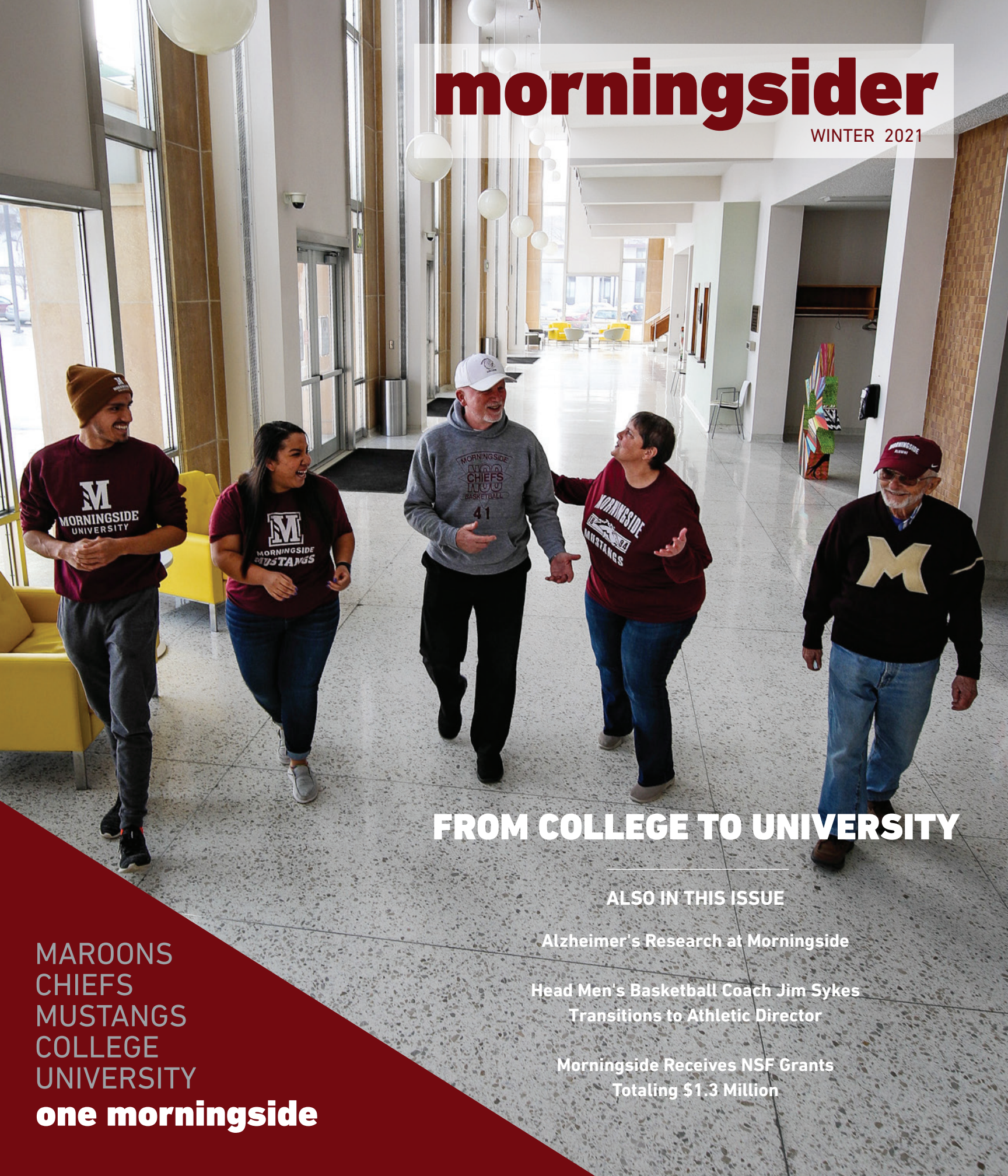


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# WHY I LOVE MORNINGSIDE

When I look back at my years at Morningside, I am flooded with emotions of gratitude. Morningside helped me carve a path designed to build the skills I needed for the career I wanted. If I didn't know it then, I surely do now.

When I think of why I love Morningside, I often reflect on the experiences and opportunities that helped launch my career. As a freshman, I had my eyes set on advertising. By the time I hit my senior year, my interests had broadened to all aspects of marketing, advertising, business, communications, and design. Through the help of my professors and Stacie Hays in Career Services, I was able to envision where I wanted to go and what I needed to do to get there.

During my time at Morningside, I completed two internships and gained real-world experience while discovering what I love and learning about my strengths and weaknesses. With each opportunity, I developed new skills that helped expand my perspective. I established valuable relationships that, in the end, connected me to my current role as marketing director at Goosmann Law Firm. I am proud to say that I use every ounce of my degree in my job. I'm forever grateful for my mentors and professors who led me to my destiny.

I will never forget where I started. I encourage students to understand the value of meaningful relationships with their professors and advisors and connect with mentors at Morningside to find opportunities they need to meet their goals. In my role, I have supervised and mentored many interns over the years and it always brings a smile to my face when they realize their potential and believe in their journey because I remember having the same epiphany in my own Morningside experience.

I love Morningside because it gave me more than a degree. I gained skills I'll use for a lifetime, friendships I'll hold forever, and a career doing what I love.

Rachel Thompson, Class of 2013

On the cover (left to right): Samuel Padilla '21, Tori Anderson '19, Gene Knudsen '71, Char Jorgensen, and Lee Jarvis '62.

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## Morningside Receives National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants Totaling Almost \$1.3 Million

A \$999,337 Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) grant will expand scholarships for Morningside STEM students from rural areas while integrating civic engagement opportunities into STEM curriculum, and a \$299,359 Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) grant will foster additional project-based learning in Morningside's biology and chemistry programs.

"We had two dedicated teams of faculty who did an exceptional job with the application process for these two grants," said Morningside College President John Reynders. "Both teams had innovative ideas. One focused on ideas central to our mission of civic responsibility, and the other team focused on broadening our experiential learning opportunities. Most importantly, both grants will keep students and student success at the heart of our work."

Morningside was notified it had been awarded the grants in late December, with both going into effect Jan. 1, 2021. The S-STEM grant will end December 31, 2025, and the IUSE grant will end December 31, 2023. Work on the projects is already underway. The project teams will be rolling out more information in the coming weeks and months.

"These grants are not only rooted in our mission and work, but reflect our evolution from college to university. We are as dedicated as ever to pursuing excellence in all things as we officially transition to Morningside University, and that includes growing new opportunities for active learning and research," said President Reynders.

**Members of the S-STEM grant team** include Dr. Anni Moore, principal investigator and assistant professor of biology; Dr. Mitch Keller, co-principal investigator and assistant professor of mathematics; Dr. Brian McFarland, co-principal investigator and associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Valerie Hennings, co-principal investigator and associate professor of political science; and Mr. Randy Campbell, senior personnel and professor of computer science.



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*Learn more about the NSF grants at [morningside.edu/news](https://morningside.edu/news).*



## Resident Good Boy Finds New Ways to Welcome Fourth-Largest Incoming Class



Morningside welcomed its fourth-largest group of full-time, first-year students to campus in August as it kicked off the 2020-2021 academic year. The Morningside College Class of 2024 is comprised of 358 students from 17 states and eight countries. "Given all the uncertainty that 2020 has created, it's refreshing to be able to welcome this group of new students," said Morningside College President John Reynders. "Our mission remains the same even amidst a global pandemic, and our team is committed to doing everything we can to give this group of students the best Morningside experience possible with opportunities to learn, lead, grow, and engage in active learning experiences."

Typically, the Reynders host a series of dinners during fall semester to welcome incoming students to campus. Since that wasn't possible with the ongoing pandemic, the Reynders and their dog Boomer held socially-distanced gatherings in the Yockey Family Community Room with all Critical Inquiry and Communication classes, which is a required course for incoming students. The gatherings allowed students to meet the Reynders, ask questions, and receive a few small welcome gifts. One of the gifts was a sticker of Boomer, who stole the show at each gathering while wandering the rows meeting students and earning much-deserved pets.



## Experience Matters Reimagined

Many courses at Morningside feature guest speakers throughout the year, and the COVID-19 pandemic didn't stop our faculty from finding ways to connect students with professionals in their field. With the help of Zoom and WebEx, students were able to ask questions and learn from speakers around the country like author AJ Jacobs, composer Lisa Neher, and former US Poet Laureate Billy Collins just to name a few.

Our Career Services team also found new ways to offer experiential learning opportunities and continue working with alumni and partners of the college. Dynamic duo Stacie Hays and Alex Watters facilitated a multitude of virtual events with speakers across different industries and even connected students directly with professionals in their interest area during their Ask An Expert event. Ask An Expert featured over 25 individual interviews, a business alumni panel, and a political science alumni panel all in one day, and that's just the tip of the iceberg for Career Services programming this semester.

In addition to adapting professional development opportunities for students, Into The Streets, the annual day of service coordinated by Morningside's chapter of the leadership honor society ODK, has returned this semester with plans for an Into The Streets Week in April. Make sure you're following Morningside on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to see photos from this beloved tradition later this spring.



Author AJ Jacobs speaks with the English Senior Capstone class.

## MUSIC STUDENTS SHINE IN "CHRISTMAS AT MORNINGSIDE: QUARANTINE EDITION"



"Christmas at Morningside: Quarantine Edition" shared the holiday spirit online with recorded performances by the choirs and instrumental ensembles. While nothing could replace the in-person festive spectacular, we are still incredibly proud of the dedication and flexibility of our music students and faculty. If you missed "Christmas at Morningside: Quarantine Edition" or you just want to watch it again, like and follow Morningside College School of Visual and Performing Arts on Facebook.

## "Syke-d" Up For a New Direction in Athletics

*Veteran head coach embraces the future* by Mark Adkins



Jim Sykes, Director of Athletics

Jim Sykes is no stranger to life's transitions. The 17-year head coach of the Morningside College men's basketball program is looking ahead to another change soon as he prepares to hand the head coaching duties over to Trent Miller at the end of 2020-21 and step into a new role as the director of athletics.

"I didn't want this department to take a step back, as former Athletic Director (AD) Tim Jager had it in a great place," Sykes noted.

"We've got an elite status among the NAIA and the entire athletic staff and I want to keep that going."

While he is ready to start this new chapter as AD, Sykes says he'll miss the excitement of big wins as a coach. His perspective as a head coach is valuable in his new position as well, providing a comprehensive view of the coach and student experience.

"Head coaches have such a view and feel of the pulse of the student-athletes and the culture they bring to Morningside," said Sykes. "With that in mind, I feel like it'll be easier to know and understand the landscape of decisions that an AD would have to make as coaches have to make some big ones along the road, too."

A key initiative for Sykes and the Morningside athletics team is strengthening the Morningside student-athlete experience.

"You've got to be willing to listen first. We as coaches might think this or that is pretty cool, but the student-athletes may have other ideas," Sykes said. "It does come down to them in the end. We can't fulfill all of their wants, but we can try darn hard to do the best we can to meet their needs."

Sykes' depth of understanding in regards to the student-athlete is natural. He was a multi-sport participant through his middle and high school days in the Wilber-Clatonia school district located southwest of Lincoln, Neb. He had always enjoyed sports in middle and high school, and he began his coaching journey during his time as an elementary school teacher in Waverly, Neb. As a boys basketball coach, assistant football coach, and middle school track coach, he had the opportunity to connect with student-athletes of various ages and understand what they needed from him as a coach to succeed.

As the director of athletics, Sykes is now looking at student-athlete success on a larger scale. One of his first ideas is charting a path to a new weight room, a project complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic's undeniable impact on budgets everywhere, but one that he thinks will benefit not only the student-athletes but the overall student population at Morningside. He anticipates the list of wants and needs to grow and change over time but he's confident that the team of coaches and administrators are ready to respond and poised for the future.

