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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the core themes in the many stories from our alumni is the sense of community that they have been a part of during their time at Friends and after they graduate. Community is a priority at Friends and we are intentional about hosting events where students can connect with others, creating spaces where students feel comfortable to be their authentic selves, and providing opportunities for students to connect with God and grow spiritually throughout their time here at Friends.

As a home away from home for many students, it is truly a gift to be part of a community where we can share our faith, embrace our differences and experience personal growth. We are better together!

Dr. Amy Bragg Carey
President, Friends University

ON THE COVER

Friends University faculty, staff and students on the football field.

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Gathering Together

BY ANNA CAREY



“We believe spiritual community is vital to the student experience at Friends.”

— Mike Jaderston

Unlike modern Evangelical Friends, traditional Quakers didn't host church services, but they did gather regularly for spiritual meetings. Quakers used this time to listen for promptings from the Holy Spirit, sharing spiritual revelations with one another, convicted by the words from Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (NIV). Even though much of this time was quiet and deeply personal, the experience was deemed richer together in an accountable community. This belief that we become better individuals when we are sharpened by those around us has found its way into the Friends University community.

In this increasingly digital world, it can be easy for young people to find

themselves feeling disconnected and alone. This very realization led to the development of Thriving Community as one of the four themes of the university's strategic plan. This is why we prioritize fostering an environment where students can build lifelong friendships, engage in meaningful community activities, and deepen their understanding of authentic spiritual relationships.

But in order to maintain a sense of belonging, we have to also lean into respect, which is one of the shared RISE Values. We all see things from different perspectives based on our varying experiences. Weekly chapel services are not only a place of spiritual nourishment, they provide an opportunity to exercise

this value for respect. Director of Campus Ministries, Mike Jaderston sees chapel as "One of the unique spaces at Friends where you see people from all parts of the campus gathering together." He deems it a "sacred time" where students, faculty and staff are spiritually united in worship and prayer.

Jaderston continues, "We believe spiritual community is vital to the student experience at Friends. We work hard to create opportunities for students to connect with their peers for encouragement, prayer and spiritual friendship." We are better together, and we all have a distinct value that contributes wonderfully to the greater Friends and Wichita community.

A Lifetime of Servant Hearted Leadership

BY ANNA CAREY



“I want to make sure that I’m leaving
a legacy and a community that is
better for the next generations.”

— Matt Tannehill

While most Kindergarteners were developing language and interpersonal skills, Matt Tannehill was learning about caretaking. He recalls that first day of school. Glued to his dad’s leg with nervousness, he was eventually calmed after being greeted by a kindhearted young boy named Ian. Ian’s boldness gave Matt a sense of comfort and confidence and a new friendship strengthened from there. Ian had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, so even at a very young age, Matt was presented with opportunities to learn how to be a caretaker, helping Ian with some of his needs.

Throughout their friendship, Matt was also introduced to Wichita’s Hispanic community. Ian’s mom was an ESL teacher. In the summers, Matt and Ian would help out in her classroom, playing with the kids and starting to understand the basics of the Spanish language. Reflecting back, Tannehill says, “I feel those experiences are what really established my servant’s heart.”

Years later, when it came time to determine a career path, Tannehill decided to attend Friends University pursuing a Pre-Med degree with a Spanish minor. But Spanish

Professor, Dr. Jerry Smartt’s magnetic enthusiasm for Hispanic cultures won Matt over. He switched his major.

At first, his parents had concerns. What careers would be available to someone with a Spanish degree? “But looking at it now,” Tannehill says, “It was one of the greatest decisions I’ve ever made. It gave me opportunities to engage with, and get a better understanding of, a culture that not many people understand simply because we don’t take the time to really be intentional in learning about their life, their culture and their language.”

This degree opened up opportunities in the nonprofit world, serving the Hispanic community, homeless families, and unemployed individuals. He spent five years at Catholic Charities as the director of Our Daily Bread food pantry and the Director of Mission Development and Strategic Initiatives. He developed an innovative “client-choice” food pantry, modeled after a grocery store, establishing a partnership with the Kansas Food Bank to integrate healthier, fresh food options into the pantry. He also established Seeds for Success; a workforce development program for families experiencing homelessness.

Now Matt serves as President of the OneRise 501c3, working for the Lange Community Foundation where he is helping establish a 70-acre behavioral health campus in Southwest Wichita. The hope is to create a holistic campus that allows partners from a multitude of organizations to serve individuals experiencing mental health challenges, substance use disorders, poverty, etc. in one comprehensive location. “We are a better society when we are making sure we are caring for all of those in our community at the best of our capabilities,” Tannehill says.

As a new father, Matt has been thinking more intentionally about the generations following him. “I want to make sure that I’m leaving a legacy and a community that is better for the next generations.”

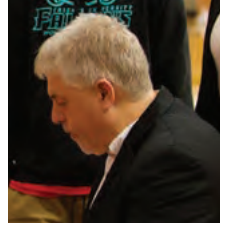
This understanding of servant leadership was not grasped in a day; it was developed over a lifetime of formational experiences leading Matt to see the value in holding dignity and respect for those different from him. He hopes to leave a servant-hearted legacy that doesn’t just impact the challenges of today but creates models that help address the concerns of future generations.

3D Coaching



“3D coaching at its core is about this holistic view of student athletes.”

— Dean Jaderston



“Next play tough.” Leave the last play behind. Take on the next play with all you’ve got.

In the midst of a challenging season, this catchphrase lit a fire under the women’s basketball team. The new mindset was spurred on by the core principles of 3D Coaching; a model that each Falcon coach has been encouraged to adopt. The three dimensions, Fundamentals, Psychology and Heart, aim to create a holistic coaching approach that develops an athlete beyond physical skill.

Ninety percent of coaches around the world are competent in the first dimension which focuses on the body, developing speed, endurance and game strategies in each player. Only 15 percent of coaches consider themselves second dimension coaches. This dimension accounts for the dualism of body and mind, recognizing that the mind also plays a significant role in an athlete or team’s success. Here coaches will focus on team cohesion, confidence, motivation, goal setting and emotional health. As for the third dimension, the heart and holistic integration of the body, mind and spirit, only five percent of coaches have the ability to lead here. Third dimension coaches help athletes

see the bigger picture, how the athletic skills learned can apply to both real world scenarios and their faith.

This is where Women’s Basketball Head Coach Dean Jaderston has been focusing his attention. When the pressure started to mount for his athletes during the second semester, he looked to the second and third dimensions of this coaching model for guidance. Using some psychological resources, Coach Jaderston helped his players recognize how various emotions trigger physical responses in the body, causing the body to either tense up or relax. He says, “One of the things the sports psychologist said is that because of how our body responds to certain emotions, it’s impossible to feel gratitude and fear at the same time.”. Using this information, he coached his players to turn their thoughts to gratitude, listing out things they’re grateful for, to allow their minds and bodies to release any tension when they are tempted to give in to fear in a critical moment of the game.

