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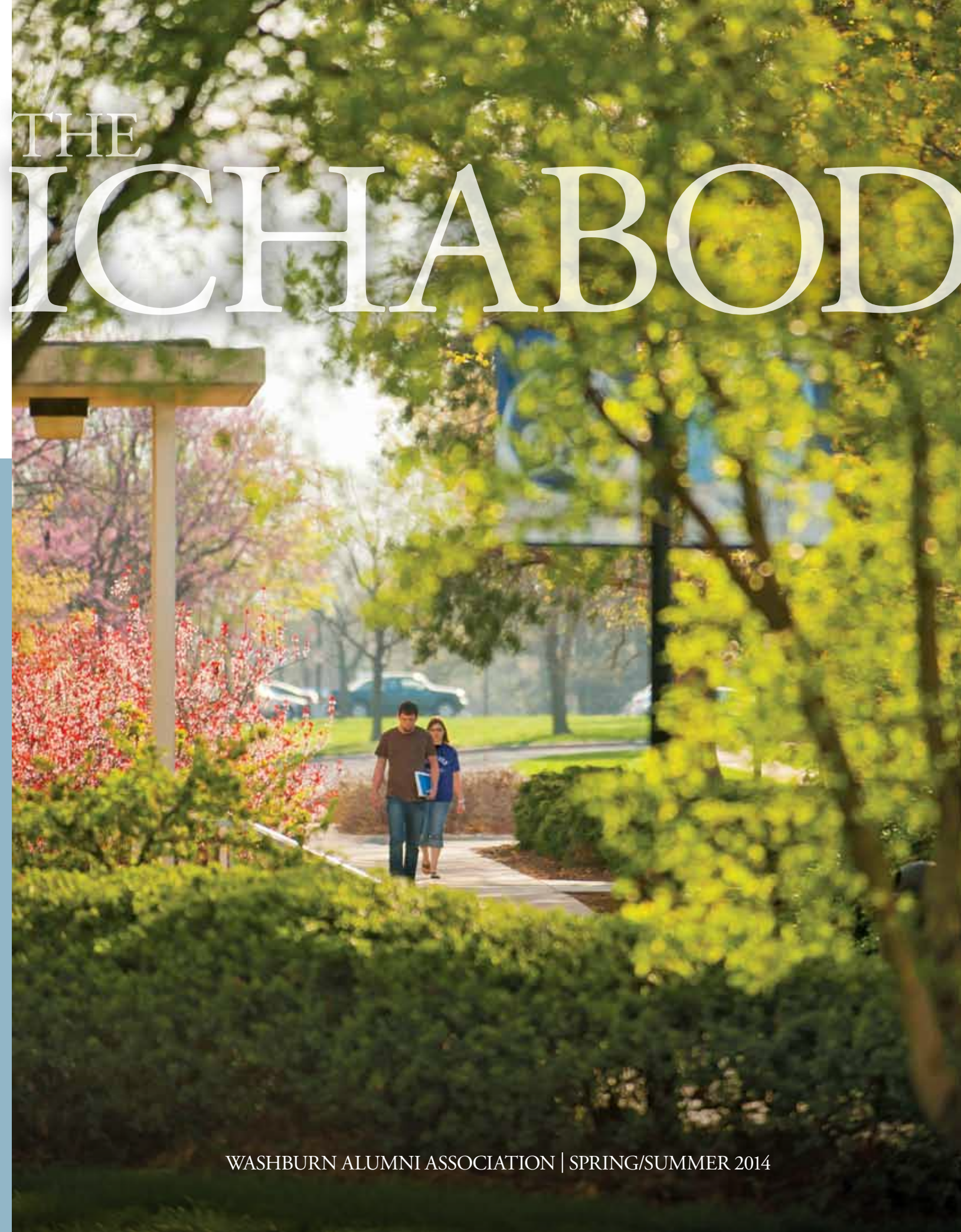
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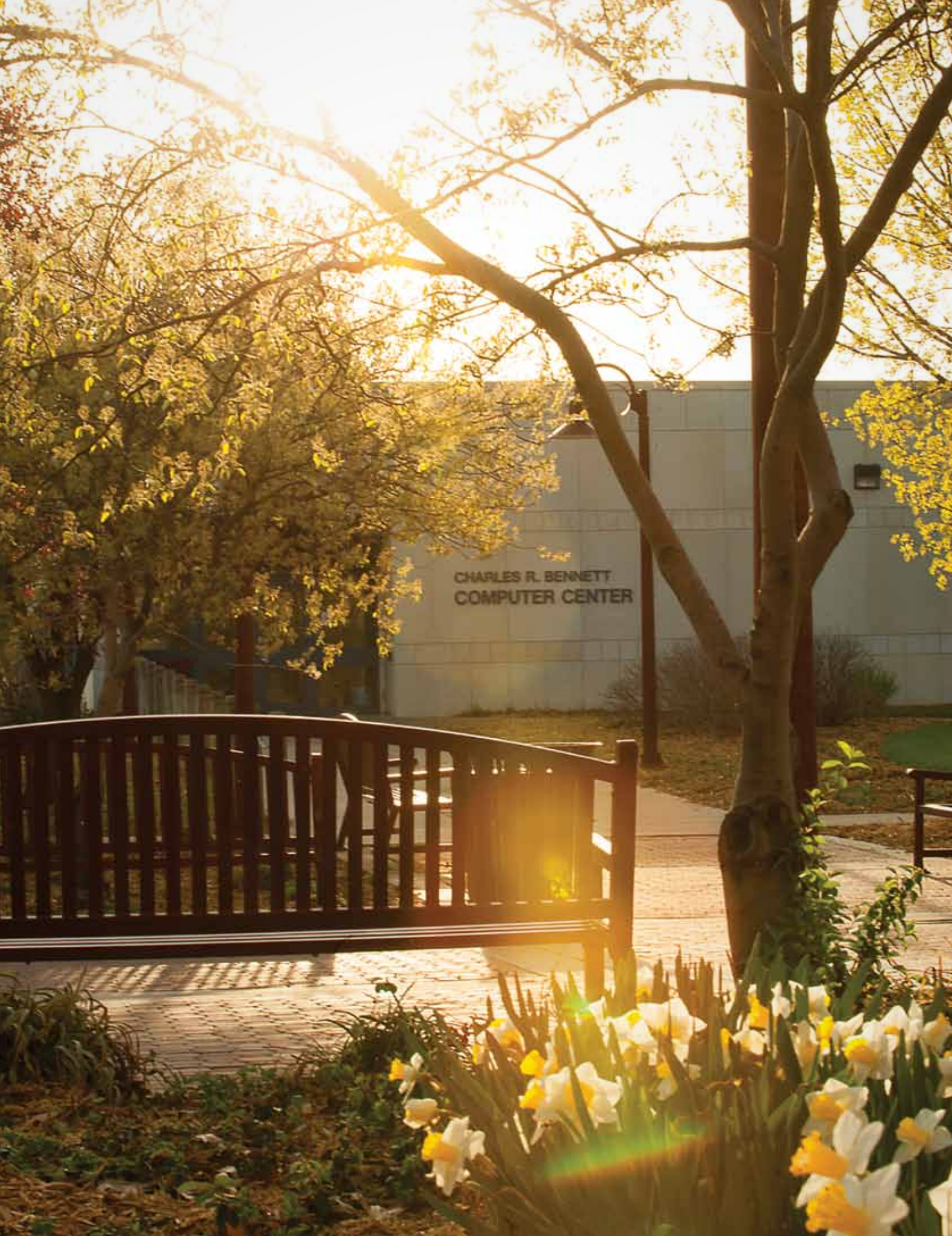
Fifty people traveled to Cancun during an Alumni Association trip from Feb. 2 to Feb. 7. Those making the trip included Colene Adams, Keith Adams, Dena Anson, Carol Armstrong, Chris Armstrong, Lynn Bailey, Shelly Bailey, Sandy Baker-Adams, Tim Bethel, Jim Bowen, Karen Bowen, Jackie Brown, Margaret Carkhuff, Derrick Carpenter, Bud Cowan, Louise Ecord, Lindsay Edwards, Dotti Fisher, Sarah Greiner, Susie Hoffmann, Angie Hoobler, Horace Hoobler, Norris Hoobler, Pam Hoobler, Sue Jarchow, Penny Kinder, Tim Kinder, Marilyn Koelliker, Peggy

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Visitors to Washburn often remark on the beauty of our campus. What we enjoy now is the result of decades of thoughtful planning and dreaming, with a bit of unexpected natural calamity, to create a vibrant and attractive environment.

Campus life begins with our students needing facilities in which to live, learn and study. Our first building on our current campus, Rice Hall, served as the student and faculty dormitory while also providing classrooms, the library and eating spaces. Through the years, we have added buildings to meet the needs of a growing university.

As I reflect on Washburn's history, there have been three periods of rapid growth in physical facilities. In the 25 years beginning in the mid-1880s, Washburn grew from 22 to 550 college students with six buildings and three dormitory cottages constructed in 10 years on its new campus situated at 17th and Washburn. Our second growth period was immediately after the 1966 tornado. The destruction of five original buildings resulted in six new or renovated buildings.

Our third period of facility growth began in 2000 with the construction of the Living Learning Center. Since then, Washburn has built or renovated 12 structures, including the Student Recreation and Wellness Center and Art building, as well as the addition to and renovation of Stoffer Science Hall, Whiting Field House, Yager Stadium at Moore Bowl and most currently Morgan Hall.

An exciting upcoming project is the construction of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory on our campus, which will provide learning opportunities for natural science, criminal justice, anthropology and computer science students.

During a period when many universities are challenged to maintain their campus facilities, we have not only maintained but also constructed high-quality facilities to support the living and learning environment at Washburn. That is why our facilities are one of the pillars of our capital campaign. Through a combination of sound fiscal management, donor contributions and community support, we will achieve the goals of our new campus master plan. During the next 25 years, we will build a new School of Law building, an indoor practice facility for our athletes, an addition to Mabee Library and more student housing.

We will carefully connect student living and learning spaces while enhancing the overall aesthetics of the campus. In doing so, we will contribute, as those before us, to a campus that will be enjoyed by future generations.





GLIMPSE AT THE FUTURE

Master plan includes ongoing projects, campus crossroads *By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu*

A look at the master plan's vision for the campus a decade or more from now. The master plan calls for several new facilities, including the Welcome Center, a new School of Law building, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory and a new athletics practice facility. *Photo Submitted*

The beginning of construction of the Welcome Center at Morgan Hall early in 2014 marked the beginning of significant change at Washburn, as the University continues to build – literally – for the future.

Scheduled to open in 2015, the Welcome Center is one of multiple projects in Washburn's master plan during the next several years.

"Every university should develop a physical plan for the campus, and we wanted to do something that will serve the university for decades," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. "This master plan sets up the university nicely for years to come."

The master plan is the first at Washburn since the one developed in 1968, two years after the devastating tornado that leveled most of the campus. The current plan is

organized around a campus crossroads concept that creates a central spine connecting the east portion of Washburn to the west and the north to the south.

"The master plan creates an east-west axis and a north-south axis," Farley said. "We anticipate that it will relieve some of the congestion on the northwest side of the campus and make the campus more pedestrian-oriented."

Three of the projects listed among those to be implemented in the first five years of the plan are underway, beginning with the City of Topeka's work in transforming 17th Street into a boulevard. Most of the work was completed

during the fall 2013 semester, and the greenery in the medians is scheduled to be completed during spring 2014.

Also, work renovating Morgan Hall and constructing the Welcome Center, funded by donors and the University, began early in 2014. Work on a new Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, a \$55 million facility funded by the State of Kansas, is scheduled to begin this year.

"This is a good planning tool," said Rick Anderson, vice president of administration and treasurer, Washburn. "It's a good time for us to look at the campus and see how we can enhance some of the things we're doing and the infrastructure."

The master plan, developed with the assistance of firms Sasaki Associates and

Bartlett & West, includes eight projects in the first five years: 17th Street and Welcome Center on the north side of campus, KBI building and new housing and dining on the east side, a great lawn and north-south pedestrian spine in the center and an indoor athletics practice facility on the south side.


The eighth project is the repurposing of small classrooms for informal learning.

"Washburn is taking the right steps and has done a great job of positioning itself as a leader in the region in higher education," said Chad Manspeaker, ba '02, member of the Topeka City Council. "This plan, and these buildings, will attract more students, more talent, and I've heard nothing but positive things about it."

In the five- to 10-year period, the

plan includes a new School of Law facility on the southeast corner of campus, a turf field located west of that facility, a recital hall connected to White Concert Hall, the renovation of the existing law school building and an east-west connector.

Long-term plans include a Mabee Library renovation and addition, a Carnegie Hall renovation and a new Petro walkway and parking garden.

"The University had to quickly look at rebuilding after the tornado and how the campus would fit together," Farley said. "The most significant thing to me is that it's clear somebody had the idea to create the great lawn at the center of the master plan. It was a tremendous idea, one we can build on and plan for growth." 

MASTER PLAN GOALS

- Support academic excellence and student engagement
- Reinforce a compact campus
- Clarify open spaces and campus wayfinding
- Balance activity on campus
- Promote the highest and best use of campus land
- Connect to the Topeka community
- Provide sufficient and appropriate space

ONLINE

- More about Washburn University's master plan at washburn.edu/construction.
- More about the Welcome Center in the winter 2012/13 edition of The Ichabod at washburn.edu/alumni-communications.
- More about the campaign to fund many of the projects included in the master plan at GiveToWashburn.org.

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MOVING

Because of the ongoing construction at Morgan Hall, several offices and departments have temporarily moved to other locations in the building or elsewhere on campus. For a complete list of the moves, visit washburn.edu/construction. The moves include:

- The Washburn Alumni Association from the first floor to the second floor of the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center
- Admissions office to the alumni center. Admissions has a check-in on the east side of the alumni center, and the staff is housed in the Forum Room in the basement
- The President's Office from Morgan Hall to the Alumni Association office
- Business office to Morgan 150
- Career services to Morgan 137
- Counseling services to Henderson 111
- Enrollment management to Morgan 153
- Financial aid to Morgan 154 and 155
- Registrar to Morgan 151
- Student life to Morgan 136
- Student services to the Mosiman and Rice Rooms in the Memorial Union

Scheduled to open in fall 2015, the Welcome Center will be a state-of-the-art facility designed to further student success.

