delicacy to local families and JMV, a Sioux City African grocery store. The students have also expanded their ethnic food production work, with sour sour and gustavo leaves in the beginning phases of production.

In addition to ethnic foods, ag students are also using their business plans to donate or sell other produce harvested from the Rosen Ag Center and Morningside Garden to Sodexo for the Morningside Caf, Table 32, The Hard Rock, Kahill’s, and more.



“Community has always been an important component of our work. One of the areas we are looking at is community usage and teaching gardening work beyond Morningside,” shared Paulsen. “The route of community-supported agriculture is something we would like to consider since the greenhouse supports year-round growing conditions that would not otherwise be possible in Iowa. It would be another way to involve our students and give them a sense of what potential ag production and business models might look like outside of the Midwest.”

The new facilities also have the ag department considering new possibilities for its curriculum.

“There is obvious potential for more course additions, as well as possibilities for new minors or even majors,” Paulsen pointed out. “We will be engaging in discussions with business and industry partners, other educational partners, and our campus community to strategically consider what might come next.”

As Dr. Kinwa-Muzinga shares, though, the new ag facilities have already made a tremendous impact on allowing faculty and students to put learning into action.

“When I arrived in 2018, I turned to Dr. Paulsen and asked, ‘Where is the farm?’ I did not know how I was going to teach experientially without a farm. Four years later, we have the garden, a great facility that includes a greenhouse, and will soon have an outdoor classroom. As faculty, we can talk numbers and theory in a classroom, but the students have to be able to put those concepts into action. These new facilities open up a whole new world of possibilities to allow our students to engage and experience what they are learning. Like we say at Morningside, experience matters.”





# A FIELD OF OPPORTUNITY

***Last March, Morningside University purchased 76 acres of land southeast of Sioux City that will be integrated into the curriculum of the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Department.***

“The purchase of this land was an important investment. It will allow our students interested in pursuing careers in the agricultural sector to have a more active learning experience, it gives us an opportunity to involve the campus community and beyond in how we will develop the land for learning, and it adds high-quality land to our investment portfolio,” said Dr. Albert Mosley, president of Morningside University. “I am grateful to the Board of Directors for making this purchase possible and I look forward to working together to imagine the future.”

The two parcels of land that were purchased include just over 63 acres that are north of Old Highway 141 and a little more than 13 acres that are located south of Old Highway 141. Possible experiential learning opportunities at the new farm may be around topics such as agribusiness management, budgeting, hybrid analysis, and crop scouting. Additionally, it is expected that new areas of study may be developed in the future.

“Our faculty have done a great job of building a robust curriculum with lots of great opportunities for students over the last several years. The acquisition of this land will enhance that work while giving us significant growth potential,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs Chris Spicer.



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# MELTING THE ICE

## Meredith (Davis) Lang '02 is changing the landscape of hockey and her community

By Mark Adkins

The Oxford Language dictionary defines activism as a policy or action using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change. That's exactly the kind of work Morningside University alumna Meredith Lang is doing on behalf of the game of hockey through Minnesota Unbounded.

"I'm seeking to grow the game of hockey within its rules and politics," she stated. "It's not enough to just make a little change. I want a systemic impact. Disabling unconscious bias, microaggressions, and racism on and off the ice, as examples. Once that gets going, we can use this platform to pursue other things."

Lang's original idea of Hockey Ninas started off as a way to build a community of color within an even broader social justice initiative with Minnesota Unbounded and beyond. But she doesn't want it to stop there.

"It's my personal initiative for all players of color - girls or boys - that want to play hockey to feel supported," Lang admitted. "I enjoy working within the community to

provide unique experiences for non-traditional hockey families."

Lang has seen remarkable success, including being named a finalist for the National Hockey League's Willie O'Ree Community Service award that has earned her attention both in the state of Minnesota and on a national level. She knows there is still plenty of work to be done though, a point driven home to her at a recent tournament her daughter played in.

"My daughter plays on a AAA team where she is the only team member of color and experienced an extremely hurtful situation where racist remarks were directed at her," Lang shared.

"Many of her teammates had never experienced or known this type of racism existed in hockey," she continued. "As hurtful as the situation was, I wanted it to be a learning experience for everyone involved. It's important for allies to speak up. Her young teammates did that for her even though it landed on deaf ears. We were eventually able to work together to make something positive come out of the situation. The tournament director and the group he worked with understood the mistakes that were made and are taking the right steps forward. We want all boys and girls to know the state of hockey loves them as much as they love the game. It's an



opportunity to do what we can to make the environment better."

Minnesota Unbounded and Hockey Ninas have grown to a point where the impact is being seen more and more, but the beginnings were humble. It all began when Lang saw her younger brother enjoy hockey and wanted a chance at it, too.

"I'd been in gymnastics and didn't have an opportunity to get on the ice," she reflected. "When I was in eighth grade, a friend of mine said we should try it out. We didn't care how that happened, so we played with the boys for a year."

"My freshman year of high school, I had the opportunity to play girls hockey as a varsity sport with female coaches, a bus to practice, and so on," she added. "Having that kind of access and so many friends involved made it more possible for me to improve skills and techniques."



Fast forward a few years later, and Lang's eldest daughter Aubrey was five years old and wanting to hit the ice.

"I kept thinking back to how it was for me at her age and wanted to give her something better," Lang pointed out. "I found an opportunity for her with a Try Hockey for Free weekend. She went out and put on the equipment. She was wobbly on her skates, held the stick in the wrong hand and fell down a time or two. She kept getting back up, though. When she came over to me at the end, she said "Mom, I had the best time ever - Where do I sign up?"

Lang knew that road wouldn't be easy, especially because her daughter was the only girl of color at the event that day.

"I've had and continue to have real conversations with my daughters and the teams about things happening on the ice," she said. "I don't want them to be surprised. We arm them with information about what to do and who to go to if things get ugly."

Lang also saw the opportunity to begin a larger conversation within the hockey community.

"Myself and another mom, Laura, who is a Mexican-American parent whose children wanted to play, had Minnesota Hockey reach out for a round table

discussion," Lang said. "We wound up having eight sets of parents at that meeting talking about our experiences. It came down to knowing at that moment we wanted more, then deciding what the next steps would be."

"The two of us kept connecting with other families of color," she added. "The idea came up to start Hockey Ninas. From there, the idea continued to grow through many different avenues so it could be showcased for others. It didn't take long for the Latino and Black communities to get behind it."

As the Hockey Ninas program grew it got the attention of the media, as well as Tina Kampa, a collegiate coach who had connections with other coaches of color. As word about the work spread, a base was developed that led to the co-founding of Minnesota Unbounded. Kampa became the team's head coach and they now practice once a week and host a tournament every year.



I enjoy working within the community to provide unique experiences for non-traditional hockey families."

Lang's activism isn't stopping with Minnesota Unbounded, either. She has a personal project as a member of a Black hockey mom's network called Black Hockey Mommies, where she is involved with bringing a BIPOC U18 boys hockey team called the Panthers to Minnesota. Her intent is to make it an experience they will never forget.