Drawing from a core tenant of the second dimension, Jaderston helped his team set goals. Hoping to make it to the playoffs, despite moments of adversity,

the team developed the phrase “next play tough.” This catchphrase reminded each player to leave the mistakes and failures of the past plays behind. The next play matters; the next move counts. The phrase not only stuck, it encouraged perseverance.

Coach Jaderston shares this sentiment saying, “3D coaching at its core is about this holistic view of student athletes. You’re not just seeing them as a basketball player, and the things they’re learning are not just strictly for the basketball court, or the golf course, or football field, its concepts that translate into their real world.” “Next play tough,” allowed Jaderston to encourage resilience in his students’ real lives, their academics, relationships, faith and future goals.

By embracing the largest sector of our student population, our student athletes, with mind, body and spiritual coaching Friends University strives to create an environment where students aren’t just playing well, they are also encouraged to think holistically and love each other well. The lessons that have the most impact are often learned outside the classroom, taught by example and shown compassionately through grace and understanding.

University News

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friends University is excited to welcome new members, Jana McDaniel and Alex Melugin along with returning member Dr. John Lewis, to the Board of Trustees.

▼ JANA MCDANIEL

Jana McDaniel is a former music teacher, an entrepreneur and an Oklahoma native. She received her Bachelor of Education in Music from Oklahoma Baptist University. Her leadership began in the classroom where she taught music in the Oklahoma school system and shared God's good news through music ministry programs in various churches. She later owned Riverside Cup of Tea. McDaniel's passion for children centers on their spiritual growth as well as their educational development. Much of her life has focused on raising and teaching children of all ages about the love of and need for Christ. She was on the board of directors of CASA for Sedgwick County and then served as president for three years.

McDaniel is married to Howard and their union blended five children together. Together they followed the call to begin their own heating and cooling business, Even Temp of Wichita, Inc. Through keeping their eyes on Him, they have built a business that thrives and allows them to support organizations that honor God's work with youth and children.





◀ ALEX MELUGIN

Alex Melugin is Vice President and Partner at Phoenix Home Care and Hospice. Steadfast to his faith in the Lord, Melugin integrates Christ-like values into the culture of the company. Melugin is a '09 Friends University alumnus where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration along with a Master of Business Administration from Newman University. As a former football athlete at Friends, he was part of two KCAC Conference Championships and was named the KCAC Player of the Year in '08. Melugin is a businessman with ownership in multiple business in addition to being an investor and partner of Physical Therapy by Phoenix, LLC.

Working in the health care industry gives Melugin the opportunity to help others in a variety of ways including his service on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, co-chairing the American Heart Association's Heart Ball, serving as the corporate recruitment chair for the ALS Society, serving as an Ambassador for the Wichita Open and K.U. Pediatrics as well as being an active volunteer at Newspring Church.

Melugin is married to his wife Ashley and they have three children, Makenna, Kaia and Cannon.

DR. JOHN LEWIS ▶

Dr. John Lewis, D.D.S, M.A.G.D. is a Wichita native and President of the Wichita Dental Group, PA. He is no stranger to Friends University and returns to the Board of Trustees where he brings over 16 years of dedicated service to Friends University. His leadership and desire to help others is illustrated in his service on the Wichita Public Library Foundation Board of Directors; Rotary Club International, Downtown Wichita Club; Christian Medical and Dental Associations; and Boys Scouts of America (Quivira Council).

Dr. Lewis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Earlham College and a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Northwestern University, School of Dentistry. He is married to Wanda, and they have three adult children.



INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW ATHLETIC STAFF

PHOTO BY DAVID K LEWIS



▲ TIM PRESCOTT

Tim Prescott was promoted to be the new women's wrestling head coach and after holding the assistant coach position since the wrestling program's debut two years ago. Prescott was a collegiate wrestler, capturing the 2015 NCAA Division II national championship at St. Cloud State University in the 125-pound division while being named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Wrestler of the Year.

Prior to arriving at Friends, Prescott was the head coach for one season at Central Christian College following a one-year stint as an assistant coach at Cornell College and a two-year appointment as a graduate assistant coach at Northern State University. He holds a Master of Sports Performance and Leadership from Northern State and a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree from St. Cloud State.



▲ KATE JONES

Kate Jones has been named the new men's and women's powerlifting head coach at Friends University. A guru in fitness and training, Jones comes to Friends with experience as the head coach/owner of Foundation Fitness, LLC. She previously served as a personal trainer for Optimal Performance, where she provided powerlifting programming and was a program coordinator for a large all-women's bootcamp program.

Jones' certifications include the USA Powerlifting Kansas State Chair, USA Powerlifting Referee, USA Powerlifting Club Coach, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer and a Precision Nutrition – Level 1 Coach. Jones holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Wichita State University.



▲ KAYLA ALLEN

Kayla Allen has been named the Assistant Athletic Director of Operations for the Friends University Athletic Department. For the past two seasons, Allen has served as an Administration Graduate Assistant Intern, including one year as both an Administrative and Sports Information Director GA where she helped facilitate home game operations and co-hosted the "Talking with Friends" podcast.

As a student-athlete, Allen competed for the Falcon cross country and track and field teams, earning an NAIA All-America nod in the Race Walk while helping the program capture multiple KCAC indoor and outdoor championships. She holds a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education, both from Friends University.



▲ PHIL MCCLINTOCK

Phil McClintock has been named the head coach of the Friends University men's basketball program. He had an eight-year tenure as Associate Men's Basketball Head Coach at Ottawa University along with serving as the Braves Men's and Women's Golf head coach. McClintock had a stellar collegiate career at Ottawa, earning two NAIA All-America honors, a pair of All-KCAC nods while finishing his career as the all-time leader in blocked shots and top five all-time in scoring, rebounding and steals.

In addition to his roles at Ottawa, McClintock's has served as a Camp Coach at the KU Bill Self Basketball Camp since 2012 and previously held the positions of Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at William Woods University and head basketball coach at Salem High School. He holds a Master of Education in Athletics/Activities Administration from William Woods University and a Bachelor of Physical Education and Health from Ottawa University.

INTRODUCING FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S NEW VICE PRESIDENTS



Friends University is pleased to announce the promotion of **DR. ROB RAMSEYER** to Vice President of Athletics and Strategic Expansion. The promotion is an expanded role for Dr. Ramseyer for the work he has done in expansion along with fundraising and gift development to implement growth strategies for increased revenue.

