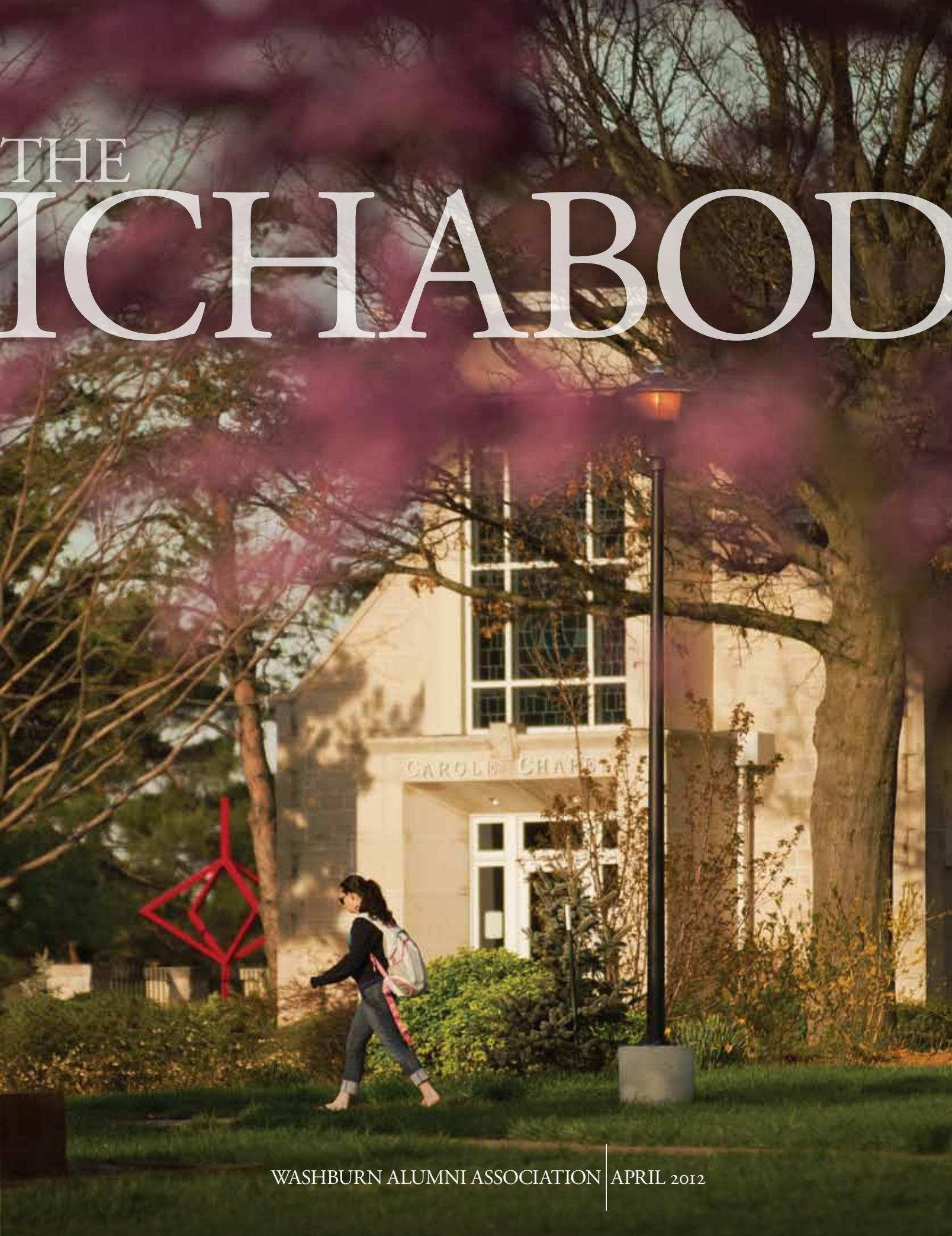


# THE ICHABOD





A view of the garden located between  
the art building and Yager Stadium.



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A curious squirrel makes an appearance on the Washburn campus.

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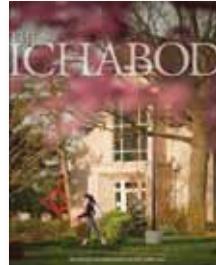
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Non Nobis Solum, “Not for Ourselves Alone”

As we state in our motto, Washburn is committed to service to others. This commitment takes many forms, including our mission to prepare individuals with knowledge and skills to be productive citizens in society.

As an educational institution, we have historically provided service through faculty, staff and student participation in community organizations. Undergraduate and graduate students provide community service while refining their skills in internships and clinical practicum.

In addition, students participate in numerous extracurricular student organizations to provide help to community partners. Examples of service to the community include organizing student-led blood drives, teaching primary school children about managing finances, coordinating leadership activities for high school students and being a member of the Bonner Learning in the Community (LinC) program.

Our service mission extends beyond the work done by our students. As an institution, Washburn has a deep talent pool of faculty and staff who add enormous value to the civic environment of Topeka.

Many of us share our expertise and support through volunteer activities and community board leadership. Washburn employees serve Meals On Wheels, assist with community theatre productions and provide free health screenings.

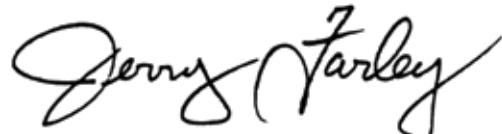
John Hunter, professor, theatre, has worked tirelessly to help establish the exciting North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District; Tom Ellis, former Washburn administrator and vice president of development, Washburn University Foundation, served as co-chairman of the education committee of the Heartland Visioning project; Gordon McQuere, dean, College of Arts and Sciences, is the incoming president of the Topeka Symphony; and David Dollars, dean, School of Business, and JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University Foundation, have served on the board of Junior Achievement.

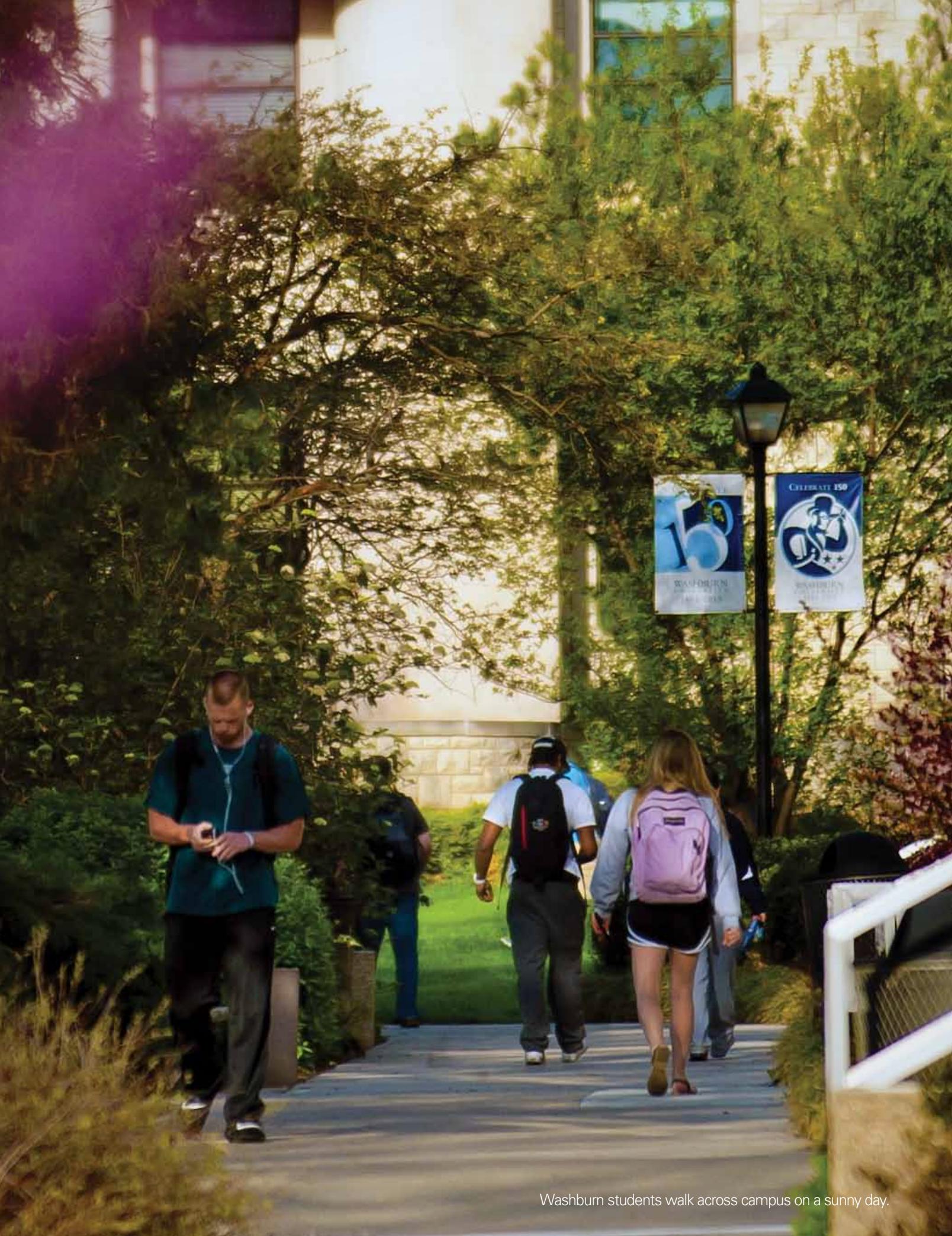
It has been my pleasure to be a co-founder and founding board member of Go Topeka and co-chairman of the community-wide visioning effort, Heartland Visioning.

Why are we so involved? We believe that improving the quality of life in Topeka will result in better opportunities to attract and retain new and existing employers and employees, including our own faculty and staff.

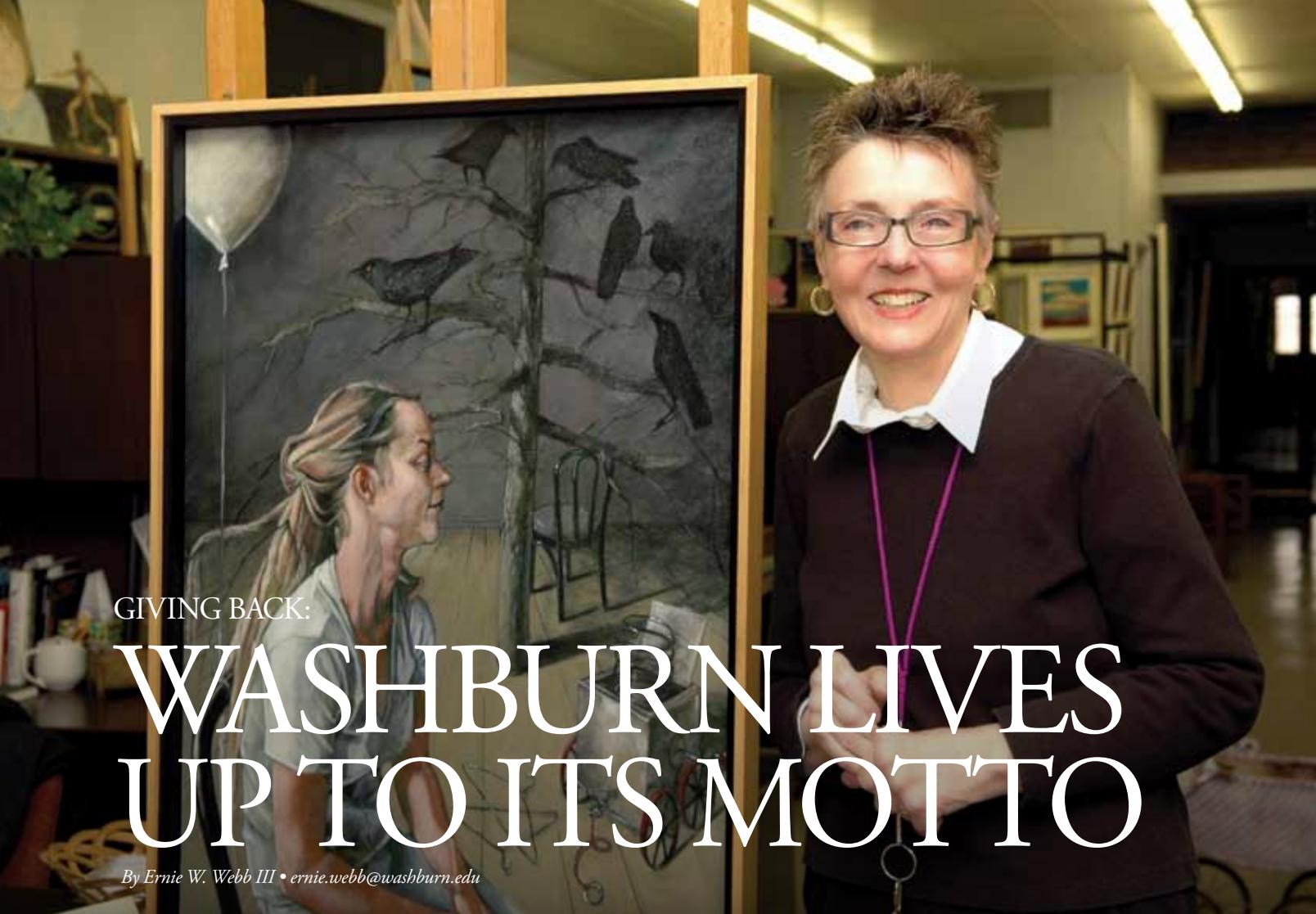
As we contribute to the economic vitality of our community, Washburn directly benefits through increased local tax support and employment opportunities for the families of our faculty and staff.

This vision of community partnership has been mutually beneficial. During Washburn’s history, we have depended upon the generosity of others during challenging times. At this time in our history, Washburn is giving back. Together we will continue to build the legacy of “Not for Ourselves Alone” to strengthen our future together.





Washburn students walk across campus on a sunny day.



GIVING BACK:

# WASHBURN LIVES UP TO ITS MOTTO

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Washburn alumna Barbara Waterman-Peters was the first artist to sign a lease for a studio in the renovated North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District. Several individuals from Washburn and Washburn Institute of Technology are involved in NOTO. *Photo by Peggy Clark*

More than a century after Charlotte Mendell Leavitt suggested “Non Nobis Solum” as Washburn’s motto, the university’s service to the community exemplifies the phrase translated as “Not For Ourselves Alone.”

“In my 32-year career, covering six cities, I have not seen a university as closely tied with a city as Washburn is with Topeka,” said Doug Kinsinger, president of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce. “From (President Jerry) Farley to Washburn Tech to the various student organizations, they make a significant impact.”

Making an impact in the community is one of the themes in Washburn’s 150 Forward strategic plan, which was finalized in 2010. Theme IV in the plan is to “engage and leverage the university’s intellectual and physical resources to benefit and strengthen services to the region.”

Washburn’s service to the region is extensive, ranging from Farley’s involvement in the chamber’s economic development arm, Go Topeka, and Heartland Visioning, to the work done by campus organizations such

as Learning in the Community (LinC).

“At Washburn, the students have been engaged in the community; that connection is there,” said William Beteta, executive director of Heartland Visioning, the city’s community-wide initiative to develop and implement a shared strategic vision. “We want the students to take ownership of the community. We want them to

feel like this is just as much their community as anyone else's."