This future with Sykes as AD wouldn't have been possible without Trent Miller, current associate head coach and soon-to-be head coach of men's basketball at the conclusion of the 2020-21 season.

Miller is a 2014 Morningside graduate and a standout player with an impressive record that saw him as a three-year starter and the Mustangs' all-time leader with 514 career assists and 235 career steals. He earned second-team All-Great Plains Athletic Conference honors as a junior and senior and was the 2013 GPAC Defensive Player of the Year.

"I've enjoyed him as a player, assistant, and friend. When we recruited him, I saw someone who had all of the same characteristics that I was looking for - a great work ethic, a team guy, all maroon and white from the beginning," Sykes reflected. "He concluded his collegiate career and then wanted to come back because I know he feels the same way that many of us do in that Morningside is home. I know that won't change for him. He's bought in for this program and college."





# HEALING A BROKEN WORLD, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

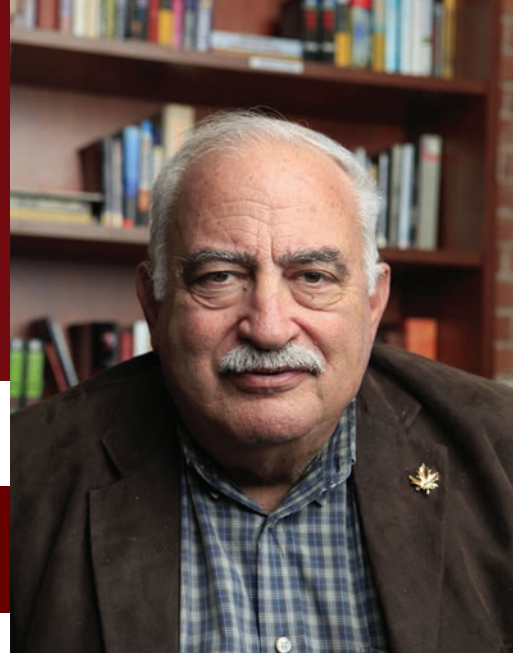
by Erin Edlund

Tikkun Olam is a Jewish concept most often defined by acts of kindness to perfect or repair the world. The Honorable Jack K. Mandel, an important partner and friend to Morningside, subscribed to this philosophy, with the intention of using his life and legacy to help heal brokenness in the world, one student at a time.

While serving as a judge on the Superior Court in Santa Ana, Calif., Judge Mandel became aware that budget cuts in the local school district were creating learning barriers for students. The situation inspired him and his wife Judy to start various mentoring programs focused on increasing student success and improving college preparation for disadvantaged students.

In 2008, Judge Mandel's work would become an ongoing reality when he partnered with Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, III and the Henry T. Nicholas, III Foundation to establish the Nicholas Academic Centers (NAC). NAC is an after-school tutoring and mentoring program in Santa Ana, Calif., that provides a safe and nurturing place where high school students can seek academic services, emotional support, mentoring and social services as they prepare to pursue their educational goals at an institution of higher learning.

The Honorable  
Jack K. Mandel



Morningside College President John Reynders had become connected with Judge Mandel as both an alumnus and former administrator for Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. Both were natives of Erie, Pa., and Reynders had collaborated with the Judge on other mentorship projects while working at Allegheny, knowing how passionate the Judge was about providing opportunities to and supporting the academic success of young people. Judge Mandel had been following Reynders move to Morningside and was impressed with the work and transformation happening at the College. In 2010, Judge Mandel offered Reynders and Morningside the distinguished opportunity to become a NAC partner. Today the partnership is as strong as ever. Morningside typically welcomes around a half dozen students from the NAC program each fall and has assigned admissions staff who work with NAC students. Additionally, Director of Persistence and Diversity André McWell serves as an advisor to NAC students who are enrolled at Morningside.

Judge Mandel was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Morningside in 2012.



***“Judge Mandel is the man who believed in us. The man who believed we will become successful people.”***

—Blanca Robles '23

“California is an area of the country where Morningside simply doesn't have as much name recognition, so the fact that we have this partnership that brings these students to the Midwest is really unique, especially since many of them haven't traveled outside of California. Even better, though, is how much those students add to our campus community. Our NAC students are generally thrilled to be here and embrace the Morningside experience. They usually aren't afraid to jump in and get involved here on campus,” said Morningside Admissions Director Steph Peters '99.



Blanca Robles '23

Given that NAC students are traveling far from their family and friends, the strong network of support that the partnership between NAC and Morningside provides has proven extremely valuable. Each new group is welcomed and onboarded to campus by the existing NAC students, and McWell's consistent connection to the program creates a built-in support system upon which the students can rely. McWell also notes, though, that NAC students are often more prepared than most of their incoming classmates because of NAC.

“From their freshman year of high school, NAC has been preparing these students to be advocates for themselves and teaching them the fundamentals of seeking out resources and being proactive about taking opportunities. Plus, because the NAC students are connected to current students who arrive here, I see the students coming in more prepared every year because they talk to and support one another. There is a lot of power in those experiences and connections,” said McWell.

One NAC student taking full advantage of her Morningside experience is Blanca Robles, an elementary education major from Santa Ana, Calif., who is currently involved with lacrosse and choir. Robles benefitted from the college visits, SAT preparation, and many other services that NAC offered. She also took it to heart when mentors in the program encouraged her to attend college out-of-state to maximize her experience. Though she had the typical adjustment period most college students go through, Robles says she loves the small size of Morningside, the

beautiful campus, and the kind community of people – and she's very grateful to have support and mentorship from McWell.

“André is one of the most caring and hardworking people I have ever met. He gives great advice and is there to help when I need anything,” says Robles.

A key to her success on campus has been getting involved. Robles noted that making friends and getting involved with lacrosse and choir helped her build relationships on campus that helped her homesickness subside. She also has come to enjoy Iowa enough that she plans to stay.

“I'm hoping to find a job as an instructor here in Iowa, and with any luck purchase a house after getting a job.”

When asked what advice she might give to other NAC students preparing to go to college, Robles cited the advice to go out-of-state as her mentors had told her and to take advantage of opportunities and be unafraid of trying new things. She also encouraged students to consider Morningside.

“You will without a doubt love the experience and you will meet fantastic people. Unlike the big universities in California, the professors here will know who you are and work with you directly when you need something.”

Robles also noted how foundational the work of Judge Mandel was to her ability to be at Morningside. Like so many of those who are part of NAC, Robles has been grieving the loss of the Judge following his death on Dec. 24, 2020. And a loss it truly is.

“Judge Mandel is the man who believed in us. The man who believed we will become successful people,” she said.

Here's to a legacy of success and kindness, and a world left better, one student at a time, through the Honorable Jack K. Mandel and NAC.



Director of Persistence and Diversity André McWell serves as an advisor to NAC students who are enrolled at Morningside.



# Taking Action to Make Morningside's MAT an Attraction

by Erin Edlund

While there are about 1,200 undergraduate students at Morningside who are a visible presence on campus during the academic year, across the country and throughout the world are another 1,400 or so Morningside graduate students working hard to earn their Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Nursing, or Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees – a foundational reason for Morningside's transition from college to university.



Dr. Kelly Chaney, Dean of the Sharon Walker School of Education

A little more than 1,000 of those students are part of the Morningside Sharon Walker School of Education Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program. The program has been in existence since 1967 and has grown and changed tremendously over the decades.

Given the dramatic growth and evolution of the program, Morningside took the step to hire a Dean of Education to provide more consistent leadership to the burgeoning education offerings. Dr. Kelly Chaney was hired last summer with a charge of keeping the graduate programs strong, high-

quality, and growing. While Chaney has only been on campus a short time, she's not wasted a moment and has a number of big changes on the horizon. Among them, a change to the research component of the Master of Arts in Teaching programs.

"We know that by and large, the students enrolled in our Master of Arts in Teaching programs are experienced working professionals who are typically very busy. While our MAT program has a lot of flexibility and practical application for those students, we were hearing from students that they wanted that same flexibility and immediate applicability with the research component," said Chaney. "We reviewed the research sequence and concurred that there was an opportunity to make a change, so are revising those courses."

Through the use of action research, students will have the opportunity to conduct research relevant to them in the classroom, grade level, or school of their choice. Since the new professional core is designed to be taken concurrently with the coursework from each graduate student's chosen content area, students will develop their research skills while connecting it to practice in real time. MAT students will utilize the basic components of scientific research to investigate questions related to planning, teaching, learning, and assessment in their daily work, then adjust their strategies and apply learning to not only advance their research, but to improve student learning and success among their pupils.

"This type of formal action research as a capstone for our Morningside MAT students is a valuable culminating project that will immediately connect MAT students' educational research to their own content areas, classrooms, and students," said Chaney.

The new research core will be offered as part of all eleven of the MAT tracks beginning in fall 2021. While there are more updates and changes in the works, Chaney is optimistic that the new action research component will inspire more educators to continue their education, and perhaps encourage anyone out there who may have started but not finished the Morningside MAT program to complete their degree.

"The changes we are making are designed to make earning the MAT practical and attainable. We want the professionals going through this program to immediately see the value of the education they are receiving and be able to apply it to work they are already doing on behalf of their own students. Our faculty are committed to creating learning experiences for our MAT students that are cohesive and meaningful to their teaching practice. By doing our part to advance the practice and impact of in-service teachers, we are also impacting the learning experiences of their K-12 pupils, and that is a powerful action."

## MAT Programs

- Athletic Program Management
- Autism Education
- Curriculum Studies
- Elementary Education (Initial Licensure)
- English as a Second Language
- Literacy Education
- Middle Level Education
- Secondary Education (Teacher Intern)
- Special Education: Instructional Strategist II (Initial Licensure)
- Special Education
- STEM Education
- Talented and Gifted Education
- Teacher Leadership

## New Professional Core Course

- EDRS 502 Educational Research and Theory (2 credits)
- EDRS 510 Readings (2 credits)
- EDRS 602 Designing Action Research (2 credits)
- EDRS 702 Evaluating Research Data (2 credits)
- EDRS 760 Educational Research (3 credits)
- EDUC 522 Educational Technology (3 credits)
- EDUC 612 Cultural and Ethical Issues (3 credits)



# THE JOURNEY TO MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY

by Carly Hanson '14

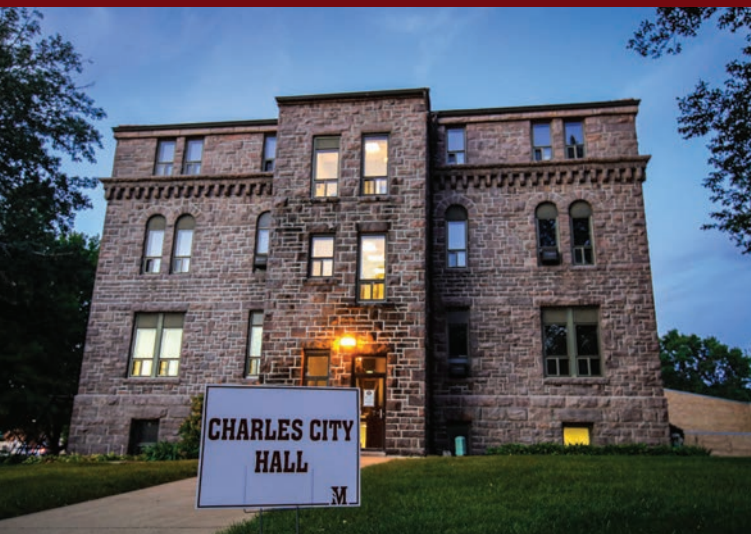
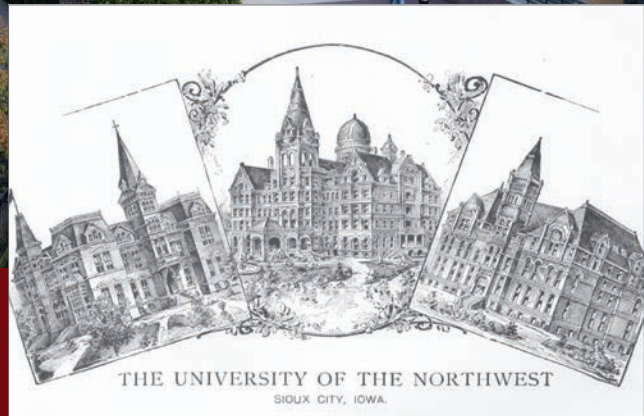
On June 1, 2021, Morningside College will become Morningside University. This historic transition will mark the beginning of a new chapter in Morningside's history following two decades of growth and change during the tenure of President Reynders.

