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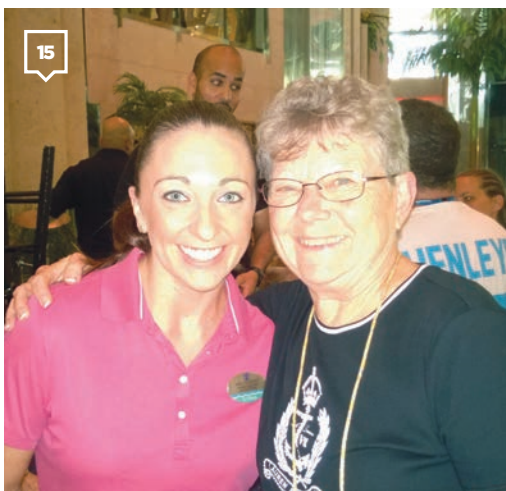


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IMAGES ON THE COVER AND INSIDE COVER

1. Four Wittenberg families from the Pittsburgh area took a weekend trip together in July 2015 to Seven Springs, Pa. From left are **Megan Hoffman Foradori '10, Pete Foradori and their children Claire and Emma; Aaron '01 and Karin Porada Asher '00 and their children Sydney and Sam; Josh '01 and Kristy Miller Johnson '01 and their children Miles, Olivia and Weston; and Jonnett Odom Maurer '01 and Scott Maurer '00 and their children Jane and Elise.**

2. **David Herzog '06** (left) performed in the London revival of *She Loves Me* at the Landor Theatre in London, England, in February 2015.

3. **Diana DiFranco Everett '70** (third from left) celebrated Easter Sunday with her family.

4. Navy Lt.j.g. **Matthew McDonald '09** received his wings from Vice Adm. David Buss at a July 2014 ceremony at the Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif.

5. **William C. Thomas '08** was named to *Forbes'* 30 Under 30 list.

6. A spring 2015 gathering in Cleveland brought alumni together: top row, **Deb Newell '96, Heather Rosebrock Rogers '96, Amber Gibbs '98, Jen Hellman Schmidt '95, Teresa Naida Oszterling '96, Amy Raishart Sargent '96, and bottom row, April Collins Pozek '96, Shannon Valenti '98, Gwen Mateyo Gold '96 and Terry Martin '96.**

7. Recently retired, **Mark Richards '76** relaxed on Marco Island, Fla.

8. **Courtney E. Smith '02** earned a commercial pilot's certificate in September 2015.

9. **Daniel Westlake '07** decorates a grave at Arlington National Cemetery on National Wreaths Across America Day in December 2015.

10. **Kip Eldridge '71**, pictured here on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii, achieved his goal of running a marathon in every state.

11. Big Sky, Mont., was the site of an annual reunion in March 2015 for a group of Beta Theta Pi fraternity members. From the left in the front row are **George Mantzoros '86, Phil Amend '85, and Richard Fisher '85. From the left in the back row are Scott Pinkerton '85, Chris Hackett '85, and Jeffrey Miller '86. Missing from the photo are John "JB" King '85 and Dave Martin '85.**

12. Lambda Chi Alphas from the Classes of 1955-1964 and their wives met for lunch at the Springfield Country Club during Homecoming Weekend 2015.

13. **Kim Wade Shawver '85, Liz Felker Farmer '80, Anne Felker Osovski '90, Mary Anne Lyders Felker '55, Tristan Wade '09, Trish Felker Wade '83, Kara Kavalec '09, Corey Golightley '09 and Allison Macke '09** attended a bridal shower for Tristan.

14. **Gary Tranquill '62 '65MED** (back row, left), **Bob Hamilton '63** (back row, right), **Hugh "Perk" Robins '52** (front row, left) and **Eldon Miller '61 '64MED** (front row, right), all members of Wittenberg's Hall of Honor, gathered at Gary's home in Frankfort, Mich., last year.

15. While on board the RCL *Radiance of the Sea* cruise ship, **Ingrid Lehfeldt Briody '63** (right) met **Amy L. Fickert '08**, a cruise director for Royal Caribbean International.



Dear Friends,

There is that old saying: "The more things change, the more they stay the same." While I think we can all agree that nothing ever truly stays the same, I do think we can find consensus around one thing that does: the powerful way we pass on our light as proud Wittenberg alumni.

You can see it clearly in the pages of this special booklet, prepared especially for you, our distinguished alumni. The love of a son for his departed alumni parents. An alumna serving in Kosovo. Two Forbes'-honored entrepreneurs helping a community thrive. Business leaders inspiring others to lead. Teachers who are changing today's classrooms both near and far, and a look at how one Wittenberg faculty member, honored by alumni, continues to make a difference.

It's all in this piece, but why this booklet and why now? You may have noticed that *Wittenberg Magazine* went on a bit of a hiatus following a number of changes at our alma mater. To be sure that we captured what you all took time to tell us in a timely fashion, we decided to create this booklet while we work on bringing the magazine back up to speed this summer with a fresh new look and compelling content.

Indeed, this is an exciting time of forward momentum and a time that reflects what we all know: Wittenberg alumni change lives, change communities and change the world through the passing of light.

It's good to be back.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Santkamp Gerboth".

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'64

John E. McLaughlin was selected for a weeklong visiting professorship at Oxford University in April 2015. As the Humanitas Visiting Professor of Intelligence Studies at All Souls College, Oxford, England, he gave lectures and seminars. He currently serves as the distinguished practitioner in residence at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

'69

Mitchell E. Ayer, an attorney with Thompson & Knight LLP in Houston, Texas, was selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers* 2015 by Thomson Reuters and *The Best Lawyers in America* ©2016. He specializes in energy and natural resources law.

'70

Diana DiFranco Everett retired from teaching at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and lives in Hunting Valley with her husband, Morris. Her favorite activities involve her five grandchildren, but she also volunteers with WomenSafe and is active in The Women's Committee of the Cleveland Museum of Art and The Cleveland International Piano Competition.

James M. Rehlin was invited to participate in the juried 2015 Detroit Fête d'Anniversaire hosted by the Detroit Drunken Historical Society (DDHS) in conjunction with Corktown Studios. In celebration of Detroit's French past, a select group of artists and designers, including Rehlin, conceived of and created visual interpretations

based on historical works of fiction to commemorate Detroit's birthday last July. The DDHS hosts monthly activities at local bars for people to learn about Detroit's 300-year history in a casual, engaging environment.

STATUS UPDATES

Stay up to date with fellow alumni.

'71

Kenneth "Kip" Eldridge accomplished his goal of running a marathon in every U.S. state, becoming the 977th certified finisher in the 50 States Marathon Club. In 1986, he ran his first race, the Annapolis Bay Bridge 10K, with **Fred Betz**, who convinced him to try running marathons, the first of which was the Marine Corps Marathon. Nearly 30 years later, he and Fred reunited to run the 2015 Annapolis Bay Bridge 10K with their wives, **Patricia "P.J." Summerville '72** and **Marti Moore Betz**.

Linda S. Lange was recognized for 25 years of service as a faculty member in the School of Management at Regis University in Denver, Colo. She is co-general editor of *Jesuit Higher Education*, a journal that focuses on scholarship and praxis in Jesuit universities, and is finishing a second three-year term as treasurer of the Herb Society of America. She owns Entrepreneur Support Systems Inc., which serves small-business clients in the Denver area.

'72

James "Jay" Gundy serves as development director for Sussex County Habitat for Humanity in Georgetown, Del., where he is responsible for all aspects of fundraising for the affiliate including planning, grant administration, donor relations, event management and public relations. He and his wife, Kim, live in Bethany Beach.

'73

Pamela Aey Adams is an active volunteer who serves on the board of directors of Friends of Connecticut State Parks, Mystic Country and Friends of Harkness Memorial State Park. Prior to her retirement in 2009, she served as director of Connecticut's State Park system for 12 years.

Hal B. McLean has co-authored *The Enduring Organization: How Leaders Revive and Sustain Relevance* (Advantage 2015), in which he represents a unique model for leadership development and organizational turnaround, drawn from more than 25 years of consulting with business partner and co-author Frank Mellon. After 15 years as an executive at Owens Corning



1 Anita Freytag Mirra '64 (far right) hosted Kappa Delta sorority sisters Suzie Taylor McDermott '64, Bev Whited McBride '63, Pat Neal McDermott '64, Susie Kershner Moore '64, Hallie Roy Schiavoni '64 and Patsie Henkle Evans '65 at her home in May 2015.

2 Patsie Henkle Evans '65 and Anita Freytag Mirra '64 have been best friends for 50 years.

3 During Homecoming Weekend 2015, Alpha Xi Delta sorority members from the Class of 1965 gathered at the former location of their sorority house at 203 W. College Avenue, where Professor and Chair of History Darlene Brooks Hedstrom spoke about an archaeological dig conducted there. Pictured from left to right are Mariana Michener Oonk, Marguerite Holderle, Patricia Crowe Schetzina, Pamela Torracco, Sandra Goodelle White, Melinda Barnhardt Jud, Mary Anne Benco Blazer, Kay McWilliams Heydweiller, Janet Albert Waltonen, Donna Dudley Rowe, Bonnie Yundt Haag, Mary Lou Milliron Hudtloff and Brooks Hedstrom.

4 Hal McLean '73 has co-authored *The Enduring Organization: How Leaders Revive and Sustain Relevance*.

and Wilson Learning, he founded The McLean Group, a specialized consulting firm focused on significantly increasing the value of businesses with minimal capital outlay.

ture and fluidity to tell the story of each organism and the role it plays in a healthy ecosystem. With an expertise in medical illustration, he is an associate professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and serves as the assistant director of the department of art as applied to medicine.



Anne E. Davies married Bob McDowall on Oct. 10, 2015, at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Youngstown, Ohio. Davies is a retired teacher.

Mark D. Richards retired after 30 years with AT&T in management positions in marketing and finance. He and his wife, Kay, are spending a year traveling around the country.

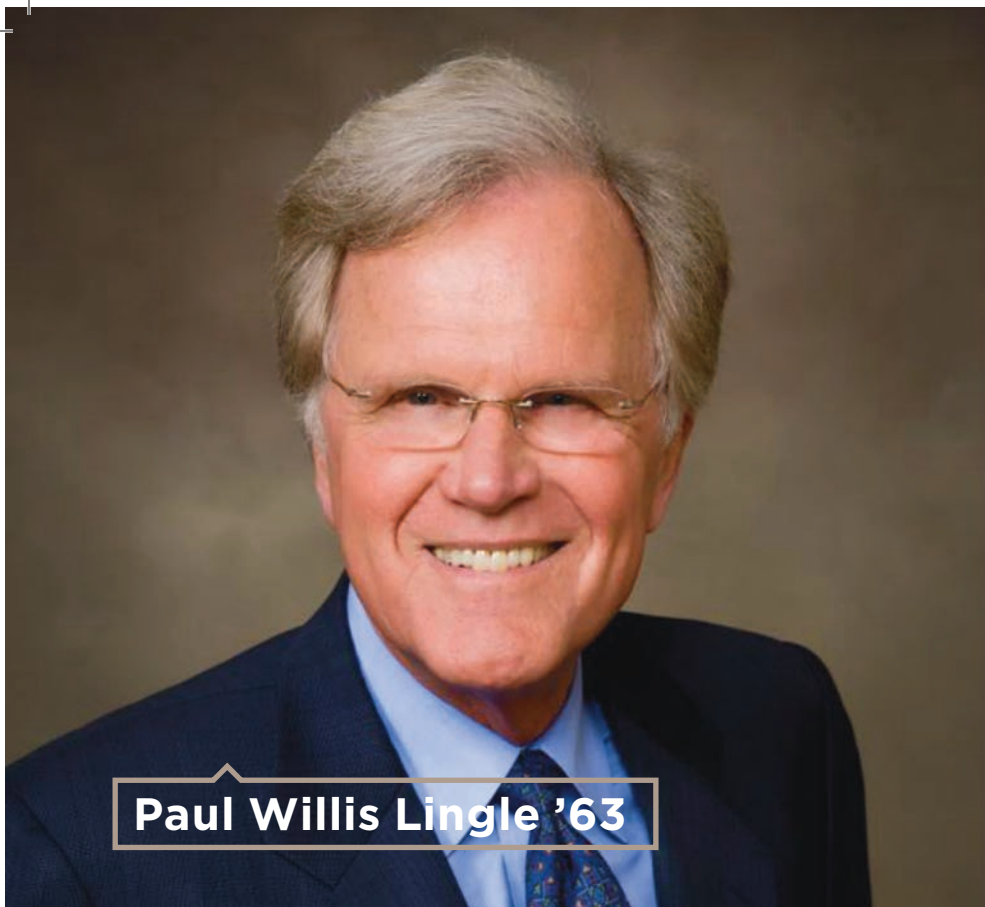
Mark J. Riley received the Outstanding Civil Defense Lawyer of the Year Award in 2015. He has practiced as a trial lawyer in New Mexico since 1979. He began his career in the Second Judicial District Attorney's Office and is now the president of Riley, Shane & Keller, P.A., which he founded in 1982. He has defended a wide range of civil cases through trial and appeal and has been recognized as a Civil Trial Specialist by the New Mexico Board of Legal Specialization and the National Board of Trial Advocacy since 1996.