"We are pulling out all of the stops with local rinks donating ice time, the Minnesota Wild taking the young men on a tour of the practice facility for workouts, and more. The Wild are even going to hang up their team jerseys in their locker rooms."

Above all else, Lang sees that each small act now has the potential to keep making a compounding difference into the future.

"The more positive experience players of color have, the more they stay invested in the game, and the more they will give back to the game and keep this work moving forward."



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# Katie

By Erin Edlund

**Time and experience helped lead Katie Sullivan '22 to earn her bachelor's degree online through the Morningside University School of Business**

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Anyone that has attended a Morningside event where food and beverage are served knows they can expect an impressive spread with the details well-imagined. Since 2012, one of the people behind the magic of Morningside events catered by Sodexo has been Katie Sullivan '22. Katie has put a bow on all sorts of events as the campus catering manager. She would also be the first to tell you that commencement time is always particularly special. In 2022, it took on a whole new meaning for Katie when she completed the requirements for Morningside's online business bachelor's degree completion program and found herself at the center of the commencement festivities.

"I love working at Morningside, and I loved learning at Morningside. Finally achieving my goal of earning a bachelor's degree from a place that I have come to know and love so much is pretty incredible. I have always enjoyed getting to celebrate what Morningside students do. It hit different to know that this time, I was one of those students," shared Sullivan.

Katie's journey to earning a degree has been one with many on- and off-ramps. She first considered enrolling in art school after moving with her husband to Oregon nearly two decades ago. Ultimately Katie decided against enrolling and instead began working at a resort. There, she began honing her hospitality skills and setting the stage for a career she had yet to consider.

In 2009, Katie and her husband found themselves back in Siouxland. Katie knew she wanted to find a career where jobs would be plentiful, so she made the decision to enroll in a nursing program.

"I wanted to do something practical. Turns out that wasn't for me. I got close to finishing my nursing degree, but it was a struggle the entire time. My heart simply wasn't in it," she remembered.

While in nursing school and after, Katie was also working for a few different restaurants and businesses around town to continue the work she enjoyed in the hospitality and service industry. It was also around this time that Katie and her husband made the decision it was time to grow their family, and Katie became more determined than ever to find a career where she could grow and thrive.

“I started with Sodexo at Morningside when I was pregnant with my first child in 2012. I really liked being part of the Sodexo family, and the fact that Sodexo was at Morningside made it even better because of how great the campus community is,” shared Katie.

Once in her new job, Katie hit her stride. She found herself loving the opportunity to get to know the students at events, as well as students who worked with her in food services. Katie especially excelled in the role of catering manager. Through that work, Katie frequently worked with President Emeritus John Reynders and his wife Robin. That relationship eventually blossomed into a deep friendship.

“I grew very close to John and Robin. We are besties. They were always supportive of the work I did, and I enjoyed capturing their vision for events,” recalled Katie. “They invested in me as a person. That included asking me if I wanted to earn a degree and what they could do to support me while I earned it.”

As Katie continued to flourish in her work, the Reynders took note of the fact that Katie had a significant impact on the students working alongside her. They saw that the relationships Katie formed with students extended far beyond catering, and that she was often an inspiration to those students working hard to earn while they learned at Morningside. When the Reynders pointed this out to Katie, she knew what she wanted to do.

“Hearing John and Robin tell me that students viewed me as a mentor was very uplifting. It helped further fuel my desire to get that degree, so I decided to do it.”

Katie made the decision to enroll at Morningside in 2019. As a wife, proud mom to five boys, and a dedicated working professional, she needed a program that offered flexibility. The Morningside online business bachelor’s degree completion program in the School of Business was the answer.

“I was nervous about the technology learning curve of an online program, but like with so many things at Morningside, my instructors and fellow students all came together and helped me

figure it out. The technology was easy after that. I found myself really connecting with my classes and being able to apply what I was learning to my work right away. I knew I had found the right program for me.”

Katie initially planned to take whatever time she needed to finish her degree. However, after President Emeritus Reynders announced his retirement shortly after she began in the program and then COVID-19 delayed his retirement a year, Katie made the decision she was going to make every effort to graduate by 2022 so the man who had helped inspire her to finally get her degree could be the one to hand it to her.

“I am so glad I was able to walk across the stage to receive my Morningside degree at John’s last commencement ceremony. He and Robin mean so much to me. It was a great moment,” shared Katie.

With her bachelor’s degree now complete, Katie is back to focusing on her family and a new role having recently being named the new operations director for Sodexo’s Morningside unit – a promotion granted thanks to her new degree. She also encourages anyone out there who, like her, may not have taken a traditional or typical road to earning a degree to not let that stop them.

“There are so many more nontraditional students out there than people realize. A college degree does not have to happen right out of high school. It is okay to get those life experiences and figure out what you really want,” Katie reflected, also noting, “If you are thinking about getting a degree, do it. Think about how you can use it and what you can gain from it to improve yourself. The beauty of education at places like Morningside is that you can customize what you learn to get the experience, skills, and knowledge you want.”





# A May Term To Remember

By Erin Edlund & Guest Writers

From May 15-25, 2022, students, alumni, faculty, and staff from Morningside University traveled together through Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic as part of a May Term trip. The Morningside Choir performed at stops along the way, non-choir students explored food and agriculture, and all members of the trip shared experiences and memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime.

What truly makes the trip special are the bonds that form between alumni and students. Alumni freely reminisce about days gone by and share bits of their own lives, and the students enthusiastically offer their own stories and take every opportunity to make memories with their new alumni friends. These bonds are exactly the reason Morningside consistently offers an alumni May Term every few years and plans to continue to do so.

*Please enjoy perspective about the 2022 trip from a few of the individuals who took part. If you are interested in potentially traveling with the next trip tentatively scheduled for 2024, we would love to hear your ideas about a possible trip. Please contact Erin Edlund at [edlunde@morningside.edu](mailto:edlunde@morningside.edu) with your ideas or to express your interest.*

## Faculty Perspective



**Dr. Ryan Person,**  
director of choral activities and  
assistant professor  
of music

### What was a takeaway you gained on this trip?

I was reminded of how much international travel offers collegiate students. During this tour, our students' eyes were opened to many new cultures. As a result, I feel they will serve as more effective and open-minded leaders on campus and in the future.

### What choir performance was your favorite?

While every performance was extremely memorable, I will always fondly recall our performance at the Dvorák Music Festival in the Czech Republic. We had the distinct honor of performing for a sold-out audience, which included the great Czech composer Antonín Dvorák's great-grandson, Petr Dvorák. The choir gave a remarkable artistic performance, and it was ecstatically received by those in attendance.

### Which food(s) did you most enjoy?

I was especially impressed with the outstanding sauerkraut and goulash at restaurants in Germany and Austria.

### Which was your favorite country and why?

While I thoroughly enjoyed every tour location, I was most drawn to Austria's charming natural and architectural beauty, as well as its rich music history.



## Alumni Perspective



**Sherri Levers '82,**  
traveled with her  
daughter Jamie

### What is your connection to Morningside?

I was a business administration major and sociology minor who graduated in December 1982. I was recruited by Fred Erbes and later worked with him in admissions, and later worked with Gary Gevik in financial aid.