As we look to the future, those familiar with Morningside's past may recall that this isn't the first time the school has donned the university moniker. Before Morningside was officially founded in 1894, the University of the Northwest briefly made its mark and laid the foundation for what would become the home of Morningsiders for years to come.

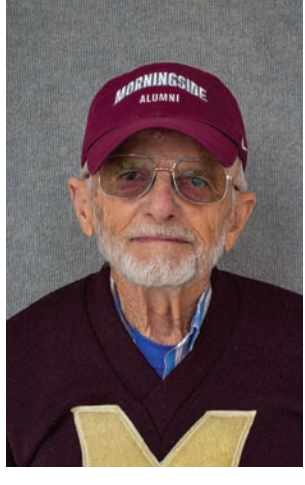
## #MsideU Fast Facts

- Morningside College will officially become Morningside University on June 1, 2021.
- The athletic logo and mascot will not change.
- Morningside's mission and vision will not change.
- The first class to graduate from Morningside University will be the graduate students graduating in June 2021.





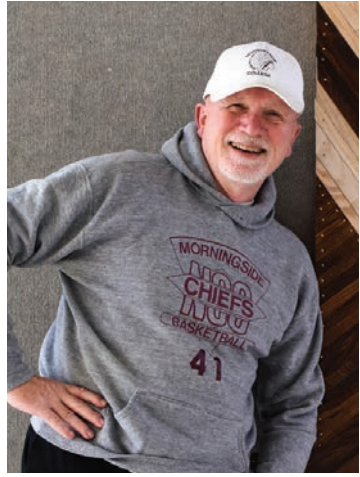
The Morningsiders on the front cover and in this story - Lee Jarvis '62, Gene Knudsen '71, Tori Anderson '19, Samuel Padilla '21, and "Morningside Mom" Char Jorgensen, represent the past, present, and future of Morningside. To learn more about the transition to Morningside University, visit [morningside.edu/university](http://morningside.edu/university).



**Lee Jarvis**  
**Class of 1962, Business Administration**

"I have always appreciated Morningside and always will. Morningside was there for me when I needed it, and has changed my life," said Lee. "The changes to the college have been tremendous. I love coming here to show others the college because it is so beautiful and has so much good going for it. I am proud of Morningside."

Lee's favorite way to stay connected to Morningside is by attending athletic and community events at the college. He loves the competitiveness of Morningside athletics and is thankful that he doesn't have to travel too far to see them play at home or away. "Those events are a place for me to see old friends and make new friends."



**Gene Knudsen**  
**Class of 1971, English and History**

Gene says his favorite Morningside memory is meeting his wife Debra and falling in love. "I can't top that, but I have lots of other great memories of good friends, opportunities to travel, being in a fraternity, and taking part in different activities," said Gene. "The real value of Morningside is that people really know and support each other, which can be tough to find at a larger school. A lot of people need that. I needed that."

Gene traveled abroad after graduation and returned in 2008, stunned by the changes to Morningside. "The changes to the campus were like night and day to my wife and me. John Reynders has made a huge difference. I think there's a lot of people who attended here who haven't visited campus since they graduated, and I would encourage them to make the time to do it. It's incredible to see how Morningside has grown and changed."



Two of Morningside's most iconic buildings - Charles City College Hall and Lewis Hall - trace their origin to the University of the Northwest. The cornerstone for Charles City College Hall, then called the College of Technology, was laid on July 4, 1890 shortly followed by the cornerstone for Lewis Hall, originally slated to be called the College of Liberal Arts, on September 8th of the same year. The University of the Northwest held its first classes in the semi-finished College of Technology building on January 6, 1891. For a short time, all signs pointed to success.



That all changed when the Panic of 1893 tore through the country, leaving economic shambles in its wake. Sioux City and the University of the Northwest were not spared from the depression, with the city's economy faltering and conditions at the school growing increasingly dire. As the light of the University of the Northwest dimmed, the spark that would become Morningside began to flicker into existence. On December 5, 1894, Morningside College was born and the rest, as they say, is history.



From its humble beginning as a college born from the collapse of its predecessor, Morningside grew and persevered through challenges and triumphs that set the school up for the success it has found today. Over 125 years have passed since Morningside's founding and it would be an understatement to say that much has changed, especially in the last 20 years.





**Tori Anderson**  
**Class of 2019, Nonprofit Management**  
**Current Employer: LaunchPad Children's Museum**

Tori loved being a member of The Morningside Choir and practicing and performing alongside her friends in Christmas at Morningside. Her friends from choir and beyond help her stay connected to Morningside.

Tori remembers hearing about the process of becoming a university when she was working with student government during her junior year. "There had been a lot of discussion about why it was time for the change, and it is good to see that it is finally happening. I'm excited to see Morningside grow and for more people to learn about the work happening here."



Graduate student enrollment now exceeds undergraduate, even as we break records for undergraduate enrollment year after year. Our undergraduate student experience remains vital to Morningside's mission and now centers on experiential learning opportunities that enhance academia with research, travel, and real-world experiences that prepare students to thrive after graduation. More international students choose Morningside each year and we are a better community because of it. Our campus has transformed with vast green spaces, delightful fountains, updated facilities, and a parklike environment that's welcoming for the Morningside and Siouxland community alike. Additionally, Morningside's Carnegie Classification changed over four years ago from "regional college" to "regional university," meaning that Morningside now resides among a new class of institutional peers.

Morningside College has a rich history that has prepared us to embrace our bright future as Morningside University. At the end of the day, Morningside is so much more than a name or a place. It holds a special place in the hearts of so many people near and far. The Morningside experience is different for everyone and yet it conjures many of the same feelings for those in the community - joy, nostalgia, happiness, and pride. Our core values and mission haven't changed, and we are excited to take the next step in our journey as Morningside University.

**#MsideU**



**Samuel Padilla**  
**Class of 2021, Computer Science**  
**Post-Grad Employer: Google**

"The opportunity to make lifelong friends and being part of the larger community has allowed me to build strong relationships that have continued to grow and change," said Samuel, an international student from Colombia. After he graduates in May 2021, Samuel plans to stay connected to his friends while taking the next step in his career.

Samuel says the transition from college to university presents plenty of opportunities for growth at Morningside. "It's a very big deal for prospective students to know they are going to a place that is growing and full of opportunities," Samuel noted. He also shared that opportunities to meet with alumni of different generations really makes you appreciate Morningside's history.

**Char Jorgensen**  
**Retired Admissions Data Manager**  
**35 years of service to Morningside**

"Morningside Mom" Char Jorgensen says her favorite Morningside memory is taking care of her kids for 30+ years. She stays connected to her former students and colleagues with phone calls, texts, and letters. She also noted that the arrival of President Reynders made a huge difference in Morningside's journey to today.

"Everything changed when he arrived. He is never satisfied, and that's a really wonderful thing," Char said. "It has pushed Morningside to be what it is today. I am so proud to show my family and friends this beautiful place. This is the place where a lot of relationships begin. In fact, if it wasn't for Morningside, I wouldn't be a grandmother!"





“The period of growth and change that we experienced over the last two decades rival any in the College’s history. It’s been an incredible comeback story. And though some things have stayed the same, Morningside is also a place that has changed. **I hope you will join me in celebrating our bright future as Morningside University.**”

- President John Reynders





## Civic Engagement at Morningside

by Cassidy Hart '21

One of the most exciting parts of turning 18, or 19 if you're a Nebraska kid like me, is finally getting all of the responsibilities of being an adult. This newfound freedom is liberating, allowing for your next chapter of life to start. But these responsibilities are not to be taken lightly by any means – especially when it comes to your civic duties within our democratic government.

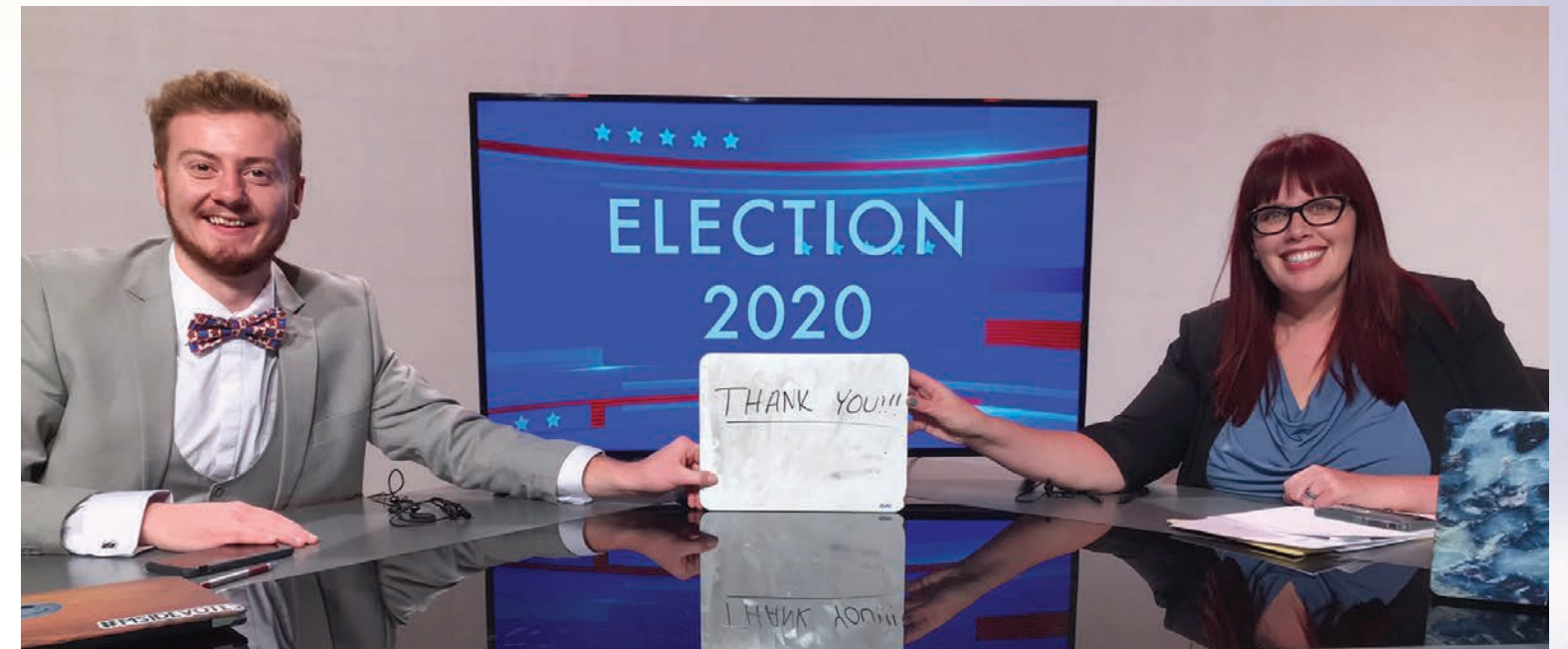
Voting is a great way to take part in our democracy here in the U.S., but it also can feel like a lot of pressure. For my first local election, I attempted to do research on my own and ended up feeling deflated both because of the overwhelming amount of media and underwhelming lack of actual explanation of the candidate's views on different policies. For this year's election, Morningside definitely helped me feel more prepared – and like my vote actually mattered.

