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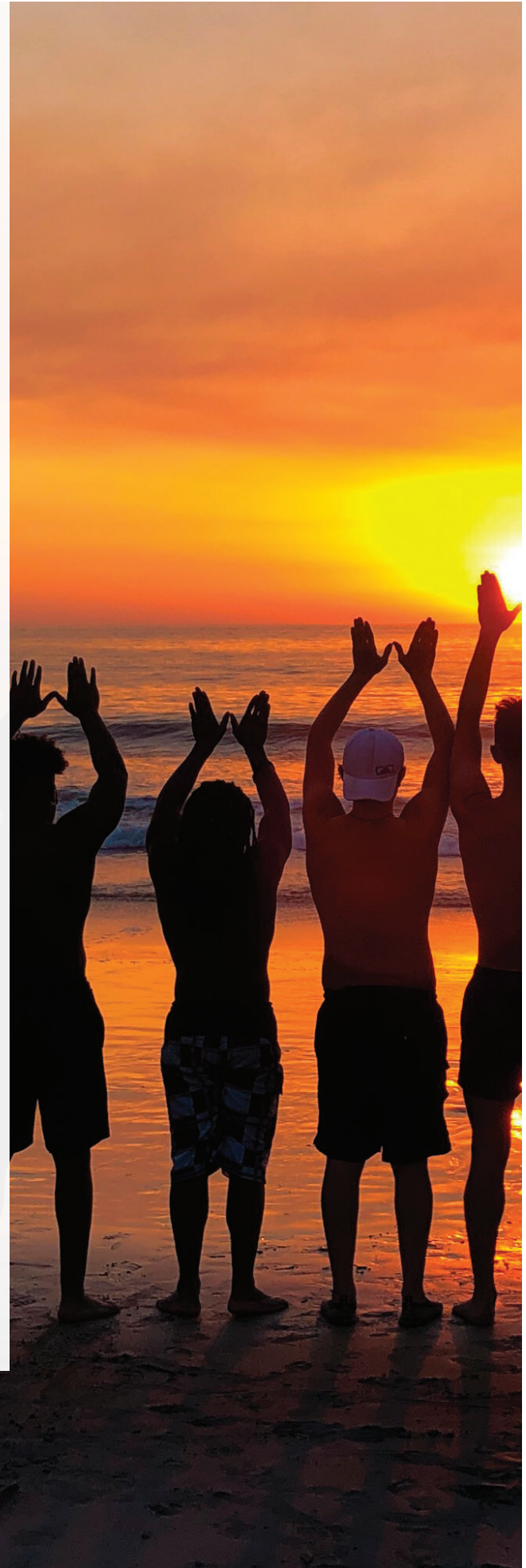
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Wittenberg students have taken advantage of being able to study away again, specifically in Costa Rica (pictured) and in Wittenberg, Germany, this semester.

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Advancing Opportunities

The transition from the spring semester to the summer session is always bittersweet. Having recently celebrated yet another class' accomplishments, confident that we have helped our graduates seize their light, we now find ourselves entering a quieter time on campus.

Those of you who know me well know that I miss our students so much during the summer. I miss their energy, their activities, their conversations, and their gifts. Yet, I also know that as a community of learners we need the summer for both the renewal and reflection it offers, and we use this time to the fullest as we prepare to welcome our incoming students. Having attended our Accepted Student Days and talked with our newest students and their families, I know our campus will be enriched by their presence.

Another exciting endeavor that will continue this summer stems from our new engagement with Credo, a higher education strategic planning and student success firm that helps small independent colleges thrive. Credo's unique approach galvanizes the full campus community to identify, further develop, and implement the most impactful practices and solutions that are a best fit for Wittenberg. Both the process and outcomes of this partnership seek to: bring about positive changes to student retention and success; further integrate campus partnerships, programs, and services; build an inclusive infrastructure of practices and approaches to ensure the scalability and replicability of our work across *all* student populations; and ensure that we as a campus community continue to place students at the center of our decision-making. Planning teams are already hard at work, distilling hundreds of ideas, engaging fellow colleagues, and defining next steps.

Our plans for the future must be driven by our current and future students, the experience they will have here, the outcomes they will realize, and their success. I applaud our continued efforts in advancing opportunities for our students. This spirit of our work has positioned us well to take on these critical initiatives with Credo — the time is now, and we are ready to help our students reach their highest potential.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us, for helping our \$100-million campaign exceed \$95 million to date, and for opening significant doors for our students. Your generosity of time, spirit, and philanthropy reveal the light that only those closest to Wittenberg know best.

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FOCUSED, INTEGRATED, REFLECTIVE EXPERIENCE

Students studying the land in nearby Yellow Springs, exploring art in Chicago, working with startups in Seattle, and creating science lessons for middle schoolers in Springfield, Ohio, were all a part of Wittenberg's inaugural Focused, Integrated, Reflective Experience or F.I.R.E. Week, Feb. 28-March 4, 2022.

Along with the new Connections Curriculum, which debuted last fall, Wittenberg faculty voted last year to pilot a new offering that will become a regular feature of the Wittenberg academic calendar. F.I.R.E. Week fulfills one of the experiential learning requirements in the Connections Curriculum, which, in alignment with the University's mission, challenges students to become responsible global citizens, to discover their callings, and to lead personal, professional, and civic lives of creativity, service, compassion, and integrity.

During F.I.R.E. Week, students had a chance to engage in-depth with faculty and staff on a wide range of topics. Options included spending the week in Cleveland, visiting both public and private schools, and asking how they as citizens have a stake in the education system; visiting local museums to understand how best to create exhibits to explain psychological principles (and then create their own exhibits); working with the Susan Hirt Hagen Center and the Fuller Center to help construct housing in storm-damaged areas of Georgia; or discovering the best ways to engage children in chemistry, including putting together a demonstration at a middle school. The possibilities are as rich and varied as the people at Wittenberg.

"We're excited about the potential for F.I.R.E. Week to add special experiential learning opportunities for Wittenberg students," Provost Michelle Mattson said. "All Wittenberg students were eligible to apply this year. First-year students (and sophomores who have petitioned to switch to the Connections Curriculum) were encouraged to consider one of the options. I'm excited about these opportunities to collaborate and plan forward.

"Feedback from both student participants and the faculty leaders continues to be positive about their respective F.I.R.E. Week experiences and testifies to the close student-faculty relationships that are formed at Wittenberg. We know providing experiential learning opportunities like these is essential to students' growth and future success, which is why we are already planning for next year and expect to have even more students take advantage of what is truly a distinctive opportunity at Wittenberg."

More than four dozen students participated in F.I.R.E. Week. Students not participating in one of the programs this spring were encouraged to work on projects related to their courses or connect with their professors.

For more information about the new Connections Curriculum, visit www.wittenberg.edu/connections.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN NEED

In their efforts to address food insecurity and clothing needs among students, Campus Cupboard and Witt Wardrobe now share the same location at 721 N. Fountain Avenue adjacent to the Joseph C. Shouvlin Center for Lifelong Learning. Campus Cupboard, which offers free food and hygiene items, seeks to break down financial barriers associated with college life. Witt Wardrobe provides a range of free clothing, particularly formal business wear that students may need for interviews, internships, and more.

"I believe this merger is important because it has combined two very useful and underappreciated resources on campus," said Gabrielle Doty, class of 2023 from Northfield, Ohio, and one of the key student leaders who worked on the merger. "This will hopefully bring to light the existence of both of these resources on campus and get more students to check them out."

Initially established in the fall of 2018, the Campus Cupboard began as a single small cupboard in Weaver Chapel but has quickly grown to be a vital resource. Witt Wardrobe began just prior to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic when students and faculty from the department of education and the Student Advisory Board collaborated with Daniel Lofton '19, who was working as a coordinator with AmeriCorps and Ohio Campus Connect, to create a clothing resource for students in need.



A DREAM TO SERVE AND A MEANINGFUL CALLING

After 23 years of dedicated service, Rachel and Andy Tune, Matevia Endowed University Pastors, will make the 2021-22 academic year their final one at Wittenberg.

"This has been a rewarding, challenging, and meaningful calling for us," they shared in their letter to President Mike Frandsen. "It was a dream to be able to serve in ministry with college students, and we are grateful to Wittenberg for giving us that opportunity. Whether taking students on trips that intersect faith, learning, and service; teaching in the classroom; being able to see students explore and hone their gifts and talents and discover their callings; walking alongside students and listening to their hopes, dreams, and struggles, even at the darkest times; being part of a vibrant learning community; and worshiping, praying, and learning together, this has been quite a journey. We have a deep commitment to ELCA higher education, and we have been honored to be a part of Wittenberg's emphases on vocation, service, creativity, global citizenship, student engagement, interfaith engagement, and academic excellence, and to work with our colleagues in these areas."

The search process in consultation with ELCA leadership is underway with hopes of a new pastor in place by August 1.



HAGEN CENTER NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

Kim Creasap has joined Wittenberg as the director of the Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Civic and Urban Engagement.

“Civic engagement is an exciting area in higher education, especially right now,” Creasap said. “At Wittenberg, the new ‘Connections’ general education curriculum presents countless opportunities for innovation in civic-engaged teaching, research, and learning. We also live in a time of large-scale social change in which being an engaged, informed, compassionate citizen is crucial to creating positive change. Springfield offers so many opportunities for collaboration with students and faculty, developing new knowledge, and creating an informed, thoughtful public.”

Originally from Marion, Ohio, Creasap completed her doctoral work in sociology at the University of Pittsburgh in 2014. As a sociologist, she uses research, teaching, and leadership to create more participatory communities through an equity-minded lens. She has conducted research with grassroots organizations in the

United States and Europe that address urban inequalities and taught community-engaged courses in sociology and gender studies. Previously, she was the inaugural director of the Office of Gender and Sexuality at Denison University.



INAUGURAL VELER AND BARKER CHAIRS ANNOUNCED

The Office of the Provost has announced that Cynthia Richards, professor of English, is the first holder of the newly established Richard P. Veler Endowed Chair in English, and that Kristin Cline, professor of chemistry, is the John W. Barker Chair in Chemistry.

The Veler Chair was created by gifts from members of the Class of 1958, and the friends, students, and colleagues of Professor Emeritus of English Richard P. Veler to honor his legacy.

According to Professor of English and Chair Robin Inboden, Richards embodies the same “passion for teaching and compassion for students” that Veler represented. Named the Wittenberg Woman of the Year in 2014 and 2015, Richards is the recipient of numerous teaching awards including the 2021 Alumni Association

Distinguished Teaching Award and Omicron Delta Kappa Award.

Funded through an anonymous estate gift, the Barker Chair memorializes John W. Barker, a professor of chemistry from 1927-1960 and criminalistician for the Springfield police department.

In its nomination of Cline, chemistry department faculty stated that she “is a thoughtful educator who is constantly improving her craft” and who “has increasingly made use of collaborative learning in both the classroom and laboratory components.” In particular, they noted her willingness to adopt a HyFlex model of teaching to optimize student success during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wittenberg Board of Directors approved the nominations for both the Veler and Barker Chairs during its October 2021 meeting.





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Editor's note: The 2022 recipient Sally Brannan, associate professor of education, will be featured in a future issue.

Teaching in the “Muddy Middle”

New Veler Endowed Chair of English Cynthia Richards
receives the 2021 Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching

BY Debbie Ritter and Cindy Holbrook

When teaching Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, Professor Cynthia Richards likes to pose this question to her students:

“Whose is the greatest sin, Adam’s or Eve’s?”

“They hate this question,” Richards says with a laugh.

That’s because the question – which she emphasizes can be answered either way – gets at the “unresolvable, contradictory elements of the text,” she says. “The answer is this ‘muddy middle.’ It’s this complicated place.”

And the muddy middle is exactly where she wants her students to be, because that’s where the learning occurs.

Thriving on the tension – and the potential – presented by a question that has no correct answer, Richards asks her students to choose one side over the other and defend their answer in a classroom debate. After writing down the arguments from both sides, students then have to identify the strongest counterargument and argue the opposite side.

It’s a challenging, often intense, process but one that Richards contends teaches students how to take a stand, provide evidence for their argument, hone judgment, and learn to respect those who reach a different conclusion.

“If you ask the right question – and you truly ask one [for which] you yourself can see both sides – it’s amazing to see how the energy emerges and how much students believe in themselves at the end because they got there on their own,” she says. “If those two things have happened, then it’s like magic in the classroom.”

Richards, newly named Veler Endowed Chair in English, has been working to create that magic at Wittenberg since she joined the faculty in 1995, and judging from the teaching awards she has received over the years, she’s succeeding. The Alumni Association recognized her at last year’s Honors Convocation with the 2021 Distinguished Teaching Award, the University’s highest honor bestowed upon a faculty member. In 2002, she earned the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Innovative Teaching Award, and she was the recipient of the Omicron Delta Kappa Excellence in Teaching Award in 2000.

According to Professor and Chair of English Robin Inboden,

“Cynthia Richards embodies the best of Wittenberg’s faculty in creative teaching, cutting-edge scholarship, and tireless service to Wittenberg, and the Springfield community. She helps her students connect with literature not through some false idea of universality, but by celebrating difference and finding common humanity. She creates a sense of community in each class through her own warm presence and through meetings at coffeehouses or her own home.”

“It’s very hard to convey how much the Distinguished Teaching Award means to me,” Richards says. “I remember watching someone receive the award when I first came to Wittenberg and realizing that this award elevated teaching to our highest accomplishment. The award represents the very best of Wittenberg, and it’s something I’ve aspired to since coming here.”

Richards fell in love with literature while taking a seminar on John Keats her first semester at Brown University, where she earned her B.A. in 1984. She later redirected her passions toward 18th-century literature while in graduate school at New York University, where she earned her Ph.D. in 1996, and has remained a committed teacher and scholar. Her teaching interests include 18th-century literature, the woman writer, war, romance, the body, and how the study of all of the above intersects with living a meaningful life.

“What’s wonderful is to teach in a discipline where there are many right answers,” Richards says. “Teaching literature is like teaching life because life is uncertain and unclear.”

That ambiguity makes for great classroom discussions and many new insights and revelations.

“A good teaching day for me is when all of us are surprised into knowledge, surprised into insight,” she says. “I’ll leave class, and I’ll have a new perspective...It’s such a drug, it’s such a high. It usually comes with laughter.”

As for her students, it’s the “combination of intelligence, passion, and vulnerability that makes them the ideal learners and such great companions to have in the process of learning,” she says. “I always learn from them. Each journey is different. They are intellectual risktakers. They’re not afraid to get it wrong and because of that, they learn so much and they get it so right.”



SHARING EXPERTISE ON THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

When news broke that the Russians had invaded Ukraine, Christian Raffensperger, Kenneth E. Wray Chair in the Humanities, a leading Russia and Ukraine historian, and the Archie K. Davis Fellow at the National Humanities Center for spring 2022, quickly became a sought-after voice in the crisis. Thanks to a special virtual Alumni College talk, Raffensperger also provided important background on the Russian invasion and answered common questions such as “Why has Putin said that the Russians and Ukrainians are a shared people and culture?” “What does he mean by ‘de-Nazification’ of the Ukrainian government?” and “What is Putin’s end game?”

Wittenberg’s Russian and Central Eurasian Studies program followed suit, sponsoring an event featuring James Allan, chair and professor of political science, YU Bin, professor emeritus

of political science, Molly Wood, professor of history, and Lila Zaharkov, associate professor of world languages.

Allan provided perspective on the war’s economic impacts, not only for Europe, but also globally in terms of energy and especially food insecurity, and discussed the seismic shift in German defense and foreign policy. YU Bin backtracked the sources and course of the current Ukraine war, particularly the consistent warnings by some prominent thinkers/practitioners of political realism in the United States, whose marginalization in the mainstream policy deliberation directly led to the current conflict. Wood examined the NATO map, defined Article 5, and outlined a couple of NATO/U.S. responses so far, while Zaharkov provided perspective on Russia’s historical culture and extensive history surrounding strong, centralized leadership.

SPECIAL SCREENING OF *MOTHERS OF THE REVOLUTION*

Months before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, multiple offices and departments joined together to offer a unique colloquium and screening of the documentary film *Mothers of the Revolution* made possible courtesy of NBCUniversal.

