"The right thing to do for generations to come"

- Jim and Barb Kanter, honored for support of Wayne State College
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As many of you are aware, I was formally approved by the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees on June 18 to serve as the 13th president of Wayne State College. I am truly honored and humbled to have this leadership opportunity. Wayne State College has an excellent reputation of being a student-centered institution committed to providing a quality and affordable educational experience that focuses on student success and regional service. This mission fits well with my steadfast commitment to ensure higher education not only remains accessible but also provides a quality learning experience that links to impactful student success initiatives.

I arrived on campus on July 13 and one of my top priorities has been to meet with the students, faculty, alumni, administrators, and staff who are members of this outstanding educational community. I look forward to meeting you and hearing your stories that inspired your loyalty and passion for Wayne State College.

Until we can meet, I thought it would be helpful to share some personal information about me and my family. I always start with explaining my first name since it is quite unique. Marysz is pronounced Maudish, which translates into Mary in Polish. I was named after my grandmother who was an immigrant from Poland. I am married to Steve Rames. He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering with professional experience in the private and public setting. He will be looking for employment opportunities in the Wayne area. Steve is looking forward to moving to Wayne and becoming a Wildcat.

Steve and I are proud parents of two children. Our son Matthew is a junior at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Mo. He is pursuing a degree in interactive digital media. Our daughter Jessica graduated from high school this past May and will begin college this fall at Winona State University in Minnesota.

As Steve and I have made the transition to Wayne, we have been overwhelmed with the warmth and kindness we have received from the campus and community. This is a welcoming community with individuals who have innovative ideas and high aspirations. It will be a privilege to work with such a strong team of dedicated faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and community members committed to making a significant difference in the lives of students, their families, and the region.

In closing, I am looking forward to meeting you this fall and having the opportunity to visit about our college - a place where we help students reach their goals, support high performing faculty, and work collaboratively with our community partners to expand educational opportunities. In the meantime, if you would like to contact me, my email address is Marames1@wsc.edu.
Graduate Invocation

Samantha C. Parolek delivered the invocation at the graduate ceremony. She graduated with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction – instructional leadership.

Parolek, originally from Clarkson, Neb., works as the high school assistant cross country coach, middle school girls basketball assistant coach, and middle school girls track head coach at Douglas County West Community Schools in Omaha. She is the daughter of Ron Parolek of Clarkson and Janice Parolek of Columbus, Neb. Her younger brother, Zachary, graduated the same day with a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State.

Graduate Commencement Speaker

Brenton Patrick Hoesing of Missouri Valley, Iowa, delivered the commencement address at the graduate ceremony. He graduated with an education specialist degree in school administration/educational leadership.

Hoesing earned his third degree from Wayne State. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 2008 and a master of science degree in 2011. He was a varsity letter winner in golf as a Wayne State undergraduate and was the recipient of the Nebraska State Business Education Association Student-Teacher of the Year award in 2009.

Hoesing plans to continue serving as middle school/7-12 athletic director for Missouri Valley Community Schools with an eye toward becoming a school superintendent in the future. He is the son of Dan and Jill Hoesing of Schuyler, Neb. Brent and his wife, Jenna, have a daughter, Rylyn. Brent joined his father, Dan, brother, Brad, and mother-in-law, Gayln Delimont as Wayne State graduates.

Undergraduate Invocation

Alyssa L. Bish delivered the invocation at the Wayne State undergraduate ceremony. The Aurora native graduated with a bachelor’s degree in speech communication with an emphasis in organizational leadership and public relations and a minor in sociology.

While a student at Wayne State, Bish served as Student Senate president for two years; Lambda Pi Eta – Mu Gamma Chapter (national communication honor society); Alpha Lambda Delta (national freshmen honor society); Cardinal Key (women’s junior/senior honor society); Philomathean President’s Honor Society; Phi Kappa Phi (nation’s oldest collegiate honor society); Pi Gamma Mu (International Social Sciences Honor Society); Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society); Public Relations Student Society of America; Rotaract; Color Guard Member; Campus Crusade for Christ; co-director of Wildcat Academy of Leadership and Knowledge; Community Coordinator/Resident Assistant; and College Relations intern.

Her awards at Wayne State include graduating Summa Cum Laude; Rotary scholar recipient; Outstanding Speech Communication Student of the Year 2015; Honors Student; Deans List; National Communication Association Board member; presented research and served on “recruitment of students to the major” panels at seven research conferences nationally and internationally; selected as one of the Student Senate presidents in Nebraska to attend the American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy and Saban Conferences; went to Taiwan and presented at the Technology University Conference; and Wayne State Leadership Scholar Recipient.

Bish will be attending the University of Missouri pursuing a Ph.D. in interpersonal communication with a focus on foster families and public policy. She received the graduate fellowship at the University of Missouri and a teaching assistantship. She is the daughter of Eldon and Cathy Bish of Aurora, Neb. She has a younger sister, Lurena, who is attending Wayne State and will graduate in May 2017.
Dr. H. Nicholas (Nic) Windeshausen joined exclusive Wayne State company when he received an Honorary Doctorate of Pedagogy from Wayne State College during spring commencement exercises in the Willow Bowl. Windeshausen, a resident of Citrus Heights, Calif., has been a Wayne State Foundation trustee since 1994.

Windeshausen was born in Osmond, Neb., in 1923. He married Joyce Pilger on May 3, 1946. Joyce’s great uncle, Adam Pilger, served an instrumental role in the creation of Wayne State by introducing a bill in the House of Representatives on Jan. 23, 1909, to purchase the Normal School in Wayne for the state of Nebraska. The bill was passed on March 18, 1909, and was signed by the governor April 6, 1909. The Normal School at Wayne became Nebraska Normal College at Wayne in 1910. The name was later changed to Wayne State Teachers College. Nic and Joyce raised two daughters and have three grandchildren. Joyce lost her battle with cancer on Jan. 10, 2008.

Windeshausen graduated from University of Nebraska in 1954 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting, a master’s degree in finance in 1955, and a Ph.D. in marketing and management in 1962. Joyce graduated from Wayne State College in 1941 with an associate of arts degree in education and received her bachelor of science in education from the University of Nebraska.

Honorary doctorates granted by Wayne State include Esper Boel and Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr in May 1985; Charles Trimble in May 2002; Alex G. Spanos in 2003; Hilda Neihardt in July 2004; and Dr. H. Nicholas Windeshausen.

Windeshausen received the Honorary Alumnus Award from California State University, Sacramento, in 2003. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Delta Sigma Pi for his 60-plus years of service to the academic world and Delta Sigma Pi in 2011. Windeshausen served as chairman of the Editorial Advisory Board from 1965 to 1969 and was then appointed to Grand Council as Director of Education for Business in 1969. He was a United Way volunteer for many years and a U.S. delegate to five international conferences and was responsible for national, regional and Sacramento, Calif., area functions.

Windeshausen conducted workshops and programs in marketing and management including Peace Corps training programs for the Philippines and Brazil. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for more than three years during World War II. He was named an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy in 1962, an honorary position bestowed by the Nebraska governor since 1930 upon those who demonstrate a commitment to promoting the “good life” in Nebraska. He taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for seven years and at California State University-Sacramento for 30 years, serving as department chair of the marketing department and associate dean.

Windeshausen has conducted Model-Netics training seminars across the country and internationally, including at Wayne State College. The primary objective of Model-Netics is to increase organizational productivity by promoting efficiency and effectiveness of employees. The program is organized around 151 models that deal with the management process, delegation, planning, control, change, problem solving, decision making, motivation, learning and training, communication, selection-evaluation-compensation, and leadership. He has conducted more than 100 programs with Model-Netics, which included Cal-Western Life, Department of Health (State of California), Yuba College (California), California State University (Sacramento), Albany Life (London), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, United Way (Sacramento), American Institute of Banking, California Chapter (San Francisco) and University of California (Berkeley).

Windeshausen was nominated for the honorary doctorate by Wayne State President Curt Frye; Dr. Michael Anderson, vice president for Academic Affairs; Phyllis Conner, executive director of the Wayne State Foundation and vice president for development; Dr. Vaughn Benson, dean of the School of Business and Technology; Dr. Pearl Hansen, professor of art; and Wayne State student Emily Streff.
Ricketts Receives Alumni Award

Jim Ricketts, a 1974 graduate of Wayne State, received the Alumni Achievement Award during the undergraduate commencement ceremony May 9. Ricketts serves as president and chief operations officer of Omaha-based Opportunity Education Foundation (www.opportunityeducation.org).

The foundation serves 1,688 schools in 11 developing countries in Africa and Asia with curriculum, technology, and educational materials along with teacher development. The Foundation has contributed $60 million of support since 2006 to make quality education accessible to children in the poorest of poor areas so they can improve their standard of living.

Ricketts joined Opportunity Education as an experienced businessman, securities attorney, arbitrator, and instructor. He previously served as vice president of TD Ameritrade for 20 years with assignments that included acquisition, legal, compliance and brokerage firm management. He serves the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as an arbitrator and is a past founding member of the National Association of Security Dealers e-Brokerage Committee. He serves on Nebraska's Department of Education Council of International Education. He taught business law and real estate law as adjunct professor at Colorado College.

Ricketts earned his juris doctorate from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego in 1979. He holds Bar Admission in California. Ricketts was ordained a permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Omaha after a four year theology program. He serves Jesus Christ in various ministries in the Church. Louisiana College honored Ricketts' service to students and teachers in Africa and Asia as 2013 recipient of the Trustee's Distinguished Service Award.

Engebretsen Receives Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Barbara Engebretsen, professor of Health, Human Performance and Sport, received the State Nebraska Bank & Trust Teaching Excellence Award. Matt Ley, chief executive officer of State Nebraska Bank in Wayne, presented the award at the spring undergraduate graduation ceremony.

David Ley, the bank’s chairman of the board, established the award in 1998 as a way of recognizing and strengthening outstanding teaching at Wayne State. David Ley and State Nebraska Bank of Wayne support the college in many ways, including scholarships and as a trustee of the Wayne State Foundation Board of Trustees.

This prestigious honor is awarded on the basis of rigorous standards that require a superior level of effective teaching. Engebretsen also was Wayne State’s nominee for the Nebraska State College System Teaching Excellence Award.