Students, faculty and staff at Washburn have served Topeka and the region in numerous capacities, from LinC's work with dozens of organizations, to Washburn Tech's role in renovating the property for the creation of the North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District, to the Small Business Development Center's efforts in guiding local business owners.

"Washburn's ties to the community are historical, going all the way back to the beginning of the university," said John Hunter, professor, theatre, a co-chairman on Heartland Visioning's quality of life team. "Considering how much the city has done for the university through the years, it's natural that Washburn gives back to the community. It's a unique, wonderful relationship." 

## FROM THE NOTE PAD

"I think we go a bit further than other schools. Because of the special relationship we have and the way Topeka supports Washburn, we actively are looking for things we can do in the community. It's essential that Washburn be very visible."

*– President Jerry Farley*

"Washburn University is more closely intertwined to the fabric of our community than any of the other communities I've served. Washburn embraces the community and recognizes how serving the community improves the educational environment for their students."

*– Doug Kinsinger, president, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce*

"We've found this niche of working with underserved people in the community. I think it says to the entire community that Washburn is responding to community needs at all levels, whether it's with Heartland Visioning in creating entrepreneur opportunities and encouraging business, or doing what we do here at LinC."

*– Richard Ellis, director, Learning in the Community (LinC)*

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Washburn's substantial contribution to the region is nearly \$500 million a year, and graduates receive a 15.9 percent return on their cost of education.



# MORE THAN GIVING BACK

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From left, Brett Sidesinger, instructor Johnny Lemon, Joe Blaske and Matt Schmutzler helped build cabinets for a house at The Villages in Topeka. Washburn Institute of Technology students have worked on several projects throughout the community. *Photo by Ernie W. Webb III*

**J**oe Blaske, Topeka, compares the emotions stirred by helping an organization in Topeka to the feeling he gets after attending church.

It's a moment many of the students at Washburn Institute of Technology experience when they finish a project in the community.

"It's just a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction," said Blaske, a student in the school's cabinet and millwork program. "When it's all said and done, it feels like you've done something good, and that's going to come back on you tenfold. It's like your good deed for the day."

Blaske is one of several students in the cabinet and millwork program working on a project for Topeka's The Villages, which provides an emotionally supportive home for children and youth in need.

This semester, students at Washburn Tech designed, built and installed cabinets in a kitchen at one of The Villages homes.

"Those students are terrific, and we can't say enough about the work they do," said Michael Bradley, communications director at The Villages. "We've

enjoyed having them out here, and they've done great work for us."

That work includes replacing concrete, constructing a shelter house, building a road and parking area, and several other projects.

"You have to take pride in your work because you're doing it for somebody else," said Brett Sidesinger, a freshman from Topeka who also attends classes at Washburn University. "It's nice to have the hands-on experience. Our teacher (Johnny Lemon) treats our class like we're working for a company. We all have roles, and we all have to do our part."

## IN THE COMMUNITY

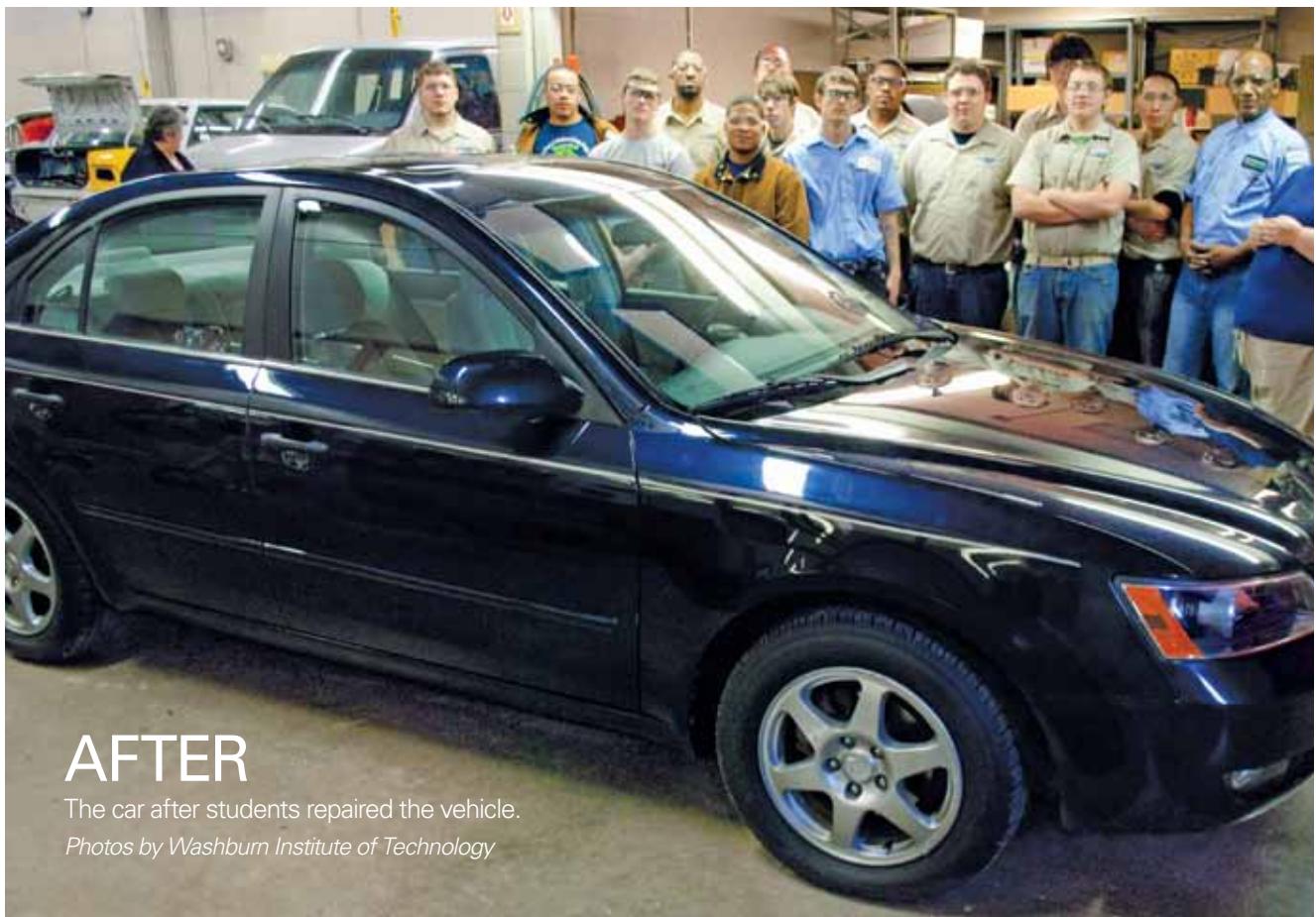
The Villages is one of many organizations benefiting from the work of Washburn Tech students, who also had a hand in renovations in the North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District.

"Washburn Tech did a wonderful job in helping to



## BEFORE

A damaged vehicle before Washburn Institute of Technology students repaired it in the Recycled Rides program.



## AFTER

The car after students repaired the vehicle.

*Photos by Washburn Institute of Technology*

fix this place to make it what it is today,” said Barbara Waterman-Peters, bfa ’73, Topeka. “They laid the floor tile, painted, checked on the air conditioning and worked on some other projects. I’m very pleased with the work.”

Waterman-Peters was the first artist to sign a lease in the district, an area experiencing a facelift as Topeka revitalizes the downtown area.

“It was such a great feeling of community to have so many people working so hard to get me in here,” she said. “I felt so privileged to have the Washburn Tech students help me.”

Washburn Tech will also work on the new shelter for the Topeka Rescue Mission, which is scheduled to open in about a year. The facility will be significantly larger and allow the Mission to expand its programs for training and mentorship.

“When I get around to different cities, I check on the involvement of the universities in the community,” said Barry Feaker, ba ’80, Topeka, director of the Rescue Mission, “and you don’t see the level of involvement Washburn has with the community. It’s a unique relationship. Washburn really makes an impact.”

## EXPERT LEARNING

The training students receive while attending Washburn Tech includes not only experience working on location, but also working with experts in the field.

“They work side-by-side with contractors because you have to be licensed in certain areas, like electrical, and they learn about working with the city on code requirements,” said Eileen Caspers, coordinator of business and industry training. “Businesses see this as an opportunity to get to know the programs and students, and the students get to know the employers.

This is a different form of an internship that gets the students engaged with the community.”

Topeka Unified School District 501 is among the groups working with Washburn Tech students. They teamed to remodel in the NOTO district.

“The students did a lot of work, and we had a lot of guys on my staff out there,” said Chris Albert, general director of central services and facilities planning for USD 501. “It worked out great. They get to learn from licensed technicians and contractors and be part of the process.”

## REAL-WORLD WORK

Students in the auto technology and collision repair programs also work with licensed technicians to repair cars for families in need.

Washburn Tech was the first educational institution in the nation to participate in Recycled Rides, a National Auto Body Council program in which students repair donated recycled vehicles.

“What we’re doing here is more than giving back to the community,” said Joseph Emmons, interim dean at Washburn Tech. “We’re also giving our students some incredible real-world learning experiences.”

Students in the culinary arts program contribute to the community in several capacities, including catering at NOTO celebrations, for a March of Dimes dinner and for Meals on Wheels and hosting a monthly fundraiser for SkillsUSA, a partnership of students, teachers and industry working to build a skilled workforce.

“Going out and working on these projects is important because you have a sense of getting something done,” said Gillian Gabelmann, associate dean for instructional learning. “That’s not always the case when you’re working in a lab. When you build a road, it’s there. You can see your work.” 

# WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Whether it’s rebuilding cars for people in need, building cabinets in a home for children or training a specialized workforce for candy manufacturer Mars Chocolate North America, Washburn Institute of Technology has a significant impact in the region.

# GRANT A SWEET DEAL FOR WASHBURN TECH

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**M**ars Chocolate North America's setting up shop in Topeka figures to be a great opportunity for Washburn Institute of Technology.

While the company builds a \$250 million plant expected to be operational by late 2013, Washburn Tech will be educating much of the workforce for the facility, which will be located at the Kanza Fire Commerce Park south of Topeka.

"Mars did one of the most thorough reviews of any company I've worked with in looking for a site for their new plant," said Doug Kinsinger, president of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

"They knew what Washburn and Washburn Tech had to offer, and that was one of many factors in their decision."

Thanks in part to a \$19.6 million grant, Washburn Tech will be training hundreds of skilled workers through its advanced systems technology program.

"We're putting together a training program for Mars

employees," said Eileen Caspers, coordinator of business and industry training. "It's a blended kind of approach between what we have in advanced systems technology, then adding polish. That's typical of what we do in business and industry training, where you take the foundation and customize it."

The \$19.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor supports the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TRAC-7) consortium, which includes Kansas schools Washburn Tech, Salina Area Technical College and Flint Hills Technical College, as well as Kansas community colleges in Garden City, Dodge City, Concordia (Cloud County) and Highland.

The signature programs at

each of the schools are: Cloud County, agri-biotechnology; Dodge City, electrical and power and transmission; Garden City, animal science and food safety; Flint Hills, power plant technology; Salina, environmental technology; Highland, risk management; and Washburn Tech, advanced systems technology (AST).

Washburn Tech will coordinate the TRAC-7 program.

"The focus of the grant is to expand each of those programs at the home institution, then make it possible for a student at one of the institutions to participate in a program at the other six institutions without having to drive to Garden City, for example," said Gillian Gabelmann, associate dean for instructional learning. "It will increase the reach of our AST program." 

# ICHABODS SERVING THE COMMUNITY



## TOM ELLIS

You might have a difficult time finding a person more ingrained in the community than Tom Ellis, a longtime Washburn employee and currently the vice president of development for the Washburn University Foundation.

Ellis, ba '75, serves on multiple boards and committees in Topeka, including the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce and Heartland Visioning, the city's community-wide initiative to develop and implement a shared strategic vision.

“It’s important to be closely engaged with the community,” said Ellis, a former special assistant to President Jerry Farley. “We don’t want Washburn to be an academic island out there. We have a bilateral relationship, and it’s important for us to be flexible, dynamic and responsive to the community.”

Ellis is a member of the Topeka South Rotary Club and volunteers with the Boy Scouts. His service extends to his city council appointment to the Kansas Avenue Redevelopment Advisory Committee, and he formerly served as a Topeka planning commissioner.

As chairman of the education team at Heartland Visioning, he led a committee focused on educational development and enrichment for people of all ages.

“Visioning is all about collaboration, getting people involved,” he said. “It’s critical for Washburn to be involved because we’re helping to create an educated workforce for the community.”



## BARRY FEAKER

Barry Feaker left Washburn more than 30 years ago looking for a way to give back to the community. After more than 25 years at the Topeka Rescue Mission, it’s safe to say he has found his calling.

“Washburn trained me to look for opportunities to serve,” said Feaker, executive director of the Mission. “I was not a book learner at Washburn. I was a hands-on learner. The programs I was in, you got out of the classroom and served in the community. That was the best thing that happened to me.”

Feaker, ba '80, has maintained close ties to his alma mater, which has benefitted the Mission and community. The School of Nursing, for example, has worked in the Mission’s clinic for more than 20 years.

“They helped us get the clinic established and with our mobile medical clinic,” he said. “Because of their help, the people we help have had access to a wider range of services. They’ve helped a lot of sick people who wouldn’t have gotten that help before.”

Feaker has also visited campus to speak to several groups about the Mission’s work.

“What that does for us is educate people about what’s going on in the community and what the issues are,” he said. “It’s a great way to raise awareness about the homeless.”



## KARL FUNDENBERGER

Karl Fundenberger, 25, didn’t plan on staying in Topeka once he received his degree at Washburn. In fact, he expected to “get out of Dodge.”

“I was one of the complainers back then; one of the people who thought Topeka had nothing to offer,” said Fundenberger, ba '08, Topeka. “But if you have an open mind, there are plenty of opportunities here. It’s the kind of place where you can choose your own adventure.”

Fundenberger, a member of the Visit Topeka board of directors, has taken the latter to heart, choosing and helping create adventures for himself and others in the community. One of his first ventures was Chords and Oil, a Topeka “art collective with a progressive agenda” formed in 2008.

“Chords and Oil is an example of what people can accomplish when they get involved,” said Fundenberger, former social media director at FryeAllen Inc. “There are still a lot of new people getting involved in Chords and Oil, as well as other projects.”

Fundenberger’s latest effort is the Topeka Community Cycle Project, a nonprofit bicycle shop where people can learn to fix their bikes.

“The mission of the project is to promote self-reliance, sustainability and healthy living,” he said. “We’re hoping to build that into a bigger and better resource for the community.”

For more information about the cycle project, visit [cycleproject.org](http://cycleproject.org).



## MICHAEL GLASS

Michael Glass has known for a long time that he wants to be a physician. His work with Learning in the Community (LinC) has strengthened the desire to work in medicine.

“LinC has helped me tremendously,” said Glass, a senior from Americus, Kan., and a candidate to graduate in May with a bachelor of science in biology. “The things I’ve learned and the places I’ve worked at through LinC have really solidified my desire to be a doctor. All of that started with the Bonner program.”

In the LinC Scholar/Bonner Leader program, students commit to 900 hours of community service, attend guided reflection and give a public presentation of learning.

As a Bonner scholar, Glass worked at Habitat for Humanity, Health Access, Shawnee County Health Agency and at Topeka’s Highland Park High School as a tutor.