### What stood out to you about the trip?

I have wanted to go to Europe for a very long time. The scenery was gorgeous, and I really enjoyed hearing the history of the region. Experiencing locations where historical events happened left much more of an impression than reading about the same events in history books.

### What was your favorite souvenir?

The pictures I took. I printed them right away and put descriptions on the back so I can always look back at them with fond memories.

### How do you feel now that you have had time to reflect?

Getting to know the students and sharing their experiences with them combined with a well-planned itinerary made for a perfect experience. I came away with so much hope for the future when these students leave Mside to pursue careers.



## Alumni Perspective



**Gary Armstrong '70**, double major in history/ political science and religion/ philosophy; United Methodist pastor in Iowa



### **What inspired you to go on the trip?**

The trip was my first to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. I had previously traveled with the choir to Spain and Japan. As I anticipated the trip I was looking forward to visiting a place I had not seen before, getting a sense of the history of each of the countries, meeting the people, and seeing sights I had only ever heard about.

### **Did you make any friends or meet people who you particularly enjoyed?**

Making cross generational connections is something I deeply appreciate. Morningside is the reason I came to Iowa in the first place. My wife, our son, my brother, and niece also attended Morningside. Traveling with students and others who love Morningside University has truly been a pleasure. Whenever I am asked my favorite part of the trip my response is the people with whom I traveled. They are all people who make a difference for good. Hearing the choir sing in such beautiful and historical settings is an experience I cherish.

### **Was there any specific excursion that was particularly memorable or meaningful?**

One of the most memorable sites we visited was the Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany. Though Dachau was one of the smaller concentration camps, it was a place where Nazi captors honed their techniques for extreme cruelty and brutality. I will especially remember seeing hundreds of German high school students visiting the camp as part of their high school educational requirements. They were learning some of the most painful part of their country's history with an eye to the future and a commitment to never allowing something like that to happen again. One photo I am attaching is the Dachau Memorial Sculpture designed by Nandor Glid, a concentration camp survivor from Yugoslavia. The sculpture depicts intertwined fence posts, barbed wire, and human skeletons.





## Alumni and Former Staff Perspective



**Kathy Martin '99,**  
graduate of Saint Paul School  
of Theology; ordained elder in  
The United Methodist Church;  
former campus pastor and  
director of church relations at  
Morningside



### What's one of your favorite things you brought back from the trip?

One of my favorite travel quotes is “collect moments, not things,” so I carried home very few things, but the moments - oh, there were so many good ones. I am thankful for my journal to help me remember.

### Was there a particular location that most stood out to you?

One of my favorite stops in Austria was our visit to Melk Abbey and the choir's impromptu recital there. The abbey itself is an amazing architectural structure with one of the coolest libraries I have ever seen (and we only were able to see a small portion of it). The views of the countryside and the Danube River from its porches were incredible. But my favorite part of our visit there was the sanctuary, the ornate Baroque artwork on the ceilings and walls, beautiful altars, and the heavy wooden pews.

### What performance from the choir was your favorite during the trip?

The choir's recital at Melk Abbey was one of the most beautiful of the tour. It felt as if their combined voices reached into every nook and cranny of the room and kept echoing and moving throughout. Other visitors seated around us reacted with sighs and whispers of amazement and appreciation. It was one of those 'proud to be a Morningsider' moments. And speaking of the Morningside



Choir, I can only echo the of praise for each individual student on their professional (yet fun) ways of being, and on the rich, rich music they make together!

### How do you feel as you have had time to reflect on the trip?

I am thankful to Morningside University for providing so many varied opportunities to students, as well as faculty, staff and alumni, to travel. Before becoming a student at Morningside I had traveled very little, but now I consider the opportunity to do so equally important to the classes I took, books I read and papers I wrote. Experiences such as this May Term trip change more than perspectives, they change lives.

## Student Perspective



**Katie Pottebaum '22,** music education major, currently working as a vocal music teacher at LeMars Middle School

### What made this experience special or valuable to you?

If you are able to have these experiences traveling abroad, you should take them. Being able to sightsee and perform with some of my closest friends abroad was probably a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me. You learn so much about other cultures and get to experience it all firsthand. It also opens your eyes to how different the U.S. is compared to the rest of the world.

### What is the best souvenir you brought home from the trip?

I would say my favorite souvenir I brought home would either have to be a glass mug I bought when we were at the Pilsner Urquell Brewery or a magnet I bought at Neuschwanstein Castle.

### Was there any specific excursion that was particularly memorable or meaningful?

For me, the most memorable site we visited was the Salzburg Cathedral. When I visited Salzburg back in 2014, we visited this cathedral. It was a great experience coming back and seeing it for a second time. It was also one of my favorite places to perform in with the choir.

### Did you make any friends or meet people who you particularly enjoyed?

I got to meet a ton of new people on this trip. There were students in the Morningside Choir as well as students from the ag department. One of the ag students was my roommate for the whole trip. I didn't know her very well prior to the trip, but throughout our time in Europe we became really good friends!





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 Marc '02 & Jill (Simmons) '02 Obbink  
 Sharon & Donna Ocker  
 Mike & Mary Origer  
 Michael Owen '59  
 Asa '67 & Karen (Brenner) '69 Oye  
 Dr. Thomas Packard '70  
 David Patch '82  
 David & Marta (Johnson) '72 Patee  
 John '74 & Catherine (Aunan) '76 Paul  
 Thomas & Michelle Paulsen  
 Dr. John & Kari Pinto  
 Pioneer Bank  
 Plains Mechanical Services, Inc  
 Andrew Poeckes '14  
 Mark Porter  
 John Prast '65  
 Prestige Collision Centers  
 LaDonna (Risपालje) Preston '53

Steven Reed '76  
 Reich Painting & Decorating Co.  
**Sue (Dahl) Reider '66**  
 Charles Rexroat '56  
 Douglas Rice '75  
 Chris Rich '90  
 Michael '66 & Linda (Jalas) '67 Rickert  
 Rev. Allen '73 & Donna (Tack) '72 Ricks  
**Janet Rohmiller**  
 Patrick '86 & Sandy Rogers  
 Daniel Rudeen '14  
 Dan '00 & Anne (Cady) '00 Ryan  
 Richard Salem '65  
 Bill Scheel  
 Dr. Donald Schenk  
 Michael Schmidt  
 Steven Schmidt '73  
 Laura (Scammacca) Schmitt '89  
 Kevin '87 & Eunice '85 (Tseng) Scholten  
 Don & Marian (Meyer) '95 Schuldt  
 Mitchell '11 & Amanda (Nelson) '11 Schultze  
**Bill Seibert '48**  
 Jill Seinola '74  
 Thomas Selwold  
 Dr. Larry & Pauline (Gensler) '89 Sensenig  
 Randy Shideler  
 Wayne Shively '65  
 Siouxland Federal Credit Union  
 Brad '02 & Kathy (Cave) '02 Sitzmann  
 Dr. Jerome '75 & Cheryl (Hogeboom) '75 Smith  
 La Vone Sopher '79 & Randy Bradley '91  
 Donna (Lageschulte) '69 & Ken '68 Speake  
 Chris & Christy Spicer  
**Tonya & John Spies**  
 Lynn (Litterick) Splittorff '70  
**Randall Stoneking Estate**  
 Strawn Construction Services Inc.  
 Dr. Gary '79 & Pamela (Lourens) '81 Stuck  
 J. William '09 & Kate Swanson  
 Wade & Karmen Ten Napel  
 Rev. Dennis '69 & Glenna (Erickson) '70 Tevis  
 Don Thompson '65  
 Paul '84 & Nancy (Miller) '92 Treft  
 David W. Treimer '80  
 Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.  
 Peggy Vagts '76 & Mark Miller  
 Donald '55 & Eunice Van Der Weide  
**John Vermilyea '67**  
 Keith Vollstedt, M.D. '83 & Jaclyn Vollstedt  
**Spencer '13 & Skylore (Curry) '18 Walker**  
**Wal-Mart Foundation**  
 Dr. Craig Wansink '84  
 Thomas Warren '83  
 Dick Weikert  
 Craig '84 & Joan Werner  
 JJ White '01  
 Karen Wiese '97  
 Corey Willnauer '74  
 Mike '07 & Kari (Bull) '03 Winklepleck  
 Woodhouse Auto  
**Beth (Billard) Wyland '57**

