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After being cut from his high school football team, Mike Wagner '71 walked on to the Fighting Leatherneck team and went on to win four Super Bowl rings and enjoy a successful career in investment banking—thanks to his WIU accounting degree.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am so excited to be on the pages of our alumni magazine! I hope the feature story inside gives you the opportunity to get to know me a bit until we have the chance to meet in person!

Since joining Western as your 12th president, I've had the privilege of meeting many of you at events in Macomb, the Quad Cities, Chicago, Arizona, Florida, Texas, and more. As we begin the new academic year, I look forward to meeting many more of you as you return to campus for Homecoming and other events, and at alumni socials throughout the U.S. I really enjoy hearing from our alumni and friends, and learning more about WIU and your experiences during your time here.

As I have mentioned numerous times over the past eight months, we are moving forward on a great many initiatives focusing on recruitment and retention, financial sustainability, diversity and racial and social justice, institutional distinctiveness and town-gown relationships. We have hired a vice president for enrollment management, which is a new position at WIU. Dr. Amber Schultz joined WIU Aug. 1, and with her experience and knowledge in recruitment and enrollment management, I am optimistic we will see some great things in terms of enrollment in the coming years. The enrollment plan is to increase overall enrollment on campus by 3% each year from now until 2027. The University Retention Initiative Plan is being implemented this fall, with a goal to increase overall fall-to-fall retention of first-year students by 1% each year over the next five years. We also have in place numerous new support and resource initiatives and programming to help ensure student success and completion.

We also welcome Dr. David Braverman to WIU as our new vice president for the Division of Student Success (formerly called the Division of Student Services). Supporting our students outside the classroom walls is critical to their success and ensuring a feeling of belonging. The division is planning a full slate of activities and events to keep our students engaged. We are committed to ensuring a welcoming, diverse, equitable and inclusive University and community, and we will set WIU apart from our peer institutions by focusing on what we do better than any other institution.

My goal is for WIU to become an even more vibrant institution, with increased enrollment, strong employee morale, and greater town-gown relationships. And you, our dedicated alumni and friends, are a very large part of these initiatives and goals. With your support and involvement, Western is on its way to becoming an even better institution of higher learning.

Western Illinois University is such a wonderful school, and I, along with my family, am so very glad to be a part of the Leatherneck family. Working together with our faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, WIU will endure and thrive.

I am grateful to serve as your 12th president. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at President@wiu.edu if you have ideas, questions or concerns. I hope to meet you, or see you again, soon.

Sincerely,

Guiyou Huang, Ph.D.
President
Western Illinois University

University News

Class of 1980 Places Memorial to 'Doc' Lupton at HFC

The first of several memorials to a beloved Western Illinois University Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration (RPTA) chair and professor emeritus Frank "Doc" Lupton was placed at Horn Field Campus (HFC) in July.

During his tenure at WIU (1971-1993), Lupton led WIU's RPTA department, as well as its semester-long field studies program, known as the Environmental Conservation and Outdoor Education Expedition (ECOEE), which included a wilderness trip component. Lupton was a national leader in outdoor recreation programming.

Lupton's 1980 ECOEE students placed a bench, a plaque and two Arborvitae trees, honoring their former professor, at the Oak Hollow trailhead at HFC. The plaque includes one of Lupton's quotes, which has become a famous refrain at WIU: "The sun is shining. The birds are singing. It's a great day to be alive."

WIU alumni Dan '82 and Ellen '87 Kirsanoff came to Macomb July 14 from their home in Tolono, IL, to place the plaque. The bench, built by Dan, and Arborvitae trees, had already been placed at the site, with the help of WIU alumna Kelly Bricker '81 MS '86.

The couple said they were inspired by the genuine enthusiasm Lupton had for passing on his knowledge, as well as the use of opportunity teaching, "which inspired each student to achieve greater potential by learning to venture outside their individual comfort zone."

With help from one of Lupton's daughters, about 10 members of the 1980 ECOEE trip had been meeting virtually with Lupton monthly to stay in touch during the

COVID-19 pandemic, before he passed away in March 2021.

"Doc laid the foundation for how we manage our professional lives," said WIU ECOEE alumni Kelly '81 MS '86 and Nate '85 Bricker. "So many life lessons, experiences, and why we do what we do is because of Doc and ECOEE."

To read more, visit bit.ly/3zpIASn. ●



WIU alumni Dan '82 and Ellen '87 Kirsanoff stand with RPTA Chair Michael Lukkarinen '97 MS '98, right, with the new memorial area dedicated to WIU RPTA Chair Emeritus Frank "Doc" Lupton. (Photographs by the WIU Visual Production Center).

May Graduate Becomes Youngest Latina Alumna in School History

When Esmeralda Portillo crossed the commencement stage in May, at age 19, she became the youngest Latina woman to graduate from Western Illinois University in its history.

Portillo, of Chicago Heights, IL, received her degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration (LEJA) during the University's Commencement weekend May 14-16. Although age requirements to work for police departments prevent her from applying for a career position yet, since graduation she has been working as a records clerk at the Harvey (IL) Police Department. She began working toward a master's degree this fall at Michigan State University.

Read more about Portillo's path to graduation at bit.ly/3x5mSIB. ●



Esmeralda Portillo '21

WIU Now Offers Online Political Science Degree

The Western Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences is now offering a fully online bachelor's degree in political science.

The program applies to the general political science major, as well as the public

administration/public policy option.

"This will expand opportunities for students throughout Illinois and beyond to pursue a high quality major in political science online," WIU Department of Political Science and History Chair

Keith Boeckelman said. "We're excited to expand our program to this new audience."

For more information about the WIU Department of Political Science, visit wiu.edu/politicalscience. ●

WIU Graduates First Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering Students

The Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering programs on Western Illinois University's Quad Cities campus have marked their first graduates.

Jeremy May, of Geneseo, IL, received his degree in Civil Engineering, and Dakota Wilson, of East Moline, IL; Jeffrey Latham, of Davenport IA; and Travis Ohlsen, of Moline IL, received their degrees in Electrical Engineering in May.

In Spring 2019, the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) approved new degrees in Electrical Engineering (EE) and Civil Engineering (CE) within the WIU School of Engineering, which began in Fall 2020.

Western's Civil Engineering program prepares graduates to work in the structural, geotechnical, transportation and water resources areas of either government (local or federal) or private practice. While May marked the first Civil Engineering graduate from the new program, several students have graduated in recent years with a civil engineering emphasis, and all are now working with companies such as Shive-Hattery, Inc., Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, Inc., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Many WIU Engineering graduates have gone on to obtain their professional licensures, which involves a four-year process following graduation.

Electrical Engineering develops students' knowledge of rapidly expanding technologies in electricity, electronics and electromagnetism. One of the requirements of an EE degree is to take an additional math course, Linear Algebra, which allows all EE students to automatically obtain a minor in Mathematics. Latham, Ohlsen and Wilson all made up the EE Senior Design Team for an Autonomous Tracked Vehicle.

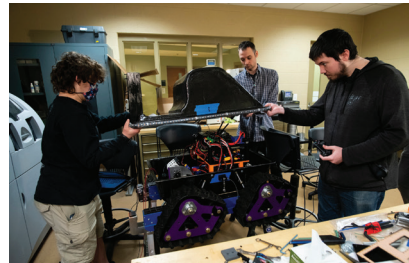
Latham plans to continue his education with the University of Arizona's Engineering-Robotics and Automation graduate program. Ohlsen recently completed his internship with KONE Escalator Supply Unit and began working full time for the company before he

completed his WIU degree. Wilson began working full time for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to completing his degree and will continue in that position.

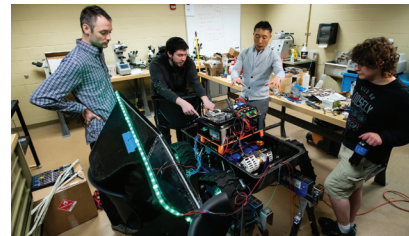
Read more about the new alumni at bit.ly/34D4tQQ.



Associate Professor of Engineering Blair McDonald and Jeremy May '21, new alumnus of WIU Civil Engineering



Dakota Wilson '21, Jeffrey Latham '21, and Travis Ohlsen '21 work on their autonomous tracked vehicle.



Latham '21 said he's grateful for the help, support and individualized instruction he received from WIU faculty, including Associate Professor Il-Seop Shin.



Left to right: Dakota Wilson '21, Jeffrey Latham '21, Travis Ohlsen '21 and Associate Professor Il-Seop Shin

Princeton Review "Best Midwestern College"

Because of Western Illinois University's outstanding academic programs and student success



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programs, along with its stellar faculty and staff, WIU has been recognized for the 18th consecutive year as a "Best Midwestern College" from The Princeton Review. Western is one of only three Illinois public institutions and one of 158 regional, public, and private institutions, named to the "Best in the Midwest" list.

The 158 colleges included in the "Best in the Midwest" list are located in 12 states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Collectively, the 654 colleges named "regional best(s)" comprise 23 percent of the nation's four-year colleges, according to The Princeton Review.

"The continued recognition by The Princeton Review reinforces the outstanding experiences we provide our students," said President Guiyou Huang. "Our faculty and staff are here for our students, and we provide incredible programming and support to ensure our students' success."

The Princeton Review editors make the selections based on data the company collects from its survey of administrators at several hundred colleges in each region, as well as its staff visits to schools over the years and the perspectives of college counselors and advisers, whose opinions the company solicits.

"We chose Western and the other outstanding institutions on this list primarily for their academics," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's editor-in-chief.

The selections also take into account what students at the schools report about their experiences via an in-depth survey. The Princeton Review asks students to rate their own schools on several issues, from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of the campus food and to answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and their campus lives. ●

President Huang is committed to six major priorities for the future of Western Illinois University: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Institutional Distinctiveness; Internationalization; Recruitment and Enrollment; Student Retention; and Town and Gown Relationships.



1 Student Retention

The University Retention Initiative Team has put forth the following objectives relating to retention and graduation: increase overall fall-to-fall retention rate of first-year students by 1% each year for the next five years; increase four- and six-year graduation rates by at least 1% each year; close the gap between general student body and subpopulations compared to national averages, including Black, Latinx, Pell-eligible students, and first-generation students.

Using best practice review, comparisons to peer institutions, and insight from current students, faculty, and staff, WIU will address, and improve upon, the barriers to retention and student success, including the academic experience, affordability, campus experience, and a sense of belonging and community.

The University Retention plan has established reporting strategies for teams to implement action items, as well as equity and implementation considerations.

2 Recruitment & Enrollment

The institution's comprehensive recruitment plan is built with the recognition that WIU has three campuses: Macomb (residential), Quad Cities (branch), and online/off campus. Each campus serves a distinct population, and recruitment strategies will be tailored to meet the needs of each.

Formal strategies are also being developed to focus on specific student populations including: Black, Latinx, LGBT*QA, dual enrolled, graduate, homeschooled, honors, international, military, online, on campus, out of state, nontraditional and transfer.

A new vice president for enrollment management began Aug. 1. In addition, a Strategic Enrollment Management Committee will be formed under the leadership of the new vice president.

3 Town & Gown Relationships

WIU administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni play an integral role in town-gown relationships, and as such, are involved in numerous community-related activities and programs, which further strengthen town-gown partnerships. For example, WIU recreation, park and tourism administration students on our Macomb and Quad Cities campuses provide staffing, planning and program/event coordination and development for community events, while nearly 73% of "Bigs" in McDonough and Warren counties, through Big Brothers Big Sisters of McDonough and Warren counties, are WIU faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Western has a responsibility to the communities in which it resides and serves.

4 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Western will continue to take part in dialogues with our host communities and within our University, to discuss the concerns and issues facing our minority populations, and will take action to ensure a safe and equitable environment to live, learn and work. Annual diversity training will be implemented in the near future. WIU has also created the President's Council on Community Engagement to create positive and productive discourse focused on improving University-community relationships, with an emphasis on social justice and equity.

WIU has put measures into place to ensure a more diverse applicant pool, and WIU's Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian Diversity Teaching Scholars program provides teaching opportunities to graduate students and current academic professionals pursuing careers as University faculty.

5 Internationalization

International students, faculty, and staff further enrich WIU's campuses and local communities by providing cultural exchanges among the University and local schools, organizations and churches, as well as expanding the cultural horizons of other students and area residents.

While Western has offered international opportunities on campus and beyond, as well as courses via distance learning for several decades, the University will continue to expand opportunities for domestic and foreign students to extend Western's reach around the globe and WIU's goal in the coming years is to further increase the number of international students on campus and to further internationalize the University.

6 Institutional Distinctiveness

For 122 years, WIU's core mission has been to provide educational opportunities to underserved populations.

Western is known for some unique and distinct academic programs, many of which are the only such programs in the state, and in some instances, the nation. For example, WIU is one of only two Illinois publics to offer a degree in cyber security, and Western's emergency management degree is the only program in the state credentialed by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

WIU also has resources and support programs to ensure student success, including the Cost Guarantee, which freezes tuition, fees, room, and meal plan; programs that support diversity, equity, and inclusion; a robust First Year Experience, tutoring and referral programs, as well as increased investments in living-learning communities, streamlining degree completion, and in-depth mentoring, will further set Western apart from its peer institutions.

Student Spotlight

CURTIS POINTER

Senior psychology major, sociology minor, from Hazelcrest, IL



My name is Curtis Pointer. I am currently a senior psychology major, sociology minor, from Hazelcrest, IL. Transitioning from such an urban area to a rural area such as Macomb was a challenge I was not expecting to encounter. However, this was a challenge I overcame quickly as I began to adjust to the new environment. Taking any and every opportunity possible was my focus. My ultimate goal in college was to always make meaningful connections, and to become the best student I could possibly be. During my time at Western Illinois University, I have acquired a number of campus jobs and participated

in various organizations, allowing me to make connections all over campus. I have served as an Orientation Leader, Desk Assistant, Peer Mentor, and I am currently a second year Resident Assistant and Admissions Ambassador. Aside from campus jobs, I have also been in some student-run organizations such as being president of the Wrestling Club, National Society of Leadership and Success, National Residence Hall Honorary, University Union Board, Psychology Club, and our Crisis Hotline team. As my level of involvement began to increase, I became more acclimated with the University. I began to

be recognized as one of our many student leaders on campus. Recruitment and creating a fun and inclusive environment for everybody became something I worked toward daily. From giving group tours, to prospective high school students to organizing campus wide events such as a BBQ or dodgeball tournaments, I enjoy showing everybody why I love Western Illinois University. Throughout my journey I have made many connections and taken advantage of countless opportunities that I am grateful for. When I decided to attend WIU, it was the best decision I ever made and I have not looked back since. ●

WHAT I KNOW

Brittaney Castleberry '16



During nursing school, WIU alumna **Brittaney Castleberry '16** knew she wanted to be a critical care and pediatric nurse. After graduation, she started working in an Emergency Department for adults and pediatrics where she obtained her Trauma Nurse Specialist license and trained to be a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. In addition, she also worked in the Pediatric ICU. Three years later, she transferred to the Cardiac ICU to broaden her critical care knowledge. When New York City became the epicenter of COVID-19, and she saw how

exhausted the nurses looked, she knew she needed to go. She applied to be a traveling COVID ICU nurse, and one week later left on a plane for NYC. It was April 2020.

From a COVID Nurse's Perspective

Covid didn't hit my hospital while I was working in the CVICU [Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit], but you heard about its effects on the news. We were in denial at first, believing it would be like the flu. Then New York and other states started to get hit hard. I watched the numbers climb and how tired all the nurses looked. Working a normal 12-hour shift before Covid created understaffing was exhausting, so I couldn't imagine with the numbers they were experiencing, what they were going through. It was an odd feeling, like the calm before the storm. We saw on the news how bad Covid was hitting the public, yet our



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numbers were nonexistent. I remember our Intensivist already researching and planning how to care for patients and discussing with the nurses what they found, which was very little. We slowly started to get a case or two, but nothing like in other states. Everyone started to distance themselves from family just in case. I remember crying because I didn't know how long I would go without physically seeing my family again (for their protection).

Seeing the chaos in New York, and how exhausted all the nurses looked, I knew they needed all the help they could get. The pandemic hitting New York those early months was going to be part of history, and I knew I needed to go. Within one week I applied and left on a plane. The only comparison I have to the feeling of leaving home, was leaving to go to war. I was leaving my life behind to go into battle against a disease killing people with no remorse, no cure or effective treatment. The feeling of not knowing if you'll come back again is heartbreaking.

Arriving in New York was terrifying. Coming from a small town and taking NY on my own was intimidating. However, the exact opposite happened. When I arrived in Manhattan, no one was around. It was a ghost town. In the heart of NY there were no people, no cars, just silence. Stores were all boarded up.



“The faculty have two years to prepare you to be a medical professional, so it’s a challenging program. We utilized multiple clinical sites, which allowed us to experience different specialties and facilities.”

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“The nursing classes are small, which is a huge benefit for the learning experience. Your fellow classmates become your second family and support team. I am still in contact with them today and keeping up with their lives. We helped each other through the tears, laughs, and stressful study nights, and refused to leave anyone behind.”

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“The faculty are really supportive and want you to succeed. They have been in the nursing field themselves and have the ability to teach topics with their experiences to help you better understand and know what to expect.”

The WIU School of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for pre-licensure students, as well as a completion program for those students who are registered nurses.

- 100% job placement rate upon graduating
- Pass rates on the nursing licensure exam (NCLEX) that exceed state and national averages
- Earn a nursing degree while studying abroad
- 100% online learning for RN to BSN

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I was the only person standing in NY Times Square. It was the most eerie feeling. If I didn't already feel like I was going to war, arriving definitely felt like it. The only people you would see on the streets were from the medical or military fields.

The hospitals were complete madness, with makeshift ICUs [Intensive Care Unit]. The nurses and doctors would suit up and mask up before walking into the building. Patients were coming non-stop. IV poles were outside of rooms to help keep nursing staff from continuously being exposed, even though we never took our masks off. The staff members were in survival mode at all times.

I was constantly thinking, 'Am I protected; what did I last touch;

did someone before me touch it before I did; did I wash my hands; don't touch your face etc.' When taking a lunch break you had to be mindful of who was in the room with you, because what if a fellow employee gets contaminated. Even when not working, I set up a decontamination station before entering my apartment, so I knew my living space was clean and safe. We would go hours without urinating or even drinking water because every time you would gown down and gown up was a potential contamination risk.

Nursing wasn't nursing. My fellow nurses in New York and I became close very fast because of the isolation we had, and all the deaths we were experiencing. Everything we knew about nursing went out the window. We had so many deaths that we stored body bags in our supply room—gauze, bed pan, foleys, IV supplies, body bags. Everything was closed so all you did was work, eat, sleep, and repeat. You could feel everyone draining, and our mental health taking a hit.

Nurses are trained to help and save people, but in this scenario, all we could do is support and wait. During my time in New York, I never had one patient leave the ICU beating COVID or extubated. There were trailers outside to store the dead bodies outside the hospital due to the high amount of death. When



everyone was calling nurses “Heroes,” it made us all cringe. Don’t get me wrong, we were so thankful; but not one nurse wanted to be called a hero. Every single one would say “heroes save lives; I’m not a hero.”

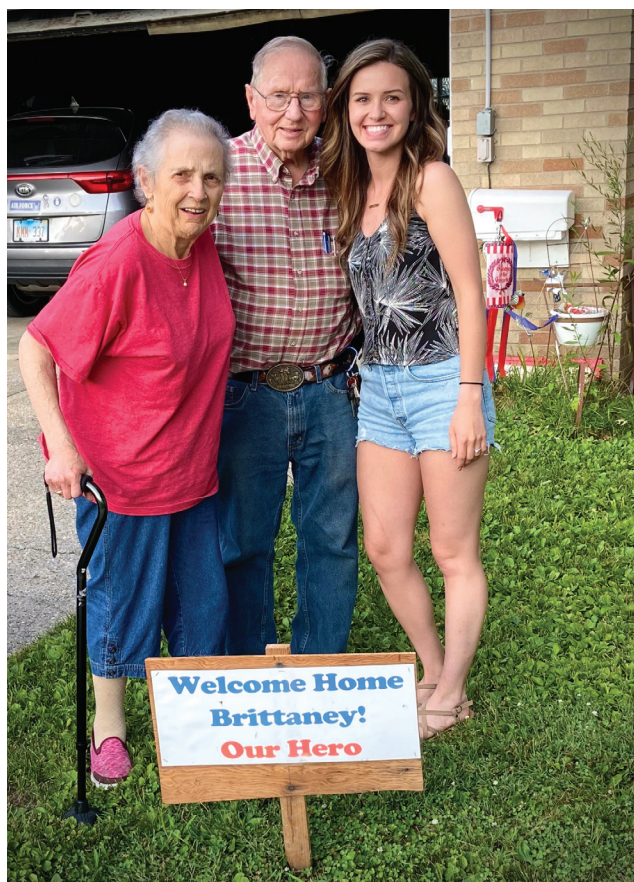
As I was coming back home once, I sat on the plane and crumbled and cried hysterically. All my emotions started coming back. I can remember the man sitting next to me wanting to comfort me but didn’t know how. I came to New York to help save people but was going back home to say I didn’t save anyone. I was broken. Coming back home to reality I didn’t know how to function. I realized how much PTSD I had developed, but I was also heartbroken that no one was taking things seriously while I just watched so many die.