Dr. Ramseyer holds a Doctor of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University, a Master of Science in Education with an emphasis in Sports Studies from The University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts in History from MidAmerica Nazarene University. He began his career at Friends University as the Athletic Director in 2018. He previously held the position of Vice President of Student Development and Athletic Director, Interim Dean of Students and Head Baseball Coach at Hesston College and served as an adjunct professor and assistant baseball coach at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Dr. Ramseyer was named a 2022-2023 Cushman and Wakefield National Association of Collegiate Directors (NACDA) Athletic Director of the Year in which only 28 athletic directors across the nation were awarded this honor.



Friends University is pleased to announce the promotion of **DR. PRESTON TODD** to Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success in which he will also serve on the President's Cabinet.

The promotion is recognition of the excellent service Dr. Todd has provided to Friends University for the last 16 years. His dedication and innovative professionalism have built effective programs to promote student success as well as his ability to build strong relationships on and off campus with such programs as the USD 259 Early College Academy. Dr. Todd's work experience coincides with both the Admissions and Financial Aid efforts.

Dr. Todd holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership in Higher Education from Capella University and is a Friends University alumnus with a Master of Leadership and Management and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies. His previous positions included Associate Academic Dean; Assistant Dean of Student Success for the College of Business, Arts, Sciences and Education; Director of Student Retention Initiatives and ADA Services; Director of Campus and Career Transitions; and Assistant Director of Campus Ministries all at Friends University.



Friends University announces **DR. BRENT YODER** as Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Yoder's new role as Associate Vice President, will oversee the Academic Resource Center and ADA Services along with his continued work in compliance, accreditation, assessment and academic support.

Dr. Yoder holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Organic Chemistry and Future Professoriate from Virginia Tech, a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Business Administration from Eastern Mennonite University and an Associate of Arts in Chemistry from Hesston College. He currently is a Peer Reviewer at the Higher Learning Commission and previously held positions as the Associate Academic Dean and Professor of Chemistry at Friends University; Vice President of Academics and Registrar at Hesston College; Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Illinois College; and Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Greenville College.

SINGING QUAKERS HOME CONCERT

Friends University's Singing Quakers presented their annual Home Concert. The concert, themed Darkness to Light, was designed to take the audience on a journey from a place of darkness and despair to light and hope.

"In this concert we shared the good news and light of Christ with the audience, offering consolation to those that might have been in a difficult season. This concert illuminated the soul," said Dr. Rayvon T.J. Moore, assistant professor of music, director of choral studies and Singing Quakers director. "Our amazing and talented students poured themselves into the music and their voices were a gift to all."



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY PRESENTED WINTER MUSICAL, CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Friends University presented a performance of *Catch Me If You Can*, a high-flying musical comedy about chasing your dreams and not getting caught.

Seeking fame and fortune, precocious teenager, Frank Abagnale Jr., runs away from home to begin an unforgettable adventure. With nothing more than his boyish charm, a big imagination, and millions of dollars in forged checks, Frank successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor, and a lawyer all while living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams... until the law catches up with him!

"This riveting, fast-paced show took the audience on a journey of self-identity and rediscovery," said show director and Assistant Professor of Music Theatre and Dance, Sheldon Mba. "We were thrilled about this production and the unique opportunity Friends students had to be coached for this production by Rachel de Benedet, who originated the show's role of Paula Abagnale on Broadway."

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT RETURNED TO CAMPUS



Wichita's beloved holiday tradition, the Christmas Candlelight concert returned to Friends University Sebitts Auditorium stage. Concert goers received plenty of what keeps them coming back every year with exciting new additions.

The Singing Quakers, coming up on its 100th year in existence, were joined by the Concert Choir to create a masterful blend of joyous voices over 80 strong. In a tradition started last year, concert goers heard from other groups including jazz, orchestra, band and dance in addition to having the a cappella group, Jazz Vocal Ensemble, back this year! Guests were also greeted with special music played by various chamber ensembles, including the Friends University Flute Choir and Brass Quintet.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY PRESENTED THE GONDOLIERS, A GILBERT AND SULLIVAN OPERA

Friends University presented the opera performance of *The Gondoliers*, a story of love, kidnapping and switched identities. It was an entertaining and boisterous story considered the last great success of the famous theatrical duo, Gilbert and Sullivan. The production featured an orchestra conducted by Music Director, Dr. Matthew Schloneger.

"This show was a wonderful production of great music and typical Gilbert and Sullivan comedy performed by an outstanding cast of singers," said directors Rolaine Hetherington and Dr. Matt Schloneger.



FRIENDS UNIVERSITY VICTORIOUS IN THE 2022 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING (NATS) COMPETITION

Over 20 Friends University voice students competed in the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) West Central Region Student Auditions at Colorado State University. They competed against college and university students representing a four-state area including Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.

For the sixth year in a row, Friends University had the most finalists of any private school in the region and, for the first time, the most of any university in Kansas! Finalists were eligible to enter the NATS National Student Auditions.

FRIENDS UNIVERSITY'S 30TH ANNUAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Friends University hosted the 30th annual Jazz Festival with an evening concert featuring two vocal jazz ensembles and a Latin jazz group with guest pianist, vocalist, and composer Justin Binek. Hutchinson Community College's award-winning vocal jazz group Badinage opened the concert followed by Friends University's Jazz Vocal Ensemble for a great set of swing and sophistication. After intermission, a group of Friends University's elite music instrumentalists had a true headliner set with the group Conjunto Latino.

The final day culminated with performances by Friends University Concert Jazz Band with a set of professional big band charts that showcased some incredible student improvisers and a world premiere from student composer Adin Gilmore. Closing out the show was Ryan Heinlein's The Project H which is a rock/fusion funk group from Kansas City that plays all original music written by bandleader Heinlein.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAY FOR KCAC POSTSEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

The Friends University Falcons advanced to the KCAC postseason tournament for the first time since the 2017-18 season making it to the championship game. Although the game didn't end how they would have wanted, Head Women's Basketball Coach Dean Jaderston said, "I'm so proud of this team. It's not always that a team can say they were at their very best at the end of the season, but this team can. They played so hard and maximized each other's strengths."

WOMEN'S WRESTLING PROGRAM EARNS FIRST-EVER NAIA QUALIFYING SPOTS AT KCAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time in program history, the Friends University Women's Wrestling Falcons had NAIA National Championship qualifiers, with Gianna Moreno (sophomore) and Bailee Nelson (freshman) after each posted runner-up finishes at the KCAC Championship meet to qualify for the national meet.

The Falcons left it all on the mat and the 26th-place national finish was top in the KCAC.