For the 2020 Presidential election night, 32 Morningside students from all different majors took over MCTV's YouTube channel to cover the progress of the election. Though I wasn't directly involved, I was an active observer of the coverage and a participant in the events leading up to election night. And let me just say, the dedication to this student-led event was amazing.

Garrett Arbuckle, a political science major and sophomore here at Morningside, did a great job of planning and organizing the event. I had multiple opportunities to talk with him during political activities like the debate watch party, and also got to watch his creative process at work during a KMSC meeting. From the start of the process, it was clear how passionate he was to have the night be as productive and informative as possible. I know for students like me who aren't as knowledgeable on political topics but want to be, it was inspiring to see his commitment to our campus.



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Garrett Arbuckle and Dr. Valerie Hennings anchored the MCTV election night news coverage in November 2020.

As a journalism minor, I was interested in what ignited his involvement in the election night coverage. He told me his overall interest in politics and civic engagement was because he believes there are so many different facets of life that are engulfed by politics and the government. For election night, he got to merge his interest in media with political science, using MCTV and KMSC as platforms to connect with the campus community and help educate fellow students on the importance of civic engagement. Garrett gained hands-on experience in his field and ended up learning a lot about what it takes to actually cover a huge political event like this.

Beyond election night coverage, Garrett was involved with multiple political events throughout the semester, like helping with voter registration booths during political debates, encouraging students to learn more about the candidates, and even anchoring the coverage with Dr. Valerie Hennings. Garrett is one of many students who give their time and energy to promoting civic engagement at Morningside. Some of these students, like Hannah Capps and Samuel Peterson, were actually recruited to help out with election night from Dr. Hennings' Campaigns and Elections class. They were behind-the-scenes volunteers, watching polls for different races around the nation,

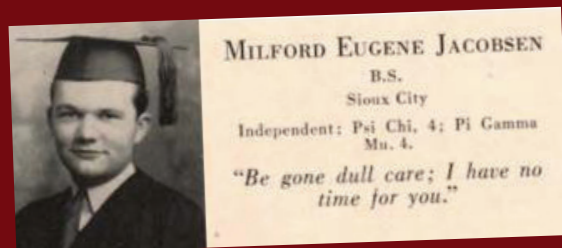
and keeping the anchors up-to-date with the latest results. On the other hand, students like Iggie Estupinian from the mass communications department focused on providing public service announcements and other scripts for the anchors to report on. Plus, there were plenty of roles to fill that didn't require prior experience, making this a great opportunity to gain experience regardless of major.

Civic engagement is a big responsibility and Morningside's dedication to educating and encouraging students to get involved in politics shows just how important it is to the overall Morningside experience and life after graduation. In my opinion, one of the best things about Morningside is how many opportunities there are to get involved, even in areas that students aren't majoring in. Being able to be a big fish in a small pond is exactly what drew me to the school. Knowing that Morningside cares that I am educated within the area of politics, offering up some great resources as well as involvement opportunities lets me know that in the long run, my vote is important.

*For more student stories, go to [morningside.edu/news](https://morningside.edu/news).*

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# Jake Jacobsen '40 on Longevity and a Morningside Degree

by Erin Edlund

When Morningside College officially announced it would become a university on Thursday, November 13, 2020, one of its oldest living alums was participating and cheering from his residence in Milwaukee, Wisc.

As part of the virtual celebration, Milford E. Jacobson '40 (who goes by Jake) emailed Morningside Alumni Director Shiran Nathaniel a note of congratulations and shared a photo of himself posing in a Morningside College centennial sweatshirt. His photo was shared on Morningside's social media accounts, and Jake went viral in the best way one can in 2020 - his photo received more than 700 engagements on Facebook and another 500 on Instagram, which ignited a series of conversations with the sharp, energetic 101-year-old.

"I love Morningside. I do my best to keep up with what's happening, and to stay in touch with people who I got to know during my time there," said Jake, who was born in Wayne, Neb., moved to Terrill, Iowa, as a child, then made his way to Morningside in the late 1930s.

Jake's father was a Methodist minister, and a major factor in Jake's college decision was the fact that a portion of his tuition was covered at Morningside. What was not covered, though, was Jake's responsibility. That meant Jake worked three jobs while pursuing his degree in accounting. He helped

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Jake Jacobsen '40 poses with his new Morningside University sweatshirt. Jake had sent a photo of himself in a Morningside centennial sweatshirt as part of the virtual celebration held the day of the university announcement.

serve and cook at a local burger joint, was a night auditor at the Martin Hotel, and bused tables at Bishop's Cafeteria. It was working at Bishop's that connected Jake to his first wife of more than 50 years.

"Two cute chicks come in. I gave one of them the eye and she gave me the eye, so I asked her to a movie. The rest is history," said Jake. "We dated while I was at Morningside. I think Baccalaureate was on a Tuesday, and we were married that Friday. We were together for more than 50 years until she passed from Alzheimer's."

Jake later married again, to a woman named Rosemary. He was with her for 20 years until she passed from pancreatic cancer in 2011. These days, he spends time with his friend Denny, who is another resident in Eastcastle Place where Jake lives. "She's 92 - just a kid," he joked.

Jake notes that long-lasting and healthy relationships of all kinds have been a key to his success and longevity in life. "Skills and talent are great, but you have to have good personal relationships. Treat others how you want to be treated. Be kind to other people. I am amazed at how what you put out into the world comes back to you," said Jake.

The adventures Jake has had throughout his life have certainly given him no shortage of opportunities to build relationships. Jake is an entrepreneur and professional who built and worked for several businesses. He went to Germany as a special agent in the United States Army Counterintelligence Corps during World War II. He has run 13 marathons and biked as much as 150 miles a day after giving up running. In 1981, he retired as vice president of human resources for Northwestern Mutual after 13 years with a company he truly loved. Jake is also a family man, a reader, a writer, an exercise and outdoor enthusiast, enjoys keeping up

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The Martin Hotel in downtown Sioux City,





*Jake Jacobsen continued*

with current events, and is a self-proclaimed 'feminist who was a feminist before it was fashionable' thanks to his mom.

"There have been four strong and incredible women in my life, and my mother was the first. She was ahead of her time in thinking about the benefits of physical and mental activity, and that has always stuck with me," Jake noted.

"Being outside with the trees and sky is freeing for me, and I think exercise is one of the most important things you can do for both your brain and body. I have friends here [Eastcastle Place] who have never exercised and are trying to build those habits now. It's very difficult for them. Lots of people ask me what it takes to make it to 100. Exercise, getting outside, and making healthy choices have had a lot to do with it."

Though Jake has been quarantining throughout the pandemic to protect his health, he says he has been able to continue to write, use technology, and get outside when he can to maintain his healthy habits. He also notes that gratitude has been a key to keeping his positive attitude both during the pandemic and in the decades leading up to it.

"Morningside used to require a Bible class, and one of my takeaways was the importance of gratitude. Gratitude is so important. Before I get out of bed in the morning, I think about all the things I had to be grateful for in the days before, and all the things there are to look forward to in the day ahead. It helps set a good attitude and mindset."

Reflecting on his life, Jake was also quick to credit his Morningside education as being an important and long-lasting accomplishment in his life.

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Indeed; a degree that has endured, as has the 101-years-young man who earned it.

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Downtown Sioux City



Bishop Cafeteria

# Alzheimer's Research at Morningside Provides Student Opportunities

By Kassidy Hart '21

Morningside is a place that focuses on the cultivation of passion and career experience. One way the school does this for the natural science field is through their lab opportunities offered on campus. Though it is a valuable experience for students, these labs go beyond the Morningside community and have the potential to significantly impact the understanding of common diseases.



Dr. Chad Leugers, an associate professor of biology, is the lead investigator working on Alzheimer's disease research at Morningside. According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimation of 5.8 million people of all ages have Alzheimer's disease in the United States. Leugers' interest in the disease first developed from his time in Dr. Gloria Lee's lab at the University of Iowa.



Dr. Chad Leugers, associate professor of biology

"I initially joined Dr. Lee's lab as a graduate student because I had an interest in early brain development and some of her research was in this area. Once I joined the lab, there was

a lot of research we were conducting that overlapped with research into the Alzheimer's disease. My focus gradually shifted into that field," said Leugers.

Leugers started the lab on Morningside's campus in 2013 by first spending time designing new experimental protocols and creating new cell lines to work with in the lab. After he made the lab his own, he picked up where earlier experiments had left off. The focus of his research is on finding evidence for new functions of the Tau protein related to both Alzheimer's and in normal brain development. The Tau protein is found in healthy brain cells, but can act abnormally during Alzheimer's disease.

"Our research is important because currently there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease and there are no treatments that can slow down the progression of the disease once it begins. There have been many attempts to design drugs and treatments that target Tau in Alzheimer's disease, but so far none of them have been successful," said Leugers.

Throughout the last eight years, Morningside has played a crucial role in Tau research. Not only did the College provide the lab space and funding for equipment and research supplies, but it has also created opportunities for students to participate in the research and get hands-on experience in a real lab alongside Leugers.

"The students have made a huge impact on my research. Almost everything I do in the lab is with the assistance of students doing independent research projects or SURP [Summer Undergraduate Research Program] projects. Their continued excitement and interest provide me with constant motivation to conduct the highest quality research and provide the best mentoring experience I can," said Leugers.

One former student, 2020 graduate Jake Katzer, is a current medical student at the University of Iowa. Katzer began assisting Leugers in his lab in the summer of 2018. He continued to conduct research with him until he graduated. Katzer's interest in getting involved with the lab sparked when he had Leugers as a professor in his Principles of Biology course.

"I decided to do research because I had never done anything like it before and wanted to see if it was something that I would be interested in doing in the future," said Katzer.

During his time at Morningside, Katzer helped investigate Alzheimer's disease at the cellular level by reading background papers, culturing human and rat neuronal cells, assisting in the creation of new cell lines, and performing Western Blots and immunoprecipitations. The lab skills Katzer was able to develop have all carried to his current research he is doing as a medical student and, eventually, will benefit him as a physician.

Leugers and Tenly Hansen '22 in the lab.



Leugers provides students like Hansen with the opportunity to be part of his work and make a difference in Alzheimer's research.

A current Morningside student, junior Tenly Hansen, has gotten this same opportunity to assist Leugers in his research for the 2021 spring semester. Her interest in the research is close to her heart.

"My grandmother passed away from Alzheimer's disease when I was younger, so when I got the opportunity to play a small role in helping Dr. Leugers with his research to hopefully find a cure someday, I knew I couldn't pass it up," said Hansen, who hopes to attend medical school after Morningside.

Though Hansen is nervous for her semester in the lab, it's because she understands the importance of the research, as well as the value of getting experience as an undergrad.

"It allows me to take the information and lab techniques I have learned throughout my past three years at Morningside and apply them to a real-life research project. The research requires critical and independent thinking, preparing me for future research I will be doing in medical school," said Hansen.

When reflecting on the time spent in Leugers' lab, 2017 graduate Natasha Hongsmeier-Graves sees this valuable experience having

a lasting impact on her current studies and research she is doing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"Learning how to critically evaluate scientific literature is key to practicing evidence-based medicine. This was a skill Dr. Leugers helped me develop over several years at Morningside. The experience I gained from working in cell culture techniques, experimental design, data analysis, and research presentation have also proven useful," said Hongsmeier-Graves.

Leugers' next steps are focusing on specific effects and interactions of the Tau protein on MAPK signaling that occurs in the disease process. The work has potential to advance the treatment of Alzheimer's disease greatly, possibly finding a way to slow the disease.

"Our experiments here at Morningside open up the exciting possibility of a new target for the design of the therapeutic drugs that can help patients with Alzheimer's disease," said Leugers. "The continued enthusiasm and interest from the students provides me with constant motivation to conduct highest quality research and provide the best mentoring experience that I can."