Engebretsen serves as a member of the Academic Policies, President’s Council on Diversity, and Service-Learning Advisory committees at WSC. She is a member of the American Physiological Society and the Nebraska chapter. She is a past president of the Nebraska Physiological Society.

She received the Rotary Humanitarian Global Grant in 2014 to fund water wells, sanitation, resource management, and peace and conflict resolution in South Sudan. Some of her work at WSC has involved facilitating student-community activities to promote bicycle culture in Wayne, WSC and the region.

Engebretsen was named the Wayne Rotarian of the Year in 2011 and 2014. She also received the Outstanding Student Presenter at the International Hypoxia Symposium in Banff, Alberta, Canada, in 2003.

She earned her Ph.D. in physiology in 2003 from Colorado State University, her M.Ed. in exercise physiology in 1984 from Colorado State University, and her B.A. in biology and physical education in 1977 from University of California-Riverside. Her academic interests include anatomy and physiology, cardiac rehab, clinical exercise physiology, global health and leadership development. Her research interests include high altitude physiology, exercise and insulin resistance, health disparities and determinants of health.
Wayne State Faculty Retire

Dr. Keith Willis, professor of counseling

Dr. Keith Willis began teaching at Wayne State in 1999, after working as a psychologist for 23 years. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1969, a master’s degree in psychology in 1974, and a Ph.D. in social-personality psychology in 1976, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

During his time at Wayne State, he has taught multiple courses on a range of topics in counseling, alcohol/drug assessment, substance-related and addictive disorders, case planning and management, career development and life planning, multicultural counseling, psychopathology and client strengths, and individual and group assessment.

He has served as chair of the Department of Counseling, advisor for Tau Upsilon Alpha, and co-chair of President’s Council for Diversity. He has been awarded several grants for technology and instructional improvements and was honored for his contributions to service-learning.

“It’s been great to see undergraduate and graduate students complete their education and then meet them in professional positions at regional agencies when I coordinate the service-learning and internship experiences of other students,” Willis said.

He said he plans to continue serving as a counseling consultant with Valley Hope, working on home remodeling projects, visiting and helping care for 16 grandchildren, and gardening.

Dr. Frank Adams, professor of education

Dr. Frank Adams taught in the public schools of North Carolina from 1968 to 1988, teaching English and serving as an administrator in the schools of western North Carolina while earning bachelors, masters and education specialist degrees from Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University.

Upon completion of his masters of special education, he was instrumental in developing a sheltered activity center for adults with a verified handicap condition. Earning a doctorate from the University of North Carolina prepared Adams for being appointed as a professor at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

Adams has been at Wayne State since 1993. He has served on many committees during his tenure at Wayne State College: Academic Policies; Faculty Senate; General Studies; WSC Beautification Committee; Assessment Committee; Graduate Studies; and several NCATE Teams.

Working with the Higher Learning Commission, he has served on 25 various AQIP Systems Review Teams from 1998 to 2013; he has served on several committees associated with the Higher Learning Commission.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Wayne State,” Adams said. “There have been so many challenging events providing multiple opportunities to reflect upon both the challenge as well as the resolution. With so many talented students and faculty encountered, it is difficult to single out one individual who had a greater influence. Wayne State College does a tremendous job of educating the talented students from across Nebraska.”

Dr. Pearl Hansen, professor of art

Dr. Pearl Hansen began her journey in higher education with a bachelor of fine arts education degree from Wayne State College. She earned her master’s degree in sculpture from Kansas State University and her Ph.D. in administration, curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She joined the Wayne State faculty in 1976.

During her time at Wayne State, she taught courses in art appreciation, studio and art education, graduate courses in art, and advanced educational psychology. She served as division head for Fine Arts, chair of the Department of Art and Design, and has overseen the preservation and installation of the Campus Art Collection located in public spaces throughout campus buildings.

Hansen received the National Art Education Award from the National Art Education Association, Nebraska Art Educator of the Year Award from the Nebraska Art Teachers Association, and Nebraska Higher Education Art Educator of the Year Award from the Nebraska Art Teachers Association. Her artwork has been exhibited on campus and in galleries across the United States.

“I look back with appreciation at the brilliant colleagues and teachers in my teaching career and with special gratitude to all the students who touched my human feelings,” Hansen said. “People who know me know I like to get things done. So I’m not retiring. I don’t see myself changing; I’m just changing my environment to my farm, my time in the studio, sunrises and sunsets, and cranking up the music!”
Foundation Honors Kanters With Student Center Naming

“It goes without saying that it takes a lot of time and effort to be successful, and with a good education, life is a lot easier to figure out. I will always appreciate the opportunities that have opened up for me as a result of the good education that I received at a Nebraska state college.”

The Wayne State Foundation honored Jim and Barb Kanter of Minneapolis, Minn., on June 26 with a dinner and program to celebrate the newly named C. James and Barbara K. Kanter Student Center, which was dedicated in May.

The Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees chose to name the center after the Kanters to recognize their major financial support and because they are individuals who bring honor to the college system by their values and work ethic.

Phyllis Conner, vice president for development and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation, introduced and publicly thanked the Kanters at the dinner.

“There is no recognition or naming opportunity that could repay Jim and Barb Kanter for their amazing support for Wayne State College through the Wayne State Foundation – truly, support that includes their time, talent and treasure,” said Conner. “We are eternally grateful for what you have done and that you are part of the Wayne State family.”

The Kanters have financially supported many projects at WSC, including the Willow Bowl restoration, the U.S. Conn Library renovation, the Alumni House renovation, the Barbara K. Kanter Endowed Scholarship, the Service-Learning program and the general fund.

Barb Kanter grew up in Wisner, Neb., and graduated from WSC in 1976 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. She serves as the secretary/treasurer of the Wayne State Foundation and was the recipient of the Wayne State Alumni Service Award in 2010.

Jim grew up in Battle Creek, Neb., and is a graduate of Kearney State College. They are both trustees of the Wayne State Foundation.

Jim and Barb each expressed their gratitude and privilege to be a part of Wayne State College.

“The honor that has been bestowed upon Jim and I in the naming of this building is quite overwhelming,” said Barb. “When this was first brought up by Curt and Phyllis as a possibility, I was reluctant at the thought, because I didn’t feel we needed recognition for something that feels like the right thing to do for generations to come.”

She also credited Wayne State for her education and career success.

“Wayne State was the perfect size for me – I didn’t get lost in a sea of people,” she said. “It goes without saying that it takes a lot of time and effort to be successful, and with a good education, life is a lot easier to figure out. I will always appreciate the opportunities that have opened up for me as a result of the good education that I received at a Nebraska state college.”

Jim stressed that even though they started out with nothing, they truly cared about making a difference in the world together.

“A long time ago, Barb and I were two farm kids trying to find our place in the world. We did not know each other, but we shared one common goal – to gain an education and give ourselves the opportunity to make a difference in the world,” he said.

“Even though we’re being honored by the college and Foundation in the naming of the Kanter Student Center, this has been our privilege to be able to help the Foundation and staff and our fellow trustees to make Wayne State College a better place for the students, faculty and administration,” he said.

“We are overwhelmed with this honor at the naming of the C. James and Barbara K. Kanter Student Center. But it is our honor to be part of something in this college that has done good things for generations, and we hope we can help and continue its mission into the future.”
Ron Holt Award Honors Students for Civic Engagement

Wayne State College President Curt Frye and Dr. Ron Holt presented Alyssa Bish of Aurora, Neb., the 2015 Ron Holt Civic Engagement Award on May 8. Holt, a 1989 Wayne State alumnus, annually recognizes a WSC senior with a “You Make a Difference” plaque, medallion and a $500 award upon graduation. Finalists for the award included Jeremy Fricke of Fremont, Neb., and Michaela Dahmer of Omaha, who were also awarded with plaques and medallions at the May 8 luncheon in honor of the three outstanding graduates.

Bish was honored for serving as an exemplary role model and contributing to service at the college and community at large during her college career, which included service-learning academics and co-curricular projects. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in speech communication with an emphasis in organizational leadership and public relations and a minor in sociology.

Fricke will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall to go into Religious Studies. He has been co-president of Pi Gamma Mu Social Sciences Honor Society; first president of IAG and has been active in promoting religious tolerance and understanding. He helped plan for Saraswati Puja, with Dr. Meena Dalal, a Hindu ceremony to honor the goddess of knowledge. He helped organize “Education is Not a Crime,” a documentary about the plight of Baha’i students in Iran; helped bring to campus “The Citizen,” a movie about an Arab man who arrives in the U.S. the day before 9/11 and is accused of involvement in the plot; organized a field trip to Omaha to visit a Hindu temple and to the Islamic Center to observe midday prayers and the Zen Buddhist Center to meditate. He also was instrumental in creating the Middle East panel at Wayne State College with speakers representing Judaism, Islam, Christianity and the Baha’i Faith, all with roots in the Middle East.

Also helping form Interfaith Action Group (IAG) last spring and was elected first secretary. She worked to establish the group charter and funding from the Student Activities Board. This fall she organized and hosted Maisha Godari, “Women in Islam”; Doug Dittman, Buddhism in Nebraska; Milton Miller, Native American Church; and South San Francisco, Calif. Throughout his educational and professional career, Holt has exhibited outstanding accomplishments as a strong advocate and champion of civic engagement and community service. Holt has received several awards for his community service across the country. He has been awarded the College’s 2004

Fricke was named a 2015 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow. The award recognizes public involvement and motivation to create lasting change.

Dahmer will be attending graduate school in Iowa to study history. She served as secretary and historian of Pi Gamma Mu, a group that created their first all-digital scrapbook this year. She has worked to move the IAG group forward.

“Each of us has unique knowledge, skills, and abilities that can be used to help others,” Holt said. “We each have the ability to make a difference in our own special way.”

Holt is an attending psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Alumni Service Award and the 2012 Alumni Achievement Award.

In addition to his valued work as a trustee of the Wayne State Foundation, Holt has created numerous endowed and annual scholarships at Wayne State College. He began his first annual scholarship in 1989 while a WSC senior.
As I look back on just less than 30 years at Wayne State College, it is all a blur. How can that much time go so quickly? I believe it is because I have enjoyed nearly every minute of the experience.