Gianna Moreno



Bailee Nelson





COMPETITIVE CHEER FALCONS FINISH SEASON 15TH AT NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Friends University Competitive Cheer Falcons are the two-time defending KCAC Champions keeping the trophy in Wichita for the second straight season. The Falcons exploded for a program record score of 84.84 to finish on top of the KCAC Competitive Cheer Championships hosted at the Friends University Garvey Center. The victory secured the Falcons a second straight appearance at the seventh annual NAIA Competitive Cheer National Championship meet where they finished with a 15th place overall finish at the NAIA Competitive Cheer and Dance Championship in Ypsilanti, Mich.

The first-year Dance Falcons also made their debut appearance at the championship meet and finished sixth overall with a score of 41.83.







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FRIENDS UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED GROUNDBREAKING ON \$2 MILLION ADDITION FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMS

Friends University celebrated the groundbreaking of the new addition to the William Penn Science Building that will house the new \$2 Million mechanical engineering and visual arts labs. The mechanical engineering labs will provide two state-of-the-art facilities enabling students to conduct relevant, real-world experiments along with an art studio space that will provide visual art students a place to construct works of art.

"This addition to our science building collaboratively supports our students by giving our art and engineering students a dynamic, hands-on learning experience to meet the needs of the 21st century workforce," said Dr. Amy Bragg Carey, president of Friends University. "Mechanical engineering is a newer academic program at Friends University that has seen significant growth since its inception. We are dedicated to distinguishing this program and supporting the growing demands of Wichita and our industry while molding young engineers of moral character."

Friends University launched a mechanical engineering program in 2019 and saw its first graduating class in 2021. The addition of the two mechanical engineering labs will meet the American Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) accreditation standards.

This project is partially funded by a Department of Commerce SPARK grant and is part of the \$12.5 million investment in capital projects and student programming on the Friends University campus. Other projects include a \$1 million investment in Cyber Security labs and scholarships, a \$2.5 million Garvey Athletic Center remodel and the upcoming \$7 million Riney Fine Arts Center renovation.



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— Dr. Amy Bragg Carey



FriendsTalks

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FRIENDSTALKS FEATURES FR. RON ROLHEISER

Friends University co-hosted the spring FriendsTalks lecture series with Newman University by welcoming Roman Catholic Priest Fr. Ron Rolheiser who is a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a theologian, professor, award-winning author and President of the Oblate School of Theology. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser presented an updated reflection of his book titled *The Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God*.

The FriendsTalks lecture series features a diverse array of local and national experts of philosophy, religion and spirituality to teach our community something new and substantial about the way we see the world. FriendsTalks are held twice a year with free admission and are open to the public. For additional information or to be a part of the next FriendsTalks series, follow friends.edu/talks.

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REMEMBERING RICH MULLINS

Friends, family and fans of Rich Mullins gathered in the fall to share songs and stories of a life well lived marking the 25th anniversary of his graduation to glory. It was an evening of singing along to Rich's songs, watching previously unreleased concert footage, listening to several of his bandmates live and connecting with others to remember the one who enchanted us with his music and challenged us to "be God's." Rich Mullins was part of Friends University when he moved from Nashville to Wichita in the early 1990s to re-enroll in

college, later graduating from Friends University in May 1995 with dual degrees in music and education.

Friends University is honored to establish Rich's Room in the Edmund Stanley Library where a space has been designated to create an archive of artifacts reflecting Rich's life under the direction of the Apprentice Institute's Executive Director Dr. James Bryan Smith and Dave Mullins, Rich's brother.

To make a donation to Rich's Room, visit <https://apprenticeinstitute.org/richs-room-donation/>.



RISE UP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REACHES \$7 MILLION GOAL TO RENOVATE AND EXPAND RINEY FINE ARTS CENTER

Friends University is delighted to announce that after successful fundraising efforts, through the generosity of donors, alumni and various foundations, we met the \$7 million goal to renovate and expand the Riney Fine Arts Center. This includes a \$600,000 matching grant from the Mabee Foundation.

Through Our Next Act, the second phase of the RISE Up Capital Campaign breaks ground this summer and includes an entrance, auditorium, dance studio, black box theatre and technology updates and the addition of a sacred chapel/recital hall. We are certain these long-overdue updates will better serve our students and the many community groups who utilize the facility for rehearsals and performances.

We are grateful for all of those who helped raise funds and promote this campaign!

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY GRADUATES FIRST COHORT

Friends University has partnered with Wichita Public Schools' Northwest High School for the Early College Academy (ECA). The program is designed to promote access and opportunity for more students to graduate with a college degree.

The program requires students to apply in 8th grade and is limited to 50 students each year. Students who are accepted into the program, regardless of their neighborhood high school, will become Northwest High School students and will be able to compete in extracurricular activities as Northwest Grizzlies, in addition to attending classes at Friends University beginning the summer before their sophomore year. Students in the ECA program will graduate high school earning up to 57 college credits allowing them to begin college as a third-year student.

This year marks the first senior cohort to graduate from the ECA program. Students were presented with Friends University graduation cords to wear at their high school graduation ceremony.

The Early College Academy program was made possible in part with a grant from the Walser Foundation of the Walser Auto Campus.



Donor Profile

Trevor, Jenny and Graden Hands



TREVOR AND JENNY HANDS

Trevor Hands was kind enough to share with us a little about himself and his time at Friends University. Let's get to know him!

Trevor: Tell us a bit about yourself. Family, career, hobbies?

I was born and raised in Garden City and eventually returned to my hometown in 2011. School and my profession took me to Wichita, Kan., Virginia Beach, Va., and Los Angeles, Calif., before I finally returned home. I met my wife online in 2012, and we married in 2014. Jenny is from Buhler, Kan., and is the Avid District Director and Career and Technical Education Coordinator for USD 457. We have one son, Graden, who is four and in preschool.

I work for the Garden City Co-op as their Communications and Marketing Director. In my spare time, I volunteer on the Great Plains MakerSpace Board, play drums with a band for my church and occasionally love a good, cold craft beer from time to time. My wife and I are starting a new non-profit in Garden City, the Red Dog Children's Museum

(rdcm.org). That will most likely take what remaining spare time we have!

When did you attend Friends and what was your major?

I attended Friends from 1998-2002. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Music with a minor in Communications.

What are your favorite memories from your time at Friends?

That's tough as there are so many! I enjoyed hanging out with the guys in the Woolman Hall dorm, but I basically lived in the Whittier (now Riney) Fine Arts Center. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the Singing Quakers and the many places we traveled, including Australia and New Zealand. I also loved hanging out with my percussion group and the Acts of Faith drama troupe. I made so many friends at Friends that I stay in touch with to this day.

Why do you feel it is important to give back and why Friends?