“Seeing the social injustices I didn’t know were taking place really opened my eyes and encouraged me to be more involved,” he said. “Another thing I got out of the program was the idea of civic engagement. I’d never followed these sorts of issues from a civic standpoint. Now I do.”

Glass has also participated in alternative break programs across the country, including in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.



## JOHN HUNTER

“Bloom where you’re planted.”

John Hunter, professor of theatre, took that advice from his wife, Lynette, to heart when he came to Washburn in 1975. In the 37 years since, his roots have branched across the community in multiple capacities.

“My whole career, I’ve tended to see involvement in the community as an essential component,” he said. “I’ve always taken that very seriously.”

Hunter has had a hand in the community’s effort to revitalize downtown and North Topeka, notably the North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District.

Hunter, who also worked at the Washburn University Foundation for several years, is chairman of the quality of life team for Heartland Visioning, the city’s initiative to develop and implement a shared strategic vision.

“I probably spend about 30 hours a week on the arts district,” said Hunter, a co-chairman of the NOTO project. “The arts community is vital to Topeka, and especially that area of the city. It’s a huge undertaking, and I’ve surrounded myself with some outstanding people on our committee who are doing great work.”

Hunter also worked on committees developing the Topeka Performing Arts Center and Great Overland Station. He has served on the Kansas Arts Commission and several other local and state arts boards.

“I guess I was planted in Topeka, and I think my wife of 40 years would say I’ve bloomed in this community,” he said.



## BARBARA WATERMAN-PETERS

Barbara Waterman-Peters knew somebody needed to step forward once the North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District blossomed from an idea to reality. As a longtime artist and member of the NOTO board, she figured it might as well be her.

“Exciting things were happening, and so many people were excited about the possibility of a vibrant arts district,” said Waterman-Peters, bfa ’73, Topeka. “Eventually, we needed someone to sign on the dotted line. My thought was, ‘I’ve been in Topeka for so many years that it’s logical I be the one to really get involved and sign a lease.’”

She did just that, resigning from the NOTO board to become a core artist in the district. Waterman-Peters signed a lease in November 2010 and opened Studio 831 after renovation help from community supporters such as Topeka Unified School District 501 and Washburn Institute of Technology.

The grand opening for the painter’s studio was on Dec. 10, 2010. Seventeen months later, the district has more than a dozen studios and antique shops.

“Everything came together beautifully,” said Waterman-Peters, an oil painter and lifetime member of the Washburn Alumni Association. “It does my heart good to hear so many other people speaking about Topeka being a wonderful place to live and to have young artists and people want to stay here.”



# LINC TO THE COMMUNITY

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**J**ulia (Fonseca) Thomas was frustrated. Her vision was deteriorating and she had juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. She didn't think she had anything to offer the community.

"I almost gave up on college. I thought, 'How am I going to help anybody?'" said Thomas, bas '03, Topeka. "I approached him (Richard Ellis, director, Learning in the Community) and said, 'Listen, I don't know if this is for me. Convince me to stay.'"

Ellis did just that, connecting Thomas with the Learning in the Community (LinC) office. Just as Thomas challenged Ellis, Ellis challenged Thomas, pushing her to get more involved in the program.

"Julia is one of our tear-jerker stories,"

Ellis said. "She could see no reason why anyone would hire a woman who is blind to do anything. Now she runs her own not-for-profit organization."

A decade after she nearly quit college, Thomas is the executive director of the Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (KYEA), which "educates, mentors and supports youth with disabilities to be contributing members of their community."

**SERVICE FOUNDATION**  
Ellis has worked at Washburn since 1991 and has been the director

of LinC since 2006, though the program's roots stretch to 1995.

"LinC actually started about 15 years ago as a student organization sponsored by the human services department. I was the faculty adviser at that time," Ellis said. "Over the years, the Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE) became a reality, then we left that department and became a separate entity in 2006."

The WTE, created to transform students through scholarly, creative, community service, leadership or

Washburn alumna Julia (Fonseca) Thomas nearly left college when her eyesight began to deteriorate, but Learning in the Community director Richard Ellis convinced her to stay in school. A decade later, Thomas runs the nonprofit Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy (KYEA).

Front row: Carrie Greenwood, KYEA program coordinator. Back row, from left: Empower Me participants Victor Alvarado, Erica Peterson and Kendra Rodenbaugh; KYEA Executive Director Thomas; Empower Me participant Ben Berlin; and KYEA Fundraising Coordinator Johnna Godinez.

*Photo by Kansas Youth Empowerment Academy*

international projects, set the tone for the Bonner Leaders program in LinC. Thomas was one of the first Bonner scholars, who perform 900 hours of focused service, monthly mentored reflection meetings and service initiatives.

“I remember Dr. Ellis telling me about the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), which was designed to help students with disabilities on campus during a summer program,” Thomas said. “My thinking was I needed a few more volunteer hours, and I think I can teach these kids a thing or two. It was that cocky senior-year attitude you have.”

An attitude far removed from that of a student who nearly left school a few years before, it eventually led to the KYLF’s transition from a summer program sponsored by the Resource Center for Independent Living to the KYEA, now a separate statewide organization serving thousands of children and youth with disabilities.

## ‘ALTERED MY PERSPECTIVE’

The Bonner Leaders program is sponsored by the AmeriCorps-funded Bonner Foundation based in New Jersey. Each academic year, 20 to 22 students commit to the two-year program at Washburn, Ellis said.

Michael Glass, a candidate to graduate with a degree in biology in May, said the program is life-changing.

“It altered my perspective on a lot of things. I was pretty naïve about the social injustices taking place,” said Glass, of Americus, Kan., who has volunteered at Health Access, Habitat for Humanity and Shawnee County Health Agency. “Just seeing those injustices has solidified my desire to go into medicine.”

## A LONG REACH

The Bonner Leaders are one group among a plethora of students working in the community via LinC.

The organization also offers a



LinC Bonner Leaders sort clothes for distribution in Joplin, Mo., in August 2011, three months after a devastating tornado ravaged the southwest Missouri city. *Photo by LinC*



LinC Bonner Leader  
Amber Rufener, Topeka,  
works on a community  
garden in spring 2011.

*Photo by LinC*

community service transformational experience, which includes 150 hours of service, reflection sessions, a public presentation and a final project.

Other programs include community-based work study, Literacy Education Action Project (LEAP), alternative break, service learning and community-based research. It adds up to thousands of hours of service by Washburn students in Topeka and other communities.

“What LinC does is pretty remarkable,” said Washburn President Jerry Farley. “Washburn students have a significant impact on the agencies they work at. We know that if they develop those kinds of habits, they’re likely to keep doing it as they graduate and move

into their communities.”

LinC students work at Let’s Help, Community Action Head Start, Topeka and Shawnee County Parks and Recreation, Topeka Unified School District 501, Marian Clinic, YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, Harvesters and dozens more.

LinC also serves as a resource for students to fund their educations.

“Sixty percent of our students are under-resourced kids, and we’re able to provide tuition help,” Ellis said. “The great thing about that is we’re using external funds, like the Bonner Foundation AmeriCorps grant, to provide scholarships to students who need them.”

The number of scholarships awarded by the organization has

increased from 16 in 2001 to about 100 in 2011.

## INTERNATIONAL LinC

LinC also makes an impact internationally through its alternative break program. Ellis and students travel to Nicaragua each year for two weeks, spending time learning about the country in the classroom and working in the community.

“The important piece of the Nicaragua trip isn’t fixing a road, which is what we did last year and what we’ll probably be doing this year,” Ellis said. “It’s working alongside the people and learning how they do their work. The students come back with an understanding of community that translates really well to what they want to do here.” 



# REGION BANKS ON WASHBURN

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Officials and Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback at the ground-breaking for Mars Chocolate North America. Many of the workers at the plant, located in south Topeka and scheduled to begin operations in 2013, will be trained at Washburn Institute of Technology. *Photo by Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce*

**W**ashburn's impact in northeast Kansas extends far beyond community service, according to a study by Economic Modeling Specialists Inc., a firm providing economic analysis.

The company's higher education impact study determined that the university and its former students generate an annual added income of \$479.6 million in northeast Kansas.

"People know that Washburn raises the level of education for the region; the community knows we provide a lot of cultural opportunities; they know we spend a lot of money," said Washburn

President Jerry Farley. "But when we look at all of these things put together, the cumulative effect surprised me, and it should surprise the community. How much we impact the local economy truly is enormous."

In 2011, the Kansas Board of Regents released a report on the economic impact of the state's public higher education institutions (32

colleges and universities). That study, conducted by the Goss Institute of Public Research, determined that the schools produced \$7.3 billion in economic impact.

"It didn't look in-depth at any specific institution, and we thought it'd be a good idea to see what kind of impact Washburn has in Topeka and the region," Farley said. "We found a firm – EMSI

## BY THE NUMBERS

**\$479,610,100**

Total annual added income of Washburn and former students in northeast Kansas

**\$422,745,000**

Annual added income of former Washburn students in region

**\$45,667,300**

University operations effect

**\$6,939,500**

Visitor spending effect

**\$4,258,400**

Student spending effect

**15.9 percent**

Rate of return on cost of Washburn education

**9.0 percent**

Local and state's rate of return on tax dollars Washburn receives

– that had a unique approach, a unique algorithm, that we thought was intense, very thoughtful and thorough.”

According to the study, Washburn students receive a 15.9 percent rate of return on their educational investment. For every \$1 a student invests in a Washburn education, he or she receives a cumulative \$5.60 in higher future income during their careers.

The payback period, or amount of time it takes to cover the cost of their education at Washburn, is an average of 9.4 years.

“It confirms what we believe is important about Washburn – that the education at Washburn is a fine investment for the student,” said Tom Ellis, vice president of development at the Washburn University Foundation. “For those of us who live in the community, having a large number of Washburn-educated people in our area means our economy is stronger. It shows that we’re a powerful force economically in the region.”

The study also determined that for every \$1 of local and state tax invested in the university, the return is \$2.70, a 9 percent rate of return.

“It’s rare that the government actually makes a profit like that,” Ellis said. “The taxpayers derive a very positive benefit. It exceeds what people put in, and that isn’t common.”

Washburn also saves the region millions of dollars in social services,

the report said.

“College graduates are less likely to consume social services, and the study looked at that to determine

what the savings was to the state,” Farley said. “That came to about \$8.5 million a year – another tremendous impact.” 



Karl Klein, interim director of the Washburn Small Business Development Center

## SMALL BUSINESS, BIG IMPACT

A pickup truck, two chainsaws, a lawnmower and a borrowed trailer. That’s all Greg Gathers had when he started his business in 1999. Thirteen years later, Custom Tree Care in Topeka and Lawrence is thriving with multiple trucks, a plethora of equipment and a seasoned staff.

Gathers’ company grew in part because of the assistance he received from Washburn’s Small Business Development Center.

“In 2003, they helped me with some budgeting and financial exercises to see where we were spending money and where it should go,” Gathers said. “Meeting with them gave me some good ideas.”

The SBDC provides support for small-business owners and potential business owners through no-cost seminars, training and workshops in the community. The organization also assists individuals in developing marketing analyses and financial projections, as well as provides consultations.

“The emphasis is helping entrepreneurs start their businesses and grow their businesses,” said Karl Klein, interim director of the SBDC. “We work with business owners and potential owners on every aspect, from buying and selling businesses to capital acquisition, all the way down to personnel issues.”

According to Klein, the SBDC meets with about 400 clients and provides more than 100 seminars each year. The SBDC has a main office in Topeka and outreach offices in Manhattan, Kan., and Weween, Kan.

## CONTACT THE SBDC

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# A VISION FOR THE COMMUNITY

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Economic growth, population growth, increasing per capita income, a thriving arts district. You name it, chances are Heartland Visioning is involved.

Heartland Visioning is a community-wide Topeka initiative to develop and implement a shared strategic vision, according to the organization's website, [www.heartlandvisioning.com](http://www.heartlandvisioning.com).

"It was built out of a sense of urgency that Topeka was falling behind and wasn't keeping pace with other communities," said William Beteta, executive director of Heartland Visioning. "Visioning identifies where we want to go as a community."

Heartland Visioning's imprint stretches across the community, including developing the North Topeka (NOTO) Arts District, promoting the impact of the city's half-cent sales tax for infrastructure and improvement, and touting the community success in recruiting candy manufacturer Mars Chocolate North America.

Washburn has been involved in multiple visioning initiatives, including renovating the arts district and training a workforce for Mars via Washburn Institute of Technology.

"Washburn is a key component to the community," Beteta said. "The connection with the university is there, and we want to make sure to engage with the school and the students. We want them to take ownership of the community."

William Beteta with Heartland Visioning



Washburn President Jerry Farley was among community leaders who supported the project before it launched in 2008. He served as a co-chairman through 2011.

"Heartland Visioning is a great project, and I think it's important that Washburn be involved in it," Farley said. "It's the kind of project that gets a lot of folks, including those from Washburn, involved in improving the community. It's had a tremendous impact."

Beteta said Farley's work on the visioning project has been crucial to its success.

"He has always been a great spokesperson for the project and has done a great job of emphasizing education," Beteta said. "Making sure the next generation is ready is extremely important, and he's had a significant role in that. He's also been an adviser to the project and a great adviser to me."

Tom Ellis, former administrator at Washburn and current vice president of development at the Washburn University Foundation, and John Hunter, a longtime theatre professor, also have been members of Heartland Visioning committees.

Ellis was co-chairman of the education foundation team and Hunter is co-chairman of the quality of life foundation team. 



INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP:

# ONE-OF-A-KIND CHALLENGE

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Students collaborate on a project during the 2011 Leadership Challenge Event® at Washburn. The LCE is an innovative leadership competition that attracted teams from 15 universities and high schools to campus in 2011. *Photo by Leadership Institute*

**I**nnovation can be exhausting work. For those working on the Leadership Challenge Event® (LCE), it also is rewarding work.

The LCE is the signature event hosted by the Leadership Institute at Washburn. Held annually, it is designed to give students the opportunity to develop and implement their leadership skills.

“The complexity of the event is pretty significant,” said Jeff Mott, director of the Leadership Institute. “We wanted to do something that would differentiate us from other schools.”

Consider that mission accomplished. Implemented in 2011, the LCE is a unique event that brings college and high school students to Washburn’s campus for a two-day competition built on leadership skills.

The LCE begins with a half-day leadership conference, followed by an eight-hour competitive simulation. In 2011, a dramatic video – a “breaking news story” about a campus shooter and the fallout at the fictional Central

Kansas University – kicked off the event.

On the second and final day, the task for the students participating was to gather a deeper understanding of what occurred during the shooting and to assess what needed to be done to move forward to restore confidence in the university.

“We really didn’t know what to expect. That was the hardest part

of the project, not knowing how things were going to work out," said Lauren Eckert, ba '11, Lincoln, Neb. Eckert was the student director of the LCE in its first year. "We knew that this type of competition hadn't been done anywhere else, but we had a creative format and targeted high school and college students. It ended up being a great event."

Planning and organizing the competition took months. Mott said he had the idea for the LCE two years before implementation. Through research, he discovered that the competition would be one-of-a-kind.

"There have been other simulations out there, but nothing quite like this," he said. "The closest thing we could find was business case opportunities at business schools. We knew that it would be a lot of work, but we also knew that it was something that would set us apart."