Timothy H. Phelps recently published *Nature Mandalas: Life Circles of Biodiversity and Conservancy* in two volumes: *Wonders of the Garden* and *Wonders of the Earth, Wind, and Sea*. Using the graphic and symbolic patterns of mandalas, he combines color, tex-



For the last 16 years, **Randall Sheets** has been ceremonial organist at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., where he performs more than 600 services a year in the historic Old Post Chapel and the Memorial Chapel. In addition, he is the music director for all



Paul Willis Lingle '63

HALL OF EXCELLENCE

ALUMNUS JOINS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF OFIC INDUCTEES

Paul Willis Lingle '63 joined a new community of leaders in April 2015 as one of the latest inductees into the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges' (OFIC) Hall of Excellence. Since 1950, OFIC has partnered with Ohio businesses, foundations and other donors to assist students with financial need to obtain a college education. In 1987, OFIC established the Hall of Excellence to annually honor outstanding alumni. Lingle was selected because of his uncompromising commitment to service both in his community and beyond.

For more than 40 years, Lingle has played a vital role in his Richmond, Ind., hometown, pursuing every opportunity and working diligently to improve the lives of residents. From helping with efforts to promote economic development and health care to serving as a devoted advocate for higher education, Lingle has distinguished himself in his work. The sixth inductee from Wittenberg, Lingle joins the ranks of such prestigious alumni as Susan Hirt Hagen '57 (2012), William A. McClain '34 (2004), Richard L. Kuss '45 (1993), Earl F. Morris '30 (1989) and Benjamin T. Hacker '57 (1987).

"My college education taught me how to think, listen, understand, negotiate and accept all kinds of people — to not feel threatened by changing circumstances and different environments, but to seek out the differences in people, places and circumstances," he said. "As a result, opportunities showed up everywhere."

Protestant services held at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall.



Melinda "Mindy" Sopher, an academic advisor at North Carolina State University and breast cancer survivor, participated in the October 2015 Breast Cancer Education Panel held as part of Zeta Tau Alpha's Pink Out Week.

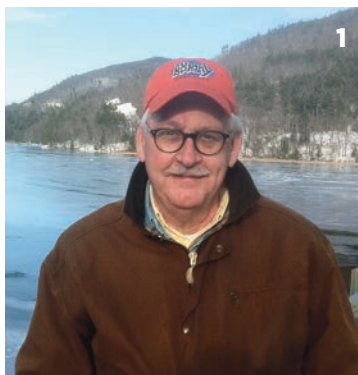


D. Scott Loose retired in 2013 as director of instrumental music in the Lampeter-Strasburg, Pa., School District. From 1981-2001, he directed the high school band, which won numerous awards, including CBA Yankee Open championships in 1998 and 1999 and Bands of America Regional Finalist in 1996, 1998 and 2000. Loose performs locally with the Susquehanna Brass Quintet and Lancaster British Brass Band and is principal trumpet at the Fulton Theater in Lancaster, Pa. He is past president of the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association and has been an active judge with the Cavalcade of Bands since 1979, which he also served as vice president and music caption chief. In addition to arranging music for many local ensembles, he served on the executive committee for the 2015 USGA Women's Open in Lancaster. He resides in Willow Street, Pa., with his wife, Deb.

Stephanie Tingley, professor of English at Youngstown State University, received an award for excellence in teaching at the university's 2015 Distinguished Professor Award event.

'81

Kenneth E. Urban is president of West Shore Community College in Scottville, Mich.



Robert A. Hobby wrote two new musical arrangements that were used during services celebrated by Pope Francis during his September 2015 visit to New York City. “Tu Es Petrus” (“You are Peter”), arranged for organ and orchestra, was performed during the pope’s evening prayer service in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. His arrangement for the hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” was used during the pope’s Mass in Madison Square Garden, where Hobby sang with the choir. Hobby has been director of music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1987 and has published more than 250 compositions.

'82

Darlene Grant is the Peace Corps Country Director in Kosovo.



Wylecia Wiggs Harris has been named the new executive director of the League of Women Voters of the United States. As executive director, she will build on strategies and relationships that advance some of the most fundamental political principles of the nation. Previously, she served for 11 years as chief operating officer for the American Nurses Association, the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Nurses Foundation.

'87

A. Van Jordan, the Henry Rutgers Presidential Professor at Rutgers University and an award-winning poet, returned to Wittenberg in March 2015 to read from his latest work, *The Cineaste*, which was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. His collections of poetry include *Rise* (2001), *M-A-C-N-O-L-I-A* (2005) and *Quantum Lyrics* (2007).

Victoria Zambuto Hemiup is director of operations and chief compliance officer for LVW Advisors in Pittsford, N.Y.



'85

Timothy T. Brick has been elected as managing partner for the law firm of Gallagher Sharp in Cleveland, Ohio. He joined the firm upon his graduation from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1988 and became a partner in 1996. He continues as manager of the firm’s Transportation Practice and a member of the General Litigation and Mass Tort/Toxic Tort Practice Groups. He is the manager of the firm’s Business and Employment Practice Group, serves on the Executive Committee, and is a member of the Professional Liability Practice Group. He also is a Martindale-Hubbell AV®

- 1 James “Jay” Gundy ’72 is development director for Sussex County Habitat for Humanity in Georgetown, Del.
- 2 Timothy T. Brick ’85 has been elected as managing partner for the law firm of Gallagher Sharp in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 3 Robert A. Hobby ’85 composed two musical arrangements that were used during services celebrated by Pope Francis in New York City last September.

Peer Review Rated attorney and a member of the Professional Liability Underwriters Society; Claims and Litigation Management Alliance; and American, Ohio State, and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Associations.

Connecticut trial attorney **Paul H. McConnell** has established his own law firm to focus on family law, criminal defense and federal tort claims.

Anna M. Parrill was named a 2015 National Distinguished Principal by the Association of Elementary School Principals. Parrill is principal at Barron Elementary School in Salem, N.H., and previously was principal at Dr. Lewis F. Soule Elementary School in Salem for nine years. She moved from her native Springfield, Ohio, to New England to be an assistant basketball coach at Middlebury College, earned her master’s degree at the University of Vermont and eventually transitioned from coaching

to teaching to administration. Earlier in 2015, she had been named Elementary School Principal of the Year by the New Hampshire Association of School Principals.

'88

James D. Young has been named president of PPM America Inc. (PPMA). He continues his role as chief investment officer for the company. He joined PPMA 18 years ago from Heller Financial, where he worked in both underwriting and syndication.

'89

Timothy P. Jebsen has been elected vice president of AITA/IATA, the International Amateur Theatre Association, which represents amateur theatre groups from around the world and holds international theatre festivals. While attending AITA meetings in Budapest, Hungary, last October, he ran into **Adam Perry '94** at The World Music Expo (WOMEX) opening festival.

'91

Matthew J. Anderson has been promoted to technical specialist with Travelers Insurance in Reading, Pa., where he specializes in litigation defense for claims made against municipalities in 17 states. He lives in West Lawn, Pa.

Shuly X. Cawood received her master's degree in creative writing from Queens University in January.

Andra Kollat Gillum recently published the children's book

Doggy Drama, a "semi-true story" about her real-life dog Riley. Gillum is a freelance writer who has published numerous columns in *The Columbus Dispatch* and edited a book on business strategy.

'92

M. Mason Butler married Kristin E. Rumberger at St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, Va., on June 8, 2013. Wittenberg alumni in attendance were **Jennifer Shinnors '92**, **Brad Crabill '95**, and Butler's mother, **Joan Sternberg Butler '68**.

'93

Justin E. Russell won the USTA Midwest Indoor Tennis Championships in the Men's 35 singles division held in Dublin, Ohio, in December 2015, resulting in him being ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Valley section and No. 27 nationally. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Julie, and two daughters, Marin, 11, and Madeleine, 8.

The Central Pennsylvania Business Journal named **Anne Lindeman Zerbe** a 2015 Woman of Influence, an award that recognizes female leaders who make significant, positive impacts in local businesses and the community. She was specifically recognized for the impact she has had on the clients she serves in her employment law practice, CGA Law Firm P.C., and in the greater York, Pa., community. She serves on the boards of the York County Bar Association, Albright Care Services, Children's Home of York, and the Cultural Alliance of York County.

'94

Sandra Dukat gave the keynote address "Power of Possibility—Achieving Your Gold Medal Dream" at the 2015 Opening Convocation at Wittenberg.

Jeffrey H. Jones, vice president of global sales for Dixon Valve Company, returned to Wittenberg in October 2014 to present "Doing Business in Russia and Other Adventures in International Management" as part of an event sponsored by the Russian and Central Eurasian Program, the department of business and the department of sociology.

Kate Kingsley Lund, a licensed clinical psychologist, has published her first children's book. *Putter and the Red Car* is the story of her family's cross-country move from Boston to Seattle as narrated by their dog.

Adam B. Perry was awarded a 2015 Bush Fellowship from the Bush Foundation in St. Paul, Minn. The Bush Fellowship is an investment in leadership development for individuals recognized for their record of success, vision for change and potential to impact their field and community. A senior program director in international initiatives at Arts Midwest, a non-profit arts organization in Minneapolis, Perry is using the \$100,000 award to expand his cross-cultural arts engagement competencies by attending international arts conferences, pursuing executive education in non-profit management and exploring connections in creative leadership across the world.

Dustin R. Snyder is the vice president of sales for children's-beverages maker good2grow®. Previously, he had been a senior vice president of sales for Eby-Brown. He is a member of the National Association of Convenience Stores Supplier Board.

'95

Brenda Eagan Brown spoke at the Women in Leadership luncheon held during Wittenberg's Family Weekend 2015. Brown is the Pennsylvania Program Coordinator of the BrainSTEPS (Strategies Teaching Educators, Parents, and Students) Program, which is in its ninth year of consulting with school systems and families in the development and delivery of educational services for students who have experienced any type of acquired brain injury. Brown holds a master's degree from The George Washington University's Transitional Special Education program with an emphasis on pediatric traumatic brain injury.

Neil and Lisa Dearn Bucher welcomed a baby boy, Leo Charlton Bucher, on May 8, 2015.

Vicki Humphrey Oliver is a horse trainer based in Lexington, Ky.

'96

Scott D. Sauer married Keiko Hoshi on Oct. 27, 2012. They live in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Attorney **David H. Thomas** has joined the Columbus, Ohio, office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP in the corporate compliance and white collar criminal defense practice group. He is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a criminal trial advocate and has represented individuals and corporations involved in government investigations, including state and federal law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Ohio Attorney General's Office.



Joianne Smith '91



The Rev. Louise N. Johnson '91

MADAME PRESIDENTS

TWO MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1991 NAMED COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

The Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, elected **The Rev. Louise N. Johnson**, a German major at Wittenberg, as its 14th president. **Joianne Smith**, a philosophy and religion major at Wittenberg, was named president of Oakton Community on Chicago's North Shore.