A WELCOMING EXPERIENCE

Renovation of Morgan Hall underway *By Kathy Busch • kbusch@wufoundation.org*

Since its opening in 1956, Morgan Hall has been a hub of activity for students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators and visitors. Washburn University students have entered Morgan Hall for decades to enroll, apply for scholarships, pay tuition, obtain health services and take English, math and other core classes.

Through the years, the campus has become a point of Ichabod pride with its well-manicured grounds, Living Learning Center, state-of-the-art labs in Stoffer Science Hall and Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

The University's transformation in recent years also has included an expanded curriculum, the attraction of more faculty and students, and a stronger connection to the community through academic, cultural and athletic programs.

Work recently began to modernize Morgan Hall to complement the University's evolution.

"Now it is Morgan Hall's time to complete our students' story," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. "Morgan Hall is the entry point to an exceptional college education for our students, and its renovation will make it easier for them to obtain the services and support they need for a successful undergraduate experience."

Richard Liedtke, executive director, enrollment management, said, "The renovation of Morgan Hall is a reflection of Washburn's commitment to maintain a campus that is conducive to learning, one that is thriving and up-to-date. Student success is a commitment that permeates everything we do at Washburn, and ease of access and centralized student support are important factors in recruiting future Ichabods."

The Morgan Hall project includes the addition of a contemporary Welcome Center that will accentuate the

attributes of an exemplary Washburn University experience, from academics and athletics to alumni achievements and faculty accolades. Students will have seamless access to admissions, financial aid, academic advisers, student life and student health.

The modernized facility will include a spacious Hearth Room and a covered outdoor plaza, as well as spaces designed for individual and group study.

"Spaces play an essential role in facilitating learning, lifelong friendships and decisions that influence personal and professional development," said JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University Foundation. "We hope alumni and friends of Washburn University will join us in this initiative to renovate Morgan Hall in a way that complements our campus and showcases our legacy of inclusion and excellence." 🐦

ONLINE

- For more about the Welcome Center, read the winter 2012/13 edition of The Ichabod at www.issuu.com/washburn_alumni_association/docs/december_2012.
- For more about the project, visit the Washburn University Foundation's website at GiveToWashburn.org/campaign/spaces/welcome-center.

The City of Topeka finished its work renovating the stretch of 17th Street north of campus late in the fall. The new boulevard will serve as a pathway to the Welcome Center. *Photo by Peggy Clark*

A POLISHED PATHWAY

Overhaul of 17th creates welcoming path to campus

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The pathway leading to what will be Washburn's Welcome Center was scheduled to be completed during the spring semester, with the University polishing the renovation of 17th Street by adding greenery to multiple medians.

Featuring a fresh boulevard look, the road north of campus between College Avenue and MacVicar Avenue kicks off a period of building highlighted in Washburn's master plan, which includes the Welcome Center project at Morgan Hall.

"It's the first piece of improving the front door to our campus, and we're excited about that," said Rick Anderson, vice president of administration and treasurer "The boulevard is another way to identify with our campus."

The City of Topeka funded most of the boulevard project with a budget of \$2.46 million, including \$1.25 million from the half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 2009, private contributions, operating funds and money borrowed through obligation bonds.

The work, completed in December,

included removal and replacement of concrete curbs and sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, pavement and asphalt overlay, and pavement markings. The street also was widened by 7 feet.

"This was an important project for us because of what Washburn does for the economy in Topeka," said Chad Manspeaker, ba '02, member of the Topeka City Council. "Development at Washburn is an important part of economic development in the city."

Washburn committed \$400,000 to the overhaul and is responsible for the perpetual care of the landscaping, which is to be completed during the spring semester.

"The City is doing a great job improving the roadways in the community and did a wonderful job on this project," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. "This is a great kickoff project for the master plan." 🐦



ONLINE

- Read more about the boulevard project in the fall 2013 issue of The Ichabod at washburn.edu/alumni-communications.
- Read more about the master plan at washburn.edu/construction.



Students in Lee Boyd's vertebrate zoology class examine preserved and frozen specimens at the Robert Meinershagen Field Laboratory at Karlyle Woods. The laboratory, made possible by a gift in 1996 from Robert Meinershagen, ba '63, Santa Fe, N.M., and his wife, Helen, allows students in biology courses with an environmental component to easily conduct analysis on-site at the field station.

SPACE FOR OPPORTUNITY

Field laboratory provides unique teaching, learning opportunities

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Surrounded by views of oak-hickory forest, prairie, and ornamental and Sorchard plant species, the Robert Meinershagen Field Laboratory is not the typical classroom at Washburn University.

The laboratory sits at the heart of Karlyle Woods, located near Soldier Creek and U.S. Highway 75 just north of Topeka. The 30-acre property was donated to the biology department by Dr. Karl Menninger in 1983.

A gift in 1996 from Robert Meinershagen, ba '63, Santa Fe, N.M., and his wife, Helen, made the construction of the laboratory possible.

Because of the gift, students in biology courses with an environmental component can easily conduct lab activities that otherwise might not be possible.

"Having this facility gives us an advantage," said John Mullican, chairman and associate professor, biology. "Students get hands-on experience, and with the lab right there, they can stay on-site and do analysis without having to worry about transporting anything back to campus."

Meinershagen, a Washburn University Foundation trustee emeritus, studied biology at Washburn and, in 1976, founded Columbia Diagnostics. He served as president and CEO until he retired in 2000.

He made this gift while serving as a trustee after learning of the need for a field laboratory.

"I think one way to optimize education is firsthand education, and a field lab is a good place to see plant and animal biology," Meinershagen said. "Observation is key to the sciences and to learning in general."

Courses during which the field station is utilized include zoology, field biology, entomology, invertebrate zoology, ecology, vertebrate zoology and systematic botany. Students can use the space to conduct independent projects, test sampling methods or study prairie restoration.

"It's important to study biology in an undisturbed area, and that is difficult to do in the middle of Topeka," Mullican said. "It's also important for students to get outdoors."

Faculty members have used the space to conduct research with students involving invasive plant species, honey bee behavior, invasive insect species and plant-insect interactions.

Meinershagen said the couple's gift was inspired by his experience as a student at Washburn. Additionally, he established the Robert Meinershagen Undergraduate Biology Research Fund.

"There has always been a teaching-first attitude at Washburn," Meinershagen said. "Not only do

faculty members have wonderful teaching skills, but they also have a profound knowledge of their subjects."

Meinershagen hopes the field laboratory's impact is long-reaching at Washburn.

"I hope that it has a lasting benefit for students today and in the future," he said. 🐾

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Each space on campus houses the spirit of Washburn and fosters an environment where students can maximize learning, develop lifelong relationships and pursue their dreams. Creating and maintaining these innovative spaces is a significant part of 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University. To support new projects like the Welcome Center and renovation of Morgan Hall, please go to [GiveToWashburn.org/GiveNow](https://www.givetowashburn.org/GiveNow).



Kirk Thompson,
director, KBI



Jerry Farley,
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R-Wichita

CRIME LAB PROJECT ON TARGET

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Plans continue to progress for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory on Washburn's campus.

Construction on the project, a nearly 100,000-square-foot facility that will be located south of the Petro Allied Health Center parking lot at Washburn Avenue and Durow Drive, is scheduled to begin after commencement in May.

"We are on track. We have a good, well-developed plan for the facility," said Kirk Thompson, bs '01, director of the KBI. "This building will benefit the state and Washburn. I think everyone will be proud of what we'll be able to do with the facility."

Approved by Kansas lawmakers in June 2013, the crime lab will not only improve public safety but also serve as a unique learning opportunity in multiple departments on campus, ranging from chemistry to anthropology.


The facility will enhance the KBI's ability to process evidence, meet or exceed the international accreditation standard of 1,000 square feet per scientist of work space and help the organization recruit and retain scientists.

Washburn will have the use of about 12,000 square feet of laboratory space, and forensic scientists will serve as adjunct faculty. Also, students will have access to internships and specialized training.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Washburn, and we

appreciate the support of the state on this building," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. "Our students will benefit from having these experts and this facility on our campus."

The state approved \$55 million for construction of the project and \$3.5 million for building planning and design. The facility is scheduled to open in fall 2015.

"We clearly needed a new central forensics lab, and I was impressed by Washburn's willingness to take on the project and work with Director Thompson," said Rep. Mark Hutton, R-Wichita. "This facility will be a key element to public safety, and it's a good opportunity to support the education process. This partnership is a good example of how various organizations can work together." 

ONLINE

For more information about the KBI building, read the winter 2013/14 issue of The Ichabod at washburn.edu/alumni-communications.



ON THE DOTTED LINE

First signing day a hit at Tech

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Seated with young men wearing jeans, boots and diesel technology T-shirts, Stephanie Temmel stood out in a black dress Feb. 20 during national letter of intent signing day at Washburn Institute of Technology.

The soon-to-be Washburn Rural alumna fully embraces looking a little different than most of her classmates.

"I want to be a girl with a diesel shop. I think that's going to be cool," Temmel said. "I know it's not typical, but I've always loved tractors and trucks. I'm really excited about studying diesel technology here."

When Clark Coco, dean, Washburn Tech, planned the school's first signing day, he hoped for a big turnout of future students, family, community partners, supporters and administrators. Consider that mission accomplished: More than 500 students participated in the inaugural event.

"As educators, we are energized by the tremendous amount of support this event has generated from prospective students, their families, state and local leaders, and business and industry," Coco said. "We believe this will be the first of many signing events around the country as we focus on meeting the high demand for quality, skilled workers who are of vital importance to the economy."

Signing day also had the support of Gov. Sam Brownback, who spoke during the event. Brownback's

emphasis on technical education, notably Senate Bill 155, has had a significant impact at Washburn Tech.

"This is great for Washburn Tech and for the state of Kansas," Brownback said. "I hope (the students) pursue and fulfill their dreams."

The signing day event was the first one in the nation for technical education. It was based on national signing day for NCAA athletes who commit to athletic teams in college and designed to honor students entering a technical field and celebrate the dignity of work. 🏋️



Gov. Sam Brownback, who introduced Senate Bill 155 to help high school juniors and seniors pursue technical careers, spoke during Washburn Tech's first signing day.

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- Washburn Institute of Technology launched a new website early in the spring semester. For more information about Tech, visit washburntech.edu.
- View a photo gallery of signing day on the Alumni Association's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/washburnalumni](https://www.facebook.com/washburnalumni).



Washburn Rural High School senior Stephanie Temmel plans to pursue certification in diesel technology and open her own shop when she's finished. "I want to be a girl with a diesel shop. I think that's going to be cool," she said. *Photo by Ernie W. Webb III*

BILL A BOON FOR TECH

Washburn Institute of Technology's transformation in the past few years came at an opportune time in Kansas, in part because of a bill proposed by Gov. Sam Brownback and passed by the state Legislature in 2012.

Thanks to Senate Bill 155, high school juniors and seniors receive free tuition for any tiered career technical course in approved programs at public community and technical colleges. That helped increase Tech's enrollment by about one-third during the fall semester.

"It speaks to the governor's and the state's commitment to technical education. It has helped us grow," said Clark Coco, dean, Washburn Tech. "We saw a jump of about 100 students on the high school side in the first year."

Senate Bill 155 also established an incentive program for school districts. For each high school student who receives a diploma from the district and an industry-recognized credential in a high-need/high-wage position, the Kansas Department of Labor will give the district \$1,000.

"The value of obtaining a credential is immense. They graduate with a marketable skill to enter the workforce," Brownback said during an opening ceremony for the diesel technology facility. "Washburn Tech is doing a fabulous job, and it's great to see this growth in technical education."

In addition to the bill, recent upgrades and additional structures have made a significant impact.

In 2012, Tech opened a state-of-the-art facility for its advanced systems technology program. In 2013, Tech opened a renovated Midwest Training Center for Climate and Energy Control Technologies, as well as an upgraded auto facility and a new diesel shop.

As a result, Tech also had an increase of 26 percent in enrollment among post-secondary students during the fall semester.

"It's a great bill because the state, University and students benefit," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. "We've been able to grow our programs partly because of the bill and partly because of the work Tech has done."

LIVING HIS DREAM

Harvard professor visits campus as Lincoln Lecturer *By Ernie W. Webb III • ernie.webb@washburn.edu*

Michael Gleason, left, director, Washburn University Leadership Institute, and Lincoln Lecturer John Stauffer speak before Stauffer's presentation to students in the Living Learning Center. *Photo by Peggy Clark*

Before he was 30, John Stauffer had a degree in mechanical engineering and a successful career in finance as vice president of investments at PaineWebber. But it wasn't his dream.

"I fell in love with literature and history when I was a teenager," said Stauffer, a professor at Harvard University and the 2014 Lincoln Lecturer at Washburn. "But my father had been an English major at the University of Missouri, then went into their journalism school and really struggled as a journalist."

The Stauffer family moved multiple times across the Midwest as John Stauffer's father pursued a career in the newspaper industry. The younger Stauffer grew up in several towns in the region, attending public schools in Iowa, Nebraska and North Dakota while becoming a tennis star.

Though his father eventually had a successful public relations career, the strife he endured in newspapers had a lasting effect.

"I told him I wanted to major in English and history, and he told me, 'You're not going to major in English or history,'" Stauffer said. "You're going to have a hard time getting a job. You're good in math, and you're going to be an engineer. I don't want you to have to suffer like I did."

He embraced math and engineering at Duke, excelling in the classroom and on the tennis court, where he nearly earned All-America honors and was ranked among the top 40 players in NCAA Division I.

A few years after earning his degree at Duke, Stauffer was thriving in the world of finance. But it wasn't his dream.

"I'd followed my father's ideal and had a great experience working in finance, but I realized that if I was going to do what I wanted, I had to do it then," he said.



WATCH THE VIDEO

The third sesquicentennial video debuted during the fall. It covers years 1966 to 1990 at Washburn. You can view that video and the first two covering 1865 to 1914 and 1915 to 1965 at washburn.edu/150.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Academic Events, The Arts, Athletics, Community Events, History of Washburn, Memorabilia, Special Events and 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). Questions about the sesquicentennial celebration? Email celebrate150@washburn.edu or contact co-coordinators Amanda Hughes at 785.670.2153 (amanda.hughes@washburn.edu) or Julie Olson at 785.670.1816 (jolson@wufoundation.org).