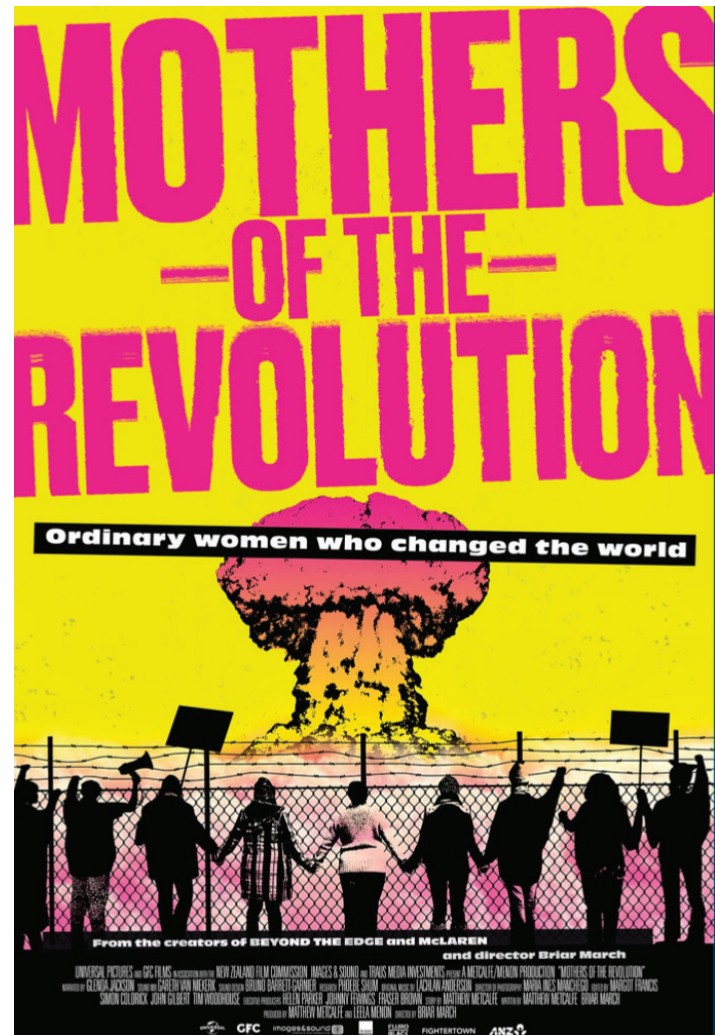
Mothers of the Revolution tells the story of one of the most significant peace movements in the second half of the 20th Century, chronicling how a small group of women had a hand in ending the Cold War. A key leader of the movement in the former Soviet Union was Professor Emerita of Geography Olga Medvedkov, the 2010 recipient of the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching and two-time Fulbright Scholar, who earned her B.A. and M.A. from Moscow State University in Russia, and her Ph.D. from the Russian Academy of Science, Institute of Geography.

Mothers of the Revolution centers on the untold story of the Greenham Common women of which Medvedkov was associated. The group of 36 women set off on a 120-mile march in 1981 from Cardiff, Wales, to Berkshire in southeast England to protest against the planned arrival of American nuclear missiles on U.K. soil.

“In doing so, they started something extraordinary, in time galvanizing over 70,000 women into action to protect their children and future generations,” said Rob Baker, professor of political science.

Medvedkov was introduced by Russian and Central Eurasian Studies colleague Gerry Hudson, professor emeritus of political science, 2002 Distinguished Teacher, and recipient of a Senior Fulbright Fellowship, a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship, and a National Science Foundation National Needs Fellowship. Together, Medvedkov and Hudson previously accompanied students on five different research trips to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, and together, they also took time to address the Ukraine crisis, providing even deeper insight for students, faculty, and staff.

To view the discussion, visit www.wittenberg.edu.



GLOBAL CONNECTIONS COLLABORATIVE

Wittenberg is launching a new initiative aimed at bringing together various global opportunities for students. Called the Global Connections Collaborative (GCC), the effort will prepare students to study, live, engage, serve, and work in a global future. This collaborative will emphasize that students can major in various areas and tie their language study to future careers in business, science, and other areas, via the nationally recognized cultures and language across the curriculum program (CLAC) and international internship or experiential opportunities at Wittenberg.

The GCC's goal will be to increase connections across disciplinary and regional lines while seeking to better prepare students for a future in which global citizenship is paramount. The benefits of an organized collective dedicated to global studies

“include a central location for students to find information and resources related to global education, increased collaboration among faculty and staff, more shared events, enhanced visibility of opportunities for current and prospective students, and the possible creation of new certificate programs,” said Ruth Hoff, associate professor of languages and chair of the department of world languages and cultures. “The GCC will increase the profile and scope of Wittenberg’s international curricular and co-curricular programs and opportunities.”

Hoff and Scott Rosenberg, the H.O. Hirt Professor in History and director of Wittenberg's Peace Corps Prep Program, are co-chairing the new GCC advisory committee. The GCC is housed on the second floor of Hollenbeck Hall in the eastern wing.



TRANSITION ON THE TIGER GRIDIRON

One of the most successful football programs in the history of small college athletics underwent a once-in-a-generation coaching transition following the 2021 season with the introduction of Jim Collins '88 to replace Joe Fincham, who announced his retirement after 25 years as head coach and more than 30 with the program.

Collins returned to his alma mater after serving as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Dayton in 2021. Collins brings more than 30 years of coaching success with him, including 11 years as head coach at Saginaw Valley State and 10 years as head coach at Capital University, where he was named Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Coach of the Year three times and led the Crusaders to three appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"We are honored to welcome Jim back home to lead the Tiger football program, which inspired him years ago," said Wittenberg President Mike Frandsen. "In Jim, we have a champion for student success at every level and a leader who understands the power of a Wittenberg education to change lives."

For a quarter of a century, Fincham built upon the program's proud tradition, leading the Tigers to an overall record of 224-51, including a North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC)-best 165-24 record during that time. He finished the 2021 season ranked ninth in career win percentage and 10th in total victories among active football coaches across all divisions, and along the way he piled up 10 NCAC Coach of the Year designations and led the Tigers to 14 conference championships. Wittenberg made

14 appearances in the NCAA Division III Tournament during Fincham's 25 seasons at the helm, and his teams produced 77 All-Americans during that span.

While a student at Wittenberg, Collins was named captain and team MVP as a senior, and he picked up three All-OAC awards during his career. At the time of his graduation, Collins ranked second in program history with 116 all-time career receptions.

Collins received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Wittenberg and his master's degree in athletic administration from Central Michigan University. He is married to Brooke Bevilacqua Collins '88, and together they have three grown children, Zachary, Ryan, and Brady.

In returning to Wittenberg, Collins assumes the reins of a program that has won five national championships and 33 conference titles over more than a century of gridiron excellence. The Tigers have the second-highest win total among NCAA Division III programs, and Wittenberg has not posted a losing record since 1954. Wittenberg ended 7-3 overall and 7-2 in the NCAC in 2021, good for a second-place finish.

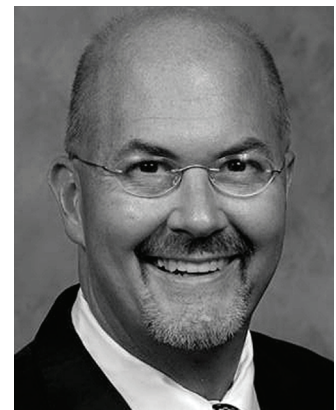
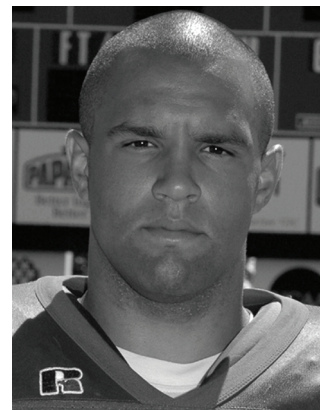
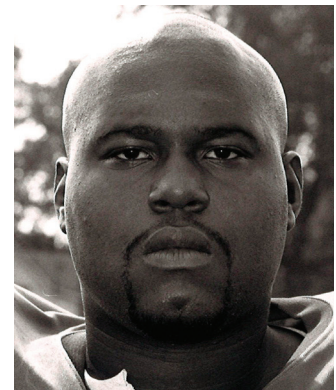
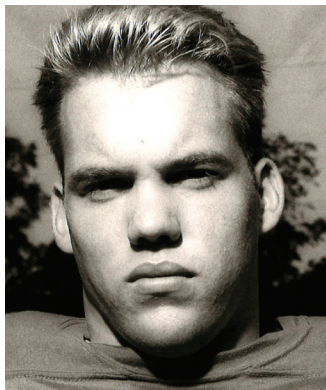
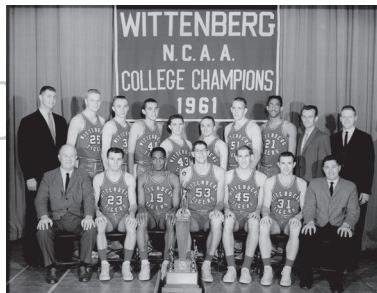
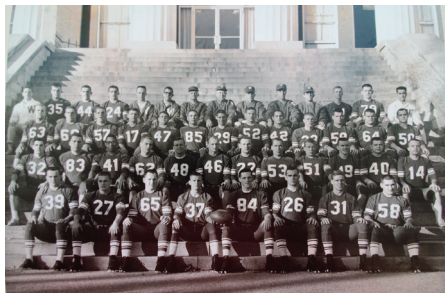
"This is the job I've dreamed of my whole career, and I am humbled to join the list of exceptional coaches at my alma mater," Collins said. "Wittenberg is the total package: A life-changing experience, excellence in academics, high moral and ethical values, and a tradition-rich athletic program that is second to none."

ATHLETICS HALL OF HONOR



Seven Wittenberg University greats have been selected for induction into the Athletics Hall of Honor. Stephanie Boardman '10, Bill Brown '73, Ron Cunningham '96, Abi Gerstle '03, Tristan Murray '07, Chris Postler '94, and Denny Yontz '71 will officially join more than 250 other Wittenberg greats who have previously been inducted. In addition, Tim Kremchek '81 becomes the seventh recipient of the Athletics Hall of Honor Lifetime Achievement Award, and for the first time ever, the committee opened hall membership to "Teams of Distinction," starting with 1961 men's basketball, 1962 football, and 1963 men's basketball.

Planning for a formal induction ceremony and banquet during Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2022, is underway. Details will be available soon. To learn more about the Athletics Hall of Honor Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022, which will be announced soon, visit www.wittenberg.edu.





RETURN OF THE ARTS

As pandemic-related restrictions began to relax, the campus came alive again with a range of vibrant artistic endeavors. From a unique sensory-focused *Peter Pan* performance and concerts to various art exhibits, Wittenberg's commitment to creative expression was welcomed and experienced by many in our community this year.





Witt in Washington Grant: Alumni have contributed to a scholarship fund that will provide up to \$1,500 in additional scholarship aid. Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need (as determined by the Office of Financial Aid) and availability of scholarship funds.

Witt in Washington, D.C.

One of the University's "best-kept secrets," this study-away program in the nation's capital marks the 30th anniversary of its partnership with the Lutheran College Washington Semester.

BY Cindy Holbrook and Debbie Ritter

For the past 30 years, Wittenberg students have been building career experience, honing professional skills, and making special memories through the Witt in Washington, D.C. Semester. Students first started participating in the fall of 1992 in partnership with the Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS), a consortium of small Lutheran schools that operates the program.

"The Washington Semester program guides students as they develop important professional skills that prepare them for life after college," says Ed Hasecke '97, former political science professor at Wittenberg who recently took over as dean and executive director of the LCWS.

"We expose students to a wide variety of uniquely D.C. experiences that come through the local food scene, the performing arts, national museums, and the history of the nation's capital. As a small program, we get to know each student and mentor them as they define and pursue personal and professional goals."

During the 14-week program, students work at an internship four days a week and take two evening classes. They attend weekly field trips, including to museums, a tour of Mount Vernon, and a performance at the Kennedy Center, and live in apartments in Rosslyn, Virginia, where the program is located.

"I think the Witt in Washington, D.C. semester program is one of Wittenberg's best-kept secrets," says Catherine Waggoner, professor of communication and digital media, who is the program representative on campus. "While many on campus have thought this experience is just for political science students, that is not the case. Like our study-abroad programs, this is open to students from all majors.

"In addition to taking courses, students work in exciting internships that match their interests and majors. They also network with members of the Wittenberg Washington, D.C. alumni chapter. This is a life-changing experience for many of our students."

The LCWS program is open to all students regardless of major. Internships can be found that are relevant to any major and typically will count as credit toward the completion of the major (although this varies by department). Recently, students have interned with the White House and on Capitol Hill, with major news organizations (Fox, CNN, etc.), local nonprofits, the Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Marshals Service, and Smithsonian museums. LCWS staff help students find internships that fit their interests and mentor them through the application and interview process.

Shanté Leslie, a class of 2022 music major from Bowie, Maryland, for example, interned at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, one of the premier performing centers in the country. Leslie assisted with event planning and organizing auditions for various performances.

"A Transformative Experience"

A political science major with minors in justice, law, and public policy (JLPP) and sociology, Avery Adams '22 felt that participating in the LCWS would expose her to new opportunities beyond her coursework.

"I have many passions and aspirations, and sometimes I struggle to narrow them down to find what is next in the cards for me," says Adams, class of 2022 president. "I figured going to D.C., the

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-Avery Adams '22

hub of politics, would help me narrow down my interests and help guide me to my future career. The opportunity to have an internship in the nation’s capital was something I couldn’t pass up.”

After interning with the U.S. Marshals Service, the oldest federal law enforcement agency in the United States, Adams indeed found clarity on her future path – she intends to pursue a master’s in public administration.

“My favorite part of this experience was my personal growth,” she says. “I can see many differences in myself since arriving in D.C. in September, including being more comfortable in professional settings. I am better at making connections, more confident in my abilities as a young professional, and so much more. It truly was a transformative experience.”

Adams also took away many favorite memories, including a Segway Tour of the National Mall during her first week in D.C. and a trip to the top of the Washington Monument during her last weekend in the city.

“I was able to look down the National Mall toward the Capitol building and have a ‘Wow, I really just lived in D.C. for three whole months’ moment,” she says. “Between the two experiences, I feel like everything came full circle for me. The program was very transformative, and I would love [for] others to have this experience.”

Career Head Start

With aspirations of becoming a lawyer and living in Washington, D.C. someday, Caroline Marlow '23, a history and political science double major, knew the LCWS would provide “amazing opportunities to get a head start” on her career.

“I worked as a government relations intern with the Bramer Group LLC, a bipartisan consulting firm focused on foreign affairs and veterans’ health care,” says Marlow, president of Kappa Delta sorority.

“This role helped me make some decisions about what I want to do later in life. I now have my sights set on obtaining a constitutional or civil rights law degree after graduating from Wittenberg. I hope to work either with a federal government agency or at a private law firm that partners with civil rights activist groups. While I took two classes and worked at my internship, I made so many important professional and personal connections that I will value for the rest of my life.”

Marlow’s semester in D.C. was also enriched with visits to museums, national landmarks, and the Eastern Market for everything from jewelry and clothes to books and “the best breakfast sandwiches you will ever find,” a performance of the Tony-winning Broadway musical *Hadestown* at the Kennedy Center, and a congressional baseball game where President Joe Biden made an appearance.



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Another highlight of her semester was attending a women's march for reproductive rights.

"It was a very powerful and empowering event, and I was glad I had the opportunity to stand up for what I believe in along with thousands of others," she says.

"Real-World Preparation"

Unable to participate in study abroad in Germany as she had originally hoped to, Kaci Morin '22 pivoted to options closer to home. With encouragement from her roommate and Hasecke, she stepped out of her comfort zone to attend the program.

A Student Leader Fellow and a member of Alpha Alpha Alpha and Alpha Delta Pi, Marin most enjoyed the opportunities "to see all of the national history located in D.C." She was able to put her exercise science major and biology minor into practice through an internship with Aquila Health and Fitness.

"This company provides fitness services to different government agencies," she says. "My internship was virtual; however, I was able to learn a lot and apply many of the things that I have learned in the classroom. This experience has boosted my confidence in myself in succeeding in the workplace. I have learned how to manage team projects, communicate effectively, and balance a full-time internship while also in school. There really was no better real-world preparation for the future than this."