Johnson, who earned a master of divinity from Wartburg in 1999 and served as dean of admissions, returns after a decade at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, where she most recently served as vice president for mission advancement. Johnson said she is "incredibly proud" to be a graduate of Wartburg, one of eight seminaries associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Noting the seminary established in 1854 "can certainly claim our fair share of bishops, teachers, and churchwide leaders," she said, "what makes me really proud ... are the thousands of church leaders who are on the front lines making the difference in people's lives everyday – those who sit by bedsides and stand at gravesides, those who preach and pray and accompany, the ones who tend to children, and serve and love the least, the lost and the broken."

William A. Stafford '73, chairman of Oakton's Board of Trustees, said that following a national search, the Oakton Board "easily reached consensus" on Smith, who has served at Oakton 12 years, most recently as vice president of student affairs. "Her dedication to student success, tenacity with achieving the college's goals and genuine affection for Oakton and the community made her the Board's choice to lead the college into the future."

Oakton Faculty Association President Dr. Katherine Schuster said Smith "enjoyed strong support among Oakton's fulltime faculty," adding: "My colleagues and I look forward to working with her to further Oakton's efforts for national leadership with matters of equity and diversity, and to continue the college's progress in addressing disparities in the area of student success."

Smith earned a master's degree with concentrations in counseling and psychology and a Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University. She previously served as assistant director of university residential life at Northwestern University and is a leader in a number of national higher education associations.

'97

In August 2015, **Charles P. Bush** became city manager for Sequim, Wash. He has 17 years of experience in local government, having worked as the development services director for Issaquah, Wash., prior to accepting his new position.

Joshua K. Pifer, a lecturer in piano at Auburn University in Alabama, has released his first CD, *Alexander Tcherepnin: My Favorite Piano Works* (Puros Records). He tours nationally and internationally in both solo and collaborative performances, and in the summer serves on the faculty at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lakes, Mich.



Jennifer L. Way is an editor for the Communications Support Services Center at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, Daniel Wilmer, and their daughter, June.

'98

Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl presented “My Journey from Com-

munist to Capitalism: Culture, Institutions, and Development” at Wittenberg in April 2015. She received her doctorate in economics from the University of Maryland in 2006. After teaching at Central European University from 2007-2010, she returned to the United States and taught for one year at Washington and Lee University before assuming her current position as assistant professor at Virginia Military Institute. Her research interests include the economics of institutions, post-socialist economies and policies, law and economics, and economic history.

Jeffrey S. Hardison is a director at Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). HPE acquired Meridian, a start-up that he helped lead. He recently received a “40 Under 40” award from *Portland Business Journal*.

Ivan L. Harrell II is vice president for academic and student affairs at Georgia Piedmont Technical College in Clarkston, Ga.

'99

In September 2015, **Francoise Labrique Walusis** opened the Madame Delluc Artisan Chocolatier shop in Oakwood, Ohio, with her husband, John. The shop sells chocolates produced by Mary Chocolatier and imported from Belgium.

'00

Sky Schelle, stormwater coordinator for the City of Springfield, Ohio, was a presenter for PechaKucha Night held at Wittenberg during Homecoming Weekend 2015.

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Sean P. Kelley was awarded a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Oklahoma and has been appointed associate director of bands at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Emily Schmidt married **Sean Dyck '00** on April 26, 2013, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. They live and work in Columbus, Ohio.

Le Tote, a clothing rental startup co-founded by **Rakesh Tondon**, landed \$8.8 million in Series A funding in 2015. The company, which rents out apparel and accessories for women to wear and return, grew from 13 employees in early 2014 to 100 at the end of that year. According to Tondon, the company’s revenues grew by 600 percent in 2014.

'02

Ara G. Beal, managing artistic director for the Yellow Springs Kids Playhouse, directed the original musical *The Farm* in July 2015. A special Arts for All production of the show was geared toward those on the autism spectrum and included special educators on site, as well as fidget toys and calming centers, to help audience members navigate their experience.

Michelle Bolin Pearrell and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Cameron Jayce on May 14, 2015. Michelle is a conflicts analyst at BakerHostetler in Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert Rafferty, co-founder of Knowble Media, was a presenter for PechaKucha Night held during Wittenberg’s Homecoming Weekend 2015.

Courtney E. Smith earned a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Commercial Pilot's certificate in September 2015. A aspiring flight instructor, she received the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship from the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization for Women Pilots, which will help her earn a Multi-Engine Commercial Rating. She resides in Mesa, Ariz., where she teaches history at Mesa Community College.



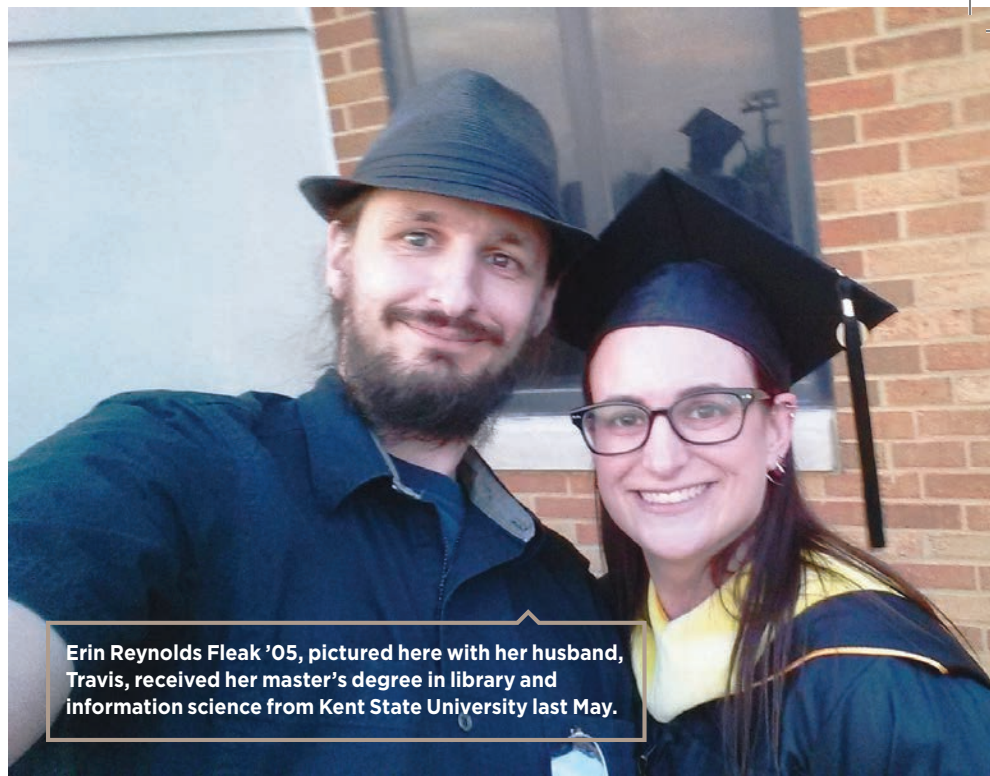
Jennifer Milia, a school psychologist with Columbus City Schools in Ohio, returned to Wittenberg in October 2015 to participate in an alumni panel sponsored by the department of psychology.

Steven P. Spittle has been promoted to president of Pitco. In his new role, he directs all sales, engineering and operations of the brands Pitco, MagiKitch'n, Anets and Perfect Fry. Prior to his promotion, he was Pitco's vice president of sales. Here recently earned an M.B.A. in finance from Northeastern University in Boston.



Valerie Fidler Doersen and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Winter Rose, on Jan. 3, 2014.

Andrew R. LaBarre is the executive vice president and director of government relations at the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Regional Chamber in Ann Arbor, Mich. He also is serving a second term as an elected Washtenaw County commissioner. Prior to his current position, he worked as an assistant to retired U.S. Rep. John Dingell Jr. Andy's wife, **Megan Pugh LaBarre**,



Erin Reynolds Fleak '05, pictured here with her husband, **Travis**, received her master's degree in library and information science from Kent State University last May.

teaches special education at Dexter High in Dexter, Mich.

Shannon Howe McLendon is employed as office dynamo for The Motley Fool in Alexandria, Va.

Scott Phillips and his wife, Laura, welcomed a baby girl, Whitney Lynn Phillips, on April 15, 2015.

Chenoa M. Stock married José Luis Claire on Aug. 15, 2015, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Stock has worked with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since graduation. Since 2011, she has been accompanying the Bolivian Joining Hands network of grassroots groups, churches and non-governmental organizations to help affected communities address the root causes of hunger, poverty and injustice through campaigns and advocacy for education and policy change, focusing on issues of water access and contamination through extractive industries, food sovereignty and land grabs, and fair trade.

Charles "Chad" Thompson has been promoted to vice president and managing director of talent consulting and assessment for Taylor Strategy Partners (TSP). He

joined TSP in 2011 as managing director and previously served as senior consultant with Aon Hewitt. He began his career as a project consultant with Chally Group Worldwide. He holds master's and doctoral degrees in industrial and organizational psychology from Wright State University.



Erin Reynolds Fleak completed a master's degree in library and information science at Kent State University in May 2015.

Taryn Stanton married Mike Shadwick on Oct. 11, 2014. She works for the Social Security Administration as a claims representative.



David M. Herzog and his wife, April, live in London, England, where both are pursuing acting careers. David's recent credits include the London revival of *She Loves Me* at the Landor Theatre, as



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LIL TIGERS

- 1 Leo Charlton Bucher, born 5-8-15, son of Neil '95 and Lisa Dearn Bucher '95
- 2 Tiger cousins Teddy Dennett (left), son of Steve '07 and Emily List Dennett '07, and Noah Morris (right), son of Scott '10 and Anna List Morris '10
- 3 Winter Rose Doersen, born 1-3-14, daughter of Valerie Fidler Doersen '04 and husband Chris
- 4 Cameron Jayce Pearrell, born 5-14-15, son of Todd and Michelle Bolin Pearrell '02
- 5 McKenna Millie Nienhaus, born 6-23-15, daughter of Leslie Chasteen Nienhaus '10

well as an appearance in the short film *Acoustic Kitty* with Jeff Fahey. He also appeared in KFC's Christmas commercial for the United Kingdom and Ireland in 2013.

Heather E. Milner married James "Andy" Meyer on March 15, 2008. She is employed as an account technician II/gift processor for Northern Illinois University Foundation.

Elizabeth A. Pike, a human resources information systems (HRIS) analyst for Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, married Matt Sharkey on Aug. 22, 2015. The couple lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Lindsay S. Weldon has completed a master's degree in ensemble theatre from Rose Bruford College in London, England. After living in London for two years, she now works as a social media manager and does theatre in her spare time.

'07

Ashley A. Kopf is an advisor for the EducationUSA Center in Zacatecas, Mexico. EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of international advising centers around the world.

Megan A. Miller married Vancil R. Casebolt on Nov. 11, 2015. She is a manager of project delivery for L. Brands.

John L. Strawn is a digital communications specialist in the Office of Academic Affairs at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

'08

Lauren S. Purnell has launched a line of all-natural, organic, raw and unrefined home and body care products sold under the name Purnell Body Boutique. A youth counselor in New York City, she became a certified holistic health coach and combined her new knowledge with her love of beauty products to create her own handmade products.

After teaching English in Osaka, Japan, for four years, **Amanda J. Rollins** moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in 2013 to work with the Japan Foundation, a global non-profit organization that promotes international awareness and mutual understanding between Japan and the United States through cultural exchange. She returned to Wittenberg in April 2015 to share her experiences in career building with students interested in Japanese language and culture.

Christine "Kiki" Schirr's startup, Fittr, was nominated by Product Hunt as one of Business Insider's 39 Coolest Startups Founded by Women. Fittr is a digital exer-

cise solution for individuals and corporate wellness programs that creates unique workout tailored to every individual. Founded in 2013, the company is based in Tampa, Fla. Prior to founding her own tech company, Schirr worked for Geek Squad and Apple.

William C. Thomas, community engagement manager for Cincinnati Preschool Promise, was named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list for his role in co-founding MORTAR Cincinnati with **Derrick J. Braziel '09**. The organization's mission is to transition Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine area into one of the most promising neighborhoods in America. Thomas serves as MORTAR's chief financial officer.



Benjamin Adams earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Wright State University in December 2014 and now works for the Kettering Behavioral Medicine Center and AIDS Resource Center Ohio in Dayton, Ohio.