## President's Society Gold Members

Maurice '19 & Ashleen (Marr) '20 Blackbird  
 Elizabeth Bohlmann '18  
 Nicholas J. Brincks '14 & Paige E. (Potter)  
 Brincks '15  
 Heather Brown '12  
**Kyle Bubbs '12**  
**Rae Clinkenbeard '20**  
 Kirsten Dargy '13  
 Alec DeVries '17  
**Kyle Eagen '12 & Cassandra Scoblic '12**  
**Michele (Wostouphal) Ellingson '13**  
 Alexandra (Hirt) Ferritto '14  
 Scott '14 & Cameron (Oakley) '14 Finke  
**Kelli Flack '21**  
 Stefanie Ford '13  
 Danny A. Graves '18 & Natasha E.  
 Hongsermeier-Graves '17  
 Steven Gustafson '19  
 Brett '14 & Stacie Hays  
**Ally Hecht '20**  
**Nathan Hettinger '15**  
 Laura (Maynard) Hummelgard '13  
 Craig Jorgensen '18  
**Joshua Karel '15**  
**Samantha (Thiele) Kirsch '12**  
 Jessica (Boschen) Kroeger '12  
**Scott '11 & Katie (Kortum) '15 Kruger**  
 Dexter Lambie '16  
 Abbey Sump '18 & Grant Lehmann '19  
 Carlie Maasz '17  
 Trent Miller '14  
 Breanna (Schwartz) Muller '13  
 Michael Oetken '13  
**Joseph O'Neill '13**  
 Stephen O'Neill '15  
**Samuel Padilla Castro '21**  
 Tyler Paulson '19  
**Phillip Rasmussen '21**  
 Linda (Gearheart) Richardson '19  
**Sarah (Davy) Rol '14**  
**Samantha (Johnson) Rozeboom '20**  
 Sheila Ruiz '18  
**Eric '17 & Moriah (Bohlmann) '18**  
 Salmonson  
**Alex '12 & Kassie (Hein) '12 Smith**  
**Joshua Steinberg '15**  
**Katie Sullivan '22**  
**Adam '10 & Anna '15 (Christensen) Teut**  
**Elizabeth Thies '20**  
 Noah Towns '16  
**Adam Treft '12**  
**Connor Treft '18**  
**Amy (Niewohner) Tritsch '20**  
**Christina Vazquez '18**  
 Stacy & Erin '13 Weiland  
 Patrick '14 & Amy (Baer) '13 Whitsell

\* Deceased 2021-2022  
 Bold denotes new members

# W.S. LEWIS SOCIETY

The W.S. Lewis Society pays tribute to individuals and families who have included Morningside in their estate plans or have supported the university through an endowed scholarship gift. For more information, go to [legacy.morningside.edu](http://legacy.morningside.edu) or contact Jonathan Blum at [blumj@morningside.edu](mailto:blumj@morningside.edu)

Michael '72 & Linda (McFarlane) '72 Alexander  
Gene Ambrosio  
Gary '61 & Terri Anderson  
Anonymous (3)  
Larry Arnold '65 & Joan Arnold '67  
Dr. Craig '70 & Sandy '70 Bainbridge  
Sally Bartlett  
Carole Beck  
Bob '63 & Margaret '63 Bell  
Mike & Margie Bennett  
David Blair  
Jonathan '01 & Stacy Blum  
David '58 & Bonnie Bogue  
Mary Ann Bolton  
Lynne (Erickson) Boulden '74 & Dennis Boulden  
Muriel Briggs '48  
Lucy Y. Buhler '56  
Dr. J. Robert '70 & Christine Burkhart  
Diane Bushyager '62  
G. Ray Bushyager '67  
Douglas Lee Camarigg  
Matt '98 & Stacey Campbell  
Charles Carlberg '69  
John Gregory '67 & Joan Everly '68 Clark  
Joe Clausen '65  
Jon '64 & Anne Cleghorn  
Warren Conner '60  
John Connor II '66  
Carolyn (Wolle) Cox '47  
Bob '87 & Sandy (Popenhagen) '73 Craig  
Dr. Larry Crummer '71 & Bill Oman  
Gretchen (Bottom) Dalzell  
Barbara Danger '67  
Charles '66 & Virginia (Landman) '66 Danish  
Deane Davenport '72  
Dr. David '76 & Diane (Hantsbarger) '76 Davidson  
Nancy (Nelson) DeMeyer '76  
Judith Dirks '59  
**Rev. Msgr. R. Mark Duchaine**  
Josh & Anne Ellwanger  
Michael '72 & Carolyn Ellwanger  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Engle  
William Enockson '51  
Beverly (Tucker) '71 Fest & Bruce Fest  
Dr. Dan L. Flanagan '69  
Carol (Loken) Forbes '70  
Jerry Foxhoven '74  
Mike & Mary Freeman  
Mark Freerks '79  
Janice (Lingebach) Galli '76  
Mark '82 & Robin (Nilson) '82 Gambaiana  
Jan (Deemer) George '77 & Ted George  
Laura (Treptow) Gerkin '55  
Donald Kimberline  
Von Dell Glaser '53  
David Gould '75