The college has provided me with opportunities that I would not have had if it wasn’t for this place and the people here who work, study and create a culture of care for one another.

I leave this place proud of what we have collectively accomplished. Student success, learning excellence and regional service are the mission of the institution. I believe that we have been true to that mission and have embraced its meaning.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our employees, our students, and our alumni and friends who have supported me and my team of administrators. We have all worked long and hard to make our mission a reality.

I may be physically leaving the college, but my heart remains here. I have truly become a Wildcat. Go Cats!

Wayne State student Jared Klassen of Wayne, Neb., repeats his commissioning oath at the spring undergraduate commencement ceremony. Klassen commissioned as a second lieutenant with the Colorado Army National Guard after completing the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Wayne State partners with the University of South Dakota to offer ROTC to students wishing to become officers in the United States Army. U.S. Army Captain Jerry Zevecke administered the oath.
Wayne State College in Ethiopia and Nepal

The devastating April earthquakes in Nepal struck a personal chord with Wayne State. The college has a number of alumni from Nepal, and Dr. Barbara Engebretsen, professor of exercise science, and Multicultural Center Director Dr. Leah Keino had been in Nepal just two months earlier to explore strengthening the college’s connections to the region.

Engebretsen and Keino visited Ethiopia and Nepal from Jan. 22 to Feb. 18 to explore opportunities for international service-learning exchanges for WSC students, faculty, and staff. While the college has numerous outstanding faculty-led international study abroad programs in Greece, Taiwan, and Costa Rica, there are none in Africa, an under-studied continent by most Americans. Ethiopia, a land-locked country in the Horn of Africa, was selected because it has a rich historical and cultural heritage, occupies a unique place in global politics as the home of the African Union, has a mild climate, and has maintained political stability and security in recent years.

Nepal was initially selected because it is the home of the Himalaya, beckoning Engebretsen, an altitude physiologist by training. But more importantly it was identified because of many personal connections with students from Nepal, and because of its unique location sandwiched between China and India, integrating Asian and Indian cultures.

After meeting with university officials in three public universities and visiting UNESCO World Heritage sites in Bahir Dar, Gonder, Lalibela, Dessie and Addis Ababa in Ethiopia, WSC has been invited to partner with Bahir Dar University, located in northwestern Ethiopia by Lake Tana, hence the school motto “Wisdom at the Source of the Blue Nile”. This is a comprehensive university with various undergraduate programs that will allow for development of long-term engagement with disciplines in each of the WSC schools.

Engebretsen and Keino visited educational institutions in Kathmandu and Pokhara, Nepal, being invited to partner with health professionals and academics at Children’s Hospital for Eyes, ENT and Rehabilitative Services (CHEERS) in Kathmandu. CHEERS has various outreach clinics and a unique extension model. It also has a collaborative partnership with Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, one of the country’s well-established public universities. Engebretsen also is working closely with the Kathmandu Research Center for the Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies, which has a long history of coordinating international exchanges.

It is their friendship with CHEERS that has allowed WSC alumni brothers from Nepal, Dipendra Pokhrel ’11 and Bipul Pokhrel ’14, to coordinate relief activities in partnership with Rotary of Wayne, Providence Medical Hospital in Wayne, and Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk to ship a container of medical and humanitarian supplies to Nepal in response to the April-May earthquakes.

Engebretsen is preparing proposals for Fulbright fellowships to fund short-term returns to Ethiopia and Nepal, as she will continue to formulate logistics and plans with host partners to launch the first WSC International Service-Learning exchange for WSC students in May or June 2017.

One final note of interest: While in Ethiopia, Engebretsen and Keino gave WSC Track and Field gifts to Olympic Champion Haile Gebrselassie, a retired Ethiopian long-distance track and road running athlete who won two Olympic gold medals and four World Championship titles in the event. The trip was unforgettable and laid the ground work to provide a unique and enriching service-learning opportunity in a developing country for WSC students, faculty and staff. Learn more about their trip to Ethiopia and Nepal by viewing their Facebook page, “Wayne State College in Ethiopia and Nepal”: https://www.facebook.com/WayneStateCollegeISL
Dr. Tammy Evetovich, Dr. Donovan Conley and Paul McCawley from the Department of Health, Human Performance and Sport, coauthored a research paper titled “Postactivation Potentiation Enhances Upper- and Lower-Body Athletic Performance in Collegiate Male and Female Athletes” that was published in the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research 29(2):336-342, 2015. The paper represents a collaborative effort examining data related to the effects of postactivation potentiation on athletic performance from several research projects completed in the HHPS Human Performance Laboratory.

Dr. Kris Fox, associate professor of allied human sports physiology, reports that the college exercise science program has successfully met the established educational program criteria in strength and conditioning and has been recognized by the National Strength & Conditioning Association. This is a three-year recognition status. The exercise science program has received this recognition in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, and 2015.

Jim Hansen, lecturer in the CTIS department, continues involvement with IBM’s Academic Initiative, which includes access to software downloads, hardware, training and course materials, most at no charge. Through this collaboration, WSC mainframe students have access to IBM mainframe computers located at Marist College in New York State.

Dr. Don Hickey, professor of history, consulted with the U.S. Post Office on four stamps commemorating the War of 1812. Hickey is quoted on the sheet of the last stamp, which was issued Jan. 8, 2015, to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. Hickey’s tenth book, Glorious Victory: Andrew Jackson and the Battle of New Orleans, was published in April by Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Mike Hull, assistant professor of physical sciences, has been accepted to present recent research findings on positive impacts of reformed physics curriculum. The talk will be at Tokyo Gakugei University in Japan this August and potentially at the Physics Education Society of Japan annual meeting in Fukuoka immediately following. The research findings have been submitted for publication in Physical Review.

Dr. Karl Kolbeck, assistant professor of music, performed as part of the ICA Professors Ensemble at the 2014 International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest held July 30-August 3 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. Kolbeck, along with fellow clarinetists from Texas, presented a lecture recital titled Chamber Music at the inaugural Clarinet Colloquium held June 11-13 in Dallas.

Dr. Brian Kufner, assistant professor of human resource management, presented “What Students Need to Know to Not Get Fired,” at the 2015 National Business Education Association National Convention held March 31-April 4, in Chicago.

Dr. Michael Marek, professor of electronic media, had a drawing selected for the Norfolk Arts Center 8th Annual Juried Show (April 2 – May 1). “Duality” a charcoal integration of technology and language instruction to enhance EFL learning” at a Technology Enhanced Language Learning-Special Interest Group conference in Taichung, Taiwan. Marek also presented a paper titled “Creating Sustainable Task-based CALL Instructional Design” at the 16th International CALL Conference in Antwerp, Belgium. The paper has been published in the proceedings of the conference.

Dr. Max McElwain, professor of communication arts and faculty adviser for the Wayne Stater, was invited to the fall meeting of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics in Washington, D.C., in September. His account of the meeting, “Empty rhetoric on slowing sports spending,” was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on Oct. 17. On Flag Day, June 14, an opinion page commentary on the recent passing of his father appeared in the Omaha World-Herald, titled “American flag represents diverse range of freedoms and choices.”

Marlene Mueller, professor of art, had a drawing selected for the Norfolk Arts Center 8th Annual Juried Show (April 2 – May 1). “Duality” a charcoal awarded “Best of Show” in the competition, which featured the work of area artists from northeast Nebraska. Mueller also coordinated and co-chaired a presentation on animation at the national FATE (Foundation in Art Theory Education) conference March 25-28 in Indianapolis.
Dr. Dave Peitz, professor of chemistry, served as research adviser for the following students’ projects: Mariah McAfoos presented “Synthesis of eugenol derivatives as the basis for a comprehensive series of organic laboratory exercises” at the American Chemical Society Regional meeting in Columbia, Mo., Nov. 13, 2014; Zachary Reisen presented “Expanding the uses of liquid carbon dioxide as a solvent for undergraduate chemistry reactions” at the American Chemical Society Regional meeting in Columbia, Mo., Nov. 13, 2014; chemistry students Mariah McAfoos and Jon Davis presented “Reactions of eugenol and eugenol derivatives for organic synthesis laboratory and techniques”; and chemistry student Zachary Reisen presented “Developing liquid carbon dioxide as a solvent for organic synthesis”, at the 135th Nebraska Academy of Sciences annual meeting, April 17 in Lincoln.

Dr. Lesli Rawlings, assistant professor of geography, will have her paper, “Creating an Interactive Web Map: A Service-Learning Project Aligned to the Geospatial Technology Competency Model,” published in the October-December 2015 issue of International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research. The paper is based on her class exercise, where students create an interactive Google Map for the City of Wayne, which depicts historic buildings and artwork in the downtown area.

Dr. Gretchen Ronnow, professor of literature, taught academic and professional writing courses at the Ural Federal University in Ekaterinburg, at the Barnaul State Pedagogical University and at the Poly-Technical University in May 2014 in Barnaul, Siberia. Some of the lectures and workshops were for university faculty of all disciplines intending to improve their English and writing skills, and some of the classes were for university students planning to become teachers of English.

Dr. Tara Wilson reports that Wayne State was approved to have a Chi Sigma Iota chapter to recognize graduate students seeking a degree in clinical mental health counseling. Chi Sigma Iota is an international honor society that values academic excellence in counseling. It promotes a strong counseling identity by promoting scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy, and excellence in counseling, and to recognize high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence in the profession of counseling. Ten new members were welcomed in the inaugural class. Current officers include: Paula Peterson, president; Kelli Means, vice president; Cassandra Hoffart, treasurer; Erin Polacek, secretary; and Tina Wickersham and Ashton Ohde, historians. Wilson serves as the chapter faculty adviser and Dr. Branis Knezevic serves as the backup chapter faculty adviser.