Internship on "The Hill"

When Sophia Spriggs '21 enrolled at Wittenberg, she knew she wanted to study abroad. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of many travel opportunities outside of the United States. A professor encouraged her to think about the LCWS program.

A political science major with minors in Spanish and economics, Spriggs interned in the office of Rob Portman, Republican senator for Ohio.

"The opportunities and trips we did within the program were extremely interesting and very cool," she says. "My favorite part

of the trip was the field trips that the program planned for the students. The internship was such a great learning experience and very enlightening. This experience benefited my future career by the network I obtained from my internship, and it was insightful for what I would like to do after I graduate and farther down the road."

Strengthening Skills

Already a leader on campus as president of Student Senate, the Campus Compact 2020 Newman Civic Fellow, and the 2021 Charles B. Rangel Scholar, Emmanuel Thombs '22 continued to strengthen his leadership and networking skills, and explored new career possibilities during his semester away from Wittenberg.

"In D.C., I really wanted to learn more about things I may not be necessarily interested in and get out of my comfort zone," he says. "This allowed me to reconsider my current path and be more open to other opportunities I may not currently be considering."

A political science and international political economy double major and a member of the Entrepreneurship Fellowship program and Minority Men Striving to Succeed, Thombs interned at the Embassy of Bahrain, the diplomatic mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States.

"This internship helped me develop the writing and research skills critical for work in public policy," he says. "In the future, I hope to apply the skills I learned at the embassy in the private sector, working as a consultant or assisting a corporation with policy-related initiatives. Before I went to D.C., I didn't quite envision this as my career path; however, my time in D.C. was invaluable in helping me realize my true passions."

For more information, visit www.wittenberg.edu/academics/washington-semester. Alumni who wish to donate to the Witt in Washington Grant or to mentor students in D.C. may contact Catherine Waggoner, professor of communication and digital media, at cwaggoner@wittenberg.edu.



Dynamics of Disparities

With social justice, social change, and mental health issues at the forefront of her mind, Chandra Donnell Carey '95 has co-founded a research center that unites multiple disciplines to focus on racial and ethnic equity in Texas and throughout the nation.

BY Cindy Holbrook

A Wittenberg course in biological research stirred in Chandra Donnell Carey a desire to seek “more opportunities to investigate issues affecting people and communities.”

That desire led her to earn a master’s degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a doctorate in rehabilitation counselor education from Michigan State University. Now the academic associate dean for the College of Health and Public Service at the University of North Texas (UNT), Carey has co-founded a center that focuses on issues aligned with the institution’s Hispanic Serving (HSI) and Minority Serving (MSI) statuses.

Carey believes her “collaborative spirit and interdisciplinary connections will expand the focus of research innovation across the social science and humanities disciplines” through the new Center for Racial and Ethnic Equity in Health and Society (CREEHS). She recently took time to answer a few questions for her alma mater.

WITTENBERG: Tell us about the importance of your research and the timeliness and relevance of your research interests in societal equity issues.

CAREY: Although the development of CREEHS had been in progress since 2018, it wasn’t until the murder of George Floyd that it gained attention from our university administration. That situation and the advent of COVID-19 brought a lot of relevancy as our nation started to really see and process the dynamics of disparities in our justice system and in health outcomes. These inequities, of course, weren’t new, but these unfortunate events amplified them, for some folks, in ways they hadn’t been in the past. Now more than ever, we need to look beyond just the biology and more traditional STEM-related impacts on our communities and really explore how they combine with the social determinants of health and impact overall behavioral health and physical health outcomes.

WITTENBERG: Where do you stand on access to mental health services for underserved populations? In your current role, how can you improve access?

CAREY: In 1999, the U.S. Surgeon General developed a seminal report that provided one of the first comprehensive overviews of mental health and mental illnesses from a cultural perspective. It ushered our nation into a dialogue examining disparities within relevant historical and cultural contexts. We see now, more than before, efforts to address mental health across communities of color and to normalize the process of seeking treatment. Where it may be clear to others that seeking treatment is a part of the process to recovery, the stigma, stereotypes, and cultural tropes regarding strength, faith, and resilience have prompted a denial of the impact of mental health in black and brown communities, even among those likely experiencing the daily effects of it. Between improper diagnoses, attitudinal barriers, economic barriers, lack of culturally responsive treatment and interventions, and ineffective relationships with service providers, few people of color who could benefit from mental health treatment receive appropriate care. The overall goal of my work is to increase access to mental health services and to increase the cultural responsiveness of practitioners so that appropriate care and interventions are available.

WITTENBERG: Tell us about your research projects aimed at exploring mental health utilization and access for underserved populations and in the cultural competency of community-based providers.

CAREY: My own mental health experiences and those of folks in my family really propelled my interest in this area. I wanted to better understand the barriers to treatment outside of my own lived experience and understand the challenges to

providing effective treatments. My recent grant efforts have been to address the training and culturally responsive treatment practices for practitioners, while also recruiting culturally and linguistically diverse practitioners. I really prefer to use a mixed-method approach to reviewing these issues. Raw data in and of itself gives you information and trends, but it often lacks context or the ability to make causal inferences. Qualitative approaches provide context from those with lived experiences and often produce more nuanced understandings of why issues exist and perhaps how to best address those issues from a community-based perspective.

WITTENBERG: How did Wittenberg guide you on your current path?

CAREY: From the biological research course I took to my work with Dr. Jo Wilson’s lab exploring the impact of diet

on preschool learning and behavior, I definitely caught the research “bug” at Witt. Exposure to research at that level of my education yielded exactly what the research shows us about undergraduate research and how it can help to develop research interest and literacy in more diverse students who can eventually become research scholars and scientists themselves.

Given my own racial identity and background, coming from an underserved, urban area, unfortunately while at Witt, income disparities and racial inequity were very apparent. I realized in my own development as a student how that can impact your educational foundation and success. So, my own experience was impactful, but I also met some great peers and developed relationships that were truly meaningful and helped me to persist. Interacting with faculty like John Young was key. His presence at that time, as the only Black faculty member on campus, really allowed me to see a future possibility for myself.



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Engaging Hearts and Hands

With a heart for serving others, a gift for speaking Chinese, and skills he developed at Wittenberg, David Begbie '99 is connecting resources to those in need through Crossroads Foundation, a nonprofit organization he co-founded in Hong Kong with his parents 27 years ago.

BY Debbie Ritter

In 1995, David Begbie's family received a phone call from a charity they knew asking them to help victims of the worst flood in northern China in 100 years. Two million people had been displaced and desperately needed clothing.

"They wanted to know how our family could help," Begbie says. "We didn't know how."

Faced with a world in need, the family responded anyway. They collected 19 boxes of clothing from a group of women. Then Begbie's high school, Hong Kong International School, donated 72 boxes.

"Then 136 [boxes], then 248, and it was as if a hole opened in the heavens and resources began to pour in," he recalls. In that moment, a life's mission was born.

In the 27 years since, Begbie has helped distribute relief supplies in Hong Kong and around the globe, match for-profit organizations with nonprofits that can benefit from their resources, and run simulation experiences designed to give others a small taste of the challenges faced by those they serve.

His efforts have been recognized by Hong Kong Red Cross, which gave him its first-ever Humanity Award in 2007, and by *Tatler Hong Kong*, which named him to its 2020 Impact List of Asia's most influential individuals.

"[My family] never had an intention to start a humanitarian organization," Begbie says. "We never intended to grow to the

size we are now, on eight-and-a-half acres of a former army base, with hundreds of containers of resources, half of which help Hong Kong with the other half headed to over a hundred other countries.

"We never intended to be running experiential programs – immersing people in the shoes of those we serve – programs that have had the privilege of helping over 200,000 people including world leaders."

Begbie was in his first year at Wittenberg when Crossroads was founded. He would return home to Hong Kong during holiday and summer breaks to "pack boxes, load shipments, and send goods to flood victims in China, post-war Balkans, then to more and more nations."

Australian by birth but raised in several different countries, Begbie accompanied his parents as they moved from place to place searching for ways to serve others. He and his brother were always included in their work.

"I felt invited into the heart of the purpose of being there," he says. "I never felt dragged to any of these locations because I felt like it was a part of the call and how we could serve."

In high school, while working one summer at a McDonald's in Beijing, he discovered he had a gift for speaking Mandarin. His high school counselor put him in touch with an admission representative from Wittenberg, known for its East Asian

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Studies program and, like his high school, affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

He applied and was accepted.

“But not only did Wittenberg open the door, it also rolled out the red carpet,” he says. “I was very graciously offered a 50 percent scholarship, which was for me make-or-break in being able to attend.”

At Wittenberg, he found a compassionate community that offered the opportunity to study the history, culture, and language of East Asia, and the vision that helped him connect his passion to his purpose.

“Landing there amongst a few other international students who had arrived for orientation, I really didn’t know what to expect,” he recalls. “But as I walked across the Seal in the very center of campus, I looked down, and I saw the [University’s] motto, ‘Having Light We Pass It On To Others.’ Suddenly it just was so comforting because my yearning was that my own life would be an example that would bring light to people who were in places of darkness and places of need.”

Begbie took full advantage of his time at Wittenberg, participating in sports, a gospel choir, serving as an RA, and studying abroad in China. After graduating in 1999, he spent a few years working at Crossroads before earning a master’s degree from Regent University.

As he continued his work at Crossroads after graduate school, he began to realize that the key to encouraging others to serve – and to continue serving – is to help them care.

“Once they care – once their hearts are engaged – then their hands want to know how they can respond,” he says.

In 2005, he offered a day-long refugee simulation to 15 Hong Kong CEOs, taking away their cell phones and wallets and asking them to build slums, eat with their hands, and sleep on the ground.

“The goal of the simulations is not ‘shock and awe;’ the goal is empathy,” Begbie says.

The impact of that first simulation was so powerful that requests for more simulations started coming in. Crossroads created poverty and refugee simulations in 15 countries, including ones that were held annually at the World Economic Forum in Davos for a decade, reaching such global figures as former U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson, as well as hundreds of corporations from Adidas and Nike to Facebook and Yahoo.

“For me, what’s wonderful is that we’re seeing NGOs start,” Begbie explains. “We’re seeing companies with no engagement in social issues or global or humanitarian issues suddenly commencing deep engagement in addressing them. Syrian kids are in schools built because people went through these programs.”

Having light, Begbie will never cease to serve others.

“I’m not in this job because I care about a company or an organization; I’m in this because I care about those in need,” he continues. “And if they are helped through whatever mechanism, then I win, we win. It’s moving forward. The two sides of our work are direct service and inspiring others to serve.”



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Scents and Sustainability

Garden Dreams founder and Snowvillage Inn co-owner Jennifer Kovach '93 inspires community building and better living, all while providing patrons with a much needed respite from the daily grind.

BY Karen Saatkamp Gerboth '93

Sometimes life's detours lead to the best destinations as business owner Jennifer Kovach discovered back in the early '90s. Fresh out of Wittenberg, the Oxford, Ohio native spent the summer after graduation driving across the country before joining a small sales and marketing firm in Columbus, Ohio.

"I didn't have a particular plan," the English major and geology minor recalls, until "I received a call from my Sigma Kappa sister Jenny Nash '93."



The call turned into an invitation to join Stone Environmental School of New England (SESNE), a private, nonprofit offering environmental education and experiential eco-adventures for elementary and middle school students in the Mount Washington Valley of New Hampshire. Kovach quickly signed on and soon found herself instructing and coordinating a range of programs and activities, including group dynamics and sensory awareness, forest and wetlands ecology, natural history,

and more. The opportunity to educate young people about the Earth and its vast natural resources aligned in many ways with Kovach's own interests and upbringing.

"In my early years, my family lived in a farmhouse and off the land so to speak. We grew our own food, made our own bread, and bought from the local co-op," explains Kovach, whose late father, Raymond "Ray" Kovach, headed Wittenberg's Office of Advancement for several years.

Through those experiences and her work in New England, Kovach's passion for sustainable living only grew stronger, so much so that she eventually sought out an apprenticeship at a long-established organic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operation, the Earle Family Farm in nearby Conway, New Hampshire.

"During my stay, we grew the CSA to 100 families per week and added a summer camp for children. Between SESNE and the Earle farm, I learned, taught, and lived sustainable living," she says.

She also studied with herbalist Corinne Martin, taught herself soap-making skills using the extra goat milk from the farm, and laid the foundation for her first entrepreneurial venture, Garden Dreams, a New Hampshire-based artisan skincare company.

"I make my products and then sell them at farmers markets, agricultural fairs, juried artisan shows, and health food stores," Kovach says.

To date, her best-selling products are goat milk soap, Beautiful Skin face cream, Starry Eyes rejuvenating eye cream, and her newest product, CBD oil and salve.

"I have a friend in Maine that grows organic hemp, so I purchase the hemp and produce the oil myself."

Her quest to help others appreciate the outdoors and what nature offers – something she grew to appreciate from Professor of Geology John Ritter’s classes – has also led her to a little piece of paradise in Eaton Center, New Hampshire: Snowvillage Inn. A modern country respite and restaurant tucked away in the White Mountains, Snowvillage Inn has been welcoming guests since 1948.

“The Snowvillage Inn is an extraordinary New England country home built as a summer home in 1916 by Frank Simonds, a Pulitzer-Prize winning author known primarily for his five-volume history of World War I. An expansive house set high on the lower slopes of Foss Mountain, the Snowvillage Inn has a commanding and memorable view of the White Mountains,” notes the inn’s website.

Kovach and her fiancé/business partner Kevin Flynn, who previously owned the inn before selling it in 2005, purchased Snowvillage together in 2012. As the inn’s stewards, they have brought in many modern amenities while still upholding the historical beauty and integrity of this unique property with a stunning view of Mt. Washington.

“With chain hotels, restaurants, and shopping creeping in everywhere, we give folks a break from that – a place that has local art on the walls, original wavy glass windows, hardwood

floors, and a real working fireplace,” Kovach says. “We like to give travelers an authentic experience.”

Inspired by Wittenberg Professor Emeritus Gene Swanger’s Chinese Religious Traditions course, which Kovach called “influential,” the couple is also building community at every turn, recognizing that the world, as Swanger stressed, has a diverse mixture of beliefs and that those differences should be embraced for a fuller, richer life.

“Community building is important to me. Without it, there is a disconnect for folks,” Kovach says.

To help create connections between guests and the community, Kovach and Flynn offer everything from locals’ nights to a sold-out special “Art to Farm to Table” dinner to highlight area art and locally grown food. Each opportunity engages guests in new ways following days spent skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, antiquing, shopping, or merely taking in the beautiful mountain vistas on the inn’s expansive screened-in porch.

“We want folks to feel like they can unwind and be themselves. Coming here is like heading to a good friend’s house,” Kovach says.

“The best part is watching the stress melt off folks during their stay.”





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Pictured here in her garden, Himes is one of many family members who have attended Wittenberg, including son Lance Himes '94, brother Terry Schreiber '64, grandson Eric Justin White '17, nephews D. Alex Beekman '99 and Ryan Schreiber '01, and niece Jennifer Schreiber Laber '96.

Ties That Bind

A garden and graciousness connect retired admission and advancement colleague Linda Schreiber Himes '66 with generations of alumni.

BY Tom Stafford '76

Stefan Diehm '08 proposed to Wittenberg classmate Nikki Kettlehake '08 in Linda Schreiber Himes' luxuriant garden – the same garden that hosted 80 for the outdoor rehearsal dinner for Kenny Pope '00 and Apryl Walker '01.

Yes, Himes also grew and arranged the flowers for the Walker-Pope wedding.

Which makes it seem only natural that when Nina Saevig Marrone '94 couldn't find a wedding dress to her liking, she used Himes'.

And explains why, when Himes built a house, she decorated the guest room to the tastes of Megan McCann '93.

A 1966 alumna who spent 19 years in Wittenberg's admission and advancement departments before retiring in 2015, Himes claims that her "story is not the least bit unusual."

And although "the least bit" seems a stretch, she insists that on a campus where close and lasting relationships between faculty and students are celebrated, memories of the same depth and endurance also take root between students and staff.

Himes' role in that Wittenberg tradition started in 1989, when she was hired by the Office of Admission to fill a job with a title she forgets, save its intent to make her duties sound decidedly more collegiate.

"I really was a receptionist. I greeted the guests; I made them

coffee; I arranged all the appointments for them while they were there; and I arranged the campus tours."