Eckert, now pursuing a master of arts in education administration at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, said the year she spent working on the LCE's debut was grueling but worth the time invested.

"We knew it was going to be challenging, and it was," she said. "We put in a lot of hours trying to get ready, but it was an amazing experience and really helped me develop my

# KEY PLAYERS

## JEFF MOTT

The director of the Leadership Institute, The Leadership Challenge Event® was his idea. He researched the event for months before it was implemented.



## LAUREN ECKERT

Eckert was the student director of the Leadership Institute during the initial LCE. A 2011 graduate, she is pursuing a master's degree in education administration at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.



## SHEA KIRKOP

The Lyndon, Kan., native is the current student director of the Leadership Institute and has worked on the LCE for two years. He is majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing and is a candidate for graduation in 2013.



leadership skills. I'm very proud that I was a part of it."

To appreciate the magnitude of the competition, consider that the first LCE included students from the Leadership Institute and more than 140 volunteers from Washburn and the community who served as role players, judges and coaches for the teams participating. Every available classroom on campus was used during the event.

"I've learned delegation, keeping everybody on task and keeping the students and volunteers focused on what's going on," said Shea Kirsop, junior, Lyndon, Kan. He is the student director of the Institute for 2011-12. "There are a lot of moving parts, and the leadership development on the project is extremely valuable.

"(The 2011 LCE) was pretty realistic to a real-world situation, and that's what we're trying to accomplish."

The first LCE included 15 teams (nine high school and six college), and Mott expects the event to continue to grow.

"The best compliment is the teams we had in the first year coming back for this year," he said. "That means we're doing it right."

The 2012 competition was March 29-30, after The ICHABOD went to press. 

## LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE OBJECTIVES

- To showcase future leaders within and outside Kansas by acknowledging a solid knowledge base and use of leadership skills during the course of the competition and conference
- To offer intellectual and practical leadership development in a unique forum in the form of a one-day competition
- To provide a rewarding experience for all participants (students, advisers and community participants)
- To enhance networking opportunities for participants with peers from around the country as well as professionals and leaders in the Topeka community
- To provide the City of Topeka and the surrounding area with additional opportunities for community advertising and promotion, sponsorship and partnering opportunities, as well as additional business and commerce from conference participants, sponsors and outside volunteers

## ONLINE

For more about the Leadership Institute and the Leadership Challenge Event®, visit [washburn.edu/leadership](http://washburn.edu/leadership)



Washburn's football team won its first NCAA playoff game in 2011. The Ichabods play at Yager Stadium, which features the Bianchino Pavilion.



# HISTORIAN TOUTS WASHBURN'S STRENGTH

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Presidential historian Richard Norton Smith, 2012 Lincoln Lecturer, said his ties to alumnus Bob Dole made him feel as if he knew Washburn before he set foot on campus. *Photo by Ernie W. Webb III*

**W**ashburn's presidential ties have been numerous through the years. Alumnus Bob Dole was the Republican nominee during the 1996 race, William Howard Taft visited the campus in 1911 and the school was named Lincoln College after Abraham Lincoln from its beginning in 1865 until 1868.

Dole and Lincoln were among the topics discussed Feb. 6 by renowned presidential historian Richard Norton Smith, the first Lincoln Lecturer, during Washburn's countdown to its sesquicentennial in 2015.

"One of the fascinating things was his capacity to outgrow the limitations for the society that produced him," Smith said of Lincoln. "That is a pretty good definition of education for life. There is that kind of reflection in a lot of Kansas history."

"Kansas has been a pioneer in many areas, including politics. Washburn is where Bob Dole's political career began."

Smith, an alumnus of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., who has written several books on presidents, is a former director of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at The University of Kansas, Lawrence.

"I feel like I know Washburn because of my connection with Bob Dole over the years," Smith said. "His heart is here."

This is the place he really got his education. He started at the University of Arizona but found himself in Topeka after World War II and got a second chance at an education and took it very seriously.

"This is my first time I've been on campus. It's a very impressive place. It's a great honor to help kick off the sesquicentennial."

Smith, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1983 for his book "Thomas E. Dewey and His Times," said he was impressed by Washburn's ability to handle adversity.

"It's a school that very nearly didn't make it in its early days as Lincoln College and survived," he said. "More recently, the school was nearly wiped from the map by a tornado that undid decades of institutional building. But within days, classes were going on. It's remarkable how Washburn responded."



## TAKE THREE

**Quick hits with  
presidential historian  
Richard Norton Smith:**

*Favorite president:* "That's a tough question. You can make the case that George Washington is the truly indispensable figure. You can make a case for several depending on the different periods of history and different definitions of success."

*Interesting hobby:* He has visited the gravesites of every president. "I nearly got heat stroke while visiting James K. Polk in August 1976, and I almost got arrested in Princeton, N.J., looking for Grover Cleveland. There are all kinds of adventure stories on that hobby."

*What prompted him to predict Barack Obama would be president years before the 2008 election:* "You can look at people and you see talent. You know when you see the rare talents that come along."

## BOW TIE BALL REWIND

Nov. 19, 2011, marked the first signature event of Washburn's countdown to the sesquicentennial: the Alumni Association's Bow Tie Ball. The event included presentations by students, music, dancing and a champagne toast by President Jerry Farley. For more on the Ball, including photos, visit [washburn.edu/alumni](http://washburn.edu/alumni) and [washburn.edu/150](http://washburn.edu/150).

## PLEIN AIRE EVENT: APRIL 21

French for "in the open air," Washburn's Plein Aire event on April 21 will be a gathering for alumni, students and artists in the community to paint outdoors on campus. April 28 has been marked as the rain day for the event. The artworks will be sold during an art auction and social event on Nov. 17. For more information, visit [washburn.edu/150](http://washburn.edu/150).

## SEQUICENTENNIAL SIGNATURE EVENT

The items painted during the April 21 Plein Aire event will be sold at an art auction and social event on Nov. 17. All auction proceeds will support a permanent commissioned art piece to recognize Washburn's sesquicentennial.

## DISCOVER WASHBURN TREASURE HUNT: APRIL 16-JUNE 18

Learn more about Washburn in celebration of its sesquicentennial. Find clues to 15 locations throughout Topeka with historical significance to Washburn University. Take pictures along the way and put them in your free Washburn photo album, then turn the album in for a chance to win prizes. Begin the hunt by picking up your treasure packet at the Washburn Student Recreation and Wellness Center, west of the tennis courts on Durow Drive. Visit [www.washburn.edu/150](http://www.washburn.edu/150) or call 785.670.1641 for more information.

## LOOKING AHEAD

During the 2012-13 academic year, Washburn will celebrate the second 50 years of its history (1915-65).

## SEQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Academic Events, Alumni and Friends, The Arts, Athletics, Communications, Community Events, History of Washburn, Memorabilia, Special Events, Volunteers.

## GET INVOLVED

Interested in volunteering for the sesquicentennial celebration? Contact Rugena Hall, with the president's office, at 785.670.1556 ([rugena.hall@washburn.edu](mailto:rugena.hall@washburn.edu)). Questions about the sesquicentennial celebration? Email [celebrate150@washburn.edu](mailto:celebrate150@washburn.edu) or contact co-coordinators Amanda Hughes at 785.670.2153 ([amanda.hughes@washburn.edu](mailto:amanda.hughes@washburn.edu)) or Julie Olson at 785.670.1816 ([jolson@wufoundation.org](mailto:jolson@wufoundation.org)).

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET ANNOUNCED

April 28 at the Washburn Memorial Union

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### THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes alumni who have made personal and professional contributions to society, demonstrated exemplary support to the Washburn University Alumni Association and the community, been of service to humanity, distinguished themselves in their careers and brought honor to Washburn through their accomplishments.



#### 2012 HONOREE:

**Cindy (Tilson) Rogers, ba '69, Topeka**

Giving back to Washburn and the community is a significant part of Cindy (Tilson) Rogers' life. First, the 1969 graduate worked as a home economics teacher at Jardine Middle School from 1969 to 1971. Then, she spent nearly 20 years working with the mentally ill and severely disabled.

Rogers was a job placement specialist for several years at Menninger Return to Work Center and Kansas Rehabilitation Services.

The Atchison (Kan.) High School graduate was one of the founding members of the Washburn Women's Alliance, which has awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships to single mothers attending the university. Rogers is a former president of the alliance's board of directors and currently serves on the board.

She was also a member of the Washburn University Alumni Association board of directors, including a term as president, and has volunteered with several other organizations.

While at Washburn, Rogers was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She is married to retired Judge Richard D. Rogers and has a daughter, Katherine (Conklin) Burenheide; a son, Kenneth Conklin III; and six grandchildren.

### MONROE AWARD

This award honors women who have distinguished themselves as teachers, instructors, administrators or benefactors at Washburn and also have given service to the community and/or their chosen professions. The award is named after suffragist, lawyer and publisher Lilly Day Monroe.



#### 2012 HONOREE:

**Doris (Heck) Hedberg, b ed '72, Topeka**

Doris Hedberg's connection to Washburn and the community stretches back decades. The Topeka native graduated from Washburn, and her late husband, Floyd, b music '49, b ed '93, was the chairman and a professor in the school's department of music for years.

Doris Hedberg was the director of the children's choir at First United Methodist Church, where she worked for 26 years. She also worked as a substitute teacher in Topeka and taught piano and voice lessons at her home studio.

Her ties to the performing arts community include serving as a board member for the Sunflower Music Festival and the Topeka Symphony League. She is a lifetime member of the Symphony League and Topeka Community Concert Association.

Hedberg was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, the Washburn Choir, Phi Mu Alpha and Nonoso while at Washburn. She is a former president of the latter organization.

Hedberg has a son, Kevin; a daughter, Candace; and two grandchildren.

## RITCHIE AWARD

This award honors men who have distinguished themselves as teachers, instructors, administrators or benefactors at Washburn and also have given service to the community and/or their chosen professions. The award is named after Col. John Ritchie, who donated the land on which Washburn is built.



**2012 HONOREE:**  
**Howard Faulkner, longtime professor,  
chairman, English, Topeka**

Howard Faulkner, a Story City, Iowa, native, worked at Washburn for nearly 40 years, beginning as an assistant professor of English in 1972. He was an associate professor from 1978 to 1982, a professor from 1982 to 2010 and served as the chairman of the English department from 2006 to 2010. He was also director of the master of liberal studies program from 2000 to 2006.

Faulkner was a Fulbright professor three times during his career, teaching at Moulay Ismail University in Meknes, Morocco; Sofiski Universitet in Sofia, Bulgaria; and Univerzitet Kiril I Metodij in Skopje, Macedonia.

He has written a number of articles for various publications and is the author or co-author of several books. He wrote "The Rules of the Game: An Introductory English Grammar," edited Belinda Jelliffe's "For Dear Life and Selected Short Stories," and co-authored Karl A. Menninger's "The Selected Correspondence of Karl A. Menninger, 1919-45" and "The Selected Correspondence of Karl A. Menninger, 1946-65," among other works.

## GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE (GOLD) AWARD

This award honors recent Washburn graduates who demonstrate leadership in career or civic endeavors and loyalty to Washburn.



**2012 HONOREE:**  
**Trey Cocking, bs '02, Atchison, Kan.**

Trey Cocking received a bachelor of science in criminal justice 10 years ago and is already running a city. The Derby, Kan., native is the city manager for Atchison, Kan., serving as chief executive officer, overseeing a \$16 million budget and managing more than 100 full-time employees.

Before moving to Atchison, Cocking was the city administrator in Cherryvale, Kan., a small community in southeast Kansas, and a budget analyst for the State of Kansas' Division of Budget.

He attributes much of his success to his involvement at Washburn, which was extensive. A member of Kappa Sigma, Cocking was the chief of staff for the Washburn Student Government Association.

He is a member of the Kansas Association of City Managers, International Association of City Managers, Atchison Rotary Club, Governor's Missouri River Advisory Committee and the Atchison Family YMCA. The Eagle Scout is also ex-officio director of the Atchison Chamber of Commerce.

Cocking's wife, Jennifer (Fenton) Cocking, received a bachelor of arts in English at Washburn in 2004. 



Washburn alumna Morgan Schaeffer finished in the top 10 at her first beauty pageant in December 2011. Schaeffer competed in the 2012 Miss Kansas USA pageant. *Photo courtesy of Morgan Schaeffer*

## BEAUTY OF A DEBUT

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Morgan Schaeffer always wanted to compete in a beauty pageant, even though she knew it would be a tall order. Literally.

“I knew going into it that height was a big factor,” said Schaeffer, ba ’10, Overland Park, Kan. “The taller girls usually win. Most of the girls were 5-foot-8 or taller, and some were 6-foot. I was the shortest girl by quite a bit.”

Despite standing 5-3, Schaeffer was a semifinalist at the 2012 Miss Kansas USA pageant staged in December in Wichita, finishing among the top 10 in the event.

“I was very proud of where I finished in my first pageant,” said Schaeffer, who competed as Miss Topeka. “I went to enjoy the experience, but I really ended up getting into the competition. It was nerve-wracking; my name was the last one called for the semifinalists.”

Not bad considering the Topeka native learned the ins and outs of becoming a beauty queen while beginning a career in public relations.

When she wasn’t preparing for the pageant, Schaeffer worked as a communications coordinator for the Kansas Family Partnership in Topeka before moving on to GlynnDevins as a public relations assistant account executive. GlynnDevins is an Overland Park advertising and marketing agency for senior living communities.

“It was tough to balance at times, but competing in the pageant was a dream,” Schaeffer said. “It was a great, fun experience. I thought there would be a lot of cattiness, but there wasn’t. We had a lot of camaraderie, and I loved hanging out with the girls.”

The 24-year-old says Washburn helped her prepare for the pageant, as well as a blossoming career, which includes the 2010-11 Association for Women in Communications Rising Star Award and a nomination in the Headliner Awards Top 10.

“Working in the Leadership Institute was my favorite thing about going to Washburn,” Schaeffer said. “That built my confidence. I felt confident at the pageant, and I do at work.”

“I had to do some things in the Leadership Institute, like public speaking, that I wasn’t comfortable doing before. I learned how to deal with it, and that has been a tremendous help.” 

## THREE THINGS ABOUT SCHAEFFER

- Favorite movie: “The Wedding Planner”
- On her iPod: The rock band Journey
- Washburn memory: Leadership Institute



A student enjoys the weather while walking to her next class.



# SCHOLARSHIPS A LIFESAVER FOR SNYDER

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“Lifesaving.”

It’s the term Trent Snyder, a senior biology major with an emphasis in pre-medicine, used to describe his scholarship support – on and off the football field – at Washburn University.

Scholarships have been lifesaving because Snyder carries such a heavy workload.

He is a Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) scholar, working multiple hours each week at the science lab conducting research on amoebas in the water at Wolf Creek.

He is also president of the biology club and a top-rated pre-med student who received early acceptance into the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Snyder also works part-time at Stormont-Vail HealthCare and has served as a volunteer in the St. Francis Health Center emergency department and with other community organizations.

“I chose to come to Washburn because of the reputation the program had in science and because of their acceptance rates to medical

school,” he said.

Snyder, a native of Sabetha, Kan., isn’t focused only on his studies though – he was also the long snapper on Washburn’s football team, which won its first NCAA playoff game in 2011.

Snyder didn’t think he would be playing football when he came to Washburn as a freshman. He was determined to get good grades and go to medical school.