Joshua Piersanti and 12 Wayne State graphic design students collaborated with the A. Jewell Schock Museum of Natural History to create a large-scale timeline, illustrating the geological and biological history of the Earth. Thanks to funds from Service-Learning, the timeline was professionally printed on aluminum composite and is on display in the museum in the Carhart Science building. Piersanti and 10 Wayne State graphic design students collaborated with the Wayne Junior/Senior High School to restore a large damaged historical photograph of the Wayne Junior High football team during the fall. The photo, recently uncovered, dates from 1956 and was taken in front of the former High School building. Thanks to funds from Service-Learning, the restored photograph was professionally matted and framed, and is on display at Wayne Junior/Senior High School. Piersanti, Chris Holton, and 28 Wayne State graphic design students collaborated with the college’s Conn Library to restore damaged historical photographs dating from the early 1900s of the campus, faculty, and students, during spring semester. Thanks to funds from Service-Learning, the restored photographs were professionally matted, framed, and are scheduled to be delivered to the Library to be exhibited in buildings across campus.

Piersanti Wins Graphic Design Award

Joshua Piersanti, graphic design professor at Wayne State, received the Graphis Gold Award for his work on the poster “Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004.”

The work is included in the Graphis Social & Political Posters Collection, which features the most visually compelling posters selected from international entries.

“I’m honored to receive the Graphis Gold Award and to see Wayne State College named next to other recipients, who include the world’s top graphic design agencies, such as Milton Glaser and Pentagram,” said Piersanti.

To create a connection to historical times, the poster uses a mosaic tile pattern, similar to that found in ancient southern Asia. To help communicate the overwhelming power and swiftness of the disaster, the depicted tsunami has characteristics suggestive of a sea monster. The single human hand raised above the water focuses attention on the individual lives lost.
Gray Conducts Unique Cancer Research

For a chance to use cutting edge technology rarely available at large college campuses, look no further than Wayne State.

And a student at Wayne State College doesn’t even have to wait until they’re in graduate school to use it. This technology is available to undergraduates in WSC’s life sciences department.

Recent graduate Shawn Gray ’15 of Norfolk, Neb. is one of those students. He used the qRT-PCR system equipment for cancer research, examining the role that telomerase, a protein enzyme, plays in cancerous cells.

“What really interested me in this research is the global effect the telomerase protein has on cancer, which is one of the most detrimental diseases around today,” said Gray, whose mother was diagnosed with breast cancer at one time.

“Fortunately, my mom was able to recover, but many people do not, and I think telomerase is a major target for future cancer therapy.”

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A genetics course with Dr. Doug Christensen, professor of biology at Wayne State, introduced Gray to basic cellular processes, which eventually led to his investigation.

The class learned about a part of the cell called telomeres, which act like timers for a cell – as the cell continues to divide, the telomeres shorten, and when the telomeres get too short, the cell dies. This is a good thing, because as the cell replicates, the copies are less accurate and it begins to develop mutations. A new young cell (from stem cells) takes over with a fresh slate of good DNA.

Telomerase is an enzyme protein that makes cells continue to replicate by lengthening the telomeres. This enzyme doesn’t function in normal cell replication (it’s usually just needed for a developing fetus, or a human being would not grow). Unfortunately, telomerase is activated in cancerous cells, and they continue to replicate with the mutations.

Gray’s strategy was to eliminate telomerase by stopping its production in these cell cycles. He used small interference RNA (siRNA) to shut down matching messenger RNA (mRNA) in the cell. mRNA is essentially needed for protein (or enzyme) production (in this case, the telomerase). With the lack of mRNA, Gray was able to successfully put an end to the telomerase production.

He used a variety of equipment, all available to undergrads at WSC – including an ELx800 plate reader (to measure the concentration of telomerase), Illumina PCR System (to quantify the telomerase mRNA), a tissue culture lab and an incubator.

Because of the chance to use these resources, Wayne State offered Gray a rare opportunity. Not only did he initially choose WSC because of “their high quality science program,” he said, but also because he was somewhat place bound – he lives in Norfolk with his fiancé and four-year-old daughter. Everything came together just right.

Gray graduated in May with bachelor’s degrees in biology and chemistry, but his interest in science began long before starting at WSC.

“I was always interested in science; however it wasn’t until my senior year of high school when I took an advanced chemistry course that I decided I wanted to become a research scientist,” he said. “The class was so engaging (much more than all my other classes), and I felt challenged by the content, an attribute that was lacking in many other subjects.”

Gray plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2016, allowing his fiancé to finish college. His first choice is the biochemistry program at the University of California-Berkeley. Until then, he will be working as a lab technician for a research company.
Equipped for Success

Wayne State’s science programs recently upgraded much of the equipment used in the Carhart Science Building. Wayne State undergraduates regularly use scientific equipment that is usually reserved for graduate students at any other college or university in the state.

Microscopy

The Phenom Pure Scanning Electron Microscope is a new addition to WSC and can capture images that are magnified up to an incredible 65,000x magnification.

The Leica DMA 6000B Inverted Epi-florescent Microscope can be used to see individual components within a cell by tagging them with florescent stains.

Dissecting scopes are used to view objects that are “larger” in scale such as insects. WSC has a number of these scopes including a Leica MS5.

Some high end compound microscopes include Zeiss Digital Capture Scopes and for general use WSC has recently added more than 60 Labomed CXL compound microscopes with oil emersion capability.

DNA/RNA Technology

The Illumina Eco qRT-PCR System is for gene regulation studies. This recently added unit can determine the rate at which a gene is being expressed. For example, how much more active is a specific gene in a cancer cell as compared to a healthy cell?

The Syngene G Box Gel Imager captures images of DNA, RNA and protein gel profiles and allows for documentation of the success of a wide range of molecular procedures.

Two thermal cyclers, including the Techne Touchgene Gradient Cycler, allow for the rapid amplification of DNA. This is a workhorse in the lab and can be used for research ranging from forensic science to generating specific mutations in specific genes.

Eppendorf 2510 Electroporation system. This system electrocutes bacterial cells in a manner that allows us to introduce a new gene into the organism (gene cloning).

The Visible Genetics Open Gene Sequencer allows us to determine the exact sequence of DNA for any gene.

Nanodrop ND-1000 Spectrophotometer is indispensable in a molecular lab. This device determines how much DNA/RNA or protein is in a sample by using about 1000th of a drop of fluid. Multiple Gel Electrophoresis boxes allow us to determine the size of proteins, DNA and RNA fragments.

Protein Technology

The BIO-TEK 96 well Plate Reader can determine how much protein is present in 96 samples in a matter of seconds. It is commonly used for Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISA’s).

Owl Semi-dry Blotter. This system allows Protein from a gel matrix to be transferred to a nitrocellulose material for analysis.

If we need to harvest a protein we are trying to over-express, we often make use of the Beckman Coulter Floor Model Refrigerated Centrifuge.

Have tissues or cells that tough to lyse open? The Fisher Sonic Dismembrator, Omni Tissue Grinder and Biospec Beadbeater will help.

Biosafety Equipment

Since we often work with live bacteria and viruses, we need to make sure to inactivate them prior to disposal. A new Steris Amsco Lab Steam Sterilizer does the job.

To ensure that germs do not spread, Nu Aire Labgaurd Class II Biosafety Cabinets are used when handling certain organisms.

Tissue Culture Facility

Growing eukaryotic cells requires special conditions. The Fischer Isotemp CO2 Incubator provides the correct environment for growth while the International Cryogenics Liquid Nitrogen Cell Storage Unit will keep the organisms frozen for years if needed.

If you need to harvest cells, use the Beckman CS-R Refrigerated Centrifuge and examine the cells easily with a Lieder Inverted Microscope.
Wayne State Foundation Secures Conn Library Funding

U.S. Conn Library was named in honor of Wayne State College’s first president, U.S. Conn, who served from 1910 to 1935. It was originally constructed in 1956 and expanded in 1970 with an addition bringing the total square feet to almost 69,000. After an extensive and collaborative process, a renovation plan was developed to 1) upgrade an older building that has a significant number of code issues, outdated building systems, energy inefficiencies and asbestos concerns, 2) enhance and positively facilitate student learning, 3) design a library for learning excellence. The phased construction began May 2014 and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2017. The renovation is phased to allow students, faculty and others to use the library during construction. The renovation is going well, and as of July, the work is 50 percent complete.

The Wayne State Foundation’s role in funding the renovation was to secure the shortfall of $3.1 million. The library campaign has been successfully completed with a series of key gifts that encouraged our trustees, alumni and friends to make extraordinary gifts to earn the challenge grants and matching grants to reach our goal. A lead gift of $750,000 from the Gardner Foundation launched the campaign; the Peter Kiewit Foundation provided a challenge grant of $500,000; Jim and Barb Kanter made a major strategic gift that matched Kiewit and positioned us to go to another Omaha foundation that awarded a matching grant of $500,000.

The library project is more than just a renovation: an “academic commons” area is being created at Wayne State for learning excellence for twenty-first century students. Modern libraries increasingly provide a connecting point for students, faculty and staff to access information in multiple formats and from many sources within a space that allows for multiple modes of learning, sharing and collaboration. Modern libraries, according to the latest research and feedback from the Wayne State community, should provide a space in which users do more than check out materials or thumb through books lining long metal shelves. The newly renovated library will definitely meet these criteria with its collection of 266,000 books stored in an efficient shelving system, full internet access and state of the art technology.
Regional service is an important component of the mission of Wayne State College, which includes providing cultural opportunities to students, the community of Wayne and Northeast Nebraska. Jeanne Gardner was a champion of the arts and this initiative honors her and the legacy she left with our campus and Northeast Nebraska. With a fundraising goal of $500,000, the Jeanne Gardner Black & Gold Performing Arts Endowment will secure funding to bring back annual shows that include full-scale opera and theatre productions, dance performances, orchestras, chamber music and Emmy-winning actors.

Previous Black & Gold Series performances include the Russian Ballet, Chinese Acrobats, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, The Mitchell-Ruff Duo and many more.

Gardner established the Little Red Hen Theater located in Wakefield, Neb. With the help of volunteers, she was the impetus and driving force that turned what was once a feed mill into one of Northeast Nebraska’s favorite community theaters. Since opening the curtains in 1992, more than 60 plays have taken place at the Little Red Hen Theater. Gardner was also president of the Gardner Foundation. Founded in 1990, the Gardner Foundation is a major benefactor of the Wayne State Foundation and its initiative to support the college. Dan Gardner died in 2001, but that did not hinder the continued support Jeanne shared with the college and region up to her death Sept. 17, 2014, at the age of 83.