# MORNINGSIDE MADNESS *LOOKING TO THE FUTURE*

By JJ Marlow



Make this **Morningside Madness**

the most impactful 36 hours yet!

**MARCH 17-18**

Morningside alumni have become successful doctors, nurses, teachers, entrepreneurs, writers, business owners – the list goes on. Their experiences at Morningside have played an invaluable part in what they have accomplished. As Morningside University looks to launch the next generation into their own bright futures, we ask alumni, parents, and friends to come together on March 17 & 18 for the fifth annual 36-hour live fundraising event, Morningside Madness.

Show you're  
**#MSIDEPROUD**  
during **#MSIDEMADNESS**  
on **March 17 & 18**

These two days are vital to the Morningside community. The dollars raised, the energy, the excitement, the opportunity to connect – all makes a positive impact and have an intangible ripple effect. Monies raised support the Morningside Fund and the future of Morningside University and its students. Help ensure the Morningside experience is everything it has always been and more. A gift of any size during this 36-hour period goes a long way.

**TWO BIG GOALS:  
600 DONORS  
\$100,000**



Contact JJ Marlow at [marlow@morningside.edu](mailto:marlow@morningside.edu) or 712-274-5424 to find out how you can be part of the excitement. You can also make your Morningside Madness gift today at [morningside.edu/giveback](https://morningside.edu/giveback).

**BE PART OF THE MADNESS!**

## Make or Take a Challenge

You can create a challenge that builds momentum, fosters competition, encourages giving and increases impact. Reach out to JJ Marlow to establish a challenge gift that doubles amounts donated or that unlocks when a specific number of gifts are made. TAKE THE CHALLENGE. Head to [msidemadness.com](https://msidemadness.com) and find a challenge (or two) you are interested in supporting. Make a gift in support of that challenge, head to social media, and pass the challenge along to your Mside friends. Let them know you participated, and that they can too.

## Be a Social Ambassador

Spread the word using whatever platform you like to connect—or reconnect—with Morningside roommates, classmates, friends, even professors. Say hi, ask how they're doing, reminisce about the awesome times you had on campus, and challenge them to get involved during Morningside Madness. Call, text, and use any and all social media to get in touch with all of your Mside connections.

## Make a Gift

Although we celebrate as we look to an exciting future, there is no time like the present to make a gift. The success of this event depends on you. It takes all of you making gifts of all sizes to make this event a success. Mside alumni are notorious for showing up big and giving back. We are so grateful to be able to count on you. Thank you for continuing to provide brilliant experiences for our students. Make your gift today at [morningside.edu/giveback](https://morningside.edu/giveback) or follow along on March 17 & 18 and make your gift at [msidemadness.com](https://msidemadness.com).

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# FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

## New Appointments

**Brooke Daane**, part-time admissions counselor

**Jeff Koithan**, assistant director of physical plant/grounds supervisor

**Allen Mehlhaff**, director of client services for information services

**Trent Miller**, head men's basketball coach

**Ricardo Ramirez-Munoz**, help desk team lead

**Jim Sykes**, athletic director

## Employee News

### Morningside's Counseling Psychology Program Ranked Among Best in the Nation

Morningside's counseling psychology program was named among the best in the nation by Bachelors Degree Center. Ranked No. 11 on the 25 Best Bachelor's in Counseling for 2021 list, Morningside's program prepares students for graduate study and employment in a variety of areas including marriage and family therapy, mental health, social work, rehabilitation, education, clinical settings, and more. Students in the program have the unique opportunity to use Morningside's Counseling Lab which allows students to observe and record counseling sessions, learn and practice various counseling skills, and analyze and understand counseling interventions. In addition to counseling psychology, Morningside also offers Bachelor of Arts degree programs in biopsychology, developmental psychology, and general psychology.



Elizabeth Coody, assistant professor of religious studies

### Elizabeth Coody featured in Religious Studies Review & The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture

Elizabeth Coody, assistant professor of religious studies, was published in the Religious Studies Review and featured in "The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture," published in late 2020. Coody's essay for the Religious Studies Review, "Teaming Up with Muslim Superheroes in Comics and in Our World," explores "Kismet: Man of Fate," a comic by A. David Lewis and Noel Tuazon, and presents the superhero-revival comic as an ally in work that supports interfaith dialogue and positive representations of Muslims in the contemporary United States, while her essay "Non-Biblical Comics Engage the Bible," is included in the "Bible in Popular Cultural Genres" section of the "The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture."

## Morningside Selects AGB Search to Assist with President Search

The Morningside College Board of Directors have retained AGB Search to assist in securing the thirteenth president of Morningside College, soon to be Morningside University.

Additionally, the executive committee also affirmed that outgoing Morningside Board of Directors Chair Craig Struve would serve as the chair for the president search committee.

"As an alumnus and long-time member of this board of directors, it is my great honor to lead the search for the next president of Morningside. AGB Search has worked with Morningside previously, and our executive and transition committees are confident that their understanding of Morningside's culture and their expertise will result in finding the right leader for Morningside University," said Struve.

The next steps will be for AGB Search to conduct listening sessions with constituencies across campus and Siouxland.

Details will be determined when the Morningside College Board of Directors convenes for its annual retreat in early February.

"The board will work closely with AGB and senior leadership to provide regular communication and updates regarding the search as information becomes available. There will be opportunities for active participation, and I encourage those interested in taking part in the process to watch the website for that information," said Struve.

The majority of the search process will take place in the second half of 2021, following Morningside's transition to Morningside University on June 1, 2021. The announcement of the new president is expected sometime in early 2022, and the new leader will assume the position following the retirement of John Reynders in June 2022. Reynders is Morningside's twelfth president and has served at Morningside since 1999.

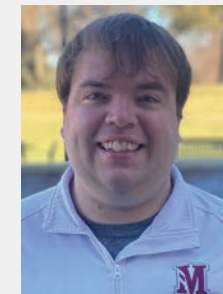
## THOMPSON STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Thomas S. Thompson Staff Excellence Awards were established in 2003 to recognize outstanding dedication, service, and commitment to Morningside College.

**Katy Burford**, head athletic trainer at Morningside, plays a key role in keeping nearly 700 student-athletes healthy. She also assists with managing the insurance associated with athletics and works closely with Student Health to ensure students with injuries are getting the care they need while minimizing classroom absences.



**Nick Buth '11**, computer and communication technology specialist and an assistant sports information director, is the go-to guy for troubleshooting and resolving technology issues of all kinds throughout campus and can usually be spotted taking photos or assisting with game management at Morningside athletic events.



**Mike Freeman**, director of development, has worked diligently to build strong connections with alumni and help advance the work of his team. One project of note Mike has been part of is the successful growth of the Siouxland Business Gifts Campaign, with his colleagues noting that he has taken ownership of this particular campaign and developed it into a reliable and sustainable source of dollars for the Annual Scholarship Fund.



**Steph (Mohr) Peters '99**, admissions director, and her team have experienced significant changes in their day-to-day as a result of the pandemic, but she was quick to implement a number of new processes and strategies to ensure the safety of both students and employees while also thinking about the future. Her tenaciousness and energy have helped Morningside welcome one of their largest-ever freshman classes amid the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Karmen Ten Napel**, dean of students and Title IX coordinator, has overhauled Title IX and student disciplinary policies and procedures to bring the work into compliance. She has helped shape top-notch Title IX and residence life teams who are confident and capable due to her superior support.



**Stacy Weiland**, custodial manager, is not only passionate about his job but treats others with respect and compassion. Stacy had additional pressure in his role this past year due to the pandemic, and he demonstrated outstanding problem-solving abilities, excellent time management, reliability, and perseverance while navigating the many new challenges that COVID-19 presented in cleaning and maintaining campus facilities.



## Employee of the Year

**Tasha (Drey) Goodvin '14**, admissions marketing specialist, has flourished as the liaison for the marketing and admissions teams. She has elevated Morningside's social media efforts to new levels, spearheaded the task of reimagining every single piece of the admissions communication flow, assisted with the development of a new website, aided with the creation of a new virtual tour, served as a back-up to admissions during busy times, and took on the task of managing the marketing department's intern program. "Much of Tasha's work is behind the scenes," her nominators noted, "but Tasha is a quiet force who is delivering consistently excellent work that is making a big difference for Morningside."





# MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

1946

**Doris (Peterson) Markland** published two books, *Playing Life by Ear (Notes from Eighty-Nine Years of Living, Learning, Laughing, Loving and Believing)* and *My Half of the Conversation (A Life with Spirit)*, after celebrating her 90th birthday.

1948

**Darwyn (Tony) Snyder** and **Joan (Meyer) Snyder '49** celebrated 73 years of marriage. They recently moved to Friendship Village-Sunset Hills Retirement Community in St. Louis, Mo., after living in Omaha, Neb., for 50 years.

1951

**Robert Webster** retired in Acworth, Ga., from IBM at the age of 92 and is now “hanging in there” at Celebration Village.

1959

**JoAnne (Johnson) Fisher** can still line dance and is excited to be back at it.

1960

**Sandra (Patrick) Cope** is celebrating 60 years of marriage in Irvine, Calif.

**Ronald Stone** published his book, *Reinhold Niebuhr in the 1960's*, in 2019.

1963

**Joyce (Giehm) Halmers** celebrated her 80th birthday and tenth anniversary with her second husband.

1964

**Tamra (Black) Gullickson** celebrated 57 years of marriage in Hot Springs Village, Ark., as well as living in the Ouchita Mountains in the largest gated community in the United States for five years.

**Loren Ivener** retired from Dimensions, Inc. in Jonesboro, Ark. as director after 22 years.

1965

**Gary Davis** was elected to the chairmanship of the Logan County, Ill., Democratic Party.

1967

**Denny Harmon** celebrated 50 years of marriage in Everly, Iowa.

1968

**Rev. John Rauhut** spent his summer teaching seniors through Zoom at Salaya, a Mahamakut Buddhist University in Thailand, and was asked to display his artwork in Nazareth, Pa.

1969

**Mary (Rogers) Kaplafka** was accepted into a juried art show located at Images Gallery in Overland Park, Kan.

**Robert Lower**, was incorrectly recognized as being deceased; is alive and well.



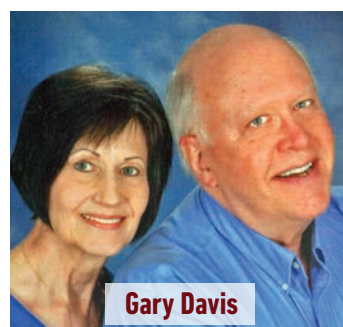
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Joyce (Giehm) Halmers



Tamra (Black) Gullickson



Gary Davis



Gerald Stoppel



Patrick Murphy



Roger Randall



Lynne Megan

1971

**Robert Bennett** retired after almost 40 years at Farm Bureau Financial Services in Storm Lake, Iowa.

**Jeff Bullock** wrote and published a book, *Practicing God's Radical Forgiveness*, that explores scripture, history, and everyday practices of forgiveness through Cascade Press.

**Kathryn Lindquist** is focused on philanthropic work with the SHARE scholarship program for international graduate students at the Thunderbird School of International Management/ASU; the Philanthropy Council for Oncology at Medstar Montgomery Medical Center in Olney, Md.; and as vice-chair of the Foundation Board of Maryland Public Television.

**Patrick Murphy** was named Amina Worldwide Medicine co-CEO in Medellin, Colombia.

1972

**Mary (Duritzo) Reiling** is employed in real estate sales with Coldwell Banker Realty in Princeton Junction, N.J.

1973

**Arthur Leiby** moved into assisted living after life hardships on May 1, 2020, receiving help from longtime friends and his faith.

1974

**Dorothy (Hoh) DeGroot** is Clay County coordinator for the Northwest Iowa RSVP program at Iowa Lakes Community College in Spencer, Iowa.