A fellow nurse I had become close with in New York called me two days after I got home. She lives in Arizona, and they were getting hit hard with COVID. She asked me to come help, and without hesitation, and my bags still packed, I signed up to go to Arizona. Working the COVID life was my new normal now, and where I felt I belonged.

The Arizona assignment was more tolerable than New York. Numbers were high, but staffing was better and the facility was better equipped. This time, I knew going in what to expect. A part of me had some hope with the new plasma administration, and it being a newer facility, that we could help the patients’ outcome more. Even though we had more aggressive treatment with plasma, active proning, etc., the outcome was the same. We had 10 deaths in the first week, and my friend and I broke down. Seeing the rapid cases of death again drained me mentally and emotionally. Even though the numbers started to lighten up, the depression was setting in. After a few weeks when I felt that nurses were back to normal numbers, I left to go home early to do some healing.

I had to walk away from nursing for a minute.

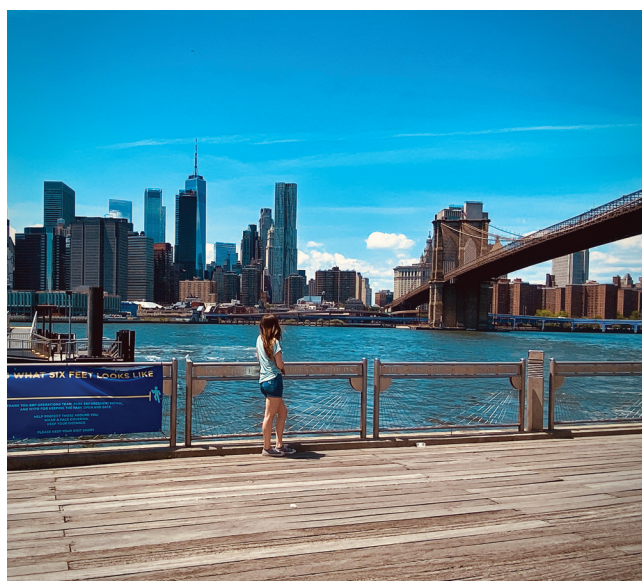
When I got home, I was seeing my community getting hit, so I went back to work as a Rapid Response Nurse. I love this position because I can help out all over the hospital in many ways. I helped the COVID unit nurses with rapids and shared things that I have learned from New York and Arizona. It was



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better for me because I could distance myself and not have the patient and family connections I would be as a patient’s nurse for 12 hours. I can help in critical times, but my emotions were better protected so I could heal. Every now and then, I still get moments when I break and have to separate myself. I don’t know when I will be ready to go back to being a full bedside nurse, or if I ever will.

People ask me all the time, “Would you do it again?” Even though I talk about how horrible it was, I will always answer, “absolutely.” Fighting COVID and constantly losing was devastating. The thing that kept me going was the patients. If I wasn’t by their side, who would be? Even though I couldn’t save every one of them, I could at least not let them die alone and make sure they know how much they are loved. In New York and Arizona, instead of my normal ICU skills, I found myself praying with patients, singing hymns, comforting their loved ones via phone and crying with them, and doing anything I could to make that patient feel more human and not like they were alone. Nurses were the life line between patients and family. Sharing their messages back and forth to each other was painful but rewarding at the same time. Patients who were alert were petrified once they were put in isolation and diagnosed with COVID. Being there, and holding their hand every step of the way—that is what kept us all going. Even though it was hard losing them, we were all they had. ●



**For more information about the
WIU School of Nursing, visit
wiu.edu/nursing or call (309) 298-2571.**

STRAIGHT FROM A STUDENT

Madalyn Pridemore, junior music major

Straight
from a
Student



Each time someone asks me, “Why did you choose to go to Western” my response invariably focuses on the excellence of my department—the School of Music at Western Illinois University.

Every aspect within the School of Music, from the highly-qualified and talented instructors to the extensive course opportunities, makes me confident I am receiving the highest level of education available.

After nearly eight years of violin lessons, I knew I wanted to pursue a degree in violin performance. I was encouraged by teachers and musicians to select a college based not solely on the program itself, but also on the violin professor with whom I had the most compatible teacher-student relationship. As I

researched schools, and read more about their music departments, I continuously found myself coming back to Western’s program, and especially to its passionate and accomplished violin professor, Julieta Mihai.

I was shaking with excitement the entire summer before I started my college career at WIU.

Undoubtedly, the highlights of my week are private violin sessions, as well as violin studio meetings. I have the opportunity to work one-on-one with Dr. Mihai, furthering my progress on my solo repertoire. During our weekly violin studio class, we have a chance to present our improvements to fellow violinists, providing us multiple opportunities to perform in front of an audience. Not only does this improve our comfort and confidence while performing on stage, it also allows us to support each other and share in our continued advancements. As students preparing to enter the workforce as musicians, the experience we gain from these casual performances is invaluable to our future success.

When I examine the progress I have made, and the knowledge I have gained in the past year and a half, I realize how much my professors have aided me in preparing for both my present goals, as well as for my future. Dr. Mihai suggested I enter a competition over the summer. This provided me with incentive and a goal for the repertoire I was practicing and preparing at the time. Taking that opportunity was

one of the best decisions I have made. I was able to advance my technique and performance abilities through hours of diligent practice and a masterclass with the organizer of the competition.

With the knowledge and experience I obtained during the competition last summer, I entered both the WIU Concerto Competition in October 2020 and the international competition Asociația Culturală “Arta Sonoră” in November. I earned honorable mention in WIU’s competition and received constructive feedback on my performance. At the Arta Sonoră competition, I was honored to be chosen as the first prize winner in the violin section amongst a group of remarkably talented competitors. As I reflect on my performance, I feel exceedingly grateful for how my University community has supported me in these ventures.

It is through the one-on-one guidance I have received from all of my professors, along with their unwavering support, that I believe I have progressed and succeeded in my first semesters of college. ●



Nursing Home Performance



Studio Class



Senior Recital



Zoom lessons



Violin Recital



Orchestra

Giving Back

Arlington & Arlene Seymour Center for Rural Education, Advocacy, Policy and Research Established at WIU

Going back to its roots as a normal, or teaching, school, Western Illinois University has established the Arlington & Arlene Seymour Center for Rural Education, Advocacy, Policy and Research—the first center of its kind in Illinois and one of a few in the United States—to honor the commitment and dedication of two lifelong educators. In November 2020, the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved WIU as the site for the state’s rural education center.

The center, housed within the School of Education in the College of Education and Human Services, is made possible thanks to the generosity of Arlington (Arlie) ’53 MS-Ed ’59 Seymour, in memory of his late wife, Arlene.

When fully funded, the Center will offer partial and full tuition and fee scholarships to incoming students who wish to pursue careers in teaching K-12 and agree to stay in WIU’s 16-country service region to teach following graduation. The mission of the Seymour Center for Rural Education is to provide continuing support for the needs of rural educators in Illinois as well as at the state and national levels, according to Education Professor Eric C. Sheffield, who serves as the director of the School of Education.

“Arlie was so appreciative of his time at Western and the education and experiences that he received from Western that he left his retirement home in Sun City, AZ and brought Arlene with him to live in Macomb for several years,” said Brad Bainter ’79 MS ’83, executive officer of the WIU Foundation. “During their time back in Macomb, Arlene adopted Western as her own college and both Arlie and Arlene could always be seen at athletic and cultural events on campus and in the community. Arlie also served on the foundation’s executive committee and became the president of the

WIU Foundation. Eventually the Seymours moved back to Sun City West.

The center’s mission will be realized through five sustainable priorities: develop a system to expand the teacher applicant pool for rural school districts in the region; provide advocacy, policy and research activities; develop a network for rural educators who can partner with school districts; and advocate for rural education at the local, state and national level.



Arlie ’53 MS-Ed ’59 and the late Arlene Seymour. Arlie recently made a gift to establish the Seymour Center in Arlene’s memory. The WIU center is the first of its kind in Illinois and one of a few in the United States.

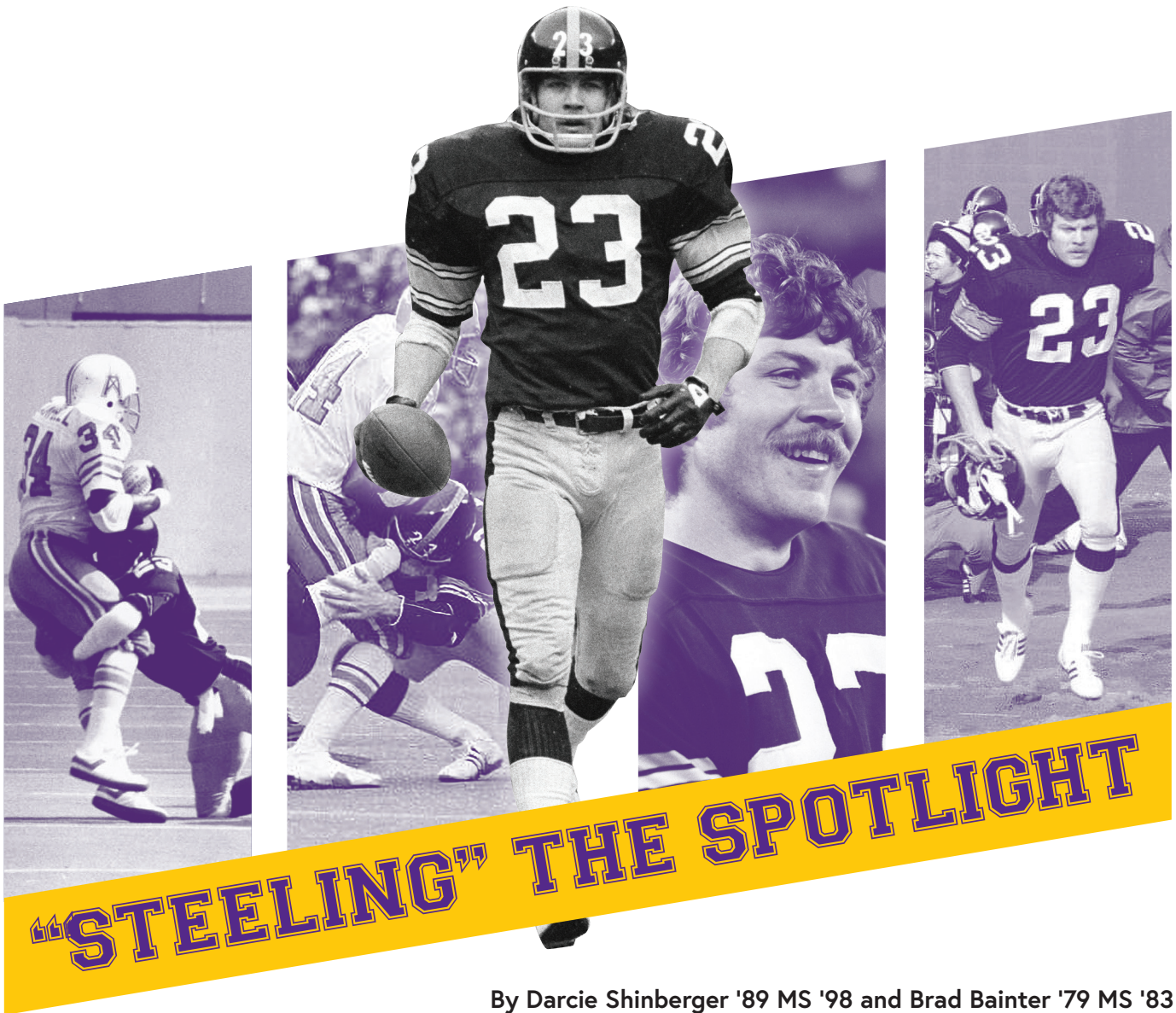
The Seymours’ commitment to WIU spans many years, including a \$1 million planned gift they established in 1997 for the Arlington and Arlene Seymour Teacher Education Endowment to provide scholarships for students pursuing careers in teaching.

“We felt that Western provided a personal association for what we wanted to do with our estate for the immediate and long-term future,” said Arlie, when announcing the 1997

gift. “On visits to the campus and having our residence in Macomb from 2004 through 2008 reinforced our confidence in having made that choice.

We both worked our way through college, with modest help from our parents. This was true of the majority of college people of our generation, the ‘Depression babies.’ Need was a criteria for all of us,” he added. “We have seen so many students in education fall through the cracks, and we wanted to help them.”

Bainter added that the Seymours have given of their time and resources over the years without drawing attention to themselves, and this new center at Western Illinois University will provide students—and school districts in rural Illinois—added benefits for many years to come. ●



“STEELING” THE SPOTLIGHT

By Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98 and Brad Bainter '79 MS '83

It’s the stuff dreams — and headlines — are made of: a high school freshman (and sophomore) getting cut from football tryouts, later makes it to the pros, with four Super Bowl championships to his name.

Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steeler and former Leatherneck gridiron standout Mike Wagner '71 recalled that he tried out his freshman year for Mundelein's Carmel Catholic High School team, but he was cut.

“I was 110 pounds soaking wet, and I'd never played organized football. I didn't know how to play, but I still went out for football my freshman year. My dad was upset when they cut me because he had just bought me spikes,” Wagner said with a laugh. “I kept trying out every year, and I finally made it my junior year.”

Looking back to those high school years, Wagner said the playing field at this suburban Catholic high school was extremely competitive. Spots were coveted, with nearly 100 boys trying out for the team every year.

“I had a pretty good senior year, but nothing that really stood out. Let's just say, I didn't have any scholarship offers coming in to play college football,” he added.

Wagner happened upon WIU because he was looking for an affordable state school, as his parents were sending four kids through Catholic grade and high schools (and 3 boys to college), and Western fit the bill. He took the train to Macomb with his best friend, looked at the school, wandered around campus and stayed overnight. Besides Lake Forest, WIU was the only other school Wagner visited. When he enrolled in 1967, he started as a math and accounting major.

“I liked math, but the combination of the two majors was tough. I remember in one of my math classes, the teacher drew a wavy line and said we will find the math formula for this line, and I

thought to myself, ‘Why do I want to know this?’ I decided then and there to stick with the accounting major and drop math,” he said. “No matter what, it was very important to me to get my degree.”

Outside the classroom, even though he’d only had two years of high school football under his belt, he went to Leathernecks Head Coach Art Duffelmeier in late September and asked to try out.

“I liked to work out and I liked the game. I had a handle on my schedule and felt my academics were under control, so I was looking for an activity to get out of my dorm room and get involved,” Wagner remembered.

And that, as they say, was the beginning of Wagner’s historic football career. He was cast as a defensive end. He walked on the team, and wasn’t a starter ... until the first string player got hurt and Coach Duffelmeier put the newest member of the Fighting Leathernecks into the game.

“From that point on, I played the remaining games as a starter on the freshman team. It worked out,” he said.

While scholarships weren’t yet a thing for athletes, Wagner—who worked washing dishes in the residence hall dining room—continued to balance sports, working and school. During his junior year, legislation was passed for athletic scholarships for college athletes. Once again, Wagner used his confidence and determination to earn a scholarship with the new head coach, Darrell Mudra.

“They were bringing kids in to play from out west and everywhere else. I told Coach Mudra I wanted some scholarship money to play. I thought I was just as good as anyone else they were bringing in,” he said. “Mudra told me ‘no’, and when spring practice rolled around, he asked me if I was coming out. I told him ‘no.’ My dad was a blue collar worker; we had four kids in the family; I was washing dishes in the dorm over the lunch hour; and if there was no scholarship to play, I wasn’t going to play. I had earned it. He finally offered the scholarship.”

By the end of Wagner’s junior year, he was starting to get a lot of attention from the media, and he was racking up national honors. As he remembered, his junior year was a “great year.” He had 8-10 interceptions, and he liked to tackle.

“We had a really great defensive coach, Howard Justice. He was smart, and he taught us things like reading plays, new defensive coverages, so much,” Wagner said.

While he played ball, he still worked, including going home on weekends and breaks to wait tables at a swanky Lake Forest restaurant (Wagner would catch the train at 11 a.m. on Fridays to Chicago, hop on the train to Lake Forest, wait tables all weekend, and take the train back to Macomb Sunday night). And during this busy, almost breakneck schedule of work, football and classes, Wagner developed a few friendships along the way that he’s maintained through the years, including through his fraternity, Theta Chi, which he joined his freshman year.

“I lived in the fraternity house for awhile, but there were too many distractions, so I moved out with some buddies. But I really was kind of a loner. I worked, I played football, I went to class,” he recalled. “One of my closest friends here, Nelson ‘Nels’ Hanson ’72, who also played football for a year, could talk me into things, like getting a motorcycle or going to a quarry with him in the middle of winter to chop ice and hold the rope so Nels could scuba dive. Hindsight is 20/20 I guess.”

Wagner went into his senior year anticipating a great year ahead on the gridiron. However, the football gods threw a wrench in his plans. During the last scrimmage, a sophomore player did a crack back block, which was eventually outlawed, and that almost ended Wagner’s senior season.

“I sprained both my ankles and missed the first four games of the regular season, and that diminished my hopes of playing in the pros. By this time, I had grown to about 6’2” and about 185 pounds, so I felt like I could have made it, if I had a chance,” he said.

And make it he did. WIU’s coaches encouraged Wagner that he was good enough to go pro, and in spite of Western’s rural location and injuries, there had been some scouts keeping an eye on him. He came home from class in February 1971, and his roommate nonchalantly told him that Mudra’s office had called, because the Steelers had called and had drafted him, and he was given a number to call.

“I was an 11th round draft pick. When I called back, I told the Steelers representative that he had to speak to my agent to negotiate my contract. The Steelers representative couldn’t believe it, and said something like, ‘You have an agent? You’re an 11th round draft pick?’”

Wagner was flown to Pittsburgh in Spring 1971, along with all the other rookies. At that time, Heinz Field was just a year old.

“They taped and suited us up and took a look at the new recruits in three days of practice. This guy walks into the locker room, and he was the one who called me and who couldn’t believe I had an agent. He was the trainer, so I hadn’t even been talking to a recruiter or a coach,” Wagner laughed.

Even though he was young, Wagner’s savviness paid off. Without an agent, he was looking at a three-year contract, a \$3,000 signing bonus and \$15-17,000 per year. With an agent, he managed a three year contract at \$33,000 per year, and a \$10,000 signing bonus. As he said, that was a lot of money back then. And of course, Wagner made the team, and earned all his bonuses his agent had attained for him.

“The incumbent strong side safety got hurt in the first pre-season game, and just like in college, I got in right away as a rookie. It was quite the miracle,” he said.

Hailing originally from Wisconsin, before Wagner’s father moved them to the Chicago suburbs, the family usually cheered for the Green Bay Packers. Wagner’s first pre-season game happened to be in Wisconsin, of course, at Lambeau Field. He remembered getting maybe 60 tickets for family and friends

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Charlie Batch, Mike Wagner '71, and Franco Harris at Dan Rooney Symposium

because so many of them wanted to see him in a Steelers uniform for “a chuckle,” because at that time, the Steelers weren’t that good. That was about to change during Wagner’s time with the team.

“I think one thing that made me such a mentally strong player was that I really knew how to read plays thanks to my coaches at WIU and back at Carmel. I didn’t make mental mistakes, and being a good mental player was really important to me. I had tremendous coaches in high school and college, many that had played semi-pro ball. We all [my teammates] really benefited from their wisdom, so when I started with the Steelers, I knew what I was doing and what I needed to do” he said.

Wagner played for 10 years, from 1971-1981, and his name is on four Super Bowl trophies.

“I was really lucky on the timing of joining the team. Dan Rooney, Art Rooney, Sr.’s oldest son, [president] had taken the reins of the team in 1969 and ran the team like a business. He and his first hire for a head coach, Chuck Noll, cleaned house. Noll didn’t put up with players and coaches who weren’t working hard to make the team successful. By the time we went to our first Super Bowl, we only had four or five veteran players left from the pre-Noll period,” Wagner remembered. “So, as a newcomer, this was a good opportunity for me to work hard and do well. Coach Chuck Noll let me play early on as a starter and that gave me a lot of confidence. I was prepared and ready to go, and Coach Noll led us to greatness.”