I believe it is important to give back because others who went before me have done the same for me, and it's my turn to pay it forward. A Greek proverb

states, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit." I want current and future Falcons to have the same (or even better) opportunities I had. Friends is essential as much of my intellectual, spiritual and professional formation came from what I learned at Friends. It helped shape who I am and what I believe today. The teachers and mentors I had were phenomenal, and I am glad I'm able to stay in touch with many of them. Being at Friends challenged me, stretched me and gave me the kick in the pants I needed. I also loved the smaller class sizes in a bigger city with lots of things to do, not to mention a beautiful campus!

Any words of wisdom for future alumni?

Give back as you can whenever you can. It's not exactly easy when you're still paying off school to give a whole lot but if GoFundMe has proven anything to me, it's that several hundred people donating five dollars to twenty dollars can really add up and fast.

Thayne is the Friends University Board Chair and Lead Superintendent at EFC-MAYM and Kristin teaches sixth grade social studies at Haysville Middle School.

Alumni Spotlight



DR. THAYNE ('83) AND KRISTIN ('84) THOMPSON

Why did you choose Friends?

Kristin: In high school, I always intended to follow my parents to Wichita State University. However, they wanted me to have the Friends experience. So they arranged for me to visit campus and hear a Symphony of Spring concert. That was all it took for me to decide on Friends.

Thayne: I grew up in a Friends Church in North Central Kansas (Glen Elder Friends Church). My mother, Joyce Thompson, attended Friends University, as did my older sister, Dawn Roach. My parents encouraged me and my sisters to attend Friends University for at least one year after high school. We all three did, and all graduated from Friends.

Who influenced you the most during your time at Friends?

Kristin: Though I was an education major, Dr. Riney profoundly impacted me. From devotions in class to the expectation of excellence, Dr. Riney nurtured the whole person participating in the music department.

Thayne: Several people influenced me during my five years at Friends University including faculty such as Dr. Friesen and Dr. Boyle, and a number of students. Earnest Alexander had a huge impact on my life, although he graduated about the time I came to Friends. I lived with Earnest for a summer and was (unintentionally) mentored by him.

Share your best college memory while at Friends.

Kristin: The first weekend I was at friends, I was in a practice room getting ready to audition for Singing Quakers. Thayne came into the practice room and the rest is history. My best friend became my husband and 40 years later we are still navigating life's adventures together.

Thayne: Well, first, I must mention I met my sweetheart of 40 years! But, one of the memories I frequently mention to people is that in December 1982, as we were preparing for our wedding, we were also completing Richard Foster's class, Celebration of Discipline. As a wedding gift, Richard (and the class) allowed us not to take the final exam. I will never forget that.

What advice do you have for current students who want to make the most out of their experience at Friends?

Kristin: Life in college should include a balance of three things: figuring out your passion, whether it be as a job or as a hobby, building friendships that can last a lifetime, and pursuing a life-altering faith that can sustain you through the ups and downs of this adventure we call life.

Thayne: Stay on campus if at all possible and enjoy campus life. It is a totally different experience when Friends University is your "home" during your college years. The student body becomes a community where deep friendships can be formed, and lifetime memories developed.

Describe Friends in three words.

Kristin: Christian values, authentic leadership and academic excellence.

Thayne: Community, personal growth, memories.

How did your education at Friends prepare you for your career?

Kristin: Friends Education program provided a great outline for success in the classroom: consistency, good lesson planning, and high expectations of students. The program had a great balance of classroom and practical experience.

Thayne: Friends University helped me transition from being a high school student to an adult. Much of what I learned in the classroom did not apply directly to my career, but the Christian Liberal Arts education I received has had a long-term impact on my life, as it helped me grow personally, intellectually, spiritually and relationally. My education at Friends University helped set the trajectory for the rest of my life.

Clarence Kay "Bud" Brixey, '57, died Nov. 11, 2020 and **DOROTHY "JEANNE" BRIXEY, '57**, died July 30. The couple enjoyed the Sandia Mountains and were dedicated to their church and faith. Jeanne was a teacher for nearly 40 years.



Spring 2023 Class Notes

IN MEMORY

"In Memory" passages with more details were submitted by family and friends. Information received after Feb. 1, 2023 will be included in the next issue. We reserve the right to edit as space allows.

Karen Angle, '63, died May 4, 2020. She was Miss Kansas in 1963 and served in the Peace Corps in Panama for two years with her husband.

Harold D. Bauer, '97, died March 8, 2020. He worked at Wolf Creek Generating Station for 25 years and was part of the local Genealogy Club.

Hubert J. Bond, '53, died Jan. 23. He enjoyed farming, reading and had a collection of books on nature and Bible history.

Marc A. Chambers, '06, died Jan. 24. He worked at Beech Aircraft as a configuration material master, enjoyed being outdoors and traveling with his parents.

Georgene (Bruner) Corbitt, '56, died Aug. 23. She was a public school teacher, a Christian education director and an artist.

Alvin L. Crisp, '51, died Dec. 6, 2021 and **Loretta B. Crisp, '51**, died Aug. 9. Alvin served in the U.S. Army, was a farmer and a rural mail carrier for over 30 years. Loretta was a farm wife and taught children's Sunday school classes.

Rev. Grant E. Davis, '55, died Nov. 29. He served in the U.S. Army as an Assistant Chaplain in Korea and served numerous churches in Kansas later retiring from First United Methodist Church in Little River, Kan.

Kathryn E. DeCesaro, '02, died Oct. 28. She was a teacher for many years teaching high school dropouts and middle school students at Truesdell Middle School for 16 years.

Shirley A. Decker, '02, died Feb. 12. She had a gift for painting landscapes, creating ceramics, and helping her family and others.

Kay Lyn Dumler Dinkel, '04, died Feb. 15. She was in the healthcare industry for over 40 years, served as a Den mother for local Cub Scouts groups and served on the board for Russell Regional Hospital and Kansas Center for Assisted Living (KCAL).

William M. Floyd, '01, died Nov. 23. He managed several stores including Country Mart, G & W Foods and Family Dollar in Caney, Kan.

Herta Folsom, '96, died Oct. 18.

Clyda J. Frederick, '06, died Sept. 5. She was a teacher, a member of Beta Sigma Sorority, on the Sterling Library Board and past member of PEO Chapter C of Lyons.

Miriam Giese, '73, died Sept. 24. She retired as a church organist after 70 years.

William "Bill" Glennen, '04, died Jan. 4. He was a college academic advisor previously at Friends University before he moved to Butler Community College.

Nolan R. Gore, '55, died July 30. He served in the U.S. Army, worked with Prudential Insurance along with holding the position of president for the Life Underwriters Association and Enid Chamber of Commerce.

Janet A. Groninga, '68, died Jan. 12. She taught children with special needs, was active in the Abilene Historical Homes Association, served as the Kansas Museum of Independent Telephony curator and a member of Delta Rho sorority while at Friends.