**Luci Ferrin** retired from Sibley-Ocheyedan as the 5th-8th grade instrumental director in Sibley, Iowa. She also celebrated her 70th birthday.

**Gerald Stoppel** is a priest associate at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Allegan, Mich. He also works for the Allegan County Newspapers and writes murder mysteries.

1975

**Constance (Selk) Goeken** has accepted the position as director of the Clay County Community Foundation.

**Dale Howard** co-authored his 23rd book in the Microsoft suite of project management tools.

**Kathy (Hummel) Sieger** is proud to have a growing family and still loves Morningside.

**Gene Wickey** and **Gloria (Decpetris) Wickey** celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on July 1, 2020.

1976

**Chris Frey** published his first novel, *Overnight Delivery: A Hank Anderson Thriller*, on Amazon under his pen name, Raymond Parish.

**Lonnie Hohl** moved to FACTOR Realty after having been a realtor in the Sioux City area for 35 years.

**Roger Randall** retired from Informa PLC - Farm Progress at the U.S. headquarters in New York, N.Y. as the director of digital sales after 44 years in agricultural marketing.

1977

**Kent Boyer** accepted a position as a humanities faculty member at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa.

**Daniel Corrow** retired as an investment advisor for Central Financial Group/Royal Alliance Advisors after 23 years of working with clients in Webster City, Iowa.

1978

**Catherine (Simpson) Webb** retired as program assistant from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, after 25 years.

1979

**Lynne (Stoebner) Megan** has been the president and CEO of TSE, Inc. for fifteen years. In addition, she has served on many local, state, and national boards of directors, and frequently testifies at the Minnesota Legislature to advocate for support and services for people with disabilities.

1979

**Bill Scheel** recently completed hiking 140 miles of the Arizona Scenic Trail and plans to complete the entire trail over the next few years.





1980

**Paul Bush** retired from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Criminalistics Laboratory as a criminalist supervisor and state CODIS administrator of the DNA Unit of the state crime lab in Ankeny, Iowa. He also received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists.

1981

**Mark Guthmiller** is the school psychologist for Falcon School District #49 in Peyton, Colo. He is also the co-lead for the school psychologist team, the lead of the autism support task force, and the lead for the internship supervisors program.

1982

**Mark Gambaiana** retired as vice president of development at ChildServe, Inc. in Des Moines, Iowa, after a 38-year career.

**Sherri Levers** is the director of program finance at Lutheran Family Services in Omaha, Neb.

1983

**Kathryn (Zortman) Clarkson** was selected as the Sioux City East Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.

1984

**William Irwin**, PhD, DABT, ERT, FATS recently collaborated with PETA and presented a seminar on non-animal, alternative toxicology testing methods and published three toxicology book chapters on drugs, patents, and target organs.

1985

**Randy Gaulke** was recently acknowledged as the author's WWI historian in James Hockenberry's *Send the Word*, and was also acknowledged in Richard Merry's *The Great War in Argonne Forest: French & American Battles 1914-1918*.

**Sheila (Hunter) Hanigan** retired from Logan-Magnolia Community Schools after 33 years as a teacher there and 35 years in the education field.

**Becky (Hill) Thompson** retired from Audubon County Public Health Nursing after 31 years.

1986

**Lora (Rush) Milne** retired from Madison High School after teaching for 33 years.

1988

**Dave Duit** is the president and founder of the Iowa Purple Martin Organization and a recognized leader in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Purple Martin Conservation Association.

**Corrine (Kinney) Mehaffey** was recently hired as a city clerk for the city of Deloit in Deloit, Iowa.

**Lisa (Grubb) Niebuhr** joined the Sioux City Public Schools Foundation as the development director. She also joined the Diocese of Sioux City's Diocesan Pastoral Clinic.



Paul Bush



Randy Gaulke



Chris Steinbach



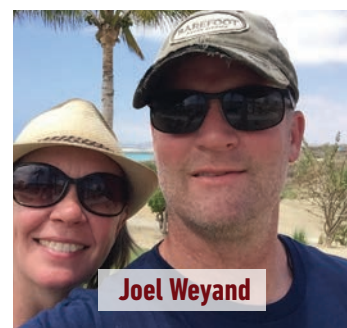
Chad Sorenson



Mindy Russell



Daniel Plathe



Joel Weyand



Stacie (Menin) Anderson



Merick Forrester

1989

**Chris Steinbach** was named director of foundation and government support at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. In addition to his new duties, he will continue working as a development officer in the Loras Advancement and Alumni Office. Steinbach also earned an MBA at Loras College.

1991

**Betsy (Schmidt) Dettman** retired from health care after 25 years of nursing and 15 years as a nurse practitioner in West Des Moines, Iowa. She has started her own home cookie business.

1992

**Andrea (Anfinson) Clark** recently transitioned from engineering and math to being a CFP and AFC at The Table Financial Planning in Fountain Hills, Ariz.

1993

**Jason Siemon**, a basketball player inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2019, played professional basketball in Europe for over a decade. A family member before him was a construction worker for Lewis Hall.

**Chad Sorenson** was elected president of the HR Florida State Council for 2021 and 2022, leading the 62-member council of HR professionals. He also celebrated the 12-year anniversary of his company, Adaptive HR Solutions.

1994

**Mindy (Hass) Russell** was promoted to chief marketing officer at Catapult Systems in Austin, Texas.

1996

**Daniel Plathe** is a senior functional analyst for General Dynamics IT (GDIT) in West Des Moines, Iowa.

1997

**Joel Weyand** is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments in Lincoln, Neb.

2000

**Yolanda Renee (Valdez) Alanis** earned her doctorate in business administration with an emphasis on Native American economic development from the University of Phoenix on June 30, 2020.

**Stacie (Menin) Anderson** earned the Distinguished Toastmaster Designation (DTM) award from the Toastmasters International.

**Nicole (Blessing) Scott** began working for Northwest Area Education Agency as a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing in Sioux City, Iowa.

2001

**Molly (Buettner) Petersen** was recently elected director of the Danbury Ambulance in Danbury, Iowa. She has been a nationally registered EMT since 2008 and has served on three different departments in Woodbury County, Iowa.

**Merick Forrester** finished his first New York City Marathon #71 out of 12,000 runners in the NYC Runs Subway System Challenge of 245 miles.

**Brooke (Gollither) Williams** published her twelfth romantic comedy book, *The Dating Itinerary*, with Entangled Publishing.



1985

**Sandi Zellmer** was elected to the American College of Environmental Lawyers in 2020 as a professor at the University of Montana School of Law.



1999

**Malibu Kelly Boyce** won the title of Classic Ms. New England in July 2020 at the Miss New England pageant in Farmington, Conn.



2002

**Kurt Gemberling** is vice president and manager of branch operational controls and monitoring at Bank of the West in Omaha, Neb.

**Lisa (Crosby) Wipperling**

recently accepted a position at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., as an instructor of musical theatre.

2004

**Michael Eldridge** accepted the position as the superintendent of schools for the East Butler Public School District in Brainard, Neb. after serving as East Butler High School principal for seven years.

2006

**Taylor Templeton** is a broker associate for Keller Williams Realty in Sioux Falls, S.D.

**Jon Fisk** received tenure and was promoted to associate professor at Auburn University.

2009

**Katie McGuire** was recognized as the August 2020 Daisy Reward Recipient for her caring and compassionate soul at Methodist Women's Hospital in Elkhorn, Neb.

**Beau Sudtelgte** recently accepted a position in human resources with Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa.

2010

**Eva (Mattox) Cunningham** works for PPD Laboratories, Inc. in Grant, Neb., and has been helping review data for COVID-19 and other groundbreaking antiviral therapies. Her husband, Josh, is the only respiratory therapist at the critical access hospital and helps save lives every day.

2011

**Kayla Stehlik** accepted a position as plant manager at Pella Corporation in Pella, Iowa. In May, Stehlik will have been with the company for 10 years.

2013

**Chris Levine** was one of the eight recipients of the Caesars Award of Excellence for Innovation at Iowa Properties.

**Jo Teut** is the director of diversity and experience at Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast in Houston, Texas.

2015

**Lynae (Toom) Becker** is the first ever winner of the "Building a Brighter Future" award through Clemons Real Estate. This is awarded to the Clemons employee that has demonstrated the greatest impact and influence on Clemons success.

2016

**Spencer Eiseman** was recently named to the position of listing and marketing manager and realtor at Shook Home Group of Keller Williams Tacoma in University Place, Wash.

**Paige McKern** was recently hired as the healthcare recruiter at Noll Human Resources in Omaha, Neb.

**Austin Mumm** received his master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Nebraska Methodist College in fall 2020.

2017

**Tonya (Simmons) Mumm** is in her final year at Grand Canyon University to complete her master's degree in counseling psychology.

2018

**Lauren (Lehmkuhl) Kathol** recently bought Mayer Signs in Yankton, S.D.

**Marie Sitz** and **Shane Roeder '19** were engaged on Dec. 31, 2020.

2019

**Brock Bourek** was hired as the theatre administrator at the LAMB Arts Regional Theatre and co-director of Christian education at Grace United Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

2020

**K. Takara (Alt) Hawkins** works in Rosecrance Jackson Adolescent Stabilization Unit.

**Darian Lisle** is an aquarist at the Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Conn.

**Marianna Pizzini** is a marketing assistant for Vyrat Marketing in Omaha, Neb.



Lisa (Crosby) Wipperling



Taylor Templeton



Michael Eldridge



Lynae (Toom) Becker



Spencer Eiseman



Lauren (Lehmkuhl) Kathol



Marie Sitz & Shane Roeder



Brock Bourek

**Samantha Stodola** was hired as a drug testing specialist at Capstone Behavioral Health in Omaha, Neb.

**Amy (Niewohner) Tritsch** recently accepted a position as a development director with Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands in Omaha, Neb.



Darian Lisle



2015

**Katie Cople** won Best Newscast for an evening newscast she served as producer on with a team of fellow journalists in Sioux City, Iowa. She also won both an Eric Sevareid Award and a Iowa Broadcast News Association Award for In-Depth Reporting on a special report she did for Siouxland News.

