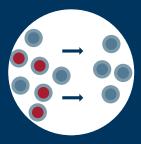




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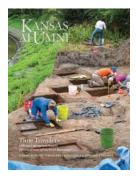
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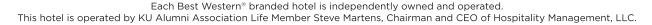
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This is often the place where I describe the stories in this issue of the magazine, but this time I'm eager to preview coming attractions beyond these pages: *Kansas Alumni*, for 117 years the chronicler of KU's proud achievements, people and places, as well as the painful episodes and challenges, now will share more KU stories with more Jayhawks through an easy-to-find presence on the Association's website.

No longer will the latest issue of the magazine languish at the bottom of our home page, seen only by the most motivated of website visitors. No longer will we offer only a single feature story for those who are not Association members, or require members to register on the site and log in to read the entire issue.

By Aug. 1, we will launch a new, more prominent digital *Kansas Alumni*, available at kansasalumnimagazine.org, or by clicking a handy link at the top of our home page, kualumni.org. All alumni will receive emails highlighting the latest magazine, and all of the 31,000 alumni who have downloaded our mobile app (kualumni. org/app) will receive similar notifications to open the latest issue online without registering as members.

The digital *Kansas Alumni* also will showcase more videos that complement magazine coverage or stand alone as stories as well as breaking news and special features, which in recent years have appeared on the Association's blog. We also will include the best stories from many of our University partners: the schools, departments and units that help fufill KU's mission of teaching, discovery and service. The new site will provide a central resource for all Jayhawks and a vital outlet for more of the countless stories generated throughout the University. One of the delights—and challenges—of covering KU is the fact that we never run out of stories to tell; this new digital presence will enable us to feature more alumni, students, faculty, KU discoveries and pivotal issues, events and programs.

In addition, for the first time, the *Kansas Alumni* digital archive, including searchable back issues since 1992, will be online—providing a much-requested service for those who want to recapture and share favorite stories or browse our coverage of certain topics and traditions. This magazine provides an essential historical record of the University that should be widely available.

We will continue to publish *Kansas Alumni* in print, but beginning in February 2020, Association members will receive print editions quarterly instead of bimonthly. Since 1902, when the Association first published *The Graduate Magazine*, this periodical has changed frequency and format several times—the

latest in 1991, when *Kansas Alumni* morphed from seven black-and-white tabloids and one magazine yearly to six magazines, which have grown from 48 to 72 or more pages.

After considerable research and planning, we make these changes to adapt to the new communications era and, most important, to respond to the needs of the alumni and the University we serve. We're also mindful of the fact that readers remain loyal to *Kansas Alumni* even amid the explosion of digital and print options for KU news, and we are immensely grateful. In our summer 2018 survey, alumni continued to rank *Kansas Alumni*, along with the Association's emails of news and events, highest in importance and effectiveness ("Survey says," Association, issue No. 6, 2018). But while alumni of all ages prefer to read the magazine in print, all Jayhawks, especially younger alumni, also favor a combination of print and digital formats.

The 2018 results also confirmed earlier surveys, in which alumni clamored for expanded career services. In response, the Association last fall launched the Jayhawk Career Network. To help more students connect with alumni as they prepare for their careers, the Association and KU Endowment since 2017 have partnered to provide four-year Student Alumni Network memberships to all undergraduates. We believe these investments ultimately will strengthen KU—the Association's founding purpose in 1883 and its mission today.

We've long debated the question of whether the digital *Kansas Alumni* should be available to the larger KU family. In addition to our research, a 2016 exchange with an alumna was pivotal. After receiving an appeal to become an Association member, she wrote us in frustration, asking, "Why would I join an organization that exists solely to promote sports ball?" She explained that she cared most about other aspects of her alma mater, especially the Spencer Museum of Art.

Her note happened to arrive just after our cover story on the the Spencer's renovations ("The Big Reveal," issue No. 5, 2016), but as a non-member, she had not received the magazine. Because she had received only email messages touting watch parties in her area, she had dismissed the Association as merely a cheerleader for KU "sports ball." She did not know what she was missing—and the University had missed the opportunity to connect with a loyal Jayhawk. Our 2018 survey confirmed that many non-members shared her misperception.

Throughout its long history, *Kansas Alumni* has taken pride in connecting Association members to their alma mater, no matter where they live or how long they've been away from the Hill. Through the digital *Kansas Alumni*, we hope to kindle that same sense of belonging among all Jayhawks—and lift the chorus ever onward.

# On the Boulevard



# **Spencer Museum** of Art

"Shattering the Void: Realms of Meaning in East Asian Art," through Aug. 11

# Lied Center events

### **AUGUST**

**13** Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers

# **SEPTEMBER**

- **10** Boz Scaggs: Out of the Blues Tour 2019
- **17** Buddy Guy
- 23, 24 Gerald Clayton, piano
- 26 KU Symphony Orchestra with special guest Juan-Miguel Hernandez, viola

### **OCTOBER**

- 6 "Rent": 20th Anniversary Tour
- **9** Kit Yan, slam poet
- 19 Black Violin
- **20** Richard Shindell
- 24 David Sedaris
- **27** Brentano String Quartet with special guest Dawn Upshaw, soprano
- 29 The King's Singers

Members of the Class of 2019 make their way down Memorial Drive to join nearly 5,000 fellow graduates who participated in the University's 147th Commencement on May 19. Honorary degrees were presented to Elizabeth Broun, c'68, g'69, g'74, PhD'76; Billy Mills, d'62; and Teruhisa Ueda. John Ballard III, b'73, the Alumni Association's 2018-'19 national chair, welcomed graduates to the alumni family.

# Humanities **Lecture Series**

### **SEPTEMBER**

12 "Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her



Mills

Superpower," Brittney Cooper, Liberty Hall, downtown Lawrence

# **OCTOBER**

**1** "Sovereignty of the Soul: Centering the Voices of



Ueda

Broun

# Photographs by Steve Puppe

Native Women," Sarah Deer, The Commons

### **NOVEMBER**

**25** An Evening with Alan Alda, Lied Center

# KU Theatre & Dance

### **SEPTEMBER**

**27-29** "The Christians," directed by Markus Potter, Crafton-Preyer Theatre

### **OCTOBER**

**4-6** "The Christians," directed by Markus Potter, Crafton-Preyer Theatre

**25-27, 29, 30** "In the Blood," directed by Timmia Hearn, William Inge Memorial Theatre

### **NOVEMBER**

**1** "In the Blood," directed by Timmia Hearn, William Inge Memorial Theatre

**14, 16, 17** University Dance Company Fall Concert, Crafton-Preyer Theatre

# Kansas Honor Scholars Program

### **OCTOBER**

- 7 Great Bend
- 9 Garden City
- 14 Manhattan
- **22** Hays
- **23, 28** Wichita
- 29 Colby

### **NOVEMBER**

- **4** Emporia
- 6 Salina
- **7** Hutchinson
- **11** Lawrence
- 12 Topeka
- **13** Pittsburg
- **20** Kansas City

# Academic Calendar

### JULY

**26** Summer classes end

### **AUGUST**

- **22-31** Hawk Week
- **26** Fall classes begin

# Alumni Events

### **AUGUST**

- **1** Kyou Networking Day (visit kualumni.org/networking-day for more information)
- **1** Denver North Networking Breakfast, Westminster, Colorado
- **2** KU Night with the Minnesota Twins, Target Field, Minneapolis

- **3** Volunteer event, Arlington Food Assistance Center, Arlington, Virginia
- **9** Houston: Jayhawks & Java
- **23** KU Kickoff at Corinth Square, Prairie Village

### **SEPTEMBER**

**18** Houston: Jayhawks & Java

19 Denver: Jayhawks & Java





Events listed here are highlights from the Association's busy calendar. For complete listings of all events, watch for emails about programs in your area, visit kualumni.org or call 800-584-2957.



Rallard

# Jayhawk Walk

# Compost mentis

**AT FIRST BLUSH,** it sounds a bit batty: Students rifling through trash cans for college credit? What the what?

When KU Dining and the Center for Sustainability needed data on expanding campus composting, they turned to environmental studies' capstone class, which challenges students to address "real world environmental issues with a team approach and produce professionally meaningful analytical reports."

Students dove right in to perform a compost audit, says Eric Nelson, '16, waste reduction manager at KU Recycling. "They were excited to have a project that was actually tangible."

That's one word to describe it.

"It gets a little dirty," Nelson admits. "You're basically sorting trash. It's pretty low tech, but it gives us great numbers."

Rummaging through compost cans to

see how well diners sort their dregs into compost, recycle and landfill streams, students found 94.4% accuracy at one site and 81.4% at another, which compare well with industry standards and results from campus athletics events, where composting has been a thing for years. KU Dining has long compos-

diverts 30% of its waste from landfills, will hire an engineering firm this fall for a yearlong study of the waste stream that basically does the same thing: dig through trash.

"This is something we'll be paying people to do, and these students got in and did it themselves," Nelson says. "And didn't "nice to see some really good classroom work" that benefits our campus and the environment."

No, they're not nuts. Just a little crunchy.



# Big voice, big heart

arius Sheppard, a junior voice major, already had experience with handling big surprises: Four days before last year's

**Final Four, an NCAA** event organizer called and asked him to join students from the other three schools in singing the national anthem in San Antonio.

Sheppard said he needed permission from his parents, so could he call back the next morning? Sure, he was told, take all the time you

need, as long as you don't need more than five minutes.

He quickly got the OK from home, and before the first game, Sheppard stood at midcourt, representing KU on the biggest stage in college athletics.

Flash forward to February. In a brutal

winter flu season, **Sheppard landed** in the hospital with presumed flu, perhaps pneumonia.

of test after test, the next morning I was informed that I showed early complications of heart failure," he wrote on a crowd-fund-

"After a night

Sheppard (right)

ing account he hopes will ease his family's medical bills.

Sheppard, who months before had flashed his huge smile on TV, learned that February morning that he also had a huge heart—the biggest his cardiologist had ever seen. It had to come out.

"Two weeks after being admitted onto the transplant list," he wrote, "I was blessed enough to receive a new heart and a second chance at life."

Six weeks after the transplant, Sheppard reported to Kansas Alumni that his weekly biopsies "have all yielded beautiful results. I feel very blessed. I can't wait to get back to being around my Jayhawk family."

Flash forward to next basketball season: Imagine Darius Sheppard, midcourt in Allen Field House, his beautiful tenor voice singing the alma mater and national anthem, showered with applause, embraced by family. That's how this song should go.

# Irish eyes smiled

reland's ambassador to the United reland's ampassago: States, Daniel Mulhall, and his wife, Greta, visited campus May 15, and made straight for the Kenneth Spencer Research Library, which houses KU's Irish Collections, considered the most significant and sizable such treasury outside of Ireland.

Like any distinguished visitor, the ambassador greeted librarians, students and staff and admired the North Gallery, with its dramatic Campanile views.

"But you could tell he was eager to get into the room where the materials were," says Special Collections Librarian Elspeth Healey, "and look at it and talk about it."

In tweets he promptly shared with his international audience, Mulhall proclaimed, "What a fantastic collec-

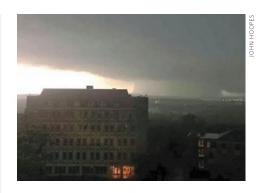
tion of Irish material they have." Among the "gems" singled out for praise by the ambassador-who wrote his master's thesis on the writer, critic, poet and nationalist George William Russellwere a first-edition of Yeats' play "Cathleen Ni Hoolihan," a James **Connolly poem and a Gaelic League** poster for a 1912 carnival. Mulhall also read from KU's first edition of

James Jovce's Ulvsses.

"Any piece of literature or ephemera or history that we put in front of him." Healey says, "he shared with us an interesting anecdote or connection. He was really impressed by the collections."

The visit was especially delightful for Healey, who,

refreshingly, did not need to offer her visitor any background on the social, political and literary forces that generated much of the material in KU's holdings. The ambassador had done a lifetime of homework.



# No EF-ing way!

WHEN BAD WEATHER turned nasty the evening of May 28, anthropology professor John Hoopes left his sixth-floor Fraser Hall office to monitor the view from the south stairwell, pausing briefly to snap three iPhone photos before he bolted for the basement. The shot he posted on Facebook—a massive "rain curtain" obscuring vortices, two minutes after landfall, that quickly strengthened into an EF-4 behemoth—became an iconic image.

Hoopes' photo of the fierce tornado that damaged or destroyed homes and farms across Douglas and Leavenworth counties was frighteningly beautiful enough to warrant attention from Framewoods Gallery, where prints can be purchased.

"It shows just how close this monster came to campus," Hoopes says. "It's good these things don't happen often."

Always eager to turn news of the day into cheeky learning lessons, Hoopes, who specializes in Central and South American archaeology, the next day posted Aztec imagery of a bad-looking dude.

"If you need to appease the storm god," Hoopes wrote, "Tlaloc's your guy." Rock Chalk, Tlaloc!

# Mug shot

IOHN BROWN TRADES HIS BIBLE and rifle for headphones and a mic on the 2019 KPR membership coffee mug, designed by KU graphic design major Elia Hernandez.

At its ice cream social every summer, Kansas Public Radio hands out free mugs to members. This year, for the first time, designs were submitted in a contest and listeners voted. Hernandez's colorful depiction of iconic Kansas images including KU's Campanile and Fraser Hall—was chosen from 27 entries.

"My design was inspired by landmarks and things that are recognizable to Kansas," says Hernandez, an Olathe senior who works as marketing program manager and designer at the David A. Ambler

Student Recreation Fitness Center. She referenced John Steuart Curry's John Brown mural, Lawrence's skyline, Topeka's statehouse and Wichita's Keeper of the Plains sculpture. "I wanted the design to be fun," Hernandez says, "and layered with things that make Kansas, well, Kansas."



# Hilltopics by Steven Hill



# Gold and stardust

# KU scholars find two prestigious awards twice as nice when shared with a friend

Then she was a freshman, Eleanor Stewart-Jones made two sets of goals: One she called reasonable; the other she dubbed "absolute pie-in-the-sky."

"For me, absolute pie-in-the-sky was getting both the Goldwater and the Astronaut," says the Mission senior.

Tyler Nguyen was more focused on exploration when he arrived on Mount Oread—even earlier if you consider that the Kansas City, Kansas, senior with an abiding interest in outer space went trick-or-treating one Halloween dressed as the universe.

"I knew I wanted to do something in science," says Nguyen, "but I didn't know specifically what. I came to KU to explore and see what was out there."

The fellow chemistry majors and fast friends learned this spring that they are among 496 students nationwide named 2019 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars, and in June that they will be joining 50 other students from STEM fields this fall as 2019 Astronaut Scholars.

Both prestigious awards include money for school—up to \$7,500 from the Goldwater and as much as \$10,000 from the Astronaut—but Stewart-Jones says the funding, while "absolutely phenomenal," is but one benefit.

"I want to go into academia as a research professor, and the fact that I've gotten these awards tells me a number of very accomplished scientists think I have the potential to do that," she says. "It means a lot that people I respect a lot believe that's an achievable goal for me. And, frankly, it will help me get into a competitive grad school, which is really necessary if I want to run my own lab."

"The scholarships will help me get into

A photograph snapped by a fellow student just after Eleanor Stewart-Jones and Tyler Nguyen learned of their twin Goldwater triumphs captures the happy ending of a long, rigorous application process. "We jumped up and down and screamed a little," Stewart-Jones says. "It was just a really great feeling."

the best graduate programs," Nguyen says, "and the mentoring and networking will be important for building a successful research career."

Awarded by the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, created in 1984 by the six surviving Mercury 7 astronauts, the Astronaut Scholars award recognizes the best and brightest juniors and seniors in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Students participate in professional development events and can be mentored by an astronaut, business leader or former Astronaut Scholar.

The Goldwater Scholars are sophomores and juniors with outstanding academic records, significant research experience and high potential for careers in mathematics, natural sciences or engineering. Since the Goldwater was initiated in 1989, 67 KU students have won the award.

Stewart-Jones and Nguyen share a love of music (she plays violin; he plays piano) and have taken nearly every class together since freshman year. Knowing, to the minute, when the Goldwater winners are announced, they made plans to experience the big reveal together, retreating to a quiet spot in the Integrated Science Building basement to monitor their inboxes.

"I think we each thought one or the other would get it, not both," Stewart-Jones says. "But we refreshed our emails at the same time and saw that we both received it, and we jumped up and down and screamed a little. It was just a really great feeling."

The Astronaut announcement came after Nguyen traveled to Ireland for an exchange program that Stewart-Jones completed last summer; this time they shared their good fortune via FaceTime.

"I think at first I was just kind of in shock," Nguyen says. "I was like, 'Whoa, I can't believe it. We did it."

Both have maximized undergraduate research opportunities at KU and each plans a research career. Stewart-Jones finds the freedom of academia appealing and hopes to run her own lab that mimics the chemistry done in the active sites of proteins that use metal. Nguyen, who's minoring in astrobiology and has researched the chemical modification of materials for nanotechnology and bioengineering applications, is keeping an open mind about whether his career path will lead to academia or industry.

What seems clear is that each feels as happy for the other's triumph as for their own.