Derrick J. Braziel, co-founder of MORTAR Cincinnati with **William Thomas '08**, was named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in recognition of his efforts to provide opportunities for underrepresented entrepreneurs to start and sustain businesses in the city's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. The chief relationship officer for MORTAR, he was the keynote speaker at Wittenberg's SPARK conference in September 2015.

Navy Lt.j.g. Matthew S. McDonald, recipient of the Top Hook Award, received his wings at a July 2014 ceremony at the Naval Air Facility El Centro in California.

In pursuit of a doctorate in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, **Emily Daniels Weiss**

successfully defended her thesis "Aggregation-Induced Morphology of Low-Dispersity, Regioregular Poly(3-hexylthiophenes) and their Blends with Fullerene Derivatives."

Elise J. Willer married Justin Will on Aug. 2, 2014, in Villa Park, Ill. In December 2015, she attended COP21, the international summit on the environment in Paris, France, where she blogged for the RURENER Project, a network of small rural territories across the European Union that share a common goal for sustainable energy independence.



Nicholas Banion, a school counselor with Southeastern Local Schools in South Charleston, Ohio, was a member of an alumni panel sponsored by the department of psychology during Homecoming Weekend 2015.

In recognition of her commitment to public health, **Betty J. Cheney** was recognized by the U.S. Public Health Service with a 2015 Excellence in Public Health Award at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine commencement ceremonies in May 2015. As a member of the Physician Leadership Development Program, she completed a master's degree in public health concurrent with medical school, examining the effectiveness of using motivational interviewing with adolescents who are diagnosed with obesity. She is a resident in pediatrics at the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital in Orlando.

Leslie Chasteen Nienhaus announces the birth of her daughter, McKenna Millie Nienhaus, on June 23, 2015.

Andrew G. Steele works for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) as director of Global Church Sponsorship, which encompasses Missionaries/Young Adults in Global Mission, International Leaders, and Global Ministries.



Vinisha P. Lal is a talent acquisition specialist for PSI Inc.

Maggie D. Muir is the lead teacher of kindergarten prep at Universal Studios Childcare Center in Los Angeles, Calif. She also is pursuing a master's degree in educational psychology at Pepperdine University.

Katrina J. Ostrander is a fiction editor for Fantasy Flight Games in Roseville, Minn.

David D. To graduated from the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in May 2015.



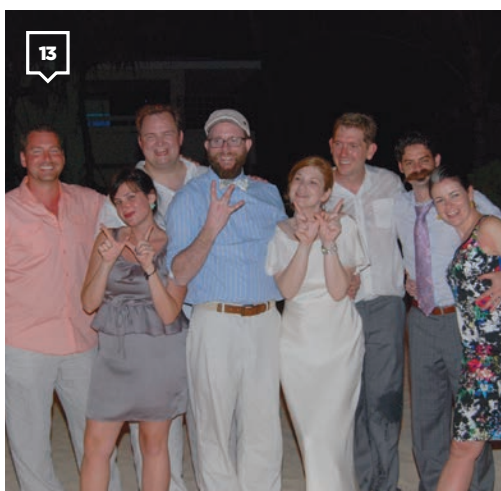
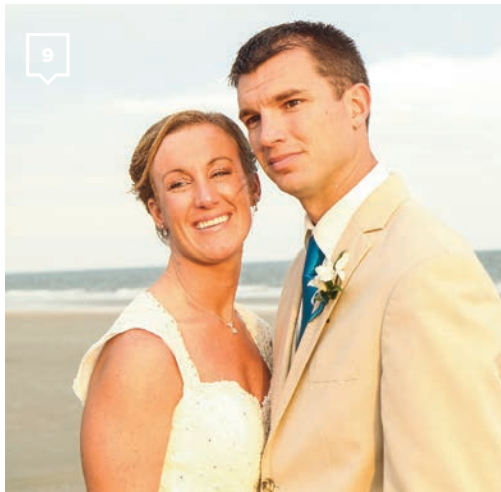
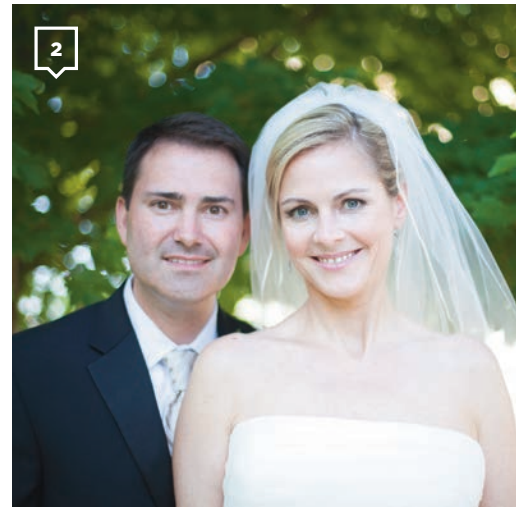
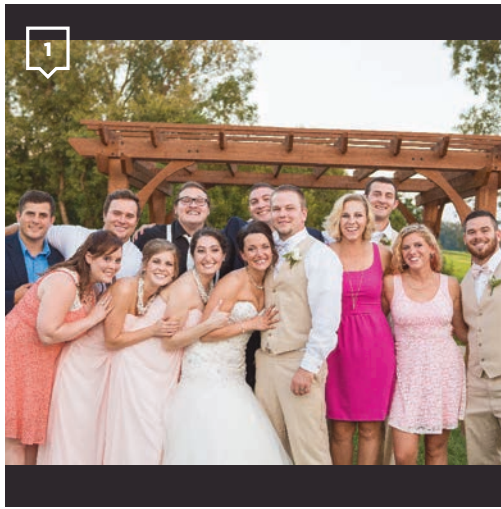
Nicole R. Andre married **William A. Alexander** on Sept. 5, 2015, in Springfield, Ohio.

Joseph and Morgan Pendleton Borders returned to campus in October 2015 to participate in an alumni panel sponsored by the department of psychology. Joseph is a research associate for ShadowBox, while Morgan is a research assistant for Wright State University's Substance Abuse Resources & Disability Issues (SARDI) program.

Daniel G. Broidy is attending The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

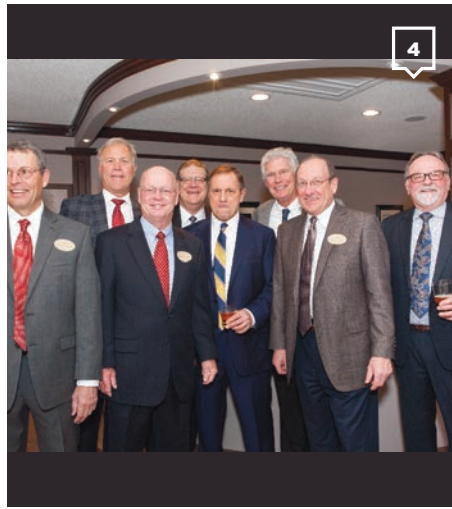
WEDDINGS

- 1 Nicole R. Andre '12 and William A. Alexander '12 were married in Springfield, Ohio, on Sept. 5, 2015.
- 2 M. Mason Butler '92 married Kristin E. Rumberger on June 8, 2013.
- 3 Anne E. Davies '76 married Bob McDowall on Oct. 10, 2015 in Youngstown, Ohio. From left to right: Gordon Mitchell '40, Cassandra Meyer Davies '80, David Davies '79, Margaret Ann Richards Davies '52, James Davies '52, Lisl Davis '11, Ed Aldrich '11, Ingrid Lundquist '78, Anne Davies '76 and Bob McDowall.
- 4 Ben Davies '73, Bill Johnson '72, Jon Grapes '72, Jim Pearsol '73, Don Nichols '73, Paul Sanders '73, Tom Hildebrandt '72, and Jonathan "Skip" Cox '71 gathered for Don's wedding.
- 5 Regina C. Gasser '14 married Jacob F. Sigafoos '11 on Sept. 27, 2014.
- 6 Cathryn L. Kurzawa '12 married Anthony M. Davis '09 on Aug. 1, 2015.
- 7 Katherine A. Martin '11 married Ryan T. Resides '09 on June 29, 2013.
- 8 Gabrielle R. Miller '12 married Marcus P. Richardson '11 on June 13, 2015, in Weaver Chapel.
- 9 Megan A. Miller '07 married Vance Casebolt on Nov. 1, 2015.
- 10 Julianna D. Parks '07 married Caela B. O'Connell '04 on Aug. 13, 2013.
- 11 Elizabeth A. Pike '06 married Matt Sharkey on Aug. 22, 2015.
- 12 Scott D. Sauer '96 married Keiko Hoshi on Oct. 27, 2012.
- 13 Emily Schmidt '01 married Sean Dyck '00 on April 26, 2013, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 14 Chenoa M. Stock '04 married José Luis Claire on Aug. 15, 2015, in Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 15 With a large group of current students and alumni in attendance, Kailey E. Striebel '13 married Zachary D. Daniels '13 on June 6, 2015.
- 16 A large group of alumni helped Elise J. Willer '09 and Justin Will celebrate their wedding on Aug. 2, 2014, in Villa Park, Ill.





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Vincent “Vinny” Harshaw is a branch financial sales consultant for PNC Bank.

Mae Helen Jackson is a recruiter for Young Adults in Global Mission, an Evangelical Lutheran Church of America year-long program for service and accompaniment in numerous countries.

Cathryn L. Kurzawa married **Anthony M. Davis '09** on Aug. 1, 2015.



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Rachel G. Lee is pursuing an M.B.A./M.S. dual degree in sport management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Madeline D. McGraw is pursuing a master's degree in museum studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Gabrielle R. Miller married **Marcus P. Richardson '11** on June 13, 2015 in Weaver Chapel. Gabrielle graduated from Villanova University in May 2014 with a master's degree in counseling and works as the freshman school counselor at Northland High School in Columbus, Ohio. Marcus, who graduated in May 2015 from Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, is a podiatric surgical resident at Grant Medical Center in Columbus.



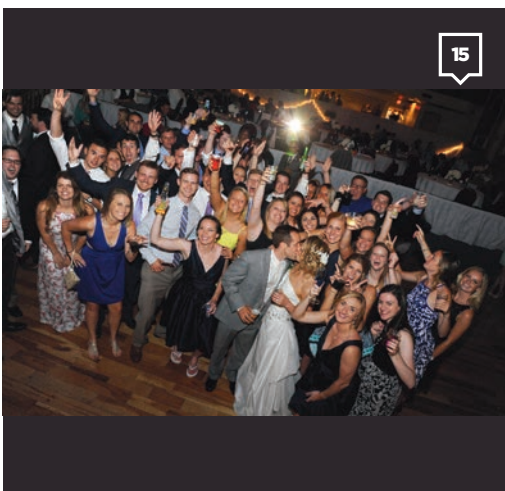
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Rachael C. Nuzzo is enrolled in the pathologists' assistant master's degree program at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago, Ill.

John V. Pavarini is an employment specialist for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.



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Hadley J. Robertson married **James P. Maurath '10** on July 25, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. The couple resides in Columbus, where Hadley works for L Brands and Jim works for Nationwide Mutual Insurance.

Harrison M. Sewell is a printer with Orgin Makers Ltd. in Columbus, Ohio.

Kelsey M. Swindler, marketing and communications coordinator for Clinton Memorial Hospital, has been elected to the Wilmington, Ohio, City Council.

Evan M. Amstutz returned to his alma mater in January 2015 as Wittenberg's first-ever men's volleyball head coach.

Jessica L. Batanian is enrolled in a master's degree program in community sustainability and environmental education at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

Brenna M. Burkhart is pursuing a master's degree in physician assistant studies at Marietta College.

Samantha A. Catania is working as a nanny while pursuing a master's degree in clinical mental health counseling at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Sara A. Crowell is a research assistant for Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Ryan R. Davis is enrolled in a master's program in biochemistry and structural biology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Stephanie P. Davis is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer with the Corporation for National and Community Service in Springfield, Ohio.

Zachary A. Finke is pursuing a master's degree in business analytics at the University of Cincinnati.

Emily "Lilli" Fishman is enrolled in a doctoral program in biology at the University of Toledo.

Michelle "Shelly" Gregory, former senior digital marketing specialist for LEWIS PR in San Francisco, Calif., is now the product engagement specialist at LinkedIn in Omaha, Neb.

Michael R. Hall is a patient care associate for The Orthopedic Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gabrielle C. Hofmann is enrolled in the veterinary medicine program at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill.