Jan Madland Grant '66\*  
Richard '53 & Evelyn Greenlee  
Dr. Tyrone Greive '65 & Janet Rayburn Greive  
Lucille (Pippett) Hakala '41  
Troy Hames III '81  
James Hamilton '53  
Margaret (Wood) Hancock '54  
James '69 & Miriam Hanke  
Randy '72 & Becky Hansen  
Claris Hanson  
James '69 & Carol (Seagren) '72 Hanthorne  
Janis '99 & Daryl Harrison  
Linda (Readout) Harward '81 & Gary Harward '64  
Larry '66 & Marybeth Heikes  
Dan '71 & Sue (Roberts) '72 Henderson  
Richard & Mary Hettinger  
Dale '50\* & Shirley Hewlett  
Max '62 & Judy (Daniels) '64 Hill  
Robert Hoover '71  
Jerry & Carol Israel  
Timothy '71 & Betty Jackes  
Milford Jacobson '40  
Lee B. Jarvis '62\*  
Donna (Haafke) Johnson '58  
Ron '79 & Kathy Jorgensen  
James & Mary (Rogers) '68 Kaplafka  
Richard '71 & Frances (Radtke) '71 Keith  
DeWitt '59 & Phyllis (Mackintosh) '60 Killam  
Harry '65 & Marlys Kitts  
Frances (Jaffa) Kline '95  
Robert G. Knowler  
Suzanna (Andresen) Kolbo '15  
Robert Koshkarian '68  
John & Nancy (Cummings) '79 Lawrence  
Arthur Leiby '73  
Barbara Lewison '86  
Lyle & Betty Lieder  
**Aaron '93 & Peggy Lukken**  
Brett Lyon '04  
Dr. Esther Mackintosh '69  
Nick '03 & JJ (Benson) '03 Marlow  
Charles Martin '76  
Charles '67 & Patricia Mason  
Larry Mason '73  
Doris Mauer  
Russell McComsey '75  
Gary '62 & Kathy (McComb) '63 McConnell  
Michael & Jan (Sellen) '72 McGrane  
**Jennifer McNeil, MD**  
John '52 & Janice (Haupt) '51 Mechem  
Bonnie '64 & Donald Messer  
Robert '50 & Vera Jean Meyer\*  
Darlene (Froehlich) Miller  
Ervin Miller  
Dr. Earl & Joyce Moore  
Marjorie (McCracken) Morrell '70

Thomas '70 & Carol (Dahl) '71 Narak  
James '80 & Susan '81 Nelson  
Jon D. Nelson '78  
Sharon K. Nelson  
Steven Nelson '74  
David Nielsen  
Sharon & Donna Ocker  
Mark O'Connell '85  
Russ '76 & Robyn (Reckert) '76 Olson  
Ron '73 & Stephanie O'Neal  
Mark Packard '73  
Doug & Cathy Palmer  
David Patch '82  
Gary '63 & Beverly Peterson  
Charlotte (Krug) Petty '55\*  
Margaret (Lohr) Phelps '55  
Barbara Pitts '70  
Audrey (Smeins) Poppen '59  
John Prast '65  
O. Nelson Price '51  
Khalid & Terrie Rasheed  
John & Robin Reynders  
Tom & Paula Rice  
Randal '77 & Julie (Grassman) '81 Richardson  
Cory A. Roberts, MD, MBA '90  
Leo Roepke '59  
Tom Rosen '70  
Marcelene Saylor  
Ed '65 & Jane (Shrader) '70 Sibley  
Pamela Miller-Smith '79 & Doug Smith\*  
La Vone Sopher '79 & Randy Bradley '91  
Rosalee (Jacobson) Sprout '60  
Rod '74 & Ginger (Doidge) '74 Stemme  
Dick '68 & Carol (Border) Stone  
Dr. Jonieta Stone  
Randall Stoneking '68\*  
Rita M. Swan Ph.D.  
Don '61 & Diane (Huntsinger) '63 Taylor  
**Nick & Trace Taylor**  
Milo '52\* & Patricia (Kirkhofer) '53 Thompson  
Dr. Mark '69 & Linda (Stark) '69 Titus  
Carlton Tronvold '61  
Stephen '67 & Theresia Ullman  
Peggy Vagts '76 & Mark Miller  
Jim '70 & Sharon '70 Walker  
James '59 & Joyce (Fry) '61 Weaver  
Philip Webb '81  
Karen Wiese '97  
Korey Willnauer '74  
Connie Horton Wimer '54  
Mike '07 & Kari (Bull) '03 Winklepleck  
Gregory '74 & Kristine (Linn) '74 Winneke  
Ronald '70 & Jeannette\* Yockey

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Bold denotes new members



## Arbuckle receives prestigious fellow recognition

Senior Garrett Arbuckle was named a 2022-23 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow this past summer.

Noting Arbuckle's campus accomplishments in a recommendation, former president John C. Reynders wrote "Garrett is a student leader on campus, highly involved in student government, achieving presidential status as a second-year student. He exemplifies servant leadership, and has emerged as a campus change agent with the ability to lead and work alongside diverse groups of people."

The Newman Civic Fellowship is a year-long program that recognizes and supports community-committed students who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. The fellowship is named in honor of Frank Newman, one of Campus Compact's founders, and is supported by the KPMG Foundation.

Arbuckle was one of 173 students from across the United States and Mexico to receive the fellowship.

## Mass communications students receive Iowa College Media Association awards

Several Morningside students received awards for outstanding work produced in the 2020-2021 academic year from the Iowa College Media Association (ICMA) during their annual award ceremony.

Marianna Pizzini received first place in the Best Print or Online Profile category for "Kenny Do It," a profile on Morningside's 2020 Homecoming king. First place for the Best Print or Online Sports Photo category went to Abby Koch for "Sophia Peppers." The 2021 mass communication capstone class earned third place in the Best Multimedia Storytelling Package category for "The Diversity Project." Members of the capstone course include Abby Koch, Hailey Barrus, Mackenzie Bennett, Kyle Cox, Jonah Egli, Iandra Estupinian, Katy Hackworth, Tauna Mayhorn, Matthew O'Connell, and Daniel Ver Steeg.



The ICMA is an organization of colleges and universities in Iowa committed to the development of excellence in media education. Dave Madsen, associate professor of mass communication at Morningside University and former president of the ICMA, hosted the 2021 award ceremony.

## Barten named IHERF Scholar

Senior Maggie Barten has been named an Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation Health Care Careers Scholarship recipient.

Barten will receive \$3,500, as she pursues a Bachelor's of Science degree in nursing. She is among 60 students from Iowa who have received assistance this year from the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship Program.

The Iowa Hospital Association established the IHERF Health Care Careers Scholarship Program in 2004 to help address the shortage of health care professionals and encourage young Iowans to establish or continue their careers with Iowa hospitals. In exchange for this financial support, students agree to work one year in an Iowa hospital for each year they receive an award. In this way, the scholarship program helps stabilize and enhance Iowa's hospital workforce.



# Faculty and Staff News

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

**Jennifer Sjuts**, career services & alumni coordinator

**Johnathon Valdez**, accounting assistant

**Jackie Martinez**, assistant men's & women's soccer coach

**Chris Lewis**, grounds/general maintenance

**Matthew Barr**, campus safety & security officer

**Danial Packard**, plumber/maintenance

**Jose Calamanco**, HVAC/general electrical

**Patti Witten**, placement coordinator for Sharon Walker School of Education

**Maci Heimsoth '18**, head cheer coach

**Jim Ewoldt**, custodian-part time

**Allysen Van Ginkel '19**, admissions counselor

**Cynthia Wagner**, administrative assistant

**Shawn Lund**, custodian

**Rulin Pederson**, admissions counselor

**Frank Wallace**, head track & cross country coach

**Dawn Jacobsen**, program coordinator for graduate and special education in Sharon Walker School of Education

**Cynthia Witt**, program coordinator for graduate advanced practice programs

**Cassie Alber**, director of adult & graduate initial licensure program

**Tim Cohoon '19**, web development and digital strategy director

**Reggie Corbin**, assistant football coach

**Jake Pomeroy**, maintenance/grounds

**Skyler McDermott '21**, social media and digital content coordinator

**Erin Baker**, head dance coach

**Jill Bodammer**, associate head women's basketball coach

**Nick Buth '11**, sports information director

**Madie Pike**, admissions counselor

**Blake Hanson '22**, admissions counselor

**Tasha Goodvin '14**, associate vice-president for marketing and communication

**Mimi Moore**, visiting instructor of education

**Dr. James Rajasekar**, visiting associate professor for business



Blake Hanson, Madie Pike, and Skyler McDermott joined President Mosley at the new employee reception.