Although her prime reason for taking the job was a tuition benefit for her son, Lance '94, Himes found working with campus tour guides a premium perk. With their outgoing personalities, they not only were "great representatives of Wittenberg," she says, "they were fine people who touched my life. And Scott was one of those wonderful kids."

A Great Ambassador

Scott Bistayi '96 arrived on campus in the fall of 1992, when President William Kinnison would drop by for morning coffee. So would Professor Terry Otten of the English department, from which Bistayi would earn his major. Upon graduation, Bistayi leveraged the degree into an internship with *Forbes* that morphed into a 22-year stay at the prestigious magazine's New York City headquarters, much of it spent crafting the magazine's editorials.

As fondly as he remembers *Forbes*, which he left to return to Ottawa Hills, Ohio, to be with his aging parents, he remembers the Admission Office as an always welcoming place.

"You might have to fact-check this," Bistayi says in his editor's voice, but he recalls bouquets and arrangements of flowers and plants during the growing season, all provided by Himes, who



not only had a green thumb, but a knack for helping recent high school transplants to flourish.

“Linda was, herself, the greatest (Wittenberg) ambassador,” Bistayi says. “‘How are you today?’ is such a throwaway question that most people don’t listen to the answer. Linda did.”

Two Keepsakes

The same welcoming quality led Himes and her then husband to step up as a host family for Wittenberg’s international students, among them Nina Saevig Marrone.

“She became almost my Mom when I first arrived at Wittenberg,” Saevig Marrone says. “Lucky for me, I got the whole family.”

She would see Himes, who assigned her campus tours in Admission, then cross paths with Himes’ son, Lance, with whom she shared both their student days and a joint graduation party in 1994.

And when she returned to the States to visit friends and look for a wedding dress, she also went to visit Himes together with her future husband. When she told Linda she had found nothing and described the dress she had in mind, Himes said, “that sounds kind of like my dress.”

“I thought it was absolutely fantastic,” Saevig Marrone says.

And while the dress became her own keepsake, the photos of her in it became a treasured keepsake for Himes.

A Superpower

Megan McCann, who still calls Himes her second mother, also met Himes while conducting student tours. Their relationship continued when McCann took a full-time job in the Admission Office after graduation.

“When I think about what makes Wittenberg so special, it’s the people and the community,” she says. Himes is “so uniquely woven into the fabric that is Wittenberg” and has “this innate



ability to add a special touch to everything she does.”

The ability to “welcome with warmth and love is right from her heart and soul; it just comes out of her,” McCann says. “It’s her superpower. And people feel that.”

A Garden Proposal

Stefan Diehm felt it strongly enough that, at the last minute, he called Himes to ask whether he could swing by her home so he could propose marriage to his classmate Nikki Kettlehake in Himes’ garden gazebo.

By this time, Himes had become the event planner for the Advancement Office, where Diehm was working after graduation while both he and Kettlehake did their student teaching in the Springfield area schools.

Nikki remembers how Himes “rose to the occasion” that special day, pulling cookies and champagne out of her cupboards to make an already memorable event all the more so.

“It was just so lovely, and she took pictures of us.”

Himes and partner Dale Lucas also attended the couple’s wedding at Camp Luther in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where the young couple first met as camp counselors.

A dozen years later, Himes remembers not only hiding behind some plants with co-worker Linda Prain Beals ’87 to watch the proposal, but that the new husband and wife were history majors in the integrated social studies program.

Hanging with the Popes

And the truth is, the proposal event, while sprung at the last moment, was a breeze next to the dinner for 80 she hosted for Kenny and Apryl Walker Pope a few years earlier.

Kenny, a Wittenberg Hall of Honor cornerback, took a job in Advancement after graduation because Apryl, who graduated the following spring, had plans to join the Peace Corps after graduation and before they married.

Himes had spent enough time with Pope by the time wedding arrangements were being made that when they had trouble finding a place in Springfield to host 80, she suggested her home.

By the time the dinner was over, “both sides of our family got to know her,” Kenny says. “She wasn’t just hosting the party. She was hanging out, sitting down with our family members and having a good time. Both her and Dale.”

Apryl, who has since stayed in Himes’ guest room and brought her mother to visit, says “it’s really just family.”

And her husband sees Himes as an equal opportunity human being: “I think she just loves people. It doesn’t matter who you are or what you are.”

But he adds this insight: “I think she can spot folks that aren’t great as well. She knows when to back off – that this is a good person, and this is one that I can’t let in.”

The Guest Book

The names of so many she has let in are in a register book on a night stand in Himes’ guest room. And each of the stays brings Himes untold joy.

More recently, Ashley Petersen Harriman ’07, who also worked in the Advancement Office, brought her new baby for a visit from Cincinnati just as the Popes brought their children before. Harriman, who took Himes along while shopping for a wedding dress, put it this way: “When you’re at Wittenberg, you take for granted there are so many quality human beings there. You take for granted how rare that feeling is. Linda is a quality human being.”

And she lists others: Linda Prain Beals, Brian DeSantis ’07, Karen Saatkamp Gerboth ’93, and retired Dean of Students Dick Scott.

“Everybody there I feel like was so great. It taught me very early on to prioritize people over the task at hand.”

And Himes has appreciated just how many students have returned that favor.

“Some of the best relationships I’ve had in my life were with Wittenberg people,” she says. “And I am flattered that these kids remember me, still care about me.”

Epilogue: Ties that Bind

Pam Jackson Stewart and Dr. Alan Stewart, both class of 1969, see in Himes’ contributions an addition of crucial importance to the institution. Given that both served for years on the parents’ advisory board while sending six children to Wittenberg, where Alan now sits on the board, theirs is an opinion worth considering.

“Sometimes it’s not the person who has the title who binds everything together,” Pam says. “It’s the person who has an interest in the goodness and welfare of people.”

Alan says that in recent times of uncertainty at Wittenberg, as others were passing through, Himes and people like her were “a big part of the glue” that provided an important degree of stability.

Not to mention the flowers.

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- Pam Stewart ’69 on Linda Himes ’66

Scott Bistayi ’96 says that his friendship with Linda Himes germinated in “small, happy, mindful moments of conversation and camaraderie.” It didn’t hurt that their backgrounds shared common ground.

“What I know is what I know from childhood,” Bistayi says, “which is the kitchen and the garden and church. We talked about gardening and food and our families.”

After his campus days, Bistayi was regularly reminded of Himes by a family keepsake – a framed page from the 1904 catalog of the George H. Mellen Co. Innisfallen Greenhouses of Springfield. It dates from the time a huge mail order business led Springfield to be called “The Rose City.”

The memento “belonged originally to my godmother’s mother and hung in her house for years,” he says. “Then the print was in my godmother’s house, and from there it came to my mother’s house,” where it was displayed in a bedroom that had big floral garden scenes. “I remember noticing it and liking it,” he says. So, when his mother downsized, “it just felt that its natural home would be in Springfield with Linda.”

The day she opened the package, Himes says, “I just cried.” It now has a special place in Himes’ guest bedroom, which has a floral theme, of course.

The two have continued to exchange Christmas cards over the years – cards that offer updates on their lives. That they’ve not actually seen one another since Bistayi’s graduation hasn’t eroded their sense of connection.

“The great blessing of some friendships is that they make quite an impression on your heart or your soul,” he says. “Even though you might not speak for years, the conversation picks up again. It’s so natural.”

It also is embedded in Himes’ philosophy of life: “Create beauty and share it.”

Class Notes

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1962

Dave Oliver was inducted into the Miami Lakes (Florida) Sports Hall of Fame in June 2019. He is the founder and coordinator of the Miami Lakes Senior softball program, co-founder of the Miami Lakes senior basketball program, and coordinator of the Miami Lakes senior games.

1964

Nancy Walker Chandler is CEO of WisKnol LLC, which has launched Serendipity of Christian Games - WISKNOL, a game that covers all of Christianity from creation to the present cosmos. More information can be found at www.wisknol.com. She taught third grade at Washington School after graduation, then at the Dakar Academy in Senegal, West Africa, and later high school French at Northside Christian School.

1966

Anne Shutters Krick retired in June 2019 as a clinical psychologist specializing in sex addiction and couples counseling. She volunteers at Suicide Prevention Services of America answering calls on the suicide hotline. Her oldest son, Doug, died by suicide in October 2018 at the age of 48. Married for 58 years, she has three other children and eight grandchildren.



Charlie Painter '69

1969

In the spring of 2021, **Charlie Painter** coached Wando High School, located in Charleston, South Carolina, to the third consecutive SC 5A Lower State Championship and the 17th straight Regional Championship, and was selected as the SC Region 8 Coach of the Year. During the season, he also won his 800th career victory. He resides in Centerville, Ohio, and Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, with his wife, Karen.

1970

C. Franklin Brookhart published his fourth book, *Washed and Well-Fed: How the Sacraments Change Everything*. He is retired and living in Los Angeles.

1971

Kristine F. "Tina" Anderson's novel *Crooked Truth* (Mercer University Press, 2020) was nominated in the First Novel category of the 2021 Georgia Author of the Year Awards (GAYA).



Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers from the class of 1973 gathered last summer at Eaton's Ranch in Wyoming. Back row, from left: Hal McLean, Randy Porter, Scott Spayd, and Russ Heaps. Front row, from left: Rick Fowler, Pat Hillard, and Bruce Kirkpatrick.

1975

John Collier retired in September 2021 after 10 years as judge of Henry County (Ohio) Common Pleas and Probate Court. Columbus, Ohio Mayor Andrew J. Ginther appointed **Janet E. Jackson** as chair of the newly created Civilian Police Review Board.



While attending their grandson's kindergarten graduation, Eddie '75 and Wendy Williams Ford '76 ran into Carolyn Hancock '75, whose granddaughter was in the same class.

1976

Wendy Williams Ford, a member of Wittenberg's Board of Directors, was selected by the City Federation of Women's Clubs of Springfield, Ohio, to receive the 2020 Empowering Women – One By One Award in recognition of her outstanding community service.

According to an article in the *Record-Courier*, **Thomas "Tom" Hall** retired in December 2020 as a securities broker with Stifel Nicholas after a 37-year career in the investment business.

1978

After 36 years in higher education, **Timothy Bennett** has entered retirement. He spent 34 years at Wittenberg, where he served with a distinguished language faculty and helped build a nationally recognized curriculum in languages that flourished when Wittenberg emphasized global citizenship in its mission and where he was instrumental in establishing formal ties with Wittenberg, Germany, after the fall of the Berlin Wall. He reports that he is grateful to his colleagues and to his many students for the chance to pursue a vocation dedicated to the ideals of the liberal arts.



Susan Mehr Steele '82 (left) and Cindy Mehr Wolfer '79 (right) were pleased to meet a fellow Wittenberg graduate, Roberta Stickler Price '60 (center), on their Viking River Cruise to Wittenberg, Germany. The photo was taken in front of the doors of Christ Church.

Sandra Postel, director of the Global Water Policy Project, was awarded the Stockholm Water Prize 2021 for her long and outstanding work to make sense of complex water-related issues, according to a press release. The award was presented by Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf in an August 2021 virtual ceremony.

1980

Larry Rolland, department manager for Community First Investment Group, was promoted to senior vice president of Community First Bank of Indiana. Co-founder of Community First Investment Group, he serves on the board of directors of Bridges Outreach, Salvation Army of Kokomo, and 117 International, and as an advisor for the Kokomo Humane Society, according to a press release.

Tom Tingley has retired after an almost 40-year career as a pilot. Trained as a naval aviator, he retired as a Delta Airlines captain flying the B-737. He and his wife, Lisa, live in the Cincinnati area.

1981

Leslie Yerkes has published her first children's book, *Lost, Found & Forever: When You Make a Promise, Keep It*. The book is aimed at pre-teens ages 9 and older, as well as the adult, dog-rescue community. Yerkes is owner of Catalyst Consulting Group Inc. in Bratenahl, Ohio, and a dog rescue advocate.

1982

Kurt Treu, owner of The Growth Coach of Greater Cleveland, was presented with the company's Domestic Coach of the Year Award at a virtual awards ceremony

in February 2021. The Growth Coach is an international business and sales coaching franchise.

1983

Jeffrey D. Fredman is chief executive officer of Ocular Partners Inc., a physician-led eye care group in Chicago, Illinois. Previously, he served as vice president and general manager for oncology at AIM Specialty Health.

James Vance, senior vice president and co-chief investment officer of Western & Southern Assurance Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, has been re-elected to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati's Board of Directors for a four-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

1984

Matthew Shay, president and CEO of National Retail Federation, was named one of Washington's Most Influential People by *Washingtonian*.



Steve Abbott '92

1986

Beth Hughes Reichert has been appointed to the board of trustees for the Dragonfly Foundation, which helps pediatric cancer patients and their families. She is a 27-year veteran of Kings Toyota in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1987

Dawn Wildermuth Beelman was named president and general manager of Precision Custom Products Inc. in March 2021. She has served the company in various capacities for more than 35 years, including as a summer production associate while attending Wittenberg.

In December 2020, **Douglas Lewis** was appointed city manager of Painesville, Ohio. Previously, he served for 12 years as assistant city manager.



Jeff Guyton '88

1988

In May 2021, **Jeffrey Guyton** was named CEO of Mazda North American Operations in Irvine California. According to a press release, in addition to managing U.S. sales and marketing, he is responsible for Mazda Canada Inc., based in Toronto; Mazda Colombia, based in Bogota; and Mazda Motors de Mexico, based in Mexico City.

1991

Louise Johnson, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), was elected by the ELCA Church Council to serve as executive for administration. Previously, she served as director of leadership development for LEAD.

1992

Steve Abbott was cast in the feature film *Cabrini*, a biopic of Francesca Saviero Cabrini, later known as Mother Cabrini, who founded the Missionary Sisters of Sacred Heart. He plays the role of a wealthy American who does not want Cabrini to start an orphanage on the



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upper west side of New York City. Filming took place in Buffalo, New York.

Timothy Dadson has been promoted to general counsel for SoundExchange, a technology solutions company. He also serves as chief legal advisor. He first joined the organization as assistant general counsel in 2012 and then served as deputy general counsel.

Anthony S. Eames was elected to the board of directors of US SIF: The Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment. The director of responsible investment strategy for Calvert Research and Management, he also will serve on the board of the US SIF Foundation.

Allison Bealle Kelly has published her first book, a memoir-in-essays titled *There's Spaghetti on My Ceiling: And Other Confessions of a Reformed Perfectionist*. She is an elementary school teacher with a master's degree in education and endorsements in gifted education and Education as a Second Language (ESL).

1993

David Hiser has published his first book, *Finding Gauguin: Paul Gauguin's Lost Masterpiece*.

1995

Featured in this issue, **Chandra Donnell Carey**, associate professor of rehabilitation and health services in the University of North Texas College of Health and Public Service and featured in this issue, was tapped to serve as the inaugural Vice President for Research Faculty Fellow. The fellowship provides opportunities for faculty members to



Allison Bealle Kelly '92

broaden their training and experience in research administration.

1997

Andy Hirt was appointed dean of enrollment management at The McCallie School, located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in June 2021. Prior to this position, he served as chief of staff and vice president for advancement at The Association of Boarding Schools and as director of admission and financial aid at Brooks School in Massachusetts.

Timothy "Xan" Smith joined Goodwin House, located in Alexandria, Virginia, as chief financial officer in August 2021. He previously served as CFO for Moorings Park of Naples, Florida, and Blue Skies of Texas of San Antonio.

1998

Dennis J. Frost announces the publication of his second book, *More than Medals: A History of the Paralympics and Disability Sports in Postwar Japan* (Cornell University Press, 2021).

1999

Debbie Cassell is senior associate director of marketing and communications



Debbie Cassell '99 (fourth from right)

for alumni relations and development at her graduate school alma mater, Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where she helps raise funds for the \$5 billion "We Will" Campaign. In her spare time, she is president of the Evanston Community Tennis Association. She also was producer of the Woman's Club of Evanston's 68th Annual Revue, "Singin' in the Game," an evening of musical comedy that raised nearly \$80,000 for Girls Play Sports, a local nonprofit. She wrote several song parodies – on topics such as commonly mispronounced words, sports bras, and presidential tweets – for the benefit show, in addition to directing and performing.