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For more on the sesquicentennial, including upcoming events, visit washburn.edu/150 and washburn.edu/alumni. You can also view photos at [flickr.com/washburn150](https://www.flickr.com/photos/washburn150/). More photos and videos are posted on our Facebook pages at [facebook.com/washburn150](https://www.facebook.com/washburn150) and [facebook.com/washburnalumni](https://www.facebook.com/washburnalumni). You can also view videos from Founders Day, convocation and Paint Washburn Art Auction at [youtube.com/washburnalumni](https://www.youtube.com/washburnalumni).

STATUES AND NOTECARDS



You have a chance to enjoy a statuesque Ichabod. Purchase the first in a series of three small Ichabod statues. For more about the statues, visit washburn.edu/150.



Purchase notecards featuring works from the 2012 Paint Washburn Art Auction, including pieces by alumni, students and friends of Washburn University. For more about the notecards and art auction, visit washburn.edu/150.

"I'd made enough money and realized I could use it and go back to school. I was still in my 20s, still single, so that was the time. I was passionate and obsessed, felt like I needed to do this, so I went back."

Stauffer went from living in a nice home to a 120-square-foot dorm room at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., where he received a master of liberal studies in humanities in 1991. He added a master of arts in American studies at Purdue University in 1993, a master of philosophy in American studies at Yale University in 1996 and a doctor of philosophy in American studies at Yale in 1999.

Just a decade after leaving his career in finance, Stauffer was an assistant professor of English, history and literature at Harvard. He currently is a department

chairman and a professor of English and African and African American studies.

"I feel very lucky to be able to do what I love, which is teaching and writing," Stauffer said.

A prolific researcher and writer, he is the author of dozens of articles and eight books, including "Giants: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln."

Douglass and Lincoln were Stauffer's topic during the Lincoln Lecture on Feb. 6. During his visit to campus, he also lectured during a leadership class, stressing the characteristics of good leaders.

"To be a leader, communication is critical," he said. "You have to be able to communicate, you have to be able to write and speak. Douglass and Lincoln were exceptional communicators."

LEADING THE WAY

Fink professors making significant difference at Washburn

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When students first attended their LE100: Exploring Concepts of Leadership course, they thought Harry Craig, former president and CEO of Martin Tractor Co., was only there as an audit student.

“I thought, why is he taking a leadership class? He’s already climbed the ladder. He’s already a CEO,” said Marissa Dake, a freshman from Topeka majoring in business.

While Craig was auditing the class, he had another title: Fink Professor of Leadership, an opportunity for leaders in the community to engage students in the classroom about leadership approaches by providing real-world examples of situations they have faced.

“He really started to develop wonderful relationships with the students,” Dake said. “He has a great sense of humor, and by the time the class was over, he was like a grandfather figure to the class as he was there to lead us through what he’s been through.”

The professorship was developed because of a generous donation from Diana Cochener Broze, Caroline Cochener and the late Bruce and the late Nancy Cochener. Diana Cochener Broze, Caroline Cochener and Bruce Cochener are the children of Ruth Garvey Fink, and Nancy Cochener was a daughter-in-law of the late Washburn supporter.

Craig said he was honored to participate in the professorship because he knew Garvey Fink and thought she was a generous person who was active in the Washburn and Topeka communities.

Because leadership education is a relatively modern field of study, Craig said he never took a formal leadership course in college, although he had wonderful mentors while developing his career. The Washburn University Leadership Institute had an enrollment of 186 in leadership courses this year.

“I found the young people in the course were unbelievably interested in what they were doing,” said Craig, who also led a few lectures. “It was a rigorous curriculum, and the students were very participatory.”

“Harry was really able to show us in class what works in different professional situations and how things work with different people,” said Chloe Mooradian, a sophomore history

and secondary education major from Topeka. “One thing he really emphasized was making sure we had a personal aspect and a personal touch in our leadership skills.”

Many community leaders participate in the Fink Professor of Leadership program. Maynard Oliverius, former CEO and president of Stormont-Vail HealthCare, is a Fink Professor of Leadership and plans to hold campus discussions about applying the Affordable Care Act to lessons in law, business, allied health and nursing.

The professorship funds also were used to bring in two short-term professors of leadership. John Stauffer, a professor at Harvard University and a leading authority on antislavery, social protest movements and interracial friendship, presented the annual Lincoln Lecture and met with students in February. Richetta Manager, ba ’75, Wiesmoor, Germany, a soprano, will be featured in the President’s Concert on May 9 at White Concert Hall and work with students.

“The Fink funds were not only invaluable to getting these people on campus,” said Michael Gleason, director of the Leadership Institute, “but also in helping students see how you can be leaders in many different areas.”

SUPPORT

Our faculty are the very core of the Washburn educational experience. Our distinguished programs set us apart from other institutions. Supporting faculty and program initiatives, such as the Fink Professor of Leadership, is a major component of 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University. To support the work of faculty members at Washburn, please go to [GiveToWashburn.org/GiveNow](https://www.givetowashburn.org/givnow).



FACULTY AND PROGRAMS

The Fink Professor of Leadership is one example of how students benefit from new programs at Washburn University. Through the Faculty and Programs pillar, 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University aims to offer the same kind of experience for many other students and faculty.

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Gordon and Margaret Lowry's first gift to Washburn came more than 40 years ago, and the family has continued to support the university annually.

INSPIRED TO GIVE

Help in getting started prompts Lowrys to support Washburn University

By Sarah Towle • stowle@wufoundation.org

A \$100 scholarship was the lifeline Gordon Lowry needed to attend Washburn University in the mid-1930s.

Though he worked 60 hours a week for 10 cents an hour at a Topeka gas station, there wasn't enough money at home to send the 19-year-old to college without financial assistance.

While working at the gas station, he often heard about Washburn. His brother attended the University, his superiors at work were alumni and his customers went to Washburn.

Due to the encouragement of and assistance from a Washburn employee, Lowry obtained financial support, became a student and embarked on a successful career and life as a small-town lawyer, family man and philanthropist in Valley Falls, Kan.

"Once I started at Washburn, I was able to find the money to stay," said Lowry, who lettered in basketball during his freshman and sophomore years.

Lowry and his wife, Margaret, have returned the \$100 gift many times over through their generosity to Washburn. The couple has continuously given to Washburn athletics, KTWU, the School of Law and various scholarship funds at the University every year for more than four decades.

"Washburn got me started," he said. "I got that first gift, and I appreciate having that opportunity."

After Lowry, ba '41, jd '46, received his first degree from Washburn and married Margaret, he went into the Navy and spent four years in the

service, including the majority of his time in the southwest Pacific.

He received the Bronze Star for his service in the Saipan invasion and a Purple Heart for his efforts in the Palau invasion before retiring as a lieutenant.

The Lowrys then returned to Topeka, and he enrolled in the School of Law's accelerated program. Lowry received his juris doctor degree in 1946 before working as a law clerk for Judge Walter Huxman of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for a year. He then started his own law practice in Valley Falls.

Lowry and his wife have five children, four of whom received an undergraduate or law degree at Washburn: Kem Lowry, ba '64, Honolulu, Hawaii; Susan Lowry, bs '69, Toronto, Ontario; James Lowry, ba '70, Lenexa, Kan.; and Stuart Lowry, jd '85, Hays, Kan. Daughter Lynne Lowry received a degree from the University of Kansas in 1984.

Three of the children also married Washburn students.

"I never encouraged the kids to even try to get scholarships when they went to school because I knew from my own experience that other kids needed them a lot more," Lowry said.

The Lowrys' first gift to Washburn came in the late 1960s for the new law school facility built after the 1966 tornado. They've tried to give as much as they can, as soon as they can.

"We give every year because there are new students who need the support," said Lowry, who has also served on the School of Law and Alumni Association boards. "We haven't been able to give big numbers, but we try to give what we can."

Lowry said he's always thought highly of the education he received at Washburn. While traveling the world in the Navy, he discovered that Washburn is a well-known school.

Today, he is gratified to see that his children are giving back to the University and other organizations, and he credits their successes to earning a college degree.

"My gifts haven't been that impressive, I don't think," Lowry said. "But over the long haul, they have probably helped a lot of kids, and we're glad we could do that." 🐦

SUPPORT

Annual giving helps sustain Washburn's focus and is the foundation of everything we do. It helps us meet immediate needs and gives us the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. To support annual giving and 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University, please go to [GiveToWashburn.org/GiveNow](https://www.givetowashburn.org/givenow).

STAYING FOCUSED

Student-athlete excels in classroom, on field with scholarships

By Lauren Cunningham • lcunningham@wufoundation.org

Connor Crimmins grew up hearing about Washburn University.

His parents, two grandparents and an uncle all graduated from Washburn, and his father played football as an Ichabod. Naturally, following family tradition played a factor in Crimmins' college decision, but the scholarships and opportunities at Washburn were what really inspired him to become an Ichabod.

"Washburn had more to offer me, especially in terms of scholarships. That support has allowed me to pursue the major that I wanted," he said.

Crimmins, a junior marketing major and leadership studies minor from Topeka, receives academic and athletic scholarships. He is a wide receiver on Washburn's football team and an outfielder on the baseball team.

He appreciates that he is able to play both sports at Washburn.

"I didn't want to give one up," he said. "My coaches have been very understanding."

As a Topeka native, Crimmins was familiar with campus and had been to a few athletic events, which made for a smooth transition to becoming an Ichabod.

"I've always been around Washburn, so I knew what it was like, and because of that, it was

easier to decide to come here," Crimmins said.

Even though he has a busy schedule juggling sports practices and his class load, he has learned how to manage his time.

"Sometimes it's easier for me to be busy. I have a set schedule, which keeps me organized," Crimmins said. "I think I would lose focus if I wasn't doing so much."

Washburn baseball coach Steve Anson said that Crimmins does well maintaining a balance.

"Being a two-sport athlete, you don't really have downtime," he said. "To balance academic requirements while playing two sports, you must be very disciplined. Connor has become a good time manager."

Crimmins would like to coach at the college level, but he is also interested in working in sports marketing after he receives his degree. Scholarships have inspired him to focus on academics while pursuing his interest in sports.

"The support I have received makes me respect Washburn and my time here even more," he said. "It keeps me focused, and I try to do my best to show that I deserve the scholarships that I have received." 🙌

MORE ABOUT CRIMMINS

Read more about the Washburn Alumni Association scholarship that Connor Crimmins received at washburn.edu/alumni-scholarship.

SUPPORT

Scholarships provide a pathway to success for every student, regardless of field or finances, and reinforce what is at the heart of Washburn — to provide a world-class education for anyone who is willing to work for it. To support scholarships, a major component of 150 Forward: The Campaign for Washburn University, please go to GiveToWashburn.org/GiveNow.



Connor Crimmins, a junior marketing major and leadership studies minor, says the scholarship support he has received helps him stay focused while juggling his class load and his football and baseball schedules.




ALUMNI NEWS

REAP THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Washburn Alumni Association is committed to giving our members “More Bod for Your Buck.” In the past few months, we’ve added more than 50 discounts to our benefits package, bringing the total number of Topeka-area and national discounts to more than 90.

In addition to receiving these discounts and a number of other benefits, your dues help the Alumni Association in funding many of our events, including After Hours, football tailgates before each home game and our scholarship fund, which provides financial support for dozens of students each year.

We offer several benefit packages, ranging from \$10 for an annual student membership to \$500 for a lifetime membership. Visit washburn.edu/alumni-membership for more information about membership options and our benefits package.

For more information, contact assistant director Megan Toth at 785.670.1641. 

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WE ASKED. YOU ANSWERED.



Last fall, 1,274 alumni responded to an Eduventures Inc. survey inviting input on Washburn University engagement preferences. This feedback will help shape programs and communications that create value and deepen connections with campus, other alumni and students. To ensure your insights are included on the next email survey, visit GiveToWashburn.org/updateyourinfo to update your contact information.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HONORS FIVE

The Alumni Awards banquet is at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the Memorial Union. A cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7 p.m. The Alumni Association will honor five individuals at the event: Elsie (Medlin) Lesser, ba '65; Mark Nordstrom, bba '72, b ed '75; Darrell Parnell, bs '56; Laura Burton, ba '05; as well as Washburn administrator Nancy Tate, associate vice president for academic affairs.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes alumni who have distinguished careers, brought honor to Washburn through accomplishments and made an impact on society, the Alumni Association and community.



2014 HONOREE: Elsie (Medlin) Lesser, ba '65, Topeka
Lesser's commitment to Washburn spans six decades, from her time as a student to her work as the University's director of student affairs and executive director of the Washburn Alumni Association.

A member of the Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees, Lesser is a recipient of the school's Ruth Garvey Fink Award and assisted in developing the first plans for an alumni center on campus.

Lesser's service to the community includes the Junior League of Topeka, the advisory board of the Presbyterian Manor and board of directors for the Topeka Library Foundation and Association of Continuing Legal Education Administrators.

Lesser on Washburn: "Washburn afforded me career opportunities that expanded my world and provided me the chance to do what I loved. If you hang around Washburn long enough, you meet and enjoy a multitude of great people from all backgrounds and experiences. I learned to dream, to see dreams come true and to be tolerant and supportive of the dreams of others."



2014 HONOREE: Mark Nordstrom, bba '72, b ed '75, Topeka
Nordstrom is the co-founder of Monarch Management Corp. and has served as president of the company since 1991.

He has devoted his career to student accident, student athletic and other insurance products design for youth. A tennis star in college, Nordstrom is a member of the Washburn Athletics Hall of Fame and serves as a member of the Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees. He is a member of the Foundation's development committee and the Ichabod Athletic Fund board of directors.

Nordstrom was named Washburn Ichabod of the Year in 2012, received the national silver medallion award from the Boys and Girls Club in 2005 and was inducted into the Topeka Tennis Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

Nordstrom on Washburn: "Choosing Washburn was the best decision I ever made. Washburn was the right place for me then and now. ... The Washburn experience continues to contribute to my life and to all Topekans. ... Topeka is a much better place to live because of Washburn University and its graduates."

LILLA DAY MONROE AWARD

Recognizes women who have distinguished themselves as teachers, instructors, administrators or benefactors at Washburn.