"To have all the courses with someone, to study with them, to go through the process—applying for these awards is not a simple thing—to get the nomination and then finally receive it together, it just was a huge burst of euphoria and release and happiness," Stewart-Jones says. "And the fact that we're friends, I guess, makes it all the better."

# Eagle stands guard

# World War I memorial statue, new hillside drive celebrated

The University community gathered ▲ May 20 on reconstructed Memorial Drive to dedicate the Victory Eagle statue, in the words of Lorie Vanchena, associate professor of German studies, "for the third and, we expect, last time."

Finally nested atop its permanent home, a truncated pyramid of Kansas limestone atop a granite base, at Memorial Drive's Mississippi Street terminus, the bronze bald eagle guarding her hatchlings "appears as if it is standing guard over the serenity of the open green space behind it," noted Mike Denning, c'83, director of the Office of Graduate Military Programs,

president of the Association's Veterans Alumni Network and a retired Marine colonel, "much as those who are currently forward deployed are providing overwatch for our great nation."

Vanchena, chair of the University's World War I commemoration committee, noted that 18 of the 68 fallen Douglas Countians memorialized on the statue's new plaque were KU students and alumni: "This monument makes world history our university history."

First placed at the Douglas-Leavenworth county line in 1929, as part of what was envisioned as a nationwide network of statues stretching the length of the coast-to-coast Victory Highway, the toppled relic was rescued in 1980 from a highway cleanup crew by Tom Swearingen, f'60, then the Natural History Museum's director of exhibits. The refurbished eagle found a home in front of Dyche Hall, where it was rededicated in 1982.

KU's 2002 landscape masterplan featured a renovated Memorial Drive, along with a hope that the eagle could perch nearer to other war memorials.

"This is a proud day for KU," said Chancellor Doug Girod, a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. "We commemorate the final completion of Memorial Drive, which has turned out so beautifully, with increased [pedestrian]

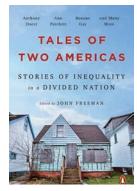


# Milestones, money and other matters

**■ KU's 147th commencement,** celebrated May 19, conferred degrees on nearly 5,000 candidates from 90 Kansas counties; 45 other states, territories and Washington, D.C.; and 49 other countries. Defying a forecast of continuing rain, skies were not cloudy all day.

# ■ The KU Common Book for 2019-'20 is Tales of Two Americas: Stories of

Inequality in a Divided Nation. **Edited by John** Freeman, the anthology collects essays, stories and poems from 36 major contemporary writers that examine the gap between the



wealthy and the impoverished in America. Presented by the Office of First Year Experience, the Common Book annually challenges incoming students to build community, share experiences and engage intellectually by reading a work of literature and discussing it in classes and at campus events.

# ■ A \$4.2 million estate gift from

Margaret Ann Zimmerman, n'47, will create a scholarship in her name providing financial support for a wide range of nursing students. Zimmerman, who grew up in Whitewater and died in Silver Spring, Maryland, in 2017, had a long career in nursing and was a dedicated volunteer. Her gift will support doctoral and postdoctoral students in nursing and help recruit students in the undergraduate nursing honors program and the schools' Nursing Pathways program, which focuses on diversity.

# Hilltopics

safety, but it has made it possible for so many more people to enjoy the memorials we have all along this drive, of which this is the latest."

With parking now facing into the hillside south of the drive, the north side now features sidewalks and—with no parked cars spoiling the viewshed—clear views of Marvin Grove, the Hill and Potter Lake.

The new Memorial Drive, reconstructed over three summers, invites campus visitors to pay respects at the World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam war memorials without dodging traffic along the tight, curving road.

"To have these green spaces, to be able to take in these views, is very important," said University Architect Jim Modig, a'73, one of the original proponents of moving the Victory Eagle to Memorial Drive. "It becomes an experience that is a combination of respect and remembrance for those who lost their lives, and also a reflection on the serenity of the environment around these beautiful memorials that mean so much to all of us."

—Chris Lazzarino

### **ADMINISTRATION**

# Medicine, pharmacy welcome new leaders to top jobs

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE and the School of Pharmacy completed successful national searches this summer with the appointment of new deans.

Akinlolu Ojo will join KU as executive dean of the School of Medicine Aug. 26, overseeing the Kansas City, Wichita and Salina medical school campuses. Currently associate vice president for clinical

Ojo

research and global health initiatives and professor of medicine and health promotion sciences at the University of Arizona, Ojo is a nephrologist with clinical and research interests that include chronic kidney disease and kidney transplantation. He has more than 200 peer-reviewed publications and

\$95 million in current grant funding.

Ronald Ragan, p'84, g'97, PhD'98, will become dean of the School of Pharmacy on Aug. 1. Ragan started his academic career as an adjunct professor at KU in 1997, and served as the school's associate dean for academic affairs from 2004 to 2012. He is the founding dean of the School of Pharmacy at High Point University in North Carolina, which he helped launch in 2012, overseeing growth of the new program to 189 students and helping design the school's \$120 million facility.





# UPDATE

A nationwide search for KU's next provost and executive vice chancellor began this spring with the formation of a search committee, Chancellor Doug Girod announced in May.

Michelle Mohr Carney, dean of the School of Social Welfare, and Steven Soper, PhD'90, Foundation Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering, co-chair the committee, which is working with R. William Funk and Associates, the national executive search firm that has helped KU in previous searches. Since Neeli Bendapudi,

PhD'95, was named president of the University of Louisville in April 2018 [Hilltopics, issue No. 3], Carl Lejuez, former dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, has served as interim provost and executive vice chancellor.

Completing the committee are Shawn Alexander, professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and incoming president of the Faculty Senate; Tricia Bergman, director of strategic partnerships, Office of Research; Chris Brown, graduate student body vice president; John Dicus, b'83, g'85, CEO,

chairman and president of Capitol Federal Savings; **Tammara** Durham, EdD'09, vice provost of student affairs: Tiara Floyd, student body president; Michelle Ginavan Hayes, director, Eaton Shared Service Center and Staff Senate outgoing president; Ted Juhl, professor, School of Business; Joanna Slusky, assistant professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Suzanne Valdez, l'96, clinical professor,

School of Law and University Senate incoming president; David Volkin, Ronald T. Borchardt Distinguished Professor, School of Pharmacy; and Kevin Willmott, professor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

Alumni can provide input on the qualities they wish to see in the next provost by emailing provostsearch@ku.edu. Visit chancellor.ku.edu/ **provost-search** for updates.



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### **EDUCATION**

# School changes name to reflect 'broad range' of offerings

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION will change its name next year to the School of Education and Human Sciences. Dean Rick Ginsberg announced in May.

The change—perhaps "expansion" is a more precise term—is meant to more accurately represent the current student population and curriculum, which has transformed since the school started in 1909.

"Our current name does not capture the broad range of academic programs that we house nor the scholarly research that our faculty produce," Ginsberg says. "The difficulty we had was identifying a name that reflects what we do while still keeping the name 'education' prominent."

Among the reasons cited for renaming was the growth of the department of health, sport and exercise sciences (formerly known as the department of physical education), which now accounts for more than 60% of the school's undergraduate credit hours.

A November survey of faculty, staff, students and alumni found strong support for the new moniker, which was chosen after considering what peer schools and colleges around the country are named. Overall 73% of respondents approved of the change, with alumni posting a 69.8% approval rate.

The Council of Chief Academic Officers and the Kansas Board of Regents OK'd the change in April. The transition will take place in phases starting this summer and concluding in fall 2020.





### **BUSINESS**

# Two named distinguished alumni by School of Business

THE CEO OF A food service giant and the chief operating officer at a Big Four accounting firm were celebrated as the 2019 Distinguished Alumni by the School of Business this spring.

Tom Bené, b'84, chairman, president and CEO of Sysco Corp., has held a variety of leadership roles at the company, overseeing all business operations, commercial functions and supply chain organization. His volunteer service includes work with the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the United Way of Houston and the School of Business Dean's Advisory Board.

Frank Friedman, b'79, joined Deloitte's Kansas City office in 1979 and now leads the international firm's global strategy. He served as interim U.S. CEO in 2014-'15. Friedman's philanthropic work has included stints with the REACH Foundation, Starlight Theatre, HCA Midwest Health and Menorah and Overland Park medical centers.

The school's Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes dedication to excellence, community service and commitment to KU.

# Milestones, money and other matters

- KU was named a First Forward institution this spring by the Center for First-generation Student Success. The designation, given to only 80 schools nationwide, recognizes excellence in improving educational experiences and outcomes for first-generation college students.
- A \$1.4 million estate gift from Martha "Matt" Mueller, d'55, will establish the Mueller Family Fund to support KU Libraries and create undergraduate scholarships for students in need. Mueller, who died in 2018, was a retired librarian who worked at the New York State College of Ceramics for 25 years. The Mueller Family Fund honors her mother and father, Helen, c'23, g'32, and Felix, and her late sister, Jeanne Mueller Lewin, c'51.
- The School of Law's moot court program this summer achieved its highest all-time ranking—14th—in national rankings published by the University of Houston Law Center. The top 16 programs will compete in the 2020 Blakely National Moot Court Championship in Houston. Second-year law students T.J. Blake, c'17, j'17, of Hutchinson, and Andi Leuszler, c'17, of Lenexa, will represent KU in the contest.
- A \$1 million gift from Cheryl Lockton Williams of Mission Hills will establish a new insurance and risk management certificate program in the School of Business. The gift honors Williams' late husband, Jack Lockton, founder of the Missouri-based Lockton Companies, the world's largest privately held insurance brokerage firm. They were married for 31 years before Jack's death from pancreatic cancer in 2004. The program launches this fall and will prepare students for careers in insurance and risk management.

# Sports by Chris Lazzarino



# The streak

# Hoppel ends 'magical' season with second NCAA title

**T**hen he sat down for an interview with Kansas Alumni in April, junior Bryce Hoppel, NCAA Indoor 800-meter champion, shared memories of a motivating moment from the end of his freshman season: As Hoppel and Texas A&M rival Devin Dixon—with whom he'd clipped heels in a national invitational meet after his undefeated senior season in Midland, Texas—surged toward the line in an NCAA qualifier race in Austin, Dixon clocked in narrowly better, securing the final spot in the NCAA's 800 meters.

"Training over that whole summer, I couldn't get it out of my mind," Hoppel said. "I kept replaying that final stretch in my mind, over and over."

Consider it avenged.

Hoppel on June 7 capped his remarkable year with his second NCAA 800-meter title by passing Dixon on the inside as the two front runners entered the final stretch. The victory was Hoppel's 19th in a row, indoor and outdoor. His winning time of 1

minute, 44.41 seconds was a personal best, set a facility record at the University of Texas track stadium, and was the fifthfastest ever by a collegian.

"I knew it was going to be fast with this guy over here," Hoppel said afterward, nodding toward Dixon. "He's an incredible runner and we do incredible things when we're together in a race."

When asked four days later whether that freshman-year disappointment had flashed through his mind as he passed Dixon turning for home, Hoppel first replied, "Yeah, a little bit," then walked it back: "Time had passed, and I kind of avenged it earlier, in earlier races with him. In that moment, my head was on great things. Not really revenge, just, 'Here's the line, and the ultimate national championship,' rather than specifically with Devin."

Dixon, who finished less than half a second behind Hoppel, admitted afterward to a "rookie mistake" in losing track of Hoppel. Expecting to see his rival in the

Bryce Hoppel in his favored spot, right off the leader's outside shoulder; lulling Devin Dixon into thinking that's where he'd remain, Hoppel made his winning move to the inside lane.

pink and blues on his outside shoulder, Dixon left room for Hoppel to charge up

"It was a pleasant surprise," Hoppel said. "The spot opened up and I saw the opportunity."

After winning both NCAA 800-meter titles without losing an individual race, Hoppel suddenly became a darling of the national track and field scene.

One prominent track blog noted that the past three men's 800-meter champions left their schools to run professionally. Considering Hoppel's "magical 2019 collegiate track campaign for Kansas," he could make it four in a row: "Given what he accomplished in 2019, this might have been the last collegiate race for Hoppel."

Not so fast, Hoppel told Kansas Alumni: "KU has been nothing but amazing to me, so I'd like to give everything I can for them since they've given everything to me."

Not surprisingly, USA Track and Field picked Hoppel for the Aug. 6-10 Pan American Games in Peru. His primary summer goal, though, is the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships July 25-28 in Des Moines, Iowa. There Hoppel will take a big leap beyond NCAA competition, and he concedes that his unbeaten streak is unlikely to survive intact.

"I always run to win," he says, "but right now, realistically, I'm running to place."

The top three finishers in each event qualify for the U.S. team that will travel to the World Championships, Sept. 27-Oct. 6 in Doha, Qatar. To help his chances of landing a spot on the podium—and the USA Track and Field's world championships team—Hoppel has already begun watching race video of his competition,

"just to get a feel for how other guys like to run." No matter what he sees, Hoppel adds, he'll stick to his usual plan of pacing close behind the front-runner, setting up his move on the final turn.

"It's kind of more of a comfort thing, having [the leader] right there. I can feel how much I have left throughout the race, and if I'm coming up on him, I feel how much I can give at that last point. It might play a little bit in their head, but for me, it's



Hoppel

# "It was a pleasant surprise."

-Bryce Hoppel, on an inside line opening up in the NCAA 800's stretch run

just to find a place of comfort and going off of that.

"The tactical side of it is definitely a big factor. If you're not going to run smart, you're definitely going to suffer in your results."

As for running smart, Hoppel does admit to one youthful indiscretion: Mere days after winning NCAA gold, Hoppel hit the Rock Chalk Park track and couldn't hold himself back.

"My legs are feeling great, and I actually had a blazing fast run."

Also at the NCAA meet, junior Gleb Dudarev won silver in the hammer throw, freshman Zach Bradford took sixth in the pole vault, and freshman Treyvon Ferguson placed 10th in the triple jump with a personal-best mark of 53 feet, 1 inch, the

fifth-best in KU history. For the women's team, sophomore Alexandra Emilianov, who later won Moldova's national discus title, placed fourth at the NCAA meet with a toss of 193 feet, 3 inches, the fourth-best throw in KU history.

Freshman Cordell Tinch was named Big 12 track and field's Outstanding Freshman of the Year after scoring in three events at the conference meet in Norman, Oklahoma, including victory in the 100-meter hurdles. Hoppel won his third overall Big 12 800 title, and Emilianov successfully defended her discus title.

Senior Alexis Romero tied for second in women's pole vault and senior Joel Long took fourth in the men's high jump. KU's men's and women's teams both placed fifth in overall standings at the Big 12 meet.

# **UPDATES**

Coach **Les Miles** secured nine commitments for his 2020 recruiting class at KU football's final June recruiting weekend, according to the Lawrence Journal-World, bringing the total for next year to 21 high school seniors-to-be, including 15 rated three-star talents by Rivals.com. Analyst **Jon Kirby** cited defensive lineman **Kenean Caldwell**, who also

had offers from Texas A&M, TCU and Oregon, as a potential standout in the group, according to the Journal-World. KU opens the Miles era at 11 a.m. on Aug. 31 with a home game against Indiana State....

After winning the Big 12 Tournament, the tennis team opened NCAA play at the Jayhawk Tennis Center with victories over Denver and Florida. In KU's first Sweet 16 appearance since 1998, the Jayhawks on May 10 fell 4-3 at Stanford. "This team has so much to be proud of," says coach **Todd Chapman**, "and also has so



Miles

much to look forward to in the future."
After the NCAA team event, singles specialist **Anastasia Rychagova** and the doubles tandem of **Nina Khmelnitckaia** and **Janet Koch**, all seniors, advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA's Women's Tennis Individual Championships in Orlando, Florida. ...
The Boston Red Sox, defending World Series champs, selected two Jayhawks

in the June 4 Major League Baseball draft: junior right-hander **Ryan Zeferjahn** in the third round and junior catcher **Jaxx Groshans** in the fifth. "I am thrilled for both of them," said coach **Ritch Price**. "To be picked by the world champions and such a historic franchise as the Boston Red Sox is special. Both are completely prepared and ready to chase their dreams." ... Late Night in the Phog, which opens the season for both men's and women's basketball, is set for Oct. 4, the evening before the home football game against Oklahoma.



# You got this, Gary

s is customary with the final round of the U.S. Open, it was Father's Day when Gary Woodland on June 16 became the first Jayhawk golfer to win one of the sport's four major tournaments. The timing can make for emotional moments, among them the victory 20 years ago by Payne Stewart, who sank a 15-foot birdie to win at North Carolina's Pinehurst No. 2.

Seconds after his championship putt, Stewart embraced runner-up Phil Mickelson—whose wife, Amy, would give birth to their first child the next day and said, "You're going to be a father, and there's nothing greater in the world!"

Even in its dramatic finales on the grandest stages, golf is never the most important thing, Stewart reminded

Mickelson and the world. Gary Woodland needed no such reminder. Thanks to his father, friends and mentor, he knew it, lived it, and kept it close at Pebble Beach.

"You got this, Gary."