Rob Linkhart was selected and approved as principal of Northridge Middle School by the Northeastern Local District board of Springfield, Ohio, in July 2021. He previously served as assistant principal at Kenton Ridge High School.



Columbus, Ohio, was the site of an August 2021 mini-reunion for (left to right) Joe Cistolo '99, Lisa Romanini Cistolo '99, Adam Schlade '99, Russ Fedyk '00, Amy Bixel Moran '99, Shane Moran '99, and Blake Budding '99.

Johnny Pryor has joined the Lilly Endowment as program director in education, according to a press release. He previously served as assistant vice chancellor in the student affairs division at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

John Shumate, vice president of global brand marketing, Champion Brand, at Hanesbrands Inc., has been named to the College Diabetes Network Board of Directors. In September 2021, he presented the keynote address for Wittenberg's Opening Convocation.

2000

Brandy Watts Schillace is the author of *Mr. Humble and Dr. Butcher: A Monkey's Head, the Pope's Neuroscientist, and the Quest to Transplant the Soul*, published by Simon & Schuster in March 2021. In February 2022, she was named a recipient of an Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award in the fiction category.

The Cincinnati Bengals presented **Chris Schmidt**, head football coach at New Bremen (Ohio) High School, with its Paul Brown Excellence in Coaching Award in July 2021. Schmidt is a social studies teacher at New Bremen Middle School.

2002

Kurt Lindamood has joined Alliant as vice president to its national employee benefits group.

Nathan Reed was promoted to Region 5 vice president of operations for Dayton Freight Lines Inc. He joined the company in 2011 as an account manager at the Walton Service Center. Since then, he has held several roles including operations/sales manager in Cleveland, Ohio, and service center manager in Mansfield, Ohio, and then in Dayton.

2003

Jen Grossman Leopard is the new director of the newly created Student Life department at James Madison University.

Buffkin/Baker has named **Jennifer "Jen" Stacy-Bradley** as the firm's 11th partner. Joining the firm in 2008, she specializes

in the health care, digital, and private equity spaces.

2004

Jessica Forsberg Berger was appointed vice president of university advancement for Cal State San Marcos and executive director of the CSUSM Foundation in May 2021, according to *San Diego Metro Magazine*. She previously served as assistant vice president for development at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.

Doug Schantz was appointed vice president of business affairs at Clark State College in June 2021.

Joshua T. Taylor, Edward Jones financial advisor in Kettering, Ohio, has been named a principal with The Jones Financial Companies LLLP.

2007

Courtney Burchett was named assistant athletic director at Warren Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana. Warren Central competes in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference, the largest conference of schools in Indiana.

John Strawn began the position of communications manager for the Ohio Technology Consortium, a division of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, in Columbus in September 2020. He previously was the digital communication specialist in the Office of Academic Affairs at The Ohio State University.

2009

Andrew "Drew" Denisco is an assistant coach for the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team, according to a press release.

2010

Victoria "Tori" Vogelgesang has joined Chatfield College as director of assessment and institutional research. She earned a Master of Arts in public administration and a doctorate in educational leadership from Northern Kentucky University.

2011

Jimmy Colloton has been promoted to associate head coach for the United States Naval Academy women's basketball program. He served as an assistant coach for six seasons prior to his promotion.

Raymond "Ray" Noe has been hired as an assistant baseball coach for the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

Bret Nye is community editor for *The Advertiser-Tribune* in Tiffin, Ohio. Previously, he was a reporter and



Lauren McMahon Gehrke '13 (center)

assistant page designer and editor for the newspaper.

2013

Krissy Hartman Brown, arts education director for The Springfield Arts Council, earned two distinguished recognitions: the international Freddie G. Fellowship Award and the 2020 BroadwayWorld Arts Educator of the Decade for the Dayton area.

Lauren E. McMahon married Ben Gehrke on March 27, 2021, in Cincinnati, Ohio, with many fellow Wittenberg Tigers in attendance, including many former

women's soccer players. **Rebekah Hart Colletti '14** provided the flowers from her floral shop, Flourish, based in Springfield, Ohio.

Karlos Marshall, president and co-founder of The Conscious Connect, was named a 2020 Next City Vanguard for his efforts to help improve an urban area. The Conscious Connect seeks to improve children's access to reading materials and revitalize urban neighborhoods.

Kaileigh Steiner married Caleb Pickett on June 19, 2021 in Columbus, Ohio. Joining them were fellow alumni **Drew Griffith '82**, **Jennifer Hall Griffith '82**,

Mark Willis '83, **Susan Willis Flahive '85**, **Tim Foley '83**, **Linda Elm '81**, **Jessica Weaver '13**, **Michael LaCagnin '14**, **Andy Steiner '83**, **Patty Bricmont Dull '81**, **Tori Tower Foley '84**, **Carey Keny Vincent '13**, **Lauren Shepherd LaCagnin '13**, **Lori McRoberts Steiner '81**, **Jane Tsivitse '13**, **Paige Pellegrino '13**, **Savannah Guyer '13**, **Sally Steiner Marks '70**, **Michael Steiner '68**, **Amy Steiner Pryor '64**, and **Kendrick Vincent '13**.



Tyson Agler '14



Caleb and Kaileigh Steiner Pickett '13

2014

Tyson Agler, sports editor and advertisement representative for the *Douglas County Post-Gazette* in Elkhorn, Nebraska, received the Outstanding Young Journalist award at the 2021 Nebraska Press Association Awards Night. He also won Best Sports Coverage Story and placed first in the Sports Video category. He placed second in Special Multiple Section and Sports Video and was third in Editorial and Sports Photo. After earning his master's in sports business management from Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York, in 2017, he moved to Nebraska. He married Kali Bohling on May 30, 2020.



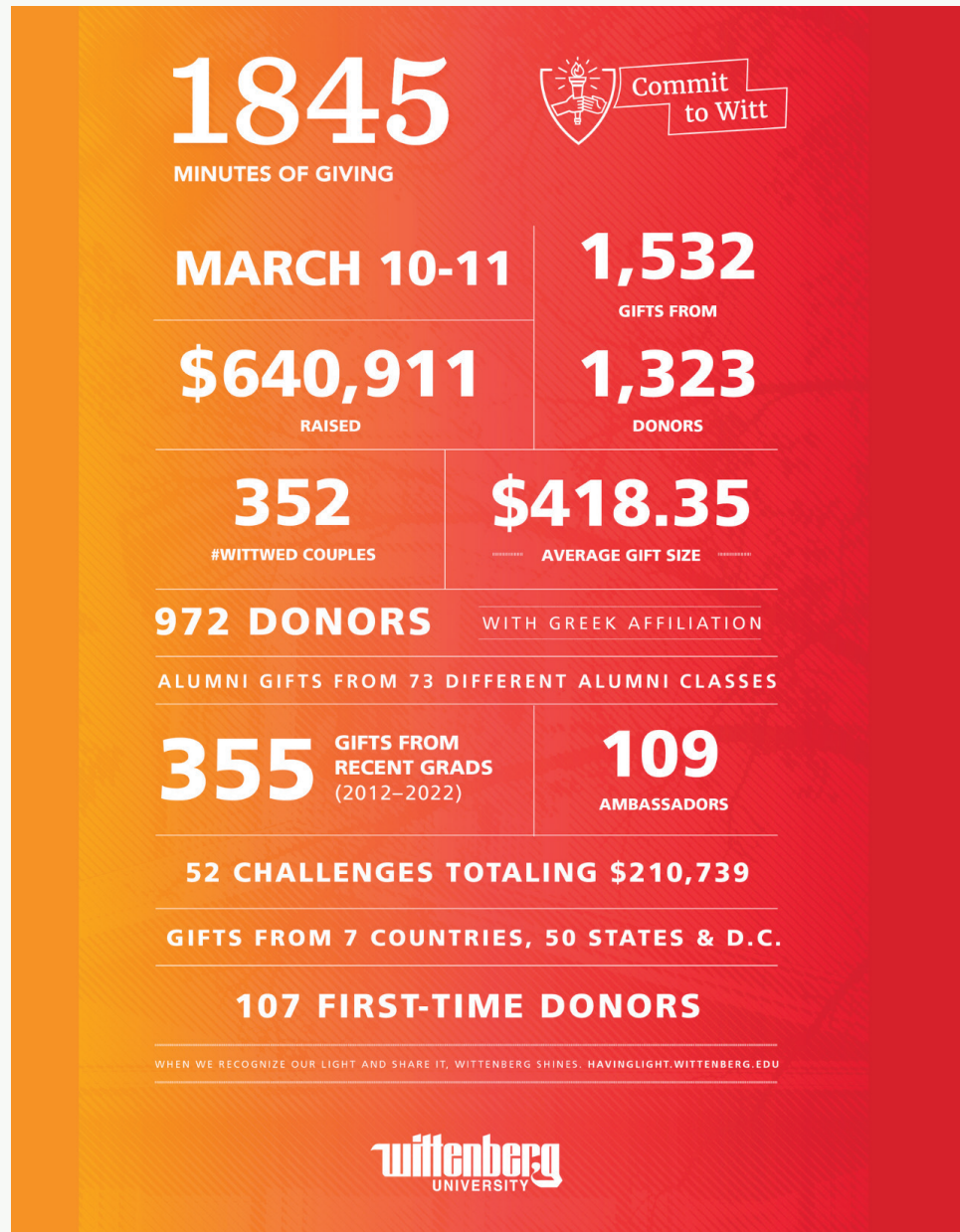
Michael A. Burgher '15 and Olivia E. Flory '15

2015

Olivia E. Flory married **Michael A. Burgher** on Aug. 15, 2020 in Dayton, Ohio. The couple reside in Detroit, Michigan.



Laura Bucher '19 and Ethan Peck '20



Andrew Francis has joined SPF Water Engineering in Boise, Idaho, as a hydrogeologist. He has a master's degree in hydrogeology from Illinois State University and experience working in groundwater resources with a focus on hydrogeologic conceptualization and geospatial analysis.

Madelyn H. Miller is a visiting lecturer in biology at Indiana University Kokomo.

2019

Laura M. Bucher married **Ethan H. Peck '20** in 2020 in Yellow Springs, Ohio. **Kristina Herman '10** served as photographer.

Nathan T. Matthews has returned to Wittenberg as head men's volleyball coach. He previously served as a graduate

assistant coach on the University of Kentucky women's volleyball team.

2021

Megan Niswonger is an assistant coach with the Central Michigan University field hockey program.

In Memoriam

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1939

B. June Kramer Snyder, Sarasota, Florida, passed away Nov. 24, 2020. A member of Chi Omega and Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota, she worked as a school psychologist and taught introductory psychology.

1941

Ada Moore Spillman, Zanesville, Ohio, passed away June 18, 2021. She taught physical education at Roseville and South Zanesville High Schools and worked for Bethesda Hospital for 39 years, retiring as office manager in 1982. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Timber Run Grange, Victoria Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, National Letter Carriers Association, and State Teacher's Association.

1942

Ruth Kunkel Bayley, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 25, 2020. She was a bookkeeper for The Guardian Bank and later Bonded Oil Company, retiring in 1975. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Lagonda Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Neal Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She was honored by Ridgewood School with the Honorary Alumni Award.

1944

Valerie Henneous Beall, Grant, Alabama, died April 25, 2021. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

1945

Martha Davis Egert, Watertown, South Dakota, passed away Nov. 10, 2020. She was a bookkeeper for A&H Transmission Line Construction Company and Farmers & Merchants Bank until 1963. She volunteered at Sioux Valley Hospital, was a member

of First United Methodist Church, and was active with the Sioux Falls Alumnae Chapter of Chi Omega.

Martha Tuttle Horner, Springfield, Ohio, died Sept. 8, 2020. She worked in her family's business, the Tuttle Bros. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, Kiwanians, Ohio State Mothers' Club, Springfield Dental Auxiliary, Clark County Audubon Society, and Grace Lutheran Church, and volunteered at Community Hospital.

Marjorie Koons Leemhus, Lexington, Kentucky, passed away Jan. 17, 2021. She taught cello in Erie, Pennsylvania, was a member of the Erie Philharmonic, and played in string quartets.

1946

John H. Evans, 48S, Lakewood, Ohio, passed away Oct. 4, 2020. He was a Lutheran pastor for more than 65 years and helped to develop Fellowship Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. He worked for Habitat for Humanity for 24 years raising funds and building homes.

1947

Ann Rosensteel Stewart, Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 4, 2020. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority, Chi Omega Alumnae of Springfield, Terra Cella Homeowners Association and Women's Club, Young Woman's Mission, Elderly United, American Association of University Women, and Lagonda Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Springfield.

1949

John C. "Jack" Bush, Westlake, Ohio, died Dec. 15, 2018. He was a decorated World War II veteran.

Janet Helms Koerner Digel, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 3, 2020. A retired elementary teacher with

Springfield City Schools, she was the first female member of the Springfield High School Marching Band and one of the first flutists in the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. She was a member of the Gem City Sweet Adeline Chorus, Vintage Voices Chorus of Springfield Senior Services, Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Gamma Phi Beta.

Suzanne "Sue" Cornish Hauschildt, Pacific Grove, California, died Jan. 25, 2021. She taught English in Ohio until her marriage to Kurt Hauschildt in 1956.

Mary Warner Kridler, Columbus, Ohio, died May 4, 2021. She was an elementary school teacher for more than 30 years, and a member of Gamma Phi Beta, American Association of University Women, Daughters of the American Revolution, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fremont, Ohio.

Norma Gray Kuzik, Euclid, Ohio, died May 5, 2021. An elementary teacher in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District for more than 25 years, she also was a member of Delta Zeta, Mentor United Methodist Church, Lake County Retired Teachers Association, and Order of the Eastern Star, Neal Chapter 522.

James D. Smith, Oxford, Ohio, died March 15, 2021. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Air Force. After 25 years in the insurance business, he opened a Baskin Robbins in Oxford. He was a member of Oxford United Methodist Church and Phi Gamma Delta, served on the Oxford Recreation Board and with United Way, and was president of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce and Oxford Country Club.

Carol Holman Van Deman, Franklin, Indiana, died Nov 13, 2020. She was an elementary teacher at IPS #20 from 1949-1952. A volunteer with Meals on Wheels and 500 Festival, she was

a charter member of Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church in Indianapolis and member of Kappa Delta.

Norman E. Winterhoff '53S, Wausau, Wisconsin, passed away Nov. 30, 2020. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and for 19 years in the United States Navy Chaplaincy, retiring in 1972 with the rank of commander at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He then served as associate pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Minocqua and later as visitation pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church before retiring in 1990. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

1950

Freda Feldkircher Christ, Concord, North Carolina, died Nov. 19, 2020. She worked for more than 20 years as a teacher and early childhood coordinator in the Buffalo, New York, Public Schools before retiring to Palm Harbor, Florida, and then to Charlotte, North Carolina. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi.

Thomas J. Evans, Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away Jan. 29, 2021. During World War II, he served in the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. He had a career in manufacturing management.

Jean Baker Wilson Reed, Piqua, Ohio, passed away Jan. 2, 2021. She taught English at Wilder Junior High School and Piqua High School until retiring in 1988. She wrote for the *Miami Valley Sunday News*, *Piqua Daily Call*, and *Dayton Daily News* and authored three books about Steiff toys. A volunteer for Meals on Wheels, she was a member of the Fortnightly and Columbian Clubs and Chi Omega.

William R. Stadler, Boca Raton, Florida, passed away Oct. 26, 2020. In the early 1950s, he opened two car dealerships in Michigan before returning to work on the family farm. He was a member of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, the National Rifle Association, and Phi Gamma Delta, and also held a world skeet championship title.

Jenny Cory Withers of Hudson, Ohio, and formerly of Shaker Heights and Pepper Pike, Ohio, passed away Nov. 27, 2020. She was a member of numerous clubs and organizations, including Alpha Xi Delta Alumni Association, Ohio Genealogical Society, Shaker Heights Historical Society, Women's Council of Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland Skating Club, Cleveland

Botanical Gardens, and Cotillion Society, among others.

1951

Dean W. Bailey, Lordstown, Ohio, passed away March 29, 2021. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the junior high principal at Howland, then the first director of the Gordon James Career Center. He finished his career as superintendent of Lordstown Schools. He was a member of Lordstown Lutheran Church and active with the Lordstown Historical Society and Trumbull County Easter Seals.

John E. Christ Jr. '51S, Concord, North Carolina, passed away June 29, 2018.