Looking at the roster of the Steelers during Wagner’s years in

the “Steel Curtain Era” in the 1970s is like a “Who’s Who of the NFL.” Lynn Swann (who Wagner would play backgammon against and usually win); Jack Ham (who was Wagner’s roommate for 10 years); Terry Bradshaw; Gerry Mullins; LC Greenwood (who remained a friend and Wagner’s golfing buddy in Pittsburgh until his passing a few years ago); Donny Shell; Mel Blount; Joe Greene and Jack Lambert, to name a few.

“We had a really good team for several years. It was a pretty amazing time. I made the decision to retire after 10 years because our defense was not as good as we lost some of those incredible players, and I made a promise to myself when I started that, I was going out before the fans started to boo me,” he said. “Of course, there were injuries over the years that really started to affect my game.”

Wagner had chronic hip issues over the years, thanks to an undiagnosed torn tendon during his broad jumping years in high school track, but those old injuries weren’t discovered until 1977. He also experienced concussions and a cracked vertebrae in his neck. He spent most of the 1979 season on the injured list with continuing hip problems, but came back in 1980 to prove to himself, and the team, that he could still play.

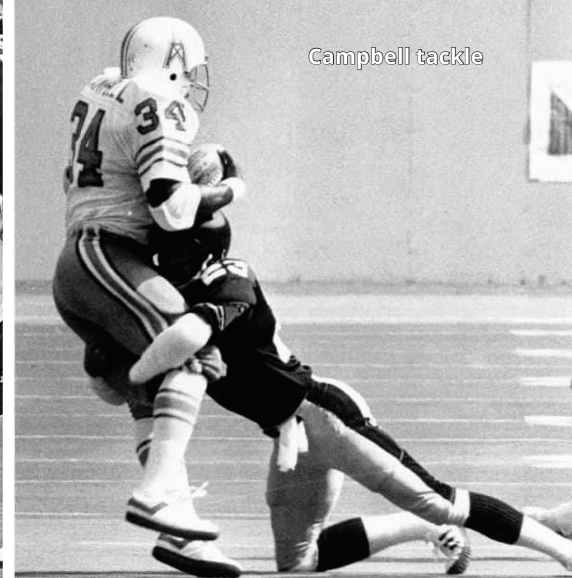
“But by the end of the season, I was pretty beat up. I couldn’t even lift up my arm above my shoulder and I was older,” Wagner added. “I retired before I was booed.”

While his gridiron career may have been over, thanks to his accounting degree from WIU, he had a fallback. Wagner went on to earn his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh is Katz

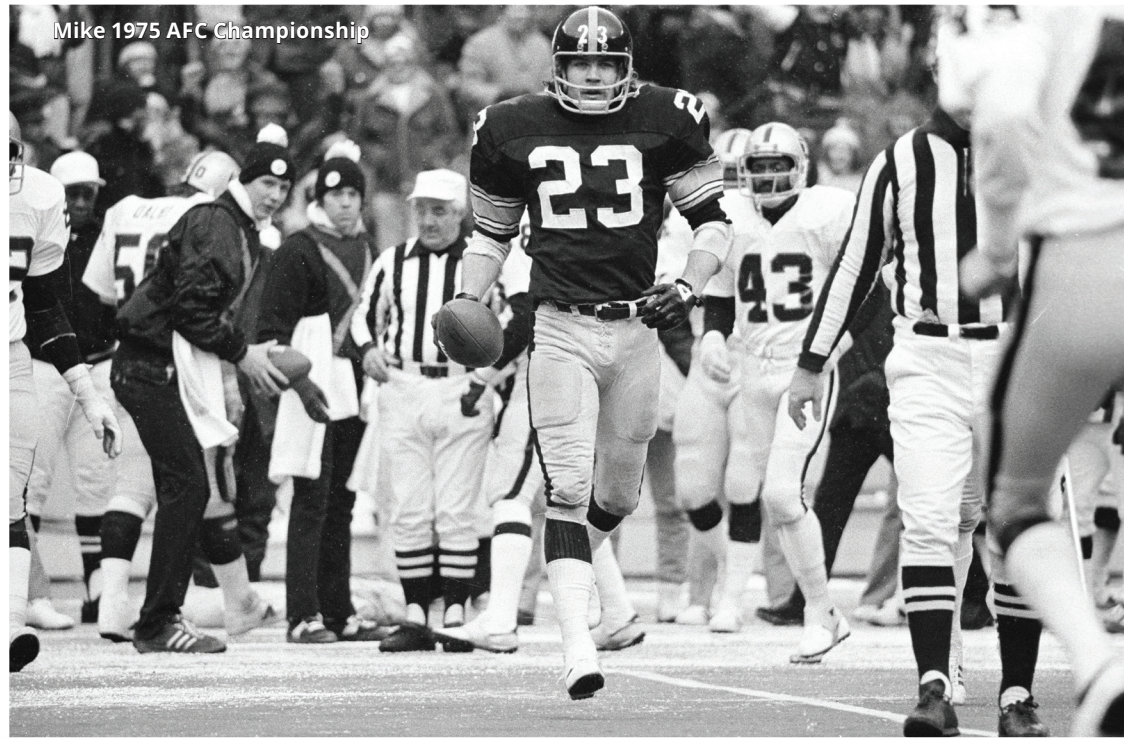
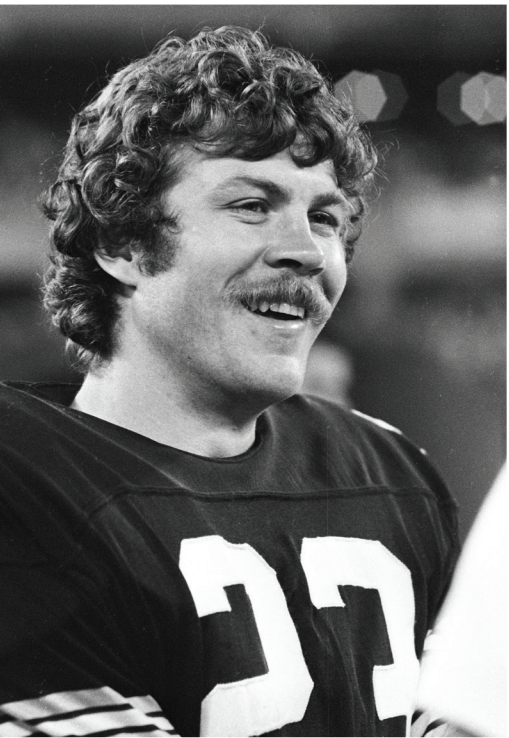


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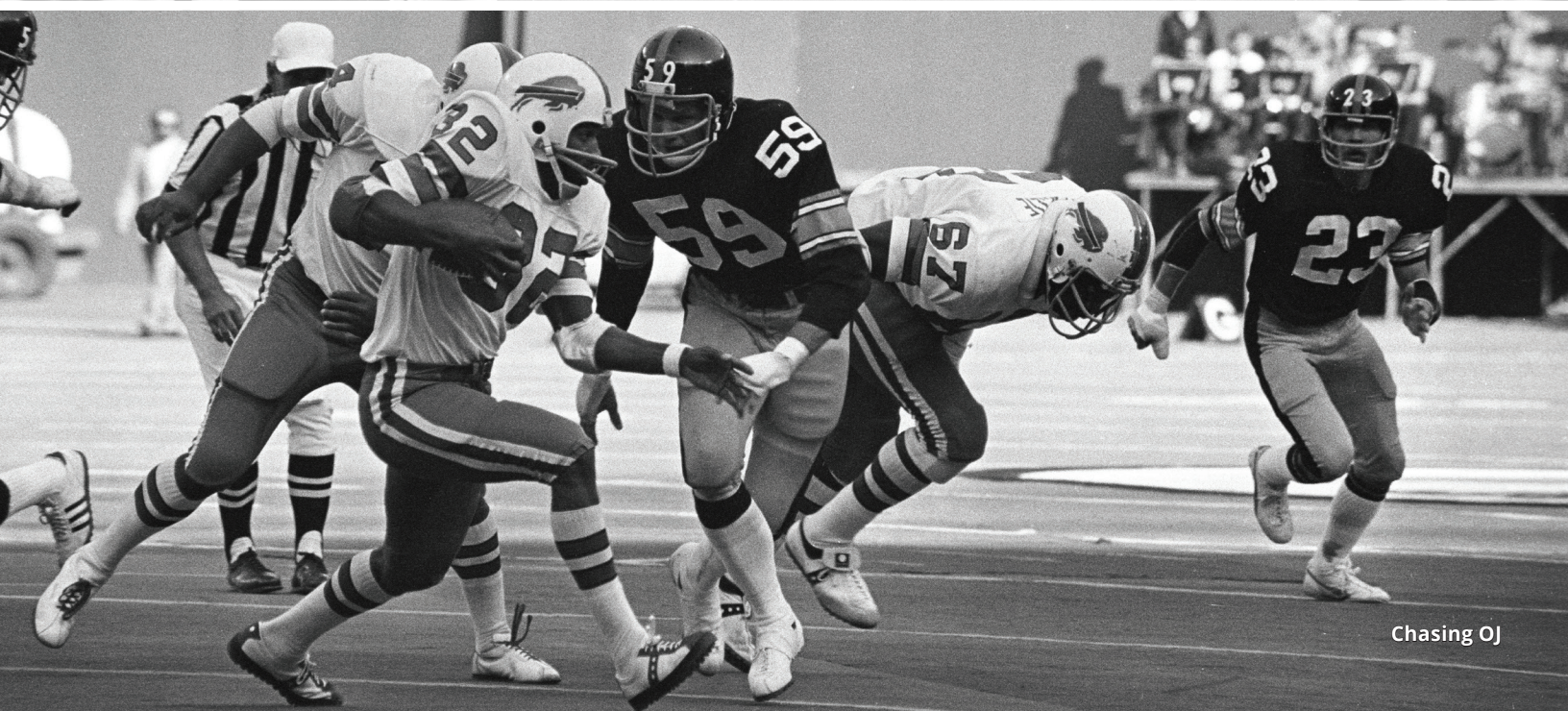
Linebacker Jack Lambert and safety Mike Wagner #71 of the Pittsburgh Steelers



Campbell tackle



Mike 1975 AFC Championship



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School of Business, graduating in 1987, the same year his son was born. Then he began a career in investment banking.

“I did miss football. Art Rooney, Sr. tried to talk me into coming out of retirement, which was nice to hear, but I just left it there,” Wagner said. “The Rooneys—Art, Sr., Dan, Art, Jr. and the other members of the Rooney family—treated their Steelers like family. They were so proud of us, and I knew I probably wouldn’t get that anywhere else.”

While football was a phenomenal part of his life, it wasn’t without its challenges and ups and downs. The determination and perseverance Wagner demonstrated on the playing field, all the way back to his days at Carmel High School, are helping him as he faces a new challenge in his retirement.

Last summer, I began treatment for another challenge when the doctors found I had pancreatic cancer,” he said. “I let my friends and teammates know of the diagnosis, and I’ve really relied on them. I’m in chemotherapy now, and I know I have a tough challenge ahead, but I’m fighting the fight.

“I’m doing what I’ve always done: I’m looking for a good path and living each day one at a time,” Wagner said.

While this diagnosis certainly wasn’t part of a future he envisioned or planned for, Wagner said overall his life, and his career both in football and finance, shook out as it did because he has been a planner.

“You can dream, but if you don’t set goals and make a plan, it’s always a dream. Dreams can come true,” he said. “I was a little skinny kid from a blue collar family. I wasn’t athletic. I played in two Pro Bowls. I have four Super Bowl rings. I have a WIU undergraduate Business degree in Accounting. I had a job after football, and the MBA was the cherry on top.

“I’ve always had curiosity and dedication,” Wagner added. “And those traits gave me the opportunity to achieve my goals.” ●

MIKE WAGNER



4 time super bowl champion IX, X, XIII, XIV,
2 time pro bowl (1975 and 1976),
first team all pro 73 second team All Pro 1976,
NFL interceptions co-leader 1973)

Ranked as the 50th Best Defensive Back
– Sean Lahman, “The Pro Football
Historical Abstract”

WIU Athletics Hall of Fame Inductee - 1976

NAIA All-American selection - 1969

11th round draft pick - 1971 by the Steelers
when then St. Louis Rams Assistant Coach
and WIU alumnus Red Miller '50 '55 was ready
to draft him

36 interceptions; 12 fumble recoveries

Steelers Hall of Honor -
2020

Mike
Wagner

I Remember

W I remember, and still do to this day, the honor to be called a Leatherneck. But in no way do I consider being a WIU Leatherneck anywhere near as brave, tough, dedicated or courageous as the true Leathernecks of the United States Marine Corps.

W I remember getting beat 66-0 by Western Kentucky (in 1968).

W I remember playing defensive end as a freshman walk-on.

W I remember the efforts and play of my great teammates that helped me play well enough to get noticed by the NFL.

W I remember seeing the fatigue and intensity on the faces of my teammates in the huddles.

W I remember transitioning from a losing program to a winning program, the work it required and the sense of satisfaction shared by all the team.

W I remember how cold it was at Northern Iowa in late November.

W I remember how well Zeke and the equipment guys tried to take care of me.

W I remember getting up at 5:30 a.m. to get treatment at the infirmary when I had injuries.

W I remember the team being flown to St. Cloud, MN, and half the team getting air sick.

W And lastly, I also remember Leatherneck assistant coaches Howard Justus, Glen Brady, Pete Rodriguez and Dan Washkevich '62 MS-Ed '66. All contributed heavily to teaching me fundamentals and techniques that made my entry into the NFL an easy (process),” Wagner said. “Coach Justus and Coach Washkevich told me many times I was good enough to play in the NFL. They were right, although I didn’t know how they knew.

Meet President Guiyou Huang

By Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98

“Learn avidly. Question it repeatedly. Analyze it carefully. Then put what you have learned into practice intelligently.” – Confucius.

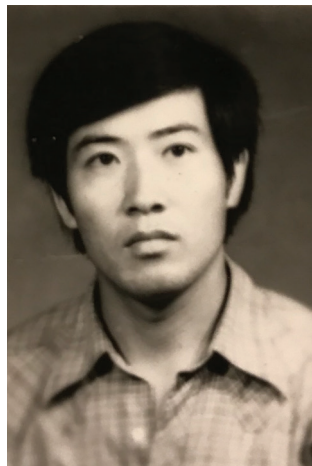
Guiyou Huang began his role as WIU’s 12th president on January 1, 2021, in the midst of the almost year-long global pandemic. He has hit the ground running at Western, meeting with state and community leaders, federal officials and more to chart a positive course for WIU’s future. Before diving into Huang’s academic and administrative trajectory, we’ll go back to his early years, growing up in China, and his eventual journey to the United States.

A Childhood in China

Huang was born on Christmas Eve 1961, in Aletai City, in the northwestern part of China, called Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, with two brothers and a younger sister. His mother was a homemaker [before having children, she worked for a grocery company in Aletai—sometimes commuting to work via skis] and his father worked as an accountant in a local government agency. A year later, the family moved back east, to Changyi County (now a city), Shandong Province, to be with the larger Huang family. In the late 1960s, during a politically tumultuous time in the country, the elder Huang moved his family to the city of Changchun, in the northeastern province Jilin, to avoid political persecution as Guiyou’s grandfather was involved in government activity. They lived there for over two years, eventually returning to Shandong in 1969.

“The 1960s and 70s were a very tumultuous time in China. I was born in the wake of three years of great famine when many people had died from starvation, and grew up in what was referred to as the ‘great cultural revolution,’ a decade of political chaos, cultural destruction and social upheavals. There was so much violence, and my grandfather fell victim like almost all individuals in positions of authority or power. He had

survived the Sino-Japanese war and the great famine, but he did not survive the cultural revolution. Anyone in power became a target of persecution, which led to my father moving his family for our safety,” Huang recalled. “I had wonderful parents, and they did everything they could to make sure we were fed and clothed, and that we were safe.”



While the family had moved to avoid persecution and violence, Huang said even in their temporary hometown in the city of Changchun, they saw violence. He remembered playing with his brother near Stalin Boulevard (now renamed People’s Boulevard) when a car drove by, and a passenger in the vehicle began shooting. Huang and his brother miraculously was not struck by the bullets. They picked up the casings, and an unspent bullet, which they put in their pocket, and returned home.

“I remember my grandfather telling us how dangerous it was for us to have put the bullet in our pocket. I also remember a factory near our home where there were armed guards loaded on a truck ready to depart the factory for a violent engagement, and another incident in which our next-door neighbor, who was eating dinner at the same time

my family was, was killed when someone shot into his home,” Huang said.

While memories of leaving Shandong for their safety, and

Huang and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Qian, have a daughter, Claire, who is a sixth grader, and a son, George, who is a senior studying political science at Rice University in Texas.





Kutztown, PA (1996)



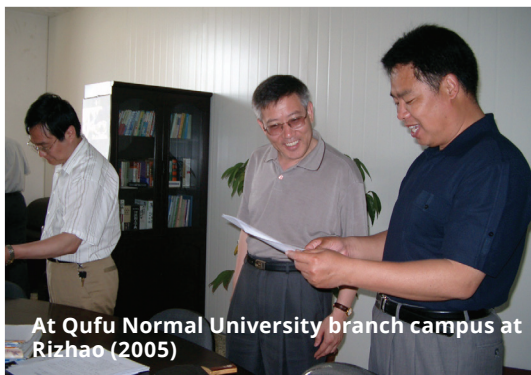
Dr. Huang (far left), from l-r, Kutztown University Director of International Studies Roberta Crisson, Dr. Barbara McFarland, and Kutztown University President David McFarland in Beijing, China, following China's National Day (2000)



Conference dinner in Mexico, where Dr. Huang served as a keynote speaker (2007)



Citizenship ceremony, Philadelphia, PA (1999)



At Qufu Normal University branch campus at Rizhao (2005)



At Educational Testing Services-sponsored event at Princeton, NJ (2007)



With Jennifer in the Everglades, FL (2006)



Receiving an honorary professorship from Yantai (China) University (2007)



Dr. Jennifer Qian and Dr. Guiyou Huang at the Niagara River, Buffalo, NY (2000)



International conference on Asian American Literature in the 21st Century, organized and directed by Dr. Huang, in Beijing (2006)



Receiving an honorary professorship from Jining (China) University (2008)



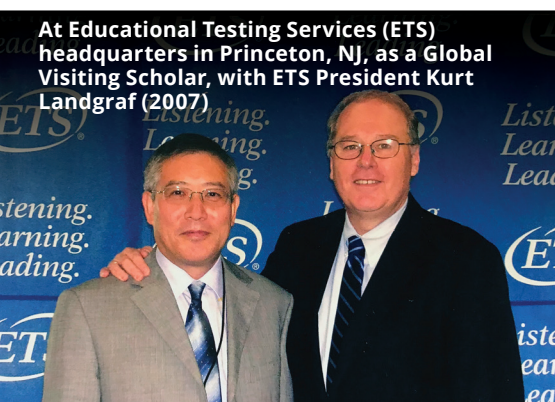
PASSHE Honors Study Abroad trip, led by Dr. Huang, to Ecuador (2003)



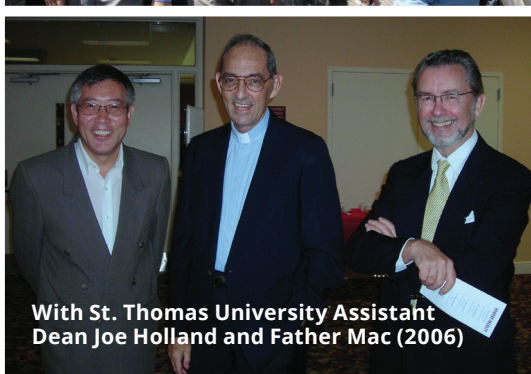
At the Great Wall (2006)



With colleagues at an awards ceremony at St. Thomas University (2009)



At Educational Testing Services (ETS) headquarters in Princeton, NJ, as a Global Visiting Scholar, with ETS President Kurt Landgraf (2007)



With St. Thomas University Assistant Dean Joe Holland and Father Mac (2006)



Harvard Institute for Management and Leadership in Education (2009)

experiencing situations in which their lives were in jeopardy linger, Huang has fond memories of his time in China, including his family, their dog, and his time in school.

“I really liked going to school, and I was a good student. If you were the first to finish a test, you could leave the classroom and school early, so I was almost always the first one done,” he laughed. “Teachers often read my composition papers to the class as samples of good writing, so that made me feel good.

There were three expectations we had to follow in school: to be academically good, to be physically good, and to be morally good. I always worked to achieve all three. It was rare for a student to receive honors for following all ‘three goods’ expectations every year, but I did that.”

The College Years

While Huang’s parents did not have a great deal of education, each having received only seven years of schooling, he remembered they were both well-traveled and well-read, especially his mother, and that his father taught his family about the importance of courage, justice, and hard work.