Lauren E. Houser is a community outreach and education specialist for Project Jericho of Clark State Community College in Springfield, Ohio.



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Jacquelyn M. Alexander is a first-grade teacher for Springfield City Schools and a dance teacher for Fueled and Aflame Dance Studio in Springfield, Ohio. She also is pursuing a master's degree in education from Heidelberg University.

Tasha J. Boerst is an apprentice marine mammal trainer for Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, Calif.

Bess E. Bonerigo is pursuing a master of applied social sciences in health at Case Western Reserve University.

Stephanie Wacenske Johnson is a sanitarian for the Clark County Combined Health District in Springfield, Ohio.

Sarah G. Kessler is an English language assistant in Madrid, Spain, for Comunidad de Madrid.

Anna M. Kirkland is a production intern for Kitchen Theatre Company in Ithaca, N.Y.

Stephen D. Klingner works as a customer enrollment specialist for Amazon Web Services.

Megan K. Lutz is pursuing a bachelor of science in nursing at Johns Hopkins University.

Lauren E. McMahon is an associate project manager in market research for Cintas in Mason, Ohio.

Ian D. McNeill is an AmeriCorps project coordinator for Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh.

Derek L. Metz is pursuing a doctorate in optometry at The Ohio State University.

Alyssa "Aly" Michaud is a communications associate for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.

Emily M. Mills is a case manager for Nationwide Insurance in Dublin, Ohio.

Andrew Muir is enrolled in the veterinarian medicine program at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

Erica L. Pence is a pre-kindergarten teacher in the Capital Teaching Residency program for KIPP DC LEAP Academy in Washington, D.C.

Kathryn M. Pintauro is a customer care specialist for Vineyard Vines in Stamford, Conn.

Jonathan M. Price is enrolled in the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) program at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

Kimberly S. Replogle is a high school Spanish teacher for Wapakoneta City Schools in Ohio.

Abigail "Abby" Reynolds is a public relations specialist for the Military Veterans Resource Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Sarah K. Skidmore teaches seventh- and ninth-grade math for Hardin-Houston School District in Ohio.

Sean A. Smith is pursuing a master's degree in occupational therapy at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Amy M. Stamon is a customer reference specialist for Veeam Software.

Katlin B. Stivers is an English language assistant for the Lycée Jean Renou in La Réole, France, and is also pursuing a doctorate in biomedical science through the University of Louisville.

Kailey E. Striebel married **Zachary D. Daniels** on June 6, 2015. The ceremony in Wittenberg's Weaver Chapel was followed by a reception at the State Theater in downtown Springfield. The wedding party included **Lauren E. McMahon, Cassie Lythjohan, Leslie Oliver, Amy Cook, Nick Van Dyne, Brad Bennett, Brock Hicks, Danny Hall '10 and Zack Szabo '11.**

Nicholas Van Dyne is an intervention specialist for Hilliard City Schools in Ohio and is enrolled in a master's in educational leadership program with American College of Education.

Sarah A. Wallschlaeger is a high school English teacher for

Mechanicsburg Exempted Village School District in Ohio.

Katie N. Warner is a paralegal/advocate for the Capital University Law School.

Brianna R. Watson is working as a graduate teaching and research assistant while she pursues a doctorate in chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Elizabeth "Libby" Westlake is a Legislative Service Commission Fellow with the State of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

Grace M. Winzeler works as a laboratory animal technician for the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio.



Casey L. Bower was inducted into the counseling honor society at Kent State University last year.

Regina C. Gasser married **Jacob F. Sigafos '11** on Sept. 27, 2014.

Doreen N. Hipp and **Andrea E. Gaietto**, both graduate students in social work at Case Western Reserve University, participated in a department of psychology alumni panel held during Homecoming Weekend 2015.

Maija K. Mikkelsen returned to Wittenberg in September 2015 to share her experiences in Hungary as a volunteer with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Young Adults in Global Mission program.

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I cannot live without books.
Thomas Jefferson

Robin Inboden: Distinguished Teacher

By Leigh Hall '13

Portrait by Erin Pence '04

Just before her fifth birthday,
Robin Inboden rested her hopes on
receiving one present:

A LIBRARY CARD.

With it and a love of reading she found the modest library in Logan, Ohio, a place where she could explore the wider world, and, as many children who love to read discover, the stories significantly impacted her worldview.

By age 10, she was terrified of being buried alive, an effect of having read the complete stories of Edgar Allen Poe. Then, she discovered from Louisa May Alcott's *An Old-Fashioned Girl* that her focus should be on learning to sew a perfect buttonhole, an accomplishment that would brand her a true woman. Later finding *A Pictorial History of the Movies* by Deems Taylor, she began investing all her allowance

to join the movie book club, devouring books by day and watching classic movies late into the night. She remembers being "entranced" as she watched *Far from the Madding Crowd*, a film that left her "gobsmacked," and when at age 20, she read *Middlemarch*, the classic that would become her favorite, it "sat me back in my seat."

With every story she absorbed, Inboden began to develop an unexpected gift: an abiding sense of compassion.

When her students recently nominated the professor of English for Wittenberg's highest faculty honor, The Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching, it came as no surprise that

they recognized her ability to connect with them as the source of her exemplary teaching both inside and outside the classroom.

For Inboden, the decision to teach had come naturally.

When she reached high school, she found her love for reading and those who teach it ignited in the classroom of Chris Killoran.

“I adored her. She just made teaching seem so cool,” Inboden says. “So of course I wanted to be like her.”

“I’m the first person in my family to go to college, but by the time I was a junior in high school I knew...I was going to be an English major, and I was going to study 19th century British literature.

“No surprises there!” she laughs.

Since joining Wittenberg’s faculty in 1989, Inboden has helped create new opportunities for learning as a pioneering director of the Women’s Studies Program and Chair of the English Department for three consecutive terms.

She has no doubt about the source of her inspiration.

“I’ve met so many kind, smart, interesting students who are doing interesting things. Because I get to teach general education classes, at graduation, I’m not just cheering for the English majors,” she says. “I’ll see someone and think, ‘Oh man, you worked so hard in 101. Good for you!’”

Specializing in Victorian literature and classical Hollywood cinema, Inboden reaches a range of students in classes from English 101 to Victorian Arts and Society, Jane Goes to the Movies, Chick Flicks and Hitchcock’s Cinema. As her list of courses indicates, Inboden has adapted with the times.

“When I was going to school, you couldn’t get a Ph.D. in film studies,” she explains. “I’m pretty much self-trained in that area. But that’s also why I take such a literary approach,” searching out connections and themes through critical analysis in films just as in literature.

One of her favorite film subjects: the master of suspense himself, Alfred Hitchcock.

“With Hitchcock’s films, there’s a combination of suspense, twisty plots with interesting, vulnerable characters—often involving romantic attachments and moral quandaries, with a dash of humor,” she explains. “It’s like Dickens! It’s like Victorian novels. So when I stand back from it, I can see the links that would make those seemingly disparate things appeal to me so much.

“And that tends to be how I teach film, too,” she adds. “I try to get students to notice the details of construction and not just the plot.”

An examination of those details in her teaching reveals the moments and situations that matter so deeply to Inboden and others.

“What I love about some students is they will just

ask the fearless question—they’ll ask the one thing that gets everyone talking.”

In the classroom, Inboden helps students explore the theories behind film and literature and understand the powerful ways in which cinematic scenes and literary passages teach us about life.

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erature can really show us how to navigate becoming a grownup,” she says. “It can show us how to become the person who has to decide who our friends are and how far along with those friends we’re going to go—and what our goals are for ourselves and our future relationships.

“Literature can really help us imagine those different stories for ourselves. And students can think about the kind of self-respect these heroines have and know it’s okay to want the best for yourself.

“These characters have opinions; they have standards. That’s a reassuring message for a lot of young people.”

What Inboden understood at a young age about the power of reading to connect with the hearts and minds of others, scientists are beginning to confirm.

“There are all kinds of studies now—like this is news—where they’re putting electrodes on people’s heads while they read. And they’re saying, ‘Oh, reading this made this person feel more compassionate toward others.’ Of course it does!

“If you can read the chapter from *Adam Bede* ‘In Which The Story Pauses a Little’—I tear up every single time—you see Eliot’s manifesto on literary realism and why reading novels makes us better people. It’s so beautiful because she’s saying, ‘Dear reader, you need to spare some of your love for the less-than-perfect among us. Because that’s everybody.’ I really think that’s a valuable lesson.

“I am, I guess, a little bit known for getting emo-

tional in class. But that's okay because a lot of times I look out, and I see that the students are, too," she says.

"Too often the students feel pressure to be 'cool' and not care about their classes. I say forget that. I want you all in!"

Clearly that's the expectation she has for herself.

Inboden's gift for connecting with students can be seen all over her office, where the hundreds of books on her shelves share space with tokens of appreciation from students and alumni who were touched by a class, a poem, a film or their professor's caring ways.

Hollywood screenwriter Lauren Schmidt Hissrich '00 expressed gratitude in a less tangible way: by naming a character after her in a 2002 episode of *The West Wing*. (Spoiler alert: Representative Inboden was re-elected in Mississippi's 2nd Congressional District by 12 points.)

"When I came to Wittenberg, I was painfully shy and epically homesick," Hissrich says. "Dr. Inboden was my advisor and probably saw more than her fair share of my sad, crying face in her office that year. But

four years later when I wanted to move to Los Angeles and pursue television writing, she didn't bring up those endless tears. Instead she gave me a big hug and her email address so I could tell her how I was doing.

"She may have seen me at my lowest, but from day one, Dr. Inboden believed in who I was, or more aptly who I could be."

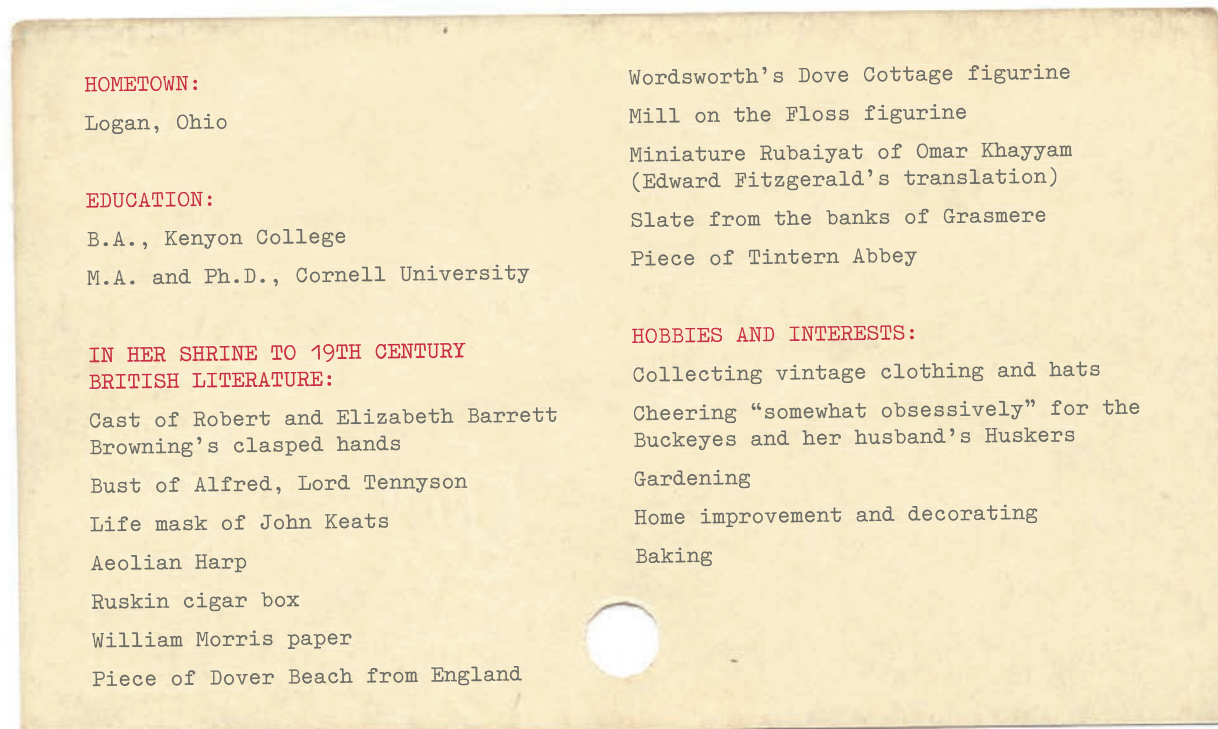
Deeply humbled to win the Distinguished Teaching Award, Inboden points to a history of faculty excellence that defines the academic experience at Wittenberg.