Gardner was born in Emerson, Neb., and graduated from Emerson High School in 1948. She graduated from Wayne State College with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She was married to Daniel Gardner in 1953 and was the proud mother of Alan, David, Kirk and Leslie. As a young mother she was involved in a number of activities in the community and later became a founding member of the Nebraskans for the Arts.

Creating an endowment to fund live performances at Wayne State College for students, the college community and the region is a fitting legacy for Jeanne Gardner ’67, who contributed so much to the cultural opportunities in the region. Because the endowment will exist in perpetuity, it will ensure funding for Black and Gold performances and honor a Wayne State College alumna who had a transformational impact on Wayne State College.

Dr. Don Mash, Wayne State College President from 1988 to 1998, expressed his admiration and spoke publicly in September at the Wayne State Foundation Annual Meeting about Jeanne’s role in launching the “Building Bright Futures Campaign” the first comprehensive capital campaign and the major gift from the Gardner Foundation.

If you are interested in supporting the Jeanne Gardner Black & Gold Performing Arts Endowment, please contact us.
During freshmen registration day May 21, Michael Anderson sat down next to his son Tim, both of Wakefield, Neb., during a break and offered him a bit of personal advice about his upcoming college experience.

“Don’t have any regrets,” Michael said matter-of-factly, as they talked about the possibility of Tim trying out for the football team. “When you get done with school, you’re going to look back and say, ‘Well, I might have been able to.’ At least try it.”

That advice could be said about anything, but there are few people that can give it as sincerely as Michael did – because he has his own regrets since graduating high school in 1993.

Twenty-two years later, however, Michael is working to erase those regrets. This fall, soon after he turns 40 on Aug. 4, he will begin classes at Wayne State College as a first-time freshman and full-time student, in the same graduating class as Tim, and below his oldest son, Devin, who will be a junior at WSC.

Michael will be majoring in secondary education. He is considering a math endorsement, as well as a history or social science secondary endorsement. Tim has chosen accounting, and Devin is working on an agribusiness degree.

Michael had considered going to college after he graduated from Wakefield High School, but not long after high school, he and his wife, Heather, found out they had a son, Devin, on the way.

“We hadn’t had a chance to get started before we found out, so we bit the bullet and decided we needed to grow up at that time and raise our family,” he said.

And he’s glad he did. He said he is tremendously proud of their accomplishments and the people they’ve become. And beginning his pursuit of a college degree, his efforts to lead and teach them haven’t stopped.

“I just want to make sure they know you take all the opportunities available to you,” he said. “And this is an opportunity that I have, so I want to fulfill that and continue to lead them in that way. I know if I didn’t do it now, I would never get it done, so I want to finish what I started back then.”

After Michael and Heather married and later welcomed Tim, they focused all their efforts into raising a good family. Michael took on several jobs during the time his sons were growing up, including sanitation, production and manager positions for Michael Foods (an egg processing facility in Wakefield), housing construction and farmandhand work, and truck driving, which he said he has spent the most time doing. Heather worked as a CNA for years.

Michael is currently working for Michael Foods and has adjusted his work schedule so he can attend classes in the morning and work in the afternoon and evening.

“I have people that can help with homework,” he smiled as he looked at Tim. “I built a network of young friends who are going to be attending Wayne State, so I know I’ll have help if I need it.”

It also works out that Michael and Tim get to take two classes together this fall – World History and Introduction to Philosophy. Both will also be enrolled in the Honors Program, and Michael said they have a bet on who’s going to have the higher GPA, bringing out friendly competition that will push them both to achieve higher.

As a nontraditional student, Michael knows college is not going to be as easy as it would have been right out of high school. But bypassing college at the traditional time actually turned out to be a good thing for him. He said education is not the career he would have picked coming out of high school. Instead, it would have been engineering.

That’s completely changed now. “Because of raising the two boys and being exposed to opportunities with younger kids, I’ve discovered what I really want to do is make a difference in kids’ lives,” he said.

The complete story is online at wsc.edu/newscenter
Challenge for the Wayne State Class of ‘62

Dick and Becky (Lyman) Keidel, both class of 1962, are challenging their class to bring the Class of 1962 Scholarship to an endowed level of $10,000. The Keidels will meet the challenge by offering a matching gift up to $2,500, allowing the scholarship to reach the full endowed amount that will generate approximately a $400 scholarship for a deserving student. Initiatives to endow the class of 1962 scholarship come in light of the recent passing of their classmate, Max F. Bretscher of Zurich, Switzerland, on April 28, 2015. Bretscher spent time at WSC as a foreign exchange student and created many lifelong friendships during that time. To give to the Class of 1962 Scholarship in memory of Max Bretscher, you can mail your gift to the Wayne State Foundation at 1111 Main Street, Wayne, Neb., 68787, or give online at www.wsc.edu/foundation. For information or assistance, contact Sara Bebee, director of alumni relations, at 402-375-7370 or sabebee1@wsc.edu.

Max F. Bretscher

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After opening its doors in March 2011, the College Center is in its fifth year of operation at the satellite campus. Students are able to complete an associate degree and a bachelor’s degree in business administration, criminal justice, elementary education and human service-counseling while remaining close to home and enjoying the lowest tuition in the Siouxland area.

Jose Chavez of South Sioux City graduated this spring with a B.S. in business administration/professional studies. Chavez worked for Kent Feeds in the Sioux City area while in school. He was originally planning to go to Wayne State’s main campus, he said, but by going to the College Center, he could stay close to his home and family, and didn’t have to move or change jobs.

Besides the convenience, Chavez said the small classes and instructors who drove from Wayne were two unique perks to his College Center education.

“The teachers were friendly and knowledgeable in their field,” he said. “It was great because the instructors really believe in you. They're really small classes with lots of face-to-face time. You really get to know the professors, and their experience and knowledge. They actually know your name. It’s easier to do that in small classes. At a large campus, they don’t know your name – you’re just a number. If you’re struggling, they will help you and answer your questions.”

Chavez plans to find a job in human resources in the Sioux City area and begin working toward an MBA.

Lucia Tellez-Castillo, also of South Sioux City, is another spring graduate who was able to complete her degree while working as a paraprofessional at South Sioux City Community Schools. She earned a B.S. in elementary education and has already interviewed for a teaching position.

Tellez-Castillo began classes in 2007, but then came another part of life – she got married and had a son. She continued working but wanted more.

“I loved my job as a paraprofessional so much, my co-workers and the principal encouraged me to go back and get my four-year degree,” she said.

With her work during the day, Tellez-Castillo’s education consisted of night, online and summer classes.

“It opened doors to get an education while keeping my other part of life,” she said. “The College Center is able to offer classes to people that are working full-time and make it accessible to nontraditional students so we can get our four-year degree.”

This spring, Northeast graduated 51 students who took all of their classes at the College Center. Wayne State graduated 16. Pam Miller, Dean of the College Center, said this is the highest number of graduates since the center opened.

“These students are to be commended for their dedication to their dream of achieving a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State,” said Miller. “They had many things on their plate at home and at work and above all else, studied hard to achieve success. They took all of their classes at the College Center including their first 60 credit hours from Northeast Community College, earning an associate degree as they continued on with their Wayne State classes to earn their bachelor’s degree. I am very proud of them and excited to see them thrive in their new careers that are awaiting them.”
Schomberg Project Complete

A. Thomas ’64 and Cynthia Schomberg recently completed their three-year project for the Detroit Athletic Club, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the club. A. Thomas Schomberg’s work can be found in the permanent collections of the National Art Museum of Sport, Indianapolis, Ind.; the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio; the Shenyang National Gallery, Beijing, China; the Adare Manor, Adare, Ireland; the United States Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, Colo.; the International Volleyball Headquarters, Lausanne, Switzerland; the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.; March Air Force Base Museum, Riverside, Calif.; Yankee Stadium, New York; the Astrodome, Houston, Texas; the Superdome, New Orleans, La.; the Felix Stamm Stadium, Warsaw, Poland; the San Diego Hall of Champions Museum, San Diego, Calif.; Quantico Marine Base, Quantico, Va., as well as many others.

Wording Your Will

Whether you are at the beginning stage of drafting a will or finishing the details, the Wayne State Foundation can help. From time to time, we receive phone calls from attorneys wanting to know the full legal name of the foundation and sample bequest language for their clients. Please feel free to share the following information with your legal advisors to find an option that works best for you.

UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST

I give to Wayne State Foundation the sum of $__________ (or ___% of my estate; or the property described herein) for its general purposes.

SPECIFIC BEQUEST

I give to Wayne State Foundation the sum of $__________ (or ___% of my estate; or the property described herein) to be used for ____________________(specify purpose).

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All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Wayne State Foundation for its general purposes.

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I devise and bequeath the residue of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal, and wherever situate, to my wife,__________, if she survives me. If my wife does not survive me, I devise and bequeath my residuary estate to Wayne State Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, located in Wayne, Nebraska, USA, for its general purposes.

Contact Kevin for more information on how to put the Wayne State Foundation in your estate plans.
Women's Track Records Best-ever Finish at NCAA National Championship

It was a record-breaking season for the Wayne State College women's track and field team. The Wildcats recorded their best-ever finish at an NCAA national championship, tied for eighth in the outdoor season with 26 points, while senior Sara Wells capped a stellar career as a Wildcat by winning shot put national titles during the indoor and outdoor season to become the first WSC athlete to win two NCAA titles in the same year.

Wells, a graduate of Boone Central High School, broke her own school record three times at the NCAA Indoor Championships in March at Birmingham, Ala., capturing the shot put national title with a top mark of 54' 2 ½". Wayne State had three other athletes compete at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Sophomore Michaela Dendinger (Hartington HS) was 17th in the weight throw (55' 11") and also competed in the shot put while Ainsworth freshman Shandan Platt recorded a 10th place finish in the shot put (46' 2 ½").

Redshirt freshman Braxton Adams represented the Wildcat men's team at nationals in the 60 meter dash and came in 14th place with a time of 6.85 seconds.

Numerous school records were set by both teams during the outdoor season, capped by the tie for eighth place by the Wildcat women's team at the NCAA Championships in Allendale, Mich.