So said Woodland's new No. 1 fan, Amy Bockerstette, a Special Olympics golfer, as she watched the Open with her family in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Woodland, c'07, met Amy in January, during a practice round before the PGA's Phoenix, Arizona, tournament. Amy hugged Woodland on the 16th tee at TPC Scottsdale, and she promptly stroked a smooth-as-silk tee shot. It landed in a greenside bunker, but she chipped out and, facing a par putt, Woodland said, "Why don't you go ahead and make that?"

"OK," she said. "I got this."

A friendship was born. As was a mantra. "What a blessing," Woodland told Kansas Alumni four days after his victory. "Her attitude, her energy and her love, the world needs a lot more of."

Asked whether her attitude, energy and love helped him stay calm while trying to hold off a late charge by the back-to-back U.S. Open champion, Brooks Koepka, Woodland replied, "There's no doubt. You've got to put everything in perspective. I'm out here playing a game, obviously it's a big stage and a big moment, but there's a lot more important things in life and I needed to be able to enjoy that moment.

"That's what I kept telling myself: Enjoy the pressure. Enjoy the stress of the whole situation. My goal was to be comfortable

being uncomfortable, if that makes sense."

Woodland capped four days of shotmaking around and on the greens—never a strength for the long hitter—by draining a 30-footer for birdie on No. 18.

"Cool way to go out on 18, to make that bomb," Koepka said. "He deserves it. He's worked hard and I'm happy for him."

With a two-stroke lead, he could have putted three times and won. Why wait?

You got this. So said Gary. And Amy. And his father.

"My dad never forced me to do anything, but if I did it, if I decided to go play catch or go play basketball, he was hard on me," Woodland said at his post-tournament news conference, shortly after embracing his parents, Dan and Linda, near the 18th green. "You had to do it the right way if you were going to do it at all."

Growing up in Tecumseh, Woodland was a star athlete from the start: "I always believed I would play professional sports. I didn't know what sport that would be, but I always believed I would be in this moment." A photograph shared online by

burn University; in the first game of his college career, in Allen Field House, the arena where Woodland always dreamed of playing, he learned he chose wrong.

"I was guarding Kirk Hinrich," Woodland recalls, "and I was like, 'OK, I'll need to find something else because this ain't gonna work."

After the season, Woodland called Randall. Perhaps suspecting there might be a change of heart, Randall had a scholarship waiting for him.

"That," Woodland says, "was the first time I ever focused solely on golf."

Their relationship lasted beyond Woodland's KU playing days, with Randall continuing to mentor Woodland as he fought his way through golf's minor leagues. Once his career was established, Gary and his wife, Gabby, purchased a home in Palm Beach County, in part to be near Randall, who moved to Boynton Beach with his wife, Linda, after retiring as KU's director of golf operations in 2009.

On April 21, 2017, Woodland's parents visited the Randalls for lunch. Gary

# by Chris Lazzarino

"My whole life, it's all been about trying to win. Now I'm trying to make a better life for my son than I've had. It's been a process, but today is so special from that standpoint. Hopefully someday he can see this and realize that anything is possible."

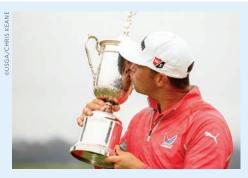
The Monday after his Sunday victory, Woodland flew to New York, and on Tuesday he made media rounds—including a surprise visit to the set of NBC's "Today" show, during Amy's appearance.

"It's just a cool story," says coach Bill Self, a friend and fan. "What makes it so neat is, you go from a situation where nobody thought he'd win, and then after they thought he might win, I'm sure the television networks were hoping he didn't. And it turns out to be a cooler story than even if Brooks had won."

Three days after his victory, Woodland finally flew home to his family. The next morning, he was in the gym in Miami, after which he took a call from Kansas Alumni, eager to talk about his Jayhawk







his family shows toddler Gary, wearing a Jayhawk T-shirt, at a driving range. His form, even then, was perfect: knees, elbows, wrists, eyes. Perfect.

Dan coached Gary in baseball and his first love, basketball. An all-state guard, Woodland led Shawnee Heights to two state championships. Golf was not a priority, yet Woodland took fourth in a national tournament and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Kansas State Amateur.

Despite his obvious talent, nobody recruited Woodland for golf-except Ross Randall. Woodland finally turned the KU coach down to play basketball at Washdeclined, so he could hit the driving range. Randall died later that evening.

"He crossed my mind when I finished," Woodland says. "Keep doing what you're doing. This is why we hit all those balls. This is why we've done our preparation."

In other words: You got this, Gary.

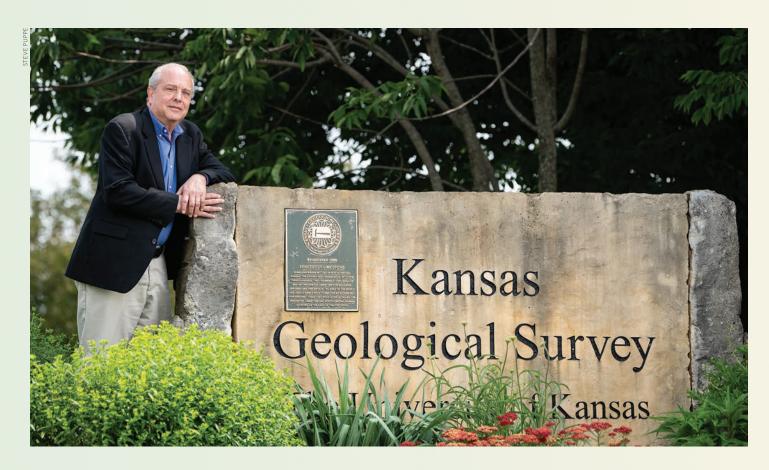
Because Gabby is due to deliver identical twin girls the first week of August, she was unable to travel to Pebble Beach. which meant their son, 2-year-old Jaxson, stayed home, too. Perhaps because he was far from his son on Father's Day, Woodland was reflective as he cradled his trophy a continent away from his family.

roots—"The shirt I wore my whole life growing up was a Danny Manning jersey"—and explain the perspective he's found on golf and life.

"I'm driving back to head to the course," Woodland said June 20. "It's time to get back to work. You've got to continue to get better. There's obviously a lot of things I need to improve. The results are great, but we've got to sit down, regroup, and continue to work, continue to improve.

"If you're not getting better you're getting worse, and that statement's really going to hold right now."

You got this, Gary. Always did.





Thanks to an unlikely patron, Rolfe Mandel reinvents and invigorates the search for the first people of the Plains

by Chris Lazzarino

niversity Distinguished Professor Rolfe Mandel hunts history, old history, older even than ancient history. Prehistory, the good stuff, the mystery history. Deep soils, deep digs, deeper still, and suddenly you're way back in time and the hunt is on.

"Deep," Mandel explains. "The earliest. Deep time."

Mandel's hunt, his quest, his odyssey, is to find evidence of the earliest humans on the central Great Plains. Before the 1990s, scholars generally agreed that the so-called Clovis people were the first humans to roam North America, perhaps as early as 13,500 years ago. Recent finds have pushed that number back: Mandel is particularly intrigued by Paisley Caves, in Oregon, and a pair of sites in southern Wisconsin, known as Schaefer and Hebior, all of which seemingly present evidence of human activity about 14,500 years ago.

Although his fieldwork takes him to sites as far-flung as Cyprus, Jordan and Egypt, the heart of Mandel's research has always been, and remains, the middle of North America.

Along with his retinue of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers, Mandel, g'80, PhD'91, has for nearly 20 years embarked on his adventures thanks to the unlikeliest of partners, a Denver geologist and investor who, in the words of Dale Seuferling, president of KU Endowment, appeared "out of the blue" to offer a million-dollar gift.

"It is well known that research for identification of the first Americans," Joseph L. Cramer wrote in his 2002 introductory letter, as quoted in the Spring 2019 issue of the Endowment magazine, KU Giving, "constitutes the great mystery of the New World."

What neither Mandel nor Seuferling knew at the time was that Cramer's generous gift, which launched and funded the Odyssey Archaeological Research Fund for more than 15 years, would one day blossom beyond their wildest dreams.

The hunt was on.

olfe Mandel grew up in San Antonio. THe studied physical geography earth surface processes—at the University of Texas in Austin. After graduating with honors, Mandel was stunned when his

adviser and mentor, Curt Sorenson, departed for the geography department at KU. The following year, 1976, Mandel joined him in Lawrence.

"Kansas seemed like a faraway place," Mandel says. "I grew up in Texas. I had a lot of close ties in Texas. But, Curt managed to pry me loose from Texas."

Here Mandel continued to study soils, landscape evolution and climate change, and after earning his master's, in 1980, he chose to step away from the usual track for academic stars and join a research institute for environmental and public policy based in Blake Hall. Energized by the challenging work, Mandel in the late 1980s rejoined the KU graduate program, within the rare designation of "special studies," which allowed him to piece together an extraordinarily unusual PhD committee.

"It was not easy to do," he says. "They make it very difficult, because they don't want anybody doing an end run to make it easier. So they make it just the opposite: as difficult as possible. But, because I considered myself multidisciplinary, that allowed me to put together a very diverse committee, with geology, geography, paleontology and soils. I even got a faculty member from K-State on my committee."

The earth, weather and soils processes that became focal points of Mandel's research are intensely complex, yet can

still be grasped by budding archaeologists who hunted arrowheads by identifying topographical features—creeks or pleasant meadows, for instance—that would have enticed people of any era to hunt, fish and camp. Yes, Mandel explains patiently, that's a first step, but it lacks the crucial element for investigations into deep human history to offer meaningful results: context, and context only happens when the evidence is found in situ, or buried and preserved in place.

Over the past 10,000 years, since the last ice age, wind-blown sediments in North America's northern Plains were washed downstream, into the central Plains, becoming especially thick in stream

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# Pipe Creek

Pipe Creek near Minneapolis, Kansas, seemed promising at the outset of this 2018 dig, with ancient artifacts found alongside ice-age animal bones—and even what appeared to be a child's footprint preserved in clay—but it had all been redeposited by floods, hopelessly mixed, and the footprint could have been made in the past few hundred years. "It's a complex site," Mandel says, "and a good learning experience. You can't take everything at face value."







valleys. What eroded above ended up below. The end of the last ice age also brought on large-scale change in weather patterns across the central continent as the jet stream drifted up from what is now northeastern Texas. Although the central Plains became drier overall, they were also subjected to the same sort of massive storms that this year soaked Kansas and the entire Midwest.

The onset of infrequent large storms and associated accumulation of sediment conspired to bury the archaeological record. As Mandel explained in a landmark 2008 paper published in the journal Geomorphology, a relative abundance of early sites found in other areas of the Great Plains and along the eastern Rockies, and the apparent paucity of 13,000-year-old Clovis sites in the central Plains, do not necessarily mean early humans weren't here. Mandel concluded evidence of their likely existence in the central Plains got buried.

Deep.

"It's like a giant jigsaw puzzle with most of the pieces missing," says Art Bettis, professor emeritus at the University of Iowa and a longtime friend and colleague of Mandel's, "and you've got to find those little pieces that are still out there somewhere and try to piece them together. Rolfe is really good at it. That's what he does."

Buried jigsaw puzzle pieces, that's the

bad news. The good news is that when unearthed from a sealed, stratified site— "a layer cake of occupation," Mandel explains—stone projectile points and scrapers, charcoal, hearths and megafauna bones with human-inflicted marks can be definitively studied and analyzed.

"What makes Rolfe distinct within the geoarchaeological community," says Jared Beeton, PhD'07, assistant professor of environmental studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, and the Odyssey program's first graduate student, "is that he's a specialist in soils and paleoenvironments. That's exactly what's needed to answer the question of, who are the first North Americans? A lot of times we don't even know what we're looking for, and there's not a lot of material artifacts out there. It's more about figuring out what the environment was like and trying to piece together the story from soils."

ometime around 2000, Mandel was intrigued by an opportunity at the University of Arizona and applied. He didn't get the job, but did meet the private donor who funded Arizona's new position: Denver oil and gas wildcatter Joe Cramer, a multimillionaire who lived with his wife, Ruth, in a modest home and drove an old car and was consumed by what Mandel describes as "a curiosity about who was here before us."

During the interview process, Mandel

# Kanorado

Kanorado, flanking I-70 near the Colorado border, in 2003 became Odyssey's first official dig. With 13,000-year-old artifacts, it is the first stratified Clovis-era site in the central Plains. More intriguing: Megafauna bones, deeper and older, have also been found, hinting at the possibility of one day unearthing evidence of Kansas' first pre-Clovis people.

and Cramer clicked, and Mandel invited the ornery, opinionated, intelligent enthusiast to visit a KU dig underway in northwestern Kansas. Cramer accepted, and became a fan of Mandel's techniques and ideas.

Cramer was then in the midst of establishing a network of research programs with \$1 million endowments to six universities; KU made the cut when another prominent university in a neighboring state would not agree to Cramer's conditions for how his endowment would be administered.

"Bottom line was, I literally got a call from Joe and he said, 'Rolfe, I want to give you \$1 million.' That was the phone call. I said, 'Joe, small, unmarked bills in a paper sack.' He thought that was pretty funny."

Of the six original programs, Cramer eventually chose three universities to share the bounty of his family trust: KU, Texas







# **Coffey**

Odyssey digs from 2011 to '15 at the Coffey site, north of Manhattan on the Big Blue River, unearthed stratified Folsom artifacts—not as old as Clovis, but warranting five seasons of investigation. Kanorado remains the only central Plains site with both Clovis and Folsom artifacts; Mandel says deeper artifacts at Coffey could also be Clovis or even older, but nothing datable by radiocarbon testing was found.









# **Scheuerman**

On bluffs overlooking the Smoky Hill River Valley in Scott County, the Scheuerman site in 2011 revealed 14,000-year-old mammoth remains uncovered by a farmer. Odyssey found an adult and juvenile tandem, perhaps indicating simultaneous kills; six years of investigation failed to positively date a cluster of artifacts found nearby.



A&M and Nevada-Reno, each with a focus in different areas of the country. When Mandel and Cramer first discussed the possibility of KU sharing in the trust, Mandel was led to believe that, if it should happen at all, it would be about \$2 million, maybe a bit more. "And I was never even certain that he established it," Mandel says.

Joe Cramer died in 2013, followed by Ruth in 2018. Mandel, who in 2017 was named director of Kansas Geological Survey, where Odyssey is housed, finally learned in late 2018 that KU had, in fact, been included in the trust. The good news got even better: Thanks to wise investments, KU's share would be worth \$6.9 million, bringing the Cramers' total KU gift to nearly \$8 million—from a family with no connections to Mount Oread other than a shared passion for discovery.

When Cramer first met with Seuferling, j'77, and Mandel to discuss the possibility of a trust gift, Cramer had in mind an endowed chair that would focus on the search for the earliest people in the Americas. But, Mandel says, "I actually talked him out of it."

Instead of investing the entire gift in one person, Mandel argued, it should instead be used to pay postdoctoral fellows and graduate students, especially since one of Joe and Ruth Cramer's stated goals was to train the next generation of researchers in fieldwork and laboratory analysis so they could then train further generations, an endless wave assuring that the Cramers' money would fuel the hunt for early North Americans far into the future.

"As graduate students we would talk about that a lot over beers at the end of the day, about how lucky we were to be able to just do our research and have all that funded," Beeton says. "A lot of students will spend hours doing other jobs while they're PhD students. For us—at least for me—I didn't have that. I was paid to do my own work, which is really cool."

Along with the money, KU also received the entirety of Joe Cramer's massive library—30 four-drawer file cabinets—of books, maps, scientific papers, news clippings and geology and archaeology ephemera, and another cabinet containing a catalog of thousands of meticulous index



cards typed by Cramer himself. Note, too, that the geoarchaeology research the Cramers funded is called the Odyssey program, not the Cramer Odyssey program.

"Joe did not want his name attached to it," Mandel says. "He saw that as a distraction."

Mandel intends to direct the program for the rest of his career and one day retire knowing that Odyssey will thrive in perpetuity off the gift's interest alone.

"This gives us a means to try to recruit, literally recruit, the best graduate students," Mandel says, "and then hopefully this is a jumping off point for their careers and they'll continue the search, so it won't just end here."

Although Cramer stipulated that research he funded at KU focus on the central Great Plains, the terms did allow for some broader excursions: Mandel and colleagues, including ancient-DNA specialist Dennis O'Rourke, Foundation Distinguished Professor, this summer will fly into the Canadian Yukon to inspect an intriguing site known as Bluefish Caves, where investigations by French-Canadian researchers in the 1970s hinted at possible evidence of the earliest known humans to have crossed the Beringian land bridge during low ice-age seas.

"There's a series of rock shelters, not really what I call a cave, that have evidence of human occupation 21,000 to 25,000

# Claussen

Claussen—Odyssey's second site, in Wabaunsee County, 20 minutes west of Topeka—in 2003 reached more than 30 feet deep. The site is "loaded with artifacts" from as early as 11,000 years ago, and a "rich assemblage" of harvested animal remains, Mandel says, including bison, deer, turkey, rabbits, freshwater mussels, turtles, fish and aquatic birds. Odyssey investigators return each summer to check for newly exposed archaeological materials in the Mill Creek streambank.

years ago," Mandel says. "This would have been the type of site that Joe would just relish having somebody go in and look closer."