“He often reminded us, ‘Work is a virtue.’ Back in the 1970s, when few parents were thinking about their children’s education, my parents did. However, we were at such a disadvantage politically that it just didn’t seem possible, but they wanted us to go to high school,” Huang added. “My parents bought us books, a lot of scientific ‘why’ books, and this was not common for parents to do then.

“Even when it was time for my elder brother to go to high school, he had a hard time getting the local high school to take him. My father made many trips on a bicycle to a different county to find a high school for him. Education was that important to my parents,” he said. “Times changed just enough for me to go to high school, and it was there that an English teacher convinced not only me, but my parents, that I had the potential to go to college. That teacher, who is still alive today, was an enormous influence on my life—she was the first person to tell me, before I started college, that I should plan for graduate school.”

After attending high school in Changyi for one year [Editor’s Note: At the time, the education system in China lasted nine years, compared to 12 years in the U.S.], Huang began his college studies at Qufu Normal University, a university located in the birthplace of the well-known Chinese philosopher and educator Confucius.

“At the time, before China decided to adopt the successful open-door policy and restored higher education, I never thought I would go to college, and when I went to Qufu, I never had imagined going to the United States to study further,” he noted.

Huang began analyzing his future following his degree from Qufu in English, which is considered by many as one of the best English programs in the country. After earning his bachelor’s degree, he remained at Qufu for three years to teach English and lead the student affairs program. In 1986, Huang started at Beijing University to earn his graduate studies diploma in English, with a concentration in British literature, along the way serving as an English instructor as well as president of the Graduate Students Association in English for three years. Once again, political turmoil played a major role in Huang’s life. It was early Summer 1989, and the Tiananmen Square incidents occurred.

“I was not a student leader in the movement, nor a hero, during this time; however, I happened to be there three times during the hunger strikes and the demonstrations. It was a gut-wrenching time in Beijing,” he said.

In April of that year he received the notice of admission to the doctoral program in English at Texas A&M. Three months later, he was granted a visa, and by the next month, Huang embarked on a plane that took him to Texas to continue his education in America.

Coming to America

In August 1989, Huang landed in College Station, TX to begin work on his Ph.D. at Texas A&M. Ironically, it was just a couple months after the incidents in Tiananmen Square, when Huang and his roommate, a fellow Chinese citizen, spoke to a large crowd at Texas A&M about the political climate in China.

“Several years later, I’d been invited back to Beijing to deliver a paper about the poetry of Mao Zedong [former leader of the People’s Republic of China]. I had a green card to return to the country; however, I was perhaps on a list of individuals not allowed to speak at events like that, because I was allowed in but I couldn’t present my paper,” Huang explained. “The person who invited me felt bad that I couldn’t present this, so she took my paper and published it in two journals in Beijing and Nanjing, respectively. What’s even more ironic is that a few years later, an editor included that essay, without my knowledge or permission, in a book published by the Central Documentary Press, the governmental print shop.”

During his time at Texas A&M, while earning his doctorate, Huang worked first as an editorial assistant for the scholarly journal “South Central Review,” then as a teaching assistant in English and the final year as a dissertation fellow. After obtaining his advanced degree in 1993, he remained at Texas A&M as a lecturer in the Department of English for two years.

“Very few students from China come to the U.S. to study the humanities. Most come here to study STEM and even social sciences, not particularly American literature. After successful attempts at teaching and publishing, I decided that I should stay in America,” he recalled. “I enjoyed going back to China to see family and friends, but I thought I’d have great opportunities here.”

Love & Marriage & the Oath of Allegiance

And it was during a visit home in 1996 that Huang met his future bride. Huang was returning to Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, where he was serving as an assistant professor of English when he met a young woman at the Beijing Airport ticket counter. Yufeng “Jennifer” Qian was heading to America for the first time to teach Chinese at SUNY-Buffalo, while earning her master’s degree in foreign language education. The pair struck up a conversation, and over the course of the next two years, maintained a long-distance relationship. Huang and Qian married in Allentown, PA in 1998, a year before Huang officially became an American citizen at a ceremony held in Philadelphia.

By 1999, he had lived in the U.S. for 10 years, and, according to Huang, an emigrant is eligible to become a U.S. citizen after holding a green card for five years. He made the decision to become a U.S. citizen, knowing that his ancestral country would not recognize dual citizenship.

“I knew I had to give up my Chinese citizenship, but I also knew I was going to make the U.S. my permanent home. It was a natural progression for me,” Huang said.

Leadership & Administration

Huang remained at Kutztown, moving through the academic ranks, to tenured professor, and, in October 2000, he was named to his first academic administrator position as director of the Honors Program. Two years later, he was elected chair of the Department of English.

“When our son, George was literally a few hours old [George is now a senior at Rice University in Houston, TX], I was asked to interview for the Honors Director position. I remember being very tired after a sleepless night at Lehigh Valley Hospital where George was born,” he laughed. “I must have done the interview well enough because I got the job, and eventually was able to really grow the program. It really helped grow my confidence as a leader.”

Huang moved from Kutztown University to serve as the director of the Honors College and an English professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan for one year, before an opportunity arose which took the Huangs to St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, FL. There, Huang served as a professor of English and dean of Undergraduate Studies & Programs until 2007, when he was named the founding dean of Biscayne College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences.

“I loved teaching, and it wasn’t my original goal to become a university president. Like becoming an American citizen, the leadership roles I was offered just were a natural progression in my career in higher education,” Huang said.

In 2010, Huang moved from the warmth of south Florida to the upper East Coast city of Northfield, VT, where he was named vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Norwich University, a post he held there for nine months, before being named senior vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty for nearly six years. It was also during this time that their daughter, Claire [who is now 10 and a student at St. Paul School in Macomb], was born in Miami. Jennifer and their kids had stayed behind in south Florida for six months, before she took a research position at Norwich, followed by a stint in Dartmouth College and finally, a teaching position at Northeastern University in Boston.

The next step for Huang was, of course, a college presidency, and that happened in January 2017 when he was named chancellor of Louisiana State University of Alexandria (LSUA). The Huang family moved south, where Guiyou served as the college’s chief administrator for two and half years, and Jennifer started to teach for LSU’s School of Education.

“We were excited about moving to a different state with a different culture. I learned how to think and speak even more thoughtfully and really honed my administrative skills as a chancellor. I worked with the system’s governing board, state and local government officials, the governor and other officials, so a truly great learning experience for me,” Huang said. “I had some great successes at LSUA. We achieved record enrollments for two consecutive years; we created the Division of Student Engagement to help with retention and student involvement; we established two new departments; we improved retention by 10

percent; and we implemented two salary raises and more.”

A few years into his tenure at LSUA, a search firm approached Huang about the Edinboro University presidency. Huang threw his name in the ring to become the president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, and was named to that position in July 2019.

“I had become a citizen in Pennsylvania. I was married in Pennsylvania. We had George in Pennsylvania. Jennifer taught and obtained her Ed.D. at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. My brother completed his MBA in Pennsylvania. I had lived in Pennsylvania for nearly 10 years earlier in my career. The state just really held a special place for us, so we decided to make this move. It worked out well,” he explained.

Huang was next approached by a search firm about the WIU presidency, and, because of a consolidation on the horizon for three western Pennsylvania public institutions, which included Edinboro, he decided to look into the WIU position further.

“The system was going to change significantly. While I enjoyed my time there immensely, I wanted a longer-term career as a president, and in an environment that was more stable and had real potential. Edinboro and WIU are similar institutions, and have faced similar challenges. When I saw the job announcement for WIU’s presidency, I thought this was an opportunity for me to serve as a long-term president of a really fine institution. The more I learned about WIU, the more excited I became about this opportunity,” Huang added. “And today, I am so happy to say that it is a great privilege to serve as WIU’s 12th president. We’re glad to be here, and are proud to be a part of the WIU and Macomb and Quad Cities communities.”

Moving WIU Forward

When Huang was named WIU’s 12th president, he shared his goals and initiatives for WIU, including moving WIU forward as an innovative University through teaching, learning, research, technology, and international outreach.

“I am committed to enhancing existing and creating new initiatives focusing on recruitment and retention, financial sustainability, diversity and racial and social justice, institutional distinctiveness, and strengthening the relationships with our communities,” Huang said.

Since taking over the reins eight months ago, Huang has met with numerous campus and community constituency groups and officials, and has made himself a visible presence on both campuses. He has implemented three committees to move the institution forward in the areas of retention, recruitment, and institutional distinctiveness, and has spent a lot of time meeting with individuals and groups and listening.

“I really want to see Western Illinois University become an even more vibrant institution, with of course a larger enrollment, healthy morale among our employees, and enhanced town-gown relationships,” he added. “I, along with my senior leadership team, and so many others here are committed to Western. This is a really good place to be.”

Beyond Leadership

When Huang isn’t busy leading WIU, he has many hobbies, including reading, swimming and cooking. In addition, he is a noted scholar, having published 13 books, including



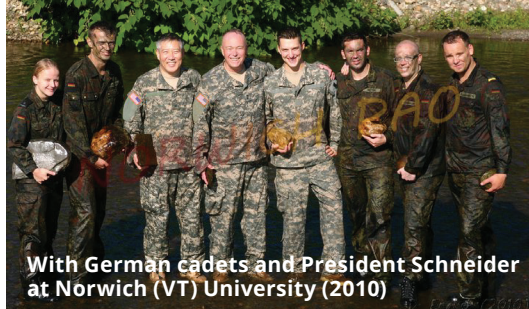
“Whitmanism, Imagism, and Modernism in China and America,” “The Columbia Guide to Asian American Literature since 1945,” “Asian-American Poets” and “Approaching Postmodernism,” and over 60 essays and scholarly articles, mostly published in the U.S. but also in the U.K., China, and Mexico.

“I’m an avid reader, and I just finished reading ‘The Transformational Leader;’ other books I read on leadership and organizational health include ‘The Advantage,’ ‘The Mindset’ and ‘Reframing Organizations’ for professional reading, but I enjoy reading novels such as ‘The DaVinci Code’ and poetry by British, American, and Chinese poets, for personal enjoyment. I’ve also read every poem Lincoln wrote,” Huang said. “While I’m a president, I’ll always be an educator at heart and share my love of literature and love of ideas with others.”

Huang enjoys a variety of food, particularly offerings from his native country, and because of that love of good food, whenever he has time, he enjoys spending time in the kitchen cooking for his family. In late May, Huang hosted a virtual cooking program, sponsored by the WIU Alumni Association, in which he prepared pepper-salt chicken with rice noodles [View the virtual cooking show at bit.ly/CookingWithPrezHuang]

Final Words

“We’re really happy here. It’s quiet and safe. Claire said that St. Paul is the best school she’s ever attended, and George has mentioned that this feels like home when he’s here. Jennifer is able to continue her career thanks to remote work, and we’re meeting so many great people. We are settling in nicely,” Huang said. “I look forward to leading WIU for many years to come, and calling Macomb our home.” ●



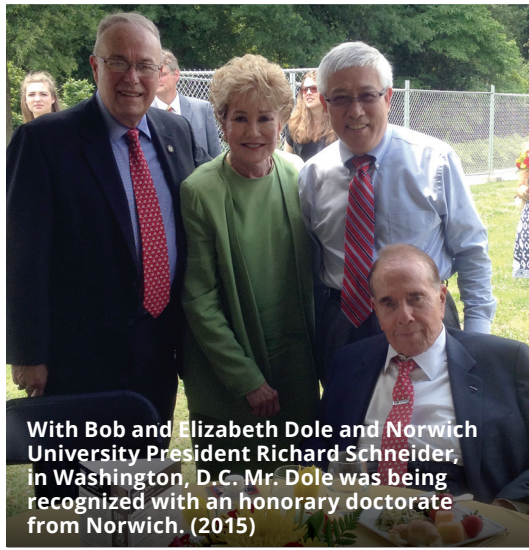
With German cadets and President Schneider at Norwich (VT) University (2010)



Serving as a keynote speaker at the Sino-American Presidents and Deans Forum in Shanghai (2010)



With Condoleezza Rice at Norwich (VT) University (2014)



With Bob and Elizabeth Dole and Norwich University President Richard Schneider, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Dole was being recognized with an honorary doctorate from Norwich. (2015)



At a natural spring in Confucius' birthplace, Qufu, China. The spring's legend is that it had been used by Confucius' mother (2017)



At a Black History Month celebration in LSU of Alexandria, LA, with Alexandria Mayor Jeff Hall and city council members (2019)



With Li Qiang Min, the ambassador of the Chinese Consulate General, in Houston (2019)



With Claire at the Edinboro University Homecoming celebration (2019)



Representing Edinboro University at Shandong University of Technology (China) (2019)



At the AASC&U New Presidents Academy in San Diego, AASC&U President Mildred Garcia on the right (2019)



Carol Ann and Bunny Weiss at a wedding in Tuscany

In Search of the Next Challenge

By Darcie Shinberger '89 MS '98 and Brad Bainter '79 MS '83

A '21 Jump Street' internship experience for Western Illinois University law enforcement alumnus Warren "Bunny" Weiss '78 paved the way for a job in the 1990s with the granddaddy of the computer world ... the late Steve Jobs.

Because of that fateful call 30 years ago, today, Weiss owns WestWave Capital, which has entered the world-behind-the-monitor to support start-ups in AI (artificial intelligence), cyber security, analytics and software as a service and cloud infrastructure. While the road to Weiss' current company—and business interests and working for Steve Jobs—has been an interesting and winding journey, all roads lead back to WIU.

Born on the southeast side of Chicago, Weiss—one of three boys—graduated from Homewood Flossmoor High School in 1974. His father was an entrepreneur who served his country in WWII. He went into the pet supply business after the war and found that even though people may be struggling, they'd spend money on their pets, making it a recession-proof business. The younger Weiss took note ... which came into play shortly after he graduated from WIU. As a baseball and football player at Homewood Flossmoor, he actually had a scholarship set to play baseball with an out-of-state school when he got hurt his senior year.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to do, but I ended up at WIU when a friend suggested it. I made one visit here and I fell in love with Western, and this is where I wanted to go if they would have me. I had an amazing four years here," he recalled.

Weiss lived in Henninger Hall for two years, then moved to a large off-campus house on Adams Street—a former church/beauty parlor—with 11 friends, of which they called themselves Heaven 11. Weiss said at the time, he had "no real plans for myself."

"The years 1974-78 were boon years at WIU, and it was a great time to be here. I decided on LEJA [Law Enforcement and Justice Administration] as my major because I just found it fascinating. And I was interested in the field; once I became interested in my major, I became a better student," Weiss said.

During Weiss' senior year, he and his friend, a fellow LEJA major, literally spun a globe and ended up picking Houston, TX, for their internships. The pair called the Houston Police Department and the chief told them to "head on down." In 1977,

the pair packed up and headed to Houston, where Weiss was put to work immediately as an undercover "officer" in a high school and in the jail.

"It was like the show '21 Jump Street,' and I was only 20 years old. It was an eye-opening experience, and I learned a lot," he said. "The FBI was my goal, but there were too many hurdles, and I learned quickly that years of law enforcement was something I didn't want to do. That said, I learned a lot of business skills in the LEJA department at WIU and in my internship. They were very transferable skills.

"So, I came back to WIU after that, got my degree, and when my dad asked me what I was going to do, I looked at him and told him I was going to take a few months off," Weiss laughed. "My dad had always worked. He looked at me and said, 'rent is now \$300, son.'"

That gave Weiss the push he needed; however, instead of law enforcement, he went the entrepreneurial route, much like his dad did in the late 1940s. He moved in with a buddy in Barrington, IL, and got his first job with a friend who was starting his own business, which later turned into Comp U Check (verifying and guaranteeing customer checks for retailers). Weiss, at age 20, was the vice president of sales for a now-booming company, which eventually was sold to a company in Atlanta.

"The president of the new company told me to get a real job and get some great mentorship and training, so I went into the software business," he said. "I remember calling my parents on a pay phone to give them the good news. I told them I was going to sell software, and my mother said 'you are going to sell clothes.' In those days, there was no software industry like there is today."

Weiss' first software-related job after the check-verifying business was with the company Management Science America (MSA), which became the largest mainframe software supplier of accounting and manufacturing. At 23, Weiss was a sales representative calling on Fortune 1000 companies.

“While my grade in accounting at WIU might not have been at the top of the class, I learned a lot on the job. I listened and I was ready to learn the business. When the business went public in 1981, I was the number three sales executive and was a vice president of the organization by the time I was 33,” Weiss remembered.

The company was eventually sold to Dunn & Bradstreet, and Weiss, who by this time was married and had two kids, was wondering what was next for his career. The next planned stop in his career was a move to Austin, TX, to work at Continuum, a life and property/casualty software insurance solution selling to the largest insurance companies in the world. At Continuum, he was given a lot more responsibility running sales, marketing and service, as well as starting and outsourcing business from scratch.

“I was given an opportunity to become an investor with the private equity firm who invested in Continuum,” he added. “That was my first move as a venture capitalist. We eventually sold it to a larger company, and I got to see how to get ahead by buying equity in a company.”

Now to the Steve Jobs story ...

“My goal was to become a CEO of a software company in Silicon Valley. In 1991, Steve Jobs called me about a job, and I hung up on him because I thought it was my buddy from WIU playing a prank. I hung up on Steve Jobs. Thankfully, he called me back,” Weiss laughed. “He was the head of Next, and the more I talked to him, the more I knew this opportunity was special. I would only take the job if Next would get out of the hardware side of things and become a software-only company.

“Imagine telling Steve Jobs, who was CEO of Next, a computer hardware company, that I won’t work at his hardware company,” he said. “Little did I know that he was already working on the software for what would become the Apple/OS and Appstore that we know and love to use today. When he announced he was getting out of the hardware business, I agreed to move my family to Silicon Valley. All of those starter apps on your cell phone wouldn’t have been possible without Next Software, which built the developer tools that allowed companies to build apps and run the operating software for the iPhone, iPad and more.”

Before he took his first CEO job, Weiss worked as consultant to the CEO and CTO of IBM. He helped create a new software strategy, which helped IBM turnaround the company during a time of great change and uncertainty.

When Jobs sold his company (Next) to Apple, Weiss moved on to serve as a CEO, working for three private companies, and one public, in the 1990s, including SMI, which was a mapping software company that built products to map out where to put sewer systems, hotels, restaurants and more. After a few years, the company was sold to a European company, and Weiss moved on to run a software company called SQrube, a venture capital-backed company, which eventually sold to IBM. The next stop was to serve as CEO of a publicly-traded company, Prism Solutions, which was the first company in the world to build data warehousing/metadata software. Today, all the modern companies use data warehousing and artificial intelligence to gain a competitive advantage. Weiss said Prism Solutions, which is now part of IBM, was a company that was way ahead of its time.

“After my IBM engagement, I decided I didn’t want to work in

a large company, so I started my own. In 1999, with venture capitalists backing me, I co-founded Asera, which was one of the first software service-as-a-service companies in the world,” Weiss said.

By this point in his life, Weiss has served as a CEO four times over, his kids were teens, and his wife, Carol Ann, who majored in computer science, was working in a start sales training company (fun fact: Weiss’ two children both work in the computer industry: his daughter with Google, and his son with Salesforce). It was also during this time that Asera was being asked by Weiss’ lead investor to change the strategy of the company. Weiss disagreed with that new strategy and left the company.

“It was really difficult to see your own company fail, and with that, I decided I could do better than other venture capitalists, which led me in 2002 to join Foundation Capital, which was an early-stage technology venture capital partnership that I worked at and helped run during my 17 years,” Weiss explained.

Because Weiss is always looking for a challenge, after realizing he was the most senior person at the company, he recently “fired” himself to make way for other employees coming up the ladder (he’s still a partner in Foundation Capital). However, after a few months off, his wife told him he should go back to work and follow his passion to invest in early-stage technology companies. Three years ago, in 2018, Weiss founded WestWave Capital, with the goal to start it small and to try and leave behind a firm that can endure many years to come. WestWave Capital has made 35 investments and has recruited two new partners to build out the firm.

“We’re investing in analytics, SaaS, cyber security, AI and cloud infrastructure. We’re also looking at over the horizon investments in virtual reality, robotics, autonomous vehicles and quantum computing,” he added. “And with the cyber security work we’re doing, I’m really interested in working with my alma mater to build the University’s cyber security program. There are 10 million jobs available in that field in the U.S. Now is the time for my fellow Leathernecks to get jobs in this exciting and growing market.”

When Weiss needs to get away from the business, he golfs (“poorly”), is active in his community’s Boys & Girls Club and he is heavily involved in the Weiss Scholarship Foundation, which is run by his brother, Brett Weiss. The foundation provides scholarship opportunities for children from Kenya to attend high school and vocational schools. Half the scholarships go to girls and half to boys.