2014 HONOREE: Nancy Tate, associate vice president, academic affairs, Topeka

Tate began her career at Washburn in 1985 as an assistant professor of mathematics and computer information sciences and has held a number of titles.

She is the associate vice president for academic affairs and has served as interim director of undergraduate studies and programs, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, interim dean of the School of Applied

Studies and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Tate received the MANA De Topeka Education Award in 2012 and is a member of Washburn women's honor society NoNoSo. A native of Chanute, she received Neosho County Community College's Distinguished Alumna Award in 1999.

Tate on Washburn: "One of the best decisions I ever made was to accept an academic position at this university. I have had the good fortune to be mentored by wonderful role models at each successive position I have held, and I am grateful for their willingness to share the secrets to their success and for their faith in my ability to handle the challenges presented to me over the years."

COL. JOHN RITCHIE AWARD

Recognizes men who have distinguished themselves as teachers, instructors, administrators or benefactors at Washburn.



2014 HONOREE: Darrell Parnell, bs '56, longtime professor of physics and astronomy, Topeka

Parnell was a professor at Washburn for 43 years, including more than 20 years as chairman of the department of physics and astronomy. A Topeka native, he received a diploma from Topeka High in 1952 and a bachelor of science in physics from Washburn in 1956.

He served in the Air Force for four years and received the

Excellence in Teaching Award at Washburn. His extensive community service includes being a ruling elder for the Topeka Reformed Presbyterian Church since 1965 and lecturing before numerous civic and religious groups on astronomy and science.

Parnell on Washburn: "Washburn prepared me to fulfill my sixth-grade dream to be a teacher in a school setting. ... After completing my master's degree, I was called into the Air Force. Toward the end of my commitment on active duty, Dr. Alexander called and asked if I would like to teach in the physics department. I said 'YES!' ... The rest is history."

GRADUATE OF THE LAST DECADE (GOLD) AWARD

Honors recent alumni who demonstrate leadership in career or civic endeavors and loyalty to Washburn.




2014 HONOREE: Laura Burton, ba '05, Topeka

Burton is a community liaison at Midland Care Connection, where she markets the company's range of health care services. Before working at her current position, she was a public education coordinator for the Topeka

YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment.

Her community and professional service includes working as a graphic artist for The Craftivists art collective

and serving as a member of the YWCA Concealed Revealed Art Auction planning committee. Burton was named to the Greater Topeka's 20 Under 40 by the Jayhawk Area Council in 2013 and honored as volunteer of the quarter by the Topeka Correctional Facility in 2012.

Burton on Washburn: "Washburn provides excellent liberal arts education, which is exactly what young professionals need. My career has benefited from my ability to think critically and quickly pick up new skills. ... Political science gave me a good background in many of these fields, but more importantly, my degree produced the ability to think through problems from all the angles." 

ONLINE

For more from the Alumni Awards, visit washburn.edu/alumni-awards.

CAMPUS NEWS

ICHABODS IN NICARAGUA By Michaela Saunders • michaela.saunders@washburn.edu

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA— Arriving after sunset on New Year's Day, 15 Ichabods were giddy with anticipation as their tour bus made its way to Quaker House. There was no way they could have known how different they would be on their return trip 16 days later.

"We'll leave as Kansans and return as Nicaraguans," Rick Ellis often said before the trip. Most of the students, representing a range of ages, majors and years at Washburn, couldn't relate to what he meant.

They can now.

Ichabods have traveled to Nicaragua as guests of the non-governmental organization ProNica for each of the last eight years. The Quaker non-profit is based in Florida and works to build solidarity between "North Americans," as U.S. citizens are called, and Nicaraguans. Quaker House serves as home base for the university and religious groups ProNica hosts.

Washburn's most recent group experienced Nicaragua in many ways by visiting several of ProNica's service-

providing partners throughout the Central American country, learning from historical experts and local guides and living with families for four days in a rural village called El Limon.

"The people of El Limon are my second family now," said Suzie Fields, a senior in psychology from Cummings, Kan. This was her third trip to Nicaragua with Ellis, who directs the Center for Civic and Community Engagement and its Learning in the Community program. "The first trip, I was so far from the person I am now. This has really helped me figure out who I am."

Like Fields, many students who have made the trip are planning to return to Nicaragua. The people they met, lessons they learned, stories they were told and challenges they faced will resonate for years to come. Some now say they know more about Nicaraguan history than American history.

There was a visit to a former prison, where freedom fighters known in Nicaragua as Sandinistas were held by the Somoza dictatorship. And the chance

to hear the story of a woman called Dona Mina, whose son left to be one of those fighters when he was just 14 years old. He was killed by U.S.-trained Nicaraguan Special Forces.


The woman, who runs a museum preserving the memory of the hundreds from her community who died in the fighting from 1969 to 1979, said through an interpreter: "We still struggle and fight to keep this history alive and let people know what happened. We weren't thinking 'let's put a museum together.' We were doing it for the younger generation." Today, foreign visitors are more common than Nicaraguan ones. Understanding that history was a primary purpose of the trip. The other: service.

The Ichabods saw the difference they made in four days of sanding, scrubbing and painting at the community center and preschool in El Limon. (The sidewalk at the center bares the names of the former Ichabod visitors who built it.)

They felt the difference when they decided to give bananas to a child

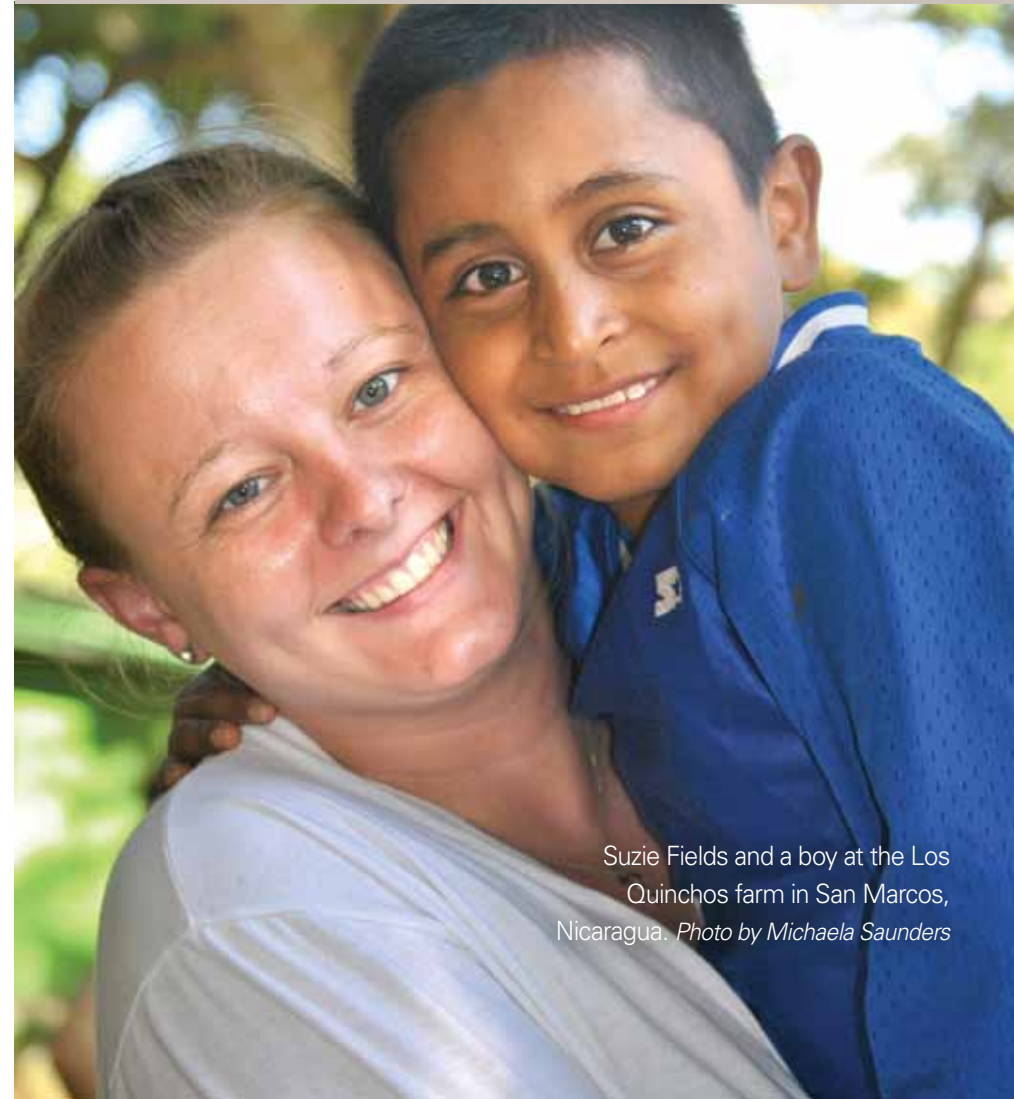
begging on the street and watched his dance of appreciation. And when they visited children under the care of Los Quinchos in the town of San Marcos. The Ichabods brought a piñata to a home for formerly abused young girls, which brought out genuine joy and laughter. The students shared hugs, played soccer and climbed trees to pick fresh clementines at a farm that serves as the second step

in a treatment program for boys recovering from addiction to sniffing shoe-repair glue.

"I could have stayed there for a month," said Laura Highland, a senior in human services from the Kansas City area. "I liked that each place we went was a non-profit. That's what I want to do someday. Each place we learned something more." 

ONLINE

Learn more about the trip to Nicaragua and each of the organizations mentioned in this story by visiting blog.washburn.edu/nicaragua.



Suzie Fields and a boy at the Los Quinchos farm in San Marcos, Nicaragua. Photo by Michaela Saunders



The Washburn group is pictured here with staff, volunteers and residents of Los Quinchos' Yahoska girls' home in San Marcos. Front row: Yahoska residents; second row: Rolando Ruiz (the group's bus driver), six Yahoska residents and a ProNica volunteer; third row: Yahoska staff member, resident, Laura Highland, Sam Finley, Tara Phillips, Rachel Beiker, Katy Davis, Meghan McGuire, Ashonte Tell, Aldo Marcel (ProNica guide) and Rick Ellis; fourth row: Lucy Dale (ProNica guide), Jenna Frick, Suzie Fields, Nathan Robertson; back row: Los Quinchos director Carlos Vidal, Travis Bussen, Wyatt Robinett, Deanna Goracke, and Katarzyna Potocka. Photo by Michaela Saunders

GENEVA SEYBOLD'S LEGACY

Washburn students who travel abroad typically do so with the support of a scholarship. Geneva Seybold, ba '21, left an estate gift in 2004 that now allows Washburn to offer about \$50,000 in scholarships annually to study abroad students.

Scholarship amounts are based on how far the student is traveling and whether he or she is completing the International Washburn Transformational Experience (nearly all of the students on the trip to Nicaragua are completing the WTE's requirements). Seybold's gift has gone a long way toward creating a culture at Washburn where students like Suzie Fields, who traveled to Nicaragua for the third time this year, are known by the Office of International Programs as "study abroad majors."

Seybold's gift also is allowing many students to experience their first plane rides, polish language skills and discover new cultures. And it is letting those who travel on faculty-led service trips, like the one to Nicaragua and others to Belize and Costa Rica, to help citizens of countries they'd only read about.

Seybold, who earned an English degree, traveled the world for one year as a young woman after saving \$1,500 and quitting her job.

"If you want to build your dreams and you want to be changed, she wanted to make sure you could do that — forever," said JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University Foundation, during a program this fall recognizing study abroad scholarship recipients. "Take her dream and her intent and run with it."

MABEE ENHANCING STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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

Replacing the front doors of the building proved to be symbolic for Mabee Library during recent renovations, a clear sign that students are taking full advantage of the facility.

“We had to put new front doors on the building because the students literally wore the old doors out,” said Alan Bearman, dean of libraries. “That says quite a bit about what we’re trying to do at Washburn and at the library.”

The renovations at Mabee began during the fall 2013 semester and were completed earlier this year. Highlights include a new tutoring and writing center on the third floor and a remodeled office area on the main floor to accommodate the Center for Student Success, which includes the tutoring and writing center, academic advising, academic testing and First Year Experience (FYE).

The expansion of the tutoring and writing center, which includes more than 30 student tutors (many peer educators from the FYE program), had an immediate impact, said Sean Bird, assistant dean of libraries.

“When I first started here (in 2007), we were not seeing that many students in the center,” he said. “In October alone, we saw more than 700, and that number is growing.”

The project included adding a second classroom with 25 computers, building a conference room/study room on the main level

and customizing dozens of work areas to accommodate a variety of student needs and study habits.

“Some students want a good, old-fashioned single work space, so we have single work spaces in one area,” Bearman said. “Some students want group work spaces, and some students want a place where they can spread out. What we’ve tried to do is cater those spaces to our students.”

Mabee continues to expand its technological offerings, including Washburn Engage, 42-inch touch screen that displays volunteer opportunities in the community. Overall, the library has more than 250 computers available, including iPads, laptops and desktops on the Apple and Microsoft operating systems.

“We know students are not cookie-cutter, and we want to offer them what they need to be successful,” Bird said. “It’s important that we provide these tools of technology.”

Hours of operation is another significant change at Mabee. At the beginning of the current semester, the library opened its doors 24 hours for five days a week. The 24-hour, five-day period begins at 1 p.m. Sunday and concludes at 6 p.m. Friday. Mabee is open from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

“What we’ve done and continue to do is focus on the student,” Bearman said. “In this case, we’ve given them exactly what they want with the 24/5 schedule. Like the University, we’re committed to students, and it’s making a big difference.”

Renovations also feature walls displaying the Ichabod mascot, crest and University motto, “Non Nobis Solum,” translated as “Not for Ourselves Alone.”

“What we’re doing is identity building,” Bearman said. “Our FYE students know what the motto means, but some of our students do not. When they see that motto, they ask what it means, and that starts a conversation about Washburn. It builds a connection with the University for our students.”