The Wildcat men's team set three school records during the outdoor season. Adams ran 10.58 seconds in the 100 meter dash to eclipse the previous school mark of 10.68 seconds held by Tim Pilakowski in 2007. Sophomore Derek Lahm set a new decathlon school record with 6,638 points and the 4 x 100 meter relay team of Kole Heller, Adams, William Ernst and Lahm broke a 22-year old record with a time of 41.43 seconds, breaking the previous mark of 41.77 seconds in 1993 set by Damon Thomas, Jerry Garrett, Wilson Hookfin and Scott Fleming.

Three Wildcat women's athletes qualified in five events for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships with four bringing home All-American honors.

Wells won a second straight shot put national title, recording a top mark of 52' 5 ½" and also placed third in the discus at 175' 6".

Dendinger unleashed a new school record throw of 178' 3" in the discus to place second at nationals while also placing seventh in the shot put (49' 5 ¼") to earn a pair of All-American honors.

As a team, Wayne State tied for eighth in the women's team standings with Hillsdale and St. Augustine's scoring 26 points.
The Wayne State College athletic department recognized its top student athletes for the 2014-15 school year on May 4 at the annual Athletic Honors Banquet sponsored by Ameritas. Seven major awards were announced at the banquet along with Most Valuable Players for each sport.

Junior baseball player Nathan Ackerman was selected Male Athlete of the Year while senior track and field national champion Sara Wells was named Female Athlete of the Year. Basketball players received Freshman Athlete of the Year honors as Kendall Jacks and Maggie Schulte were named Male and Female Athletes of the Year while men’s basketball player Jordan Holdsworth was awarded the 11th annual Wildcat Inspiration Award.

The Cunningham Scholar Athletes of the Year were senior football player Brody Rohach while women’s basketball player Ashton Yossi was a repeat winner.

Nathan Ackerman, a junior outfielder from Langley, British Columbia, hit 14 homers with 49 RBI’s in his first season at WSC after transferring from the College of Southern Idaho. He is the only player to start all 49 games for the Wildcats this season, ranking second on the team in average at .330. Ackerman is tied for second in the NSIC in home runs, third in total bases (127), sixth in slugging percentage (.709) and tied for the league lead in triples with five.

Sara Wells, a senior from Boone Central High School, won the NCAA indoor and outdoor national titles in the shot put, becoming the first-ever WSC indoor female champion for Wayne State after winning the shot put with a new school record throw of 54’ 2 ¾” in March at the NCAA Division II Championships in Birmingham, Ala. She followed that in May with another NCAA title in the shot put at the national championships, while placing third in the discus. During her Wildcat career, Wells was a seven-time All American and 12-time national qualifier.

Kendall Jacks, a 6-3 guard, was named Male Freshman Athlete of the Year after starting 28 of 29 games this season for the Wildcats, averaging 8.1 points and 3.9 rebounds per game. Jacks improved his scoring average from 4.2 points per game in the first semester to ending the year at 8.1 points a contest, shooting 38 percent from the field and 74.7 percent at the free throw line.

Maggie Schulte, a 6-0 forward, received Female Freshman Athlete honors averaging 7.8 points and 5.3 rebounds per game while starting all 34 games for the Wildcats this season. Schulte was named to the NSIC All-Freshmen Team after shooting 44 percent from the field and 74.6 percent at the free throw line, helping WSC to a second straight NSIC title and fifth trip to the NCAA Tournament in the last six seasons.

Men’s Basketball player Jordan Holdsworth was named winner of the 11th annual Wildcat Inspiration Award. The junior forward from Carroll, Iowa, has overcome one ankle surgery and four knee surgeries during the past three years to make it back onto the basketball court, averaging 5.9 points and 3.5 rebounds in 27 games this season. Off the court, Holdsworth served as president of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and was instrumental in creating the “Pie in the Face” fundraiser that benefitted the Wayne Back Pack Program this year.

Brody Rohach, a senior quarterback from Moorpark, Calif., was named Bob Cunningham Male Scholar Athlete of the Year after recording a 3.94 grade point average majoring in speech communications and public relations. He was a three time NSIC All-Academic selection and WSC Presidential Scholar Athlete.

Ashton Yossi, a senior guard on the WSC women’s basketball team, was a repeat winner of the Cunningham Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, recording a 3.97 grade point average in mathematics education. Ashton was a three year starter and became the all-time winningest player in school history this year with 105 career wins. She was a Second Team All-NSIC selection this season after averaging 12.4 points a game and leading the NSIC in free throw percentage this season (92.6%). Yossi was a three-time NSIC All-Academic selection and was named Capital One Academic All-District VII Second Team this season.
Wildcat Baseball Records 18th Straight Winning Season

The Wayne State College baseball team won 11 of their last 13 games in the regular season to finish the 2015 campaign at 27-24 overall, placing fifth in the Northern Sun Conference with a 22-14 league mark under first year head coach Alex Koch. It was the 18th consecutive winning season for Wayne State College baseball.

Highlights during the regular season included a season high seven-game win streak April 19-26 along with four-game NSIC sweeps over Northern State and Southwest Minnesota State.

Senior designated hitter/pitcher John Roberts and junior outfielder/relief pitcher Curtis Bussard each had 16-game hit streaks during the regular season for the Wildcats. Roberts finished with a team-best batting average of .407 with seven home runs and 24 RBI while Bussard notched five saves on the mound this season and became the all-time saves leader at WSC with 14.

Wayne State had three players selected to the NSIC All-Conference Baseball Team.

Junior outfielder Nathan Ackerman was a First Team All-NSIC selection after leading Wayne State in most offensive categories, finishing with 14 home runs, 48 RBI and a .323 batting average. He was third in the NSIC in home runs, third in total bases (129) and sixth in slugging percentage (.694).

Junior Eric Browning and senior Dylan McGill both collected Second Team All-NSIC honors as pitchers.

Browning (Bancroft-Rosalie HS), a First Team All-NSIC selection last season, was 4-5 with a 2.94 ERA this season. He led the Wildcats in innings pitched (67.1) and strikeouts (76), ranking third in the NSIC in opponent batting average (.218), fourth in total strikeouts, fourth in strikeouts per game (10.31) and fourth in earned run average.

McGill (UNO/Wahoo Neumann HS) led the Wildcat pitching staff in wins this season, posting a 7-1 record and a 3.81 ERA in 11 starts. He accounted for 71 strikeouts in 59 innings of work, ranking second in the league in strikeouts per game (11.09), fifth in total strikeouts and ninth in opponent batting average (.257) and earned run average.

Other post-season honors for Ackerman included NCBWA (National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America) All-Central Region First Team and Daktronics/D2SIDA All-Central Region honors to go with NCBWA honorable mention All-American recognition.

Wildcat Athletes Excel in the Classroom

Wayne State College student-athletes continued their success in the classroom during the 2014-15 school year as all 11 teams in the Wildcat athletic department recorded a team grade point average more than 3.00 for the 2015 spring semester.

The combined grade point average for Wayne State athletics in the spring 2015 semester was 3.283, up from the fall 2014 semester numbers of 3.225. All 11 teams posted a grade point average above 3.00 with 10 percent of Wayne State student-athletes achieving a 4.0 grade point average.

“I can’t say enough about the success our student-athletes have in the classroom,” commented Wayne State Director of Athletics Mike Powicki. “I thoroughly enjoy seeing our teams compete and win, but seeing this kind of academic performance really makes me proud to be the athletic director.”

As a department, 26 out of 253 student-athletes had a perfect 4.00 grade point average during the spring 2015 semester while 69.5 percent (176 of 253) had at least a 3.00 grade point average.

Volleyball recorded the highest grade point average in all sports, posting a 3.778 grade point average during the spring 2015 semester with a department-best 3.802 cumulative grade point average.

Women’s basketball had the next highest grade point average (3.587 semester/3.465 cumulative) followed by women’s cross country (3.470 semester/3.376 cumulative) and softball (3.415 semester/3.326 cumulative).

Cross country had the top grade point average for men’s sports at Wayne State with a 3.476 semester and 3.367 cumulative grade point average. Men’s basketball was next (3.385 semester/3.335 cumulative) followed by men’s track and field (3.354 semester/3.202 cumulative), baseball (3.209 semester/3.183 cumulative) and football (3.132 semester/3.034 cumulative).

“It is proof that our staff and coaches take academics very seriously and work hard to make sure we position our student-athletes to be successful,” added Powicki. “We are also very fortunate to have dedicated faculty members who are willing to work with our student-athletes during their challenging competition and travel schedules. Ultimately, the credit goes to our Wildcat student-athletes who work extremely hard to make sure they are taking advantage of the opportunity they have at Wayne State.”
Loos Named Third Team All-American in 34-21 Season

Under first year head coach Shelli Manson, the Wayne State College softball team finished with a 34-21 record, tied for fifth in the Northern Sun Conference with an 18-12 league mark. It was the ninth straight winning season, a school record, for the Wildcat softball program.

WSC started the season hot, highlighted by a season-best eight game win streak with the Wildcats posting a perfect 7-0 record on their annual spring break trip to Florida March 8-12.

Junior center fielder Lexie Loos had a record breaking season for the Wildcats, setting new single season school records for batting average (.467), hits (93), runs scored (53) and total bases (118). The Millard North graduate ranked second in the NSIC in batting average and hits, fourth in runs scored, fifth in on-base percentage (.502) and total bases.

Senior right fielder Kaiti Williams closed her Wildcat career by becoming the schools’ all-time leader in doubles (52) and hit a pair of two-run homers at the season-ending NSIC Tournament to become Wayne State’s all-time RBI leader with 146.

Wayne State had four players receive post-season honors. Loos was a First Team All-NSIC selection at outfield after leading the Wildcats in numerous offensive categories this season.

Senior Kelcie Bormann (Preston, Iowa) received First Team All-NSIC honors as a pitcher/utility player. She led the Wildcats on the mound with a 19-9 record and a 2.43 ERA, ranking fifth in the NSIC in earned run average and strikeouts (205).

Senior Jordan King was a First Team All-NSIC honoree at second base after hitting .335 this season, ranking third on the team in hits (59) and runs batted in (35). She also earned All-NSIC Gold Glove honors at second base recording a .967 fielding percentage.

Williams rounded out the Wildcat All-NSIC selections, earning Second Team honors in the outfield. It marked the fourth straight season that she was named either First or Second Team All-NSIC after hitting .399 with seven home runs and 48 runs batted in.