“We’ve put 80 kids through high school in one village in Kenya, and we’re getting ready to start up in a second location. The village now has solar power, Internet, running water and more,” he said. “I give my brother all the credit. He’s a retired teacher who wanted to make a difference.”

From his volunteer work to his professional career, and back to his WIU years, Weiss has lived by a personal motto of “Discipline, Desire, Teamwork and Loyalty,” as well as “If you do what you love, it will never be work.”

“I’ve had a rewarding career,” Weiss added. “I’m so proud of being a part of Western Illinois University. My time at WIU really transformed my life.” ●



Freshman year in Henninger Hall



Heavens Eleven - Adams Street roommates



Weiss in Rwanda



John Gardner '78 and Weiss at WIU graduation



Lake Argyle with roommate Phil Hoffman '78



Recent visit to WIU to speak to students



Father Bernard, older brother Brett, Bunny in Little League with the Yankees shirt and little brother Shepp



Scholarship student from Dago, Kenya



Weiss and his wife, Carol Ann, feeding a giraffe at Giraffe Manor in Nairobi, Kenya



Weiss Foundation Scholarship winner with Bunny and his brother, Brett Weiss



Sheldrick Trust Orphanage in Kenya



Shane, Carol Ann, Bunny and Ally in Florence, Italy



LEATHERNECK ATHLETICS

Persevering in a Pandemic

Leatherneck Athletics hasn't backed down from the challenges of COVID-19

By Keion Robinson, WIU Athletics

March 13, 2020, was a day like no other. No one is ever prepared for a global pandemic, but suddenly Western Illinois University Director of Athletics Danielle Surprenant found herself handling unprecedented conditions. The Summit League office had announced an official cancellation of all non-conference, conference and championship play for the remaining 2019-20 academic year.

At the time, in just her second year of overseeing the WIU Athletics department, Surprenant admitted the entire situation “made her heart sink.”

“Making those first phone calls was very gut-wrenching,” said Surprenant. “In some of those cases, we had student-athletes whose senior seasons had come to an end. Delivering that type of news would be difficult for anyone, but ultimately it was necessary to protect our student-athletes, coaches, and staff.”

Early adjustments

The first priority became the safe return of teams currently on the road. WIU’s men’s golf team was in the midst of flying back from Florida after successfully winning the 2020 Benbow Invitational, where Kyle Irlbacker ’20 enjoyed a career event, turning in the second-best 36-hole score in program history, and sealing medalist honors.

After University classes switched to a virtual format, Surprenant wrote a note to WIU student-athletes, which included a challenge: “Let’s continue to push boundaries in the classroom and make this spring semester our best yet.” The response was a 3.378 term grade point average—the highest in athletics history and the 26th consecutive semester where WIU student-athletes have recorded a higher term GPA than the general Macomb campus.

Homebodies

When various “stay-at-home” orders arose across the world, many Leathernecks saw their daily routines become disorganized.

Amelia Peterson of the track and field team particularly went through this. Being from Nassau, the capital and largest city of the Bahamas, her country’s prime minister imposed a nationwide lockdown in April. This mandated order included a 9 p.m. curfew for non-essential workers and advised each household to identify a single shopper for grocery purposes.

“I was pretty much stuck at home all day and every day for a month,” said the senior, who competes in multiple events. “My backyard came in handy for workouts, and I learned how to paint during that time.”

In the U.S., a majority of facilities shut down operations, which complicated offseason training for athletes, so it was time to improvise.

“Most gyms were closed all over in my hometown,” said Anthony Jones ’21, a men’s basketball senior and Indianapolis, IN native. “Luckily, some outside courts were open, but the weightlifting aspect was a bit different. I ended up filling backpacks with heavy material to use as a weighted vest. Jump rope and bands helped in other ways of resistance training. In the end, it all worked out.”



When the summer days came to a close, Peterson’s first few months back on campus saw her aid in a project much larger than sports. Along with 12 other black student-athletes, she played an integral part in developing the WIU Black Athlete Association. Its mission statement reads:

“We strive to promote an inclusive environment for black student-athletes to further values of inclusivity, diversity and social injustice on the Western Illinois University campus and surrounding Macomb community.”



March to Vote

A fellow charter member, DeShon Gavin, also took major action in using his voice and platform. Amid a year that stressed the importance of voting, Gavin created the “March to Vote” movement, an awareness campaign that encouraged young adults to get involved in state, local, and national elections.

“I came up with ‘March to Vote’ to rally younger voters to use this right we have—the rights that were fought for through pain, sweat, loss, and so much more,” the WIU football running back explained.

“As members of the youth, our voice and votes matter. The movement was a perfect opportunity to promote real change.”

Masked-up and equipped with colorful picket signs, Gavin was joined by several other football and women’s soccer members during his Saturday movement.

Bringing in new faces

Two significant hires for WIU Athletics happened in the thick of COVID-19’s rise when Rob Jeter and Alisa Goler took over the men’s basketball and softball programs, respectively. Jeter was employed during the closing days of March, while Goler accepted the position in late June.

“Both hires were different compared to a ‘normal time,’ ” Surprenant noted. “Typically, a phone interview is conducted, and candidates can visit campus before an offer takes place. The latter happened for Coach Jeter last year, but unfortunately not for Coach Goler due to the pandemic’s evolution. Our department worked to send much information—virtual tours of campus and other visuals—to Coach Goler.”

Jeter’s welcome had an atypical twist—no summer basketball activities. Those same offseason months saw him essentially build an entire roster from scratch, with the addition of 14 newcomers.

“Physically going out to recruit at events wasn’t an option when I got here—watching film and relying on relationships were two



Rob Jeter

main strategies,” Jeter specified. “Time was spent away from campus. Our staff couldn’t truly show the players what we’re ‘selling’ like most programs strive to do in an ordinary year. It was a very different way of doing things.”

Talent within that crew has already been evident. Five games into the 2020-21 season, junior transfer Justin Brookens exploded for a career-high 37 points. The scoring outburst is tied for second all-time in WIU’s Division I history.

Goler admitted that the job application felt a bit more “bizarre and unique” without the in-person interaction. Her start was limited to eight days spent with her team.

“In the fall, you usually have a 40-day window with your team being together,” she explained. “It feels a lot different when you’re used to having fall games and growing your identity as a team. I feel our staff and players made the most of the eight days given to us, especially considering the entire group couldn’t get together until October.” ●



Members of the Black Athlete Association



Alisa Goler



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Class Notes

Phillip Moens '57, Geneseo, is retired from teaching after 34 years as a middle school world geography teacher and coached middle school track.

Richard Shreve '60, Boynton Beach, FL, is retired from Palm Beach State College as a professor of organic chemistry.

Merle M. Moore '68, Litchfield Park, AZ, is retired after 30 years as a teacher/composer; he performed in Carnegie Hall and Disney Performing Arts Center.

Al Azinger MS-ED '69, Bloomington, was appointed as the interim superintendent of Schools for the Ankeny Community School Dist.

Daniel R. Stoudt '70, Gratiot, WI, is a retired packaging & labeling specialist for Phillips Advanced.

Carol Caminski Johnson '71, Casper, WY, is the director of major gifts & planned giving at Boys & Girls of Central Wyoming.

David Kielpinski '71, Waukesha, WI, is a retired photographer.

Thomas W. Zeidel MA '72, Boyne City, MI, is the VP for finance & facilities at N. Central MI College.

Brian T. Savage '73, Plainfield, is a retired financial advisor, co-founder and partner of Forum after 30 year. He is also past president of the WIU Alumni Council.

Gregory Greene '73, Arnold, MD, is retired.

Jerry Kaminski '73 MS '75, Ormond Beach, FL, is retired.

Carl Swanson '73, Sterling, is the president/CEO of Sverige Advisory, Ltd.

Cynthia Barbera Brelle '74, Mt. Prospect, is the statewide 9-1-1 administrator for the IL State Police.

Debbi Kouzes Burdick '74, Scottsdale, AZ, is a retired superintend after 47 years in education. She was also awarded AZ Superintendent of the Year.

Thomas Troll '74, Greensboro, GA, is retired from the Abris Group, LP.

Stephen M. Kruse '75, St. Louis, MO, is retired after 46 years of law enforcement service in the Greater St. Louis Area.

Michael Gorsuch '75 MBA '81, Rushville, is retired from Conagra Brands after 44 years of service at the Ft. Madison, IA, field site.

Eve Lendway Hollender '75, Berea, OH, is retired from Strongsville City Schools.

John Mahaffey '75, The Villages, FL, is retired.

Sherry L. Cunningham Alberts '76, Las Vegas, NV, is retired.

Sandy T. Funke Benuzzi '76, Menifee, CA, is semi-retired and working on projects for the state of CA.

Mary Linda Zettl Coward '76, Davenport, IA, is the employee benefits manager at John Deere.

John Maddock '76 MS '78, Amherst, NY, is retired after 42 years in college athletic administration, including 39 years at Canisius College in Buffalo.

David J. Campbell MS '77, La Crosse, WI, is retired after 13 years as the regional project manager for Gundersen Health System.

Daniel J. Stencil MS '77, Clarkston, MI, is a retired executive officer for E. Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission after 43 years.

Tiana S. Osterbur Montgomery '77, Monticello, is retired from the University of IL Foundation.

Kirk Dillard '77, Hinsdale, was re-elected as chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Steve Hollender '77, Berea, OH, is retired from Baldwin Wallace University.

Jeff Galle '78, Pittsfield, will lead IL College's agribusiness management program in Jacksonville.

Sherry Garbow Hill '78, Green Valley, AZ, is retired.

Elaine Presbitero Naso '78, Boynton Beach, FL, is retired from US Gear.

Cathy Stambaugh Butler '79, Peoria, is retired from Morgan Stanley.

Thomas Hopkins '79, Goshen, KY, is semi-retired as the chief scientific officer at Poly Group LLC in New Albany, IN.

Stan Butler '80, Peoria, is the retired President and CEO of Heights Finance Corp.

Nancy Holloway '80, Ottawa, is retired.

Bryon Kirwan '80, Seymour, was named a national economist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), a division of the U.S. Dept. of Ag. (USDA).

Anita Tiemeyer '80, Indianapolis, IN, has written a novel, *A Brother for Sorrows*.

Mark J. Driscoll '81 MA '83, Urbana, is a retired assoc. director for the Champaign County Mental Health Board.

Eric S. Pistorius '81, Jerseyville, is a partner at Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP.

Dianne Hoover MS '81, Bakersfield, CA, is retired from the City of Bakersfield as the director of recreation & parks after 15 ½ years.

David Opon MS '81, Homer Glen, earned an Ed.D in Kinesiology from the University of NC Greensboro.

Bonnie Apcel Yourzak '81, Redmond, WA, is retired.

Ronda K. Quigley Driscoll '82 MS '85, Urbana, is a retired school psychologist for Urbana Public Schools.

Dennis T. Tate MBA '83, Joliet, is a security practitioner for Midwestern University in Downers Grove.

Mark E. Siegmund '83 MBA '84, Muskego, WI, is a retired financial advisor for RSM.

Cynthia Johnson Valenciano '83, Dubuque, IA, is a retired full professor at Chicago State University.

Tom Logsdon '83, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, is a strategic acct. executive at Winshuttle Software in Bothell, WA.

Diane Neuman Ryan '83 MA '85, Prescott, AZ, was appointed vp of academic affairs at Yavapai College.

Curt Underwood '84, McHenry, is a retired lieutenant from Barrington Hills Police Dept. and now is a rural letter carrier asst. for USPS.

Vesta Higdon Burns '84, Bayou Vista, TX, is the executive director for Communities in Schools.

Don Meyer '84, Amboy, will serve Dist. #4 on the IL Farm Bureau Board of Directors representing members in LaSalle, Lee and Bureau counties.

Kathy Schauer Pinney '84, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, is a missionary at the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Robert Yant MA '84, Muscatine, IA is retired from the City of Marshall, MN, as the director of Public Safety after 21 years.

Chris Schwemli '85, Sandwich, is the operations director for WSPY Radio at Nelson Multimedia, Inc. in Plano.

Timothy S. Daudelin '86 MA '88, Scottsdale, AZ, opened bookstore Pendragon Books, is the vp for Leslie's Pools and has had a 30+ year business career.

Richard Hodyl '86, Wheaton, is a partner at Hinkhouse, Williams, Walsh LLP in Chicago.

Deborah Ferris Reavis MS -ED '86, Cuba, is retired after 31 years as a special education teacher in Canton.

Kim K. Quigley Blais '87, Moline, retired from nursing.

Tammy D. Moore McCutchen '87, Alexandria, VA, is the senior affiliate for Resolution Economics, LLC

Sherrie Lewis Barch '87 MA '94, Roscoe, has written a book, *Heaven's Bell*.

Robert Elliott, Sr. '88 MA '96 '13, Dunlap, TN, is the CEO and co-founder of Era Solution's Group in the greater Chattanooga Area, and also earned his doctorate of public administration from the University of IL at Springfield.

Travis Jones '88, Dennison, is the warehouse supervisor at Soil Max in Terre Haute, IN.



Fahim Rahman MBA '88, Charlotte, NC, is retired from the City of Portland as the construction manager for 24 years.

Matthew Verscheure '88, Santa Rosa, CA, is the director of homelessness & housing solutions for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa.

Bill Horrell '89 MA '95, Geneseo, is the resource development coordinator at Alternatives for the Older Adult, Inc.

Stacy Panagiotopoulos '89, Joliet, is a payroll specialist at Employco USA.

Tracie Miller Rings '89, Owens Cross Roads, AL, is a library media specialist at Huntsville City Schools.

Carol Sveilich '89, San Diego, CA, released her third book, *Reflections From A Glass House: A Memoir of Mid-Century Modern Mayhem*.

James Pickett '89 MA '91, Chicago, is retired as a deputy chief with the Evanston Police Dept. after 28 years.

Deanna L. Bradley MS '90, Marshall, is the retired athletic director for St. Mary of the Woods College after 30 years.

Scott Brady '90, Bettendorf, IA, is an independent game designer.

Martin Podosek MA '90, Northbrook, is the retired Harwood Heights police chief.

Theron J. Schutte MS-ED '91 ED-SP '98, Marshalltown, IA, received an Alumni Achievement Award from the IA State University College of Human Sciences.

Miriam V. Percival Neal MBA '91, Palm Coast, FL, is a retired management leadership director for John Deere.

Linda J. VanDerLeest. MS-ED '91, Geneseo, is a retired educator after 41 years.

Beverly Walkington Brown '91, Boynton Beach, FL, is an administrative asst. to the vp for admissions at Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Keith Gavigan '91, Blue Ash, OH, is the manager for Trek Bicycles.

Eric Kolb MS '91, Grapevine, TX, is the executive director of Songs & Smiles, a nonprofit organization supporting families during Alzheimer's.

Omar Sofradzija '91, E. Lansing, MI, is a newsroom adviser for The State News and served as a contributing correspondent in the state of MI for The Washington Post in its coverage of the 2020 presidential election.

Greg A. Kigar MS '92, Midland, MI, is an asst. general manager for stadium events & operations for the Lansing Lugnuts.

Vince C. Paperiello '92, Naperville, is president of intermodal & chief solutions officer for the Hub Group.

Clay S. Koenig '92, Forsyth, is president & general manager for WAND TV in Decatur.

Patrick Zimmerman '93 MA '06, Lake in the Hills, is a retired deputy chief from Vernon Hills Police Dept.

Darlene VanCleave Riley '93, Cary, is a litigation specialist at Jackson National.

Stephanie Carey Smit '93, Peoria, is a legal asst. at Miller, Hall & Triggs.

Mark R. Bridenstine MS '97, Indianapolis, IN, is a sr. sales acct. executive for Roeing IT Solutions.

Laura R. Billings Castle '94, Langley, WA, is the regional operations director at WPP.

Elzie Barnett '94 MS '97, Desoto, TX, is the head football coach/athletic coordinator at Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas.

Audrey Jaeger '94, Raleigh, NC, was named W. Dallas Herring Professor of Community College Education at NC State University and is the executive director at the Belk Center.

Shatonya Harris Johnson '94, Hazel Crest, is the Oak Park deputy police chief.

Hankyr Cho MA '95, Seoul, Korea, is a team manager for Hanyang Securities.

Benjamin J. Boeke '96, Oskaloosa, IA, is the Oskaloosa police chief, teaches at William Penn University and began Ph.D. studies in Criminal Justice-Leadership at Liberty University in 2021.

Dustin W. Day '96, Waverly, is the superintendent for Carthage Elementary School Dist.

Trinuch Thienthong '96 MA '97, Nonthaburi, Thailand, is the minister of education for Thailand.

Shane G. Brandel '96, Forsyth, is interim Decatur police chief.

Charles Clark '96 MA '98, Nashville, TN, is the assoc. vp of planning and research at Nashville State Community College and was selected as a Fellow in the inaugural cohort for the Strategic Data Project for Career and Technical Education program through the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard University.

Terri Turnquist Hare '96 MS '07, Macomb, is the retired director of financial aid at Western IL University after 36 years.

Sherri Sanders '96, Carol Stream, is a certified Project Management Professional.

Eric Weiler '96 MS '98, Coralville, IA, is the major gifts officer for Kirkwood Community College Foundation.

Mark M. Weir '97, McKinney, TX, is the vp for Matheson Tri-Gas in Irving.

James S. Ballauer '97, Chicago, is the Clinton, IA, deputy police chief.

Tracy Thrasher Camden '97 MBA '01, Bushnell, is the executive director of WIRC & CAA in Macomb.

Mike Gerrish '97 MA '99, W. Des Moines, IA, is the chief marketing & experience officer with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in Lawrence, KS.

Marc Bertveld '98, Largo, FL, is a sr. plant manager at ConMed.

Terrell Duffin '98, Hazel Crest, wrote his first novel, *While the Blood Runs Warm*.

Justin Davis '99, MM '09, PhD '13, Holmen, WI, is the director of instrumental studies at the University of WI LaCrosse and his virtual Pomp and Circumstance recording was used on CBS.

Erik Estill '99, Montgomery, AL, is the executive director/superintendent at Lead Academy Montgomery.

Eric Schaefer '99 MA '02, Springfield, OH, is a special agent for the OH Attorney General.

Mark Schaefer '99, Ft. Meade, MD, graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle, PA, with a master's degree in strategic studies.

Ron Schneider '99, Freeport, is the executive director of the Freeport Park Dist.

Michael Walver '99 MA '05, Chicago, is a personal trainer at Chicago Athletic Clubs.

Rob Wennerstrom '99, Bartlett, is the director of supply chain at Aramark.

Steven Beck '00 MS '11, Indianapolis, IN, is the director of transportation for IndyGo (Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp).

Stacie Urban Greene MS '00, Geneseo, is an assoc. professor at Augustana College in Rock Island.

Bradley Kranich '00, Spring Grove, is the vp of commercial lending at Signature Bank.

Christy Wadsager Krenek '00, Santa Fe, NM, is a science specialist at New Mexico Public Education Dept.

Buffie Cerutti Stewart '00, Chugiak, AK, is a recreation management specialist for U.S. Forest Service at Chugach National Forest.

Douglas Wheeler '00, Swisher, IA, is the Superintendent of Schools at College Community School Dist. in Cedar Rapids.

Kenneth K. Sung '01, Apple Valley, CA, is a retired health Science specialist for the department of veterans affairs after 26 year of service to the Federal Government.

Andrew Dix '01, Nashville, TN, is an assoc. professor at Middle TN State University.

Mark Fraser '01, Burlington, VT, is retired from the U.S. Military and Federal Government Service.

Michael Renne '01, Jamestown, NC, is a technology trainer at NC A&T State University.

Mark Rothert '01, Pekin, is the city manager for the City of Pekin.

Gina Sobczak Torbett '01, Lockport, is the general music teacher & choir director at Alex M. Martino Jr. High School in New Lenox.

Kristie K. Mustard Durone '02, Kansas City, MO, is the events ambassador at Top Golf.

Nicholas Brooks '02, Hampshire, is the principal at DHJJ in St. Charles.

Tetsu Hirai MS '02, Kawagawa, Japan, is the director of competitions for the Japan Football Assoc. in Tokyo.

Jamie Dixon Shanahan '02, Dracut, MA, is a loan officer for HFCU.

Susan O. Lamberson Singley '03, Shoreline, WA, is the project manager at Warner Media.

Colleen S. Kerouac, '03, Springfield, is sgt. of courts & extraditions for Sangamon County Sheriff's Office.

Byron Nudd '03, Naperville, was named the Officer of the Year by the IL State Police.

Aarti N. Beniwal Sangwan MS '04, Salisbury, MD, is the Worcester County Teacher of the Year.

Keith Akre MBA '04 MBA '06, Rockford, is VP for Stillman Bank.