To reach the site, the KU Odyssey investigators will fly by helicopter into a remote area of the Yukon near the village of Old Crow. Mandel designed this summer's trip as a reconnaissance expedition; if they find hints of what they're looking for, Mandel plans to return in summer 2020.

"This is an expensive trip," he says, "and Odyssey gives us the opportunity to do it."

Joe Cramer, Mandel explains, was well aware of funding pressures facing university scientists, especially those who are

not, for instance, curing cancer.

"I still remember Joe saying, 'The luxury of this is that you don't have to spend all your time hustling money. You can actually go out, hit the ground running, and search.' He's right. This was his way of freeing us from that burden. And, you never know. You can invest a lot of time in a proposal and not get funded. He said, specifically, 'This is your opportunity to not have to do that."

andel in summer 2017 invited Kansas Alumni to visit an Odyssey dig in the Mark Twain National Forest, on the Current River in Missouri's southeastern Ozarks. As promised, at 8 a.m. on July 17, Mandel can be found sorting gear in the back of his big Silverado pickup, in the parking lot of The Landing, a sprawling motel complex that's a mecca for floaters and kayakers.

The morning weather promptly transitions from warm to hot, muggy and buggy, but at least it is dry. Here, dry is good, ever since May 2, 2017, when 12 inches of rain turned the pleasant Current into a monster that swept through and over the nearby town of Van Buren. The Landing sits high above the Current, but not high enough; the surging river swamped the beautiful main building and its restaurant. Now, nearly two months since Van Buren almost got wiped off the map, The Landing's restaurant remains closed. No breakfast here. Change in plans.

"The only place open is McDonald's," Mandel says with a shrug. A highway McDonald's it is. Except, it isn't. Serving breakfast, that is. No power, the sign says. The Sinclair filling station and Subway sandwich shop next door are dark, too.

Last option: a convenience store in town. Mandel is in Van Buren for one day, a fast visit to the site up in the neighboring mountains being worked by his KU Odyssey students and students from Missouri State University. He is eager to find a bite to eat before heading out for a long, hot day in the field, but nobody else in Smalley's Convenience and Deli appears to be in much of a rush.

The parking lot is full. Young men loll

about out on the porch, smoking cigarettes and drinking Mountain Dew; inside, old men crowd a long table, sipping coffee and chatting. The short-order grill bustles, and a few families wait patiently for scrambled eggs, waffles and Texas toast.

Smalley's is crowded because it survived. It was high enough up the hill from the heart of downtown Van Buren to escape the four-story-high waters that destroyed churches, businesses and schools. If the locals are tired of talking about that damn flood, on this morning they can bat around a new topic of conversation: The Current Local newspaper, 75 cents each over by the cash register, features a well-reported story about a fossils dig launched by the guy enjoying his hamand-egg biscuit at the next table over.

First people of the Ozarks: Archeologists dig for 'pre-Clovis' clues at Big Spring

The site being investigated by Mandel and Jack Ray, an MSU research archaeologist, abuts an abandoned Depression-era shower house built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. When utility-line trenches were dug in the 1970s, stone projectile points were uncovered. The limousine-sized pit—as it was aptly described by a student digger—attracts wandering visitors throughout the 98-degree day, including a retiree who says he's been finding arrowheads around here since he was a boy. With the Western Hemisphere's largest single-vent spring the otherworldly beautiful and serene Big Spring—just around a bluff, the locale was, and is, in Mandel's words, "an oasis."

It clearly attracted roaming bands of hunters and their families, who must have enjoyed Spring Valley for the same reasons that attract visitors today. As the KU and MSU students had already confirmed in 26 previous days of digging, 10,000-yearold artifacts, including points carved from stone sourced from St. Louis to Arkansas, had been sealed in situ.

Yet the question remained: Might they find anything older? Encouraged by the results, Mandel approved funding for another five days of digging, sifting and sorting. The search ultimately proved futile, but only in the context of uncovering stratified evidence of pre-Clovis

occupation. It will still be an important Dalton-era—or late Paleo-Indian—site, worthy of further research by scientists at Missouri State University and the National Park Service.

"We wanted to see if there was something earlier, early paleo, and unfortunately the deeper we went the sediments just basically disappeared and we got right down onto rock," Mandel later explains. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right? My philosophy is, it doesn't matter if you find it or not. You've got to look."

p top we stated that Mandel's quest is to find evidence of the earliest people on the central Plains. Turns out, that is not precisely accurate.

"He'd love to do it," Bettis says from his Iowa home. "Who wouldn't? But it's not what drives him. I think it's understanding the situation that drives him."

Here's the way Bettis sees it: Mandel is "so modest" that personal glory is not a factor. This is a guy, after all, who convinced an eager donor not to create an endowed chair. Instead, Bettis says, Mandel hopes his decades of sweat and scholarship improve the chances that the person who does make the next big find—maybe even one of his Odyssey descendants—does it right.

"He's set the stage so when that discovery is made, it will be made in the proper way," Bettis says. "It's the geologic context that's important. You've got to be able to demonstrate it on the basis of the deposits. You can't find a point type, you can't determine a radiocarbon age, without the context. It's going to have to be the geology of the site, of the location, that actually makes it solid.

"I think he's well aware of that, and that's what he's doing. He's laid the framework for whoever happens to make that discovery. And, who knows what the earliest one is out there anyway? I think that's a moving target."

Sic transit gloria mundi, eh? Why should busy scientists like Mandel and Bettis let themselves get consumed chasing the glory of a find that one day will almost certainly be eclipsed?





It is enough that Mandel's seminal 2008 paper detailing landscape evolution in the central Plains fundamentally altered the search for early Plains people. No longer would it be acceptable to simply rely on happenstance—sites uncovered during highway construction, for instance. Instead, the search requires an understanding of the land itself, the very soil from which discoveries would be exhumed.

In awarding Mandel the 2010 Kirk Bryan Award for Excellence, the Geological Society of America described the science contained in Mandel's "great, influential paper" as "actually quite staggering." One table alone contains geoarchaeological analysis of dozens of Great Plains sites. "You're looking at my career, practically," Mandel says. "It took me 20 years to do that."

What Mandel has done, in his writing and research and teaching and mentoring,



is convince hopeful time travelers to read the earth. The best way to find needles on a continent of haystacks is to understand how the haystacks were arranged eons ago.

"This whole idea that Rolfe got involved in, looking at all of prehistory over a really big area, that was totally brand new," Bettis explains. "Nobody ever did that. And now, that's sort of the way people do it. It's really caused a big revolution."

Mandel recalls accompanying an archaeologist to a potential site in the Elkhorn River Valley, in Nebraska. Mandel took in the lay of the land and eventually said, dig here. Sure enough, 10 feet down, they found a huge, 6,000-year-old hearth.

"The archaeologist was looking at me like, 'How did that happen?' But it's not like it was magic. It's because I knew the landscape. I knew this was a place where people lived because I understand the landscape and I understood the processes that would bury a site in this setting.



# **Spring Valley**

As with Claussen, the Spring Valley dig in the Missouri Ozarks revealed ample evidence of Dalton-era occupation; unlike Claussen, there's no hope of finding anything older because the 2017 Odyssey dig reached bedrock. "It was the ideal place," Mandel says. "The problem was, the age of the sediments kind of petered out at the bottom."

"It's not luck. It's not fortuitous. It's understanding the landscape, and that's my wheelhouse."

When Mandel approaches land owners to ask permission to visit their property, he's often met with grim, skeptical faces. Then he explains what he thinks might be buried under the soil these people thought they knew so well.

"Whenever you start talking to them about deep history, they perk up and want to hear about it. 'Windows into the past' is the way I like to look at it. You actually have physical remains, and then it's not just a story.

"You have something that you can hold in your hand, and I think we all find that a little bit enchanting."

Dig deep. Deeper still. And, eventually, time will travel back to us.

hortly after graduating from KU in 1996 with her political science degree, Wichita native Monique Garcia packed her belongings and headed to Washington, D.C., eager to launch her career on Capitol Hill. Though separated from her family and alma mater by more than 1,000 miles, Garcia soon found a connection that made her feel close to home: She met a fellow Jayhawk at a KU networking event.

Garcia introduced herself to Janet Murguía, now president and CEO of the Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization UnidosUS, who in 1996 was deputy assistant to President Bill Clinton. The encounter was serendipitous. "She brought me under her wing and actually sponsored me to work in the White House," says Garcia, c'96, who, thanks to Murguía, c'82, j'82, l'85, landed a job as a public affairs officer in both the Clinton

and Bush administrations. "I always tell people it was because of the strength of the KU alumni network. We had that immediate connection because of KU."

Decades later, Garcia has returned to her hometown, where she directs community relations for the Kansas Health Foundation, and has vowed to "pay it forward" by helping other Jayhawks from future and current students to recent graduates just starting their careers. She participates in the Helpful Alumni Working for KU (HAWK) Mentor Program, a University initiative developed in 2016 by the Office of Admissions to help minority and first-generation students make a smooth transition from high school to college.

The program was launched at Wichita North High School by Kim Madsen Beeler, a career counselor and assistant director of the University Career Center who worked

# **Wichita Jayhawks** help local high school students reach their full potential

by Heather Biele

at Admissions for more than 10 years. She coordinated KU's original HAWK program, which enlisted alumni nationwide to attend college fairs and student recruitment events and communicate with prospective students through postcard campaigns. Beeler wanted to go a step further and help local high school students who might not have the resources to fully prepare for college.

"We had such a vibrant, enthusiastic







HAWK students enjoy game days on campus and watch parties with Wichita Jayhawks.

alumni group in Wichita that was chomping at the bit to get involved," says Beeler, c'93, j'93, g'99. "We also knew there were a lot of students we could help in that area. We wanted them to have someone that they could look up to and ask questions in a really relaxed, comfortable setting, so by the time they were seniors they didn't feel so lost in the process. It can be really overwhelming, certainly if you haven't had someone in your family attend a higher education institution. We wanted to help with that and make that an easier transition."

Beeler connected with Danielle Lafferty Hoover, c'07, the Association's director of Wichita programs and donor relations, and the two presented the mentorship opportunity to the Wichita Network board. Five board members, Andy Ek, b'05, g'11; Bob Nugent, c'77, l'80; Anna Ritchie, c'05, j'05; Jim Spencer, c'82; and Garcia were among those who signed up to be mentors, and other board members and area alumni offered to host events for the students or help with other activities.

"Given my past experience with college recruiting and connection to KU and passion for our community here in Wichita, it just seemed like a no-brainer to get involved and help a deserving up-and-coming student," says Ek, who directs talent development at Koch Industries.

The program required students to have a GPA of at least 2.5 and complete an application and essay. Those who were accepted were assigned alumni mentors, who coordinated job-shadowing opportunities with local professionals, attended volunteer activities with the students and helped facilitate educational workshops on topics such as creating a resume, applying to colleges and obtaining financial aid, and preparing for college-entrance exams. Beeler balanced the program's academic offerings with recreational activities, including trips to Lawrence for campus tours, KU football games and basketball's annual start-of-the-season tradition, Late Night in the Phog.

Fourteen sophomore students were accepted in the program in 2016, and in May nine graduated from Wichita North High School, including Ismari Martinez



Monique Garcia and Ismari Martinez

and Antonio Rocha, who excelled in their studies and took advantage of all that the program had to offer—especially the lasting relationships they built with their alumni mentors.

ittle did Kim Beeler know when she paired Martinez and Rocha with their respective Jayhawks how perfect the matches would be. The students met their mentors three years ago at a reception at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita, where participants and their parents learned more about the program.

Martinez, who lives in a single-parent household with her father and younger brother, felt an instant bond with Garcia, whose parents divorced when she was a student at KU. "We have such similar backgrounds," Martinez says. "We were able to connect more."

Not only did Garcia help Martinez navigate the daunting process of visiting colleges and applying for scholarships and financial aid, but she also supported Martinez in her extracurricular activities, cheering her on at cross-country meets and attending her high-school band performances, often bringing Martinez flowers and taking photos to share with her father. In addition, Garcia helped Martinez get a part-time job at her mother's restaurant, so the teenager could help her father with household expenses.

"I felt like it was so important to

# **Jayhawk Connections**

he Wichita Network's participation in the HAWK program demonstrates the impact of mentors who share their experiences and advice.

To extend the power of mentoring, the Alumni Association in fall 2018 launched KU Mentoring, an online networking platform that is part of the Jayhawk Career Network (JCN), KU Mentoring welcomes alumni from all industries and academic majors to connect with fellow alumni—and students who are seeking guidance to prepare for their careers. To sign up, visit **mentoring.ku.edu.** For more info on KU Mentoring or other JCN resources, contact Kristi Laclé, c'99, kristilacle@kualumni.org.

The JCN's first **Kyou Networking Day** is Aug. 1 (see p. 41). For details on connecting with Jayhawks locally or worldwide on Aug. 1, visit kualumni.org/ networking-day. -H.B.

empower her over those three years, because I knew that her mom wasn't in the picture and her dad was working his tail off," Garcia says. "His goal was to pay the utilities and put food on the table. He's so busy doing that, I thought maybe I can come in and be the cheerleader for her. I can give her that encouragement and support."

Garcia has witnessed a striking transformation in Martinez since they met. "When we first got matched, she was more tentative and uncertain, and that's understandable; at that age, I was too," Garcia says. "But over the past three years, it's been amazing to see her confidence level grow."

Andy Ek has seen a similar transformation in Rocha, a Wichita native from a family of seven whose parents emigrated from Mexico more than 25 years ago. Ek recalls the evening he met the young man at the HAWK reception. "He was certainly nervous and didn't communicate much, which was to be expected," Ek says. "I just cannot believe how much he's grown from that era of his life to now."

Rocha started high school suffering from severe social anxiety, which was complicated by the fact that he was overweight. Determined to overcome his fears and feel more comfortable in his own skin, Rocha challenged himself to interact with others, and he lost 120 lbs over the next two years. "Not only did that help with my confidence," Rocha says, "but it just made me feel a lot better in general."

A 4.0 student who single-handedly rebuilt a computer during his sophomore year, Rocha initially thought he wanted to pursue a career in computer science or information technology. After Ek arranged several job-shadowing opportunities with his colleagues at Koch, Rocha realized that chemical engineering was a more fitting profession—one that will allow him to help others battle obesity through nutrition.

"Andy helped me in really just realizing what my true purpose is," Rocha says.

He graduated as valedictorian of Wichita North and applied to 15 universities, including KU, Princeton, Yale, Harvard and Northwestern, hoping to receive tuition assistance. "Growing up, I always noticed how much we struggled financially," Rocha says. "The main thing for me and my family was finances."

After starting his freshman year wondering whether he would even attend college, Rocha received a full-ride scholarship to Northwestern, a private research university in Evanston, Illinois. He also was accepted to KU and the University Honors Program, but the financial aid he received to attend Northwestern was unparalleled.

"As big of a KU guy as I am," Ek jokes, "I didn't spend much time trying to talk him out of that."

This fall, Martinez will begin her studies on Mount Oread, where she will follow KU's pre-health path with the goal of becoming a pediatrician. Though she explored opportunities in Wichita—and was recruited by other notable institutions across the country—she never wavered in her desire to become a Jayhawk. "KU was always at the top of my list," says Martinez, who will be the first in her family to attend college. "The first time the HAWK Mentor Program took us to Lawrence for a football game, it felt like home immediately."

Martinez, who maintained a 3.68 GPA through high school, received several scholarships to attend KU, and she will stay at Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall to offset costs of room and board. Garcia was overcome with emotion when she found out the young woman would follow in her footsteps.

"She tries so hard and she deserves it," Garcia says. "I was just so glad to be part of that journey."



Kim Beeler and Kaci Bray



Andy Ek and Antonio Rocha

The HAWK Mentor Program continues to flourish at Wichita North, where eight junior students and nine sophomores participate. In fall 2017, Beeler passed the baton to Kaci Bray, assistant director for diversity and outreach at the Office of Admissions, who now oversees the program. Though the program's goal remains the same—to provide minority and first-generation students with college-preparation skills and opportunities—one core component has changed.

"The new sophomore class we inducted last fall wasn't paired with KU alumni mentors like the juniors and seniors," explains Bray, c'12, g'17. "We're just running into a shortage of alumni who could dedicate three years of time."

Instead, those students are encouraged to interact with numerous alumni they meet through HAWK events and activities. This past year Bray introduced TED Talk-like programs, which feature panels of local Jayhawks from a variety of professions, to help students with career

exploration. Participants also still benefit from program staples, including ACT-prep courses, job-shadowing opportunities and financial aid seminars, as well as volunteer activities and trips to Lawrence.

Bray continues to rely on Hoover to help make connections with local Jayhawks through the Alumni Association, and, with a new Admissions representative starting in Wichita this summer, Bray hopes to expand the network of Jayhawks willing to participate, perhaps as mentors. "There are all sorts of levels of involvement for alumni," she says. "That's why I like where the program's going in the future."