## Lucille and Charles Wert Faculty Excellence Award

Dr. Gail Ament is this year's Lucille and Charles Wert Faculty Excellence Award recipient. The Wert Award honors faculty for their excellence in teaching, civility and concern for students and colleagues, and leadership in a variety of settings.



## Sesterhenn, Shaver receive top employee honors at ODK Honors Convocation

The annual Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Honors Convocation was held in mid-April, during which several students and employees were recognized for their academic, co-curricular, athletic, and professional achievements.



**Dr. Tim Sesterhenn**, professor in the Department of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, received the Dr. Bruce Forbes Faculty Person of the Year Award. He has taught at Morningside since 2014.



**Laretta Shaver**, copy center and mail room technician, was honored as the Staff Member of the Year. Shaver has worked at Morningside since 2015.



## Werden earns national Advisor of the Month moniker



Morningside University Omicron Delta Kappa Circle leader Leslie Werden was named the national society's June Advisor of the Month. In addition to this honor, she was inducted into the Five Star Society in recognition of time served on the national board at the 2022 ODK National Leadership Conference.

"It's been very important to me to be able to get a seat at the national level," Werden said.

"It's helpful with what we do in our local ODK Circle."

Morningside's ODK Circle 2021-22 project list included Into the Streets, the University's community service event; a faculty appreciation dinner; the Dean's List reception; and an honors convocation. The circle also teamed up with the campus' Diversity, Equality and Inclusion and Diversity, Openness, and Togetherness groups to host a diversity panel featuring Siouxland community members.



## Barber tapped for Iowa Board of Nursing

Jackie Barber, Dean of the Nylen School of Nursing, was appointed to the Iowa Board of Nursing by Governor Kim Reynolds. Barber's term began in May and runs through April 30, 2025.

"It is an honor to be appointed to the Iowa Board of Nursing by Governor Reynolds," said Barber. "Nursing education for new and practicing nurses is more important than ever as healthcare continues to evolve and the needs of patients and nurses change. I am looking forward to being part of the board and helping make decisions that can positively influence the education and careers of our nurses in Iowa."

Barber has been instrumental in the creation of online nursing programs at Morningside. She has served on the nursing faculty for Morningside University since 1997 and became the Dean for the Nylen School of Nursing in 2015.

## Retirements



**LuAnn Haase**  
Program Coordinator, MAT  
Initial Licensure Programs,  
Teacher Intern

Haase served as program coordinator for Master of Arts in Teaching Initial Licensure programs at Morningside University. In April 2022, she received the 2022 Iowa Outstanding Leader/Educator

Award from the Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (IACTE) at the IACTE Spring Conference in Ames, Iowa. Haase came to Morningside in 2011 and served in multiple leadership roles supporting all facets of graduate and undergraduate teacher education at Morningside.



**Gail Ament**  
Professor, Humanities

Ament, a professor in Spanish evaluated applications for Fulbright Program awards from the U.S. government during her career. She also was a Fulbright Scholar to Guatemala from 1995 to 1996. Ament played a critical role in bringing the Sigma Delta

Pi fraternity to Morningside. She helped pave the way for the charter and served as faculty adviser of the chapter.



**INSIDEMSIDÉ**

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# ALUMNI

## SUMMER EVENTS

### Sioux Falls - Italian Date Night



### Washington D.C.



### Omaha - Henry Doorly Zoo



### Des Moines - Iowa Cubs Baseball



Okoboji - Queen II



Minneapolis - Canterbury Park



Morningside Book Club



Sioux City - Wine and Charcuterie Event at Oscar Carl Vineyard



# Class Notes

**Catch up with your Morningside Community** in these pages. Have something to share? Send us your good news, job updates, big life moments, or anything you'd like us to know. *More info on page 43.*

## Milestones and Memories

### 1953

**Raymond Kauffman** remains a chief scientist at the Minnesota Institute of Advanced Studies. His latest book was due to be published in April.

### 1962

**Dennis Metcalf** retired from Colgate Palmolive in 1995 and resides in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. He and his family also enjoyed time in Iowa over the last three years.

### 1963

Former roommates **Geri (Mead) Patzlaff**, **Janice (Lownes) Kitchenmaster**, and **Pamela (Patrick) Likins** held a reunion in Carroll, Iowa, in June 2022. Having not been together in close to 50 years, they spent their time remembering their times at Morningside College.

### 1964

**Gary McDonnel** retired after 19 years at Valley Mills Community School District in Texas. He had been a teacher and coach. He is now CEO of Mac's Mistakes and Sawdust.

### 1965

**Tyrone Greive's** edition of Henry's Wieniawski's Fantasia on Themes from Gounod's 'Faust', Op. 20 was published in spring 2022 as the last of six new editions of Wieniawski's violin-piano pieces commissioned by International Music Company, New York, which also published his new editions of four violin-piano pieces by Russian-born, German-trained violinist-composer Leo Portnoff and violin pedagogical works by Otakar Sevcik and Friedrich Seitz. He continues to perform as a recital and chamber ensemble violinist.

### 1969

**Dr. Dan Flanagan** published a book *A Theologian and a Baseball Fan, What Could Go Wrong* through Fulton Books.

**Gordon Pennington** retired after 22 years as community development director for the City of Eufaula, Okla., and assistant fire chief for the Eufaula Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years.

### 1967

**Jay Grooters** has returned to working on a stained glass project for Our Lady of The Mountains Catholic Church in Estes Park, Colo. He had originally done about 25 windows around 10 years ago and now has seven windows left on this project. Pictures of the original project can be seen at [www.jaygrooters.com](http://www.jaygrooters.com).



### 1970

**Bryan McDonald** retired after 40 years as a family practice doctor for Mercy Health Systems in Rockford, Ill. He precepted for the University of Illinois family practice residency program until August 2020.

### 1973

**Mark Packard** recently moved back to the Sioux City area. He has enjoyed reconnecting with Morningside friends and is looking forward to being present at more events and gatherings.

**Gerald Stoppel** has published his eighth mystery in the Great Saugatuck Murder Mystery Series, entitled *The Hand on the Deck*. Like the others in the series, it is set in the resort and art community of Saugatuck, Mich. He also continues to serve as the priest associate at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Allegan, Mich, and is a journalist with the Allegan County Newspapers.