Ashley E. Hattaway Katz '04 MS '06, Macomb, is the director of the University Union at Western IL University.

Jeffrey Alstadt '04, Genoa City, WI, is the District Administrator for Randall consolidated School Dist.

Adam Curran '04, Spring Valley, is the Spring Valley police chief.

Ramon Escapa '04, Rushville, is the Resident Circuit Judge in Schuyler County for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Sarah Fischer-Reynolds '04, Downers Grove, is the owner/health coach at Functional Effect Fitness & Rehabilitation.

Brittany Frakes '04, Peoria, is a human services caseworker for the State of IL.

Seth Norburg '04 MA '06, Gilbert, AZ, is an aftermarket services representative for Caterpillar, Inc.

Kate Briney Norburg '04, Gilbert, AZ, is an elementary teacher in Chandler Schools Dist. # 80.

Heather Stalling Reed MS '04, Little Rock, AR, is the director of student retention initiatives at UA Little Rock.

Dan D. Terry MA '05, Hendersonville, NC, is the Fletcher police chief.

Shannon M. Chambers Ward '05, Chicago, is an executive asst. at NTT Data.

Mohammad Ali MA '05, Arlington Hts., is a history/social studies teacher at Round Lake School Dist. #16.

Heather Melarkey Menconi '05 MA '07, Mundelein, is a sales acct. supervisor at Sysmex America, Inc.

Michelle Roscoe Spatafora-Blau '05, Yorkville, is a developmental preschool teacher for Mendota Elementary Dist. # 289.

Todd J. Steinacher '06, Carrollton, is the 2021 international certified crop adviser of the year.

Ellen Booth Albers MA '06, San Antonio, TX, is an air traffic control specialist for the FAA.

Scott McFarland '06, Springfield, is the executive director for Missouri's Community Service Commission.

Christian Neuschwanger '06, Ft. Wayne, IN, works as a business system analyst and salesforce at Heart of the House Hospitality.

Chris Senn '06, Arlington Hts, is a federal background investigator for the U.S. Dept. of Defense in Chicago.

Takemase Miyagi '07, San Jose, CA, is the sr. director of marketing for Allied Materials in Santa Clara.

Bryce M. Bainter '07, Steeleville, is the athletic director for Chester High School.

Kathryn N. Boyd Wilson '07, Monmouth, received tenure at United School Dist.

Richard Burbridge '07, S. Newfane, VT, is an SEIS teacher for Collaborative for Education Services.

Adam Fox '07 MS '16, Indianapolis, IN, is a process engineer at Allegion.

Matthew Johnson '07, Huntley, is a police officer for the Village of Northbrook.

Amber McDuffie Kirk '07, Chicago, is a curriculum administrator at the Chicago Public Schools.

Takemasa Miyagi '07, San Jose, CA, is a sr. director of marketing at Applied Materials.

Vicki Martinez Mulligan '07, Wheaton, is a 4th grade bilingual teacher at W. Aurora School Dist. # 129.

Victoria Pellegrino '07, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, is a sr. acct. executive at Gartner.

Alexander Whitman '07, Monmouth, is the Warren County Asst. State's Attorney.

Joseph Wojowski '07, Milwaukee, WI, is an adjunct professor localization at Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

Peter J. Roley '08 MS '10, Garner, NC, is director of football operations at the University of IL.

Todd Nelson '08, Glenview, is VP of marketing at Winesellers, Ltd. in Niles.

Kathryn Butterfield Allen '08, Island Lake, is a self-employed insurance and care plan coordinator.

Valerie Simpson Blocker '08, Kansas City, MO, is an acct. manager at American Family Insurance in Oak Lawn, IL.

Jennifer Bresnahan Larsen '08, Yorkville, is a detective at St. Charles Police Dept.

Amber Leigh Marquez '08, Byron, is a self-directed asst. for The Arc of WBO in Rockford.

Nicholas Atwood '09, DeKalb, is a staff attorney at the Office of the IL State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor.

Heather Ballard Dorton '09, Ottawa, is a school counselor at the Streator Township High School.

Bryan Faulds '09, Austin, TX, is an asst. baseball coach at St. Edward's University.

Jessica Sparks Hollensteiner '09, Quincy, is a detective for the Quincy Police Dept.

Melanie Holub Isaacs PB-CER '09 MS '11, Phoenix, AZ, is the founder and Chief Inclusion Officer of Pal Experiences and was honored by the Mayor of Phoenix as an exemplar for the State of AZ.

Amanda White Johnston '09, Plainfield, is a licensed clinical professional counselor for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Marissa Brungraber Moravec, '09, Mundelein, is a recreation supervisor for the Mundelein Park & Recreation Dist. And has been hosting *Let's Talk Parks* podcast.

Kendrah Adams Ruebush '09, Blandinsville, is a school counselor at LaHarpe School Dist.

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Lindsey Jones Davis '11, Virginia, is an internal security investigator for the IL State Police.

Skyelar Love '11, Milwaukee, WI, is a regional operations and clinical development director at Early Autism Services.

Gabriella Gutierrez Marshall '11, Galesburg, is a certified pharmacy tech at OSF Healthcare.

Heather Zimmerle Nowak '11, Wharton, TX, is an oceanographer for the Woods Hole Group in Richmond.

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Ryan P. Bower MS '12, Cary, NC, is the communications manager for WGU North Carolina.

Cassie E. Owens '12, Salem, is an acct. services representative at Corrisoft.

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Diesel Baldwin '12, Brookfield, is a laboratory technician II for the State of IL Dept. of Human Services at the Elgin Mental Health Center.

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Melissa Lord Swiderski '12, Chicago, is a reading specialist for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Amanda Doyle Wiese '12, Mt. Zion, is president of the Bankruptcy Assoc. of Southern IL for the 2020-2021 year.

Melissa Bishop Willock '12, Shelbina, MO, is a probation & parole officer for the State of MO.

Benjamin D. Hunter '13, Orion, is a teacher & coach at Kewanee High School.

Stephanie Holda Spjuth '13, Littleton, CO, is a crisis evaluator for Centura.

Kylee Staggs Bales '13, Farmington, is a teacher at Canton Union School Dist. #66.

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Kathryn Haptonstahl '13, Galesburg, is an apparel and accessories team member at Target.

Hayley Hudson MS '13, Chatham, is a resident physician at SIU.

Ethan Knight '13, Columbia, SC is the National Fellowships coordinator at the University of SC.

Emily Marvin MA '13, Bloomington, is a claims adjuster for Country Financial.

Joseph Mooney '13, Normal, is a behavioral health therapist at CRCC.

Jessica Cortes Jefferson '14, Bollingbrook, is the HR generalist at Smithfield.

Lori Mulder Alegria '14, W. Dundee, is a sales administrator at Paylocity.

Barbara Brewer-Watson '14, Kankakee, is the executive director for the City of Kankakee.

Kathleen Holte '14, Boston, MA, is the home & school based social worker at Riverside Community Care.

Stephanie Troy Jacobs '14, Dixon, is an academic advisor and career specialist at Sauk Valley Community College.

Mackenzie Gray Leal '14, Bondurant, IA, is a pharmacist at Veteran's Hospital in Des Moines.

Jaymee Lewis-Flenaugh MS '14, Hamilton, OH, is an interim deputy title IX coordinator at Miami University.

Ruby Nancy PB-CER '14, Pb-CER '15, MA '16, Duluth, MN, is an asst. professor of business communication.

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Tiffany Haarth Vogt '14, Darien, is a clinical system support specialist at Edward-Elmhurst Health.

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Charissa Sanders '15, Reno, NV, is a sr. cost accountant for Tesla in Sparks.

Brittany Slater Thompson '15, Blandinsville, is a special education teacher for Macomb School Dist. # 185.

Martisha Welch Watson '15, Clarksville, TN, is the owner/CPA of Watson CPA PLLC and has obtained her CPA license.

Michaela Wheeler '15, New Holstein, WI, is the operations manager at F3 Marina in Sheboygan.

Brynn Downum Schroeder MS '16, Germantown, MD, is a community engagement coordinator/instructor at Webster University.

Keith Doubet '16, Gilson, is an RN/clinical nurse coordinator at the Knox County Health Dept.

Julie Briggs Erickson '16, Moline, is the social service coordinator at the Kahl Home in Davenport, IA.

Courtney Laraia Hoffman '16, Cortland, is a 2nd grade teacher at Kaneland CUSD # 302.

Cody Maples '16, Kahoka, MO, is an EHSE specialist for CNH Industrial in Burlington, IA.

Brooke Matykiewicz '16, Orion, is a child welfare specialist at the IL Dept. of Children & Family Services.

Jared Worley '16 MA '18, Imperial, MO, is an instructional systems designer at Boeing.

Andrew Gibb-Clark MUS-MM '17, St. Peters, MO, was named one of Yamaha's inaugural "40 Under 40" music educators.

Caitlin M. Pennington Kjeldsen '17, Hilliard, OH, is the NICU music therapist for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Robert H. Barlow '17, Nauvoo, is the regional leadership specialist for Triangle Fraternity.

Megan Anderson '17, Mendon, is the employment security program rep for the IL Dept. of Employment Security.

Devin Biggs '17, Rhinelander, WI is the morning meteorologist for Newswatch 12 Today.

Christie Millay '17, Bridgeview, is a teacher at Prairie Hills School Dist. # 144.

Luke Otto '17, Chicago, is an engagement manager at Kenway Consulting.

Courtney M. Gear, Lillard MA '18, Lincoln, NE, published a YA fantasy novel, *The Shadow's Grasp (Dark Angel series Book 1)*.

Mackenzie Cauthon Goodwin '18, Galesburg, is an insurance agent at State Farm Insurance in Monmouth.

Shelby R. Smith Gort '19, Shullsburg, WI, is a 5th grade teacher for Freeport School Dist. #145.

Jordan E. Lloyd '19, Illinois City, is marketing director for Sunnybrook.

Noah Forbes '19, Rock Island, is a software analyst I at Deere & Company.

Natalie Kenny '19, Stillwater, OK, is an administrative asst. at Meridian Technology Center.

Brianna Martinez '19, Sterling, is a support advisor at Halo Branded Solutions.

Hermangi Mhatre MS '19, Peoria, is a data analyst at Creative Information Technology Inc. in Falls Church, VA.

Lauren Mills '19, Plainfield, works in social services at Clare Oaks in Bartlett.

Josephine M. Hartman '20, E. Moline, is lead teller & customer service representative at First Central Bank.

Kirk D. Hare '20, Macomb, is a deputy director of maintenance & operations for Western IL University.

Bruce Patrick '20, Davenport, IA, is a residential officer for the 7th Judicial Dist. Dept. of Corrections.

Jacob Day '20, Carol Stream, is the safety manager at Atkore International in Addison.

Tyler Demaree '20, Manhattan, KS, is the director of choirs at Riley County High School.

Casey Hendrickson '20, Mooresville, NC, is a transportation sr. specialist at Lowe's Command Center for Lowe's Inc.

Stephanie Johnson Hoffman '20, Bloomington, is a sr. loan document administrator at Compeer Financial in Normal.

Jessica Ince '20, Galva, is a case manager at Western IL Cancer Treatment Center in Galesburg.

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Michelle Koso '20, Prospect Hts., is an outreach specialist at Kenneth Young Center.

Hannah Libby '20, Oneida, is an ag teacher at Mercer County School Dist. in Aledo.

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Niki Nation '20, E.Peoria, is a data engineer at OSF Healthcare.

Anna Shupe '20, Paris, is an ag teacher at Paris Cooperative High School.

Lori Woods '20, Baylis, is an agronomy intern for Corteva.

Emily Graham '20, Macomb, is a community living coach at Bridgeway.

Max Olack '20, Washington, DC, is an international trade analyst for the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

Kathy F. Hartmann Creger MS-ED '21, Milan, is a school counselor at Colona School.

Marriages & Civil Unions

Carissa DeWaele MA '17 and **Zach Hurt '12**, Oct. 10, 2020.

Mackenzie Cauthon '18 and **Skyler Goodwin**, May 16, 2020.

Kurt Matherly '82 and **Jill Cirivello**, June 6, 2020.

Colleen Kerouac '03 and **Anthony Stoutamyer**, Feb. 22, 2020.

Lindsey Jones '11 and **John Davis '03**, Sept. 12, 2020.

Matthew Noxon '13 and **Polly Macharola**, Feb. 26, 2020.

Suzy Vest Holloway '90 and **John Fahl**, Oct. 10, 2020.

Payton Creasey '18 and **Dylan Hinman '17**, Sept. 26, 2020.

Michaela Wheeler '15 and **Zachary Rentmeester**, Oct. 17, 2020.

Taylor Johnson '19 and **Daymon Reece**, Oct. 24, 2020.

Casey Little '10 MA '12 and **Zachary Scharnhorst**, Sept. 26, 2020.

Angela Castello '13 and **Donald Joseph (DJ) Gustafson**, Aug. 29, 2020.

Kremena Karkelanova '12 and **CJ Peterson '13**, June 25, 2021.

Births & Adoptions

Montana Mosel Houzenga '15 and **Richard Houzenga '15**, Tobias Russell, Apr. 19, 2021.

Mitchell Winkelman '14 and **Sarah, Bauer Mitchell**, Dec. 29, 2020.

Susan Lamberson Singley '03 and **Clint Singley '03**, Olivia Kathleen, Feb. 11, 2021.

Nero Omu-Scharffenberg and **Justin, Asya**, Feb. 21, 2021.

Jennifer C. Bresnahan Larsen AS-BA '08, Joslyn, Nov. 05, 2021.

Shannon Chambers Ward '05 and **Tim, Amelia "Mia"**, Feb. 2021.

Alexandra M. Zaerr Walch '17, and **Jacob, Blair Christine**, June 7, 2021.

Katlyn Talbot Pardieck '18 and **Connor Pardieck '18**, Blaiklee Grace, June 10, 2021.

Sara Stockert Montgomery '13 and **Tyler, Evelyn**, June 5, 2021.

Kelly Humke Streng '09 and **Timothy Streng '07**, Jade Clara, June 14, 2021.

Ashley Clark Swingel '15 and **Jay, Mason William**, Apr. 9, 2021.

Ellen Bowen Richardson '15, Hattie, May 4, 2021.

Katie Banker Puttrich '07 and **Mark J. Puttrich '07**, Wesley Carter, Apr. 1, 2021.

Cecilia Cardenas Ayala '11 and **Jose, Avani M.**, Feb. 17, 2021.

Shelby Crawford Newman '16 and **Bruce, Leo Samuel**, Jan. 5, 2021.

Stephenie Wiegand '17 and **Bobby Gearhart, Joseph Frost**, July 8, 2021.

Lauren E. Gebauer Mitchell '07, Maxton, May, 23, 2021.

Jessica L. Ball Mueller '09 MS '11 and **Brandon J. Mueller '07 MA '11**, Eva Kamille June, Feb. 5, 2021.

Courtney M. Laraia Hoffman '16 and **Michael, Hayden**, June 2, 2021.

Justin Derry '16 and **Mackenzie, Riley**, July 21, 2020.

Natalie K. Adcock Divan '03-MA '16, and **Brad Utter, Beric Alan**, July 6, 2021.

Alisha Barnett Looney MA '13 and **Rob Looney '04**, Zeke Brian, Sept. 8, 2020.

Deaths

1933 Alta I. Evans Guthrie, Mendon, July 26, 2018.

1937 Ruth M. Murfin, Springfield, Nov. 26, 2020.

1938 Eleanor K. Mueller Warder, Oviedo, FL, May 21, 2018.

1940 T. Wayne Perry, Van Buren, AR, Apr. 11, 2017.

1940 Maralee S. Shriver, Royal Center, IN, July 1, 2019.

1940 Gertrude C. Koch Dorothy, Springfield, Nov. 19, 2020.

1940 Lois H. Dowell, Falls Church, VA, May 3, 2020.

1940 Melba B. Brown Stone, Canton, Jan. 29, 2020.

1941 Lois M. Evans McCullough, Boise, ID, June 6, 2019.

1941 Hazel N. Walters Censullo, Cresskill, NJ, July 19, 2021.

1942 Bruce C. Shank MS-ED '48, Bethlehem, PA, Sept. 16, 2018.

1942 Doris E. "Eileen" Elliott Renaker, Mt. Sterling, Jan. 28, 2019.

1942 Jeanette E. Caldwell Hannum, Lititz, PA, Dec. 30, 2020.

1942 Irene L. King, Chandlerville, July 15, 2020.

1942 Alta Oldham Sargent, Macomb, Sept. 16, 2020.

1943 Lois M. Allen, Springfield, Jan. 12, 2017.

1943 Virginia I. Pritchett, Annapolis, MD, Jan. 3, 2017.

1943 Glenna J. Kerker, Blue Lake, CA, Nov. 25, 2019.

1943 Charlotte Marion Grymonprez MS-ED '50, Milan, Jan. 8, 2020.

1943 Mary B. Kennelly, Knoxville, Dec. 4, 2020.

1945 Jean S. England, Maquon, Aug. 23, 2019.

1945 Lucile Hanna, Monmouth, Nov. 28, 2020.

1945 Ruby M. Wetzel, Carthage, May 11, 2021.

1946 Helen V. Thomas McFeaters, Fort Myers, FL, Feb. 6, 2018.

1946 Phyllis K. Bass, Cornelius, OR, Apr. 28, 2019.

1946 Helen S. Hickman, Washington, Dec. 26, 2020.

1946 Elizabeth B. Beer Howard, Abingdon, Nov. 3, 2020.

1946 Inez E. Quesenberry, Augusta, Dec. 9, 2020.

1946 Michael J. Faley, Peoria, Feb. 14, 2021.

1946 Patricia Tiernan Roark, MA '76, Brookfield, WI, May 4, 2021.

1947 Harold E. Deege, Liberty, Sept. 14, 2018.

1947 Grace E. Hamrick Hjertstedt, Sheffield, Aug. 28, 2019.

1947 Mary A. Benner Whitsitt, Morton, Feb. 7, 2021.

1948 Noah C. Hickman, Washington, Jan. 17, 2020.

1948 Dallas L. Winter MS- '50, Enid, OK, July 7, 2021.

1949 R. Keith Smith MS-ED '50, Quincy, Oct. 13, 2018.

1949 Dennis Briggs, San Pablo, CA, June 11, 2019.

1949 Ruth Florine Kemper, Summerfield, FL, June 14, 2019.

1949 Cecil Stinson, Lombard, Sept. 6, 2020.

1950 Ray E. Brown MS-ED '51, Gilbert, AZ, Feb. 16, 2016.

1950 George E. Swafford MS-ED '54, Muncie, IN, Sept. 14, 2018.

1950 Emma L Broyles Chong, Dayton, NV, Mar. 14, 2018.

1950 William L. Toland, Decatur, July 1, 2018.

1950 Allen J. Schrock, Scottsburg, IN, Apr. 27, 2019.

1950 Mildred M. Howerter MS-ED '60, Rockledge, FL, Apr. 4, 2019.

1950 Mary R. Cramm Pobanz, Fuquay Varina, NC, May 18, 2020.

1950 Robert E. VanOrder, Glen Ellyn, Feb. 26, 2020.

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1951 Wiliam D. Hovey,
Springfield, Nov. 1, 2019.