While exercising at the Student Recreation and Wellness Center his freshman year, he saw the football team practicing and realized how much he missed playing the sport he loved in high school. He visited with the coaches his sophomore year and walked on to the team.

“It is not often that someone comes on to the team as a walk-on and turns into a scholarship student, but with someone like him and his work ethic, he has the ability to do so,” said Washburn football coach Craig Schurig. “He was a leader in our program and was just as talented on the field as he was in the classroom.”

As the recipient of many

scholarships, including the Dean’s College of Arts and Sciences scholarship and the Garvey scholarship, he can focus on his studies, research and the community service required to get into medical school.

“Without scholarships, I wouldn’t have been able to play football and I would definitely be working many more hours as a patient care tech at the hospital,” Snyder said.

Snyder said he’s interested in studying infectious diseases and rheumatology. Part of that interest has been sparked by his research mentor, John Mullican, associate professor and chairman, biology.

“Trent is really a model student,” Mullican said. “Often when students are involved like that, they organize their time really well and are very successful.”

Snyder said that balancing his activities has been difficult at times, but he feels a great sense of accomplishment.

“Choosing to come here is something I’ll never regret,” he said. “Washburn has been wonderful to me.” 

Long snapper Trent Snyder, a senior and biology major, has balanced football and intensive studies during his career at Washburn. Photo courtesy of Washburn Sports Information Department

# SPORTS



Former Washburn star Joe Hastings overcame two season-ending knee injuries before suiting up as wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers.

*Photo courtesy of San Francisco 49ers*

## ANOTHER BOD IN SAN FRANCISCO

Late in the 2011 season, former Washburn linebacker Michael Wilhoite, ba '10, San Francisco, Calif., joined Hastings on the 49ers' practice squad. Wilhoite had 203 tackles during his career at Washburn, including 81 as a senior.

## HEART IN SAN FRANCISCO: HASTINGS OVERCOMES ODDS, SUITS UP FOR 49ERS

*By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu*

Joe Hastings never stopped believing he would play in the NFL, even when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in his knee during the second game of the 2009 season at Washburn.

"I have never doubted that I'd make it," said Hastings, bba '09, San Francisco, Calif. "That's what I always wanted to do, and it's what I always expected to do."

That dream came true in the final game of the 2011 regular season when he lined up at receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, who advanced to the NFC championship game before losing to the New York Giants in overtime.

Hastings, a Wichita, Kan., native, spent most of the season on the 49ers practice squad, mimicking some of the league's top receivers – everybody from Detroit's Calvin Johnson to Philadelphia's Jeremy Maclin – before landing a spot on the 53-man roster for the 49ers' finale against the St. Louis Rams.

"Every player on a team has a role, and that was mine, helping our defense get ready for the receivers they'd be playing," said Hastings, an All-American who set Washburn records in 2010 with 87 receptions and 1,546 yards. "It's an awesome opportunity, and you have to be prepared at a moment's notice to step in."

Hastings got a shot at pro football after overcoming two season-ending knee injuries. Going into his last season, he had less than 500 yards receiving in his career.

"Everything came together my senior year, and Coach (Craig) Schurig was awesome. He's a big part of this," Hastings said. "I wouldn't be where I'm at without Washburn."

Hastings enjoyed a benefit most practice squad players don't have in his rookie season – traveling with the team to road games.

"That is rare, and it's great that (Coach Jim Harbaugh) lets us do that," he said. "I think that really helps us, makes us feel like we're more of a part of the team. All of those games are great experiences."

## LIVING A DREAM: FORMER ICHABOD BLOSSOMS INTO NFL STAR

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“Humbling” and “grateful.” Former Washburn star Cary Williams uses those words often when describing his life and football career.

It’s a tale with more peaks and valleys than a mountain range, of how a talented, self-described “rough around the edges” kid blossomed into a starting cornerback on one of the best defenses in the NFL.

“I’m grateful that I am where I am. I thank God for that,” said Williams, ba ’08, Murfreesboro, Tenn., who plays for the Baltimore Ravens. “To make it to the NFL, and to play on a team like Baltimore, it’s living a dream.”

Reaching that dream was a struggle. Williams grew up in Liberty City, a Miami, Fla., neighborhood with a reputation for violence. As a teen, he was adopted by a cousin, living away from his mother and father.

But Williams was a star on the football field at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory High in Hollywood, Fla., which gave him a shot at a fresh start at Fordham University in New York City. He spent two seasons at the school, moved back home and was out of football for a year, working at DirecTV.

“I had to do some soul-searching, some changing,” said Williams, who had 78 tackles and two forced fumbles for the Ravens in 2011. “I really only had one opportunity to play football again.”

That opportunity was Washburn, which offered Williams a scholarship in 2006.

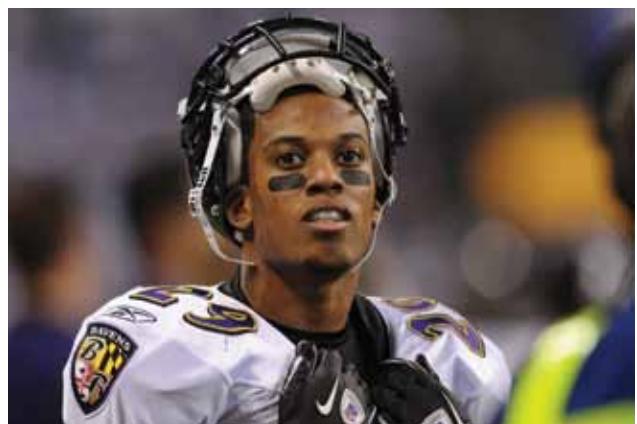
“I took it, sight unseen,” he said. “I knew that was my last chance. They took me in, and I’ll never forget that. I’ll always love Washburn for that.”

Williams made the most of his time in Topeka, emerging as one of the top defensive backs in small college football. In 23 games at Washburn, the 2007 All-American had 94 tackles, 12 pass deflections, seven interceptions and scored twice on kickoff returns.

He also settled in at Washburn seamlessly, maturing into a driven, dedicated team player.

“I’ve always been a hard worker, always tried to do more than what the average player would,” Williams said. “What I learned at Washburn, from guys like Coach (Craig) Schurig, is how to compete with composure, how to remain poised.”

“I also had a great relationship with my teammates. I still talk to some of them. Being on that team was a life-changing experience.”



Former Washburn All-American Cary Williams starts on a Baltimore defense considered among the best in the NFL. *Photo courtesy of Baltimore Ravens*

Williams’ work ethic paid off after his senior year when he became the fifth Ichabod selected in the NFL draft, taken in the seventh round by the Tennessee Titans.

Few seventh-round picks end up on an NFL roster, let alone starting. Williams played sparingly early on, spending much of his first two seasons on the practice squad.

“I never saw it as a tough time, being on a practice squad. I knew I wasn’t ready, wasn’t a polished corner,” he said.

“That time on the squad allowed me to hone my skills. It was a blessing.”

The Ravens signed Williams midway through the 2009 season. After two seasons as a special teams player and backup, he became a starter in 2011, lining up with the likes of future Hall of Famers Ray Lewis, Terrell Suggs and Haloti Ngata.

“I idolized Ray when I was a kid, so to play with him is a dream,” Williams said. “It’s humbling playing with so many great players. It’s hard to describe how it feels to have the trust of those guys on the football field. It’s special.”

### ABOUT THE PRACTICE SQUAD

- An NFL practice squad consists of eight players. NFL rosters, which do not include the practice squad, consist of 53 players.
- The minimum weekly salary of a player on an NFL practice squad is \$5,200 for 17 weeks (a full regular season). That’s a minimum season salary of \$88,400.
- Players can be promoted to the active roster of their current team or another team, as they have free-agent status.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## GOING LIVE: STUDENTS LAUNCH RADIO SHOW

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It didn't take Austin Abernathy and Derek Huff long to learn how much material they needed to host Washburn's first Internet radio show – just two broadcasts.

"The first show we were more concerned with getting through it than adding that organic banter you need for a show, so we stuck to our script and ran out of content before our hour was up," said Abernathy, a senior from Randolph, Kan., majoring in music. "The next problem we had was having too much content and being cut off in the middle of our broadcast."

Lesson learned. Now, the "Dn'A" show on AirBods is an hourlong broadcast consisting of guests, shout-outs to sponsors, sports segments and, of course, organic banter.

"It does feel like we're doing something a little groundbreaking with the show," said Huff, who uses the handle "Dexter Leary" during the show. "What's been great is the people reaching out to us asking to be on the show and people asking to advertise events. We've had a lot of support."

Huff and Abernathy began discussing a campus podcast in 2010 during Media Bootcamp, a mass media class. Huff, a candidate to graduate with a bachelor of arts in mass media in May, had a podcast as a high school student in Lawrence, Kan.

"Our professor, Maria Stover, asked me about my experience there, and I mentioned that I'd like to start something here at Washburn," Huff said. "Austin showed the most interest out of anybody, and we started talking about it

together and discussed more about it with our professor."

During the spring 2011 semester, Stover encouraged the duo to write a proposal for a radio show to present to the student media board. Huff and Abernathy presented a rough draft to the board, revised the proposal after receiving feedback and the show was approved in the fall 2011 semester.

"The board was equally concerned with sustainability and the content," said Abernathy, whose handle is "Austinator" during the show. "They wanted to make sure we could keep it going before we got funding, and that makes sense. We assured them that students were interested and it will last. I plan on doing it as long as I'm here."

The "Dn'A" show debuted in October and is broadcast from Henderson Learning Center. The show, linked through the Washburn Review's website, runs from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. (To hear the "Dn'A" show online, go to [washburnreview.org/wu-link/air-bods-radio](http://washburnreview.org/wu-link/air-bods-radio).)

Huff and Abernathy hope the broadcast serves as a foundation for more shows and student involvement.

"A lot of students have expressed interest in doing shows, which is great," Abernathy said. "One of the reasons we're doing this is we want it to grow."

Being a host on the university's first Internet radio show has already paid dividends for Huff, who has secured an internship with Entercom Communications, which owns several radio stations in the Kansas City area. 



Washburn students Austin Abernathy, left, and Derek Huff host the "Dn'A Show" each Friday. The show is Washburn's first Internet radio broadcast.

Derek Huff's experience podcasting as a high school student in Lawrence, Kan., led him to seek an opportunity at Washburn. The show runs from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays at [washburnreview.org/wu-link/air-bods-radio](http://washburnreview.org/wu-link/air-bods-radio).





## EXPLORING HEALTH CARE CROSS-CULTURALLY

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When Adriana Rollins and Samantha Greif graduated in December, they knew they were armed with double degrees – one in health sciences and the other a bachelor of science in nursing.

Through the unique Transatlantic Double Degree (TADD) program in Washburn's School of Nursing, Rollins and Greif traveled and studied abroad for one year in Finland and Northern Ireland, each earning a nursing degree from Queen's University Belfast and Washburn.

The program is one of two funded to provide double degrees in nursing by the U.S. Department of Education and the European Union. Washburn's program supports students to study in Hungary, Northern Ireland or Finland to gain a better understanding of universal health practices.

Developed by School of Nursing faculty members in conjunction with faculty from partnering European universities, the program awards a stipend to students for travel and living expenses while they are studying abroad.

Grant money also facilitates faculty members visiting partnering universities to work on curriculum, teach classes and learn about other countries' health policies and practices.

While Washburn students have studied abroad, 11 students from the partnering European universities have traveled to Washburn to learn about health care practices in the United States.

In addition to a \$12,000 grant for travel and accommodations, Rollins and Greif received a Washburn Transformational Experience international travel scholarship and other academic scholarships to help cover expenses.

"This was an opportunity that just seemed too good to be true," Greif said. "I have always wanted to go to Ireland. With this program, I

was able to expand my nursing education and live in Ireland. This was an amazing experience and one that has really helped broaden my understanding of the role of nursing in other countries."

Greif said she plans to travel back to Ireland to see friends, and Rollins plans to use her second nursing degree as part of the Nursing Corps in the Army Reserves.

"I had never really left the States, let alone Kansas, and this trip was just a really big opportunity to grow as a person and a student," Rollins said. "I was able to learn about the cultures, different views on medicine and the benefits of a different system. It's an eye-opener to the world outside and what we know."

MaryEllen McBride, assistant professor, nursing, leads the TADD program, which focuses on four areas of learning – ethics, research-based practices, community care and leadership. McBride, Rollins and Greif value the opportunity to learn about different health care practices and nursing education.

"We're interested in the whole idea of the global nursing model," McBride said. "Nurses from Europe can practice in the United States and vice versa. In Europe, the nurses specialize in areas that they want to work, and in the United States we are much more general in our education, so we both have areas in which we can contribute and in which we can learn from one another."

McBride said another group of students is being recruited and will start studying abroad next school year. She is pleased how faculty members and students are working together to make the program a success.

"If we want to envision a new health care system, we have to step out of our own," McBride said. "I think it's really fantastic that this university is able to offer an educational program like this for our students." 

## ENHANCING WASHBURN'S VIRTUAL PATHWAY

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"Innovative," "visually arresting" and "engaging." Those are a few of the words used to describe Washburn's redesigned website, [www.washburn.edu](http://www.washburn.edu), scheduled to launch in May.

The upgraded site will be more user-friendly, featuring improved navigation, cutting-edge technology and a virtual tour. The enhanced webpages will create navigation pathways for prospective students and parents, alumni and friends, and community and economic partners.

"(The site) is going to portray how, no matter who you are, you can find the path to your future at Washburn," said Chris Cox, account supervisor at BarkleyREI (Ripple Effects Interactive), the firm Washburn hired to redesign the website. "Washburn has the best of both worlds – a wide range of strong academic programs, but in a setting where students can truly connect and not feel like a number. The new website is going to bring all this to life."

In fall 2010, Washburn's Web advisory council held a series of meetings about the school's website. In those meetings, the university identified innovations needed to provide information to all of its constituents.

"One of the fascinating things about the website is it serves a variety of constituents," said Cynthia Hornberger, special assistant to the president. "Based on the feedback we got from those meetings, we agreed to commit to the work of updating our website design and the functional ability of the Web for both marketing and information access."

A request for proposals followed in



spring 2011 and vendors visited campus in June to present their ideas. The Washburn Board of Regents awarded the project to BarkleyREI in July. Washburn also hired a Web editor and Web content specialist in August.

"I think BarkleyREI had a clear vision for meeting the needs of our students and prospective students," Hornberger said. "They had exciting design ideas, and they had fully developed design and technology teams who had extensive experience in higher education."

One of the key features of the new website is the inclusion of nearly all internal units on the university's content management system. The implementation structure consists of writing and technical support teams working one-on-one with units on campus, as well as members of executive staff working on strategic and marketing decisions.

"It's a well-developed implementation," Hornberger said. "A really big piece of this project is bringing so many units into the content management system. We will be bringing them in and assisting in developing content to tell their story of excellence for this institution."

The new site will also utilize social media such as Facebook and Twitter,

have an improved search function and calendaring system, and feature more videos. The upgrade will connect the website to mobile applications with the use of responsive design.

"Responsive Web design is a key component of the project," Cox said. "It will allow the university to have one site that will look good on desktop/laptop computers, on tablets and on smart phones such as iPhones."

"Only a handful of university websites across the country use it, but it is becoming increasingly popular. It's great that Washburn is able to get in on the ground floor this way."