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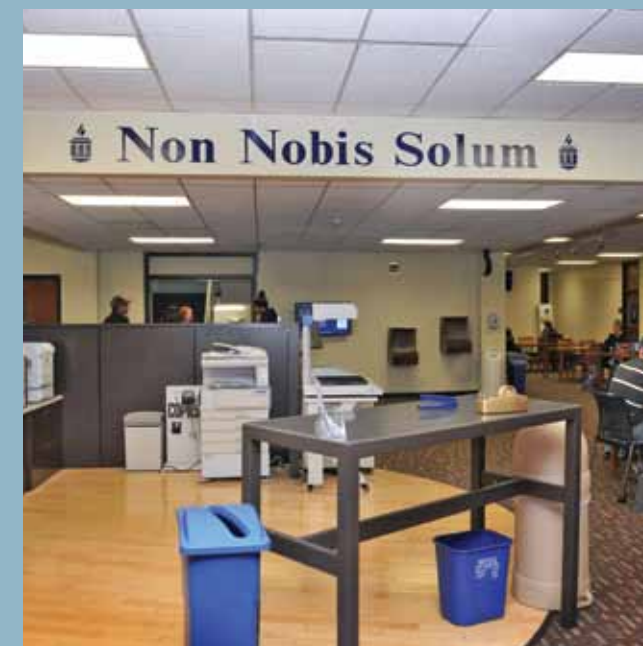
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A multitude of classroom settings provides students and faculty with a number of options for learning and teaching. Photo by Peggy Clark



A variety of work stations cater to a number of student needs. The renovations at Mabee were completed earlier this year and unveiled during an open house in March. Photo by Peggy Clark



Washburn’s motto, “Non Nobis Solum” (Not for Ourselves Alone), is displayed in the library. “Many of our students, faculty and staff know what it means. For those who don’t, this is a great conversation-starter,” said Alan Bearman, dean of libraries. Photo by Peggy Clark

MUNZER NEW DEAN OF SCHOOL OF APPLIED STUDIES

By Ernie W. Webb III
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When Pat Munzer began working at Washburn, she spent most of her time teaching in Benton Hall, a building that at that time doubled as student housing.

Much has changed during her 30-year career at Washburn, including her job title. During the fall semester, Munzer was named dean of the School of Applied Studies.

“The third and fourth floor of Benton were still being used as a dorm, and SAS faculty and staff were on the first floor and a few on the second floor,” Munzer said. “We really started to grow in the 1980s, and by the 1990s the University remodeled Benton, ending its use as a dorm, as we expanded to meet the University and community needs.”

Munzer began teaching courses at Washburn in 1983 while working in the University of Kansas Medical Center’s respiratory therapy program.

She joined Washburn in 1984 as the director of the respiratory therapy program at Washburn and has worked as a professor, chairwoman of the allied health department, interim associate vice president of academic affairs and interim dean of the School of Applied Studies.

“Pat has been a valuable member of our faculty and administration for many years and has demonstrated the qualities important to being dean,” said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn. “She is a consummate professional and is a respected leader in her field.”

As the School of Applied Studies

dean, Munzer directs the school’s four departments: allied health, criminal justice and legal studies, human services and social work. The School has about 1,250 majors and places more than 500 students in internship, clinical and practicum experiences at more than 400 agencies during an academic year.

“I’m still in the learning stages for some of the departments, but the main goal is to have a common theme on where we want to go as a school,” Munzer said. “My goal is to meet with all faculty and staff in the school (about 50 individuals), see what we have in common and hear their ideas, then move forward with some of those ideas.”



Pat Munzer has worked at Washburn for 30 years. The new dean of the School of Applied Studies directs a school that has more than 1,200 majors. Photo by Peggy Clark

ABOUT PAT MUNZER

- Munzer grew up in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She received an associate of science degree from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., bachelor and master of science degrees from Pittsburg State and a doctor of health science from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
- Family includes her husband of 35 years, Kent Munzer, son Daniel and daughters Katrina and Jennifer.
- Hobbies: Reading, crafts, knitting and sewing.
- Favorite movie: “Mystic Pizza.”
- She is a big hockey fan. “I was working at Mount Sinai Hospital the day the U.S. hockey team won the gold medal (during the 1980 Winter Olympics). I remember working in the critical care unit, working with a patient who had never watched hockey before and explaining the game. I remember we won the game for the hockey gold medal and I had the person who operates the Hospital Intercom system announce that the U.S. Hockey team had won.”



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BACK TO SCHOOL

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When I told Barbara Burgess, a longtime professor of mass media and my adviser, that I wasn’t sure what I was going to do after graduation, she had a simple solution: “You really should just go straight to graduate school and get your master’s degree. It’ll only take you a couple of years.”

My response, in addition to an agitated groan, was just as simple: “Absolutely not. I’m done. Eighteen years of school is enough. I don’t need a master’s degree.”

I’m certain she remembered that brief conversation when I called her 14 years later asking for a letter of recommendation, a requirement for admission to the master of liberal studies program at Washburn.

“Oh, really? Of course I’ll give you a letter.”

Now, she didn’t say, “I told you so.” She didn’t have to. The chuckle was more than enough.

I was a little surprised she even remembered who I was, though I shouldn’t have been. This is, after all, Washburn.

I thought about Burgess as I walked to my first class in more than 14 years last August, and I thought about all the things I learned as an undergraduate student.

I also remembered how nervous I was during my first day on campus in 1996, partly because Burgess made us speak in front of the entire class (I’d pretty much planned the first 20 years of my academic career around avoiding public speaking).

That familiar “What am I doing here?” feeling settled into the pit of my stomach as I sat down for an Introduction to Graduate Research in Liberal Studies course, step one in earning an, ahem, master’s degree.

Each student had to get up in front of the class, taught this time by Mark Peterson, chairman and

professor of political science, and introduce themselves. Talk about déjà vu.

The nerves fizzled during the next few classes. As is the case with every course at Washburn, it was a small class. That meant more personal interaction with the professor. It also meant more time to bond with classmates.

Just as I had more than a decade ago, I looked forward to class every Wednesday evening. We all did. Outside of the classroom, we often discussed how much we enjoyed Dr. Peterson’s lectures, candor and support.



Among the classes Mark Peterson, professor, political science, taught during the fall 2013 semester was Introduction to Graduate Research in Liberal Studies. Peterson’s connection with students epitomizes the Washburn experience. Photo by Peggy Clark

There have been plenty of changes inside the classrooms at Washburn. New desks, new equipment, new technology and, of course, new (mostly) students. But the things that matter the most (excellence in teaching, the atmosphere) haven’t.

Besides, if I’d taken Dr. Burgess’ advice at age 22, I might not appreciate the Washburn experience as much as I do at age 37.



GIFTS MAKE PHI DELTA PROJECT REALITY

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Senior computer information sciences major Patrick Towle, left, and senior anthropology major Patrick Barry lived in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house after it reopened following the renovations.

When two Washburn University alumni, the late Ronald Richey, ba '49, jd '51, honorary doctor of commerce '89, and Robert Taggart, ba '51, Topeka, had the vision to renovate the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house, more than 100 alumni came together to make the project a reality.

Richey and Taggart led planning and fundraising efforts for the nearly \$2 million, multi-year project.

Fraternity members moved into the renovated house in the fall of 2011.

Gifts of all sizes came from Phi Delta Theta alumni, including a group of young alumni who saw an opportunity to give back to the fraternity that had given them so much. Some Phi Delta Theta members like Brady Rothrock, bba '11, Overland Park, Kan., and Phil Sanders, as '10, ba '10, certificate in diagnostic medical sonography '11, Olathe, Kan., even made pledges as students.

"The house was a big part of my learning process and my development, and I wanted to make sure that

the guys down the road had a house and the same opportunities," Rothrock said.

Daniel Usera, ba '08, Lansing, Kan., made his pledge as a graduate student at the University of Iowa.

"I had been thinking about giving, but as a new graduate, I didn't have a lot of money," he said. "I realized it's not as much about what you give; it's about giving what you can. I think that is what drove the sense of community with this project."

Sanders was impressed by how many current members and alumni contributed in any way they could.

"Members were encouraging each other to help, and alumni were contacting other alumni and calling their

pledge brothers," he said.

Today, students like senior computer information sciences major Patrick Towle, Topeka, and senior anthropology major Patrick Barry, Kansas City, Mo., get to experience firsthand the results of the project.

"I love that alumni had the opportunity to put their names on rooms around the house," said Towle, who took alumnus status with the fraternity during the spring 2014 semester. "It's another type of connection that they still have with the fraternity."

Barry added, "It's a story of how guys like me had such a positive experience that they wanted to give back. It's inspiring. I hope I will want to do the same."

Younger alumni often feel like they can't give much, Rothrock said, but every gift matters.

"Contributions en masse can make a big difference. If you want to give back, and do that every year, it can become a substantial amount of money because it adds up over time," he said.

Usera said his involvement with the project encouraged him to continue a habit of giving.

"Giving was a very personal thing for me. Going back, seeing the results of my gift and being happy with the results — that showed me that this is what giving can do," Usera said. "And because I started giving shortly after I graduated, I'm more likely to give in the future." 🙌





THE PERFECT CHOICE

Washburn experience serves as springboard to NFL for Folkerts

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

A chance was all Brian Folkerts (64) needed to earn a spot on an NFL roster. The former Washburn star is an offensive lineman for the Carolina Panthers. *Photo courtesy of Carolina Panthers*

“Is it really over?”

That thought entered Brian Folkerts’ mind last September when he was waived by the Carolina Panthers two games into the 2013 season.

“That was kind of a dark time for me,” he said. “Nobody wants to hang them up. Fortunately, I got a second chance, and that makes you cherish it that much more.”

The Panthers signed Folkerts, an all-conference offensive lineman who played at Washburn from 2008 to 2011, to their practice squad on Sept. 21, just two days after waiving him. Three weeks later, Carolina added Folkerts back to the active roster.

The 6-foot-4, 305-pounder made the most of the second opportunity, playing in 10 of Carolina’s final 12 regular-season games and in an NFC divisional round playoff game.

“It was a blessing to get another shot,” Folkerts said. “I made the 53-man roster out of camp and was active for the first two games, but we had three defensive backs who got hurt and they needed to make room to bring in new defensive backs, so I went back down to the practice squad. As soon as they were healthy, I came back up.

“Nothing is given to you in the NFL. You have to earn your spot and have to keep working hard.”

Overcoming long odds is nothing new to the Florissant, Mo., native. Despite earning all-state honors at Hazelwood Central High School, a traditional state power, Folkerts wasn’t heavily recruited.

“I was 6-foot-3 and 250 pounds, and a lot of schools told me I was too small. Some wouldn’t take anybody below 280 pounds,” he said. “Washburn was a smaller school, looking for the right

player, and they gave me a chance. And that’s all I needed.”

Folkerts made an impact immediately at Washburn, earning honorable mention all-conference honors as a freshman and second-team accolades as a sophomore. He made first-team all-Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association during his junior and senior seasons in 2010 and 2011.

During his four-year career, the Ichabods were 32-15, won the Kanza Bowl in 2010 and recorded the school’s first playoff victory with a 52-49 win against Abilene Christian in 2011.

“I had a great time at Washburn. Looking back on it, it was the perfect choice,” Folkerts said. “The school is great, the small class size really helps. I really enjoy being there.”

Folkerts said he isn’t done learning at Washburn. He’s one semester short of completing a double major in marketing and management.

“I’m definitely going to finish my degree there. Absolutely,” he said. “I almost went back to Washburn during the fall before things worked out with the Panthers. It’s a great school, and it’s important to have your degree.”



Brian Folkerts was waived early in the season but returned to the active roster shortly thereafter. He played in 10 games and was a member of Carolina’s NFC South championship team. *Photo courtesy of Carolina Panthers*

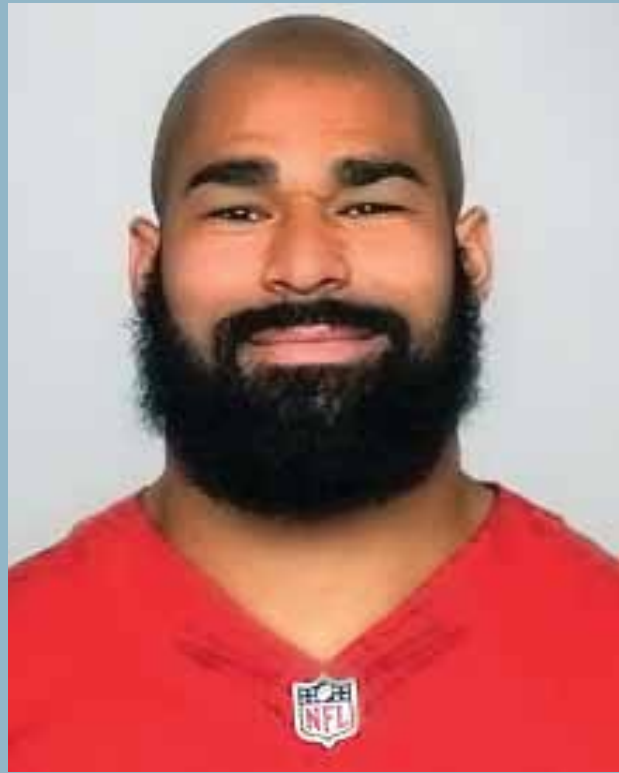
ABOUT BRIAN FOLKERTS

FROM: Florissant, Mo. Played football at Hazelwood Central High School, a traditional power that has won several state championships in Missouri.

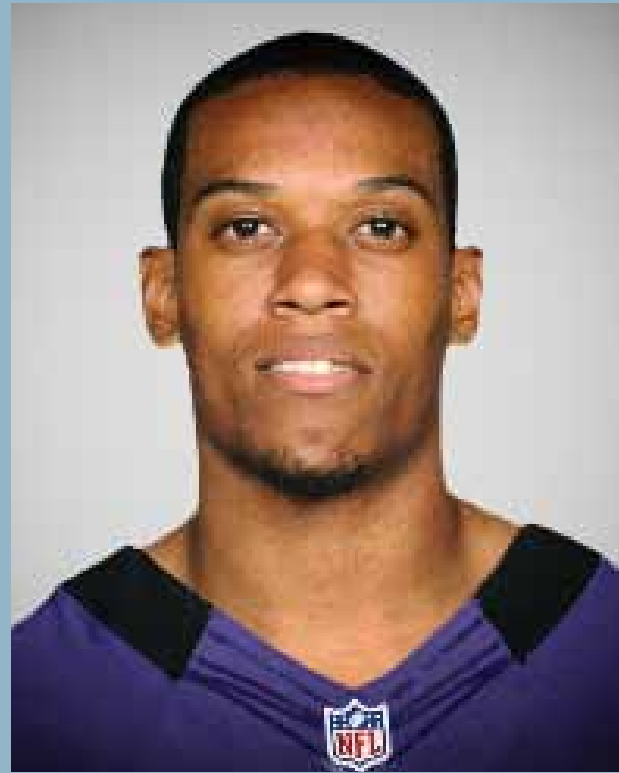
AT WASHBURN: Was all-conference four straight seasons, including first-team as a junior and senior. Ichabods offense consistently ranked among the top in Division II during his career. Pursuing a bachelor of business degree in marketing and management.