1951 Robert L. Mentz, Blue
Island, Feb. 20, 2019.

1951 Walter H. Beers, Bushnell,
Apr. 9, 2020.

1951 Elaine Sperry Ruberg,
Sarasota, FL, July 13, 2020.

1951 Hurley B. Sutton, E.
Moline, Mar. 27, 2021.

1951 Maurice F. Hill, Tuscon, AZ,
Feb. 10, 2021.

1951 Robert F. Paulsen MS-ED
'54, Lakeland, FL, Jan. 3, 2021.

1951 Donald E. Shult MS-ED
'57, Omaha, NE, Mar. 8, 2021.

1951 Marvin M. Winer, Skokie,
Feb. 19, 2021.

1951 Joan L. Booth, Camp
Point, Apr. 7, 2021.

1952 John S. Lamb, Sr.,
Issaquah, WA, Jan. 11, 2018.

**1952 Edna M. Benningfield
Thorn**, Natchitoches, LA, Aug.
20, 2018.

1952 William T. Gregory,
Reedsburg, WI, Oct. 15, 2019.

**1952 Reva Bartlett Dempsey
MS '56**, Petersburg, Jan. 19,
2020.

1952 Mary C. Walker Grauf,
Elvaston, July 21, 2020.

**1952 Donnamae Collinson
Hocker**, Macomb, Nov. 30, 2020.

1952 Alison C. Puffer MS-ED
'80, Ludington, MI, May 25, 2020.

**1952 Barbara L Ahlberg
Schreiner**, Peoria, AZ, Sept. 14,
2020.

1952 Mary E. White James,
Sullivan, Aug. 29, 2020.

1952 Marcia L. Little, Ottawa,
Nov. 11, 2020.

1952 E. Dean Browning,
Godfrey, Feb. 22, 2021.

**1952 Anna L. "Louise" Naught
Shanklin**, Bushnell, Feb. 12,
2021.

**1952 Mary L. "Lorena" Miller
Wolfe**, Roanoke, Jan. 31, 2021.

1953 Howard H. Hagerman MS
'54, Moline, Dec. 6, 2018.

1953 Leona J. Keil Gregory '53,
Reedsburg, WI, May 25, 2020.

**1953 Marilyn M. Hennenfent
Clute**, Alexis, July 17, 2020.

1953 Dominic E. Lynch, Jr.,
Watseka, May 10, 2020.

1953 Wade R. Nicodemus,
Mason City, Mar. 23, 2020.

**1953 A. Christina Asbury
Stables**, Aurora, Sept. 30, 2020.

1953 Billy "Wayne" Repplinger,
Earlville, Feb. 23, 2020.

1953 Vernon C. VanVooren,
West Bend, WI, Jan. 16, 2021.

1954 Marjorie L. Kazukauskas,
Hamilton, Sept. 13, 2018.

1954 Joan M. Hagerman, S.
Jordan, UT, Nov. 18, 2019.

1954 Harry D. Enrick, Quincy,
Aug. 11, 2020.

**1954 Rita M. Ward Pickinpaugh
MS-ED '84**, Quincy, July 11,
2020.

**1954 Willeane A. Wilsey Sperry
Schave**, Mountain Home, AR,
Nov. 18, 2020.

1954 Donald L. Wheeler,
Barrington, June 13, 2020.

1954 Albert M. Binks, Denver,
CO, Nov. 17, 2020.

1954 Nancy C. Petrasko,
Appleton, WI, Aug. 4, 2020.

1954 Winafred A. Spooner
Lovgren, Ohio, Jan. 27, 2021.

1954 Helen E. Anderson Bothe,
Dixon, June 26, 2021.

1954 Donald J. Sproul, E.
Moline, Aug. 7, 2021.

1955 Keith L. Scott MS-ED,
Casa Grande, AZ, Sept. 28, 2016.

**1955 Edward C. Sullivan MS-
ED**, Manteno, Oct. 26, 2016.

1955 Sylvia A. Stevenson,
Medford, OR, Jan. 12, 2017.

1955 Sidney M. Mortonson,
Geneseo, Dec. 16, 2019.

1955 James L. Williams MS-ED
'55, Roanoke, VA, Dec. 7, 2019.

1955 David W. Knowles MS-ED,
Nauvoo, July 30, 2020.

1955 Jack J. "Flea" Walsh,
LaSalle, Apr. 28, 2020.

1955 Charles W. Williams, Glen
Ellyn, Nov. 5, 2020.

1955 Barbara E. Forneris Black,
Three Rivers, MI, May 12, 2020.

1955 Margaret A. Lewellyn,
Woodstock, Oct. 13, 2020.

**1955 James C. Thornton MS-
ED '64**, Chillicothe, Jan. 16, 2021.

1955 Eleanor A. Harney
Vissering, DeKalb, Apr. 6, 2021.

1956 William P. Kuntzelman
Sun City West, AZ, June 2018.

1956 Ercil E. Little, Jacksonville,
Mar. 19, 2019.

**1956 Lawrence "Don" D.
DeWolfe**, Olathe, KS, Nov. 2,
2020.

1956 Joyce M. Maring Gibson,
Venice, FL, Sept. 15, 2020.

1956 Don Rayborn, Eugene,
OR, Sept. 6, 2020.

1956 Ben R. "Doc" Strode,
Carlinville, Dec. 4, 2020.

1956 Marilyn R. Green, Wataga,
Jan. 13, 2021.

1956 Richard L. Kelso MS-ED
'63, Pekin, May 19, 2021.

**1956 Nancy J. Diemer
Shevokas**, Bloomington, June
25, 2021.

**1956 Mary L. Goetz Ruberts
MS-ED '56**, Naperville, July 23,
2021.

1957 Donald M. Callaway,
Skaneateles, NY, Aug. 24, 2017.

1957 Donald B. Post,
Springfield, Oct. 18, 2018.

1957 Virginia M. Horton, Milan,
Jan. 24, 2019.

1957 Ivan H. Keithley, San Jose,
CA, Nov. 19, 2020.

1957 Dallas D. Preston MS '67,
Quincy, Oct. 13, 2020.

1957 Marjorie A. Smith,
Thomson, Oct. 24, 2020.

1957 Patricia A. Golby Yepsen,
Kewanee, Nov. 21, 2020.

1957 Mary B. Kerr Fox MS-ED
'68 ED-SP '76, Meredosia, Feb.
26, 2021.

1958 Joanna C. Frye Blaho,
Elmhurst, Apr. 21, 2019.

1958 Ralph "Gene" Nelson, St.
Peter, MN, Jan. 23, 2020.

**1958 Willard D. Youngberg
MS-ED '61**, Rimrock, AZ, Nov.
13, 2020.

1958 Donald W. Dieke MS '70,
Naples, FL, Jan. 4, 2021.

**1958 Rolland "Keith" Gibb
MS-ED '64**, Stronghurst, May 31,
2021.

1958 Duane A. Braden, Moline,
June 18, 2021.

1959 Carl L. Reuter, Freeport,
Aug. 17, 2018.

1959 Raymond E. Peoples,
Galesburg, Dec. 6, 2020.

1959 Marilyn Eagleton Zabel,
Janesville, WI, Apr. 11, 2020.

- 1959 Robert P. Gray**, Kewanee, Jan. 23, 2021.
- 1959 Donald H. Harvey**, Pontiac, Feb. 1, 2021.
- 1959 William L. Wise**, Galesburg, Feb. 22, 2021.
- 1959 Larry D. Redfern**, Palmyra, Apr. 14, 2021.
- 1959 John G. Vanko MS-ED '60**, St. Charles, Apr. 12, 2021.
- 1959 Beverly E. Chapman Ham**, Lincoln, May 8, 2021.
- 1960 Charles W. Brooks**, Ellicott City, MD, June 27, 2017.
- 1960 Roy D. Plattner MS-ED '64**, Scottsdale, AZ, June 13, 2018.
- 1960 Paul E. Gaylord**, Keokuk, IA, Feb. 23, 2019.
- 1960 Sandra L. Roegge**, Arenzville, Feb. 20, 2019.
- 1960 Rogers G. Whitehouse**, Hillsboro, Feb. 1, 2019.
- 1960 James G. Bennett**, Des Plaines, IA, Mar. 2, 2020.
- 1960 Lester D. Carlson**, Washington, Dec. 16, 2020.
- 1960 Frances L. Clark MS-ED '72**, Cuba, Dec. 17, 2020.
- 1960 Helen E. Gehring MS-ED '64**, Port Byron, Feb. 6, 2020.
- 1960 William S. McKinley MS-ED '62**, Sheridan, WY, Mar. 4, 2020.
- 1960 Roger D. Peterson**, Geneseo, Oct. 14, 2020.
- 1960 George O. Baughman MS-ED '68**, Lewistown, Jan. 20, 2021.
- 1960 Kristin M. Quinn Ernst**, Springfield, Feb. 25, 2021.
- 1960 Patricia A. Donovan Suffield**, Cary, Feb. 12, 2021.
- 1960 David R. Marchand**, Sipperville, PA, Apr. 10, 2021.
- 1960 Thomas K. Barnes**, Keokuk, IA, June 17, 2021.
- 1961 Ronald E. Anderson**, Peoria, Aug. 18, 2018.
- 1961 Joyce Y. Nolan**, Cumming, GA, Apr. 6, 2018.
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- 1961 John F. Dunham**, Frankfort, July 25, 2018.
- 1961 Phillip R. Durbin**, Lakewood, CA, Oct. 9, 2019.
- 1961 Wanda L. Harshman**, Dixon, Apr. 5, 2019.
- 1961 Harold E. Henze**, Ammon, ID, Sept. 6, 2020.
- 1961 Jerry L. Honegger**, Forrest, Dec. 5, 2020.
- 1961 Shelby J. Dunivant Reese**, Canton, Sept. 28, 2020.
- 1961 Marvis L. Smith MS-ED '64**, Canton, Mar. 26, 2020.
- 1961 Harold E. Finn**, Murray, KY, Mar. 15, 2021.
- 1961 Sally J. Dahman**, Champaign, Mar. 23, 2021.
- 1962 Christopher H. Brooks**, Oregon, WI, Mar. 9, 2017.
- 1962 Lawrence S. Adolph**, Sugar Grove, July 3, 2018.
- 1962 Betty C. Frank MS**, Moline, Oct. 26, 2018.
- 1962 David M. Johnson**, Peoria, Dec. 11, 2019.
- 1962 Carl J. "Joe" Brooks**, Galesburg, Nov. 14, 2020.
- 1962 Ruth E. Savage Frig MS-ED '95**, Oglesby, Oct. 28, 2020.
- 1962 Ethel B. Hoyt**, Wataga, Nov. 23, 2020.
- 1962 Steven C. Roberts**, Macomb, Oct. 17, 2020.
- 1962 Jerry L. Zuspahn**, Youngstown, June 25, 2020.
- 1962 John J. Helwig**, Nauvoo, June 17, 2020.
- 1962 James William Gilmore**, Orange City, FL, Apr. 30, 2021.
- 1962 Robert L. Pavley**, Canton, June 22, 2021.
- 1962 James S. Lodico MS-ED '75**, Silvis, June 29, 2021.
- 1962 Charles F. Harris**, Buffalo, June 27, 2021.
- 1963 Lawrence R. Eastin**, Woodstock, GA, December 22, 2018.
- 1963 William A. Millington MS-ED '69**, Canton, Aug. 5, 2018.
- 1963 Bonnie L. Madden**, Quincy, June 7, 2019.
- 1963 Ralph W. Ravensschlag**, Ft. Collins, May 20, 2019.
- 1963 Anginetti Lenora Urch**, Chicago, June 7, 2019.
- 1963 Edward E. McClelland**, Macomb, Nov. 26, 2020.
- 1963 John F. Weese CAS '70**, Galesburg, Nov. 25, 2020.
- 1963 Roger I. Uhe**, Pittsfield, Mar. 18, 2021.
- 1963 William D. Collis**, Galesburg, May 19, 2021.
- 1963 Judith A. Harlin O'Connor**, Galesburg, June 5, 2021.
- 1963 Allen B. Hooks**, Arlington Hts, July 8, 2021.
- 1964 Roberta E. Little Childs**, Peoria, Dec. 28, 2019.
- 1964 Mary Frances Rushing**, Pinckneyville, Oct. 25, 2019.
- 1964 Judith K. Turnbull**, Wheaton, Dec. 5, 2019.
- 1964 John L. Bickell ED SP '88**, Burlington, IA, Dec. 11, 2020.
- 1964 Mary B. Buchen Hayes**, Avon, May 8, 2020.
- 1964 David P. Karvonen**, Roseville, MN, Aug. 11, 2020.
- 1964 William G. Winters MS-ED '64**, Bentonville, AR, Nov. 12, 2020.
- 1964 Perry L. McFarland**, Rio, Jan. 11, 2021.
- 1964 William J. Considine**, Wilbraham, MA, Mar. 26, 2021.
- 1965 Michael A. Walsh**, Addison, NY, June 26, 2016.
- 1965 Robert L. Grove**, Galesburg, Apr. 6, 2019.
- 1965 Janice A. Mazovick Story**, Austin, TX, Sept. 29, 2019.
- 1965 Wanda L. Hughes Williams**, Canton, Nov. 19, 2019.
- 1965 Deana J. Hughbanks Brierly**, Bourbonnais, May 10, 2020.
- 1965 Geraldine M. Henrikson Bubon**, Rocklin, CA, July 9, 2020.
- 1965 Walter D. DeWees**, Macomb, Nov. 3, 2020.
- 1965 Frederick C. Green**, Browning, Nov. 5, 2020.
- 1965 David H. Ford MS-ED '69**, Cuba, Jan. 28, 2021.
- 1965 Dorothy M. Gapp**, Dolores, CO, May 3, 2021.
- 1965 Donna M. Trattner Cooper**, Mendota, May 22, 2021.
- 1965 Willam H. Hale**, Caledonia, June 15, 2021.
- 1965 Richard E. David**, Washington, June 27, 2021.
- 1966 Otto B. Brdlik MS**, Mount Laurel, NJ, Oct. 25, 2019.
- 1966 Leo D. Cromien**, Glendale, AZ, Aug. 25, 2019.
- 1966 Charles W. Copenhaver**, Richmond, IN, Dec. 1, 2020.
- 1966 Nancy J. Wilson MS-ED '71**, Macomb, Sept. 3, 2020.
- 1966 Ted R. Myett**, Sugar Grove, Feb. 25, 2021.
- 1967 Beverly J. White**, Roseville, Dec. 16, 2017.
- 1967 Paul J. Augustyn, III**, Mellen, WI, July 11, 2018.
- 1967 Richard T. Hagaman MS '71**, Sacramento, CA, Oct. 2, 2019.
- 1967 Grace M. Reichert**, Ottawa, Mar. 25, 2019.
- 1967 Gene W. Wells**, Ottumwa, IA, March 14, 2019.
- 1967 Robert H. Winstead MS-ED**, Jacksonville, Nov. 11, 2019.
- 1967 John H. Artman MA**, Carthage, Sept. 10, 2020.
- 1967 Richard K. Laible**, Grand Junction, CO, Aug. 9, 2020.
- 1967 Richard A. White MA '72**, Galesburg, Nov. 1, 2020.
- 1967 Stephen C. Robison**, Morton, Feb. 8, 2021.
- 1968 Laura B. Moffet MA**, Oakland, CA, Dec. 25, 2017.
- 1968 Michael J. Bernstein**, Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 4, 2018.
- 1968 Steven M. Eiker**, Galesburg, Sept. 29, 2020.
- 1968 Clyde S. Farwell**, Monmouth, Nov. 4, 2020.
- 1968 Roger J. Lenart**, Elgin, Apr. 23, 2020.
- 1968 Margaret E. "Marge" Mason Melchers MS-ED '81**, Greenwood, IN, Feb. 17, 2021.
- 1968 Wilbur G. Carlton MS-ED '68**, Winnemucca, NV, Mar. 16, 2021.
- 1968 Willaim W. Mateski**, Bettendorf, IA, Feb. 17, 2021.
- 1969 Wayne K. Crow**, Franklin, July 4, 2018.
- 1969 Roger L. Newlon**, Moline, May 31, 2019.
- 1969 Kathleen F. Parkin**, Corydon, IN, Oct. 24, 2019.
- 1969 Janet K. Blanco**, Cary, Dec. 28, 2020.
- 1969 Janet A. Kvidera Jedlicka**, Racine, WI, Nov. 17, 2020.
- 1969 David J. Miller MS-ED**, Moline, Sept. 1, 2020.
- 1969 Mary J. Seiz MS-ED '75**, Springfield, Nov. 15, 2020.
- 1969 Deanna M. Seibert Sumrall**, Lafayette, Jan. 19, 2020.
- 1969 Joanne M. Worrell**, Wataga, Dec. 19, 2020.
- 1969 Jack A. Bensing**, E. Peoria, Oct. 9, 2020.
- 1969 Valerie J. Domianus McManus**, Monmouth, Mar. 1, 2021.
- 1969 Marcia D. Guzzetta Curtis MS-ED '97**, Davenport, IA, June 4, 2021.
- 1969 Donna Verjene Hay**, Springfield, Aug. 9, 2021.
- 1970 Shirley A. Marlow**, Burbank, CA, July 1, 2019.
- 1970 James R. Myers MA**, Pattaya, Thailand, Dec. 4, 2019.
- 1970 Gregory T. Peters**, Florence, KY, Oct. 8, 2019.
- 1970 Peggy A. Prazma**, San Jose, CA, May 17, 2019.