"Thinking both of my colleagues who have won it and of the colleagues who retired and didn't win it but deserved it so much, I feel like I need to try to live up to this."

The woman who unknowingly forged a deeper connection to humanity through reading hopes to continue to help students do the same.

To anyone looking for a place to start, she offers an assignment: "Read *Middlemarch*."

Robin Inboden Profile



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Ruth H. Immel West of Brentwood, Tenn., and formerly of Corpus Christi, Texas, died Sept. 4, 2015. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she taught music and English. In Corpus Christi, she was active in the First United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Daughter of the Nile, and Chi Omega Alumni Association.

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Zanta Finfrock Nishwitz, Troy, Ohio, passed away May 18, 2015. She retired from Troy City Schools after 43 years as a teacher at Forest School. She was an active longtime member of Friedens Lutheran Church and had volunteered at the former Stouder Hospital for many years.

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Donald P. Dennis of White Plains, N.Y., and formerly of Rye, N.Y., died Dec. 20, 2013. He served in the South Pacific as a naval communications officer during World War II. After a long career dedicated to improving international relations, he retired as vice president of the Foreign Policy Association. A member of Phi Mu Delta, he served on the executive committee of the Association of International Relations Clubs for college students and on the international relations committee of the national Council for Christian Social Action.

Rev. J. Davis Illingworth, Sun City, Ariz., passed away Jan. 12, 2013. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1941 and served eight congregations across eight states, receiving an honorary

doctorate of divinity from Davis and Elkins College in 1954 and founding the 2,000-member Sun City Faith United Presbyterian Church in 1972. In retirement, he co-founded the Royal Oaks Lifecare Retirement Community, where he served as chaplain. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he received the Wittenberg Alumni Citation Award in 2005.

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Katherine Arrel Smith, La Porte, Ind., passed away Aug. 4, 2015. During her career, she taught first grade, and in retirement, she taught adults how to read and write. She was a past president and member of the American Association of University Women La Porte Chapter since 1948 and a member of the La Porte Literacy Coalition, the John G. Blank Center of the Arts in Michigan City, and the La Porte County Historical Society. Other memberships included the Service League, Tri Kappa, La Porte Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church.

Eunice "Soozie" Limmer Thom, Holland, Ohio, died Jan. 20, 2015. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she served on the boards of the American Association of University Women and St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary. She volunteered with Mobile Meals, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Metro Parks and Read for Literacy.

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Frances Jacobs Updegraff, Centerville, Ohio, died Sept. 5, 2015. From 1969 until her retirement in 1980, she taught in the Dayton Public School System. She was an active member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Oakwood, volunteering with the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, women's programs, and retired persons' group.

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William F. Miller of Shreveport, La., and formerly of Dallas, Texas, died April 30, 2015. He received his medical degree in 1945 from

IN MEMORIAM

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Anne Dickerson Savage, London, Ohio, died June 4, 2015. She taught kindergarten through high school at London Schools, eventually serving as principal of London Primary. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she served as church organist for more than 40 years and also started and directed the boys' choir. Other memberships included the London Country Club, London Chapter No. 386 Order of Eastern Star and TAC.

Case Western Reserve University. From 1938-1948, he served in the Ohio National Guard and as a captain and commanding officer in the Medical Corps. He was a professor of medicine in the pulmonary division of Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and ended his medical career in 1993 as the medical director of the Home Care Program at Parkland Hospital. A member of Phi Mu Delta, he was active in the American College of Chest Physicians, served as the consultant in pulmonary medicine to the Surgeon General of the United States, and was a founding member of the American Respiratory Care Foundation.

Thelma Coen Waigand, Alamo, Calif., died Oct. 2, 2015. A former schoolteacher, she was active in the American Association of University Women and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She was a past president of the Round Hill Garden Club and a lifelong member of Hope Lutheran Church in Toledo, Ohio. Her interests included theatre, opera, golf and traveling.

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Patricia Owen Bolla, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 4, 2015. She worked as a medical technician for Lincoln Hospital in Detroit, Mich., and Springfield Hospital. An active volunteer with the American Red Cross, St. John's Auxiliary, and The Historical Society, she received the International Harvester Community Service Award in 1977 in recognition of her civic involvement in Springfield. She was awarded the Wittenberg Alumni Association Citation in 1980 for her service with the Alumni Board, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Homecoming Committee and Founders Day Committee. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

R. Claire Thorn Shelton of Barberton, Ohio, and formerly of Wadsworth, Ohio, and North Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away Jan. 17, 2014. She was a member of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church and Kappa Delta sorority.

L. Elinor "Elli" Wackernagel, Lancaster, Pa., died Sept. 9, 2015. She retired from the department of education at Millersville University. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she was active with St. Matthew Lutheran Church, AARP, the Optimist Club and local theatre.

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John F. McPeck, Coshocton, Ohio, passed away Oct. 31, 2015. During World War II, he served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific and Japan. He had a long career in sales for Shaw-Barton, retiring in 1984. A 50-year member of Coshocton Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder, deacon and trustee. He served on the boards of many organizations, among them the Salvation Army, Coshocton Jaycees, and Lincoln PTO, as well as three terms on the City Zoning Board of Appeals. He was a member of Dorm League.

Hugh E. Wiegel Sr., Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 11, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as an auditor for International Paper.

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Katherine Zehring Evans, Sarasota, Fla., died May 12, 2015. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Elizabeth Kneisley Hoffman, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 1, 2015. She worked at Com-

munity Hospital for 44 years, retiring in 1986. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority; Neal Chapter No. 522, Order of the Eastern Star; and High Street Methodist Church.

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Edward N. Crismore, Uniondale, Ind., died May 11, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the USO. He worked as a quality lab technician for Phelps Dodge and as a radio announcer. An avid collector of stamps and Lionel O-gauge trains, he was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Anthony Wayne Stamp Club and Maumee Valley Railroad Club.

Richard M. Wittig, Berea, Ohio, passed away July 28, 2015. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. With a degree in occupational therapy, he worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans. In retirement, he was a volunteer with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Mather Steamship Museum, and Cleveland Metroparks. He was a member of Divinity Lutheran Church in Parma Heights for 60 years.

'49

Patricia Sell Barth, Springfield, Ohio, died March 2, 2015. She taught for many years at Roosevelt Junior High School and was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church; the Wittenberg Guild, receiving their Elizabeth Woodhouse Volunteer Recognition Award in 2009; and Home City Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She also was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and served as its alumni chapter secretary.

Robert F. Streight, Toledo, Ohio, died Nov. 2, 2015. During World

War II, he was a Marine tail gunner, flying night missions over the Pacific. He was retired from Anthony Wayne Local Schools, having served as principal at Monclova, Whitehouse and Waterville Elementary Schools. He was a member of the Anthony Wayne Board of Education, a timekeeper for basketball games, lineman for football games, and a reading tutor. He also was a member of Hope United Methodist Church in Whitehouse and volunteered with Anthony Wayne Mobile Meals.

'50

John C. Barkes, Grove City, Ohio, died Feb. 12, 2015. He served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War and later worked for the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, retiring in 1982. A member of Grove City United Methodist Church, he enjoyed playing the trumpet and clarinet in small bands and the church ensemble orchestra.

Robert G. Callison of Hilliard, Ohio, and formerly of Grandview Heights, Ohio, died Aug. 3, 2015. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from PPG Industries in 1983 as a regional sales manager. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he was an avid golfer and charter member of Hickory Hills Golf Club.

Dolf M. Droge, Poulsbo, Wash., passed away May 9, 2015. He served with the U.S. Air Force at Haneda Air Force Base in Japan during the Korean War, then joined the U.S. Information Service (USIS) and served in the diplomatic corps in Asia. Under Presidents Johnson and Nixon, he served on the National Security Council's Vietnam Information Group, and later with the White House Office Public Liaison during the Reagan administration. After retiring from public service in 1983, he became a public speaker and supported military

veterans and POW/MIA causes. He received the Wittenberg Alumni Association Citation in 1972.

Miriam "Mickey" McNelly Lockman, Arcanum, Ohio, passed away Sept. 6, 2015. She taught physical education at the Springfield YMCA, Monroe, Franklin-Monroe and Arcanum-Butler Schools for 20 years and was a school secretary at Arcanum Elementary for 11 years. An advocate for women's intramural and interscholastic sports, she was a track and field official and participated in the Ohio and National Senior Olympics. She served on the boards of the Senior Olympics in Dayton, the Darke County Red Cross and the Arcanum Library, and belonged to several professional education organizations, civic clubs and the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she was inducted into the Wittenberg Hall of Honor in 1992 and the Arcanum High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Victor W. Moellering, Houston, Texas, passed away Jan. 13, 2015. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was employed by Reliance Insurance Company as a field representative in Detroit, Mich., and later in Kansas City, Mo., and finally in Houston as a branch manager. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he was an active tennis player, member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and volunteer for a local Christian service organization.

Elinor "Elie" Lang Wren, Farmington Hills, Mich., died Dec. 9, 2014. Her interests included volunteer work, golf, tennis, bridge and oil painting.

'51

Rev. Edwin L. Ehlers '53S '71H, Fletcher, N.C., died April 13, 2015. Ordained in 1953, he served St.

James Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, N.J., and St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Moorestown, N.J. From 1970-1978, he was bishop of the New Jersey Lutheran Synod before serving for 10 years as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, McLean, Va. He served as chair of the Washington Theological Consortium, as president of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Virginia, and as chair of Washington's Lutheran House of Studies annual symposium on politics and ethics. In addition to serving as interim pastor at several churches in North Carolina in retirement, he was active with the Henderson County Habitat for Humanity, Mainstay and the Hendersonville rescue mission. He was a member of Phi Mu Delta.

Patricia Johnson Franta, Newport Beach, Calif., died Jan. 2, 2013.

Jack B. Wilkes, Ocala, Fla., died Sept. 12, 2015. He was a retired lieutenant colonel of the U.S. Army.

'52

Ladine Bales Clarridge, Grove City, Ohio, died April 8, 2014. She was a member of the Buckeye Christian Church of Grove City.

A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, **Joan Young Dallow**, Melbourne, Fla., died Jan. 19, 2014.

Patricia Zehr David, Hagerstown, Md., passed away March 20, 2015. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority, St. John's Lutheran Church, The Women's Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Embroiderer's Guild, American Association of University Women, Soroptimist Club and the Shillelagh Travel Club.

Rudolf "Rudy" Lucas, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 23, 2014. A World War II Army veter-

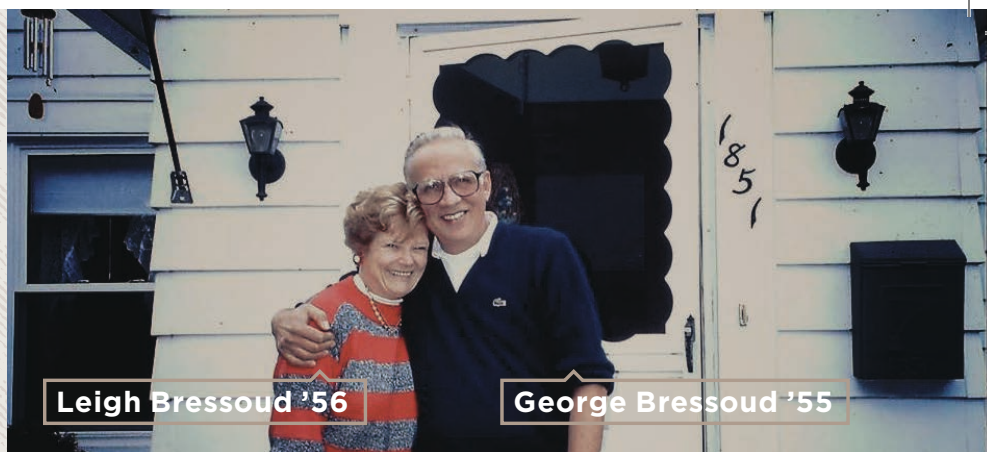
an, he taught and coached at a number of Ohio high schools. He played the saxophone in orchestras and bands and later played the banjo in the Jackson, Mich., Banjo Band. He was a member of the Northridge United Methodist Church and Phi Mu Delta fraternity.