IN THE NFL: Undrafted, but signed as a rookie free agent by New Orleans. Waived by Saints during preseason in 2012, but was briefly on Tampa Bay’s practice squad. Signed by Carolina as a free agent in 2013, made the team out of camp and played 10 of 16 regular-season games.

NICKNAME: “Caveman Center.” The moniker is a product of Folkerts’ long hair, beard and self-described “caveman-ish features.”



Michael Wilhoite Photo courtesy of San Francisco 49ers



Cary Williams Photo courtesy of Baltimore Ravens

WILHOITE JUST MISSES SECOND STRAIGHT TRIP TO SUPER BOWL

Washburn just missed having a former player in the Super Bowl for the second consecutive season when the Seattle Seahawks rallied in the second half to edge the San Francisco 49ers 23-17 in the NFC championship game.

Michael Wilhoite, who joined San Francisco's active roster late in the 2012 season and played in Super Bowl XLVII, enjoyed another solid year during his first full season on an NFL active roster.

Wilhoite, ba '10, who starred at Highland Park High School in Topeka, played in all 16 regular-season games, including a pair of starts at linebacker. He had 34 tackles and was a mainstay on special teams for the second straight year.

In 2013, two former Ichabods – Wilhoite and former All-America Cary Williams – squared off in the "Wuper Bowl," which placed the spotlight on Washburn, the first non-Division I school with two players in the sport's biggest game since Super Bowl XXXVI after the 2001 season.

A year later, two former Ichabods battled for a spot

in the NFC championship game when Wilhoite's 49ers traveled to Carolina in a divisional game against the Panthers and former Washburn star Brian Folkerts.

"We looked across the field and gave each other a little head nod, but you don't want to be too buddy-buddy in a game like that," said Folkerts, an offensive lineman. "It was a lot of fun being in that game, playing at the highest level in the playoffs. There was a little talking after plays."

San Francisco dominated the second half, advancing to the conference title game with a 23-10 win.

Williams, who signed a three-year, \$17 million contract with the Philadelphia Eagles after helping Baltimore to the championship last season, also played in the playoffs, giving Washburn three former Ichabods in the postseason.

Philadelphia, the NFC East champion, lost 26-24 in the opening round against the New Orleans Saints. Williams started 16 games at cornerback for the Eagles, registering 67 tackles and three interceptions.



CLASS NOTES

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1950S

Marilyn (Pauley) Diehl, ba '56, Madison, Ala., is author of "Once Upon a War, The Diary of a Waiting Wife." She is a member Zeta Tau Alpha and was a member of Pi Gamma Mu, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, the Review staff and Young Republicans.

1960S

Tom Adrian, bba '66, jd '69, Newton, Kan., was appointed to the board of directors for Bethel College. His law firm, Adrian and Pankratz, Attorneys at Law, celebrated its 40-year anniversary in 2013. Adrian is a member of Alpha Delta and was a member of Young Democrats, Sagamore, the debate team, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Phi Alpha Delta and student council.

Kathleen (Ross) Bell, b ed '67, Texarkana, Ark., is a retired teacher. She taught for more than 40 years in the Texarkana school district. She was a member of the Independent Student Association at Washburn.

David Denton, bs '82, Stockton, Kan., wrote an ebook titled "The Painted People," a story about a man and his family's unintentional search for their meaning in life.

Denton retired after serving as the sheriff of Rooks County. **Mike Haas**, jd '69, Hoxie, Kan., retired as attorney for Sheridan County after more than 40 years, the longest serving, continuously elected county attorney in state history. He also served in the National Guard during his career and continues to operate his private firm.

Gary Peer, ba '63, Stephenville, Texas, gave commencement speeches at Adams State University, Alamosa, Colo., and Texas A&M-Commerce. He also was nominated for a distinguished alumni award to be conferred at Emporia State in October 2014. Peer played football at Washburn. **Judy (Stuenkel) Soule**, ba '62, med '84, Topeka, was inducted into the Topeka High School Hall of Fame. She is a member of Delta Gamma and NoNoSo and was a member of Angel Flight, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Washburn Belles and the Kaw yearbook staff.

A.J. Wachter, jd '69, Pittsburg, Kan., was reappointed as chief judge of the 11th judicial district.

1970S

Russell Ash, jd '72, Topeka, retired as staff attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel for the Kansas Department of Transportation. **Larry Hapgood**, jd '72, Topeka,

was appointed to the Kansas Guardianship Program board of directors by Gov. Sam Brownback. He was an intern at the law clinic while at Washburn. **Charles Peckham**, ba '71, Atwood, Kan., was appointed to the Solid Waste Grants Advisory Committee by Gov. Sam Brownback. He is a partner at the law firm Brown, Creighton and Peckham.

Kent Roth, jd '79, Ellinwood, Kan., is an attorney and former state lawmaker. An attorney in Great Bend for 25 years, Roth was a member of the legislature in the late 1970s and early 1980s. **Guy Steier**, ba '79, jd '82, Clyde, Kan., was reappointed to a four-year term on the Behavioral Health Services Planning Council by Gov. Sam Brownback. He is the magistrate judge for Cloud County. Steier was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Sagamore, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and the law journal staff at Washburn.

1980S

Louis Angles, jd '88, Excelsior Springs, Mo., was appointed as division two associate circuit judge for the seventh judicial circuit in Clay County by Gov. Jay Nixon. **Anthony Berens**, bs '80, Troy, Mich., retired after 28 years

of working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He also worked at the Shawnee County Sheriff Department and Kansas Highway Patrol. **Steve Boyer**, bba '85, Shawnee, Kan., is the vice president

of distribution and pricing administration for Suture Express Inc. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Sigma Psi. **Michel' (Philipp) Cole**, ba '85, Topeka, is vice president of corporate communications and public affairs for Westar Energy.

Shari Feist Albrecht, jd '84, Topeka, was elected as chairwoman of the Kansas Corporation Commission. **David Iglizzio**, jd '86, Cranston, R.I., is an attorney and former state senator in Rhode Island. He was a member of Delta Theta Phi at Washburn.

Lisa (Dankenbring) Jones, aa '85, bs '94, jd '97, Fort Meyers, Fla., is legal counsel at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Meyers. She previously worked as the Washburn University legal counsel and secretary of the Washburn Board of Regents. **Kevin McDermed**, mba '84, Atchison, Kan., was promoted to president and chief operating officer of Bradken's engineered products division.

Darrell Moore, bba '88, Wichita,

Kan., was named to the Butler County Community College advisory board. He works at Via Christi Health.

Jennie (Plummer) Newbrand, ba '83, Corinth, Texas, owns an online business. She and husband Kurt celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in June and have three children.

Damian Strohmeier, bba '80, Lexington, Mass., had a photo exhibit, "Faces of Lexington," at the Cary Memorial Library in January. A renowned photographer, he has worked for the Topeka Capital-Journal, Denver Post and Sports Illustrated. Stohmeier, a former Wake Up With Washburn speaker, is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

1990S

Theresa Bogner, jd '93, Wichita, Kan., is a contract attorney for the Kansas Department for Child and Families, Child Support Services. She was an intern at the law clinic and a member of the law journal staff.

Tom Borrego, jd '93, Hutchinson, Kan., was appointed to the executive staff of the Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System. He was an intern at the law clinic while at Washburn. **Ryan Fitts**, mba '96, Fort Smith, Ark., was promoted to director of logistics at Baldor.

Carreen Gibbons, ba '95, Wichita, Kan., is the online marketing manager for Riordan Clinic in Wichita. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and was a member of the Student Alumni Association.

Kevin Grauberger, jd '98, Topeka, joined the law firm Fisher, Patterson, Saylor and Smith as an associate lawyer. He was notes editor of the law journal at Washburn.

Tim Laird, ba '97, Melbourne, Fla., was elected medical staff president of Viera Hospital for 2014-15. He has a family practice and is regional medical director for his physicians group, directing 40 doctors. Laird is married with four children. He was a member of the Chemistry Club and Sagamore while at Washburn.

Richard "Rocky" Nichols, ba '93, bba '93, Topeka, was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Kansas State Rehabilitation Council. Nichols is the executive director of the Disability Rights Center. He was a member of Sagamore while at Washburn.

Ryan Sciarra, bs '98, Kansas City, Mo., is the owner of Underdog Wine Co. in Kansas City. He previously was managing partner of Cellar Rat Wine Merchants.

Shane Spangler, ba '97, b music '97, Fairview, Kan., is the pastor at churches in Hiawatha and Fairview, Kan., and a published composer. A pianist, he has played in several venues and currently studies at the Conservatory of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Spangler was a member of Phi Sigma Iota and Phi Beta Kappa at Washburn. **Lisa Taylor**, ba '98, Topeka, is the public information director for the Kansas Supreme Court.

Sergei Thomas, jd '90, Thornton, Colo., is an associate at the law firm

Matthews and Matthews PC. He was an intern at the law clinic while at Washburn.

2000S

Tom Beall, jd '00, Topeka, is the first assistant in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Kansas. He previously served as an adjunct instructor in the School of Law.

Bill Crooks, bba '01, mba '06, Olathe, Kan., was promoted to senior customer relations manager at Corbion. He was a member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and played baseball at Washburn.

Lindsey Douglas, bpa '04, Topeka, is the director of state relations for the University of Kansas. She was a member of the volleyball team at Washburn.

Quincie (Senne) Ingram, bba '00, mba '10, Topeka, passed the certified public accountant exam and is a financial analyst at the Kansas Office of the Attorney General. She was a member of the MBA Association at Washburn.

Brad Irvin, ba '09, Wichita, Kan., is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He is a member of Delta Chi and was a member of the American Medical Student Association.

Ingrid (Robinson) Liby, ba '05, Redlands, Calif., is a first-grade teacher at Valley Preparatory School. She and husband Donald had a baby girl, Mallory Mae, on June 24.

Scott Maley, ba '06, Emporia, Kan., is a physician at Newman Regional Health in Emporia. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. **Edward Robinson**, jd '05, Wichita, Kan., was appointed as chairman of the board of editors for the Journal of the Kansas Association for Justice. He is an attorney at Joseph, Hollander and Craft. Robinson worked on the law journal staff while at Washburn. **Kana (Lydick) Roller**, bba '04, jd '07, Overland Park, Kan., was named as a top 40 under 40 trial lawyer in Kansas and Missouri by the National Trial Lawyers Association. She is an attorney at Stevens and Brand. Roller was an intern in the law clinic at Washburn. **Aundrea Shafer**, ba '08, Scranton, Kan., is a health promotion specialist at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department. She was a member of LinC and a Bonner Leader at Washburn. **Tabitha Reist Steiner**, b music '00, Topeka, teaches harp at Washburn and Baker University and performs with the Topeka Symphony Orchestra and other regional ensembles. She is a member of NoNoSo. **Zach Watkins**, bba '09, Independence, Mo., is co-defensive coordinator for Washburn's football team. He played football at Washburn and was a member of the Student-Athletes Advisory Committee. **Jennifer Wickersham**, jd '03, Concordia, Kan., is a partner at Brewer, Long and Wickersham LLC. She was an intern in the law clinic at Washburn.

WEDDINGS

Jessica Concannon, ba '08, Olathe, Kan., and Nathan Loveless on Aug. 31. She is a graduate student at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Overland Park, Kan. Concannon was a member of Model United Nations, Pi Sigma Alpha, Student Alumni Association and Washburn Student Government Association. **Jessica Ransone**, ba '06, Topeka, and **Brad Henry** on Sept. 13. She is a regulatory compliance monitor for the Kansas Department of Commerce and owns Topeka Kids Closet, a semi-annual children's consignment sales event in Topeka. **Amanda Repp**, bba '09, mba '10, Topeka, and Aaron Betts on Sept. 7. She is a strategic sourcing and expense management associate at Guggenheim Partners LLC and was a member of Washburn Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board and Beta Alpha Psi. **Jessica Stewart**, bba '07, Shawnee, Kan., and Clayton Ashby on Sept. 28. She is an account manager at Insurance Management Associates and was a member of the Washburn Orchestra and Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization. **Sarah Van Dalsem**, ba '07, Topeka, and Tony Towle on Sept. 21. She is a communications strategist at the Washburn University Foundation and a member of NoNoSo. She also was a member of the debate team and worked on the Review staff at Washburn.

BIRTHS

Barbara (Volk) Bedwell, ba '07, Topeka, and **Chris Bedwell**, ba '08,

a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, on Dec. 4, 2013. Barbara Bedwell is a member of NoNoSo. **Shannon (Charbonneau) Bergmann**, ba '01, Silver Lake, Kan., and **Matthew Bergmann**, ba '01, jd '05, a daughter, Brynn Katherine, on Sept. 18. She joins brothers Grady, 5, and Hagen, 2. **Karen (Chacey) Gipson**, ba '03, Lawrence, and Peter Gipson, a son, Ethan Clark, on May 15, 2013.