The university's webmaster, Shane Bartley, said the enhanced site will be a boon for Washburn.

"It's going to be a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week marketing tool," he said. "It's good to see so many people on board, which is critical to the project. BarkleyREI has been great to work with. They have a lot of experience in higher education, and the homepages they presented to us in the process just blew us away. We're excited about the new site."

*Note: Washburn's internal web portal, [my.washburn.edu](http://my.washburn.edu), is not part of the redesign.*

## VETERAN, WIFE NEVER FORGOT WASHBURN'S IMPACT

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Mary Dibble has a lifetime of stories to tell.

She moved to Topeka in 1938 and graduated from Topeka High School in 1939. She met William Lyman "Bill" Dibble, bba '49. They married in 1946, and Bill enrolled at Washburn to complete his degree in business education.



From 1942 to 1945, Bill Dibble was a member of the 4th Photo Tech-US Army attached to Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers and the Chinese Army, capturing images like this one during his service.

The couple raised two sons, Landis Lyman Dibble and Frederick Paul Dibble, and have four grandchildren. Mary and Bill Dibble were married for 57 years when Bill passed away in January 2004.

After graduating from high school, Bill Dibble attended Kansas State University, Manhattan, for one year before his education was put on hold. Like so many young men of his time, he was among those serving in World War II.

From 1942 to 1945, Bill Dibble was a member of the 4th Photo Tech-US Army attached to Claire Chennault's Flying Tigers and the Chinese Army. The Flying Tigers played a major role in the Chinese resistance against Japanese invaders,

defending the Burma Road, a vital supply route for aid sent by the Allies to the Nationalist Chinese government.

It was this early experience that led to one of the Dibbles' many philanthropic gifts to Washburn.

Bill's photographs and memorabilia documented the collaboration between the Flying Tigers and the Chinese people and offered a look into the culture and landscape of China.

In 2009, Mary Dibble donated 21 of the photos to the Mulvane Art Museum. Mary Dibble and her sons sponsored the exhibit "China Before Mao: Through the Lens of a Flying Tigers Photographer."

Mulvane later sent those items to the Library of Congress, where the entire collection is part of a permanent display in the National Archives Depository in Washington, D.C.

A love of education and a long-standing connection to Washburn run deep in the Dibble family.

Beginning with Bill Dibble in 1949, four generations have graduated from Washburn. Mae (Cole) Laughlin, Mary Dibble's mother, received a bachelor of education in 1957; Bill and Mary's son Frederick Dibble graduated with a bachelor of business administration in 1975; and grandson William Dibble II received a bachelor of arts in 1998.

In addition, Mary Dibble's brother Elmer was a student from 1938 to 1940, during which time he was a member of the Ichabod flyers, a group of Washburn student pilots formed in 1938. After completing his training, Elmer joined the Navy Air Corps and was assigned to Ford Island, Hawaii, where he survived

the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 2005, Mary Dibble established the William Lyman Dibble Professorship in Financial Management and Reporting, an endowed professorship in the School of Business.

"Bill and I discussed establishing a professorship many times," Mary Dibble said. "He was so grateful for the education he received. His experience certainly gave him the foundation he needed to succeed in his career."

"The endowed professorship was a way to ensure that future students have the opportunity to work with truly remarkable professors like Dr. (Dale) Marcoux, who had a profound impact on Bill during his studies."

Bill, a longtime investment banker, and Mary Dibble were of like mind when it came to giving back.

"We were pleased to support the Living Learning Center back in 1999," Mary Dibble said. "Bill believed that what a person does in the present should have an impact on the future. We felt that the Living Learning Center would do just that – have a very positive impact on future Washburn students. We so enjoyed coming back to Topeka for the opening of the LLC and to see what a wonderful place this was for Washburn students."

The Dibbles' generosity to Washburn over many years also included support of the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center and the Mulvane Art Museum.

The Dibbles' story is one of family, strong values and a philanthropic responsibility to ensure a strong future for Washburn. 



A portion of Bill Dibble's photo collection was donated to the Mulvane Art Museum in 2009. His wife, Mary Dibble, also established a professorship in financial management and reporting in her husband's name after his death.

*Photo courtesy of Mulvane Art Museum*

# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

**John H. Shaffer, jd '54,** Hutchinson, Kan., was honored by the Reno County Bar Association in November. Shaffer served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

## 1960s

**Michael W. Conner, b ed '65,** Omaha, Neb., is the pastor at the United Methodist Churches of Brownville and Nemaha, Neb.

**Jerry Gray, bba '68,** Wichita, Kan., was named Realtor of the Year by the Kansas Association of Realtors. He works at JP Weigand and Sons Inc. Gray was a member of Kappa Sigma, Sagamore and Student Council while at Washburn. He also played baseball and basketball as an Ichabod.

**Steven McGinnis, ba '67, jd '70,** Pleasanton, Calif., joined Capital Forensics Inc. and serves as a security industry expert supporting arbitration cases. He was in the student division of the Kansas Bar Association while at Washburn.

**Gary Peer, ba '63,** Stephenville, Texas, is a provost and vice president of academic affairs at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He was a Washburn University Alumni Fellow in 2010, played football at Washburn and is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.

**John Runyan, bba '63,** San Juan Capistrano, Calif., joined the board of directors for BioLargo

Inc., a creator of patented iodine technologies. While at Washburn, Runyan was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Sigma Psi.

**John Wortman, bba '62,** Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., was named to the board of directors for Citizens Property Insurance. Wortman is an insurance industry consultant and president of the North Florida School of Special Education. He was a member of Delta Sigma Psi and Phi Delta Theta at Washburn.

## 1970s

**Jim G. Greenwood, bba '74,** Colorado Springs, Colo., retired as consumer advocate for the State of Colorado in the areas of electric, natural gas and telephone utility services. He was a member of Delta Sigma Psi while at Washburn.

**Jim Hanni, ba '74,** Lawrence, Kan., was re-appointed to the Council on Travel and Tourism by Gov. Sam Brownback. He is the executive vice president for the Kansas region and public affairs of AAA Allied Group. He was a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, student council and Alpha Delta.

**Rick Mowrer, bba '74,** London, England, is a liaison to the British Government's Defense Geospatial Center in London. Mowrer is an aeronautical analyst with the U.S. government.

**H. David Starkey, jd '75,** Topeka,

is the attorney for the City of Topeka. An Army veteran, Starkey previously practiced law in Colby, Kan., and was chief legal counsel for the Department of Agriculture.

Topeka, was appointed to the State Employee Pay Plan Oversight Committee by Gov. Sam Brownback. Kearney is the owner of the government affairs firm Kearney and Associates Inc.

## 1980s

**Ken Calwell, bba '84,** Camas, Wash., was named CEO of Papa Murphy's Pizza. He was in Sagamore, Student Council and Phi Delta Theta while at Washburn.

**Stephen Fiebiger, jd '83,** Burnsville, Minn., was appointed to the Merit System Council by Gov. Mark Dayton. Fiebiger practices employment law and civil litigation in Minnesota. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi at Washburn.

**Bradley Frigon, jd '81,** Littleton, Colo., owns The Law Offices of Bradley J. Frigon, which focuses on trusts, estates and elder law in the Denver, Colo., area. He also practices law in Kansas.

**Steven Kearney, cj '81, jd '84,**

Sammamish, Wash., is the associate dean and director of doctoral programs in the School of Education at Seattle Pacific University.

**Richard Martinez, bba '83,** Topeka, was appointed to the Kansas Advisory Commission on Children with Special Health Care Needs by Gov. Sam Brownback. Martinez is a manager of retirement plan services for Security Benefit in Topeka. He was in the accounting society at Washburn.

**Mark Ridder, jd '80,** Arvada, Colo., is the executive vice president and general counsel for Titan Lenders Corp.

**Deborah (Moeller) Rose, bsn '82,** Overbrook, Kan., retired after 28 years in the National Guard.

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# Educating Abroad

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Jenifer (Gomez) Lewis is accustomed to cold weather after her days at Washburn, where freezing temperatures during the winter are the norm. But there's a difference between Kansas cold and Kazakhstan cold. As in 40 degrees.

On Jan. 26, the average temperature at Washburn was about 45 degrees Fahrenheit. The high that day in Astana, Kazakhstan, where Lewis lives and works, was zero. The low was minus-33, with a wind chill of minus-44.

"Our families thought we were a little crazy when we moved over here," said Lewis, ba '00, an assistant professor and chairwoman of the communication department at Nazarbayev University. "The weather took some getting used to. You definitely learn to stay bundled up."

Lewis and husband Jason Lewis, ba '01, decided they wanted to move overseas nearly two years ago, even though they hadn't traveled abroad extensively.

"Jason had traveled in Europe, both of us went to Haiti on a mission and we traveled a little with family in Mexico, but this was a huge jump for us," she said. "Once we decided, we just said, 'Yeah, let's do this.' We started getting prepared, selling things we wouldn't be able to take with us and I started applying for some jobs."

The couple settled on Astana when Jenifer Lewis researched Nazarbayev University, a new university in the city.

"There's a need for quality education around the world, and it seemed like the right time," she said. "I want to help people who desire an education. It's a brand new position, the first Western-style education here. It's a great fit for us."

A great fit despite having to make significant adjustments ranging from a new language (primarily Russian) to food to finances.

"Some things are really expensive – anything considered a convenience like textiles," Jenifer Lewis said. "But some things are not at all, like staple items. A loaf of bread is 40 cents. There are a lot of things that you take for granted living in the United States. I like to bake, but we don't have chocolate chips here. So you have to buy chocolate bars and cut them up."

Like chocolate chip cookies, getting a college education is a luxury in Kazakhstan.

"The students here are amazing, so eager to learn," she said. "They make the most of their opportunity to get an education."



## THREE THINGS ABOUT JENIFER LEWIS

### **Favorite memory of Washburn:**

Representing Washburn at the National Dance Championships with the Dancing Blues and taking classes taught by former Washburn sociology and anthropology professor Bruce Zelkovitz.

**Her job:** As an associate professor at Nazarbayev University, she works at a university in its first year of degree programming.

**Her husband:** Jason Lewis was in the Washburn choir, received a bachelor of arts in music and works as a booking agent for musicians.



# PROFILE

## MIKE RACY, BBA '87, FISHERS, IND.

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That Mike Racy ended up working for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) comes as no surprise considering his most memorable moment in college.

"I'll never forget it – it was in the 1980s and the week leading up to a big Emporia State and Washburn men's basketball game," said Racy, bba '87, vice president of the NCAA's Division II. "There was a buzz on the campus, like we were at Duke. Students were camping outside of Whiting and that place was rocking. That has stuck with me all these years, that moment of knowing a big game is on campus."

Racy is in his 18th year with the NCAA, the governing body for college athletics. His work at the organization began in 1993 after a stint with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and obtaining a law degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Before working at the NCAA, the Abilene, Kan., native balanced his full-time job at the NAIA with law school.

"A lot of people, including professors, told me there was no way that was going to work – law school and a job at the

She was the first female brigadier general of the Kansas National Guard. Rose was in Alpha Phi while at Washburn.

**Mark Skinner, jd '85,** Washington, D.C., is the president of the World Federation of Hemophilia and Institute for Policy Advancement.

**John E. Wilson Jr., ba '80,** Petersburg, Va., is an assistant athletic director at Virginia State University in Petersburg. Before that, he was the head men's basketball coach at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania.

## 1990s

**Kevin Berens, jd '99, Saint Francis, Kan.** was appointed to the Kansas Sentencing Commission by Gov. Sam Brownback. He owns a private practice, is the city attorney for Bird City, Kan., and serves as the attorney for Thomas County. He was in Phi Alpha Delta and Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges. Berens also worked on the law journal while at Washburn.

**Christopher Burns, bs '95, Coon Valley, Wis.** was promoted to

same time," he said. "But I learned a lot about managing my time, and that has paid off over the years."

Racy worked in the regulatory department before spending 14 months on a special project to assist in rewriting the NCAA's constitution. He was hired as assistant vice president for Division II after the project, then promoted to vice president when the NCAA moved its headquarters from Kansas City, Mo., to Indianapolis, Ind.

"The thing I love about Division II is the interaction I have with presidents and chancellors," Racy said. "At this level, you have a chance to build those relationships and get to know leaders on campus. I really like the model that exists in Division II."

Racy is a fellow for the American Council on Education, a higher education leadership development program that he said will help him prepare for a potential career as a senior-level administrator at a university.

"Through this program, that seed's been planted," he said. "I've been working at the University of Central Missouri on learning how to be a college president. It has been a great experience."

Racy and his wife Kathy have three sons: Cal, 13; Zac, 11; and Tyler, 9.

corporal and front-line supervisor in the jail division of the Vernon County Sheriff's Department in Viroqua, Wis.

**Kevin J. Cook, ba '96, jd '99, Topeka,** is the managing partner of Cook & Fisher LLP. He is a member of the Kansas and Topeka Bar Associations. Cook was a member of Alpha Delta while at Washburn.

**Lance Feyh, bs '91, Topeka,** was appointed to the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by Gov. Sam Brownback. Feyh is an

officer with the Topeka Police Department. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon while at Washburn.

**Colleen (Rodgers) Harrell, jd '93, Lawrence, Kan.** joined the law firm of James M. Caplinger Chartered in Topeka. Her practice focuses on utility regulation, with an emphasis in telecommunications law.

**Rickie Ibe, jd '95, Farmington Hills, Mich.** is an attorney in Farmington Hills. He participated in Moot Court Council while at Washburn.

**Mary V. (Moore) Johnson, jd '96**, Jackson, Mo., was honored as the first faculty fellow of the Supreme Court of Missouri. She is a professor of business law at Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau. Johnson was technical editor of the law journal while at Washburn.

**Joseph Perry, bs '96**, Topeka, was promoted to lieutenant in the Topeka Police Department. He is assigned to the criminal investigations division as a property crime commander.

**Mark Raney, bs '96**, Valrico, Fla., retired from the Marines after 23 years of service.

**Dawn (Fowler) Riggs, b ed '93**, Garden City, Kan., is an elementary school teacher. She was nominated for the Crystal Apple Award, which is given to the top educators in Finney County. Riggs was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Phi and the Washburn Education Association during college.

**Angela Spigarelli, jd '98**, Pittsburg, Kan., is an associate attorney at Spigarelli Law Firm. She practices law in Kansas and Missouri, concentrating on personal injury, business litigation and workers compensation.

**Troy Stremming, bba '91, jd '94**, Overland Park, Kan., was promoted to senior vice president of governmental affairs for Ameristar Casinos. He played basketball and baseball while at Washburn and was business manager of the law journal.

## 2000s

**Wes Ashton, jd '03**, Pueblo, Colo., is the external affairs manager for

Black Hills Energy. He previously served as the utility government affairs manager for the Colorado and Kansas divisions of the company.

**Jason Belveal, jd '07**, Valley Falls, Kan., is the Jefferson County prosecutor. Belveal also works at Tenopir & Huerter in Topeka.

**Allison (Hughes) Buck, bba '08**, Kansas City, Mo., is a delivery consultant at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City. She and husband Benjamin Buck were married on Oct. 22. She was a member of the Spanish Club, Phi Kappa Phi and American Business Women Association while at Washburn.

**Abby (McNaught) Corcoran, ba '07**, Houston, Texas, is an academic adviser in the College of Architecture at the University of Houston. She and husband Tully Corcoran were married on May 30, 2010.