- 1970 Anne K. Ballinger**, Apple Valley, MN, Dec. 28, 2020.
- 1970 Charles T. Bell MS**, Keokuk, IA, Apr. 9, 2020.
- 1970 Debra S. Funke Cox**, Peoria, Jan. 29, 2020.
- 1970 Carolyn K. Farrell MSE**, Dubuque, IA, June 16, 2020.
- 1970 Barbara P. Rymarz Kunschek MS '73**, Valparaiso, IN, Oct. 8, 2020.
- 1970 Steve Canning**, Peoria, Feb. 11, 2021.
- 1970 Willa A. Covert**, LaHarpe, Jan. 28, 2021.
- 1970 Dixie L. Jenks MS-ED '70**, Monmouth, Mar. 13, 2021.
- 1970 Robert A. Constant**, Aledo, May 2, 2021.
- 1970 John M. Tanney**, Princeville, June 17, 2021.
- 1971 William J. Kelly**, Springfield, Feb. 5, 2017.
- 1971 Wanda R. George MS-ED**, Burlington, IA, Dec. 16, 2018.
- 1971 Roseann Hopwood**, Springfield, Aug. 29, 2018.
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- 1971 Patricia A. Leeson**, Barcelona, Spain, Nov. 14, 2020.
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- 1971 Donna K. Murphy Neal**, Elmwood, Nov. 4, 2020.
- 1971 Brenda K. Lidwell Rumler**, Peoria, Sept. 5, 2020.
- 1971 Jeannine S. Hochstatter Russell**, Bushnell, Nov. 3, 2020.
- 1971 John C. Thorpe MA '74**, Fond du lac, WI, Nov. 16, 2020.
- 1971 Phillis Declercq Henderson**, Coal Valley, Apr. 15, 2021.
- 1971 Sandra K. Scott Kilby**, Galesburg, June 23, 2021.
- 1971 Stephen W. Drescher**, Meridian, ID, July 5, 2021.
- 1971 Faye E. Bunch**, Macomb, July 23, 2021.
- 1971 Vickie J. Garman Banks MS-ED '82**, Galesburg, July 24, 2021.
- 1971 Cheryl L. Lawrence**, Chatham, July 23, 2021.
- 1972 Travis H. Murczek**, Chicago, June 10, 2016.
- 1972 Ronald K. Wilcoxon**, Phoenix, AZ, May 11, 2016.
- 1972 Doris B. Broehl Hopper MA**, Jacksonville, Mar. 26, 2017.
- 1972 David M. Oreshack**, Jackson, WI, Aug. 24, 2018.
- 1972 Erik L. Fitzpatrick**, Las Vegas, NV, May 18, 2019.
- 1972 Sharon L. Hosari**, Frankfort, Oct. 7, 2019.
- 1972 Joan E. Olson-Greenberg**, Rockford, Dec. 11, 2019.
- 1972 Linda L. Rankin**, Warren, Feb. 6, 2019.
- 1972 Gary L. Schieferdecker**, Quincy, Sept. 10, 2019.
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- 1972 Donald F. Daudelin MA**, Bloomington, Dec. 3, 2020.
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- 1972 Gloria D. Roskamp Strate Schwartz**, Quincy, Oct. 11, 2020.
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- 1972 Ann Hartnett MA**, Marshall, MO, Feb. 7, 2021.
- 1972 Thomas J. Kolke**, Logansport, IN, Feb. 6, 2021.
- 1972 Michael P. Moore**, Waukegan, Feb. 21, 2021.
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- 1973 Mark R. Ganzer**, Streator, Sept. 15, 2017.
- 1973 Ted D. Jakovec**, Montgomery, Nov. 17, 2018.
- 1973 Thomas M. Likens**, Plainfield, Oct. 16, 2018.
- 1973 Joyce A. Chatten McKinley MA '73**, Quincy, Oct. 2, 2018.
- 1973 Sherry D. Kobus**, Hooks, TX, June 10, 2019.
- 1973 Ina M. Tauchas Koziol**, Green Oaks, Dec. 7, 2019.
- 1973 Ronald E. Lang**, Grand Detour, June 16, 2019.
- 1973 Richard L. Vaughan**, Forrest, Sept. 17, 2019.
- 1973 John D. Irlam**, Springfield, May 9, 2020.
- 1973 Ruby J. Steck**, Carman, Dec. 22, 2020.
- 1973 Dwayne M. "Sonny" Dearing '73**, Spicewood, TX, Dec. 14, 2020.
- 1973 Debra S. Tomlin**, Galesburg, Mar. 17, 2021.
- 1973 Janice M. Temborious Clough MA '73**, Murrysville, PA, July 20, 2021.
- 1973 Lawrence R. Wisnosky**, Mt. Morris, Aug. 9, 2021.
- 1973 Rodney L. Hare**, Coral Springs, FL, Aug. 5, 2021.
- 1974 Arthur L. Johnson**, Chicago, Feb. 18, 2017.
- 1974 Cathy L. Fischer**, Trevor, WI, Sept. 8, 2019.
- 1974 Jack E. Grant**, Naperville, June 1, 2019.
- 1974 Caryn S. Leahy**, Homewood, Dec. 21, 2019.
- 1974 Marsha L. Zielke**, LaSalle, Apr. 14, 2019.
- 1974 Hoyt K. Hayes MBA '75**, Columbia, Oct. 31, 2020.
- 1974 Brian O. Lenstra**, Galena, Aug. 29, 2020.
- 1974 Thomas J. Wennstrom '74**, The Villages, FL, June 18, 2020.
- 1974 David Chadderdon MA '76**, Chicago, Jan. 17, 2021.
- 1974 Leanne L. Porch**, Anderson, IN, Jan. 21, 2021.
- 1974 Robert A. Johnson**, Alexander, May 1, 2021.
- 1974 Christine A. Cramer**, Canon City, CO, April 24, 2021.
- 1974 Cecil E. Porter**, Macomb, May 30, 2021.
- 1975 Helen C. Carlson MS-ED**, E. Moline, Dec. 12, 2017.
- 1975 Evalie D. Hare MS-ED**, Quincy, Aug. 2, 2018.
- 1975 David A. Fowler**, Aledo, Mar. 9, 2019.
- 1975 Roger A. Hewitt MS-ED**, Bushnell, FL, Jan. 29, 2019.
- 1975 Linda M. Wagner**, Volo, July 22, 2019.
- 1975 James A. Isaacson**, Agoura Hills, CA, Dec. 26, 2020.
- 1975 Robert W. McCreight MS-ED**, Austin, TX, Feb. 2, 2020.
- 1975 John A. Olson MS '77**, Roscoe, Dec. 2, 2020.
- 1975 Thomas J. Brock**, Arlington, WA, May 23, 2021.
- 1975 Lori D. Skafidas-Boland**, Carmel, IN, June 20, 2021.
- 1975 Kathleen A. Herrick Sondgeroth**, Peru, July 23, 2021.
- 1975 Fred I. Lueders**, Venice, FL, July 30, 2021.
- 1976 Richard R. Burba**, Woodstock, Sept. 10, 2018.
- 1976 James P. Hartley**, League City, TX, Dec. 22, 2018.
- 1976 Michael W. Hays**, Angola, IN, Sept. 29, 2019.
- 1976 Barbara J. Frank Miller**, Carlisle, Oct. 24, 2019.
- 1976 Christ T. Andronis '76**, Chicago, June 27, 2020.
- 1976 Edward J. Cameron**, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 19, 2020.
- 1976 Rickey E. Hickenbottom**, Carthage, Dec. 27, 2020.
- 1976 Melba McCallister MA '80**, Brently, Aug. 19, 2020.
- 1976 Linda Lanier Spear**, Whitney Point, NY, Oct. 13, 2020.
- 1976 William F. Blackbur**, Shorewood, Feb. 21, 2021.
- 1976 Robert L. Christie**, McCook, Jan. 20, 2021.
- 1976 Richard E. Leatherwood MS '78**, Marietta, GA, Jan. 26, 2021.
- 1976 James F. Scrivener MS '78**, Highland, Jan. 17, 2021.
- 1976 Dale L. Armentrout**, Lake Mills, WI, May 27, 2021.
- 1976 Donna M. Perna Bush**, Madison, WI, June 7, 2021.
- 1976 Mary E. George Skaar MA '77**, Geneva, June 11, 2021.
- 1976 Joan R. Pearson**, Rock Island, June 18, 2021.
- 1976 Stevan C. Brantner**, Byron, July 13, 2021.
- 1977 Billie D. Adams**, Matherville, June 4, 2018.
- 1977 Charles B. Bruyntjens, Jr.**, Davenport, IA, Oct. 12, 2018.
- 1977 Donald R. Brent MS**, Stronghurst, Aug. 18, 2019.
- 1977 Denis J. Mahoney**, Niles, Mar. 3, 2019.
- 1977 Richard S. Mattioda**, Naperville, Dec. 16, 2019.
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- 1987 Dale R. May, Jr.**, Galesburg, July 23, 2020.
- 1987 Peter W. Stickles**, Arlington, VA, Aug. 26, 2020.
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- 1989 Kellie A. Warriner-Doyle MS**, Culpeper, VA, July 7, 2018.
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- 1993 Robert L. Adams**, Land O Lakes, FL, Jan. 26, 2017.
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- 1993 Richard J. Meyer**, Quincy, Apr. 6, 2021.
- 1993 Nola J. Schrock**, Normal, Apr. 4, 2021.
- 1993 Joseph R. Baker**, Spring Bay, Apr. 9, 2021.
- 1993 Frances M. Viers MS**, E. Moline, Mar. 31, 2021.
- 1994 Todd A. Kroner**, Mendon, May 10 2019.
- 1994 Curtis B. Price**, Clinton, Sept. 24, 2019.
- 1994 William R. Chouinard, Jr.**, Sarasota, FL, Nov. 1, 2020.
- 1994 Nicholas C. Lawyer**, Marion, IA, Aug. 30, 2020.
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- 1994 William M. Reathaford**, Galesburg, Sept. 21, 2020.
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- 1994 William P. Conklin**, Rockford, Feb. 14, 2021.
- 1994 Tara M. Schrodt Talone**, Harrisburg, NC, Mar. 16, 2021.
- 1994 Michael S. Garrison**, Dunlap, Apr. 24, 2021.
- 1994 Donald P. Swanson**, Rock Island, May 12, 2021.
- 1995 Preston S. Haig**, Norfork, AR, Apr. 10, 2017.
- 1995 Mark J. Magura**, Portland, OR, Dec. 19, 2019.
- 1995 Olive M. Matthewson**, Oswego, Oct. 24, 2019.
- 1995 Jewell J. Perkins**, E. Moline, Jan. 18, 2020.
- 1995 George D. Clayton**, Spencer, IA, Dec. 6, 2020.
- 1995 Steven O. Macejak**, Lady Lake, FL Feb. 8, 2021
- 1995 Larry "Glenn" Waterfield**, Chillicothe, Mar. 24, 2021.
- 1995 Robert J. Morgan**, Calumet, July 7, 2021.
- 1995 Ty R. Sharify**, Kahoka, MO, Aug. 5, 2021.
- 1996 Joel J. Riley MS**, Davenport, IA, Dec. 9, 2018.
- 1996 James M. Hixson**, Silvis, Jan. 19, 2019.
- 1996 Jo Ellen Panek**, Crystal Lake, Jan. 1, 2019.
- 1996 Phillip C. Jacobs**, Harvard, Jan. 7, 2020.
- 1996 Barbara Slaton MS-ED '09**, Knoxville, Jan. 8, 2021.
- 1996 Geoffrey L. Woitel**, Chicago, Feb. 24, 2021.
- 1996 Betty J. Bleistein**, Polo, Aug. 12, 2021.
- 1997 Ann M. Lafray Hicke**, Brimfield, Nov. 20, 2020.
- 1998 Carrie Lauray Carley-Smith**, Royal Oaks, MI, July 30, 2020.
- 1999 Wyatt W. Young**, Carthage, Mar. 10, 2021.
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- 2000 Mary V. Stoneking**, Knoxville, Aug. 8, 2020.
- 2000 Scott A. Whitson**, Macomb, Oct. 1, 2020.
- 2001 Trevor P. Albrecht**, Paris, WI, Jan. 16, 2021.
- 2001 Joshua D. Jarvis**, Minooka, May 5, 2021.
- 2002 Heidi M. Allen**, St. Paul, MN, Oct. 13, 2016.
- 2002 Peter L. Joyce**, Chicago, Oct. 15, 2016.
- 2002 Kimberly M. Clayton Bush**, Macomb, Aug. 14, 2020.
- 2002 Timothy A. Clevenger**, Bettendorf, IA, Sept. 3, 2020.
- 2003 Roberto P. Ochoa MS-ED '08**, E. Moline, Aug. 31, 2017.
- 2003 Scott E. Lawrence**, Moline, Sept. 21, 2019.
- 2003 Lisa K. Smith Scribner**, Rockford, Aug. 2, 2019.
- 2003 Robert T. Cameron MBA**, Ellisville, Feb. 9, 2021.
- 2003 Heidi E. Heinrich**, Kewanee, Jan. 28, 2021.
- 2003 Samuel L. Splear**, Geneseo, Apr. 11, 2021.
- 2003 Thomas A. Raines**, Chicago, July 1, 2021.
- 2004 Christopher J. Junge**, O'Fallon, June 2, 2020.
- 2005 Christopher S. Ordlock**, DeKalb, Mar. 6, 2019.
- 2005 Dawn Starling Royal**, Pamplin, VA, June 23, 2020.
- 2006 Margaret M. Eaton Rice**, Waterman, Nov. 14, 2020
- 2006 James F. Shaheen**, Dade City, FL, Feb. 4, 2021.
- 2007 Aaron M. Anderson**, Canton, Oct. 13, 2018.
- 2007 Ryan D. Metz**, Boomington, Aug. 22, 2019.
- 2007 Paul A. Lanier**, Springfield, Jan. 24, 2020.
- 2007 Elsie "Marie" Norlen**, Seattle, WA, July 19, 2021.
- 2008 Corey L. Baker**, McHenry, Dec. 3, 2018.
- 2008 Martha L. Havey MD-ED**, Springfield, Oct. 3, 2018.
- 2008 Ryan D. Phillips**, Plymouth, Jan. 30, 2021.
- 2008 Daveid W. Torbert**, Wapella, Feb. 15, 2021.
- 2009 Chris J. Villarreal**, Moline, Nov. 15, 2016.
- 2009 Dean M. Ruebush**, Macomb, Mar. 1, 2021.
- 2010 Andrea L. Porchia-Percy**, Chicago, Oct. 13, 2018.
- 2010 Barbara L. Burns Peterson**, Cambridge, May 28, 2021.
- 2010 Eric S. Skelton**, Geneseo, May 28, 2021.
- 2012 Jennifer M. Powelson**, Macomb, Dec. 21, 2020.
- 2012 Lori A. Luna MS-ED '12**, Moline, July 1, 2021.
- 2012 Jason L. Lambert**, Sandusky, OH, Aug. 16, 2021.
- 2013 Justin M. Valdez**, Malta, Jan. 31, 2021.
- 2014 Cordy Tindell Vivian HD**, Atlanta, GA, July 17, 2020.
- 2015 Nicholas Bradley Berkos**, Nebraska City, NE, May 28, 2020.
- 2017 Brian J. Baze**, Ottawa, Mar. 3, 2021.
- 2018 Lewis "LaVern" McEntire**, Macomb, June 18, 2021.
- 2020 Michael G. White**, Elgin, July 18, 2020.
- Frank J Garbe**, Oswego, July 30, 2018.
- Anita J. "June" Lee**, Macomb, Apr. 7, 2021.
- Alyce G. Huston Hall**, Macomb, May 14, 2021.
- Beverly J. Morris**, Mechanicsburg, Jan. 15, 2021.

- Corinne H. Bieber**, Davenport, IA, Oct. 26, 2016.
- Mary L. DeMarlie**, Reynolds, July 18, 2016.
- Jean Depoy**, Bushnell, Oct. 21, 2016.
- Betty J. Evans**, Belleville, Sept. 24, 2016.
- Jeanne A. Fudge**, Andover, MN, Nov. 18, 2016.
- Nancy J. Geiselman**, Bloomington, Oct. 23, 2016.
- Norman L. Greenburg**, Onarga, Nov. 7, 2016.
- Margaret S. Kaufmann**, St. Paul, MN, Dec. 14, 2016.
- James H. Konrad**, Washington, Apr. 25, 2016.
- Shirley A. Kuhn**, Roswell, GA, Aug. 1, 2016.
- Esther E. "Betty" Kwaterski**, Baileys Harbor, WI, Sept. 3, 2016.
- Larry R. Patterson**, Mesquite, NV, Sept. 1, 2016.
- Shirley M. Wonders**, Lake Zurich, July 9, 2016.
- Richard B. Adams**, Galesburg, Dec. 27, 2017.
- Beth A. Berry**, Wayne, IN, May 23, 2017.
- Richard G. Bickhaus**, Bloomington, June 20, 2017.
- Robert E. Cook**, Colorado Springs, CO, Feb. 9, 2017.
- Donald E. Dahlstrom**, Woodhull, Sept. 25, 2017.
- William J. Deering**, Monee, Aug. 18, 2017.
- Karen K. Dregely**, Wentzville, MO, Nov. 4, 2017.
- Scott D. Frerichs**, Bartonville, Nov. 11, 2017.
- Angela Killam Guthrie**, Springfield, Dec. 10, 2017.
- Michael G. Hoben**, Rock Island, Oct. 19, 2017.
- Joan A. Jacobus**, Parker, SD, Feb. 21, 2017.
- David R. Kidd**, Byron Center, MI, Nov. 24, 2017.
- George Luburich II**, Chicago, Feb. 10, 2017.
- Gary E. Marti**, Bettendorf, IA, June 4, 2017.
- James E. Meyer**, Galesburg, Jan. 15, 2017.
- Vicki L. Murphy**, Canton, Aug. 25, 2017.
- Eleanor K. Mueller Pick**, Barrington Hills, Sept. 4, 2017.
- Joan A. Pirie Nugent**, Westwood, MA, June 30, 2017.
- Ronnie G. Ray**, Greenup, Jan. 19, 2017.
- Robert M. Smith**, Schaumburg, Jan. 29, 2017.
- Eddie Stephens**, Granite City, Aug. 6, 2017.
- Thomas Strey**, Glenview, Jan. 25, 2017.
- Eugene C. Swager**, Peoria, May 9, 2017.
- Robert E. Vaughn, Jr.**, Vermont, Feb. 17, 2017.
- Gerald J. Whiteford, Jr.**, Oak Lawn, Mar. 26, 2017.
- Larry G. Zobrist**, Washington, Oct. 27, 2017.
- Kenneth D. Blue**, Chicago Hts., Mar. 2017.
- Nancy H. Hale**, Downers Grove, Jan. 20, 2017.
- Charlotte S. Murray**, Schiller Park, Aug. 2017.
- Michael B. Bemmers**, Des Moines, IA, July 21, 2018.
- William E. Gelhaar**, Carthage, Aug. 22, 2018.
- Calvin F. Gwynne**, Libertyville, Aug. 17, 2018.
- Dan E. Harvey**, Lacon, Sept. 8, 2018.
- Richard E. Henne**, Birmingham, MI, Dec. 14, 2018.
- Janie Irish**, Colchester, May 26, 2018.
- William R. Looney, Sr.**, Chicago, Aug. 8, 2018.
- James McKinney**, Pittsfield, Mar. 2, 2018.
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- Exie Moore**, Morongo Valley, July 30, 2018.
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- Ernie E. O'Neil**, Clinton, Sept. 17, 2018.
- Charles R. Perry**, Silvis, Nov. 9, 2018.
- Terry F. Peshia**, Oswego, Aug. 9, 2018.
- Allan W. Rosenberg**, Mundelein, Jan. 7, 2018.
- Neil E. Spencer**, Avon Lake, OH, Aug. 22, 2018.
- Brian J. Stone**, Wever, IA, Nov. 23, 2018.
- Lois J. Tanis**, Waukesha, Aug. 29, 2018.
- John E. Wilson**, Coal Valley, May 15, 2018.
- Edward D. Failor**, W. Des Moines, IA, Oct. 22, 2018.
- Earl J. Will**, Cedar Falls, IA, Sept. 13, 2018.
- Barbara J. Gregory**, Kansas City, MO, June 16, 2018.
- Edward L. Harrison**, Carthage, May 24, 2018.
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- Lenore E. Knapp**, Roselle, Sept. 2018.
- Dale O. Kuntz**, Pekin, Dec. 10, 2018.
- Robert D. Leibovitz**, Silvis, Aug. 14, 2018.
- Richard E. Maynard**, Aledo, May 29, 2018.
- Phillip R. Neally**, Sarasota, FL, Oct. 29, 2018.
- Vasant F. Pawar**, Castle Rock, CO, Sept. 24, 2018.
- Maxine T. Trierwiler**, Gurnee, Sept. 23, 2018.
- Norman D. Paul**, Bonita Springs, FL, May 2, 2018.
- Robert F. Bozwell**, Centerville, IA, Oct. 10, 2019.
- Hervin R. Buhr**, Urbana, May 13, 2019.
- William R. Carlson**, Joliet, Apr. 16, 2019.
- Barbara J. Cleeton**, Bakersfield, CA, Oct. 20, 2019.
- Susie W. Crain**, Downers Grove, Dec. 13, 2019.
- Patricia F. Deiters**, Chicago, Aug. 5, 2019.
- Marc H. Dickson**, Galesburg, Apr. 3, 2019.
- David F. Driesbach**, Wheaton, Nov. 17, 2019.
- Paul Findley**, Jacksonville, Aug. 9, 2019.
- Judith A. Forsythe**, Lake Barrington, Nov. 29, 2019.
- Johnny H. Grubbs**, Lockport, Apr. 4, 2019.
- Shirley A. Hornbeek**, Jacksonville, May 20, 2019.
- Marie Louise Hoscheid**, Moline, Nov. 8, 2019.
- Dennis L. Hutton**, Milan, Dec. 8, 2019.
- Monzel M. Jackson**, Quincy, July 21, 2019.
- David L. Kinder**, Garden City, KS, Feb. 27, 2019.
- James C. Kingman**, Moline, Oct. 12, 2019.
- Nona L. Lund**, Watseka, July 13, 2019.
- Dale R. Maloy**, Mendota, June 17, 2019.
- Suzanne Hemp Millon**, Oak Brook, Dec. 11, 2019.
- Jerry M. Myers**, Moline, Jan. 5, 2019.
- Thomas W. Paxton**, Port Byron, Dec. 7, 2019.
- George R. Peak**, Winchester, May 21, 2019.
- Clyde R. Reynolds**, Lincoln, Nov. 22, 2019.
- Gretchen Kay Rigazio**, Oglesby, May 8, 2019.
- Judy L. Rigor**, Chico, CA, Mar. 30, 2019.
- Colby C. Sellers**, Breese, May 27, 2019.
- Harold B. Steele**, Princeton, Feb. 1, 2019.
- William X. Zellow**, Grove, OK, June 26, 2019.
- Jerrold A. Adamson**, Moline, July 31, 2019.
- Anthony C. Raccuglia**, LaSalle, May 18, 2019.
- Stephen A. Harvey**, Rock Island, Sept. 23, 2019.
- Coy R. Abernathy**, Macomb, Sept. 5, 2020.
- Patricia A. Addis**, Galesburg, Aug. 22, 2020.
- Steven R. Beaver**, LaHarpe, July 2, 2020.
- Thomas W. Bollman**, Monmouth, Oct. 30, 2020.
- Sandra S. Botts**, Macomb, Nov. 24, 2020.
- Larry L. Carson**, Colchester, Oct. 13, 2020.
- Claude R. Collins**, LaHarpe, Sept. 14, 2020.
- Katherine M. Dahl**, Barrett, MN, July 26, 2020.
- Avery L. David**, Carthage, June 2, 2020.
- Donato "Danny" DelPrete**, Elkhart, Feb. 3, 2020.
- James H. Edwards**, Rushville, Sept. 9, 2020.
- Phyllis M. Flaar**, Galesburg, Sept. 30, 2020.
- Maryde Forsberg**, Naples, FL, Jan. 5, 2020.
- Joan M. Frey**, Liberty, Sept. 15, 2020.



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AvaNell, Hawkins, Placerville, CA, Mar. 28, 2021.

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Raleigh L. Mitchell, Macomb, Apr. 25, 2021.

Robert D. Henry, Macomb, May 1, 2021.

Norman T. Welker, Macomb, Mar. 12, 2021.

Dennye L. Bullock, Macomb, May 10, 2021.

Martha A. Marshall Sloan, Macomb, May 1, 2021.

Betty A. Hardy, Carthage, May 30, 2021.

Donna M. Caley Hare, Macomb, May 31, 2021.

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William L. Combs Grant City, MO, June 1, 2021.

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Margaret E. Ray Worley, Oregon, June 25, 2021.

Marlene L. De Splinter, Davenport, IA, July 2, 2021.

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Deborah K. Ridge Hazen John, Macomb, July 16, 2021.

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Glenn L. Medhus, Moline, July 19, 2021.

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James E. Gray, Macomb, June 19, 2021.

Colleen K. Lindsey, Geneseo, Aug. 3, 2021.

Martha L. Robbins, Macomb, Aug. 8, 2021.

Steven S. Hester, Nashville, TN, Aug. 11, 2021.

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James P. King, W. Palm Beach, FL, Aug. 10, 2021.

James C. Stocker, Macomb, Aug. 13, 2021.

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