C. Sue Hollinger Dendiu, Lewis Center, Ohio, passed away Nov. 6, 2020.

Margaret Whyde Gard, Zanesville, Ohio, died Sept. 8, 2020. She was a teacher and member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Ruth A. Herman, Centerville, Ohio, died Oct. 4, 2020. She was senior electronics engineer in the Support Technology Division, Air Force Aero Propulsion Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She received the Scientific Research Society of America Research Award, the Patricia Kayes Glass Award for Outstanding Women Scientists and Engineers, and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for Scientific Achievement from the Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. A member of Kappa Delta, she volunteered at her church, Think TV, and the city of Kettering, Ohio.

Charles L. Knauer, Akron, Ohio, passed away April 25, 2021. He was awarded three battle stars while serving in the 45th Infantry Division during the Korean War. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, he had a 40-year career at The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, retiring as manager of materials, facilities, and services.

Lois Sweeney Ramsey Hamman Schleiffer of Lancaster, Ohio, and formerly of Solana Beach, California, died Aug. 4, 2020. She was active in the Lakewood Village Community Church choir, bible study groups, PTA, and Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Long Beach, California. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was active in Lancaster's First United Methodist Church.

1952

Helen J. Brumfield, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 31, 2020. In her 32-year teaching career, she taught kindergarten and first grade at Reid School and sixth grade at Possum School. She volunteered with Community Hospital, Springfield Regional Medical Center, and Salvation Army, where she was the past president of the Women's Auxiliary and recipient of a service award. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Charles G. Depew, Akron, Ohio, died Nov. 2, 2019. He served in the Coast Guard and worked for Owens-Illinois and Edison Industrial Systems Center. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, he served on the board of the National Sanitation Foundation in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was involved with Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo Symphony, and Toledo Club.

Shirley Stebbins DiRocco, Greenville, Ohio, passed away Dec. 14, 2020. She retired in 1990 as an elementary teacher having primarily taught at the Woodland Heights building of the Greenville School System. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ohio Education Association, National Education Association, Gamma Phi Beta, and former member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Frank B. Elias, Shelby, Ohio, died April 24, 2021. He owned and operated Shelby Electroplating. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega, American Society for Metals, American Chemical Society, American Electroplaters Society, Knights of Columbus Council 4448, and Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

James L. "Jim" Gerber of Orrville, Ohio, and formerly of Dalton, Ohio, died July 17, 2021. During World War II, he served in the 64th Topographic Battalion – 8th Army in Japan. He retired in 1993 as vice president of sales and marketing for Nickles Bakery, where he worked for 35 years. He was a member of Cornerstone Community Church in Dalton and Alpha Tau Omega, and served on numerous boards, including Alfred Nickles Baker Inc., Smith Dairy, First National Bank, Wayne County Community Foundation, and Orrville Salvation Army.

1953

Joanne Bruney Dillon, New Palestine, Indiana, passed away Jan. 26, 2021. She had a 30-year career as an English teacher, retiring from Doe Creek Middle School.

Nancy Emch Koenreich, Salem, Ohio, passed away Sept. 2, 2020. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Marilyn Gillen Lindblom, Wausau, Wisconsin, died Dec. 15, 2020. She was an airline stewardess for TWA before co-founding and serving as vice president of LycoWausau Inc. She also taught art classes at Viterbo University College and substitute taught for Wausau Public School System. She was active with Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, and P.E.O.

William H. Morris, Franklin, Tennessee, passed away Oct 5, 2020. After serving two years with the U.S. Army, he worked for 30 years in personnel and human resources for Allstate Insurance Company, retiring in 1988 as assistant vice president of human resources in Northbrook, Illinois. He then started a human resources consulting practice. A member of Dorm League, he sang with several barbershop quartets.

Katherine Kotila Scholz, Brookville, Ohio, passed away Sept. 28, 2020. She was an elementary school teacher at Highview School in Dayton, Ohio, a substitute teacher for Brookville and New Lebanon, Ohio, schools, and gave private flute lessons. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and Trinity Lutheran Church in Brookville, where she directed choirs and taught Sunday School.

A. Richard Smith '53S, Winchester, Tennessee, passed away Aug. 25, 2020. While doing mission work in Tullahoma, Tennessee, in 1950, he helped to start Trinity Lutheran Church and served as its first minister for 42 years. He also taught Greek at Sewanee: The University of the South.

Elbert G. "Bud" Smith, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 1, 2020. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a colonel. He was admitted to the Ohio Supreme Court in 1958 and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968. He was partners with William M. Toy III from 1959-1983, then associated with William D. West until retirement. He served

the Clark County Bar Association as president, was a fellow in the Ohio State Bar Foundation, and president of the Ohio State Bar Association. He was a member of the University Club, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Phi, St. Teresa Church, Springfield Country Club, and past member of The Polo Club.

Hans O. Zbinden, Akron, Ohio, died June 27, 2021. He taught German language and culture at the University of Akron for 30 years. He also found organ posts wherever he lived, from his Wittenberg years playing at First Lutheran Church, through his army service as chaplain's assistant, his graduate school years in Pennsylvania, and finally as organist for Faith Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, Ohio, where he played for 34 years. A member of Dorm League, he served on the Wittenberg Board of Directors from 1978-1981.

1954

William H. Hathaway, Auburn, Indiana, passed away May 28, 2021. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958. He first worked as a research engineer with Caterpillar Tractor in Peoria, Illinois. After completing medical school and his residency, he practiced family medicine until 2006. He also practiced at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and served as medical director for DeKalb County. He was a volunteer firefighter, served as DeKalb County coroner and deputy coroner, was active with Boy Scouts, and was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Dorm League, Phi Beta Pi, American Academy of Family Practice, and American Medical Association, among others.

Donald P. Hoffman, Farmington, Connecticut, passed away Aug. 29, 2020. He served in the military and worked in the insurance industry before spending four decades as a stockbroker. He worked for the Royal Bank of Canada until his passing. He was a member of Farmington Country Club and Lambda Chi Alpha.

Marycarol Fabian Pretorius, Dayton, Ohio, died June 24, 2021. She first worked as a social worker in the Columbus Tuberculosis Hospital, then as a high school librarian for many years in the Dayton Public Schools.

Ruth Grant Rugh, Sammamish, Washington, passed away May 12, 2020. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi.

Clyde L. Woodard, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 2, 2021. During World War II, he served with the Army Air Force as a member of the 390th Bomber Group. He completed his service with the U.S. Air Force Reserve, attaining the rank of major. A member of Dorm League, he worked as a physicist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, retiring as a branch chief.

1955

Susan Banahan Mindek, Medina, Ohio, passed away Nov. 30, 2020. A member of Kappa Delta, she played violin in the Parma Symphony for more than 55 years.

Carroll Maida Neal, Winchester, West Virginia, passed away Nov. 26, 2020. She retired from the Old Opera House in Charles Town, West Virginia, and was a member of Theater Guild. A member of Chi Omega, she also was a longtime member and organist at St. Thomas Lutheran Church before joining St. John's Lutheran in Martinsburg.

Robert E. "Bob" Rix, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Nov. 2, 2020. He taught English in the Springfield City School system for 31 years. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Clark County Retired Teachers Association, and the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, and volunteered at St. John's Food Pantry and Rainbow Table.

The Rev. **Charles C. Steward '58S**, Upper Sandusky, Ohio, passed away Nov. 18, 2020. A member of Dorm League, he served First Lutheran Church and retired from there after 40 years of ministry. He attended Trinity Evangelical United Methodist Church and served the Salvation Army, Lions Club, and Wyandot County Historical Society, and worked with Midget Football and Little League Baseball.

Joy Rice Thomas, Canfield, Ohio, died Dec. 5, 2020. She worked at a variety of places, including Youngstown Playground Association, Plakie Toy, Physicians' and Hospital Credit Bureau, Warren Tool Corp., Aerorad Corp., Food Center Supermarket, and Canfield Library. She also owned Sweet Meadow antiques shop. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and Delta Zeta.

1956

Charlene Magovern Blakely, Columbia, South Carolina, died March 18, 2021. She was a member of St. Paul's

Lutheran Church, Symphony League, and Gamma Phi Beta.

Lowell Richard “Dick” Dallman ’60S, Matthews, North Carolina, died Aug. 8, 2020. A pastor, he served Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lawrenceburg, and Matthews Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Resurrection Lutheran Church, Franklin Park, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois; Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, Minnesota; and as interim pastor in Las Vegas, Nevada, Tucson, Arizona, and Charlotte, North Carolina. He served on the Synod Councils in Indiana/Kentucky and Illinois and on the boards of Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne, Lutheran Hospital in Moline, Forsberg Homes, Augustana College, and Lutheran General Hospital in Chicago. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Sophia Tullos Dunaway, Dallas, Texas, died March 12, 2021. She worked at various places including Yellowstone National Park, Bryan Adams High School, Home Insurance Co., and Dr. Pepper.

Benjamin T. Edwards ’56S, Guysville, Ohio, died Oct. 24, 2020. In his 60 years as a Methodist minister, he pastored churches around Ohio and served as district superintendent of Athens District in the 1980s.

The Rev. **George Raymond “Ray” Francies** ’59S, Sobieski, Wisconsin, died Sept. 19, 2020. He worked for International Harvester before becoming a Lutheran minister from 1959-1970, serving St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Milan, Indiana; Resurrection Lutheran Church in Gary, Indiana; and Resurrection Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He then worked as a social worker at Brown County Social Services from 1970-1988 and served as interim pastor for St. John Lutheran Church in Ashwaubenon and St. John Lutheran Church in Little Suamico, Wisconsin. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

A. Jean Heine Hagelberg of Austin, Texas, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Nov. 5, 2020. She was a teacher and coordinator of gifted programs in the New Carlisle-Bethel, Northeastern, and Springfield City Schools, and served as a vocational counselor at the Logan/Champaign Guidance Clinic and as an art instructor at Urbana University. A member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, she was active in Olympics

of the Mind, Junior Service League, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Civic Opera, and Wittenberg Women.

Donald S. “Don” Hauck, Austin, Texas, died April 24, 2021. He served as minister to Presbyterian churches in Oklahoma and north Texas before working for Presbyterian Ministers Fund in Austin. He later served as development director for Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services. A member of Phi Gamma Delta and First Presbyterian Church of Austin, he was active with YMCA, Blood Center of Central Texas, Austin Resource Center for the Homeless, and Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

1957

Barbara Behlen Amstutz, Youngstown, Ohio, passed away April 17, 2021. She worked for Children’s and Family Services, Jewish Federation of Youngstown, Youngstown Hearing and Speech Center, and Hine Memorial Fund. She also taught in the social work department at Youngstown State University. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Boardman United Methodist Church, Boardman PTA, Youngstown Club, Salem Golf Club, Boardman Board of Education, St. Elizabeth Junior Guild, and P.E.O.

The Rev. **David C. Craig** ’61S, Canal Fulton, Ohio, passed away Jan. 2, 2021. Ordained in 1961, he served congregations in Bluffton, Heath, and Tiffin, Ohio, retired from First Lutheran in Barberton, Ohio, in 1998, and served as an interim in northeast Ohio.

Glenda Phipps Dunman, Pickerington, Ohio, passed away July 2, 2021. A hospice volunteer, she also was a member of Peace United Methodist Church where she was a choir and service guild member.

Barbara Miller Gentile, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 13, 2020. She taught at Ohio University before teaching at Macomb Community College for 25 years. She was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield and Chi Omega, serving as past president of Chi Omega alumnae.

John P. Long, Westerville, Ohio, passed away Dec. 7, 2020. He worked in sales for Robbins & Myers, Nayadic Sciences, and Pacer Pumps before starting his own business in Westerville. He was a

member of St. Paul the Apostle Church and Phi Gamma Delta.

Ila Jean Silver Reinheimer, Modesto, California, died Feb. 6, 2021. She was a certified elementary school teacher in Hawaii and California. She was a member of Modesto Racquet Club and Gamma Phi Beta and was past president of the Modesto Rose Society.

Richard D. “Dick” Risner, Centerville, Ohio, passed away Jan. 27, 2021. He retired from National City Mortgage Company in 2005 after 19 years and after 48 years in the mortgage business. He was a member of Normandy United Methodist Church, Centerville Kiwanis Club, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

James M. “Jerry” Schooler Jr., Durham, North Carolina, passed away July 1, 2020. He was a chemistry professor, first at Tuskegee University, then at Duke University and North Carolina Central University, where he served as chairperson of the chemistry department from 1975 until his retirement in 2006. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the James E. Shephard Sertoma Club, and White Rock Baptist Church. He was an Eagle Scout and scoutmaster.

1958

Elden B. Campbell, Bucyrus, Ohio, died Feb. 17, 2021. He worked in retail sales for more than 40 years at H.W. Beattie & Sons Jewelers.

Barbara Kane Kurth, Elkhart, Indiana, passed away Dec. 3, 2020. After 35 years of teaching kindergarten and first grade, she retired from Elkhart Community Schools. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and Trinity Lutheran Church, where she taught preschool.

Thomas F. Kurth, Elkhart, Indiana, passed away Aug. 4, 2021. He was a coach at Griffith High School from 1958-1965 and Elkhart Central High School until his retirement in 2009, as well as a driver’s education teacher for more than 50 years. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, he received numerous awards for his coaching accomplishments, including Indiana Football Coach of the Year in 1970 and 1982, induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Indiana Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2001, and IATCCC Coach of the Year.

Madonna Wilson Meloy, Columbus, Ohio, passed away Feb. 7, 2020. She was a retired Columbus Public

School teacher with certifications in elementary and special education. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi, Order of the Easter Star: Olive branch chapter 215, Clintonville Women's Club, and Ascension Lutheran Church.

Roger E. Thomas, Hamilton, Ohio, died Jan. 13, 2021. He was employed with the Cincinnati Insurance Company from 1963-1998. He spearheaded the effort to create the Coach Al Turner Memorial Foundation that established college scholarships. He was a member of Westside Christian Church.

David L. Tuleen, Nashville, Tennessee, died Aug. 16, 2020. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Pennsylvania State University before joining the faculty at Vanderbilt University, where he retired in 2006 as professor emeritus of chemistry. Recipient of the Madison Sarratt Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in 1970, he also served in several administrative positions. He sang in the Nashville Symphony Chorus, performed with the Nashville Opera and Circle Players, volunteered with Room in the Inn, and was a member of First Lutheran Church and Phi Gamma Delta.

Jane Schwemberger Wyatt, Toledo, Ohio, passed away March 15, 2021.

1959

Paul R. Alexander, Greenville, Ohio, died June 14, 2021. He worked in the art field with architectural firms before moving into advertising. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and St. Paul Episcopal Church.

Barbara "Sue" Allion Deifendeifer, Lima, Ohio, passed away Nov. 6, 2020. She taught elementary school at Shawnee Schools, worked as a nurse for Lima City Schools, and was a salesperson for Collegiate Cap & Gown Company. She was a member of Delta Zeta, Shawnee United Methodist Church, High Fever Follies, Sweet Adelines, Junior Service League, Child Conservation League, and the Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The Rev. **Roland D. Fierce** '59S, Venice, Florida, died Nov. 26, 2020. A member of the West Ohio United Methodist Church Conference, he served Enon United Methodist Church, Wheelersburg United Methodist Church, Greene Street United Methodist in Piqua, Hillsboro First United Methodist Church, St. Paul's

United Methodist Church in Defiance, Glenwood United Methodist Church in Columbus, and Faith Community United Methodist Church in West Chester.

Larry L. Gray '67MEd, Newnan, Georgia, passed away Aug. 18, 2019.

Thomas G. Mattern, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, passed away Jan. 3, 2021. He coached and taught American history at Beachwood Schools, Strongsville Schools, and Chagrin Falls Schools. He was a member of the Chagrin Falls United Methodist Church and Phi Gamma Delta, was a founding member of the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association, and volunteered at Chagrin Falls Meals on Wheels for 20 years, serving as president for three years.

Judith Mayer Pfaltzgraf, Hilliard, Ohio, passed away July 14, 2021. She was a high school teacher with the Columbus City Schools.

Joyce Steiger Thackery, New Carlisle, Ohio, passed away Jan. 6, 2021. She taught in Clark County Schools and Dayton for more than 40 years, retiring from Northwestern Schools in 2004.