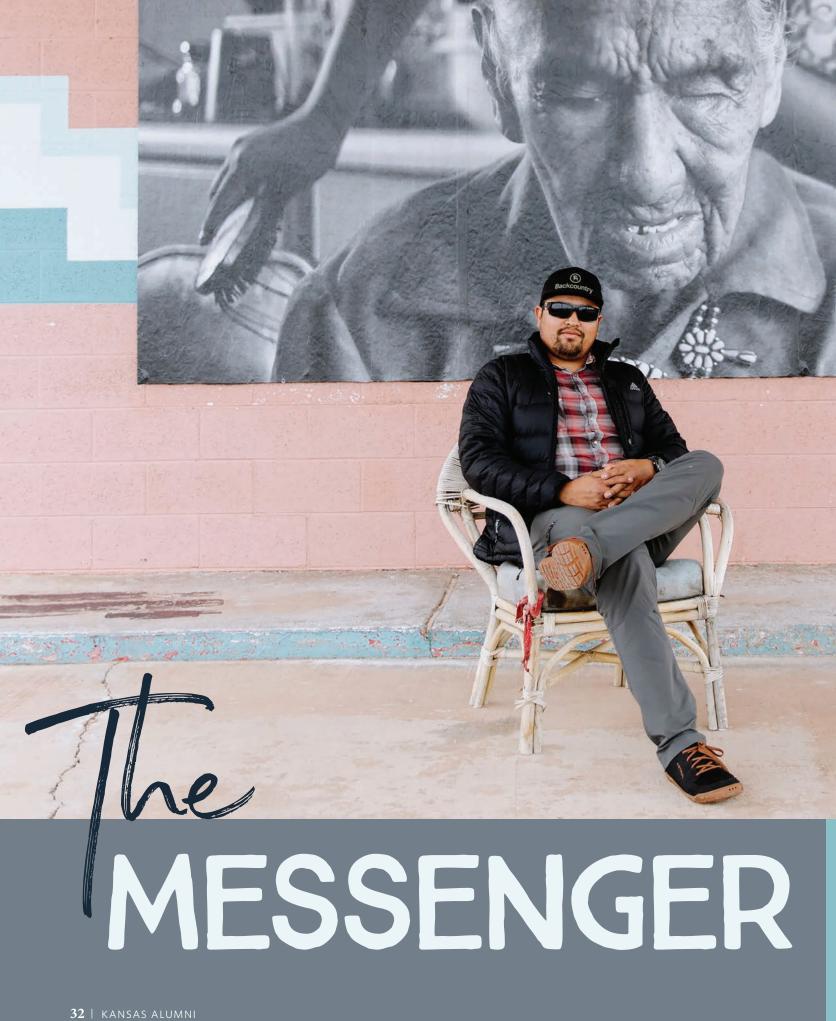
Though student success is the main objective, the benefits for alumni who participate can be just as significant. "You have the unique opportunity to change the life of a young person for the better," Beeler says. "And in return you also will probably gain more than you give, because our students are fantastic and they provide insight to the mentors just as much. It's a mutually beneficial relationship—and it can be a lasting one."

That's certainly true for Garcia and Ek, who are confident they will stay in touch with their students, not only through college but also for years to come. Garcia already plans to travel to KU in August with Martinez and her family for move-in day, and Ek hopes to help Rocha transition from college to career, possibly even with a position at Koch Industries.

"There's so much growth that the young people in our communities can have in a short period of time," Ek says. "A lot of times, it's just getting them connected to opportunities they're passionate about and letting them run and achieve them."

# More online

View Dan Storey's video of program participants, which includes Ismari Martinez's day on the Hill for summer orientation, at **kansasalumnimagazine.org.** For more information about the HAWK Mentor Program, contact Kaci Bray at **krbray@ku.edu.** 





# SCHOLAR, ADVENTURER, ENTREPRENEUR LEN NECEFER USES OLD WAYS AND NEW TO PERSUADE THE WORLD THAT WILDLANDS ARE WORTH SAVING

s a boy, Len Necefer worked and played among the sandstone canyons, desert mesas and forested buttes of the Bears Ears area of southeastern Utah.

A member of the Navajo nation, he tended the family sheep herd with older cousins, clambered over world-class rock-climbing terrain and gathered medicinal and ceremonial plants with his grandfather, a uranium miner who lost a lung to silicosis before becoming a traditional healer later in life.

The seeds of these childhood adventures grew into a career with many shoots but one common root: a conservation ethic that calls for protecting the natural and cultural heritage of America's wildlands.

"All of the threads tie back to taking care of the land, basically," Necefer, e'11, says of his varied career interests. "Growing up, I was always told it was my vested duty to take care of this land, because this is a part of your history, it's a part of who you are."

As a scholar, the assistant professor in the University of Arizona's American Indian Studies program and Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy teaches students natural resource policy and conducts research on environmental and indigenous nations issues, particularly the connections between national energy policy and traditional subsistence hunting in Alaska, where some indigenous communities get 50% to 80% of their food from the land.

An avid adventurer, he has made films and written articles for outdoor magazines about his trips to culturally significant sites such as Cochise Stronghold in Arizona, a rock-climbing outing among imposing granite ramparts that once sheltered the Apache chief Cochise and his people; and Sisnaajiní in Colorado, a ski mountaineering trek to one of the Navajos' most sacred peaks, the fourteener also known as Blanca Peak, in the Sangre de Cristo Range.

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Necefer followed his love for adventure sports to form Natives Outdoors, offering products designed by indigenous people and leading the charge to protect wildlands like Bears Ears (right).

As an entrepreneur, Necefer founded Natives Outdoors, an outdoor apparel company that grew out of a social media campaign he initiated to share the Native perspective on the outdoors, including a bid to revive the original indigenous place names of popular adventure destinations.

"The campaign originally started as a platform to share stories," Necefer says, "but I realized, 'Wow, we could actually make some cool products, because what's happening in the outdoor industry quite a bit is Native designs are used on products, but the profits don't benefit Native communities."

Discovering, from his own research, that most of America's national parks are within 100 miles of an Indian reservation, he realized the economic development potential that the \$400 billion outdoor recreation industry could offer to Native Americans, who experience a 26% poverty rate, the highest of any racial group in the United States and more than double the national average.

But money, while significant, really isn't the main issue for Necefer.

"For me, it's more importantly about cultural and language revitalization," he



says, "because so much of the culture and history of Native people is tied to landscapes and can't be taught in a classroom effectively."

Many Native communities are already "rich in their culture and land," he argues. But those valuable commodities, too—as Necefer has learned firsthand—are also under threat.

ecefer was working at the U.S. Department of Energy as an analyst and project monitor in the Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs when the Trump administration began working to open the Bears Ears National Monument and the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

Drawing on his mechanical engineering training at KU and Carnegie Mellon, where he earned a PhD, his work focused on helping Native communities develop

and maintain renewable energy projects. He'd seen those efforts stymied. At one point, he was told to remove all references to climate change from a report he wrote. He refused.

"I remember telling my boss, 'If they open up the refuge, I'm gone," Necefer recalls. Then on Dec. 4, 2017, in Salt Lake City, President Trump announced his decision to slash the 1.3-million-acre Bears Ears National Monument, established by President Barack Obama in 2016. by 85%. He cut another national monument, Grand Staircase-Escalante, established by President Bill Clinton in 1996, by nearly half. All told, the reduction opened to extractive industries nearly 2 million acres of protected land, the largest environmental rollback in U.S. history.

Later that month, the president signed a tax bill that also eliminated restrictions on oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

In "Welcome to Gwichyaa Zhee," a short film Necefer made with the help of a grant from the Wilderness Society and support from outdoor retailer Patagonia, he recounts his reaction to the Alaska decision.

"I had no words. From growing up with energy development all around me on the Navajo Nation, I knew exactly what the impacts would be."

Necefer says the thousands of Navajo men recruited to mine uranium on the 27,000-square-mile reservation in the 1950s were not supplied with respirators and other safety equipment: His grandfather, Henry Lee, lost his left lung to silicosis when he was only 40, and when Necefer was a toddler "a lot of men in their 50s and 60s in the community were dying from cancers or respiratory illnesses." A nearby coal-fired power plant and extensive oil and gas development contributed to air pollution so bad that "in winter you could taste the air," Necefer says.

Determined to take action, he quit his job at the Department of Energy. A week later, he was in Salt Lake City, protesting the signing of the Bears Ears reduction.

"Welcome to Gwichyaa Zhee," released in March, explores the connections

between threats to Bears Ears and the Arctic Refuge through the stories and perspectives of Necefer's people, the Diné (Navajo), and the Gwich'in, an indigenous community in the Arctic Circle who have depended for centuries on the Porcupine Caribou herd for survival.

"Len is an amazing storyteller," says Lulu Gephart, the film's producer and senior director of marketing for the Wilderness Society, which has been working since the 1970s to protect the Arctic Refuge. "The film started with understanding his connection to the refuge, that he didn't just understand the issues in an academic sense, but he had personal relationships there, he had spent time there. He just has a remarkable knack for finding people with incredible stories."

"Welcome to Gwichyaa Zhee" follows another film, "Messengers: A Running Story of Bears Ears and Escalante," that documents a marathon relay Necefer organized in January 2018. A group of friends ran 250 miles across the Bears Ears and Grand Escalante monuments in a

single weekend to see for themselves—and to show the world the natural wonders and important archaeological sites (more than 100,000 at Bears Ears alone) left unprotected by the reduction—a decision, the film points out, that was made by leaders who have never set foot on the land they are opening to industry.

The Bears Ears archaeological sites date back 20,000 years. "For the five tribes that came together and lobbied for the creation of this monument, these places are still alive and they are the places people take their kids to teach the history of their connection to the place," Necefer says. "They are simply preserving their Library of Congress."

"It's not the stuff we have, the money we make or the car we drive that makes a good life," Necefer says of Natives' value of family, community and environment. "The Gwich'in are rich in their culture and land, and we're threatening to take that from them."

hrough Natives Outdoors, Necefer consults with tribes, state governments, community groups and the outdoor industry to help ensure that any recreational development on Native land—the construction of trails or granting of rock-climbing access, for example—benefits the people, rather than threatening their land and way of life, as has sometimes been the case.

"He's painting a picture of a better path that the outdoor and environmental communities can take in thinking about their relationship to the outdoors," Gephart says. Those groups have always cared about nature, she adds, "but they've never really been challenged to think about it through the lens of the people who've been there and have thousands of years of history of knowing how to take care of nature."

Necefer, with his credibility among a range of disparate groups—Native, outdoor recreation, environmental, academic—is issuing that challenge, and doing it in a highly effective manner,

GWICHYAA ZHEE

Gephart says.

"He's been really great about being able to focus those conversations on what we have in common, going about it in a really amazing way that brings more people into the conversation without

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alienating anyone. That's the sweet spot where I see him operating now."

So far this summer, he has led a summit in Colorado that brought together leaders of a dozen tribes and the state's lieutenant governor to search for common ground and discuss ways that Native communities can participate in the outdoor industry. He is working with mountain- and rockclimbing advocacy groups such as the American Alpine Club and the Access Fund to establish best practices to help guide the outdoor industry on engaging with tribes on land issues and recreation opportunities, and he chairs the board of Shift, an annual festival held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, that's a kind of Davos Forum for the nature set, gathering leaders and thinkers from outdoor recreation.





conservation and public health.

On June 20, Necefer testified before Congress, addressing the House Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee to urge support of HR 3225, the "Restoring Community Impact and Public Protections In Oil and Gas Leasing Act," which seeks to restore 30-day public comment periods that allow citizens to make their views known on proposed oil and gas leases on public land.

He told his story of learning about the impacts of energy development on Native communities by observing his grandfather's "tail," the tubes that ran across his face and down his back to a portable oxygen tank that he carried everywhere.

"I pursued higher education because at first I was angry about this history," Necefer testified. "And then later I felt responsible about doing something about it."

In June he made a return trip to Fort Yukon, Alaska, to visit his Gwich'in friends. This time he took with him four Patagonia-sponsored athletes, including ultrarunner Clare Gallagher, who also participated in the Bears Ears relay.

She has called Necefer "the go-to man" for information about the deep indigenous imprint on popular outdoor destinations that once were Native land but are now misrepresented (as Necefer himself puts it) by "the myth that these are untouched wilderness areas."

"The campaign to save Bears Ears has been so influential in the outdoor industry," Gallagher says, "but the outdoor industry has to realize that we are just the frosting of this seven-layer cake to the history of this land. Len could tell you 10 million things that most people who've been going to places like Indian Creek for years wouldn't know."

The backlash brought on by the rollbacks at Bears Ears and Escalante inspired thousands to protest and drew national media attention. The Gwich'in fight has been much quieter, the spotlight much harder to command. "Welcome to Gwichvaa Zhee" is a modest attempt to do something about that, while also pointing out a stark reality: That the Gwich'in face some of the same challenges as the Navajo is not simply a coincidence.

"Making this film we were really interested in demonstrating that it's not just, 'Shoot, this one bad thing happened to this one community," Gephart says. "The Gwich'in and the Navajo face the same inequities because the whole system is set up to continually and repetitively perpetuate inequity. These seemingly one-off incidents show that this is how the system works, that it is built to work against these communities."

But as pieces of cinema, as works of art, as stories, "Welcome to Gwichyaa Zhee" and "Messengers" function at a more primal level. Each demonstrates that Native people fighting for control of their land are fighting for survival—because their relationship to the land is their life.

"Len is one of those people who's not just going to stand by when he sees injustice and do nothing about it," Gephart says. "It's rare to meet someone who's that brave. He's not only got the academic smarts to make his arguments, but also the bravery to stand up to these institutions and to the unpredictability of what the repercussions might be. It's pretty cool to see that in action."

he battle over Bears Ears has drawn lots of support from Natives and non-Natives alike, Necefer notes. "Our voice was amplified because people showed up for us, but the Gwich'in are fighting the same battle and they deserve the same support," he says in the film. "In a time when Native communities still feel invisible to the rest of our country, people need to continue uniting around these issues. If we show up for the Gwich'in, maybe their voice will finally be heard."

During his leg of the Bears Ears run in "Messengers," Necefer's emotions surged as he approached the twin buttes that give the area its name.

"It was one of the first times I felt that people other than my own community, people who had no connection to Native issues, actually began to care about it and that led me to break down," he explains. "I was like, 'Wow, I finally don't feel invisible anvmore."

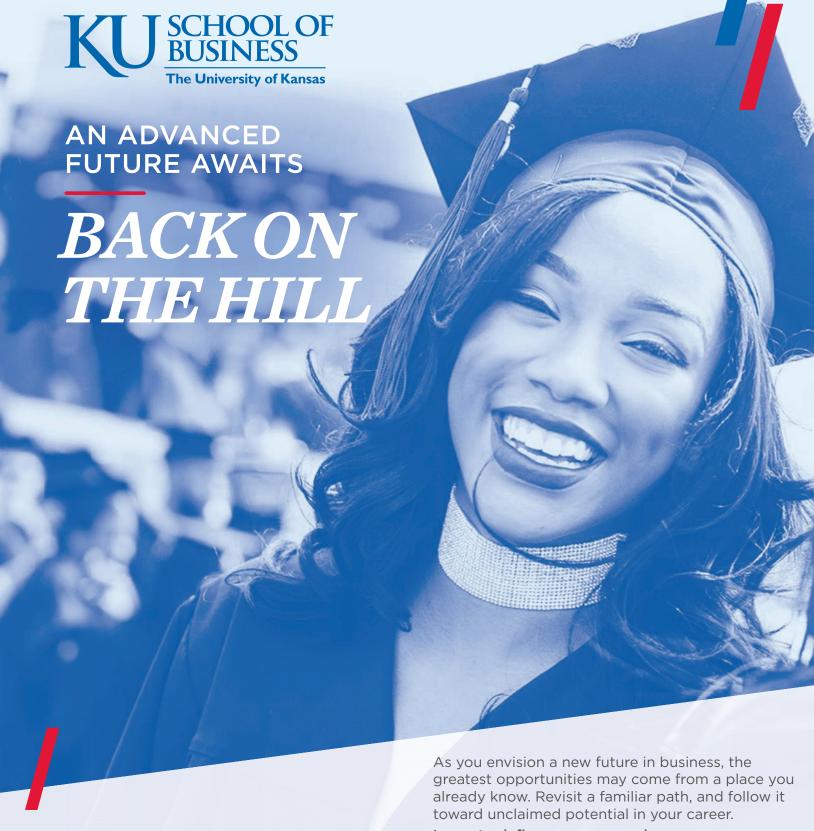
Before they became a horse culture, the Navajo relied on message runners— "ultramarathoners, essentially," Necefer says—to carry communications between the various bands spread across their vast territory. Growing up, he heard stories of his great-great-grandfather running messages over mountains. Now it's his turn. Through films, magazine stories and savvy social media use, he's spreading the message that indigenous ways of life, so easily and frequently stereotyped as impoverished, are valuable.

New ways of saying old ways are worth

"Where I'm trying to start is, let's build on these shared values, the kinds of things we care about together, and then try to work out how we can take steps to ensure that, first, my community is not left out of these discussions," Necefer says. "And second, that public lands are managed in a way that benefits all Americans."