Mary Lou Morgan Neff, Zelienople, Pa., died Sept. 16, 2015. She taught for 36 years, primarily in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. She was active with the First Evangelical Lutheran Church ministries and synod ministries, and was a member of the Seaman Memorial Church Council. She also was active in the Passavant Retirement Community, serving on the advisory committee.

'53

Jerome F. Brixner, Rochester, N.Y., passed away Aug. 6, 2015. A U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War, he worked for Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. He served as a Chili Town councilman from 1982-1985 and Chili Town supervisor from 1992-1993. He was also a member of Chili American Legion Post 1830 and Chili Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 412.

Thalia "Topsy" Treffinger Findlay, of Sarasota, Fla., and formerly of Canfield, Ohio, died Aug. 17, 2015. She taught at Boardman High School in Ohio, and owned and operated the Canfield, Ohio, Speedway with her husband. Upon relocating to Sarasota in 1973, she taught at McIntosh Middle School and Venice High School before retiring in 1991. She was a member of Canfield Presbyterian Church and Gamma Phi Beta sorority. While in Sarasota, she enjoyed playing bridge, singing with the Siesta Key Chapel church choir, and being active in her condo association.



Leigh Bressoud '56

George Bressoud '55

A LOVE STORY SPANNING SIX DECADES

BY DAVID DEWITT

It all started with a coin flip in 1953 in a Wittenberg classroom.

George Bressoud was a Lambda Chi; Leigh Petersen was a Kappa Delta.

As Leigh sat in class, George and another Lambda Chi walked in and noticed the empty seat next to her. Who would get the honors? The fate of the coin flip would decide, and George won.

He made the most of his luck. That seat next to Leigh led to a courtship and then a lifetime of love.

George Bressoud graduated from Wittenberg on June 6, 1955. Just over a week later he married Leigh, thus starting a life and love so deeply intertwined with the university that brought them together.

Everyone has heard the love stories where two people spend their lives together and in the end cannot be apart.

This was the love that George and Leigh shared. When George passed in June 2015, 60 years after graduating from Wittenberg and marrying his love, Leigh passed just 17 days later.

After marrying in 1955, Leigh and George would go on to raise a family of five children in Springfield, Ohio. Leigh finished her course-

work and obtained her degree from Wittenberg in 1975. They would each serve as chair of the Wittenberg Alumni Association and be honored in 1996 with an Alumni Citation Award. They were also named Wittenberg's first "Sweetheart Couple."

Leigh and George were enthusiastic participants in the Traveling Tigers squad, which started as part of the Wittenberg sports program in the 1980s and included more than 30 loyal Tiger alumni following the football team around the state to cheer the Tigers on wherever they went.

The Bressouds also attended functions, raised money, served on boards and applauded at concerts at Wittenberg for more than six decades with a passion that never waned.

They loved Wittenberg, and they loved to show it off to anybody and everybody who came to visit. They made friendships of a lifetime there, and their love of Wittenberg abided as passionately as their commitment to each other and their family. Their second born, Kathleen (Bressoud) Reichert even followed in their footsteps, graduating from Wittenberg herself with a degree in education in 1981.

"My parents loved Wittenberg deeply, and its campus and community have always had a cherished role in our lives," Reichert recently recalled. "Wittenberg was part of their hearts, and it will always be a very special place to our family."

Leigh and George made their home and their lives in Springfield because of their love for Wittenberg University, the place that brought them together. Their love of each other, their love of family and their love of community always ran deep with red and white Tiger pride.

David DeWitt is the associate editor of The Athens NEWS, the grandson of Wittenberg alumni George and Leigh Bressoud and the son of alumna Kathleen Reichert.

Terry R. Hirtzinger '58MED, Enon, Ohio, died June 27, 2015. After serving in the Army, he taught at Tecumseh High School before becoming principal of Greenon High School. He later joined Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas, Texas, where he served as year-book representative for 50 years, becoming one of the top 10 leading representatives in the nation. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, several education associations, Elderly United, Enon Community Historical Society, and served on the Mad River Greenon School Board of Education.

'54

Susann Lugibihl Janosek, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, died Feb. 16, 2014. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

'55

George F. Bressoud, Springfield, Ohio, passed away May 29, 2015. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Korea following the Korean War. He was a retired vice president of the Consolidated Insurance Agency and was active in many community organizations, including the Springfield Rotary Club, the Springfield Arts Council, the Springfield Civic Theater, and Meals on Wheels. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, he received the Wittenberg Alumni Association Citation in 1996 and served on the Wittenberg Alumni Board.

'56

Leigh Petersen Bressoud, Springfield, Ohio, died June 15,

2015. She was the former president and chair of Springfield's Nearly New Shop and established the library in the Keifer Alternative Learning Center Project. A member of Kappa Delta sorority, she chaired the Wittenberg Guild Style Show, headed Alumni Awards committees, and chaired class reunions, and was recognized for her efforts with a Wittenberg Alumni Association Citation in 1996.

Judith Holl Ridings, Barboursville, W.Va., passed away on Aug. 21, 2015. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

'57

William E. Elsass, Wadsworth, Ohio, passed away April 1, 2013. He was a financial planner for the Elsass Financial Group, which he founded with his sons and son-in-law in 1982. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Grace Lutheran Church.



Susan Hirt Hagen '11H of Erie, Pa., died June 15, 2015. A legacy of Henry Orth Hirt, who graduated in 1911, Hagen was a member of Chi Omega and Psi Chi honor society. An emerita board member, Hagen received a Wittenberg Alumni Association Citation in 1982. A longtime board member of the Fortune 500 Erie Insurance Group, founded by her father, for whom the H.O. Hirt Endowed Chair in History at Wittenberg is named, Hagen received the high-

est honor for community service in Erie, the Edward C. Doll Award, in 2009, as well as the 2010 Sustainer of the Year Award from the Junior League of Erie. In 2010, the Pennsylvania Society awarded her the 2010 Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award. In 2011, her \$6 million gift endowed Wittenberg's Center for Civic and Urban Engagement, which now bears her name. Hagen was a lifelong member of Luther Memorial Church in Erie, where the Hirt family was among the founding members.

James K. Haucke, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 5, 2015. A member of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, he was stationed in Orleans, France, while serving in the U.S. Army. He worked for the Haucke family hardware store in Springfield and International Harvester before working as a civilian for the Air Force on the F-16 project, achieving the highest civilian ranking. Upon retirement, he served as treasurer for First Lutheran Church, volunteered for the Rainbow Pantry, and was a longtime Mason.

Richard E. Munsterman, Petoskey, Mich., died Feb. 4, 2015. He worked for General Motors in Chicago, Ill., and for Purdue University before being employed as a professor in educational leadership and later as chairperson of the department of industrial and manufacturing engineering at Western Michigan University, where he retired in 2000. A volunteer for the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 20 years, he enjoyed boating and sailing.

Maynard W. Slack, Florence, S.C., died July 5, 2015. A mechanical engineer, he worked for the DuPont Company in Circleville, Ohio, Luxembourg, and Florence in quality control and customer service. He was an active member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, a charter member of the Swamp Fox

Car Club, and the Florence Evening Lions Club, serving as president twice and chairman of the Christmas Shopping Project for needy children. He was chosen Lion of the Year in 1985, 2000, 2002 and 2006, became a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1999, and was inducted into the South Carolina Lion's Hall of Fame in 2012. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

'58

Rev. Richard H. Frankman '72S, Kissimmee, Fla., died June 27, 2014. He was a salesman for NCR prior to entering the seminary. After his ordination as a Lutheran pastor in 1972, he served parishes in Ohio, Kentucky and Florida. In 1981, he and his wife founded and operated Alpha Specialties and Awards before retiring in 1998. He was a former member of the Rotary Club Kissimmee West and an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Dale M. Huffman, Miamisburg, Ohio, died July 25, 2015. A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Vietnam War. He had a 45-year career in journalism as a newspaper columnist, reporter, radio and television talk show host. As a columnist for the *Dayton Daily News*, he wrote more than 3,000 consecutive columns spanning more than eight years. In 1993, President George H.W. Bush named him the nation's 1,001st "Point of Light" for his recurring series that followed 100 kindergarten students to their high school graduation in 2000. He was designated a "Living Legend" in 2014 by Wright State University.

Ronald G. Sakola of Venice, Fla., and formerly of Perrysburg, Ohio, died May 30, 2015. He was a teacher and administrator at Toledo Public Schools for more than 30 years. He was active in track and field programs and the Midwest

district of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Carla Rethmeyer Scopeletis, McLean, Va., died Aug. 28, 2015. Her 33-year career with the CIA included the deputy directorship of an office that oversaw political and economic analysis of Europe. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she acted with community theatres in northern Virginia and was a member of the chancel choir and worship committee at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean.

Patricia Towers Haun Smith of Palo Alto, Calif., and formerly of Sierra Vista, Ariz., died Aug. 4, 2014.

Charles R. Streich '61S, Pittsboro, N.C., died June 22, 2015. In 1959, he received a Fulbright scholarship to study in Erlangen, Germany. After graduating from Hamma Divinity School, he served churches in Ashland, Ohio, and Joliet, Ill., then taught as a professor at Mt. Airy Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia before moving to Long Island, N.Y., to lead the Lutheran Coalition, serve in several churches and work as a pastoral counselor. At age 50, he went to law school at Queens College and practiced law until his retirement in 2010. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

'59

Alfred S. Delanis of Lyndhurst, Ohio, and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died Oct. 28, 2014. A member of Phi Mu Delta, he was retired from Morrison Products, where he worked as plant supervisor. He was a Mason, a member of Al Koran Shrine and Acacia Lodge #651 F.&A.M., a volunteer for East Cleveland Theatre as a set-builder, and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cleveland

Heights. An avid boater, he was a member of the Northeast Yacht Club and belonged to the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Rev. D. Richard Garrison '60S, Upper Township, N.J., died Nov. 1, 2015. He was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1960 and began his ministry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in New Milford, N.J. He also served St. John Lutheran Church, Ocean City, N.J.; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Grace Lutheran Church, Gouldsboro, Pa.; a mission congregation in Flemington, N.J.; and Holy Spirit Lutheran Church and St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Villas, N.J.

Ross Mitchell "Mitch" Greenawalt, Copley, Ohio, passed away July 7, 2014. He spent two years playing the French horn in U.S. Army bands at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Lee, Va. He was a junior high and high school music teacher and band director, and a summer counselor at Camp Kawanhee in Weld, Maine. In his retirement, he was active at the Montrose Swim Club, Rinky Dink miniature golf courses, and Pam's Posies floral shop. His memberships included Faith Lutheran Church, Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and many professional music and education societies.

Jonathan B. Howes, Chapel Hill, N.C., died May 31, 2015. He worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Kennedy administration before becoming director of the Center for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he served for 23 years. He was an elected alderman/council member for the Town of Chapel Hill from 1975-1987 and was a two-term mayor of Chapel Hill. In 1992, he was appointed Secretary of the Department of Environment, Health and Natural

Resources for the State of North Carolina, serving for five years. He then returned to the University in a variety of roles including special assistant to the chancellor. In the community, he served in leadership roles at the North Carolina Aquarium Society, Triangle Land Conservancy and Audubon North Carolina. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Ronald G. Mahan, Gaithersburg, Md., died Jan. 27, 2015. He taught English at Wittenberg from 1960-1963. In 1968, he moved to Hickory, N.C., where he was an English professor at Lenoir-Rhyne University for 34 years. After his retirement, he completed the Education for Ministry program at the School of Theology at the University of the South. He was an active member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, where he was an usher, conducted book studies and served on the finance committee.