1960

Marilyn Ellsworth Faircloth of Dublin, Ohio, and formerly of Worthington, Ohio, passed away Aug. 2, 2021. She worked as a teacher, secretary, bookkeeper, and clinical transcriber. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she was a 41-year volunteer for the Memorial Golf Tournament.

James G. Huntington, Columbus, Indiana, passed away June 10, 2021. He was in the Air Force Reserves at Lackland Air Force Base, then worked for 36 years in sales and marketing with Arvin Industries. He served as president of the Automotive Advertisers Council, regional representative to the Wittenberg Board of Directors, and president and board member of Bartholomew Community Historical Society. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and First Lutheran Church in Columbus, where he served as council president and First Lutheran Foundation president.

Wilma Evans Lashley, Hampstead, North Carolina, died May 25, 2021. A member of Kappa Delta, she retired as vice president of nursing at Wayne Hospital in Greenville, Ohio.

The Rev. **David P. Matevia** '63S '75S, Eaton, Ohio, died Aug. 5, 2021. Ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1963, he served Lutheran congregations in St. John's, McComb, and First, Troy, Ohio; Providence, Georgetown, Kentucky; and St. Paul, Michigan City, Indiana. He served as assistant to the bishop of the Ohio Synod, Lutheran Church in America, from 1975-1987. After retiring in 2006, he provided pastoral leadership to First Lutheran, Dayton, and Mighty Fortress, Kettering, Ohio. A member of Dorm League, he was active with American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Home Builders Association, and Rotary Club.

Carol Patzke McClintock, Buffalo, New York, died March 22, 2021. She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

Virgilia "Jill" Wolff Mercer, Menasha, Wisconsin, died June 16, 2021. She was active with Christian Women's Club of Stonecroft Ministries and Community Clothes Closet and drove the church bus for Fox Valley Christian Academy and Calvary Bible Church youth events.

Suzann "Sue" Evans Schoenfeld, Greencastle, Indiana, passed away Sept. 19, 2020. She retired from the DePauw University Office of Admission. She was a member of Delta Gamma and Peace Lutheran Church.

1961

Frederick J. Buschemeyer Jr., Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Jan. 28, 2021. A member of Delta Sigma Phi, he was an art teacher for Fairborn City Schools for 34 years.

Muriel M. Deering, Mount Dora, Florida, passed away May 23, 2019. A member of Gamma Phi Beta, she was for many years a biology and chemistry teacher at Fostoria High School, Fostoria, Ohio.

Jack P. Reynard Jr., Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 21, 2020. He served in the U.S. Air Force J.A.G. program from 1964-1968 before returning to Springfield to practice law for 50 years, retiring in 2017. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield Kiwanis Club, and Phi Gamma Delta.

John L. "Jay" Rutschow, Mount Dora, Florida, died May 9, 2021. He retired from St. John's River Management District in 2006 after 28 years. He was a member of Phi Mu Delta and St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg, Florida.

1962

Doris Hovgren Bittenbender, Orange, Massachusetts, died May 26, 2021. She was a member of and financial secretary with Bethany Lutheran Church, town account for the Town of Orange, and member of Quabbin Harvest of the North Quabbin Community Cooperative.

The Rev. Dr. **Paul W. DeMoss Jr.** '72S, Findlay, Ohio, died July 5, 2021. He co-owned DeMoss Pastries before becoming a Lutheran pastor. He served Trinity Lutheran Church, Elida, Ohio; Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Trotwood, Ohio; and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carey, Ohio. After retiring in 2002, he served as an interim pastor for three congregations and finally as assistant pastor at First Lutheran Church, Findlay, Ohio.

The Rev. **Allen G. Dietz** '62S, Springfield, Ohio, passed away May 4, 2021. He served as pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New Castle, Indiana; King of Glory Lutheran Church, Carmel, Indiana; First Lutheran Church, Tiffin, Ohio; and St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and former member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors.

Kaye Platner Gannon, Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away March 30, 2021. She had a career as a teacher and most recently worked for Web Printing Connection, Print Brokers. She was a member of Chi Omega and volunteered for Project Reads, YMCA, and Fort4Fitness.

Paul J. Huffman, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 7, 2020. He served in the Air Force National Guard and worked at various research facilities including the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory, Hanscom AFB; Air Force Materials Laboratory and Air Force Avionics Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB; University of Dayton Research Institute; and retired from Science Applications International Corporation in Dayton. He also served as an adjunct faculty member in physics at Clark State Community College, Wittenberg, Wright State University, and the University of Dayton.

Alan S. McCall, Falls Church, Virginia, passed away May 16, 2021. In 1969, he joined the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in Washington, D.C.,

where he served as a senior financial economist and chief, bank regulation and federal legislation section. He published numerous articles in finance and banking journals, testified before Congress, and taught at George Washington University and University of Kentucky.

Ralph A. Pfungsten, Berea, Ohio, passed away March 25, 2021. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sandra "Sandy" Heffley Rutschow, Mount Dora, Florida, died April 23, 2017. A member of Gamma Phi Beta, she retired in 2007 as executive secretary to the president of Colonial Bank.

Carolyn Robinson Troutwine, Arcanum, Ohio, passed away July 13, 2021. She taught elementary school in the Springfield, Ohio, school system, at Arcanum-Butler in Arcanum, and finally at Franklin-Monroe Elementary in Pitsburg, Ohio. She was a founder of the Arcanum Wayne Trail Historical Society and member of Faith United Methodist Church.

1963

Roy K. Allen, Akron, Ohio, passed away Sept. 27, 2021. He retired as CEO and chairman of Buckeye Corrugated and then went on to own Thermo-Rite Manufacturing and Star-Fire Distributors, both located in Akron. He was inducted into the Alliance High School Hall of Fame, Summit County Hall of Fame, and Wittenberg Athletics Hall of Honor. He was a member of Phi Kappa Alpha, member and former president of Fairlawn Country Club, Wittenberg Office of Advancement volunteer, and an emeritus member of the Wittenberg Board of Directors.

Doris "Dori" Mann Castle, Sandpoint, Idaho, died July 2, 2020. She was a master gardener and talented seamstress.

Robert B. Clark, Murrieta, California, passed away Jan. 25, 2021. His career included positions with Fruehauf Corporation and Lumary Tire Corporation. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Arthur L. Dudyca, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, died June 26, 2018. He was a professor at Purdue University, The West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, where he also served as the dean of the business school. After retiring in 2000, he

served as a McNair Mentor at East Rutherfordton High School. He was a member of Delta Sigma Phi and Rutherford County Woodworkers Club.

Marla Grove Graber, Lady Lake, Florida, died Sept. 19, 2020. A bookkeeper, she was a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization and Leesburg Morrison United Methodist Church.

Kenneth T. Michnay, Muskegon, Michigan, died Dec. 4, 2020. Ordained in 1966, he served Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, and Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Muskegon, where he served for 25 years. He then served as a missionary teaching English at the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. After retiring in 2005, he served as an interim pastor and supply pastor, most recently at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. He was a member of Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church and sang in the Camerata Singers, Bratislava City Choir, and Muskegon Chamber Choir.

The Rev. **Richard A. Miller** of Santa Monica, California, and formerly of Paoli, Pennsylvania, passed away June 28, 2021. He was the rector of St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church, Malvern, Pennsylvania, from 1979-2000. Prior to that, he served All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Darmel J. Steen '63MS, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 2, 2020.

John J. Stevenson, Golden, Colorado, passed away July 1, 2020. He taught geology, geography, and physical science at Trinidad State Jr. College and then worked as a geologist for the Bureau of Mines for most of his career. He was active with Boys Scouts of America.

1964

William L. "Bill" Kubinski, Wadsworth, Ohio, died March 1, 2021. He worked for nearly 40 years with Brunswick City Schools, serving as an elementary teacher, principal, director of athletics and physical education, and coach, and retiring in 2002 as assistant superintendent for personnel. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

C. David Moore, Indianapolis, Indiana, died May 9, 2021. He spent his career with IBM in sales, marketing, and

management positions, retiring in 2003. He served on the boards of Easterseals Crossroads, Ability Indiana, The Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, and Smart Partners Alliance. He was a member of the Indianapolis Racquet Club and Phi Kappa Psi, and was inducted into the Wittenberg Hall of Honor in 2014.

The Rev. **John W. Novak**, Indianapolis, Indiana, died April 16, 2021. He was pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for 37 years and an adjunct professor at the University of Indianapolis and Christian Theological Seminary. A member of Phi Mu Delta, he was president of Meridian-Kessler Development Corporation for more than 20 years. In 1995, he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest award bestowed by the Governor of the State of Indiana.

Loice Speck Oreno, Wooster, Ohio, died Oct. 20, 2020. She taught school in Salt Lake City, Utah, for 37 years before relocating to Wooster. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Alpha Delta Pi.

Susan Funk Williams of Columbus, North Carolina, and formerly of Oriental, North Carolina, passed away Feb. 27, 2021. She taught elementary school, volunteered for Pamlico County Library and Hospice thrift store, was active in the Neuse River Sailing club and Rotary Ladies, and was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Delta Gamma.

1965

Robert L. Eutsler, Tulsa, Oklahoma, died Jan. 7, 2018.

Richard L. "Dick" Graf '65MEd, Columbus, Ohio, died Aug. 28, 2020. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956-1958, where he played baseball in Japan and football in Okinawa for the Sukiran Streaks, 3rd Marine Regiment. He was a truant officer at West High School for 25 years until retirement.

Frances "Jane" Fawley Harbage, Marshallville, Georgia, died Nov. 10, 2020. A music teacher, she retired from Hunt Elementary in Fort Valley. She was a member of Marshallville United Methodist Church, where she was a former music director, and sang in the local community choir.

Mary A. Hellmuth, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Dec. 3, 2020. She taught in elementary schools in South Bend,

Indiana, and Cambridge, Massachusetts. She clerked in bookstores in Palm Beach, Florida, and Chicago, Illinois, worked at travel agencies in Boston, Cambridge, Chicago, and Florida, opened Travel First in Jupiter, Florida, and then managed the gift shop at Clark County Heritage Center in Springfield.

Mary Ann Butt Klimesh, Sylvania, Ohio, died Dec. 16, 2020. Married for 54 years, she was the mother of four and a tireless volunteer. She was a member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Sylvania, where she actively participated in the Lutheran World Relief Quilting Group from 2014 to 2020. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Marsha Roxbury Perkins, Danville, California, passed away March 28, 2021. Early in her career, she was an elementary school teacher and later a test facilitator at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. A volunteer at San Ramon Regional Center, she was a member of San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church and Alpha Delta Pi.

Timothy F. Waltonen, Fredericksburg, Virginia, passed away Sept. 24, 2020. After earning a Master of Divinity, he served Lutheran congregations in Rochester, New York, and East Cleveland and Hartville, Ohio. He then pursued a doctorate in Contemporary American Literature and joined the English faculty at the University of Mary Washington, where he taught for 16 years, and served 19 interim pastor assignments in Virginia.

1966

Marilyn Nunnally Corle, Springfield, Ohio, passed away June 26, 2021. She taught in the Springfield City School District for 43 years and continued as a substitute teacher in retirement. She owned C&M Ceramics with her husband. She was a member of Oakland Presbyterian Church and Alpha Xi Delta and a volunteer for Kenton Ridge High School Boosters.

Judith A. "Judy" Lang, Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed away July 9, 2021. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she spent her life teaching and in social work, and also was a Touch for Health instructor.

Diane Zinke Loomis, Chester, South Dakota, died March 26, 2021. She worked as the education department secretary at Augustana College and at Anderson Nurseries. In retirement, she was a hospice volunteer.

Susan "Suzi" Pattson McDuffee, Cary, North Carolina, died Sept. 12, 2020. She taught elementary school prior to raising her family. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she was active in Women's Bible Study Fellowship in Raleigh and Colonial Baptist Church Women's Ministries. In 2010, she began serving as president of her family's business before retiring in 2017.

Lewis D. "Lewie" Reed '66MA, Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Jan. 18, 2021. He worked as an educator and administrator in the Fairborn City Schools for 36 years.

1967

Robert W. "Bob" Shoemaker '67MEd, Newark, Ohio, died Nov. 23, 2020. He retired from Heath City Schools where he was a teacher and high school basketball coach. In retirement, he participated in the Senior Olympics in track and field, winning three gold medals at Nationals. He was a member of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Licking County Basketball Hall of Fame, and St. John's United Church of Christ.

1968

The Rev. Dr. **Linwood H. Chamberlain Jr.** '68S, Lorain, Ohio, died Aug. 16, 2021. He served at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio; First Lutheran Church, Lorain; and as chaplain at Mercy Medical Center. He served on the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council, Lorain County Board of Mental Health, and Family Planning Services of Lorain County.

Sharon K. Minge '68MSM, Lacey, Washington, died Dec. 27, 2020. She had a career as organist and choir director at several churches in the Seattle area before earning a degree in accounting and working at Jacobson, Lawrence and Associates. She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, played in the bell choir, and taught piano lessons.

1969

Robert G. Baldwin, Oceanport, New Jersey, passed away April 1, 2021. He served two years of active service in the U.S. Army with an honorable discharge and spent 41 years with the N.J. Department of Labor, retiring as assistant director.

Shirley J. Harper, Jamestown, Ohio, died Aug. 16, 2020. She worked for 33 years at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, retiring in 1987 as a supervisory inventory management specialist. She was a member of Cedarville Rebekah Lodge #825, Little Miami Rebekah Lodge #379, Fidelia Rebekah Lodge #12, and Red Hat Ladies. She volunteered at Greene Memorial Hospital and served Jamestown United Methodist Church in numerous positions.

Mary Ludwig Lindgren, Venice, Florida, died June 4, 2020.

Ronald H. Will, Louisburg, North Carolina, died April 26, 2020.

1970

The Rev. **J. Bruce Baker**, of Frederick, Maryland, and formerly of Englewood, New Jersey, died May 23, 2021. He served Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park, Maryland; First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia; West Side Presbyterian Church, Englewood; Oak Lane Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and All Souls Parish Presbyterian Church, Port Chester, New York. He was also chaplain of the Port Chester Police Department. He was a Rotarian and member of Alpha Tau Omega.

William W. "Bill" Lunnie, Enon, Ohio, passed away July 30, 2021. He served in the Air Force in the Philippines, hosting a news radio program, before building a career in communications and media.

Rebecca "Becky" Barkimer Noack, Findlay, Ohio, passed away June 18, 2021. She had a career as a public educator and human services social program specialist. She was chief professional officer of Hancock County United Way before working as executive officer of Vision and Vocational Services, retiring in 2007. She was a member of Delta Zeta, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zonta Club of Findlay, Columbus Rotary, United Way of America, and Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Ronald C. Pfeiffer, Findlay, Ohio, passed away May 10, 2021. He practiced law in Ohio before becoming a financial advisor for McDonald & Co., later Merrill Lynch, and retired in 2018. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and First Presbyterian Church, where he was

an elder, and served as officer of the Findlay Rotary Club, The Center for Safe and Healthy Kids, and Blanchard Valley Health System.

Michele Mills Poling, Los Alamos, New Mexico, died July 31, 2019.

David L. Sharp, Piqua, Ohio, passed away June 15, 2021. He served in the Army National Guard. He retired as a bus driver for Piqua City Schools and also drove for the National Prostate Coalition.

John W. Singer Jr., Xenia, Ohio, died Feb. 11, 2021. He earned a nursing degree from Community Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Mary Rutan Hospital until his retirement.

1971

John B. Ackley, Manassas, Virginia, died Feb. 11, 2021. A Lutheran theologian, teacher, and musician, he served churches as organist and choir director in the Washington, D.C. area for more than 40 years. He also taught piano lessons, and was organist for the Czechoslovak Interdenominational Service congregation, the Norwegian Society and Church Service Washington, D.C. and the Danish Seaman's Church New York.

Clifford Daniel "Dan" Bordner, Cape Coral, Florida, died Oct. 26, 2020. He first worked as a medical technologist with Akron City Hospital in Akron, Ohio, before working in laboratories in various hospital and private practices in Cape Coral. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Lee D. Brown II of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and formerly of East Sparta, Ohio, and Kalamazoo, Michigan, passed away Jan. 29, 2021.

Rebecca "Becky" Wenner Harris, Bucyrus, Ohio, died Dec. 12, 2020. In the 1970s, she worked for the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Daughters of the American Revolution and volunteered with Meals on Wheels.