The fate of Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge remain uncertain, tied up in court challenges that may take years to resolve.

But time is not the problem for people who have called these areas home for millennia. After all, the wildlands and protected wilderness areas we all enjoy, Len Necefer points out, exist because of their centuries-long stewardship of the land. Rather than dismiss or ignore the Native ways that have protected these natural wonders for us, maybe we should learn from them.



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# Ellsworth tradition

# Jayhawks' volunteer service continues alumni leader's legacy

wo alumni who have championed the University for decades will receive the 2019 Fred Ellsworth Medallion, the Asssociation's highest award for volunteer service to KU. Don Brada, c'61, m'65, of Lawrence, and Jeff Kennedy, j'81, of Wichita, have excelled in numerous roles as KU advocates. ambassadors, recruiters and benefactors.

Since 1975, the Association has presented medallions to individuals who have shown unique and significant commitment to KU, a tradition that celebrates the late Fred Ellsworth, c'22, the organization's longest-serving chief executive. Brada and Kennedy will be honored Sept. 5 in conjunction with the fall meeting of the Association's national Board of Directors, and they will be introduced at the home football game Sept. 7.

Brada, who grew up in Hutchinson, was the first in his family to attend college. He

was involved in student activities, including Beta Theta Pi

fraternity and Rock Chalk Revue, and he has remained devoted to KU for more than 50 years. He currently leads the KU School of Medicine Alumni Association as chair, and he is a member of the

Jayhawks for Higher Education Steering Committee. He served on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors from 2012 to 2017.

"The long list of Don's volunteer roles for KU doesn't begin to capture his lifetime of service, both as a student and alumnus," says Heath Peterson, d'04, g'09, Alumni Association president. "Don is a thoughtful, dedicated and action-oriented Jayhawk. He takes great pride in KU and the many people who have served as stewards of our great institution."

Brada began his alumni involvement in Puerto Rico as a young physician in the Air Force, hosting an event for Caribbean

Jayhawks with his wife, Kay, c'61. He continued to volunteer when he returned to his hometown and established his practice as a psychiatrist. He assisted the Kansas Honors Program (now the Kansas Honor Scholars Program) and student recruitment, and he urged KU's participation in the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson through the years.

Don and Kay continued their local alumni network service after they moved to Wichita, receiving the 1990 Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for their years as volunteers. Kay received the Fred Ellsworth Medallion in 2015. The Bradas are Life Members and Presidents Club donors.

Don also dedicated much of his career to the School of Medicine-Wichita as a longtime volunteer faculty member; he later became a clinical associate professor and associate dean, retiring in 2016. He strongly advocated for the expansion of the Wichita campus medical curriculum from two years to four, and he continues to volunteer as professor emeritus and a mentor to students.

Since the Bradas' move to Lawrence in 2010, the breadth of their service has expanded. They both served on the KU Campus Master Plan Steering Committee, and Don has advised and supported the Biodiversity Institute, the Hall Center for the Humanities, the Lied Center, the Williams Education Fund for Kansas Athletics, and the Dole Institute of Politics, where he co-founded the Elizabeth Dole Lecture Series.

During his term on the Association's national Board of Directors, he served on the Adams Alumni Center Master Facility Planning Task Force and the 2015 selection committee for the Association's president and CEO. The Bradas also have attended and supported the Jayhawk Roundup in Wichita and Rock Chalk Ball in Kansas City, and they travel often with the Flying Jayhawks.

For KU Endowment, Don is a Chancellors Club Life Member. The Bradas' philanthropy has benefited numerous areas of the University and the Association.

"Don is such an integral part of the University; KU simply would not be the

same without him," says Dale Seuferling, j'77, KU Endowment president.

Kennedy, a Pratt native, followed up his KU undergraduate journalism degree (including work for the University Daily Kansan and KJHK radio) with a law degree from Washburn University. He began his law career and KU alumni service in Wichita, where he is managing partner of the Martin Pringle Oliver Wallace & Bauer firm.

A stalwart volunteer for the Wichita Network, Kennedy received the Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award in 2007 for his local service. He guided the local alumni group as president and served for many years on the board. He also has contributed to the Kansas Honor Scholars Program, recruited prospective students and participates every year in the Jayhawk Roundup, a Wichita tradition since 2003. He and his wife, Patti Gorham, assoc., chaired the Roundup in 2013, and they travel often with the Flying Jayhawks.

Kennedy, a Life Member and Presidents Club donor, was elected to the Association's national Board of Directors in 2008. He chaired the Strategic Communications, Technology and Records Committee as well as the Executive and the Nominating Committees during his term, and he led the organization as national alumni chair from 2013 to '14.

An ardent advocate for state funding of higher education, Kennedy is a longtime member of Jayhawks for Higher Education and, since 2014, he has chaired the JHE Steering Committee, working closely with Association staff and the KU Office of Public Affairs to coordinate alumni communications with legislators.

"Jeff is a proven and committed volunteer who cares deeply about all of KU," says Peterson. "He is passionate about the vital importance of KU and higher education to the future of Kansas, and he has tirelessly and effectively spoken out about the urgent need to restore state support for our universities."

Kennedy also helped lead the effort to expand the School of Medicine in Wichita to a four-year curriculum as chair of the first 4-Wichita Advancement Board, and he continues to serve on the board's

executive committee.

For KU Endowment, Kennedy is a Chancellors Club and Elizabeth Watkins Society member, supporting many areas of the University, including the Association, Kansas Athletics and the Spencer Museum of Art.

"Jeff has volunteered for KU for more than 30 years," says Seuferling. "His leadership helped move the School of Medicine-Wichita forward through his effective advocacy and vital connections in the local business community."

# Rite of succession

# Officers, directors begin terms July 1 on national board

embers of the Association's national Board of Directors met May 6-7 in Lawrence and elected officers and new directors, who began their terms July 1.

Dave Roland, e'80, Shorewood, Minnesota, will lead the Association as the 2019-'20 national chair after serving as the 2018-'19 chair-elect. He is president of NDC Technologies and serves on the advisory board for the School of Engineering. He joined the Association's board in 2015 and has chaired the Strategic Communications, Technology and Records Committee as well as the Nominating Committee. He also represented alumni as a member of the 2017 Chancellor Search Committee appointed by the Kansas Board of Regents. Roland and his wife, Vyonne, are Presidents Club donors and have attended Rock Chalk Balls in Kansas

Roland succeeds John Ballard III, b'73, Overland Park, who remains on the

the Association.

City. He is a Life Member of

board as immediate past chair.

Jay Kerutis, c'82, Mesa, Arizona, was named chair-elect for 2019-'20. He retired from his career as a computer software professional. He rose through the ranks at Digital River Inc. to become president of the software and digital commerce services division. As a student, he competed for KU as a swimmer and, as team captain, led the Jayhawks to two conference championships. He organized a 25-year reunion of his teammates. A Life Member and Presidents Club donor, he joined the board in 2016 and has chaired the Revenue Development Committee and served on the Executive Committee. He is married to Pat Caldwell.

The six new directors include: Julie Garney Andrews, j'95, of Waukee, Iowa, is chairman of the board and vice president of business development of Briarcliff Development Co., a real estate sales and management firm based in Kansas City, Missouri. She also owns The Event Pros, a company that offers custom event planning for worldwide travel and

> hospitality firms' corporate events. Earlier in her career, she worked in public relations, sales and marketing for the Kansas City Chiefs. Julie and her husband, Chris, j'92, are Presidents Club donors, and they have three sons.

Joseph Courtright, p'89, of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a secondgeneration pharmacist who grew up in Baxter Springs, where his father, William, p'54, owned Milo Chew Drug Store. From his early career as a staff pharmacist at May's Drug Stores, Courtright advanced to become CEO of USA Drug Stores, then the nation's fourthlargest retail pharmacy. After orchestrating the sale of the company and its subsidiaries to Walgreens, he is now



Roland



Kerutis

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principal of the investment corporation Dale Capital Partners. The School of Pharmacy in 2017 awarded Courtright its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. He has served on the School of Pharmacy Advisory Council. He is an Association Life Member and Presidents Club donor, For KU Endowment, he is a member of the Jayhawk Faithful and the Chancellors Club. He has hosted numerous alumni and admissions events at his home.

Allen Fee, c'84, Hutchinson, joined Fee Insurance Group, a family-owned business established in 1883, and now leads the firm as CEO. He is an Association annual member and a Presidents Club donor.

and he serves on KU Medical Center's 4-Wichita Advancement Board's executive committee. He has supported the Williams Education Fund of Kansas Athletics and the School of Medicine-Wichita, and he is a member of KU Endowment's Jayhawk Faithful. Allen and his wife, Kriss, assoc., have two sons and a daughter who are KU alumni and a son who is a current student.

Jacqueline Sloan Hall, b'75, of Sublette, president of the Sublette insurance firm Hall & Associates, is a longtime KU volunteer in her community. She and her husband, Sterling, b'75, were honored as 2006 recipients of the Mildred Clodfelter Award. She dedicated more than 25 years of service to the Kansas Honor Scholars Program, raising money, personally encouraging students and their families to participate, and attending each event in her area. She also is a longtime legislative advocate through Jayhawks for Higher Education. Hall returns to campus often for activities of the Association, Kansas







Courtright

Rogers





Sellers

Fee

Hall

Athletics, the School of Business and the School of Music. She is a member of Jayhawks for Higher Education and, for KU Endowment, the Chancellors Club and Jayhawk Faithful. The Sterlings are Life Members and Presidents Club donors. They have two sons, one of whom is a current KU student, and a daughter.

Clint Rogers, b'98, '19, of Ellsworth, a business administration and advertising graduate who is currently working toward his KU master's in business administration, is president of Cashco Inc., a manufacturer and marketer of a broad line of industrial products. Since his promotion from executive vice president in 2011, he has led Cashco through an expansion into global markets by building an international sales team, and he has been instrumental in the expansion of its product line. He is a Life Member and Presidents Club donor and an active volunteer with the North Central Kansas Network, participating in events in both Ellsworth and Salina. For KU Endowment, he is a

member of Jayhawk Faithful. Clint and his wife, Dimity, assoc., have

Jody Bosch Sellers, p'81, of Council Grove, a U.S. Army pharmacist who works as a PharmD at Irwin Army Community Hospital, earned a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2007. She is a Life Member and Presidents Club donor who received a 2011 Mildred Clodfelter Alumni Award for her longtime volunteer service. She has assisted the Kansas Honor Scholars Program, Jayhawks for Higher Education and the School of Pharmacy Advisory Council, and she is a donor to KU Endowment and the Williams Education Fund. Jody and her

husband, Rick, assoc., have a son and a daughter, both KU graduates.

Six directors retired from the board June 30:

Kevin Carroll, assoc., Jupiter, Florida, who led the Association as national chair from 2017 to '18:

Carrie Coulson, b'02, l'05, New York City;

Cory Lagerstrom, c'94, g'98, l'98, Prairie Village;

Cindy Emig Penzler, c'81, m'85, Lawrence:

Al Shank, b'77, Liberal; and Timothy Trump, b'80, l'83, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Each year the Association invites nominations for new directors. Nominations will be accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2020. The Nominating Committee meets in April to select a slate for individual consideration and election by the board at its spring meeting. The board meets three times annually in Lawrence.









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# Camp Jayhawk leaders









olunteers for several of the Association's local and national networks attended "Camp Jayhawk," a leadership conference in Lawrence June 7-9. Attendees enjoyed campus tours, educational sessions including a lunch with Chancellor Doug Girod, networking and camaraderie. The weekend culminated in a graduation ceremony at the Campanile. Network leaders included, back row, I-r: Abbey Shea, Denver; Marco Yergovich, San Francisco; Kevin Nelson, Lawrence; and Brian Watts, Houston. Front row, I-r: Joyce Pulley, Sacramento; guest Diane Trabon, Kansas City; April Pitcairn, Los Angeles; and Deanna Marks, Seattle.

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**45 Sen. Bob Dole,** '45, a decorated World War II veteran whose political career spanned nearly 40 years, in May was honorably promoted to colonel during a private ceremony in Washington, D.C. He is the third and only living recipient of such a promotion in the U.S. Army's 244-year history.

**46 Julia Kabance,** '46, is 108 years old and lives in Wamego, where she's the oldest member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. She joined the Women's Army Corps in 1943 and continued to work for the military throughout her life.

**Say Lawrence,** D 53, Terricu and 64-year career in corporate and Ray Lawrence, b'53, retired after a international business consulting. He and his wife, Loo, have homes in Houston and Palmdale, California.

Merlynn "Lynn" Colip, c'57, m'61, in May received the 2019 Jasper G. Chen See M.D. Volunteer Leadership Award from the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers. He is a retired family physician and co-founded Valley Hope, now a seven-state addiction treatment organization, 52 years ago. Lynn and Joan Eubank Colip, c'58, make their home in Norton.

**Dale,** b'58, g'61, and **Betty Avison Swenson**, c'57, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October. They live in Hannibal, Missouri, where they volunteer at the hospital and sing with the Mark Twain Chorale.

Jim Yonally, d'58, g'62, EdD'72, a former Kansas state representative and director of special education for the Shawnee Mission School District, in May received the Special Service Award from Special Olympics Kansas. He was honored for his longtime support of the organization's annual fundraising event.

**62** Frederick Horne, PhD'62, in April received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who. He lives in Corvallis, Oregon, where he had a 37-year career in

higher education and retired in 2000 as professor emeritus of chemistry at Oregon State University.

**63 Cornie Neufeld,** n'63, the first male graduate of the KU School of Nursing, recently wrote Connie & Cornie: Two Nurses in Life and in Love, a memoir of his life and longtime career as a nurse in Kansas City.

**65 Gigi Gibson Bolt,** *c*'65, in April was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame. She lives in New York City, where she's an adjunct associate professor at Columbia University and former director of theatre and musical theatre for the National Endowment of the Arts.

**Bryan Shewmake**, c'65, e'70, g'71, and his wife, Cheryl, recently went on a cruise along the Mexican Riviera, to three Central American countries and through the Panama Canal. They make their home in Blairsden Graeagle, California.

**67 Michael McNally,** 6'67, 1'70, in May was awarded the 2019 Justinian Award from the Smith County Bar Foundation for lifetime professional achievement and service to the community. He and Elizabeth "Fritter" Shertzer McNally, d'67, live in Tyler, Texas.

Perry, c'67, m'71, and Nancy Polson **Schuetz,** d'68, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Perry still practices ophthalmology four days a week in Great Bend, and Nancy retired after 32 years teaching English as a second language in the Great Bend School District, where she also sponsored El Baile del Sol, the Great Bend High School Mexican folk dancing club, for the past 27 years.

**68 David Booth,** *c*'68, g'69, co-founder and CEO of Dimensional Fund Advisors in Austin, Texas, has committed a \$10 million gift to the University of Texas at Austin. The investment will be used to construct the Giant Magellan Telescope, a project UT Austin has

undertaken with 11 other universities and institutions.

David, c'68, m'72, and JoAnn Warrell Bouda, d'68, live in Omaha, Nebraska, where they founded LEAP, a coaching and training company. David, a physician, also owns a concierge health center called PIVOT.

**Nedra Patton Bonds,** c'70, in April was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame. She is a textile artist, community activist and longtime educator who received the KU Black Alumni

School Codes Letters that follow names indicate the school from which alumni earned degrees. Numbers show their class years.

| а           | School of Architecture                     |
|-------------|--|
|             | and Design                                 |
| b           | School of Business                         |
| С           | College of Liberal Arts<br>and Sciences    |
| d           | School of Education                        |
| е           | School of Engineering                      |
| f           | School of Fine Arts                        |
| g           | Master's Degree                            |
| h           | School of Health Professions               |
| j           | School of Journalism                       |
| 1           | School of Law                              |
| m           | School of Medicine                         |
| n           | School of Nursing                          |
| р           | School of Pharmacy                         |
| PharmD      | School of Pharmacy                         |
| S           | School of Social Welfare                   |
| u           | School of Music                            |
| AUD         | Doctor of Audiology                        |
| DE          | Doctor of Engineering                      |
| DMA         | Doctor of Musical Arts                     |
| DNAP        | Doctor of Nursing Anethesia<br>Practice    |
| DNP         | Doctor of Nursing Practice                 |
| DPT         | Doctor of Physical Therapy                 |
| EdD         | Doctor of Education                        |
| OTD         | Doctor of Occupational                     |
|             | Therapy                                    |
| PhD         | Doctor of Philosophy                       |
| SJD         | Doctor of Juridical Science                |
| (no letter) | Former student                             |
| assoc       | Associate member of the Alumni Association |

# Class Notes



Network's Mike and Joyce Shinn Leaders and Innovators Award in 2015.

John Regier, c'71, retired in March after more than 42 years as an attorney at Mintz Levin in Boston.

Diana Bartelli Carlin, d'72, g'74, recently retired as associate provost for graduate and global education and professor of communication at St. Louis University. She previously worked at KU, where she was a professor of communication studies and dean of the graduate school and international programs.

**Don Weiser,** j'73, president and 73 CEO of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce, retired in May. He joined the chamber staff in 1975 as executive assistant to the president and served in various roles over the past four decades.