Rev. John F. Uhle '62S, Rocky River, Ohio, died Nov. 18, 2015. An ordained Lutheran minister, he served at First Lutheran, Strasburg, Ohio, from 1962-1969; St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Parma, Ohio, from 1969-1973; and Bethany English Lutheran Church, Cleveland, from 1973 until his retirement in 1999. He was a member of the John Marshall High School Hall of Fame and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

'60

Richard E. Dressel of Audubon, Pa., and formerly of Norristown, Pa., died Oct. 25, 2015. He was employed as a banker with the former Philadelphia National Bank for more than 30 years. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Trinity Lutheran Church of Lansdale, where he served on the church council and finance committee.

David T. Lemmon, Springfield, Ohio, died April 12, 2015. He taught geography at Wittenberg until he was employed at the Kissell Company in data processing. Most recently, he had been employed as a systems analyst and programmer for Miami Valley Publishing. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

Virgil F. "Fred" Morris, Springfield, Ohio, passed away March 5, 2015. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954-1957 before attending Wittenberg. He retired as an accountant and small business owner.

'61

Candice Napper Marshall '61MED, New Smyrna Beach, Fla., died Oct. 2, 2015. She was a teacher and guidance counselor for 18 years. In 1956, she was elected to the town council and served for four years. She was a member of the Coronado Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Martha Circle, Retired Teachers Association, and Retired Teachers Union. She enjoyed traveling and visited Europe and Asia with the Friendship Force of East Central Florida.

'62

Barbara Clark Minter, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 15, 2015. She taught sixth grade at Northwestern Elementary School for 30 years and tutored students after her retirement. An active member of Bethel Baptist Church, she played the piano, helped organize the after-school program Club House and sang in the choir. She was past president of AZ Chapter of P.E.O. Sisterhood, organized an annual holiday dinner for the Salvation Army and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Monda S. Wade, Toledo, Ohio, died July 28, 2015. She was head nurse at St. Luke's Hospital before enlisting in the Army in 1967. She spent 28 years in the Army Reserve and retired at the rank of colonel.

'63

William J. MacAdam, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., died Aug. 17, 2015. A member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, he had been employed with Manufacturers Bank.

'64

David M. Bowers, Urbana, Ohio, passed away Feb. 5, 2015. A member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he retired in 2003 as the director of transportation for Veolia Environmental in Huber Heights, Ohio. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Moose in Urbana.

Nicholas Galliger, Xenia, Ohio, passed away Feb. 19, 2015. A member of St. Brigid Church, he retired as a castings engineer. He enjoyed creating stained glass, painting watercolors, and photography.

John W. Myers, Stow, Ohio, died Dec. 13, 2015. He was retired from S & H Industries, where he served as director of sales and marketing. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Gary H. Palm, Chicago, Ill., died Feb. 14, 2016. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he was professor emeritus at The University of Chicago Law School and director of the Edwin F. Mandel Legal Aid Clinic. He served as the first clinical teacher on the ABA Accreditation Committee and later on the Council of the ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions

to the Bar. He won many important cases in the federal and state courts, particularly in the area of employment discrimination law for plaintiffs, including the seminal case of *Logan v. Zimmerman Brush Co.*, which he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Alice Backman Westfall '64MEd, North Lewisburg, Ohio, died Nov. 1, 2015. She was a guidance director at Triad High School, Marysville High School and Springfield School for Pregnant Girls. She served as a 4-H advisor and Girl Scout leader and on the Literacy Council and Library Council. She was a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association, the Buick Club of America, the Central Ohio Buick Club, the Champaign County Cruisers, and the Buick Driving Enthusiasts.

'65

Rev. Larry W. Matthews, Rockford, Ill., died March 26, 2015. He was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1969 and served Stephens City Lutheran Parish, Va.; Messiah Lutheran Church, Mechanicsville, Va.; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lynchburg, Va.; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill.; and Zion Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wis. Upon retiring in 2008, he served as interim pastor at Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford until 2014. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi, a past president of Kiwanis Club of Rockford, a vice president of the Springbrook Homeowners Association, and former board member of Cornerstone Foundation of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

Bonita "Bonnie" Pollard Payne, Okemos, Mich., died Feb. 14, 2015. She worked as an elementary and middle school art teacher and graphic artist before beginning a career in promotional products

sales with HALO Branded Solutions. She was an avid hockey, basketball and football fan.

'66

Claire Lundberg Ashby, Lititz, Pa., died Nov. 11, 2015. She created and taught a drug and alcohol prevention curriculum at Eastern Lancaster School District for many years. She was active with the Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.), the Bethlehem Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and Grace Lutheran Church. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

'67

Martha Metzger Lohr of Orlando, Fla., and formerly of West Chester, Pa., died Feb. 18, 2015. She was a teacher and executive secretary before becoming a full-time homemaker. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she enjoyed traveling and horseback riding.

Thomas R. Pulsifer '67MSM, Xenia, Ohio, passed away Sept. 8, 2015. He served area congregations as an organist and choir director, and was a published composer of choral anthems for church choirs. His knowledge of local railroad history led to the publication of *Train Times*, which detailed the history of railroads in Greene County, Ohio.

'69

Ann B. Chess, Lancaster, Ohio, died Dec. 7, 2015. She was an elementary music teacher in the Lancaster City Schools and served as administrator to the Lancast-

er Festival Orchestra. She also served as a board member for the Lancaster YMCA and CityMusic Columbus.

Larry W. Gundolf, Springfield, Ohio, died Oct. 21, 2014. Early in his career, he taught and coached for Urbana City Schools before becoming a realtor and insurance agent in 1974. He was the owner of Echo Hill Realty and was active with Clark County 4-H and the Clark County Fair. His love of traveling took him to all 50 states and five Canadian provinces.

'70

Craig W. Beachler, M.D., of Merced, Calif., and formerly of Guerneville, Calif., died June 2, 2014. He worked for 25 years as a pediatrician at Southeast Bay Pediatrics, where he was a managing partner. A member of Delta Sigma Phi, he enjoyed theatre, dancing and traveling.

Gail Fuller DeMattio, Myrtle Beach, S.C., passed away July 14, 2015. A member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, she sang in the choir and worked with the youth of King of Glory Church, played trumpet in the North Myrtle Beach Community Band, served as a Stephen Minister and volunteered at Grand Strand General Hospital.

Ralph "Mickey" Wunschel, Toledo, Ohio, died Aug. 26, 2015.

'72

Rev. Dr. James E. Gunther '72H, Philadelphia, Pa., died May 7, 2015. He served Transfiguration Lutheran Church in New York City for 38 years, retiring in 1998 and named pastor emeritus in 1999. He was founder and board chair-

person of the Harlem College Assistance Project from 1964-1977. He served as a trustee of Susquehanna University, Wagner College, and Muhlenberg University, and was an adjunct professor at Christ Bible College, Malcolm King College, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Leslie Wayne Loftus, Overland Park, Kan., passed away July 19, 2015. A member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, she worked as a librarian in both the education and public sectors and most recently for the Johnson County Public Library. She was an active volunteer with the library, her church and the Overland Park Arboretum.

'73

John "Abe" H.V. Evans III of Atlanta, Ind., and formerly of Atlanta, Ga., died June 14, 2014. He owned AppleTree Photographers and was a substitute teacher for Hamilton Heights Schools. He served twice on the Atlanta Town Council and represented Atlanta on the Regional Transit Authority. A bass in the Atlanta, Ga., Symphony Orchestra Chorus with Robert Shaw, he sang on 16 recordings that earned 14 Grammys. Most recently, he sang with Encore Vocal Arts and Second Presbyterian Church.

'74

J. Randolph Balch, Bexley, Ohio, died April 8, 2014. He was an attorney for Balch Law, where he had more than 25 years of experience working in the area of healthcare law, data, consulting, fraud and ethics. He was founder and president of Medical Management Group Inc., served as an adjunct professor and guest lecturer at

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, and was former chair of the health law committees of the Columbus and Ohio State Bar Associations. A member of First Community Church and Whitehall-Bexley Rotary Club, he enjoyed traveling, golf and water sports.

Robert C. Roberts, of Beaufort, S.C., and formerly of Salem, Ohio, passed away Dec. 14, 2014. After 17 years as Columbiana County (Ohio) municipal court judge, he retired in 2005. He then became a licensed real estate broker in South Carolina and formed a real estate agency. In Salem, he was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, serving on its board of elders, Kiwanis Club, Salem High School Alumni Association committee, and numerous professional law associations. In Beaufort, he volunteered in the Kairos Prison Ministry and was a member of the St. Helena Episcopal Church. He also was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

'75

Eileen K. Bell-Garrison, Spokane, Wash., died Oct. 15, 2014. She was dean of library services at Gonzaga University, where she worked for more than 30 years.

'79

Mary Hall Vaughn, Tacoma, Wash., died May 6, 2014. A member of Sigma Kappa sorority, she worked for the Peninsula School District in Gig Harbor, Wash., first as a special education teacher, then as the behavioral intervention specialist. In 2001, she started teaching general education at Harbor Heights Elementary School. She was a National Board Certified Teacher and received the Ellen Fay

Award for Educational Excellence in 2008.

'81

Philip R. Filbrun of Grand Prairie, Texas, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 1, 2015. At one time, he was a senior district sales manager for Texas Business Services. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

'82

Marla Milbry Porter, Mason, Ohio, passed away Jan. 23, 2014. She was a senior financial planning analyst for Duke Energy in Cincinnati. She was a member of Lincoln Heights Missionary Baptist Church, as well as a founding member of the Omicron Theta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at Wittenberg.

'86

Ann-marie McGee Young, North Ridgeville, Ohio, died July 31, 2015. She worked as a special education school teacher at Bay Village Middle School and had performed with Up with People for three years. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority and Harvest Ridge Church.

'89

Vicki Waterman Arnold, West Jefferson, Ohio, died Jan. 17, 2014. She was a nurse at the Madison County Hospital, where she was the head of surgery, and most recently at the Children's Hospital of Columbus, Ohio. An avid singer

and dancer, she participated in the London High School shows. She also was a choreographer and past director for the Madison County Arts Council.

Aaron S. Luoma, Eustis, Fla., died Jan. 7, 2015. He worked for the Armed Forces Recreational Services in Garmisch, Germany; taught English as a second language in Japan; served as volunteer coordinator for the Border Servant Corps in El Paso, Texas; worked for the Democracy Center in Cochabamba, Bolivia; and was a caseworker in Virginia for immigrants and refugees. He served as a volunteer for the Jimmy Carter International Habitat Program in the Philippines, local hospice organizations, and as an election observer in Sri Lanka. Fluent in Japanese and Spanish, he was a skilled photographer and published author.

Climbing Self Rescue: Improvising Solutions for Serious Situations. He accomplished the first-ever ascent of Gamlan Razi in Myanmar. He served on the board of the Charture Institute and the Idaho Clean Energy Association and volunteered as an instructor with the Khombu Climbing School in Nepal.

'92

Amy Wilson Nessel, Fairfield, Conn., died May 26, 2015. She was a school counselor at Roger Ludlowe Middle School, an avid tennis player and an active volunteer for several local agencies committed to eradicating cancer.

'96

Jennifer M. Waite-Kane, Arbor Vitae, Wis., died July 30, 2015. After graduating from Wittenberg, she was a teacher of English and German at the Evangelic Lutheran Lyceum in Bratislava, Slovakia.

'90

Angela R. Fowler, Sevierville, Tenn., passed away March 28, 2015. She was employed by Kroger and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Knoxville. She wrote devotional and educational materials for Augsburg Fortress.

'09

Emily M. Convery of Louisville, Ky., and Adrian, Mich., passed away Feb. 8, 2016. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she enjoyed swimming, waterskiing, traveling, the theatre and medical research.

'91

Andrew D. Tyson, Victor, Idaho, died April 10, 2015. An avid outdoorsman and mountain climber, he worked for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Alpine Ascents International, Exum Mountain Guides, and Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions. He co-founded Creative Energies in Lander, Wyo., wrote *Glacier Mountaineering: An Illustrated Guide to Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue*, and co-authored



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JULY 14

Rochester, N.Y. celebrates the warmer temperatures with Summer Splash.

JULY 19

Buffalo, N.Y. alumni and their families head to the ballpark to watch the Bisons.

JULY 20

Columbus, Ohio, enjoys National Ice Cream Month at the Bethel Road alumni-owned Graeter's.

JULY 24

Washington, D.C., alumni come together to cheer on the Nationals.

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