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NEWLYWEDS

2005

**Kristina (McGrain) Bennett '09** and **Matt Bennett**, Aug. 1, 2020.

2012

**Lindsay (Noteboom) Attkisson** and **Christopher Attkisson**, Dec. 20, 2020.

**Ana (Miranda) Cappello** and **Robert Cappello**, Feb. 08, 2020.

2014

**Maggie (Dykstra) Brown** and **Kyle Brown**, Dec. 7, 2019.

**Carly Hanson** and **Blair Remmers '15**, Oct. 3, 2020.

2016

**Tonya (Simmons) Mumm '17** and **Austin Mumm**, Aug. 10, 2019.

2017

**Sara (Bauermeister) Schlitz '20** and **Drew Schlitz**, June 27, 2020.

**Madison (Dotzler) Wright '19** and **Matthew Wright**, July 3, 2020.

2018

**Teagan (Nyren) Winger '19** and **Keith Winger**, May 30, 2020.

2019

**Taylor (Hirschman) Holck** and **Cody Holck**, Sept. 26, 2020.

**Jenna (Winkler) Homme** and **Aaron Homme '20**, Aug. 22, 2020.

2020

**K. Takara (Alt) Hawkins** and **Cody Hawkins**, Aug. 22, 2020.

**Kimberly (Fleming) Mayer** and **Casey Mayer**, Aug. 22, 2020.

**Amy (Niewohner) Tritsch** and **Eddie Tritsch**, Dec. 12, 2020.



**Kristina and Matt Bennett**



**Ana and Robert Cappello**



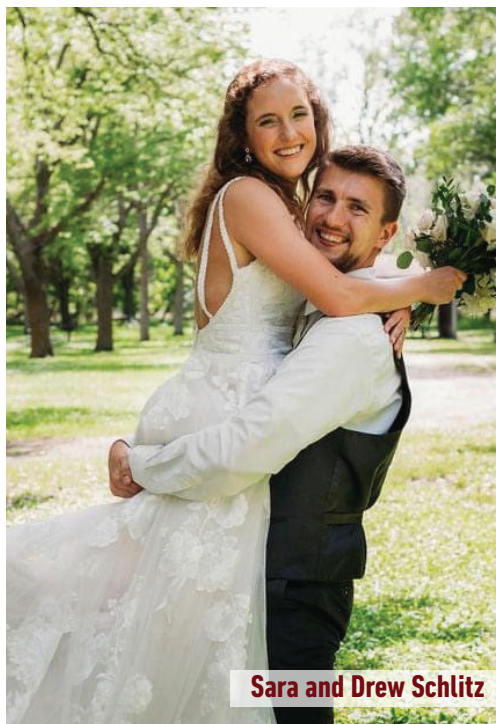
**Teagan and Keith Winger**



**Taylor and Cody Holck**



**Lindsay and Christopher Attkisson**



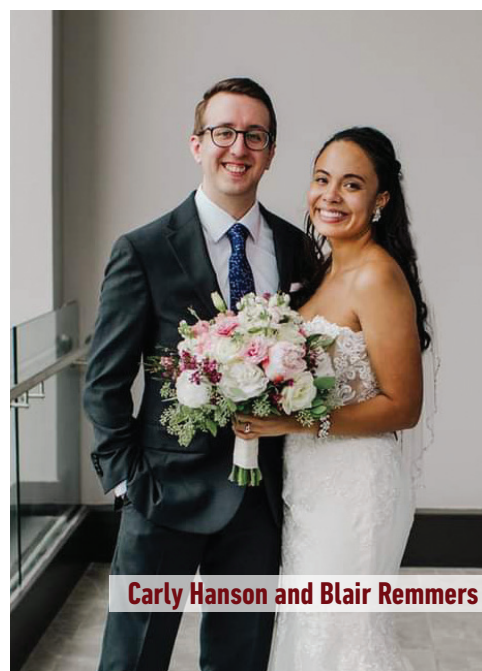
**Sara and Drew Schlitz**



**K. Takara and Cody Hawkins**



**Amy and Eddie Tritsch**



**Carly Hanson and Blair Remmers**



**Austin and Tonya Mumm**



**Kimberly and Casey Mayer**



**Jenna and Aaron Homme**



FUTURE MSIDERS

2003

**Miranda (Eikelboom) Wachter** and Brian Wachter welcomed Sadie Wachter on Sept. 21, 2020.



Collins Lila Rice

2006

**David Rice** and Kylee Rice welcomed Collins Lila Rice on Sept. 21, 2020.

**Jonathan Fisk** and Melanie Fisk welcomed Micah and Caleb Fisk in May 2019.

2009

**Rebecca Bauer** and Joey Orozco welcome Asher James on May 8, 2020.

**Jonalee (Jackes) DeNoble** and Jared DeNoble welcomed Jovie Joy DeNoble on Nov. 25, 2019.



Jackson Rozeboom

2010

**Eva (Mattox) Cunningham** and Josh Cunningham welcomed Liam Cummingham on March 21, 2020.

2012

**Karena (Danner) Cunningham** and Andy Cunningham welcomed Matilda Rose Cunningham on Feb. 24, 2020.



Matilda Rose Cunningham

2013

**Jacy (Jahn) Chvatal** and **Keith Chvatal** welcomed Theo, Harlow and Capree Chvatal on Aug. 23, 2020.

**Claire DeRoin** and Scott Izynski welcomed Pippa Delphine DeRoin Izynski on Jan. 10, 2021.

**Holly (Anderson) Sexton '12** and **Adam Sexton** welcomed Korbin Lee Sexton on July 9, 2020.

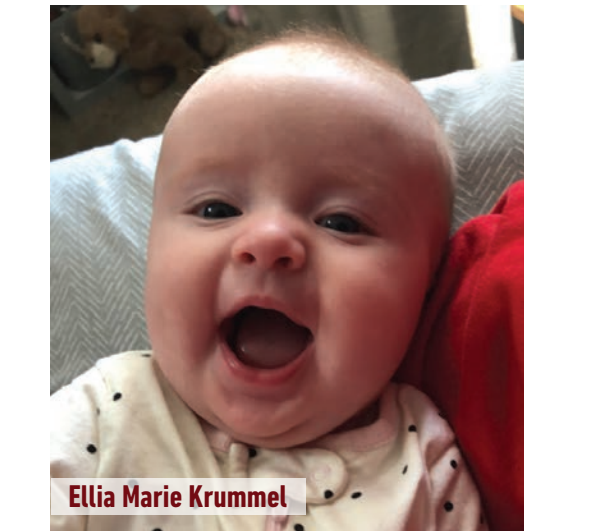
**Emily (Lechtenberg) Krummel** and Jason Krummel welcomed Ellia Marie Krummel on Oct. 2, 2020.



Jovie Joy DeNoble



Scarlett Dye



Ellia Marie Krummel



Korbin Lee Sexton



Casey Mack



Keelan Brincks



Asher James Orozco

2014

**Paige (Potter) Brincks '15** and **Nick Brincks** and welcomed Keelan Brincks on Mar. 17, 2020.

**Amanda (Osborne) Kacmarynski '15** and **Tyler Kacmarynski** welcomed Walker James Kacmarynski on Jul. 28, 2020.

2016

**Jennifer (Theisen) Mack** and Mitchel Mack welcomed Casey Mack on March 17, 2020.

2017

**Casey (Schuster) Dye** and Monty Dye welcomed Scarlett Dye on June 19, 2020.

2020

**Samantha (Johnson) Rozeboom** and Matt Rozeboom welcomed Jackson Rozeboom on Nov. 10, 2020.

FUN FACT

Mass Communication alumna Jennifer (Theisen) Mack '16 and Mitchel Mack welcomed their son on March 17, 2020. The same day, fellow alums of the same program Nick '14 and Paige (Potter) Brincks '15 and Kevin Pottebaum '11 and his wife Amanda also welcomed sons. A lucky day, to be sure.



IN LOVING  
MEMORY

1939

**Raymond A. Hess**, Spirit Lake, Iowa, died Sept 30, 2019.**Roberta (Stock) Pendleton**,

Sioux City, Iowa, died April 17, 2020.

1940

**Berget O. (Weigand) Starch**, Sioux City, Iowa, died March 5, 2020.

1941

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

1942

**K. LaVonne (Wertz) Adamson**, Kearney, Neb., died Feb. 19, 2011.

1943

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

1944

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

1945

**Mary (Logan) Sweet**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Aug. 3, 2014.**Homer Sweet**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Sept. 26, 2015.

1946

**Marlo Hanson** of Inwood, Iowa, died Sept. 28, 2020.**Phyllis (Orner) Luchsinger**, Jonesville, Va., died Jan. 15, 2020.

1947

**Emilio Arredondo** of Severn, Md., died May 14, 2020.**Phyllis (Leeper) Feller** of Orangevale, Calif., died Sept. 14, 2020.**Lois (Lind) Jamison** of Moab, Utah, died March 9, 2020.

1948

**Luverne Schroeder** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Dec. 9, 2020.**Albina (Kozan) Vannucci** of Whittier, Calif., Feb. 12, 2020.

1949

**Dale Baker** of Pacific Grove, Calif., died Aug. 30, 2020.**Mary Brand** of Kalamazoo, Mich., died May 20, 2018.**Dr. Donald Meis** of Sun City, Ariz., died Nov. 22, 2020.**Beverly Jean (Barks) Muma Blahnik** of Oregon, Wisc., died Jan. 8, 2019.**Beverly (Horton) Rasmussen** of Wilmington, Del., died Oct. 16, 2016.**Eugene Martin Rasmussen** of Wilmington, Del., died Feb. 29, 2016.

1950

**Stella (Miller) Davis** of Denver, Colo., died Aug. 23, 2019.**Raymond Hall** of Minneapolis, Minn., died Nov. 2, 2020.**Alice (Chambers) Measom** of Rolfe, Iowa, died Jan. 24, 2020.**Duwayne Meneely** of Remsen, Iowa, died Dec. 23, 2014.**James Moody** of Storm Lake, Iowa, died Dec. 24, 2020.**Harriet (Jones) Winter** of Clear Lake, Iowa, died Sept. 10, 2020.

1951

**Kennard Fearing** of North Hero, Vt., died Aug. 19, 2020.**Doris (Kingsbury) Hintz** of Clive, Iowa, died Dec. 8, 2020.**Raymond Kuta** of Glen Ellyn, Ill., died March 3, 2013.**Bruce Lamport**, Spencer, Iowa, died Oct. 30, 2020.**D. Joann (Will) Pithan** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Aug. 8, 2020.**Sylvia (Lanfeld) Wolff** of Rye, N.Y., died June 2018.

1952

**Earl Bunten** of New River, Ariz., died Dec. 11, 2019.

1953

**James L. Fowler**, of Dakota Dunes, S.D., died Oct. 28, 2020.**Mary (Gunderson) Hamilton** of Potomac, Md., died Aug. 6, 2020.**Anthony Levitto** of Troy, N.Y., died Dec. 23, 2020.**Iris (Lintner) Pauling** of Spirit Lake, Iowa, died Dec. 9, 2020.**Winston Sun** of Whittier, Calif., died May 12, 2020.**James Whitehouse** of Ferndale, Mich., died March 6, 2020.

1954

**Richard Norman** of Gretna, Neb., died Sept. 11, 2020.**David Sabag** of North Sioux City, S.D., died Nov. 6, 2020.

1955

**Margaret Engstrand** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Nov. 17, 2020.**Ruth A. (Grindberg) Hantla** of Sioux City, IA, died Sept. 25, 2020.

1956

**Conrad Hove** of Hawarden, Iowa, died Nov. 22, 2020.**Vernon Wyland** of Webster, N.Y., died Nov. 5, 2020.

1957

**Richard Welding** of Flower Mound, Texas, died Dec. 18, 2020.

1958

**Barbara (Pitner) Ogden** of Waterloo, Iowa, died Nov. 2, 2020.

1959

**J. Richard Franz** of Brentwood, Tenn., died Aug. 27, 2020.**Robert Niebuhr** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Nov. 8, 2020.**Patsy (Starr) Owen** of Grundy Center, Iowa, died Oct. 28, 2020.

1960

**D. JoAnn Dickman**, of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 20, 2020.**Carole "Claire" Garden** of Columbia, Mo., was a former faculty member. She died Nov. 14, 2016.**Dollie (Delfs) Howard** of Westfield, Iowa, died Oct. 31, 2020.**Gerald McManis** of Omaha, Neb., died Nov. 23, 2020.**Paul Miquelon** of Wildwood, Mo., died Sept. 16, 2020.**Phyllis Prodehl** of Merville, Iowa, died Sept. 11, 2020.

1961

**Peggy (Grewdson) Ek** of Bonita Springs, Fla., died June 23, 2020.**Rev. Marvin Essing** of Woodland Park, Colo., died Aug. 3, 2020.**Sandra Lou (Remmers) Green** of Prescott, Ariz., died Nov. 12, 2020.**Myron Watkins** of Lenexa, Kan., died Nov. 26, 2020.

1962

**Wendell Conover** of Lincoln, Neb., died Sept. 1, 2020.**Lory Johnson** of Ankeny, Iowa, died Sept. 9, 2020.**Joyce (Skaggs) Lambert** of Santa Ana, Calif., died Oct. 13, 2020.

1963

**Douglas Ball** of Minneapolis, Minn., died Nov. 11, 2020.**John Lazaris** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Sept. 4, 2020.**Richard Petersen** of Estherville, Iowa, died Sept. 19, 2016.**Vernon Roberts** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 11, 2020.