1977

**Virginia (Peverty) Erickson** opened Twice the Quilt & More store in Sister Bay, Wis. after 15 years of creating quilts. The seasonal store is open Memorial Day through Halloween and sells handcrafted quilts to keep you warm and reversible home decor of all sizes. Learn more at [twicethequilt.com](http://twicethequilt.com)

**Janet (Webb) Ruark** retired after 40 years in the ministerial profession. She served churches in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin. Janet and her husband, Chaz, have moved to Oklahoma City, Okla.

1978

**Tracy Hirt** was inducted into the South Dakota Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame during the 2022 state championships Feb. 24-26, 2022. He guided Platte HS to 113 dual wins during 27 years at the program's helm.

1979

**Rick Petersen** retired as assistant professor of nursing at Briar Cliff University. His nursing career spanned 43 years with 30 of those in higher education.

1984

**Dr. William Irwin**, DABT, ERT, FATS, presented a seminar at the US EPA on environmental justice entitled "Increased Susceptibilities to Pollutants in Asians With Mitochondrial Aldehyde Dehydrogenase-2 Mutations".

1986

**Dennis Lauver** is one of the original board members of a brand-new start up think tank based in Texas that plans to eventually operate in Washington DC. The entity is focused on foreign affairs and defense policy.

**Ray Farrens** was promoted to associate director of workforce management for Optum of Overland Park, Kan.

1987

**Tami (Streyffeler) Little** is beginning her 35th year as a public school teacher. Through the years, she has taught 3rd grade, K-12 Library, 6th grade reading, 6th-8th grade computer, and high school Spanish. She loves teaching and learning. Her favorite thing about teaching is building relationships with students.



1996

**Dr. Kristen Bryan-Wessel** was named Dean of Nursing with oversight of accredited associate, baccalaureate, and graduate-level nursing programs at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

1989

**Amy (Gerking) Anderson**, an elementary school teacher in the Le Mars School District for 33 years, retired at the end of the 2021-22 academic year. She taught art at Kluckhohn, Franklin and Clark schools in Le Mars and Kissinger school in Merrill.

**Laura (Scammacca) Schmitt** was recently elected to the Board of Governors for the Iowa State Bar Association. She is a partner with Crary Huff Law Firm in Sioux City. Her practice is focused on corporate law and mergers and acquisitions.

1996

**Shiloh (Woolman) Todorov** and **Claire DeRoin '13** are colleagues for the start-up Ohio nonprofit called Move to PROSPER. Check them out at [movetoprosper.org](http://movetoprosper.org).

1993

**Patty (Klaschen) Considine-McClintock** was named director of annual giving at Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools. Her job duties include leading the Heelan Auction, Annual Fund, Gold Club and other events. She joins fellow alumni Tom Betz '89, Vice President of Advancement and Jeanette (Strub) Frey '95, CFO.



# CLASS NOTES

## 2001

**Molly (Buettner) Petersen** took a position as a first and second grade teacher at Danbury Catholic School in Danbury, Iowa.

## 2005

**Matthew Nalan** was named associate vice president for online operations at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz.

## 2006

**Jenna Rehnstrom-Liberto** was named the director of internal communications for the Office of Public Affairs and Communications at the University of Notre Dame. She leads the team responsible for communicating with faculty, staff and students.

## 2009

**Blair Lawton** was named director of the Anamosa (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce in June 2022. He has served in various political organizing roles during the previous five years.

## 2010

**Kevin Pottebaum** recently joined the staff of Boys and Girls Club of Siouxland as a resource development director.

**Shannon (Hettinger) Jensen** completed her Master of Education in early childhood at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, in May 2022.

## 2011

**Bill Meacham '11** is finishing up his master's in special education through Wayne State this fall and will be teaching at Pocahontas schools.

**Joy (Bowden) Newcom** was named an Iowa Mother of Merit for 2022 by the Iowa Mothers Association. She was chosen for her "outstanding commitment to making an impact outside her family." Newcom is a writer and caregiver for her oldest child.



## 2013

**Alex Sheppard** has joined Monnat & Spurrier, Chartered of Wichita, Kan., as an associate attorney. His primary practice will focus on the defense of criminal cases including DUIs, drug offenses and domestic violence.

## 2012

**John Calahan** has joined the Fairfield (Iowa) Community School District as a middle school music teacher.

## 2013

**Seth McCauley**, an associate attorney at Fraser Stryker P.C. LLO, was added to the firm's commercial litigation, insurance defense, and white-collar defense and investigations practice areas.

**Nate McDonald** was named middle school principal and athletic director for the Missouri Valley (Iowa) Community School District.

**Selena (Miller) Meacham** has been working as a nurse practitioner in family medicine for four years at Unity Point Family Medicine Clinic in Pocahontas, Iowa. She is married to **Bill Meacham '11**.

## 2014

**Carly Hanson** accepted a position as the marketing technology specialist for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

## 2015

**Jay Welp**, a former cross country and track and field standout, won the Bob Goldman Memorial Scholastic Challenge 5K on June 18 in Springfield, Ill.

## 2019

**Chloe Wetzberger** was named an assistant coach for the Simpson College of Iowa women's soccer program.

**Madison Pierson** has joined Wriston Art Galleries at Lawrence University of Appleton, Wis., as a Collections and Gallery Assistant. She oversees the care of the collection, including accession, condition, storage, transportation, proper handling and installation, and loans.

## 2020

**Amy (Niewohner) Tritsch** was named major gifts officer at Midland University in July. She had



## 2018

**Lexa Rahn** has joined NAI Sioux Falls as a marketing manager.

previously worked as a development director for Siouxland Center for Humanity and Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands.

**Liz Roop** was named morning producer at KCAU-TV in Sioux City. She writes and runs Good Day Siouxland every weekday morning. She misses

Morningside so much. She loves visiting campus and dropping in on faculty members as a proud lifelong Mustang.

**Randi Koehler**, a teacher in the Lawton-Bronson Community School District, received the Iowa Association of Agricultural Education Outstanding

Early Career Teacher and NW Star District Advisor awards.

**Yuki Mori** joined Microsoft in the Minato City suburb of Tokyo, Japan. He's a support engineer for data, big data and artificial intelligence.