**Stephanie Blackwood,** j'74, g'83, in April was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame. She directs major gifts for the Ms. Women's Foundation and has been an advocate throughout her career for women's advancement and LGBTQ inclusion.

**Jim Doepke,** d'74, known affectionately to baseball fans as "Mr. Trumpet," received an invitation to play the national anthem at his 30th and final MLB ballpark Sept. 19 at SunTrust Park, home of the Atlanta Braves. He launched his Anthem Across America tour in 2008, with the goal of playing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at every Major League ballpark in the United States and Canada. Jim concludes his quest this year with trips to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Philadelphia, New York City, Chicago, Milwaukee, Miami and Atlanta.

**Sharon Lee,** c'74, m'82, is a family physician and founder of Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care, a nonprofit medical clinic that serves low-income individuals in Kansas City. In April the facility was renamed Sharon Lee Family Health Care to commemorate its 30th anniversary. Sharon, who has been in

practice for more than 30 years, was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame in 2016.

**Shelly London,** j'74, g'81, in April received the 2019 Dole Humanitarian Award from the KU department of special education. She's founding president emeritus of the Poses Family Foundation, which helped launch Understood.org, a web-based resource for parents of children with learning and attention difficulties.

**75 Jan Seymour Jenkins,** j'75, directs public relations at Edge Publicom in Lansing, Michigan.

Randy Johnson, d'75, retired in May after 38 years as a teacher. Most recently, he taught chemistry, biology and natural science at Gering High School in Gering, Nebraska.

**Tom Curzon,** *c*'76, an attorney and co-chair of the business practice at Osborn Maledon in Phoenix, in April received the Community Impact Award from the Boy Scouts of America Grand





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Canyon Council. He is an Eagle Scout and has been involved in the scouting community for decades.

Ross Hollander, 1'76, a founding member and partner at Joseph, Hollander & Craft in Wichita, was ranked for the 11th consecutive year among the state's top labor and employment lawyers by Chambers USA.

**Conrad Bibens,** j'77, retired in 2018 after 28 years as a business wire and copy editor at the Houston Chronicle. He lives in Porter, Texas.

**78 Lisa Fielden,** c'78, works in human resources at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. She lives in Westwood.

Xochitl Dennis Grant, f'78, g'81, is a tutor at Century College in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, where she makes her home with her husband, Joel.

Cathy Johnston Hamilton, '78, is a legacy coordinator at the Lawrence Public Library. She's been active in the Lawrence community for 30 years.

Frank Friedman, b'79, chief operating officer at Deloitte in Kansas City, received the 2019 KU School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award in April.

**80** Mike Barbour, b'80, g'86, is a land adviser at EQT Corporation in Pittsburgh where he lives with his wife,

**Elizabeth Anderson Ohlson,** f'80, is a textile artist in Ocean City, New Jersey. In May she exhibited a collection of quilts and wall hangings at the Ocean City Arts

**Gene Taylor,** e'80, lives in Tucson,

# PROFILE by Chris Lazzarino

# New Midwest Living chief hails print in digital age

Meredith Corp.'s April announcement that Kylee Krizmanic had been promoted from Midwest Living's creative director to the lifestyle magazine's editorial content director contained this jaw-dropping nugget: Midwest Living boasts a bimonthly circulation of 950,000.

So what changes might await a hugely popular magazine now in the hands of an energetic, 36-year-old editor? If the by-now-stereotypical forecast of shunning print in favor of digital delights du jour seems the likely direction, Krizmanic is quick to correct the misconception.

With a pledge to "embrace new platforms as they come and as they're brandappropriate," and her excitement about pushing Midwest Living to new audiences via such avenues as Apple News, Krizmanic, f'05, last year named to Folio's Top Women in Media list, also bluntly dismisses the notion that print is dead.

"The consumer demands a print experience, and one of the interesting things that you'll see is that the younger generations actually love the tactile quality of a print magazine," Krizmanic says from her Des Moines, Iowa, office, where she also supervises travel-industry publications for Meredith Travel Marketing

Content Studio. "As much as they love [digital venues], they also very much engage with the print products in their original form. That's exciting."

Krizmanic describes herself as a "visual storyteller," even in her early career stints in event planning and brand management. She explains that in 2009 she joined Meredith as an associate art director—and spent seven years in ascending roles at Better Homes and Gardens—specifically to learn how to broaden her visual skills in an era of transformative technology.

"I came to Meredith because I was really interested in learning more about digital platforms and social media," she says. "We were launching all these well-known consumer brands into the social media space, so I was able to learn those platforms from the best publisher in the business."

When Krizmanic, a native Iowan, joined Midwest Living four years ago, her first task was to "reignite the spirit and excitement" of telling Midwestern lifestyle stories. "We reinvented it," she says of the magazine, "but we had to be really careful to be sensitive to our legacy readers."

Now Krizmanic and her designers, photographers, writers and editors share modern takes on travel, food, dining, and home and garden trends across a region often overlooked by the coastal outlets that

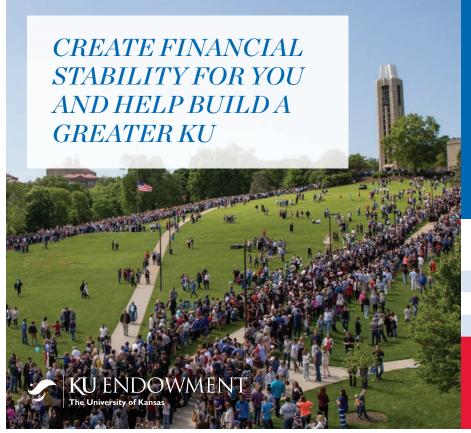


Kylee Krizmanic says no matter the platform, Midwest Living's goals are simple: "Share stories that our readers want to tell their friends and neighbors about."

dominate national conversations.

"Our magazine provides a platform for people to be proud of all the great happenings here in the Midwest. We have so many stories to tell, and we feel fortunate that Midwest Living provides a platform for readers to have all that from a trusted source based right here in the Midwest."

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Arizona, where he's a principal test engineer at Raytheon.

**Huston Wyeth,** c'80, is president of Bags and Boxes II in Kansas City, where he makes his home with his wife, Megan.

**81 John Lomax,** g'81, PhD'87, retired in 2018 as professor emeritus of history at Ohio Northern University, where he worked for the past 30 years.

Jennifer Marino, d'81, is a senior client service consultant at Holmes Murphy & Associates. She lives in Prairie Village.

John Mullett, c'81, lives in Leawood, where he's a strategic account manager at American Outdoor Brands.

**Clifton Wilson,** j'81, is an investment real estate agent at Root Realty in Chicago. He makes his home in Oak Park, Illinois.

Patricia Morton Zimmerman, b'81, lives in Prairie Village, where she's a seamstress and works at WomenSpirit, a religious apparel store.

**87** Erle Benton, b'82, is vice president of national accounts at Guarantee

Company of North America in Southfield, Michigan. He works remotely from Leawood, where he lives with his wife, Michelle.

Michael Boehm, b'82, lives in Lenexa, where he's senior vice president at Commerce Bank. He's seeking his fifth term as mayor this fall.

Ann Morrill Buffum, c'82, is a real estate agent at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services New England Properties in Mystic, Connecticut. She and her husband, Charles, live in Stonington and have two children, Mallie and Samuel.

**Alyson Armstead Farris,** c'82, owns Ashley's House Learning Center in Wichita, where she lives with her husband, Lee. They have two children, **Ashley**, c'15, and Ian, who will be a senior at KU this

Phillip Marchbanks, c'82, j'82, lives in Portland, Oregon, where he's a senior SAP business systems analyst for the city.

Teresa Davis Rosenquist, g'82, is a speech-language pathologist at Rehab Synergies in Fort Worth, Texas.

**83 Jena Hoffman**, b'83, is a business administrator at Pasadena Waldorf School in Altadena, California. She and her husband, Mark, make their home in Burbank.

**Lillian Svec,** f'83, is an adjunct faculty member in graphic and interactive design at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, California. She lives in Belmont with her husband, Wayne.

Holly Zane, c'83, l'86, was promoted to associate director of human resources for employee relations at KU. She previously served as a senior employee relations specialist.

**84 Tom Bené,** b'84, in April received the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award from the KU School of Business. He is chairman, president and CEO of Sysco Corp. in Houston.

Mark Delworth, c'84, m'88, is a boardcertified urologist at the Urology Group in Cincinnati.

Laura Howard, l'84, in April was named secretary for both the Kansas Department

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for Children and Families and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. She previously served as director of the KU Public Management Center.

**Beth Stein Kindall,** '84, is a payroll administrator at Bennington State Bank in Minneapolis, where she lives with her husband, Brenton.

**Sam Lee,** b'84, is a professor of marketing at California State University at Long Beach. He and **Innkee Min Lee,** c'85, live in Fullerton, California, and have two children, Junhee and Sohee.

Cathy Burke Rhodes, c'84, h'86, is

co-founder of SERC Physical & Hand Therapy Clinics. She and **Richard,** '85, live in Leawood.

**Francisco Santos,** '84, former vice president of Colombia, was recently named Colombian ambassador to the United States. He and his wife, Maria, live in Washington, D.C.

**85 Gretchen Day-Bryant,** j'85, features editor at the South Florida Sun Sentinel and SouthFlorida.com, was part of the newsroom team honored in April with the Pulitzer Prize for public service,

for its coverage of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and the aftermath. Gretchen lives in Fort Lauderdale with her husband, Steven.

**James Fan,** g'85, lives in San Ramon, California, where he's a principal architect at AT&T.

**Jerry Howard,** g'85, was promoted to news director at the News-Press Gazette in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**Stacey Janssen,** c'85, l'88, is counsel at Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard in Kansas City. She focuses on elder law.

# PROFILE by Steven Hill

# Physician lauded for role in addiction treatment

A fter graduating from the School of Medicine in 1961 and interning in Des Moines, Iowa, Merlynn Colip was "anxious to get out of cities" and back to Norton County, where he grew up on a farm.

Setting up shop in an abandoned dentist's office in downtown Norton, he quickly discovered that the new doctor tended to draw patients the town's established physicians had been unable to help. Among the intractable ailments he was asked to treat was alcoholism.

"I knew nothing about alcoholism," recalls Colip, c'57, m'61. "In medical textbooks there was no such thing. Alcoholism was not accepted as a disease; it was seen as a bad habit that people could quit if they wanted to."

The realization that he was unprepared to deal with addiction soon gave way to a determination to tackle it head on, leading Colip to co-found Valley Hope, a non-profit treatment center that opened in Norton in 1967 and has since grown to 17 facilities in seven states, helping 300,000 people with addiction diseases.

In May, he was honored by the National Association of Addiction Treatment

Providers with the Jasper G. Chen See MD Volunteer Leadership Award, which acknowledges exceptional volunteer leadership in the field through board membership and philanthropy. Colip has served on Valley Hope's board since it opened.

"Dr. Colip's legacy is really about the power of one individual to have a positive effect on the lives of millions," says Pat George, Valley Hope president and CEO. "When you include all the patients Valley Hope has served, their friends and family members, and the thousands of employees who've worked for us, what Lynn did is truly remarkable."

A turning point came when a fellow physician asked Colip to see his brother, a persistent alcoholic who suffered lifethreatening seizures. Working with a pastor, he searched for a treatment option in Kansas but found none. They located a center in Mandan, North Dakota, Heartview, and when he phoned and asked how to refer a patient, Colip recalls, "They said, 'Get a fifth of whiskey, get him in the car, and don't stop until you get here."

Impressed with the Heartview program, Colip and his co-founders eventually hired the director, William Leipold, a clinical psychologist with addiction treatment training, to join Valley Hope. Together



Merlynn and Joan Colip

they developed the "Valley Hope Way," which calls for "treating a person with respect and love," Colip says, "and helping them accept that they have an illness that can be treated, but they have to begin to take responsibility for their actions."

It has become easier to find treatment options for addiction, Colip says. "There are lots of programs now, but we still believe the nonprofit model is the way to go. We're here to help people with their problems."

# Class Notes

Shalene Bayless Link, b'85, retired from F & C Truck Sales and Services. She makes her home in Grover, Missouri, with her husband, R. Scott.

**Craig Serig,** a'85, is principal at the DLR Group in Overland Park. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Leawood.

**Elizabeth Knoll Brady,** j'86, lives in Chicago, where she recently was named executive vice president and chief marketing, innovation and corporate relations officer at Allstate. She starts her new role in August.

Barbara Breier, PhD'86, vice president for university advancement at Texas State University and executive director of the university's development foundation, in April received the 2019 Commonfund Institutionally Related Foundation Award from the Council for Advancement and Support for Education (CASE).

**Rick Linhardt,** b'86, lives in Findlay, Ohio, where he's vice president of Marathon Petroleum Company.

**Brad Loveless,** c'86, is secretary of the

Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. He was appointed in January by Gov. Laura Kelly.

Carey Craig, c'87, directs human resources at Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System.

Rosco Halsey, c'87, g'88, is a financial adviser at Waddell & Reed in Leawood.

Patti Regan, j'87, president and CEO of the Regan Group in Hawthorne, California, was honored as Woman Entrepreneur of the Year by Comerica Bank at the Jan. 29 Los Angeles Lakers game.

William Mar, c'88, is a site reliability engineering manager at LinkedIn in Mountain View, California.

Denise Hull Ring, h'88, lives in Hays, where she directs rehabilitation at Graham County Hospital.

**89 Drew Sidener,** j'89, directs creative services at KCNC-TV in Denver, where he lives with **Nicole Vap**, j'91, director of investigative journalism at

KUSA-TV/TEGNA, and their two daughters, Zelda and Harper.

Marc Ramsey, c'90, j'90, manages communications at BE&K Building Group in Durham, North Carolina.

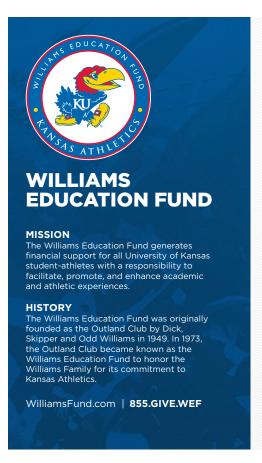
**Tim Schantz,** l'90, is CEO of Troon in Scottsdale, Arizona. He has been with the golf management firm since 1998 and most recently served as president.

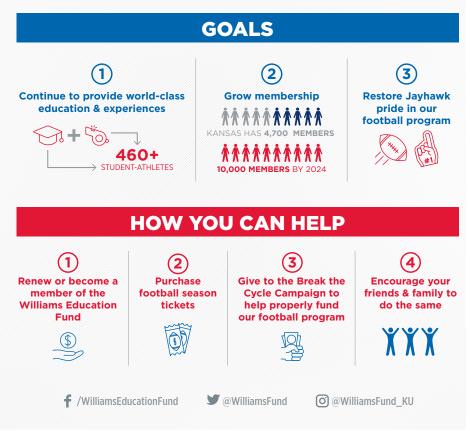
**Clint Collier,** b'91, is an attorney at Cowell Law Firm in Overland Park. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Larry Jenkins,** c'91, n'13, is a nursing instructor at Garden City Community College. He and Kelley Dunbar Jenkins, '89, make their home in Garden City.

**Beth D'Amato,** c'92, is an associate 92 solutions engineer at DataStax in Atlanta.

Jason Lohmeyer, b'92, directs finance at Lifeline Vascular Care. He and Corryn **Flahaven**, j'94, live in Barrington, Illinois,





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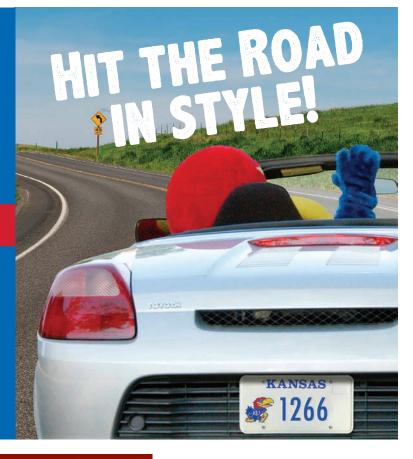
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with their daughter, Kendall.

Cheryl Raasch Reinhardt, 1'92, is corporate counsel for Zephyr Products. She lives in Overland Park with her husband, Randall.

Kristin Riley, d'92, '93, teaches in the Carl Junction R-1 School District in Carl Junction, Missouri.

**93 Michael Karellas,** p'93, m'01, is director of urology at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Connecticut. He and **JoAn Monoco,** m'08, live in New York City.

Jennifer Collins King, g'93, works for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, where she's deputy regional inspector general. She lives in Overland Park with her husband, Clifford.

Mark Lopez, m'93, is professor of emergency medicine at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. He and his wife, Alice, live in Evans, Georgia.

Rex Walters, d'93, in May was named associate head coach for men's basketball at Wake Forest University in Winston-

# Class Notes



Salem, North Carolina. The former KU guard joins head coach Danny Manning, c'92; assistant coach Steve Woodberry, c'96; and director of player development Evan Manning, d'16.

**94** Marlene Dearinger Neill, j'94, is assistant professor of public relations and advertising at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

**95** Traci Carl, c'95, j'95, directs partnerships, commercial and digital markets for the Associated Press in New York City.