2010S

Haley (O'Neil) Ayres, ba '10, San Antonio, Texas, is an athletics academic advisor at the University of the Incarnate Word. She was a member of the editorial board for Inscape magazine at Washburn. **Amanda Backstrom**, ba '11, Shawnee, Kan., received a master of arts in education/adult education from the University of Phoenix and is pursuing a doctor of philosophy in higher education administration from the same institution. She is senior alumni enrollment adviser for the University of Phoenix. **Sean Bartholick**, jd '12, Sugar City, Idaho, opened the firm Bartholick Law. He was a member of Equal Justice Works while at Washburn. **Scott Burrus**, jd '13, Bel Aire, Kan., is an attorney at the law firm Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace and Bauer LLP. **Robert "Chris" Gigstad**, jd '10, Fairway, Kan., was recognized as one of the nation's top trial lawyers by The National Trial Lawyers. He was named to the Top 100

Trial Lawyers list and works at Gigstad Law Office LLC. **David Hess**, b music '11, Mission, Kan., sings in the Kansas City Symphony Chorus. He was a member of the German Club and Washburn Association of Vocalists. **Rebekah Jones**, bsw '11, msw '12, Mayetta, Kan., was honored by the U.S. Department of Justice for founding the Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation's Tribal Victim Services. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi at Washburn. **Will Lawrence**, ba '10, jd '13, Topeka, is legislative counsel for Kansas Senate Democratic Leader Anthony Hensley. He is a member of Delta Chi. **David McDonald**, jd '10, Topeka, was named to the 2013 National Trial Lawyer's list of top 100 trial lawyers. He is an attorney at Tenopir & Huerter. McDonald was a member of the Washburn Student Bar Association. **Patricia (Comfort) Peterson**, ba '13, Topeka, is a news anchor at WIBW Radio in Topeka. **Caleb Reid**, bba '11, Topeka, is the accounting and inventory lead at PTMW Inc., a metal enclosure and fabrication facility. He is a member of Delta Chi and was a member of Beta Alpha Psi, College Republicans, Bod Squad and the Washburn Student Government Association. **Dane Simoneau**, ba '13, Salina, signed to play for the Salina Bombers of the Champions

Professional Indoor Football League (CPIFL). Simoneau, an All-America football player at Washburn, was the league's MVP in 2013 and served as an assistant coach for the Ichabods last season. He also played baseball at Washburn. **Bryan Walker**, jd '10, Erie, Pa., joined MacDonald, Illig, Jones and Britton LLP as a patent attorney. He was an intern at the law clinic at Washburn. **Amanda Yenzer**, bas '13, Manhattan, Kan., is a program coordinator at Sunflower Court Appointed Special Advocates Project Inc.

WEDDINGS

Carly Donaldson, ba '13, Lubbock, Texas, and **David Wingerson**, b music '13, on May 18. He is a percussion teaching assistant at Texas Tech University and is pursuing a master's degree in music performance. She works in transportation at the Raider Ranch in Lubbock and plans to pursue a master's degree in biblical counseling and a career in marriage and family counseling. **Matthew Langworthy**, bs '13, Topeka, and Chloe Gaylord, a Washburn student, in October. **Jillian Underwood**, ba '10, Little Rock, Ark., and **James Fisher**, ba '10, on June 15. She recently graduated from the Clinton School in Arkansas and was a Bonner Leader, as well as a member of WU Peace Works. He was a member of Young Democrats at Washburn.

IN MEMORY

1930S

Fredrick Bergmann, ba '37, 97, Peoria, Ariz., on Dec. 28. He was a professor at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., for more than 40 years, including more than 20 years as chairman of the English department. Bergmann published 12 books during his career and was a longtime faculty adviser for the university's campus newspaper. He was a Whiting and MacVicar Scholar and a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the Review staff at Washburn.

1940S

John Bashor, ba '49, 87, Bozeman, Mont., on Dec. 21.

He served in the Navy during World War II before working as the chairman of the art department at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan. Bashor later served as the director of the school of art at Montana State University in Bozeman, and his work as an artist was displayed in numerous exhibits. He was a member of Alpha Delta. **Robert "Max" Gaither**, ba '42, jd '53, 93, Topeka, on Nov. 16. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II before working on the Gaither Ranch in Trego County. Gaither later worked as a realtor and attorney for more than 50 years in Topeka, also managing residential properties. Survivors

include wife **Helen (Keeling) Gaither**, ba '91, and daughter **Charlotte (Gaither) Adair**, b ed '70, Topeka, a former senior development director at the Washburn University Foundation. Other survivors include son Robert Gaither Jr., Topeka; daughter Peggy (Gaither) Adams, Honolulu, Hawaii; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1950S

Claude Finson, bba '51, 87, Clay Center, Kan., on Oct. 17. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II before working as an insurance agent. **Charles Greene**, bba '51, 85, Topeka, on Oct. 19. He served in

the Army during World War II and was sales manager, co-owner and president of Kansas Electric Supply. Greene was a member of Kappa Sigma. Survivors include wife **Edna (Metzenthin) Greene**, ba '51, Topeka; sons **Richard Greene**, ba '79, Seattle, Wash., and **Russell Greene**, m ed '05, Topeka; and grandson **Brent Greene**, bs '04, Topeka. **Norman Hillmer**, ba '51, 84, Lander, Wyo., on Jan. 5. He served in the Army Medical Corp and worked for 40 years as an anesthesiologist in Pennsylvania and California. Hillmer taught anesthesiology at the University of California Medical School and Sacramento Medical Center.



IN MEMORY

NANCY COCHENER, 70, WICHITA, ON FEB. 2

A longtime supporter of Washburn, Nancy Cochener was the wife of the late Bruce Garvey Cochener, who continued his family's generosity throughout his life.

The Cocheners expanded the Garvey Competitive Scholarship Fund in early 2012 with a major gift to the University.

Nancy (McArthur) Cochener was born on Jan. 14, 1944, in Tupelo, Miss., and received a diploma from Shawnee Mission North High School in 1962. She received a bachelor of science in secondary education and language arts from the University of Kansas in 1966 and worked as a

swimming instructor and waterfront director and teacher.

Her service to the community was extensive. Cochener was a president of the Clan Arthur Association and high commissioner to the Scottish chief for Clan Arthur. She served on the boards for Wesley Hospital Candy Strippers and music theater guild, among many others.

Nancy Cochener was a founder of the Collegiate Association of Parents and Collegiate Booster Club in Wichita and a former trustee of the Bruce G. Cochener Foundation.

Survivors include sons Richard Cochener and John Cochener; daughters Donna Cochener-Metcalf and Deanna Cochener; seven grandchildren; and brother Donald McArthur III.

IN MEMORY

LLOYD “LEE” DODSON, BA ’51, 89, TOPEKA, ON DEC. 21

Lloyd Dodson received a bachelor of arts degree in history education from Washburn in 1951 and served as the dean of students at his alma mater from 1966 to his retirement in 1989. Dodson taught part-time at Allen County Community College for 20 years after retiring.

He grew up in Topeka, graduating from Topeka High before receiving his bachelor’s degree from Washburn and master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Kansas.

Dodson served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II, including in the Battle of the Bulge.

A lifelong fan of baseball, he pitched for several years in

the minor leagues and struck out New York Yankees legend Joe DiMaggio during an exhibition game in 1951. Dodson also coached several teams in multiple Topeka leagues.

He was a Whiting Scholar and a member of Kappa Sigma, Sagamore and the International Club.

Dodson’s late wife, **Kathleen (O’Brien) Dodson**, received a bachelor of arts from Washburn in 1947.

Survivors include daughter **Kathleen Dodson-Fick**, b ed ’76, Gambrells, Md.; sons **James Dodson**, ba ’78, Carbondale, Kan., **Steve Dodson**, ba ’84, Burlingame, Kan., and Richard Dodson; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Patrick Huntley, ba ’51, 89, Topeka, on Sept. 30. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was a professor at Duke, George Washington, University of Mississippi, University of Arizona and University of Arkansas. Huntley was a member of the Association of Business Students at Washburn.

Elmer McAferty, ba ’54, 82, McLouth, Kan., on Sept. 22. He served in the Marines, achieving the rank of lieutenant, before working as postmaster at the McLouth Post Office for 40 years. McAferty was a member of the football and track teams at Washburn.

Ronald McEnulty, ba ’53, jd ’53, 85, Wichita, Kan., on Dec. 10. He served in the Army as a paratrooper before a long career as an attorney. McEnulty was commissioned in the Air Force Reserves and was a judge

advocate general, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a member of Delta Theta Phi.

Duane Mahin, ba ’57, 82, Miltonvale, Kan., on Dec. 31. He was a teacher and coach in Shawnee County before serving as a pastor in Montana and California. Mahin was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, the Association of Business Students and Young Republicans.

Robert Roe, ba ’57, 83, Topeka, on Dec. 5. He served in the Navy before working for Goodyear for 38 years. Roe retired in 1991 as industrial relations director for the Asia Pacific region. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Survivors include **Liana (Roe) Hoffmann**, bba ’91, mba ’97, Coram, N.Y.

Kay Scharfenberg, ba ’57, 77, Chesterfield, Mo., on Sept. 13. She was a member of the debate team and Dancing Blues at

Washburn.

Harold Wells, ba ’55, jd ’55, 86, Elmdale, Kan., on Dec. 14. He served in the Army, achieving the rank of corporal, before working as an attorney. Wells had a private law practice in Kansas City for 25 years and was an attorney for the Department of the Interior for the State of Alaska. He also owned and operated The Trading Post in Elmdale. Wells was a member of Phi Alpha Delta.

1960s

Lucille (Davis) Bahner, b ed ’65, m ed ’72, 95, Topeka, on Jan. 4. She was a longtime teacher, including in the Topeka Public Schools district, until retiring in 1993.

Kenneth Broaddus, bba ’65, 77, San Diego, Calif., in November 2013. He served in the Navy and was a management consultant.

Mary (Gentry) Brown, bs ’66, 68, Liberty, Mo., on May 16, 2013. She worked for the Park Hill (Mo.) School District for more than 20 years.

Ronald Cowan, bba ’64, 75, Sun City, Ariz., on Nov. 10. He was a switchman for Rock Island Railroad in Topeka before working as a certified financial planner at his business, Ron Cowan Agency Inc.

Alexander Di Cicco, ba ’61, 89, Topeka, on Nov. 11. He served in the Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Di Cicco worked at Santa Fe Railroad. Survivors include daughter **Angela (Di Cicco) Easum**, ba ’86, b ed ’93, Topeka, and son-in-law **Shawn Easum**, bba ’01, Topeka.

Richmond Enochs II, jd ’63, 74, Olathe, Kan., on Oct. 29. He was an attorney for 50 years, including 48 years at Wallace,

Saunders, Austin, Brown and Enochs. He was a member of the law journal staff at Washburn.

John Gariglietti, jd ’69, 70, Pittsburg, Kan., on Jan. 3. He was chief judge of the 11th Judicial District. Gariglietti also served as a judge in the Pittsburg municipal court, city attorney for West Mineral, Kan., and had a private practice from 1969 to 1976.

Harold Gerlach, bba ’64, jd ’67, 72, Topeka, on Sept. 27. He was president of the H.D. Gerlach Co. Inc. Gerlach was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Theta Phi.

Judith Macha, b music ’68, 68, Topeka, on Dec. 30. She operated a piano studio in Topeka for more than 20 years and in Tulsa for 10 years. Macha also worked as a music teacher in Georgia. She was a member of Angel Flight and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

John Martin, bba ’67, 70, Topeka, on Oct. 27. He worked for the Univac Corp., Polaroid Corporation and Texas Instruments before operating his own company, Phoenix Engineering.

Stephen Mauck, bs ’64, 72, Lyons, Kan., on Sept. 9. He was a high school teacher and vacuum operator at the American Salt Company in Lyons. Mauck was a member of the Biology Club at Washburn.

Martha (Hook) Pendleton, m ed ’68, 87, Topeka, on Nov. 21. She was a teacher for 40 years in

Kansas City, Kan., and Topeka.

Richard Edwin Smith, bba ’60, 75, Green Valley, Ariz., on Dec. 17. He served in the National Guard and had a long career in accounting, including working at Arthur Andersen, Berry World Tours and Beltz World Travel. Smith opened his own firm in California, which later merged with Fox and Company. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sagamore, Young Republicans, the Association of Business Students and Washburn Student Government Association.

Lila Swafford, b ed ’62, 95, Topeka, on Sept. 19. She was a third-grade teacher at Rochester Elementary School in Topeka for 17 years.

Daniel Swagerty, jd ’68, 80, Topeka, on Nov. 28. He served in the Army before working as an attorney, including a stint as county attorney in Hodgeman County, Kan.

Marjory Wilson, ba ’63, 72, Topeka, on Jan. 13. She was a teacher and co-owner of Needle Nest in Topeka. Wilson was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

1970s

Wayne Barber, ba ’72, 72, Topeka, on Dec. 20. He was a social worker for the State of Missouri and director of Upward Bound in Topeka. Barber also hosted the 1970s TV show “Topeka Teen.” He was a member of Sagamore.

Phillip Burdick, ba ’76, 59, St. Joseph, Mo., on Jan. 3.

He worked as an attorney in Hiawatha, Kan., and served as a district attorney for the State of Kansas. Burdick later established Burdick Law Offices, PC. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi.

Larry Cowger, ba ’79, 58, Parker, Colo., on Sept. 25. He was an attorney and the assistant general counsel for Xcel Energy. Survivors include brothers **Jeffrey Cowger**, jd ’90, Topeka, and **Matthew Cowger**, ba ’96, Topeka.

Verlin Ingram, jd ’76, 61, Wichita, Kan., on June 21, 2013. He was an attorney in Wichita and a member of Phi Delta Phi.

Marilyn (Miller) Meiners, m ed ’70, 91, Topeka, on Oct. 17. She was a dietician at St. Luke Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and Eisenhower VA Medical Center and Cushing Memorial Hospital in Leavenworth, Kan. Meiners also was a teacher in Leavenworth, Silver Lake and Topeka, as well as a page mother at the Kansas House of Representatives. Survivors include sons **James Meiners**, bs ’70, Temecula, Calif., and **David Meiners**, bba ’73, Lawrence, Kan.

Daniel Pierce, ba ’78, 72, Palm Desert, Calif., in January. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

1980s

Penny Barrows, b ed ’89, 63, Topeka, on Nov. 1. She worked as a teacher in Topeka public schools and at the Security

Benefit Academy.

Brett Cowdin, b ed ’83, 54, Topeka, on Nov. 13. He was a lifelong educator and coach who led the Hayden and Topeka West baseball teams to state championships. Cowdin also coached on the football staff at Hayden, helping the team to its first state crown in 1998. Survivors include son **Tychicus Cowdin**, mba ’11, Topeka; and mother **Barbara Cowdin**, ba ’80, Topeka.