John M. Hall, '11/'13, died Aug. 19. He was in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years where he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant before he went on to work in the healthcare informatics industry.



DANIEL HANEY, '94, died Oct. 31. He worked for Koch Industries, Pizza Hut corporate office, Cargill, Rockline Industries and was involved with the Booneville Rotary Club.

Doris Ann Hanna, '57, died Oct. 27. She was a sales clerk at a department store, an Avon lady, and a secretary at the County of San Diego Department for Social Services until her retirement.

John B. Head, '99/'03, died March 13, 2017. He worked for Bombardier for 33 years and went on to be a real estate agent. John was 32nd Degree Master Mason and member of the Wichita Consistory of the Scottish Rite and Midian Shrine.

Valerie A. Hepler-Aladieff, '07, died Nov. 17. She was a homeschool teacher to her children, a flutist, loved Disney movies and became a voice for Lung Cancer.



JAMES L. "JIMMY" JACKSON, '96, died Jan. 14. He worked at ThyssenKrupp in addition to being a tennis coach at Hutchinson Middle School and Prairie Dunes.

DEBRAH L. JAECKEL, '99, died July 22. She was a school teacher for 20 years with Wichita Public Schools until her retirement.



Raymond E. Julien, '75, died Jan. 9. He was a market research analyst at Kohn Farm Machinery until his retirement.



BERNICE R. JOHNSTON, '42, died Sept. 17. She worked at Cimarron Insurance, Eckles Department Store and was an avid bridge player.

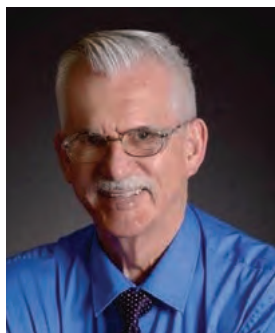
DAVID L. KELLUM, '57, died Sept. 5. He was a missionary in Africa where he founded a technical school to equip people in practical skills and trades, helped design and build a bridge, and was one of the founders of the Friends Kibimba Hospital. David and his wife Mae received the Friends University Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Christian Leadership and Service in 2018.





KEITH D. KELLUM, SR., '54, died Feb. 21. He worked in the oil and chemical industry and went on to become a dedicated pharmacist with recognition through the National Council of State Pharmaceutical Association Executives' Distinguished Service Award and the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association Pharmacist of the Year Award.

Karla J. Kemp, '99, died July 1. She enjoyed taking pictures, playing board games, Chiefs football and attending her grandchildren's sporting events.



THOMAS E. KLEBER, '96/'98/'10, died Dec. 12. He served in the U.S. Army then worked over 40 years in aerospace as an aircraft mechanic, structures assembler and manufacturing engineer.

Steven Lattimore, '20, died Jan. 3, 2023. He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the Blue Stars Marching Band, loved traveling to see new places and meeting new people.

Paula S. Layton, '96/'99, died Dec. 29. She worked in the mental health field and enjoyed gardening.

PAUL MARTINSON, '50, died Dec. 20. He was a Fulbright Scholar in India, a philosophy professor at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania for 25 years, sang in the church choir for 40 years and the oldest member of Oasis Lodge #416.



Wesley L. Mitchell, '95, died Oct. 2. He held account positions, enjoyed watching football and was a devoted family man.



GLORIA F. (SWANSON) MILLER, '45, died Nov. 11. She was a high school and college math and physics teacher and a member of PEO for over 60 years.

Harold L. Montgomery, died Aug. 30. He was an assistant football coach at Friends University in 2003 and 2004.

Donna M. (Barnhardt) Morgan, '01, died Sept. 23. She worked in banking as a loan officer and in human resources along with starting a Yoga in the Park series in her town.

Patricia A. Morrison, '92, died Jan. 4. She was a fourth grade teacher at Derby Public Schools for 23 years until her retirement and an active member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Mitchell R. Nollette, '95, died Oct. 4. He worked for the Kansas Highway Patrol for over 20 years and was part of the family farm operation.

Keith V. Parish, '60, died Nov. 8. He was the former owner of Tri-County Insurance Agency in Belle Plaine.

Dale A. Parker, '66, died Jan. 20. He served in ministry, became a high school science teacher, drove a school bus and served in the Selective Service.

Dr. Edmond L. Pearson, '95/'15, died Jan. 2. He served as a business professor at Friends University from 2002 until 2018.



REV. LINCOLN MONTGOMERY, '93, died Sept. 12. He served as Pastor for Tabernacle Bible Church for 35 years, as well as being an Adjunct Professor at Tabor College for 30 years. He was recognized for his service and contributions to the Wichita community receiving multiple awards and accolades.

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MARY B. PEARSON, '45, died March 1, 2022. She worked as a paraprofessional as well as the Boulder Daily Camera, Rocky Mountain News, Neodata Services, Inc. and did bookkeeping and accounting for the Western Auto Store.

Larry G. Peckham, '59, died Sept. 19. He was a teacher, coach, District Supervisor of Land Management Nebraska Game and Park Commission and owned Coast-to Coast Hardware Store. Larry was inducted into the Friends University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017.

Duane Tabor Pierce, '61, died Jan. 8. He was a Professor of Radiological Science for 24 years at the University of Nevada and served on the Radiation Safety Committee.

Ruby K. Kaelson-Pike, '42, died Jan. 15. She worked for Trans World Airline, started the Traveltime Inc. travel agency and published a book of memoirs.

DARYL KEITH PITTS, '57, died March 13. He was a member of the Friends University Board of Trustees and served as its Chair for many years. He served in the U.S. Army and learned to fly while stationed at West Point. Pitts went on to have a 33-year banking career where he retired as an executive while also concurrently farming and flying for business and personal purposes.



DR. DAVID E. SCHAFER, '48, died Jan. 10. He was a musician, a Fulbright professor in physiology and biophysics at Calcutta University, served as an acting physiology chair for the Rockefeller Foundation for a medical school in Bangkok, researched cholera at the V.A., and co-founded the Central Connecticut Humanist Association and served as president of the Unitarian Humanist Association.

Linda Kay Ramirez-Gonzalez, '95, died Feb. 12. She worked for the State of Kansas as a Workforce Director until her retirement.

Col. Rene Reimann, Jr. USAF Retired, died Nov. 12. He served as an adjunct instructor at Friends.

Carol J. Roberts, '66, died Dec. 11. She was a collaborative pianist at the University of Oklahoma and California State University, Northridge where she retired. Carol also served as the pianist for the Santa Barbara Choral Society.

Jean E. Rose, '98, died Dec. 30. She worked at Bank of America until her retirement.