Loos was later named First Team Daktronics and Second Team NFCA All-Central Region and was a Third Team Daktronics All-American selection. Loos had 30 multi-hit games in 54 starts this season and recorded a team high 18-game hit streak to lead the Wildcats at the plate.

Wayne State College matched its best-ever finish in the Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings released June 4. The Wildcats were sixth out of 16 teams from the Northern Sun Conference and 92nd overall out of 300 NCAA Division II schools with a score of 217.5 points.

The 2008-09 season also produced a 92nd place finish (tie) with an all-time best 225.5 points in the Division II Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup.

The Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution’s national finish in up to 14 sports—seven women’s and seven men’s.

“The Director’s Cup is a great way to evaluate how you are performing as an overall athletic department,” said WSC Athletic Director Mike Powicki. “The fact that we had our highest finish ever is a testament to the hard work of our coaches and staff, as well as the impressive student-athletes we have here at Wayne State.”

Wayne State College had four teams qualify for the NCAA National Tournament to score points. Volleyball was credited with 50 points based on their regional semi-final finish in the fall. During the winter season, women’s indoor track and field placed 23rd to earn 48.5 points while women’s basketball received 50 points for their regional semi-final finish. Women’s outdoor track and field scored 69 points after finishing in a tie for eighth place at nationals in the spring.

“The Northern Sun Conference, along with the other conferences in our geographic area, has evolved to make up the toughest NCAA Division II region in the country,” added Powicki. “We are one of the smaller athletic programs in the NSIC and have less opportunity to score Director Cup points (some schools have 8-9 more sports than WSC), which makes the success our teams have had that much more impressive.”
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**1951**

D. Paul Hartnett, MSE ’58, was elected to his third term as a member of the board of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County. He previously served as a member of the Board of Education of Bellevue for 18 years and a member of the Nebraska legislature for 20 years. Paul and his wife, Marjorie (Sheahan ’56), reside in Bellevue.

**1962**

Jim Budde resides in Lawrence, Kan., with his wife, Jane. Jim was actively involved in grandson John’s Boy Scout Court of Honor where John received 11 merit badges and was promoted to the rank of first class. Jim pinned the first class badge on John while John pinned a smaller version on his grandfather.

**1965**

Mona (Carlberg) Casady-Niewald is a retired associate dean/professor from Missouri State University, Springfield. She was honored with the Outstanding Advocate Award in May from the National Resource Center for the Freshman Experience in recognition of efforts to improve student retention and success. Mona trained a new workforce on evolving technology in business, while developing curriculum and managing the course, Introduction to University Life. She was responsible for establishing the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates. Mona and her husband, Lawrence Niewald, reside in Springfield.

**1966**

Marilyn Henrichs (MSE ’66) is a retired minister living in Ankeny, Iowa. Her husband, Gary Henrichs (WSC ’65), passed in 2002. She has enjoyed international traveling and has visited Japan and Israel. She remains active in her community.

**1975**

Pastor David Bernhardt retired June 1 from active pastoral ministry in the E.L.C.A. Pastor Dave and his wife, Elsie, plan to reside in the Lake Okoboji, Iowa, area and enjoy their four grandchildren and three cats.

**1984**

Jeffrey Steffen has been named the general manager of Norfolk radio stations WJAG, 106 Kix and Lite Rock 97.5. He has been with the stations since 1986 and said he is excited about taking on the new challenge. He and his wife, Amy (Oberle ’87), reside in Norfolk and are the parents of six children.

**1995**

Deena Curtis MSE ’97 serves as the diversity and community outreach counselor/retention coordinator for the office of admissions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She was awarded a Doctorate of Education in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education leadership from UN-L in May.

**1996**

Chris White, Vail, Ariz., opened White Water, a bottled water company, in 2002 with his wife, Katie, and one employee. White Water has grown into a complete water bottling plant with 5 filling lines, more than 53,000 square ft. of warehouse space and more than 35 employees. Bottling more than 800,000 gallons of water per month, White Water also offers custom labeled water nationwide, home and office delivery within the greater Phoenix area, and Reverse Osmosis systems as well as water softeners. Chris is a nephew of WSC faculty member, Barbara (White) Black, MAE’86.

**1997**

Shandy (Thorell) Loberg is a public speaker, author and owner of Shandy’s Solutions, providing employee staff training for more than a decade. She was accepted into the MidAmerican Speakers Bureau. Shandy has written a book, *Surviving Life: How to Turn Nightmares in to Dreams*. The book is a memoir of all her nightmarish experiences and how she was able to turn her life around. This book is a how-to guide to turn one’s life around.

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GOLD is a club for Wayne State College’s young alumni. Creating and maintaining relationships are GOLD’s main objectives, and members represent almost 35 percent of WSC’s total living alumni! A Graduate of the Last Decades (GOLD) alumni is defined as a Wildcat who has graduated within the last two decades.

GOLD is a club that hosts socials for its members with occasional events at members’ cost. Come relax with us at an event and network, meet new people and enjoy learning about current affairs at Wayne State.

Goals:
- Create and maintain relationships with young alumni
- Begin a tradition of involvement from young alumni
- Provide personal and professional networking opportunities
- Attain updated contact information

Alumni Spotlight is a highlight of who current GOLD members are and what they’re up to. We love pictures!

GOLD Council is a group of members who have dedicated their time and efforts to help shape the club and its social calendar.

Become a member by signing up at an event and updating your current contact information along with an Alumni Spotlight Form.

Questions? contact Sara Bebee, Director of Alumni Relations • 402-375-7370 • sabeebe1@wsc.edu
Chuck ‘90 and Kelli ‘90 (Vondra) Burt

When Chuck and Kelli Burt met and became lab partners in an environmental concerns class at Wayne State College they didn’t know they would go on to be life partners in June 1991. Chuck grew up in Norfolk, Neb., and Kelli lived in Omaha. They both graduated in 1990, Chuck with a bachelor of science with majors in business accounting and business finance and Kelli with a bachelor of arts in education in elementary education.

Kelli used her education degree to join the Omaha Public Schools where she taught second grade. Chuck’s accounting degree took him to Bland, Datesman & Associates in Omaha. He moved to Mutual of Omaha in their Medicare Audit & Reimbursement Department until 1997, when he took a position with HCA The Healthcare Company in Dallas. He is the reporting director for HCA’s Denver hospitals; he is still with HCA after 18 years. With their move to Texas, Kelli has been a Bible study fellowship international leader, volunteer and full-time mother to their three children.

Chuck and Kelli have two sons and a daughter. Their oldest son, Skylar, who was born on leap year 1996, will be a sophomore at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, this fall and plays first base on the baseball team. Their younger son, Noah, will be a freshman and will attend the same high school as her brother Noah. She is a competitive dancer and has performed at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

Away from the office Chuck and Kelli attend many of their sons’ baseball games and their daughter’s dance competitions. They also like to go camping, boating and snow skiing.

“We feel so blessed to have met at WSC!! Great school and a wonderful life since!” Chuck said.

2001

Drew L. Caskey is the box office manager for Global Spectrum/Donald L. Tucker Civic Center at Florida State University. He resides in Tallahassee, Fla.

2006

Tosha (Zubrod) and her husband, Paul Kumke, welcome Morgan Ann to their home in Elkhorn. She was born Sept. 29.

2003

Cassey Reese and John Sadler were married April 26, 2014. They reside in Coweta, Okla. Cassey is the financial services representative at National American University, Tulsa.

2005

Molly Muir, MSE ’08 and Anthony D’Agosta were united in marriage June 13. After a honeymoon to Puerto Rico, the couple will reside in Omaha. Molly teaches Spanish at Elkhorn South High School.

2008

Jared and Savannah (Wissig ’07) Dreher welcome to their home in Omaha daughter Regan Elizabeth, born March 21. Jared is a fleet manager for TSL Companies, Omaha. Savannah is an assistant branch manager at Oriental Trading Company, Omaha.

2010

Jeanette Klitz and Jordan Johnson were married April 25 and reside in Dodge.

2012

Christopher and Julia (Kovar ’06, MSE ’09) Lord reside in Blair with their children Alex (4) and Abigail (1). Chris is in his eighth year teaching at Winnebago Public School, Winnebago. Julia is a lead therapist at Catholic Charities in Omaha.

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We encourage you to send photos with your alumni notes – wedding, new baby, promotion, informal gatherings with other alumni, etc.

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Omaha Golf Classic

The 27th annual Wildcat Golf Classic was held July 18 at Eagle Hills Golf Course in Papillion, Neb. The Wildcat Golf Classic has been teeing off for 27 years in the Omaha area. To date, over $100,000 has been raised for the Wildcat Golf Classic Endowed Scholarship Fund. Multiple student-athlete recipients are chosen annually for this scholarship. Thank you to all who have participated over the years.

The winning team of the 4-person scramble was: (l-r) John Murphy ’96, Jake Hirz ’11, Matt Blomenkamp MSE ’02, Ed.S. ’09, and Jason Claussen ’02.

Other Wildcats attending the Omaha Golf Classic were (l-r) WSC Athletic Director Mike Powicki, Mike Reidmann ’76, Rick Benedetto ’76, Dean Ott ’75 Paul Stuart ’76, Dave Miller ’76, JD Ritchie ’78. Front: Maurie Mintken and WSC emeritus football coach Ralph Barclay.

Bob ‘49 and Elayne ‘46 Jacobson

Elayne Jacobson established the Robert L. and Elayne M. Jacobson Endowed Scholarship in memory of her husband, Bob, who passed away in 2011. This scholarship will provide two scholarships, one for a science major and one for an elementary education major.

“We received a solid education from WSC that enhanced our skills, performances and responsibility to succeed in our teaching careers and throughout life,” Elayne said.

Elayne grew up in Laurel, Neb., and received her teaching certificate from Wayne State in 1946. She began teaching right away but found time to complete her bachelor of arts in education in 1965 and her master’s degree in 1979. She taught elementary education in Nebraska and Colorado before retiring in 1992. Since retirement, she has been volunteering at her neighborhood school.