1964

**Dr. Alan Pechacek** of Bradenton, Fla., died Oct. 18, 2020.**James Pepper** of Surprise, Ariz., died Sept. 17, 2020.**Stephen Snyder** of Dayton, Tenn., died Dec. 24, 2020.**Marcia (Davis) Warrender** of Washta, Iowa, died Oct. 22, 2020.

1965

**Larry Clark** of Merrill, Iowa, died Nov. 26, 2020.**William Erwin** of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Dec. 8, 2020.**Stanley Jones** of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Nov. 29, 2020.**Harvey Stokes, Jr.** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 26, 2020.

1966

**Daniel Barrett** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 31, 2020.**John Linsley** of North Platte, Neb., died Nov. 17, 2020.**Gary Pfeister** of Saint Michael, Minn., died March 20, 2020.

1968

**John Brady** of South Sioux City, Neb., died Aug. 20, 2020.**Meredith Brunsma** of Davenport, Iowa, died Dec. 7, 2020.**James Graeber** of Des Moines, Iowa, died Dec. 14, 2020.

1969

**Roberta (Neir) Graber** of Hutchinson, Kan., died Nov. 6, 2020.**John Jansen** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Sept. 7, 2020.**Kathy Kramer** of Potlatch, Ind., died Dec. 5, 2020.**Rev. F. David Mills** of Summerville, S.C., died Aug. 4, 2020.

1970

**Suzanne Blom** of Mequon, Wis., died June 23, 2012.**Sharon (Bumsted) Brasel** of Denison, Iowa, died Aug. 11, 2020.**Dorothy (Yockey) Goodman** of Council Bluffs, Iowa, died Jan. 18, 2013.**M. Bruce Smith** of Sioux Falls, S.D., died Dec. 12, 2020.

1972

**H. Doug Huitink** of Dakota Dunes, S.D., died Nov. 10, 2020.

1974

**James Pfeister** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Sept. 2, 2020.**Gloria (Decpetris) Wickey** of Tucson, Ariz., died Nov. 27, 2020.

1976

**Roxene Olson** of Sioux City, Iowa, died May 6, 2020.**Dudley P. Smidt** of Aurora, Colo., died Oct. 3, 2020.

1977

**Rev. David Carlson** of Sioux City, Iowa, died May 8, 2020.**Donald Meisner** of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, died Nov. 23, 2020.

1978

**Marsha (Krom) Miller** of Valparaiso, Ind., died Aug. 16, 2020.

1979

**Steven Kiel**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died July 29, 2020.

1980

**Tamera Janeen Augustus**, of Granger, Iowa, died Sept. 11, 2020.**KarLee (Schempf) Lombardo** of Berlin Heights, Ohio, died Nov. 19, 2019.

The Children's Library of the recently renovated Carroll Public Library in Carroll, Iowa, will be named for **Donna (Schirck) Bergeson**, who left her entire estate to the library project when she passed in 2012. Donna graduated from Morningside with bachelor's (1964) and master's degrees (1995) in elementary education. She taught in the Sioux City Schools system for 38 years and mentored over 25 student teachers from Morningside College.



1983

**Tony Watke** of Ute, Iowa, died June 14, 2017.

1984

**Elaine (Manthie) Streyffeler**, of South Sioux City, Neb., died Oct. 23, 2020.

1986

**Jacquelyn Jensen** of Sioux City, Iowa, died June 22, 2020.

**Kristen (Major) Rheinherren** of Des Moines, Iowa, died Dec. 31, 2020.

1988

**Dianna (Laumbach) Hanna** of Armour, S.D., died July 31, 2020.

1991

**Rochelle (Gerken) Bruns** of Elk Horn, Iowa, died Oct. 1, 2020.

1992

**Gayle A. Canterbury** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 12, 2020.

**Kyle Walz** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Nov. 17, 2020.

1997

**Jay Dawdy** of Sioux City, Iowa, died July 31, 2020.

2000

**Glenda (Willard) Harms** of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died Dec. 21, 2020.

**John Eugene Howett**, of Des Moines, Iowa, died Oct. 18, 2020.

2006

**Brandon Anderson** of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, died Aug. 4, 2020.

**Sarah C. Hackett** of Sioux City, Iowa, died Oct. 16, 2020.

2010

**Erika Helt** of South Sioux City, Neb., died Dec. 14, 2020.

**Matthew Witt** of Rochester, Minn., died Sept. 24, 2020.

CHERISHED FRIENDS

**Elsie Bales**, Onawa, Iowa, was a former staff member and died Dec. 6, 2020.

**Rachel Crowley**, Dakota Dunes, S.D., was a former staff member and died Nov. 16, 2020.

**Edward F. Lanning**, Sioux City, Iowa, was a former professor at Morningside College and died Sept. 18, 2020.

**Dr. Frank Nichols**, Rochester, Minn., was a former board member and bishop who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the college in 1974. He died Nov. 18, 2020.

**Val Olsen**, Port Charlotte, Fla., was a former staff member and died Aug. 24, 2014.

**Robert G. Rogers**, Sioux City, Iowa, was a former Morningside College board member and died Oct. 9, 2020.

REMEMBERING  
CHERISHED FRIENDS

**Dr. Joseph Clafin**  
(1933-2020)

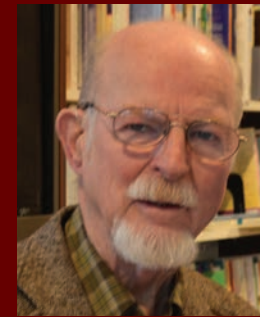


Dr. Joseph Clafin passed away on Dec. 7, 2020. He was a professor, coach, father, husband, and an overall outstanding man. Clafin moved to Sioux City in 1984 and became a biology professor at Morningside. Clafin's dedication was recognized by the College through honors such as Faculty Person of the Year, Outstanding Faculty Award, Professor Emeritus, and the Order of Morningside. In line with Morningside's values, Clafin felt that real world experiences were imperative to student success. He provided students with experiences in the environmental field throughout the United States, including collaborations with organizations like the Army Corp of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, and the Sierra Club. Clafin was instrumental in breaking ground for the Hindman-Hobbs Center in spring 1988. His dedication to the environment, lifelong learning, and the Morningside community will be cherished by Morningside forever.



**Frank Fogarty**  
(1940-2020)

Frank Fogarty passed away on July 16, 2020, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Frank grew up on Omaha and earned his undergraduate from Creighton before joining the military as an Army Ranger. He eventually earned his master's degree and had an impressive marketing career, largely in South America. After retiring early to Florida, Frank met and married Connie Wimer, a long-time member of the Morningside College Board of Directors and active Iowa business leader. They were together for 23 years and resided in Des Moines as Connie continued her professional career, and both were deeply involved in the community and with a variety of causes. At Morningside and beyond, Frank was well known to be a kind, intelligent, engaging, and charming individual who was a loyal friend, fascinating conversationalist, and an ultimate gentleman who will be deeply missed by those who knew him.



**Dr. Robert Jewett**  
(1933-2020)

Dr. Robert Jewett passed away on Dec. 4, 2020. He was a celebrated theologian and educator who worked and studied around the world. He earned academic degrees from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1955, the University of Chicago in 1958, and completed his Doctor of Theology from University of Tübingen in 1966. He served in many institutions of higher learning, including Morningside College from 1966-1980. During his 15 years of service to Morningside, he became one of the most published professors in the College's history. He authored more than 200 essays and 25 books, including *The Captain America Complex: The Dilemma of American Nationalism* (1973), *Jesus Against the Rapture* (1979), and *Christian Tolerance* (1982). Dr. Jewett is survived by his daughter, Ellen Jewett and her husband, Husam Suleymangil who reside in Istanbul; his partner Heike Goebel who resides in Germany.



**Dennis Bradley  
"Brad" Kiesey**  
(1945-2021)

Longtime friend of Morningside College Brad Kiesey passed away in Iowa City on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021. Kiesey attended the University of Iowa where he earned degrees in journalism and law. He first practiced in Mason City, Iowa, where he met his wife, Deborah, who is a member of the Morningside College Board of Directors. Not long after, he returned to Washington County, where he would practice law for 45 years while being an active member of the community he loved. He was an avid musician, a supportive and loving father and husband, a doting grandfather, and an energetic man of great integrity and many interests. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Deborah Lieder Kiesey; sons, Joel and his wife, Katja Kiesey and their children, Clara and Jacob, and Aaron; as well as many other extended family members.

**Donald D. Kelsey '49**  
(1927-2020)

Donald Kelsey went to eternal rest on Dec. 11, 2020. Don dedicated his life to the public. He served in the United States Navy right after he graduated high school. After the war, Don attended Morningside and graduated in 1949. He then went to Julliard

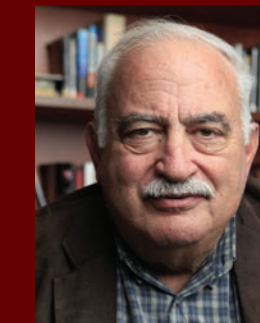


to create joy and entertainment in the world. He returned to the Siouxland area and became a music and history teacher at Leeds Junior-Senior High. He was a part of the Morningside W. S. Lewis Society, as well as the President's Society for many years. In addition, Don served on the Morningside College Board of Directors and was named the 1968 chairman for the annual alumni fund. Left to honor his memory are his daughter, Susan (Dr. Kevin) Koch of Des Moines; sons, Scott Kelsey of Sergeant Bluff, David (Cheryl) Kelsey of Wayzata, Minn., and Steven Kelsey of Sioux City; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

**John Kolbo '77**  
(1954-2020)



Morningside Professor John Kolbo passed away Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, after battling cancer for more than six years. John was both a Morningside alumnus and a beloved art professor in Morningside's School for Visual and Performing Arts since 1999. Over the years, John was recognized and celebrated frequently for his commitment to students and for the work he did to create a remarkable learning environment. John was also incredibly dedicated to his family, including his wife of 44 years, Suzanne; his sons Aaron (Beth) Kolbo, Adrian Kolbo, and Adam (Angie) Kolbo, all of Sioux City; his daughter, Annika Kolbo of Benton, Ill.; and grandchildren, Madison, Grace and Dylan.



**Hon. Jack Mandel**  
(1936-2020)

The Honorable Jack Mandel passed away on Dec. 24, 2020, at the age of 84. Judge Mandel embodied the Morningside mission statement throughout his life, dedicating himself to the betterment of society and lifelong learning. In 2008, Judge Mandel and Dr. Henry T. Nicholas, III established the Nicholas Academic Centers (NAC), and two years later invited Morningside College to become one of its partners. Since that time, Morningside has consistently welcomed students from the NAC program in California, with Judge Mandel often personally encouraging students he thought would be a good fit for Morningside to look at the College. As a result of this work, Judge Mandel was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Morningside in 2012. Left to cherish Judge Mandel's memory are his wife, Judy, three sons, eight grandchildren, and many individuals who benefited from the life and love he leaves behind.



# 2020 STAYHOMECOMING

Scenes from our 2020 StayHomecoming virtual activities. We look forward to (hopefully) hosting Homecoming in person again in 2021.



# GET TO KNOW THE ALUMNI BOARD

The Morningside Alumni Board typically meets quarterly in-person/via virtual platforms. Board members assist with campus events, weigh in on planning for initiatives, and assist with cultivating new opportunities for alumni and friends to stay connected to Morningside. Pictured below is the current alumni board, but we are always interested in hearing from those interested in joining. If you would like to be considered for the Alumni Board, please contact Shiran Nathaniel at [nathaniel@morningside.edu](mailto:nathaniel@morningside.edu) or 712-274-5295.



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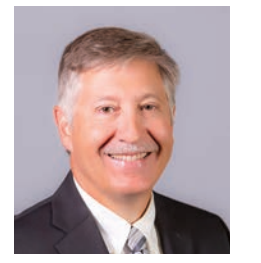
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# THEN AND NOW



A group including a number of international student-athletes pose for photos following Commencement 2019.



International students and their families on the Dimmitt lawn in 1962.