Donald "Don" L. Sander, '90, served in the U.S. Air Force, was a plant manager for Harper Brush, worked as a part-time disc jockey for country radio and was a race car announcer.

Dorothy Sandquist, '59, died Sept. 30. She taught vocal and instrumental music in the public school system, as well as teaching piano privately. She was also the organist and the choir director at her church.



ANDREA N. SHARP, died Dec. 5. She worked as a librarian at the Valley Center Public Library for 11 years, kept statistics for the Wichita Thunder off-ice crew and was a photographer for the Wichita Industrial Trade Show.

Paula J. Sherbet, '95, died Aug. 18. She retired from the aircraft industry after 30 years and enjoyed many adventures with the Adventurous Babes Society.

David Sinclair, '96, died Jan. 11. He retired from the Wichita Fire Department after 22 years of service and went on to start Sinclair's Custom Panels to create custom furniture.

Norman Slade, '76, died Jan. 12. He worked as an accountant before a career in insurance at the Ken Wilson Agency. Norman also did the accounting for the Bookcliff Christian School.

Beverly J. (Bishop) Smith, '59, died June 26. She was a teacher, Associate Professor at Kansas Wesleyan University where she taught for 17 years and faculty member for 13 years at Kansas State University.



Don W. Stands, '64, died Oct. 17. He worked in the oilfield business where he worked in sales and was in the offshore transportation business. Don was a member of the Singing Quakers while at Friends.

Ralph S. Stone, II, '77, died Dec. 25. He served in the U.S. Air Force and went on to dedicate his life to music ministry by publishing books; putting on music and worship conferences and productions; and establishing choirs and ensembles.

James T. Strickland, '97, died Dec. 10. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and in the U.S. Air Force where he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. He went on to impact many people in their recovery with his work at alcohol and drug treatment centers along with incarcerated inmates.



PATRICIA "PATTY" L. TIESZEN, '50, died Feb. 23. She worked at Boeing, Rhodes Construction, and Newton Public Schools where she spent many years as a substitute teacher, educational aide and paraprofessional.

Amber C. Stroud, '10, died Nov. 19. She worked in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for 18 years most recently as a Senior Management Analyst along with being an active volunteer for Project Topeka and the Boys and Girls Club.

Patricia "Pat" Sutton, '49, died Nov. 3. She was a PTA treasurer, a library volunteer, taught free swim lessons and enjoyed playing bridge.

Charles "Charlie" Taylor, '59, died Aug. 5. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 28 years of service and went on to become a school bus driver.

Mark L. Thompson, '83, died Jan. 15. He was a sales manager for Ponca Products for 40 years, a member of the Rotary Club and a volunteer for the Reading is Fundamental program at a local elementary school.

Paul A. Tucker, '88, died Dec. 30. He owned several businesses including a liquor store and pre-school, was a Scout Master and volunteer EMT.

Nellie K. Twombly, '00, died Dec. 2. She was a high school teacher for many years, served as an elder at Fanning Community of Christ, was a member of the Doniphan County Library Board and a Highland Vidette/Kansas Chief correspondent of the Highland news.

Jerry E. Vanlandingham, '61, died Aug. 6. He worked at the Zenda Telephone Company, served as the mayor of Zenda for 30 years and the Zenda Fire Chief for 37 years.

CLARA B. (LISTON) VOSS, '51, died Dec. 16. She was a teacher, volunteered at the Sedgwick County Fair Fine Arts Department and enjoyed numerous craft hobbies.



BARBARA TATUM, '58, died March 28, 2022. She was a devoted wife and mother to three. Her kind heart touched all who knew her.

Ellen Ruth Voran, '62, died Nov. 22. She enjoyed the role of farmer's wife, was an elementary teacher for 34 years and sang in the church choir.

Patricia L. Warner, '57, died July 27 and **Wilber "Wayne" Warner, '57**, died July 12. Patricia worked as a secretary with the Christian Church in Kansas and Norman North High school until her retirement. Wayne was a business administrator for Wichita Public Schools, Topeka Public Schools in Kansas, and Norman Public Schools and Yukon Public Schools in Oklahoma.

Randy D. Wheeler, '96, died Jan. 29. He served in the U.S. Army and had a career in recruiting and building talent acquisition teams for numerous companies including Texas Instruments, Schwab and Samsung.



CLARK "C.C." CATES WILEY, '60, died Nov. 13. He worked as a software developer for the State of Kansas in Topeka, coached wrestling, baseball and softball, and was active in the Highlander car club.

Samuel Wilkey, died Feb. 14. He taught and coached at Friends University influencing the lives of many for over 41 years.

SHERRELL W. WILLIAMS, JR., '87, died Dec. 9. He was a flight test analyst at General Dynamics and Cessna (Textron) Aircraft until his retirement.



DR. JAN WILSON, died Nov. 23. She was a beloved Professor of Education at Friends University for many years until her retirement.



Michael "Mike" Wayne Williamson, '02, died Aug. 15. He worked in the industrial water treatment industry for over 25 years and volunteered at the Western Kansas Dirt Riders Race Track.

William "Bill" H. Yandell, '57, died Oct. 6. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, both active duty and another 20 years as a reserve. Bill went on to become an attorney in various capacities until his retirement.

Gordon K. Yetter, '97, died Dec. 7. He impacted many through teaching at Allen County Community College and Friends University.

Robert L. Young, '42, died Aug. 29. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Bob Kinloch, '56, was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame for spearheading the state's wrestling movement.

1970s

Robert Bachman, '79, retired from the Wichita Police Department after 43 years of service.



JAMES NEWBY, '71, co-wrote the book titled *Finding Yourself in Chaos, Self Discovery for Religious Leaders in a Time of Transition*.

Donald Deuel, '70, was featured in American Motorcyclist magazine for reaching a milestone one million miles and counting on a motorcycle.

1980s

Stacy Jo Kinsland, '85, retired from the U.S. Department of Justice after 30 years of service.



DARIN KATER, '88, vice president for development at Wichita State University Foundation was recognized by the AFP Greater Wichita Chapter as the Outstanding Fundraising Professional.

Laura McLemore '83, retired from Wichita Public Schools Cleveland Elementary in 2021 after 38 years in education.

Rev. Dr. Mitch Reece, '86, was appointed Senior Pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.



COL. CRAIG COOPER, '98/'01, 184 RSG Commander of the Kansas Air National Guard was featured in the Wichita Business Magazine.

1990s

Rochelle Fouts, '95/'01, was recognized by Amarillo College for the work she has done for her students as an Instructor of Education.

Darren McGilbray, '98/'09, was appointed president of ARJH Popeye's Louisiana Chicken restaurants in Wichita.

Troy Sander, '99, was appointed as the chair of the live Cattle Marketing Committee for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

Penny Stoss, '92, was named director for Hutchinson Regional's planned in-house childcare center called Learning Academy.