Bob grew up in South Sioux City, Neb. After serving in the United States Air Force he attended Wayne State and lettered in track as a pole vaulter. He earned his bachelor of science in physical science in 1949 and went on to receive his master’s degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1954. He taught science and math and was the principal at Hubbard and Hartington, Neb., before moving to Denver, Colo., to continue his teaching career in the Denver Public Schools. He spent many of his summer months continuing his education and research with help from the National Science Foundation Grant Program. He retired from teaching in 1990.

Elayne and Bob met while teaching in Hartington. They have two sons, Layne and Kent. Elayne lives in Arvada, Colo.

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Oceanside, California WSC Alumni Reunion - Wayne State alumni and friends gathered May 16 at Jolly Roger in Oceanside, Calif. Special thanks to Don and Carol Bremer for helping with reunion arrangements and providing appetizers for the event. Front: Deb Lundahl, director of major gifts, Phyllis Conner, vice president for development and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation, President Curt Frye, Debbie Bremer, Carol (Rankin) Bremer ’54, Jack Conner. Middle: Duane Rankin, Doug Bremer, Bruce Lundahl, Larry Johnson ’59, Daryle Johnson ’57, Charlie Wendt ’73, Don Bremer ’58, Karen Nelson, Rina (Dueck) McLuckie ’93, Back: Diane (Zabel) Schreiber ’67, Joe Schreiber, Joyce (Hargens) Revlett ’67, Chuck Revlett, Donna Wendt, Cal Nelson ’60, MSE ’63. St. Louis WSC Alumni Reunion - Terri Monk and Craig Weldon hosted Wayne State alumni and friends May 29 in their condo in St. Louis. Front: President Curt Frye, Joyce (Root) Best ’50, Terri (Siemers) Monk ’73 and Joe Johar, WSC faculty emeritus. Back: Phyllis Conner, vice president for development and executive director of the Wayne State Foundation, Charles Weber ’59, Pam (Freeman) MacDonald ’96, Ruth ’71 (Beck) and John ’68 Carrington, Anthony Lichty ’94, Sarah Cady ’03, MSE ’07, Craig Weldon and Deb Lundahl, director of major gifts.

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Upcoming GOLD EVENT: eNY Band (with Alumnus Nate Micek ’08) Sept. 19 at the Amerisports Bar (Ameristar Casino), Council Bluffs, Iowa. Social starts at 7 p.m., band plays from 8:30 p.m. to 1:15 a.m. To preregister contact Sara Bebee at sabebee1@wsc.edu or call 402-375-7370.
in memory of

Lucille (Schulte) Jones '35, (102), Solon, Iowa; Feb. 15.
Harold J. Thompson '41, (99), Moline, Ill.; May 13.
Bonnie “Bonnie” (Martin) Ahrens '42, (94), Lincoln; May 7.
Edward R. Seagood '43, (92), Connersville, Ind.; Sept. 7.
Gustav C. Hinrich '49, MSE '62, (89), Arcadia, Calif.; Nov. 15.
Loren E. “Pip” Page '49, (93), Stanton; April 7.
Jack P. Anderson '50, MSE '59, (89), Lexington; March 4.
Earl Echtenkamp '50, (86), Wayne; March 24.
Gloria (Jacobson) Papik '50, (85), Lincoln; May 24.
Betty (Conner) Yunek '50, (86), Lake City, Iowa; April 19.
Jack L. Donelson '51, (88), Omaha; Feb. 22.
Mildred “Mickie” (Ronspies) Hish '51, (93), Pierce; April 28.
Virginia (Jensen) Southwick '51, (85), Waukee, Iowa; Feb. 3.
Jackie “Jack” Rohrbeg '55, MSE '59, (84), Council Bluffs, Iowa; June 14.
Donald E. Harris, Jr. '56, (80), Moraga, Calif.; Dec. 13.
Clifford H. Peters '56, MSE '69, (80), Sioux City, Iowa; May 11.
Jim Hummel '57, MSE '58, (82), Wayne; May 1.
Larry E. Williams '57, (79), Greensboro N.C.; Feb. 17.
Delane L. Dalton '58, (78), Crestington; Feb. 21.
Ronald P. Jones '58, (81), Doniphan; April 23.
Barbara (Fields) Larson '58, (77), Tilden; April 12.
Gary Miller '58, (79), Clearwater; May 22.
Jean (Garlow) Booth '60, (78), Davenport, Iowa; Dec. 17.
Marie (Maurer) Nelson '60, (75), Urbandale, Iowa; March 12.
Ronald “Joe” Bovill '61, (76), Kearney; April 28.
Milo M. Burnett '62, MSE '71, (75), Missouri Valley, Iowa; May 23.
Max F. Bretschger '62, (74), Zurich, Switzerland; April 29.
Bonnie (Erwin) Sasse '62, (90), Loveland, Colo.; Nov. 25.
Glen L. Rehling '63, (78), Bridgeport; April 3.
Eugene Windesahusen '63, (79), Sioux City, Iowa; May 22.
Sally (Averman) DeBoer '64, (72), LeMars, Iowa; Jan. 3.
Kendall J. Hutchinson '64, (72), St. John, Ind.; June 23.
William J. Springer '65, MAE '66, (74), Beatrice; March 27.
Verna (Henzler) Miller '65, (92), Valley, March 10.
Phillip L. Nielsen '67, (74), Council Bluffs, Iowa; April 11.
Janet (Montag) Brumm, 67, was born Aug. 20, 1947, in Emmetsburg, Iowa, to George and Minerva (Bachman) Montag. Her life was all about her family and education. She graduated high school in 1965 from St. Mary’s Academy in Prairie du Chien, Wis. She graduated from Wayne State College in 1969. Brumm died June 21 in Mankato, Minn.

Robert P. Shively, (87), Fort Collins, Colo.; April 30.
Regis Tucci, (65), Grand Junction, Colo.; Jan. 12. Regis was an instructor in Communication Arts at WSC from 1982 through 1990.

Richard Wurding, (75), Wayne; March 16. Rich was employed as a WSC custodian from 1988 until his retirement June 30, 2004.

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Brumm was able to pass along her love of reading to many students when she was a librarian in Council Bluffs, Emerson and Carroll, Iowa from 1969 to 1975. Janet graduated with a master’s degree in Library Science from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kan., in 1976. She worked as a librarian at Wayne State College from 1976 to 2006. She married Michael Brumm at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Wayne on May 9, 1981. Together, the couple raised four children. She loved to spend time with her kids teaching them the values of humility and patience. She was a big advocate for those with disabilities and was her daughter Liz’s biggest supporter.

“She was an integral part of the library’s transition from the card catalog to the online system in the late 1980s/early 1990s, and served as the system administrator of the shared state college online system for about 15 years,” said Dave Graber, Wayne State College library director. “Jan was perhaps the key leader on WSC’s library staff during this time period, helping move the library through several difficult transitions with patience, grace, and a highly rational approach to problem-solving.”

Jimmy Dean Hummel
Jimmy Dean Hummel was born Feb. 21, 1933, in Cushing, Iowa, to Harry George and Elva Irene (Barber) Hummel. He graduated from Cushing High School and received his M.S.E. from Wayne State College in 1958. Hummel served in the United States Army from July 1953 to June 1955. He married Vera Churchill on Dec. 28, 1958, at Woodbine, Iowa. The couple lived in Mead, Neb., for six years, where Jim was principal and superintendent of schools. Hummel died May 1 in Wayne.

Hummel served as the first director of admissions at Wayne State, and later served as registrar and assistant to vice president for academic affairs, retiring in 1995. Jim was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, serving on the Our Savior Lutheran Church Foundation Board, the New Addition Building Committee, the Front Porch renovation, head usher for funerals and services, Prayer Chain, Men Who Love Beef, 8th grade confirmation co-teacher, church offering counter, Wayne Community Church Thanksgiving Dinner Committee, Liturgist, chair of search and funding for pipe organ committee, co-chair of the church addition building fund drive, co-chair of small group ministries, delegate to the Nebraska Synod Assemblies, and host and participant for the annual O.S.L.C. prayer vigils. Hummel also served on the Wayne State College Foundation Board of Trustees.
Thursday, October 8

11:30 a.m. Scholarship Luncheon (Scholarship Donors invited), Kanter Student Center, Frey Conference Suite

Friday, October 9

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information Center - Kanter Student Center, Atrium
10 - 11:30 a.m. Trustee Workshop - Gardner Auditorium
Noon - 1 p.m. Trustee Luncheon (Trustees invited) - Kanter Student Center, Frey Conference Suite
Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch for Visitors in the Lower Food Court of the Kanter Student Center
1:30 p.m. Planetarium Show "Compass, Clock, and Calendar" - Carhart Science Building
1:30 - 3 p.m. Annual Trustee Meeting - Gardner Auditorium
5 p.m. Greek Olympics - Willow Bowl
5:30 p.m. Outstanding Alumni Social & Banquet - Kanter Student Center, Frey Conference Suite
Banquet begins at 6:15 p.m. - Social for banquet ticket holders
6:30 p.m. Planetarium Show "Animals of the Sky" - Carhart Science Building
7 p.m. Volleyball, WSC vs. Bemidji State University, Rice Auditorium

Saturday, October 10

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Wildcat Days Parade, parade begins at the south end of Main Street
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presidents Society Brunch (Presidents Society Donors invited) - Kanter Student Center, Frey Conference Suite
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Honored Class Brunch - ’05, ’90 & ’65 Classes Celebrating 10, 25 & 50-year reunions - Kanter Student Center (Prior registration is required, please see registration form)
11:30 a.m. Wildcat Tailgate Party, Bob Cunningham Field - Kick off the Homecoming football game with fellow alumni and food at the Wildcat Tailgate. Cost: $10/person at the event
12:30 p.m. Homecoming Royalty introduced
1 p.m. Football Game - WSC vs. Southwest Minnesota State Univ. (General admission $10; K-12 $5)
Pre-game & Halftime Show - WSC Marching Band
Introduction of Hall of Fame Inductees - Halftime
4 p.m. Volleyball, WSC vs. University of Minnesota Crookston, Rice Auditorium
5:30 p.m. Homecoming/Hall of Fame Social & Banquet - Kanter Student Center, Frey Conference Suite
Banquet begins at 6:15. Social for banquet ticket holders
6:30 p.m. Planetarium Show “Earth, Moon, and Sun” - Carhart Science Building

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