**Les Jones, jd '06**, Prairie Village, Kan., was appointed vice president of Country Club Trust Co., an affiliate of Country Club Bank in Kansas City, Mo. He is responsible for risk management and compliance.

**Curtis Kitchen, ba '02**, Overland Park, Kan., is the proprietor of the sports website curtiskitchen.com and production editor at Broadcast Engineering magazine. He worked on the Washburn Review during college.

**Jeffery Kruske, jd '01**, Topeka, is the general counsel for the Kansas Securities Commission. He was a member of the International Law Society while at Washburn.

**Jeff Lowe, jd '05**, Wichita, Kan., received the Young Alumni Award from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. He works at Stinson,

Lasswell & Wilson in Wichita.

**Erin (Wichman) Mohwinkle, ba '07**, Topeka, is a communications specialist for the Topeka Chamber of Commerce/Go Topeka.

**Amy Setter, bba '07**, Overland Park, Kan., is a store manager at Sherwin-Williams in Shawnee, Kan.

**Randy Stookey, jd '05**, Topeka, joined the Kansas Grain and Feed Association as vice president and general counsel.

**Tucker Stover, bba '07**, Firestone, Colo., was promoted to national account manager, specialty select brands at Starwood Hotels and Resorts.

**Michelle Townsend, aa '01**, Wichita, Kan., graduated with a bachelor of arts in business administration from Wichita State University's Barton School of Business.

**J. Brad Wilmoth, bba '01**, St. Louis, Mo., was recognized by Missouri and Kansas Super Lawyers as a "rising star." He works for Brown & Crouppen in St. Louis. Wilmoth was a member of Alpha Delta and Campus Activities Board at Washburn.

## WEDDINGS

**Asha Plattner, as '08, ba '09**, Alexandria, Va., and **Tim Belsan, jd '09**, on Oct. 22. She is a physical therapist assistant in Alexandria. She was a member of Nonoso and a Washburn student ambassador. He is a trial attorney for the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and was the editor of the law journal at Washburn.

**Ashley Gordon, b ed '09**, Ellsworth, Kan., and David Farney

on July 30 in Hutchinson, Kan. Ashley is a second-grade teacher in Lincoln, Kan. She was in Mortar Board and Washburn Education Association while at Washburn.

**Libby Phelps, as '03, bs '05**, Lawrence, Kan., and Logan Alvarez on July 9, in Cozumel, Mexico. She works at Bloom & Associates.

**Nicole (D'Armond) Schwartz, bsn '04**, Mount Pleasant, S.C., and **William Schwartz, ba '03**, on Oct. 10, 2010, on the Isle of Palms, S.C.

## BIRTHS

**Crystal (Walker) Ecton, ba '04**, Gridley, Kan., and Jarrod Ecton, a boy, Max, on May 6, 2011. Crystal, who played basketball and volleyball at Washburn, is a social studies teacher.

**Sarah (Ellis) Sowers, ba '01**, Topeka, and Bryan Sowers, a girl, Kate, on Sept. 12. She joins brother Luke, 2.

## 2010s

**Jessica Bremer, bba '11**, Oberlin, Kan., has accepted a position with McPherron, Skiles and Loops, CPAs, PC, in McCook, Neb.

**Andrew Dillingham, ma '11**, Fort Scott, Kan., is a clinical psychologist at the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center.

**Briana Holmes, ba '11**, Topeka, is the communications coordinator and executive assistant for Heartland Visioning.

**Jill Lira, ba '11**, Topeka, is a marketing assistant with Visit Topeka Inc. She was a member of the French Club and Journalists at Washburn while in college.

# IN MEMORY

## 1920s

**Thelma (Haney) Horsfield, ba '29,** 105, Bellevue, Wash., on Nov. 6, 2011. She was a longtime high school history teacher. Horsfield was a state high school debate champion and participated in forensics while at Washburn. She was the president of the Medical Auxiliary Guild, as well as a member of The Women's University Club, PTA and Overlake Golf Club.

## 1930s

**Berniece (Humiston) Kissinger, ba '32,** 101, Grand Junction, Colo., on Oct. 2, 2011. She was a deputy probate judge, social worker and co-owned a real estate and insurance business for nearly 40 years. Kissinger graduated magna cum laude from Washburn and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Pi Gamma Mu.

**Marian (Hughes) Shuff, ba '39,** 93, Hot Springs, Ark., on Oct. 1, 2011. She was a teacher in Mound Valley, Ark., Parsons, Kan., at Pittsburg State University and at Eastern Illinois University before retiring in 1980. Shuff was a 50-year member of Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) and involved in several community organizations throughout her life. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the Drama Club while at Washburn.

## 1940s

**John Alden, ba '41, jd '42,** 92, Lincolnwood, Ill., on Dec. 12, 2011. He was a Navy veteran who served during World War II. Alden worked as the county attorney in Reno County (Kan.) before embarking on a long career in labor law. He worked with Central Fiber Products Company (later Packaging Corporation of America) as director of labor relations. Alden also worked as a packaging industry consultant to the National Labor Relations Board. He was a member of the debate team and Phi Alpha Delta while at Washburn.

**Marjorie Jane (Hammel)**

**Allen, ba '44,** 89, Topeka, on Nov. 20, 2011. She was a teacher for 23 years in the Shawnee Mission (Kan.) school district. Allen was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) and participated in Kappa Alpha Theta while at Washburn. She served as a volunteer for Shawnee Mission Hospital and the Christmas Bureau. Survivors include daughters **Linda (Henry) Elrod, ba '69, jd '72,** Topeka, and **Kimberley (Henry) Van Laeys, b ed '82,** Sharon Springs, Kan., as well as granddaughters **Jessica Van Laeys, bba '07,** Overland Park, Kan., and **Danielle (Van Laeys) Evans, bs '09,** St. George, Kan.

**Richard Clausing, jd '42,** 92,

Wichita, Kan., on March 9, 2011. A Navy veteran, he retired as a captain and served during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Clausing practiced law in Wichita for 40 years and was director of the Federal Housing Administration in Topeka.

**Jean (Morrison) Eddy, b music '43,**

90, Topeka, on Nov. 20, 2011. A violinist, she played in the Topeka Symphony from 1952 to 1955. Eddy also worked as a legal secretary for Alkire, Clausing Law Office, Bradley and Eddy Law Office, and Eddy Law Office before retiring. She was active in Sigma Alpha Iota and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and Phi Mu Alpha while at Washburn.

**Noah Luginbill, ba '41,** 94,

Glen Ellyn, Ill., on Dec. 30, 2011. He served in the Army before owning and operating a business in Glen Ellyn. Luginbill's service to the community was extensive, including volunteering as a Little League coach and co-founding the Glen Ellyn Historical Society and teaching English as a second language through the Literacy Volunteers of DuPage County (Ill.).

**Joseph McClymond, ba '49,**

**bba '52, jd '52,** 83, Breckenridge, Texas, on Nov. 7, 2011. He was president of Petroleum Corporation of Texas. McClymond also worked for Ibex oil company and Continental Oil. He was a

member of Phi Delta Theta at Washburn.

**John Lee Smith, ba '49,** 84,

Leawood, Kan., on Nov. 16, 2011. He served in the Army as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps. Smith was a sales representative for radio station KTOP in Topeka before working as a Midwest sales representative for Capper Publications. In 1959, he co-founded Harmon Smith Advertising in Kansas City, Mo. Smith was a member of Phi Delta Theta while at Washburn.

**Raymond Stein, jd '47,** 94,

Glasco, Kan., on Dec. 8, 2011. He was a lifetime Cloud County (Kan.) resident and practiced law in Beloit, Kan., for 60 years. Stein was also a farmer.

**Conant Wait Jr., ba '47, jd '49,** 90,

Topeka, on Jan. 11. He served in the Navy before working at Kaw Valley Bank from 1947 to 1976. Wait retired as executive vice president at the bank in 1976 but was a director for more than 60 years. He also practiced law from 1977 to 1999, was executive director of the Kansas Independent Bankers Association and president of Citizens State Bank in Osage City from 1982 to 1985. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret (Logan) Wait, ba '48,** a Washburn University Foundation trustee emeriti.



# IN MEMORY

## GLENN CAFER, 80, TOPEKA, ON DEC. 24

Cafer was a longtime coach and administrator in Washburn's athletics department. He began his career at Washburn in 1967 as men's basketball coach before taking over as the university's athletic director in 1979.

After four years as an administrator, he returned to coaching, leading the men's golf team from 1983 to 1992 and working as an assistant women's basketball coach during an era (1986-96) in which the Lady Blues won 249 games and made six postseason appearances.

Cafer led the Washburn men's basketball team to a 172-145 record from 1967-79 before handing the keys to current coach Bob Chipman. In the 33 seasons since, Chipman has amassed more than 700 wins and a national championship.

All told, Cafer coached or taught at Washburn for 29 years.

He was an all-conference basketball player at Truman State and is in the halls of fame there and at Moberly (Mo.) Junior College and Washburn.

After graduating from Truman State, he served in the Marines as a first lieutenant.

He was a teacher or coach at Washburn; Moberly; Washington (Mo.) High; Melville (Mo.) High; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa; and the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Survivors include his wife, Jayne (Bronson) Cafer, ba '58, Topeka; son Douglas Cafer, bba '86, Topeka; daughters Mitzi (Cafer) Rogers, ba '80, Topeka, and Glenda Cafer, bba '83, Topeka; stepson Mark Elliott, b ed '84, Topeka; stepdaughter Melissa Elliott, Silver Lake, Kan.; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Don E. Brown, jd '53**, 85, Pratt, Kan., on May 19, 2011. He served in the Coast Guard until the end of World War II, then worked at a law firm in Council Grove before practicing law in Pratt. Brown was Pratt's city attorney for 20 years.

**Warren M. Crosby, bs '53**, 80, Oklahoma City, Okla., on Oct. 15, 2011. He was an instructor and professor in the obstetrics and gynecology school at the Oklahoma University Health Science Center in Oklahoma City. Crosby was honored with the dean's award for distinguished medical service in 2011. He started the Perinatal Continuing Education Program in Oklahoma.

**Donald Gardner, bba '56**, 84, Reno, Nev., on Nov. 22, 2011. He

served in the Army in Japan after World War II before a long career in banking at First Interstate Bank in Las Vegas, Elko and Reno, Nev. Gardner was a trust officer at First Interstate.

**Melvin Kepple, ba '50**, 83, Flower Mound, Texas, on Sept. 28, 2011. He served in the Army during

World War II before working at Morrill Packing Company. Kepple was the first director of the Computing Center in the State of Kansas Department of Administration. He worked for the state for 38 years before retiring.

Kepple was a member of Kappa Sigma while at Washburn. Survivors include wife **Emogene Kepple, ba '48**, Flower Mound, Texas.

**Eldon Lewis, bba '59**, 78, Highland, Calif., on Nov. 18, 2011. He taught and held administrative

positions at Washburn, Wichita State, West Texas A&M, Canyon, and Cal State San Bernardino. Lewis was a certified public accountant for Fox & Company and Grant Thornton in Denver, Colo., and Chicago, Ill. He also served in the Navy and was a member of Delta Sigma Psi and Young Democrats while at Washburn.

**Arthur McCash, ba '58**, 77, Topeka, on Nov. 29, 2011. He worked as a graphic designer for the State of Kansas for 36 years, including 22 years at the Kansas Water Resources Board and 14 years at the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. McCash also worked for Lawson Phillips Associates.

**Terrance Muth, jd '58**, 85, Rose Hill, Kan., on Oct. 10, 2011. He served in the Navy during World

War II and was a police officer in Wichita, Kan., before embarking on a career in law. Muth was a probate judge in Clay Center, Kan., before practicing law in Wichita.

**Marvin Sorg, bba '58**, 77, Orange, Calif., on Oct. 28, 2011. He served in the Navy for 21 years before working as a computer programmer at Carter, Hawley, Hale Stores and the Auto Club of Southern California. Sorg was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon while at Washburn. Survivors include sister **Delores (Sorg) Rankin, ba '54**, Omaha, Neb.

**Wayne M. Taylor, bba '52**, 85, Topeka, on Sept. 26, 2011. He was a manager at the chambers of commerce in Chanute, Kan., Independence, Kan., Kansas City, Kan., and Keokuk, Iowa. Taylor also worked at Burgwin-

Martin Consulting Engineers and Equitable Life Assurance Society. Taylor was an Air Force veteran and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon while at Washburn.

**Donald Tutt, ba '51**, 87, Topeka, on Dec. 16, 2011. He served in the Army during World War II and worked in advertising in Topeka and Miami, Fla. Tutt worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 17 years before his retirement in 1987.

## 1960s

**Marion (Dewey) Auman, ba '68**, 70, Bonner Springs, Kan., on Aug. 20, 2011. She was a district supervisor for the State of Kansas before retiring in 1998.

**Charlotte (Hastings) Beck, b ed '64**, 69, Ojo Caliente, N.M., on Oct. 7, 2011. She was a third-grade teacher who lived in several regions of the country as her husband's career as a chemist progressed. Beck was ordained as a minister and participated in several missions throughout her life.

**Marjorie (Moore) Colton, b ed '66, m ed '69**, 94, Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 7, 2011. She worked for the Department of Navy, Marshall Field and Co. and the War Department. Colton also taught in several preschools, Randolph Elementary in Topeka and the Topeka Reading Center. She was also an assistant professor of education at Washburn.

**John Hinton, ba '60**, 83, Phoenix, Ariz., on Oct. 14, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II before a long career at the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Hinton started at the railway as a secretary and retired as a corporate officer. He volunteered much of his time after retirement to various causes. Survivors include wife **Marjorie Hinton, bba '87**, Cave Creek, Ariz.

**Glee (Barngrover) Reed, b ed '60**, 73, Wakarusa, Kan., on Dec. 6, 2011. She was a physical education teacher in six school districts in northeast Kansas before finishing her career as a special education teacher in the Auburn-Washburn

school district in Topeka. Reed was a board member of the Shawnee County Farm Bureau. Survivors include a daughter, **Gina (Reed) Koch, as '87**, Auburn, Kan.

**Larry D. Schafer, ba '66**, 68, Topeka, on Oct. 5, 2011. He taught at Highland Park Junior High, Capper Junior High and Clark's School of Business in Topeka before becoming director of admissions at Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kan. Schafer also was director of admissions for the Remington School of Business in Topeka and Colorado Springs, Colo., before retiring. He was a member of Kappa Sigma at Washburn.

**Forrest Skidmore, bba '62**, 79, Topeka, on Jan. 17. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict before working as an accountant for Topeka Transfer and Storage and the State of Kansas Department of Administration.

Survivors include wife **Nina (Ham) Skidmore, ba '81**, Topeka.

**Emmett Thompson, ba '60**, 74, Topeka, on Nov. 15, 2011. He

worked at the Topeka Veterans Hospital for 35 years before retiring. Thompson also owned T, T and T Real Estate Investment Co. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and played basketball while at Washburn. Survivors include wife **Beverly (Caruthers) Thompson, m ed '70**, Topeka.

**Swana (Hess) Brooks Wittgow, b ed '65**, 68, Denton, Texas, on Dec. 23, 2011. She taught second grade in Topeka before moving to Melbourne, Australia, and teaching special education. Brooks Wittgow taught special education in Quinlan, Texas, and at Wichita (Kan.) Northwest High School before retiring in 2003. She was a member of Alpha Phi at Washburn.