2000s

Brooke Bennett Aziere, '00, partner at Foulston Siefkin LLP, was named as a Women Who Lead honoree by the Wichita Business Journal.

JOSE GUTIERREZ, '03, was featured in a KWCH News segment as a local State Farm Insurance business owner in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Dr. Matt Hanne, '02, was appointed the Assistant Professor of Music Education at California State University Bakersfield.

ANDREA LYNN BERTHOT, '05, is publishing her book Dust Spells, in the spring of 2024.





QUINN KELLY, '09, authored the book *Raising Boys: A Christian Parenting Book: A Practical Guide to Faith-Based Parenting*, writes a blog and hosts the *Renew You with Quinn Kelly* podcast.

2010s

Corey Adams, '13, joined Gibson Watson Marino LLC.

Danielle Bradshaw, '12, is a Hematology/Oncology Research Associate at Augusta University Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia.

Keila Garcia, '19, was selected as a Kansas Department of Commerce NEXTGEN Under 30 winner.

Steven Garcia, '17, received his Master's Degree in Film Music Composition from Seattle Film Institute.

PANYA AMPHONE, '19, was selected as a Kansas Department of Commerce NEXTGEN Under 30 winner.



JOSH RIESGO, '11, was featured in *Authority Magazine* as Head of Design/Product Development at Devereux Golf.



Sherri Jacobs, '15, is with Heartland Art Therapy and was named one of the 12 Top Therapists in Kansas by Ideal Med Health.

Elly Johnson, '14, accepted the role of athletic director at Wellington High School.

Maggie Metz, '15, hosts the *Mindful Motherhood* with Maggie Metz podcast.

Chelsea Powell, '13, was named a Wichita Business Journal's 2022 Young Professionals: Human Resources honoree.

Robby Rose, '17, released an album titled *The 933 Ep*.

Hannah Sedgwick, '15, is with Existential Family Therapy and was named one of the 12 Top Therapists in Kansas by Ideal Med Health.

Amy Shelden, '17, won the Outstanding Director and Outstanding Production categories at the Jester Awards for Trinity Academy's production of *Oklahoma*.



NOAH SHERER, '18, was named the General Manager of TIGHTCO Inc. at the AeroStructures Charleston facility.

Brian Skinner, '17, is a special education teacher at Newton High School and was named Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Emily Stevens, '14, hosts the Laidback Achievers with Emily Stevens podcast.

Matt Tannehill, '11, accepted the role of President of OneRise Health Campus.

2020s

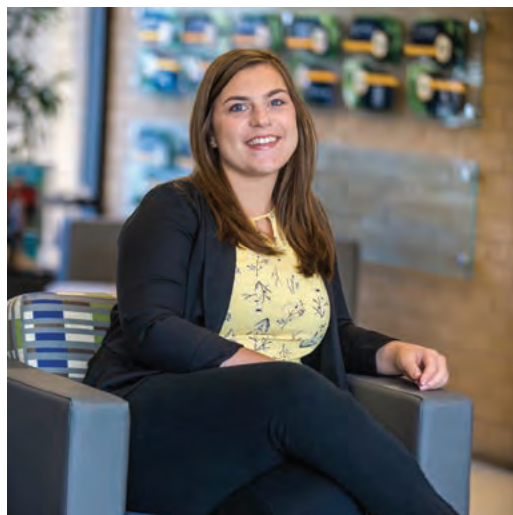
Coby Cushenbery, '22, accepted a position at Empac and Affinity Mental Wellness where he will build a private practice.



MOLLY BROWN, '21, was selected as a Kansas Department of Commerce NEXTGEN Under 30 winner.

Chelsey Gotti, '22, joined A New Hope Therapy and Wellness, LLC.

Julie A. Jones (Burnett), '10, accepted a position as Lamar Community College's new MAP (My Advancement Plan) Center Director.



SAMANTHA CAMDEN, '21, was selected as a Kansas Department of Commerce NEXTGEN Under 30 winner.

Josh Kliewer, '22, joined Shine Integrative Therapy.

Crystin Rice, '22, joined Anchor of Hope Counseling, LLC.

Kate Vance, '22, accepted an offer to join Hope Point Therapy.



STACY GOSS, '22, was elected to serve a position on the Hutchinson City Council.

FACULTY/STAFF/BOARD NOTES

Levi Convirs, sports information director, was recognized for his work as an athletic communications staff member by the KCAC as part of College Sports Communicators Membership Appreciation week, presented by ESPN.

Dr. Russell Arben Fox, professor of political science, director of the Honors Program, and Model U.N. sponsor was elected to serve on the 2023/2024 Sedgwick County Extension Program Development Committee.

Russ Francis was promoted to Senior System Administrator in IT at Friends University. He is a '21 alumnus with a Master of Management Information Systems.

Dr. Stan Harstine, professor of religion, was recognized by Christian Origins where he serves as an editor and led a class at First Baptist Church in St. Simons Island, Georgia on the Gospel of John.

Dr. James "Jim" Knight, retired from Friends in 2015 after serving in a variety of roles including marketing director for the College of Adult and Professional Studies and lead faculty in the business management program in CAPS, was awarded Emeritus distinction.



VAINE LUTZ was promoted to Director of Financial Aid at Friends University.



DR. STEVE RATHBUN, professor of marriage and family therapy, announced his retirement in May 2023 from Friends University after 33 years of service and has been awarded Emeritus distinction.

Aaron Krone, associate professor of art, received first place in a juried competition for his piece titled Emotion, received honorable mentions for two international art competitions and was named an Artavita Artist of the Year.

Sheldon Mba, assistant professor of music theatre and dance, was a part of the show Papa's Got a Brand New Bag, Words and Music of James Brown at The Forum Theatre.

Teresa Molina, assistant professor of Spanish, was re-elected to serve on the 2023/2024 Sedgwick County Extension Program Development Committee in addition to translating signage for the Wichita Art Museum's "Power to the People" exhibit.

Megan Rainwater was promoted to Director of Admissions Processing and CRM at Friends University.

CRYSTAL ROACH was promoted to Senior Director of Enrollment Management and Recruiting at Friends University. She is a '20 alumna after receiving her Master of Business Administration in Change Management at Friends University.



MICKEY SHANNON, web developer, released a book of Kansas photography titled Kansas is Beautiful.

Victor Rogers was promoted to Director of Institutional Research.

Roger Scales was promoted to Senior Director of IT at Friends University. He is a '95 alumnus after receiving

his Master of Management Information Systems from Friends University

Amy Stoltzfus was promoted to Associate Director of Financial Aid at Friends University.



NICK STILES was promoted to Director of IT and Helpdesk at Friends University.

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