Anne Strouss McKellar, Broomfield, Colorado, passed away Oct. 12, 2020. A member of Delta Gamma sorority, she taught special education in Canada and at Bal Swan Children's Center in Broomfield. She volunteered in the local schools, Broomfield Foundation, and various Restorative Justice programs in the area, earning the Heart of Broomfield Award in 2003.

David A. Poling of Ashland, Kentucky, and formerly of New Mexico, died April 20, 2019. He was a retired nuclear physicist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

1972

David B. Browning, Sylvania, Ohio, passed away Dec. 28, 2020. He was a teacher and football and wrestling coach at Sylvania High School before beginning a real estate management career, eventually co-purchasing Welles Bowen Realtors. He served as president of the Toledo Board of Realtors, was an Ohio Realtors Director, served as an instructor of pre-license education at the University of Toledo and Hondros College, taught real estate ethics throughout Ohio, and was a member of the Toledo Board of Realtors Scholarship Committee and Phi Mu Delta.

George M. Engel, Englewood, Ohio, passed away Jan. 25, 2021. He was a City of Dayton police officer and sergeant for 16 years until retiring in 1992.

Robert W. "Bobby" Fisher Jr. of Vero Beach, Florida, and formerly of Springfield, Ohio, died Jan. 23, 2021. In the 1970s, he was a NASCAR and Formula 1 race car driver. He owned and operated Bobby Fisher Distributing, a beer distributorship.

George C. Zeller, Cleveland, Ohio, passed away March 20, 2021. He taught at Ashland College and Mansfield Reformatory. He had a career as an economic research analyst with the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland and later as a private economist. He served on the Cleveland Rapid Transit Authority Citizens Board. In 2011, he was elected to the Pirate Radio Hall of Fame.

1973

Charles E. Boomhower '73S, Coldwater, Ohio, died Nov. 30, 2020. As a pastor, he served St. Luke Lutheran Church, Valatie, New York; Emanuel Lutheran Church, Stuyvesant Falls, New York; St. Peter Lutheran Church, Holgate, Ohio; Grace Lutheran Church, Steubenville, Ohio; St. John Lutheran Church, Greenville, Ohio; First English Lutheran Church, Ashville, Ohio; and Wabash Valley Cooperative Ministry. After retiring in 2013, he served as interim pastor and supply preacher in the Northwest Ohio

Synod of the ELCA. He was active with the Boy Scouts.

James F. Lawrence '73MSM, Cleveland, Ohio, died April 11, 2020.

Tom E. Schuenke, Columbus, Ohio, died July 13, 2017.

Sharman Price Snow, Concord, New Hampshire, passed away Dec. 9, 2020. She was a veterinary receptionist, front desk financial manager, and technician at Russell Animal Hospital in Concord and an avid supporter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Live and Let Live Farm in Chichester.

1974

David A. Spitzer, Middleton, Wisconsin, died May 27, 2021. He taught fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary in Madison, Wisconsin, for 20 years. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he was a lifelong champion of environmental causes and efforts to reduce climate change.

The Rev. **Willard J. Uhler** '74S of Douglassville, Pennsylvania, and formerly of Hamburg, Pennsylvania, passed away Nov. 27, 2020. Ordained as a Lutheran minister in 1974, he served St. Luke's Church in Archibald, St. Paul's in Carbondale, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tamaqua, and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hamburg, where he retired as pastor emeritus in 2014. He was an honorary member of the Hamburg Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow.

1975

Ethel E. Angus, Delaware, Ohio, died Sept. 13, 2020.

Michael G. Connors, Perris, California, passed away Nov. 30, 2020. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a field engineer for AMP Inc. and Tyco Electronics for many years.

Mark J. Hamilton, Ashland, Ohio, passed away Dec. 27, 2020. He was an associate professor of philosophy at Ashland University and served as the athletic department's faculty athletic representative. He also served as an assistant baseball coach from 1981-1988.

Sharon Fellmeth Sample, Moss Beach, California, passed away Nov. 5, 2020. She was a retired employee of AT&T.

Ramsay H. Slugg, Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 2, 2021. In 1971, he began a career practicing law and was a partner with Gandy, Michener, Swindle, Whitaker

& Pratt. He then worked for Bank of America before becoming managing director in the National Wealth Strategies group. A member of Phi Mu Delta, he was active with the American Bar Association and American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and served on the boards of All Saints Episcopal School, Casa Manana, Boy Scouts of America Longhorn Council, and All Saints Episcopal Church Vestry.

Charles J. Zeitvogel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, passed away Jan. 22, 2021. He served in the Army National Guard and then joined the United States Air Force, retiring as a chief master sergeant after 30 years. He was active with the Boy Scouts, American Legion Post 209, Knights of Columbus, Retired Enlisted Association, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Toastmasters, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

1976

Walter F. Jordan '79S of Navarre, Ohio, and formerly of Orrville, Ohio, died Oct. 11, 2020. He served as an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era. He worked as a draftsman for William-Bayley Company before serving as pastor for Augsburg Lutheran Church in Orrville for 16 years. After his retirement in 2003, he served as an interim pastor in several churches. He was a member of the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council and Orrville City Council and a member and past president of the Orrville Ministerial Association.

1977

David Biddlestone, Niles, Ohio, died June 21, 2021. He worked in construction for more than 20 years. He was a member of Niles Methodist Church and a Mason in the Masonic Temple.

Kathleen Kekic Hoyng, Springboro, Ohio, passed away Oct. 15, 2020. A member of Delta Zeta, she worked for NCR in Dayton prior to joining Deloitte, where she worked for 37 years before retiring in 2017.

1978

Barbara Botsford Barth, Springfield, Ohio, died March 25, 2021. With a degree in English, she became a teacher. She volunteered at the Springfield Summer Arts Festival and the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Jane E. Knowlton of Alexandria, Virginia, and Shelburne, Vermont, passed away Sept. 22, 2020. She worked as a writer

for the *Urbana Daily Citizen*, public affairs specialist at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, and then with the U.S. Forest Service, focusing on America's National Wilderness Preservation System.

1979

Susan Clark Millard, Charlotte, North Carolina, passed away Aug. 19, 2020. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Jeffrey D. Trabue, Dublin, Ohio, passed away May 8, 2021. He was a family practice physician for 35 years.

1980

Michael P. "Tarkus" Murphy, Longmont, Colorado, passed away July 25, 2020.

1981

James A. Butler, Lyndhurst, Ohio, died June 17, 2021. A detective, he was a 27-year veteran of the Cleveland Police Department and a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Melissa "Missy" Jordan Henderson, Albuquerque, New Mexico, passed away Feb. 27, 2021. She worked as an internal auditor for SunWest Bank, Bank of America, and Sun Healthcare, among others.

Richard D. Vance, Bloomington, Indiana, passed away Oct. 14, 2020. After graduation, he worked as an oil prospector for Exxon Oil before practicing law in Pocatello, Idaho. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

1982

Julie L. Gardella, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, passed away Dec. 22, 2020. She was a psychiatric social worker at Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Kimila S. "Kimmie" Mann, Modoc, South Carolina, died Sept. 11, 2019. After earning a nursing degree, she worked in Indianapolis and North Carolina. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta.

1983

Steven E. Dym, Pound Ridge, New York, died Aug. 25, 2017.

1984

Allen G. Dietz II, Toledo, Ohio, passed away Oct. 18, 2020. He worked for Amerisource, Schwans, and Pilkington.

1986

Thomas B. Fahy Jr., Great Barrington, Massachusetts, passed away Oct. 5, 2020.

1987

Gary J. Fahey, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, passed away March 2, 2021. He was a staff reporter for the *Sandusky Register* and a founding member of Agape and resident manager of Agape House in Sandusky. For 35 years, he coached swimmers in the Sandusky and Avon Lake, Ohio, areas and in Fort Lauderdale. A coach for Total Immersion, he also owned his own business, Stroke Doctor Swimming.

1988

Richard L. Leslie Jr., Springfield, Ohio, passed away Sept. 15, 2020. He was the manager of administrative practice for the consulting firm of Clemans-Nelson, Dublin, Ohio, and frequently lectured at The Ohio State University. He taught at the Clark County Literacy Center, where he served on the board of directors.

Daniel C. Perry, Covington, Kentucky, passed away Aug. 9, 2020. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Douglas A. Slagle, Canfield, Ohio, died April 23, 2021. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, he worked for the Industrial Roofing Company, as an estimator and project coordinator for Simon Roofing, and most recently, for Diamond Roofing Systems in Warren.

1990

Mildred J. Archie, Springfield, Ohio, died Feb. 11, 2021. She worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for 19 years, then transferred to the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer for 22 years. In 1990, she was the first American Baptist Missionary to be assigned to South Africa and continued to work in various countries in Africa until 2009. She was active with Choralettes Choir, Junior Girls Group, Missions Ministry, St. John Women's Ministry, ABC/Ohio Mission support, and Dayton Baptist Regional Executive board.

1993

F. Carl Feitler, Longmont, Colorado, passed away Sept. 18, 2020.

1996

Lanita D. McGee, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away Oct. 11, 2020.

1998

Christopher C. Carson, Asheville, North Carolina, died May 15, 2021.

A Green Beret, he served in the U.S. Special Forces in Southeast Asia and Iraq. After an honorable discharge in 2007, he created a real estate company, Corwin LLC, and brokerage firm, AVL Associates. In 2014, he created the Carson Sarcoma Foundation to fund cancer research. He was a member of Sigma Nu.

1999

Leonard S. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away March 8, 2021. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and the Golf Heritage Society.

2000

Clyde A. Parsons Jr., Fairborn, Ohio, passed away Dec. 13, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a longtime youth baseball coach.

2001

Lisa Moes Phillips, Holland, Michigan, passed away May 31, 2021. A member of Kappa Delta, she worked as a substitute teacher at Douglas Elementary School and occupational therapist at Bronson Hospital before working as the office manager at the family business, Moes Construction.

2005

Robert N. "Rob" Jones, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Jan. 2, 2021. He served as an E-5 for eight years in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Independence aircraft carrier during the Persian Gulf War before serving for 21 years in the Ohio Air National Guard. He worked as an accounting manager for Navistar for 15 years. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society and Holy Family Catholic Church in Dayton.

2006

Dana Hester Kapp, Springfield, Ohio, passed away Oct. 10, 2020. She served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, then after earning her bachelor's and master's degrees, she worked as a veteran resource specialist for Clark State Community College.

2012

Erin E. Egan, Pickerington, Ohio, died Dec. 18, 2020. She was member of Sigma Kappa and participated in the USPS Operation Santa and Children's Hospital holiday drive.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Emily J. Burnett, assistant, department of music, d. Aug. 7, 2021

Erhard O. Eimer, professor emeritus of psychology, d. Dec. 13, 2020

Jonathan R. "Randy" Green, retired executive director of financial aid, d. Feb. 11, 2022

Larry Gwinn, retired associate professor of economics, d. Sept. 13, 2021

David L. Mason, professor emeritus of biology, d. Nov. 14, 2021

Jean Myers, retired executive assistant to the president, d. Dec. 15, 2021

James L. "Jim" Noyes, professor emeritus of computer science, d. Jan. 4, 2022

Marie Cathleen "Caty" Caldwell Ortquist, former Physical Plant manager, d. Feb. 5, 2021

Richard Ortquist, professor emeritus of history, d. March 23, 2021

Donald R. Perkins, retired director of public relations, d. Sept. 3, 2021

Carl F. Schraibman, former athletic director, d. May 17, 2021

Rufus L. Turner, retired Physical Plant carpentry foreman, d. Jan. 24, 2021

Full Circle

Former Tiger Running Back Reunited
with Championship Ring

BY Debbie Ritter

As Maso Moon '80, former Tiger football standout, and his partner, Christy Assmann, walked toward Edwards-Maurer Field to attend Champions Night last October, they had no idea they were about to get some surprising news.

Maso's 1976 football championship ring – lost for more than 25 years – had been found.

Just one day prior, Tammy Schiessler, coordinator of alumni relations, had received an email from a woman who had found a Wittenberg ring among her grandfather's things. A custodian in a South Carolina courthouse, her grandfather had discovered the ring in a trash can in 2005 and kept it, hoping to someday return it to its owner.

Although the ring was engraved with the year 1976 and player number 27, Tammy, who was relatively new to her position, wasn't sure how to identify the rightful owner. But she would be working at Champions Night the next evening, and the 1976 football team – which had won the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) championship that year – was among those being celebrated.

At the event, she asked a football alumnus if he happened to know who wore jersey #27. Maso Moon, came the immediate reply. As luck would have it, Maso was registered to attend the event.

Lost and Found

From Columbus, Ohio, Maso "picked Wittenberg because it was a good fit for me," he said.

Under Davey Maurer's tutelage, along with assistant coaches Bob "Rosy" Rosencrans '58, Ron Murphy '60, and Lloyd Ball '74, Maso was a two-time first-team All-OAC honoree and a member of three OAC championship teams (1976, 1978, and 1979). In addition, the Tigers were NCAA Division III runners-up in his junior and senior years.

After graduating with a degree in health and physical education and earning a master's from Miami University, he began a career as a teacher, coach, and principal, primarily in Georgia. One day while traveling in North Carolina, he lost his championship ring at a car wash.

Years later, Maso relocated to Columbus to care for his mother, who had Alzheimer's. Although retired, he started teaching health and physical education to elementary school children in the Columbus Public Schools.

He also reconnected with Christy, whom he dated in college. As his girlfriend, she made him photo albums of every newspaper clipping from his football days, which he kept all these years. Now a couple, they live together in Columbus.



Last spring, Maso suffered a stroke. Although he has no physical issues from the stroke, he does have aphasia, which affects his ability to communicate. He has been undergoing speech therapy to re-learn how "to read and write and put words together," he said.

When Tammy told him his ring had been found, the tears started flowing and Maso began texting his football friends to share the story.

"Wittenberg just brings people together," Christy said.

A Blessing

More than 40 years have passed since his time at Wittenberg, but Maso is still close with his former teammates. "Friends through the years," they have watched each other's children grow, and they have mourned and celebrated the lives of teammates who have passed away.

"When I reconnected with Maso, he told me about his rings being stolen, and he was just sad," Christy said. She had looked into having the ring replaced, but Maso told her it just wouldn't be the same.

"God knew that in a couple of years, it was going to be located," Christy said.

On October 27, player #27 was reunited with his ring. And it still fits perfectly.

"It kind of brings it full circle. That was my first ring, and now it's my last one," Maso laughed. "We just had some wonderful memories, and it's been a blessing. Yeah, it's been a blessing."

Hawley Society



Richard "Dick" Vieritz '70 is the definition of a loyal donor and the kind of alumnus every institution covets. "I have given every year since graduation," he muses, "which is more than 50 years now."

For Dick, that loyalty stems from a desire to pay back the life-changing benefits his Wittenberg education provided. As a former business student and successful career banker, he found that the time he spent on campus provided the foundation for a variety of interests and skills that would serve him well his entire life.

"My senior year seminar course required a 10-page written paper every week and 30-minute oral presentation at the end of the semester," Dick remembers. "The tools I learned from that course – like speaking and analysis – were very useful when making presentations to company boards later in my career."

Also memorable for Dick were the lessons taught by professors that fell outside the formal curriculum. He recalls the example of treating others with respect

and giving everyone an equal chance from his German professor, Dr. Kurt Fickert, and a greater appreciation for the world at large through his classes in religion and art.

"Wittenberg gave me exposure to the world," Dick explains. "It was important to get a good education but enjoy the other things campus had to offer, too."

Dick has decided to honor his family and strengthen Wittenberg's future by providing for need-based scholarships through his will while maintaining his loyal annual giving support. Remembering the campus and future students through his estate plan is an easy way for Dick to perpetuate the loyal giving he has maintained throughout his lifetime once he has passed, too.

"Everyone's situation is different," Dick says. "Making my future plans known now allows me and Wittenberg to make sure my intentions are clear and can be honored."

Providing for the future of campus is the way Dick has chosen to honor his parents and family and amplify the benefits he received as a student.

"Establishing this scholarship ensures the family name will not be forgotten," Dick says. "I hope that being a loyal graduate helps perpetuate the legacy and serves as an example for others."

For more information about the Hawley Society and how you can leave a legacy for Wittenberg through your will or other planned gift, please contact the Office of Advancement at (937) 327-7430.



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