Colleen (Kroinderis) Crosley, bba ’83, 75, St. Augustine, Fla., on Nov. 14.

Ellen (Fiddler) Ellis, bsn ’85, 62, Overland Park, Kan., in December 2013. She was a registered nurse who worked at Emporia State University, the Lyon County Health Department and the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Regina Kent, ba ’86, 61, Silverton, Ore., on Oct. 1. She was an artist, teacher, florist, property manager and home decorator. Survivors include daughter **Holly (Franzen) Flygar**, b ed ’98, bs ’03, Aurora, Colo.; son **Luke Franzen**, bba ’09, Topeka; and brother **William Kent**, ba ’72, Portland, Ore.

Lynn Lauver, jd ’83, 70, Topeka, on Nov. 7. He served for 20 years in the Army. Lauver was a member of the law journal staff while at Washburn.

Thressa Menefee, bba ’87, 49, Los Angeles, Calif., on Nov. 5.

IN MEMORY

DARRYL "DODE" LESSER, ATTENDEE, 69, TOPEKA, ON NOV. 19



Photo courtesy of Nathan Ham

Darryl "Dode" Lesser was one of the top athletes in Washburn history and a member of the university's athletics hall of fame. He was an All-American tackle and defensive end for the Ichabods in 1964.

Lesser is a legendary figure in Topeka sports history. A star in multiple sports at Seaman High School, the Topeka Capital-Journal ranked him No. 46 on its list of greatest athletes in the history of Shawnee County in 2011.

Lesser was a two-time all-city honoree in basketball and football and held school records in basketball (45 points in a single game) and the pole

vault (12 feet, 10¾ inches).

He later played in the Canadian Football League and Continental Football League.

Off the field, Lesser also was a success, owning and operating Lesser Electric Inc. in Topeka for more than 40 years.

A member of Kappa Sigma, he was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and is survived by wife **Elsie (Medlin) Lesser**, ba '65, former director of the Alumni Association and a trustee for the Washburn University Foundation.

Other survivors include son **Michael Lesser**, bs '93, Topeka; daughter Tiffany Swinehart, Overland Park, Kan., brother Bill Lesser, Topeka; sister-in-law **Vicki Lesser**, b ed '93, Topeka; daughter-in-law Erin Lesser, Topeka; son-in-law David Swinehart, Overland Park, mother-in-law Mary Medlin; brother-in-law Ben Parnell; and grandchildren Ashley Lesser, Dylan Lesser, Parker Lesser and Alexandra Swinehart.

Michael Van Doren, bs '12, 27, Topeka, on Jan. 6. He was a member of Delta Chi, Student Computing Association and Campus Ministry.

FRIENDS

Patricia (Moore) Chappell, attendee, 89, Topeka, on Nov. 3. She was a member of Alpha Phi. Survivors include sister **Barbara (Moore) Schnacke**, ba '48, Overland Park, Kan. **Marjorie Day**, attendee, 63, Burlingame, Kan., on Jan. 11. She was a longtime art, physical

education and science teacher in the Burlingame School District. **Louise Hamilton**, 81, on Dec. 5. She was a renowned artist whose work was displayed at dozens of exhibits in the area. Hamilton was a member of the Topeka Art Guild and served on the board of directors for Friends of the Mulvane Art Museum. Survivors include husband **John Hamilton**, jd '65, Topeka. **Dorothy Johnson**, 87, Topeka, on July 19, 2013. She worked for the Menninger Foundation and was a renowned artist in Topeka.

Johnson also co-owned a Topeka fabric store and was a longtime volunteer and supporter of Washburn and the Mulvane Art Museum. She was predeceased by husband Ed Johnson, an attorney for the State of Kansas, and son Tim Johnson. Survivors include sons Jeff and Todd and grandson Mitchell Johnson. **Jo (Macht) Lauffer**, attendee, 78, Topeka, on Dec. 18. A member of Alpha Phi, she was married to the late **Richard Lauffer**, ba '55, Topeka. Survivors include daughter **Kimberly**

Lauffer, b ed '85, Topeka. **Patricia Renn-Scanlan**, 62, Topeka, on Dec. 27. She was an instruction librarian at Washburn from 1993 to 1998. Renn-Scanlan received librarian emeritus status in 2009.

CORRECTION

The James Ahrens entry in the In Memory section of the winter 2013 magazine contained two incorrect dates. Ahrens began teaching at the Washburn School of Law in 1948 and died on June 7, 2013.

Albert Palenske, bba '82, 56, Topeka, on Nov. 8. He was a cement mason for 20 years before working as a truck driver for the Shawnee County Refuse Department. Survivors include son **Nickolas Palenske**, bba '12, Topeka, and brother **Fred Palenske**, bba '83, Auburn, Kan. **Julie (Hunnacutt) Panzarello**, bsn '86, 51, Lodi, Calif., on Jan. 6. She was a registered nurse and a member of the Student Nurses Association at Washburn.

Survivors include wife **Linda (Owens) Kinney**, b ed '74, Topeka; and sisters-in-law **Cindy (Owens) White**, ba '79, Topeka, and **Linda (Johnson) Owens**, b music '73, Lewisville, Texas. **Gary Kinzer**, m ed '91, 75, Shawnee, Kan., on July 2. He was a teacher at Northeast Kansas Technical College and Lansing State Penitentiary. **Janet Ransom**, bas '96, 55, Topeka, on Dec. 19. She worked for TFI Family Services and BIOMAT USA.

Richard Roberts, certificate in developmental disabilities '92, 65, Harveyville, Kan., on Sept. 22. He worked at Santa

Fe Railroad, Goodyear and the Topeka Capital-Journal and as a deputy in Wabaunsee County and utility manager in Harveyville. **Wallace Squibb**, jd '92, 46, Ozark, Mo., on Dec. 19. He worked as a law clerk and as a partner at the law firm Turner, Reid, Duncan, Loomer and Patton in Springfield, Mo. In 2008, he established the Squibb Law Firm. Squibb was a member of the Moot Court Council and worked on the law journal staff at Washburn. Survivors include wife **Amy (Buchli) Squibb**, jd '93, Ozark.

2000S

Troy Smith, ba '03, 48, Independence, Kan., on Dec. 24. He was a seventh-grade teacher and coached wrestling, baseball and basketball. **Thair Witmer**, ba '01, 53, Overland Park, Kan., on Sept. 16. He was a massage therapist, worked in veterinary biosciences and was a Medicare sales agent. Survivors include sister **Tonya Witmer**, ba '80, Overland Park, Kan.

2010S

Danyale Kibble, certificate '13, 26, Topeka, on Nov. 22.



IN MEMORY

MARIANNE WEBB, B MUSIC '58, 77, MARION, ILL., ON DEC. 7

Marianne Webb was a nationally recognized concert artist and professor of music at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) for more than 40 years.

The daughter of the late School of Law alumnus Samuel Webb, jd '36, she was a Topeka High alumna and received a bachelor of music degree from Washburn in 1958. She later earned a master of music degree from the University of Michigan.

Webb taught organ and piano at Iowa State University before studying in Paris as a Fulbright scholar. She later studied at Syracuse University and the Eastman School of Music.

She was a professor at SIUC from 1965 to 2001, teaching organ and music therapy before retiring as professor emerita. Webb then served as a visiting professor and distinguished university organist for 11 years.

Webb toured the United States as a concert artist and was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

She received the distinguished service award from SIUC, was a life member of the Fulbright Association and was a recipient of the Edward A. Hansen Leadership and Avis Blewett awards.

In 2012, Webb honored her father's memory by establishing the Samuel Earl Webb Law Scholarship endowed fund with an estate gift of \$360,000.

"I owe everything to Washburn," she said in 2012 during an interview for a story in The Ichabod alumni magazine. "This scholarship in my father's name will create a permanent memory of him. His name will live on with this scholarship."

While at Washburn, Webb has a member of Delta Gamma, NoNoSo, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Mu Alpha and Who's Who Among Students at American Universities and Colleges.

Survivors include sister **Margaret "Peggy" (Webb) Westlund**, ba '58, Cold Spring, Ky.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Alumni board member Mandi Walter and alumna Heather Gelsinger during After Hours. Our monthly networking social is free for dues-paid members of the Alumni Association. *Photo by Ernie W. Webb III*

ALUMNI EVENTS

APRIL

- 26 Alumni Awards Banquet, Memorial Union, 6 p.m.

MAY

- 9 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 14 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Golden Reunion, reception and campus tour, 2 p.m.
- 16 Golden Reunion, honorary degree dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Golden Reunion, commencement ceremony, Lee Arena, 12:30 p.m.
- 28 Top of the Tower luncheon, Bank of America Building (534 S. Kansas Ave.), Topeka, 12 p.m.

JUNE

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

JULY

- 9 Washburn Wednesday, The Other Place, Overland Park, Kan., 5:30 p.m.
- 11 After Hours, 5 p.m.
- 30 Top of the Tower luncheon, Bank of America Building (534 S. Kansas Ave.), Topeka, 12 p.m.

AUGUST

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

Alumni events are in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, unless otherwise noted. For more information, including events added after press time, call 785.670.1641 or follow the Alumni Association at [Twitter.com/washburnalumni](https://twitter.com/washburnalumni).

MULVANE EXHIBITS & EVENTS

THROUGH MAY 11

“Washburn Art Department Exhibition”
An annual exhibit featuring works of art by Washburn University Art Department undergraduate students.

THROUGH JUNE 8

“Contemporary Reflections: Brown v. Board of Education After Sixty Years”
Part of Washburn’s year-long commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision. Twenty African-American artists from Kansas and Kansas City, Mo., have created unique interpretations on this theme.

“Teach Your Children Well”
(Well-known children’s book artist Shane Evans’ images of African-American resistance)

Images get to the heart of the historic struggles of African-Americans in our country, describing the courage, bravery, hope and determination of the human spirit to face and overcome adversity.

“Art for Social Change”
Mulvane will curate art works from the permanent collection and on loan from other museums that explore themes of social protest and social change. Artist works from the 1940s through current times use art to inform and influence.

JUNE 7-8

Annual Mulvane Art Fair

ARTLAB

Tap into inspiration. Connect with your imagination. Create your own art. Located in the basement of the Mulvane. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, 1-4 p.m. weekends.

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.

THEATER EVENTS

APRIL

- 25 “The Language Archive,” 7:30 p.m.
- 26 “The Language Archive,” 7:30 p.m.
- 27 “The Language Archive,” 2 p.m.

ACADEMICS, STUDENT LIFE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

- 21-26 Greek Week
- 23 Scorch on the Porch, Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 26 The Big Event, Bods into the Streets

MAY

- 1-2 Rotary Days (elementary students tour campus), 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 1 Crane Observatory Open House, Stoffer Science Hall, 9-10 p.m.
- 5-9 Success Week
- 6 Scorch on the Porch, Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 6 Cram Jam, Memorial Union, 7-9 p.m.
- 8 Planetarium Open House, Stoffer Science Hall, 7-8 p.m.
- 8 Ichabod Athletic Fund golf tournament and auction, Prairie Band Casino and Resort and Firekeeper
- 9 Last day of classes
- 9 Care Closet Car Show and Barbecue, Washburn Tech, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 9 President’s Concert commemorating Brown v. Board, White Concert Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- 14 Phi Kappa Phi spring initiation and banquet, Memorial Union, 6:30-9 p.m.
- 15 Washburn Tech commencement, Lee Arena, 7-9 p.m.
- 17 Commencement, Lee Arena
- 19 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 26 Memorial Day (university closed)
- 28 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 30 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.

JUNE

- 2 KTWU golf tournament, Topeka Country Club, 11 a.m.
- 10 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 12 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 17 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 20 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.
- 27 New Student Orientation, Memorial Union, 8 a.m.

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (university closed)
- 17 Showcase Day, Washburn Tech, 9-11 a.m., 1-3 p.m.

AUGUST

- 14-18 Welcome Week
- 17 Athletics kickoff barbecue, Lee Arena
- 18 Classes begin
- 18 Convocation, White Concert Hall, 4 p.m.

SCHOOL OF LAW

MAY

- 17 Commencement, Lee Arena, 6 p.m.
- 30 Issues in Aviation Law CLE, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, 12 p.m.

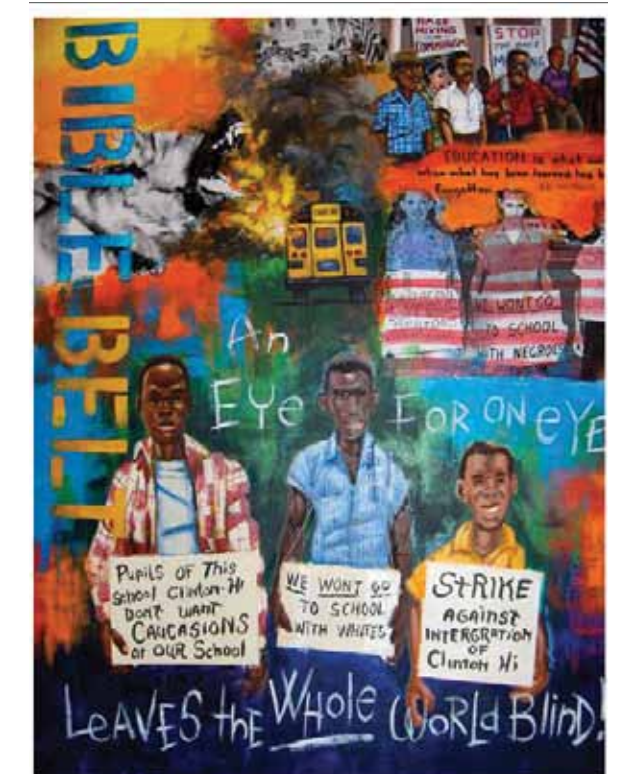
JUNE

- 6 Admitted Students barbecue, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Selected Topics CLE, Room 102, 8 a.m.
- 27 Selected Topics CLE, Room 102, 7:30 a.m.

AUGUST

- 18 Classes begin

Located at the Washburn School of Law, unless otherwise noted. For information, call 785.670.1060.



Mulvane Art Museum is commemorating the Brown v. Board with three exhibitions: “Contemporary Reflections: Brown v. Board after Sixty Years,” “Art for Social Change” and “Teach Your Children Well: Shane Evans’ Images of African American Resistance.”



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