**John M. Wood, bba '64**, 73, Boynton Beach, Fla., on Oct. 29, 2011. He worked at the Pirelli Armstrong Tire Manufacturing Plant in Hendersonville, Tenn. Wood was active in the American Red Cross and Crisis Care Center. He was a member of Kappa Sigma while at Washburn.



## IN MEMORY

### KURT BUDKE, B ED '84, 50, STILLWATER, OKLA., ON NOV. 17

Budke played basketball at Washburn in the early 1980s before embarking on a successful coaching career in the college ranks. A native of Salina, Kan., Budke led Salina-Sacred Heart High School to the Class 3A state basketball championship in 1979.

After his playing days at Washburn, he worked as a coach for the women's basketball teams at Kansas City Community College, Allen County Community College and Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College, where he won a national title.

Budke moved on to the Division I ranks, working as an assistant women's coach at Louisiana Tech in 2000. He became Tech's head coach in 2002, running a program steeped in tradition.

Budke took over at Oklahoma State in 2005 and served in that capacity until his death. He led the Cowgirls and Louisiana Tech to three NCAA appearances and compiled an overall record of 423-104. He took Tech to two Sweet 16 appearances and OSU to one.

Budke is survived by his wife, Shelley, daughter, Sara, and two sons, Alex and Brett.



# IN MEMORY

**TOM CLEVINGER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING, 69, TOPEKA, ON OCT. 20**

Dr. Tom, as he was known to students, worked as a professor at Washburn for more than 20 years. At the time of his passing, he was an associate professor of accounting.

Clevenger was an Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War era and a past president of the Topeka chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1970, a master of business administration from Southeast Missouri State University,

Cape Girardeau, in 1981 and a doctorate of business administration from the University of Memphis, Tenn., in 1987.

Clevenger was an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond before beginning his long career at Washburn in 1988.

He was a member of the American Society of Certified Public Accountants and the northeast chapter of the Kansas Society of CPAs. Clevenger was a member of and had served on boards for the Institute of Internal Auditors in Topeka and the Association of Government Accountants.

Survivors include his wife, Novella Clevenger, an associate professor of taxation at Washburn; daughters Kimberly Seeley, Kansas City, Mo., and Stephanie Lind, Columbus, Ohio; son William Clevenger, Dallas, Texas; stepson Mitchell McNeely, St. Charles, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

## 1970s

**Mary (Wallace) Blessing, jd '75,** 78, Lawrence, Kan., on Jan. 11, 2011. She was a landman and natural gas marketer at Atlantic Richfield Corporation.

**Hildreth (Shipshee) Crith, aa '78,** 88, Topeka, on Sept. 16, 2011. She was a mental health technician at the Topeka State Hospital for 33 years. Crith also worked as a counselor for I Care and Prairie Band Potawatomi Drug and Treatment Center.

**Dee Ray Daugherty, bba '71,** 69, Memphis, Tenn., on Oct. 28, 2011. He worked at Jimmy Dean Foods and was a member of Sigma Omichron Beta while at Washburn. Survivors include wife **Nancy (Pierson) Daugherty, b ed '70**, Cordova, Tenn.

**Larry Frost, ba '71**, 67, Poway, Calif., on Oct. 5, 2011. He was

a guard at Lansing State Prison, director of the Topeka Halfway Houses for Men and Women and a manager at a business responsible for the removal of hazardous materials from

homes and businesses. Survivors include a brother, **Thomas Frost, ba '90**, Topeka.

**Harold Main, bba '74**, 90, Topeka, on Sept. 30, 2011. He was a classification specialist and interviewer in the military, serving as a member of the 676th Bombardment Squadron

during World War II. Main worked as a grade school teacher, at the Veterans Administration and for the Census Bureau before retiring as a claims representative with the Social Security Administration.

**Michael Morrow, aa '76, bs '79, bs '80**, 61, Topeka, on Jan. 11. He served in the Navy during

the Vietnam War before working for the Department of Revenue for the State of Kansas for more than 30 years. He was a member of Sagamore and Phi Kappa Phi while at Washburn.

**Cynthia Sharp, b ed '72**, 60, Sand Springs, Okla., on May 16, 2010. She was a financial adviser. Sharp was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha while at Washburn and competed in basketball, gymnastics and softball.

**Larry E. Smith, ba '74**, 65, Athens, Ga., on Sept. 21, 2011. He was an officer in the Army for 20 years, achieving the rank of major, and served two tours in Vietnam, earning the silver star, bronze star, meritorious service medal and commendation medal. After his career in the military, Maj. Smith was a vice president at High Performing

Systems and owned and operated Home Inspectors of North Georgia. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Washburn.

**Mary (Faber) Travis, bsn '77**, 81, Topeka, on Oct. 25, 2011. She worked for two decades as a nurse and in infection control at St. Francis Medical Center in Topeka. Travis was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She was also involved in Friends of Mulvane Art Museum. Survivors include her husband, **John W. Travis**, Topeka, who received an honorary doctorate of science from Washburn in 1991.

**James Wellman, bs '72**, 61, Topeka, on Jan. 11. He served in the Navy before embarking on a career in communications and computers. Wellman retired in 2010 from Mastercard Worldwide.

# 1980s

## Marjorie (Bettner)

**Anderson, ba '81**, 91, Overland Park, Kan., on Oct. 30, 2011. She worked at Hewitt Motor Company in Osage City, Kan. After raising her family and working at Hewitt, she earned a bachelor of arts in history at age 58.

## Charlotte (Peppard)

**Dultmeier, ba '87**, 61, Topeka, on Dec. 20, 2011. She was an administrator in the children's division at the Menninger Foundation.

**Ann (Learned) Fitch, bs '80**, 82, Durham, N.C., on Oct. 9, 2011.

**Julia (Groves) Schlobohm, bs '83**, 59, Topeka, on Nov. 27, 2011. She was a staff nurse at Cotton- O'Neil, a nutritional coordinator at Kaw Area Vo-Tech and a health education consultant for the State of Kansas.

**Scott Strader, bba '88**, 49, Holton, Kan., on Nov. 13, 2011. He was a senior staff accountant, working for 23 years for Advance Insurance at Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**Jo (Loeber) Thomas, b music '81**, 75, Onalaska, Wis., on April 26, 2011. She started the band and choir programs at the Topeka Lutheran School before moving to La Crosse, Wis., in 1985. After the move, she started band programs at three Wisconsin Lutheran

schools before retiring in 1995. She was a member of Phi Mu Alpha while at Washburn. **George J. Weaver, ba '80**, 84, Topeka, on Dec. 24, 2011. He was in the Navy and Air Force, retiring from the latter in 1974 after more than 26 years of service. Survivors include sons **Andrew Weaver, ba '76, ba '86**, Topeka; **Carl Weaver, ba '80**, Merriam, Kan.; and **James Weaver, ba '81**, Topeka. George Weaver's late wife, **Katharine (O'Neil) Weaver, ba '77**, also attended Washburn.

# 1990s

**Linda Bauer, bs '99**, 64, Herington, Kan., on Oct. 11, 2011. She was retired from the Army as a staff sergeant.

**Deann (Hammond) Behring, ba '91, ma '94**, 48, Meriden, Kan., on Oct. 30, 2011. She was a social worker at Stormont-Vail in Topeka and owned Bates Furniture.

**Wade Bishop, ba '90**, 68, Mauckport, Ind., on Jan. 14. He served in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam, before retiring. He worked at the Kaw while at Washburn. **Stephen Estelmann, jd '99**, 61, Madison, Wis., on Aug. 4, 2010. He worked at Chapman & Waters law firm in Leavenworth, Kan.

**Scarlett (Harvey) Gill, bba '91**, 63, Topeka, on Dec. 6, 2011. She worked at Westar Energy

for 25 years. Gill graduated magna cum laude with a degree in accounting. **Michelle Studebaker, bs '01**, 33, Topeka, on Sept. 21. She worked in the human resources department at St. Francis Health Center, in student services at Washburn, for Topeka Public Schools, the Kansas Disability Rights Center and the Kansas Rehabilitation Center. Survivors include sister **Julie (Studebaker) Hafenstine, b ed '95**, Lawrence, Kan. **Kevin L. Taylor, bba '95, mba '10**, 49, Topeka, on Dec. 18, 2010. He was a controller and accountant in the Topeka area for several years.

# 2000s

**Julianne (Wolfe) Blair, m ed '03**, 50, Atchison, Kan., on Nov. 8, 2011. She was a longtime educator, teaching and coaching in parochial schools in Plattsburg, Mo., Wichita, Kan., Centralia, Kan., and Atchison. Blair was on the board of directors of the Bellevue Country Club and served on the Atchison Recreation Board.

**Robert A. Garcia, bfa '02**, 60, Topeka, on Dec. 17, 2011. He was an Air Force veteran and worked at the Kansas Historical Society. **Dexter Kline, ba '05**, 29, Overland Park, Kan., on

Dec. 21, 2011. He worked for the Kansas State Department of Insurance, Transamerica Life in Dallas, Texas, and Design Evolution Group in Overland Park.

# 2010s

**Michael Valentine, bs '10**, 27, Topeka, on Dec. 14, 2011. He was a garage attendant for Genesis Telecommunications Services. Survivors include his mother, Kim Valentine, b ed '09, Topeka.

## FRIENDS

**Megan (Wiechert) Alden**, 40, Topeka, on Dec. 3, 2011. The wife of Washburn tennis coach Dave Alden, she was a member of Delta Gamma and worked as a paralegal. Survivors include her husband of 14 years and two daughters, Alexa, 9, and Nadia, 6.

**William Sparks, 67**, Topeka, on Jan. 17. He was chairman of the Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science department at Washburn, teaching kinesiology at Washburn for more than 10 years until his retirement in 2008. Sparks also served in the Navy during the Vietnam War.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## ALUMNI EVENTS



*Alumni Association Director Susie Hoffmann, center, entertains during After Hours. Photo by Ernie W. Webb III*

### APRIL

- 21 (through May 3) French Polynesia alumni trip
- 28 Alumni Awards banquet, Washburn Room, Memorial Union, 6 p.m.

### MAY

- 4 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 5 Washburn baseball tailgate, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Falley Field
- 9 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Class reunion (50, 60 and 70 years)
- 15 Alumni event, Osage City, 6 p.m., The Stables at Mussatto Brothers Inc.

### JUNE

- 1 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 2 Kansas City T-Bones event, 5:30 p.m., CommunityAmerica Ballpark, Kansas City, Kan.
- 13 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.

### JULY

- 6 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 11 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.

### AUGUST

- 3 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 8 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.

*Alumni events are in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, unless otherwise noted.*

## MULVANE EXHIBITS & EVENTS



*Ochre Hornet Moth by Michelle Sitzlein. Photo courtesy of Mulvane Art Museum*

### THROUGH JUNE

- Department of Art Student Exhibit
- The annual juried exhibit of work by Washburn art students

### MAY 5-AUG. 19

- Crafts National
- This exhibit features work by national artists.

### JUNE-AUGUST

- Razzle Dazzle
- Art classes for people of all ages. Visit [washburn.edu/mulvane](http://washburn.edu/mulvane) for more information.

### JUNE 2-3

- Mountain/Plains Art Fair, Washburn University campus, east of the Memorial Union

### JUNE 16-SEPT. 16

- Inside Peanuts
- Works by Charles M. Schulz, creator of Peanuts

*Exhibits and events are in the Mulvane Art Museum located in Garvey Fine Arts Center. For more information, call 785.670.1124 or visit [washburn.edu/mulvane](http://washburn.edu/mulvane).*

## MUSIC EVENTS

### MAY

- 4 Washburn Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, 7:30 p.m.

### JUNE

- 8-16 Sunflower Music Festival

*Music events are in White Concert Hall. For more information, call 785.670.1511 or visit [washburn.edu/music](http://washburn.edu/music).*

## ACADEMICS & STUDENT LIFE

### APRIL

- 16-20 Greek Week
- 19 Washburn Institute of Technology's Fine Dining, Chef's Corner Café, Washburn Institute of Technology

### MAY

- 1 Campus Activities Board's Cram Jam, 7 p.m., Memorial Union
- 4 Rotary Career Day, Washburn Institute of Technology, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 4 Last day of classes
- 10 Washburn Institute of Technology's Fine Dining, Chef's Corner Café, Washburn Institute of Technology
- 11 End of semester
- 17 Washburn Institute of Technology commencement, Lee Arena, 7 p.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### APRIL

- 19 Crane Observatory open house, 9-10 p.m.
- 20 Apeiron, Washburn campus
- 21 Plein Aire Art event, Washburn campus
- 23 Greek Awards Banquet, TBA
- 24 Leadership Institute banquet and awards, TBA

### MAY

- 1 Leadership Institute showcase of projects, Shawnee Room, Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- 1 Washburn Board of Regents meeting, 4 p.m.
- 2 Washburn Auction and Dance, Capitol Plaza Hotel, 7 p.m.
- 3 Crane Observatory open house, 9-10 p.m.
- 4 Washburn Athletics Golf Classic, Firekeeper Golf Course, Prairie Band Casino and Resort (Morning and afternoon tee times available. Please contact Bruce Steinbrock at 785.670.1334 for more information.)
- 8-9 Blue Crew Football Camp (Kindergarten to fifth grade), 6 p.m.
- 8-9 Blue Crew Cheerleader Camp (Kindergarten to fifth grade), 6 p.m.
- 11 Washburn Institute of Technology Car Show and Barbecue, Washburn Institute of Technology, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 12 Commencement

### JUNE

- 4-7 Big Blue Blitz Camp (Ages 7-12), 8:45 a.m.
- 4-7 Big Blue Touchdown Camp (Ages 7-12), 8:45 a.m.
- 4-7 Bob Chipman Halfcourt Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 11-14 Bob Chipman Halfcourt Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 18-21 Bob Chipman Halfcourt Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 19 Washburn Football All-Position Camp (Grade seven to nine), 9 a.m.
- 25-28 Bob Chipman Fullcourt Press Camp, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Washburn Football All-Position Camp (Grade 10-12), 9 a.m.

### JULY

- 9-11 Washburn Volleyball General Skills Camp (Grades seven to nine), 9 a.m.
- 9-11 Washburn Volleyball General Skills Camp (Grades four to six), 1 p.m.
- 15-16 Coaches Clinic and Team Camp
- 16-18 Washburn Volleyball Specialist/Libero Camp (Grades eight to 12), 9 a.m.
- 16-18 Washburn Volleyball Hitters Camp (Grades eight to 12), 1 p.m.
- 18 Washburn Board of Regents meeting, 4 p.m.
- 23-24 Washburn Volleyball Setters Camp (Grades eight to 12), 10 a.m.

*Call 785.670.2435 for more information on Washburn sports camps*



## SCHOOL OF LAW

### APRIL

- 18 Law Journal Banquet, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, 5 p.m.
- 25 Last day of classes

### MAY

- 5 5K Law Day Run, Room 119, 6 a.m.
- 12 School of Law Commencement
- 13-19 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

### JUNE

- 13-15 KBA Annual Meeting and Joint Judicial Conference, Overland Park Sheraton, Overland Park, Kan.
- 21-22 Recent Developments CLE, Room 102

### AUGUST

- 16-17 Case Management Training CLE, Room 102

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