# Future Morningsiders

## 2009

**Becca Bauer** and **Joey Orozco** welcomed Adley Amanda on Dec. 26, 2021.

## 2013

**Jacy (Jahn) Chvatal** and **Keith Chvatal** welcomed Atlee Mae on April 26, 2022.

## 2014

**Brooke (Vande Pol) Awtry** and **Joey Awtry** welcomed Lula Awtry on July 19, 2022.

**Tasha (Drey) Goodvin** and Taylor Goodvin welcomed Parker Goodvin on June 12, 2022.

**Renee (van Beaumont) Lund** and Vincent Lund welcomed Nolan James on July 28, 2022.

## 2018

**Claire (Wroblewski) Russell** and Kaden Russell welcomed Samuel Grey on June 13, 2022.

## 2020

**Makenzie (Sterk) Brinning** and Kyle Brinning welcomed Hayes Mikah on June 26, 2022.



Adley Amanda



Lula Awtry



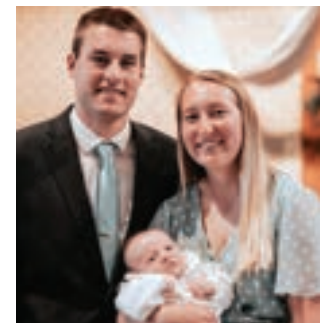
Parker Goodvin



Nolan James Lund



Samuel Russell



Jace Jurgensmeier

## 2021

**Caitlin (Makovicka) Jurgensmeier** and **Reid Jurgensmeier '22** welcomed Jace Jurgensmeier on March 26, 2022.

## 2022

**Kaitlyn Hoelscher** and Kaleb O'Connell welcomed Greyson O'Connell on March 2, 2022.



Greyson O'Connell



# Newlyweds



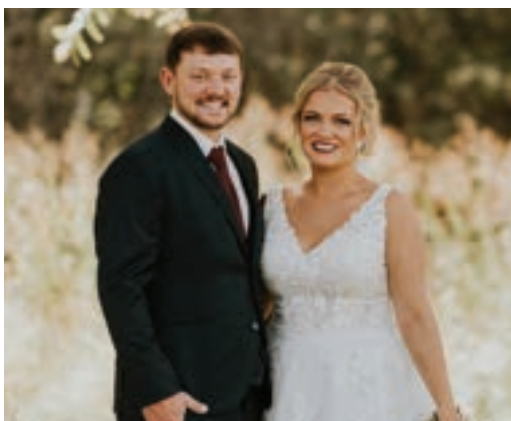
Patty (Klaschen) Considine and Bill McClintock



Marianna (Pizzini) and James Mankle

## 1993

**Patty (Klaschen) Considine** and Bill McClintock, Oct. 23, 2021.



Katarina (Loofe) and Zachary Nieman

## 2017

**Sarah (Buckingham) Davis** and **Alex Davis**, June 25, 2022.



Caitlin (Makovicka) and Reid Jurgensmeier

## 2018

**Katarina (Loofe) Nieman** and **Zachary Nieman**, Sept. 25, 2021.

## 2019

**Nicole (Langbein) Cohoon** and **Tim Cohoon**, June 4, 2022.



Nicole (Langbein) and Tim Cohoon

## 2020

**Marianna (Pizzini) Mankle** and James Mankle, April 29, 2022



Chrissa (Deeds) and Colton Gray

## 2021

**Caitlin (Makovicka) Jurgensmeier** and **Reid Jurgensmeier** '22, June 19, 2021.

**Chrissa (Deeds) Gray** and Colton Gray, June 26, 2021.



# In Loving Memory

## 1943

**LeMoine Van Houten** Omaha, Neb., died July 24, 2022.

**Francis Kingsbury** Ponca, Neb., died Jan. 13, 2022.

## 1948

**Glennis (Haitz) Meyer** Peoria, Ariz., died Jan. 12, 2022.

**Helen (Harding) Usher** Dallas, Tex., died Jan. 07, 2019.

## 1949

**James McMartin** Sioux City, Iowa, died Feb. 28, 2022.

## 1950

**Mildred "Milly" L. (Hoar) Marcum** Spencer, Iowa, died June 18, 2022.

## 1951

**Nancy (Asmussen) McBride** Peoria, Ariz., died May 24, 2022.

**Marilyn (Manson) Fulton** Roscoe, Ill., died March 17, 2022.

## 1957

**Margene (Schnell) Ballard** Glendale, Ariz., died May 27, 2022.

**Jack Rodgers** Belton, Mo., died July 12, 2022.

## 1958

**Frederick Girard** Modesto, Calif., died Nov. 28, 2021.

## 1959

**Harlan Den Beste** Perry, Iowa, died Jan. 10, 2022.

## 1960

**Barbara (Lewis) Rodgers '60** Belton, Mo., died July 11, 2022.

## 1962

**Lloyd DeMoss** Camdenton, Mo., died Jan. 19, 2022.

## 1964

**Michael Reis** Ocala, Fla. died Nov. 3, 2021.

**Margaret (Clements) Rounds** Waterloo, Iowa died Jan. 29, 2022.

## 1965

**Neal Williams** Henderson, Nev. died Nov. 7, 2021 - *Linda Williams was mistakenly listed as deceased in the winter 2022 edition.*

## 1966

**Anita (Sorkness) Yeska** South Sioux City, Neb., died June 28, 2022.

## 1968

**Joan Snell** Mason City, Iowa, died Aug. 2, 2019.

## 1972

**Lester Padget** Mesa, Ariz., died Feb. 9, 2022.

## 1974

**Dennis Adam** Fayetteville, N.C., died June 10, 2022.

## 1979

**Deb (Kloewer) Puhl** Le Mars, Iowa, died May 10, 2019.

## 1980

**Paul Jepson** Spencer, Iowa, died Jan. 31, 2022.

**Vicki (Wilder) Von Minden** Sioux City, Iowa, died June 28, 2022.

**Tom Leinen** Golden, Colo., died May 16, 2021.

## 1981

**Ellen Coughenour** North Pole, Alaska, died April 6, 2022.

## 1982

**Stanley Shechet** Sioux City, Iowa, died February 17, 2022.

**Elizabeth (Countryman) Crocker** Washta, Iowa, died Jan. 30, 2022.

## 1986

**Doris Lohry** Boulder, Colo., died July 2, 2022.

## 1987

**Betty (Frerichs) Dorsey** Hiawatha, Iowa, died June 14, 2022.

## 1990

**Cynthia (Niebaum) Wright** Madison Lake, Minn., died March 19, 2022.

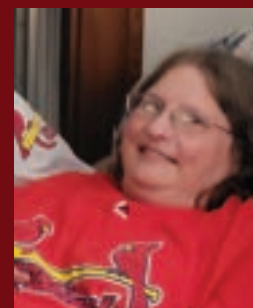
## 1991

**Linda (Petersen) Mize** Bronson, Iowa, died June 15, 2022.

**Mary Carter** South Sioux City, Neb., died May 27, 2022.

## 1994

**Jon Stanley** Hartley, Iowa, died July 22, 2022.



## 1997

**Hope Shreve**, Sioux City, Iowa, died Jan. 5, 2022.



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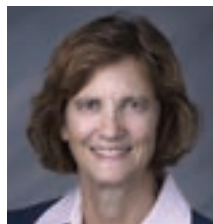
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Moderator: Dr. Bruce Forbes

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## Senior Visit Day

Friday, Oct. 7

## Homecoming Weekend

Oct. 7-9

## Jazz Concert

Oct. 20

## Senior Visit Day

Friday, Oct. 21

## Choral Concert, All-America Concert Band, & Symphonic Chorus

Sunday, Oct. 23

## Senior Visit Day

Friday, Nov. 11

## Senior Visit Day

Friday, Dec. 2

## Christmas At Morningside

Friday, Dec. 2

## Senior Visit Day

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023

## Palmer Research Symposium

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

## SAVE THE DATE:

### Investiture of Dr. Albert Mosley

Friday, April 21, 2023

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# THEN AND NOW



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