**Brian Markley,** l'95, works at Spencer Fane in Kansas City, where he's a partner in the firm's litigation practice group.

Trent Williams, c'95, is assistant director of graduate military programs at KU. He and his wife, Shannon, live in Lawrence and have three children, Skylar, Noah and Riley.

**Signe Cross Cook,** '96, who teaches 96 fifth-grade mathematics and science at Park Elementary School in Great Bend, was named one of 2019's Kansas Regional Teachers of the Year.

Thomas Erickson, j'96, manages digital communications at Medical City Healthcare in Dallas, where he lives with his wife, Bethany.

Neil Getzlow, j'96, owns Glow Relationships + Communications in Overland Park. He previously managed communications for McDonald's for more than 13 years.

Segaran Pillai, PhD'96, is chief medical and science adviser at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. In January he was named a 2019 Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

**Michael Willis,** c'96, e'96, lives in Littleton, Colorado, where he's a principal engineer at Lockheed Martin Space Systems.

Sarah Crawford-Parker, g'97, PhD'06, in April was named director of the University Honors Program. She has worked at KU for 15 years, most recently serving as assistant vice provost for the Office of First-Year Experience. Sarah starts her new role in

Cayle Goertzen, h'97, m'04, is a family physician at Heartland Health Care Clinic in Abilene, where he lives.

**Joshua Meyer,** b'97, is director at CFO Systems in Omaha, Nebraska. He works remotely from his home in Hoover, Alabama.

**98 Kristie Blasi,** j'98, is senior director of stats and information at ESPN Regional Television. She makes her home in Southington, Connecticut.

Brad Burke, c'98, l'01, is regional director of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights in Kansas City, with oversight in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and South Dakota.



**Daniel Davis,** m'98, is a surgeon at Med Center General Surgery in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**99 Justin Schmidt,** b'99, manages business development at Bunker One in Houston.

**OO** Anna Attkisson, j'00, lives in New York City, where she's editorial director at business.com.

**Robert Paredes,** l'00, is director of BKD Wealth Advisors in Kansas City. He and his wife, Anita, live in Lenexa

with their two sons, Xavier and Tomas.

**O1 Elizabeth Harsha Fleske,** s'01, works at Young Life as a camping administrator. She lives in Wichita and has three daughters, Madison, Jordan and Brooklyn.

**Kristine Johnson,** PhD'01, is a psychologist at Lawrence Psychology Collective in Lawrence, where she makes her home with her husband, Mark.

**Justin Mills,** c'01, m'06, lives in Washington, D.C., where he's a medical officer at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' agency for healthcare

research and quality. His work supports the U.S. preventive services task force.

**Kevin Saal,** g'01, is athletics director at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons, Jacob and Alex.

**Q2 Brian Hanni,** j'02, the play-by-play voice of the Jayhawks, in May received the 2019 Hod Humiston Award for sports broadcasting from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.

**Glenn Mackay,** m'02, is a physician at KC Infectious Disease Consultants in

# PROFILE by Heather Biele

# Alumna caps career on campaign trail with book

fortuitous opportunity that ultimately A"changed the trajectory" of Barb Kinney's life and career nearly 30 years ago almost didn't come to fruition. The photojournalist, who had been freelancing in Washington, D.C., after a six-year stint as photo editor at USA Today, was hired in 1993 to photograph the first lady during President Bill Clinton's inauguration festivities. Not long after sharing the good news with her mother, Kinney received a phone call from Lisa Caputo, Hillary Clinton's press secretary, that immediately quashed her excitement: Another photographer had been hired and Kinney's services were no longer needed.

"I said [to Caputo], 'That sucks. I canceled my week to do this. I even just told my mom," Kinney, j'80, recalls with a laugh. "She said, 'This does suck. Hold on; I'll call you back."

Moments later, Kinney was back on board, paving the way for a 30-day trial as White House photographer, a position that eventually lasted for more than six years of Clinton's presidency. During that time, Kinney documented countless events, meetings and presidential trips—both in the United States and abroad—and developed a close relationship

with the Clintons.

Kinney reconnected with the family more than a decade later to photograph the last few months of Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign. "They trust me," Kinney says. "They know me, and they're comfortable with me. At that point, people in primaries didn't have their own photographer, but I had my connection and I pushed it."

Kinney's persistence paid off, and in 2015 she was offered a full-time position to photograph Clinton's second presidential run. For 18 months, Kinney accompanied Clinton and her staff on the campaign trail, often working 18-hour days to document hundreds of events and rallies across the country. Though the schedule was grueling, Kinney eagerly accepted the challenge. "That last event of the day, when you walk into that stadium or gym and she comes out and the place erupts, it just energizes you," Kinney says. "That kept me going."

In 2018, Kinney released a book of photography, #StillWithHer: Hillary Rodham Clinton and the Moments That Sparked a Movement, to celebrate our nation's first female presidential nominee and her historic campaign. The 268-page



"I made the decision that this thing landed in my lap for a reason, so I've got to do it and thank God I did," Barb Kinney says of her job as a White House photographer. "This made me who I am as a professional photographer."

book features an assortment of vibrant images—carefully curated from more than 430,000 shots—that span Clinton's announcement to run in spring 2015 to the fateful hours following election night in 2016. Also included are several essays, written by celebrities and others who supported Clinton and joined her campaign.

Though Kinney admits that it was heartbreaking to relive those 18 months during the book's creation, she knew she had a story to share. "I wanted to be able to produce something that would show what she did and how hard she worked," Kinney says. "And it wasn't for naught. She means a lot to a lot of people, and I think it shows in this book."

For more information about Kinney's book, visit thehillarybook.com.

# Class Notes



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Shawnee, where he lives with his wife, Allaina

Jonathan Parker, e'02, works at Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, where he's a senior civil engineer. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Leawood and have two children, Reese and Lawson.

**Autumn Jones Bishop,** j'03, g'17, g'19, was promoted to marketing communications manager at LMH Health in Lawrence. She previously was a social media and digital communications specialist at the hospital.

Jessica Butler Clark, s'03, is a selfemployed attorney in Phoenix.

**Anthony Daly III,** c'03, works in hospitality at Auric Road, a property management group. He and his wife, Carrie, live in Las Vegas and have a son, Anthony IV.

Caroline Boyer Faulkender, j'03, is a copy editor at FindLaw, a Thomson Reuters business. She and her husband, Jason, live in Lakeville, Minnesota, with their daughters, Emily and Annora.

**Sarah Warren Henning,** c'03, j'03, lives in Lawrence, where she wrote Sea Witch, a young-adult novel published in 2018. The book's sequel, Sea Witch Rising, is due out in August.

**Kelly Mengelkoch,** c'03, is an actress in the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and recently played the female lead in a production of "Macbeth." She has been with the theatre group, also known as Cincy Shakes, for 14 seasons.

Justin Mennen, b'03, is senior vice president and chief information officer at Rite Aid. He makes his home in Marvin, North Carolina.

**Obe Omoike,** PhD'03, is a pharmacist at CVS in Kansas City, where he lives with his wife, Alexandra, and their five children, Noah, Miah, Emmi, Moses and Zoei.

Sarah Vrabac Sampson, j'03, directs client insights at Gragg Advertising in Kansas City.

**Shannon Wickliffe,** c'03, is chief development officer at KidsTLC in Olathe.

Matthew Wojnowski, g'03, lives in Del Rio, Texas, where he's city manager.

#### **BORN TO:**

lan, c'03, and Elizabeth Kretzmeier **Devlin,** c'10, g'12, daughter, Ezlyn Winter, Jan. 28 in Evergreen, Colorado, where Ian is a technical business analyst at Conga, and Elizabeth is vice president of operations, support and sales at Walkthrough.

Bridget Fitzpatrick, c'04, makes her home in Denver, where she's a broker associate at CIV Real Estate.

**Tyler Hall,** c'04, is a professional golfer and director of instruction at the Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, New Jersey. He recently competed in the PGA Professional Championship at Belfair in Bluffton, South Carolina.

**O5** Chaitanya Gampa, g'05, is vice president and senior project manager at Huitt-Zollars Inc., a design firm in Houston. In February she was honored as Young Engineer of the Year by the local American Society of Indian Engineers and Architects.

**Kylee Welling Krizmanic,** f'05, was promoted to editorial content director of Midwest Living and Meredith Travel Marketing Content Studio. Most recently she served as Meredith Corporation's creative director. She and Nicholas, c'05, live in Indianola, Iowa.

Ryan McAtee, d'05, is an assets protection business partner at Target. He lives in Wichita with his wife, Kathryn, and their two children, Reid, who's almost 4, and Sydney, who turns 1 in August.

Michael Payne, m'05, is a radiation oncologist at HSHS Medical Group Cancer Center in Springfield, Illinois.

**Raymundo Rojas,** l'05, is an attorney and president of Immigration Defense Bar of El Paso in Texas.

Marissa Stephenson, j'05, is a freelance writer and editor-at-large for Runner's World magazine. She and Kevin Kampwirth, j'05, live in Portland, Oregon.

Laura Hoehne Tatpati, m'05, is a physician and directs clerkships in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the KU School of Medicine in Wichita.



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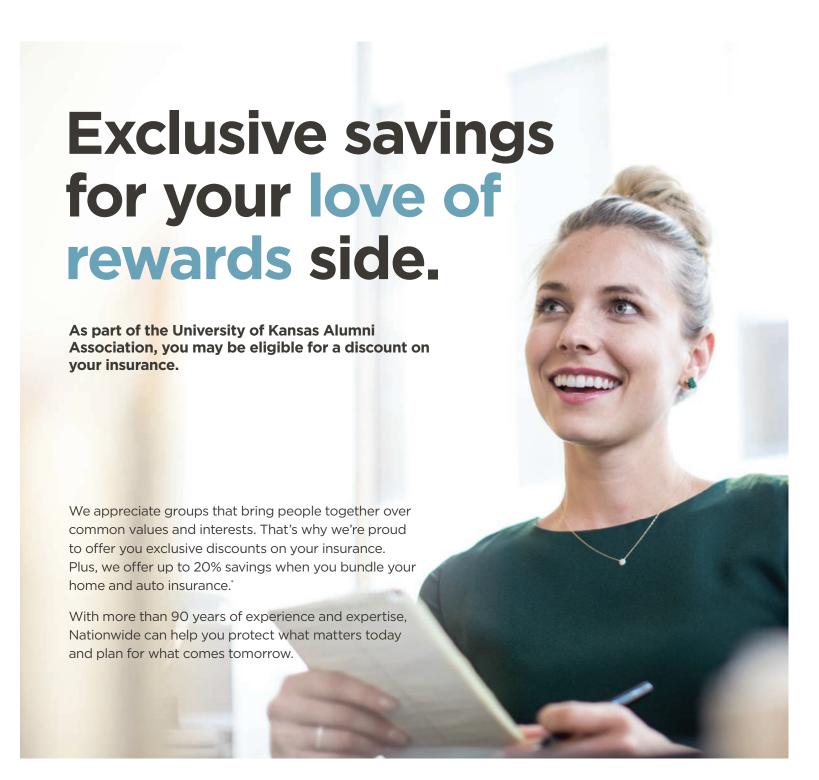
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She and **Abraham,** m'04, also a physician at the school, live in Andover.

**O6** Shannon Stewart, c'06, is a senior data scientist for the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery.

#### **BORN TO:**

**Jeret,** d'06, and **Laura Wolowicz Crook,** d'06, g'08, son, Patrick Lyle,
Oct. 17 in Dallas, where he joins a sister,
Caroline, 4, and a brother, Henry, who's
almost 3. Jeret is an account executive
at Microsoft.

O7 Oscar Espinoza, l'07, is field counsel at Liberty Mutual Group in Kansas City. He makes his home in Olathe with his wife, Emily, and their three children, Davin, Benton and Bria.

Catherine "Katie" Kollhoff, c'07, e'07, was selected in April to join Argonne National Laboratory's Chain Reaction Innovations, a two-year entrepreneurial program that began in June. She lives in Chicago, where she's co-founder and CEO of NUMIX Materials, a company that manufactures and supplies sorbents to

recover metal contaminants from wastewater.

**Connie Sanchez Watson,** b'07, g'07, is director at Grant Thornton in Kansas City. She and her husband, Richard, live in Gardner and have two children, Madison and Brandon.

Angela Scofield Barton, g'08, coordinates radiology research at KU Medical Center. She lives in Lenexa with her husband, Robert, and has two children, Taylor and Morgan.

Jennifer Singer Germann, f'08, is an

# PROFILE by David Garfield

# Shelley finds gratification on and off the diamond

K ent Shelley calls it a defining moment in his life, when he was age 7 and playing shortstop in Lawrence.

"I remember diving, the ball sticking, coming to my knees and making a play," he recalls. "I think that play sold me on the game of baseball."

Shelley, c'83, eventually starred for two years at Pratt Community College and then at KU, where he played for Floyd Temple, d'50, and Marty Pattin, becoming a standout catcher and co-captain his senior year.

"I got to realize my dream of being a Jayhawk," Shelley says.

After serving as graduate assistant at KU in 1982-'83, Shelley earned a master's at Emporia State before becoming the first paid assistant coach at Johnson County Community College under legendary head coach Sonny Maynard in 1986.

He was promoted to head coach the next year. Now, after 32 years at JCCC, Shelley has a record of 1,055-600-1, one of only 10 active coaches in the National Junior College Athletic Association to win 1,000 games. He's among the all-time leaders in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference and NJCAA.

Shelley led the Cavaliers to two World

Series appearances (2008, 2014) and three East Jayhawk Conference titles; he's in the JCCC Athletics Hall of Fame, NJCAA Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Ban Johnson League Hall of Fame and American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Hall of Fame, college baseball's highest coaching honor.

Past president of the ABCA and associate scout for the Kansas City Royals, Shelley says his greatest highlight is coaching former players' sons.

"When you have a former player who looks at his son and says, 'Go play for Coach. I know what he did he for me. I know what he'll do for you. He's going to help you grow into a young man, he's not going to hold your hand, but he's going to be there when you fall.' That's the coolest reward any coach at any level could ever have."

Shelley, who won a school-record 22 games this season, tells his players he loves them and lives for their lifelong relationships and watching them become great fathers, husbands and community leaders.

"Just seeing the kids have success on the diamond, but more importantly ... making a difference in the world," Shelley says. "That's my greatest gratification. Ultimately, that's why we coach is to impact young people's lives."

Although he's had NCAA Division I



Shelley

offers, he can't leave Johnson County. His wife, MargE Barr Shelley, '80, assistant dean of enrollment management, has worked at JCCC for 29 years, and his daughter Mandi attended two years.

"It's just been family; it's home," Shelley says. "I've been living my dream every day."

—Garfield, c'88, is a Lawrence freelance writer.

# Class Notes



artist and executive director of the Manheim Township Educational Foundation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where she lives with **Evan**, f'08, a woodworker and cabinetmaker. Jenny recently debuted "Comings and Goings," a collection of woodburned paintings, at the Red Raven Art Company.

Patricia Jennie Simons, c'08, is an attorney at Wilson Elser in Edwardsville, Illinois. She commutes from St. Louis.

Jacob Stover, c'08, is founder of Sans Wine, a winery that works with organic and sustainable vineyards in Napa Valley.

**O9 Benjamin Jones,** PhD'09, is secretary of education for the state of South Dakota. He makes his home in Sioux Falls.

**Nathan Mack,** c'09, is an international undergraduate admission officer at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he's also earning a doctorate in organizational change and leadership. He and his husband, Joseph Day, e'10, live in Long Beach.

Kelly McDonough, c'09, makes her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she's an attorney-client manager at Thomson Reuters.

**Joe McGreevy,** c'09, l'12, an attorney at Kuhlman & Lucas in Kansas City, was named a 2018 Rising Star in products liability law by Super Lawyers. He lives in Prairie Village with Kendall Rooney McGreevy, c'10, who supervises client engagement at the marketing agency VMLY&R.

**Joseph Schremmer,** c'09, j'09, g'13, l'13, an attorney at Depew Gillen Rathbun & McInteer and adjunct professor at KU School of Law, was named a 2018 Rising Star in energy and natural resources by Super Lawyers.

Marcus Carrillo, e'10, teaches at Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School in Wichita.

**Katy Saunders,** j'10, manages staffing at Robert Half in Richmond, Virginia.

**Colby Wissel,** b'10, c'10, a Big 12 cross-country and indoor 3,000-meter champion at KU, was inducted in the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony last fall. He lives in Bristow, Oklahoma, where he's a commercial loan officer at Spirit Bank.

### MARRIED

**Kimberly Hernandez,** c'10, to Michael Grubert, Dec. 1 in Costa Rica. They make their home in Annapolis, Maryland, where Kimberly is a coastal resources planner for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Katryn Allen, PhD'11, is a method-11 Katryn Allen, The Tay, and development scientist at PRA Health Sciences Bioanalytical Laboratory in

**Alex Earles,** *c*'11, lives in New York City, where he's a leadership gifts officer at the International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian aid organization.

**Sarah Kelly,** j'11, is a sports editor at the Express, a Washington Post publication. She makes her home in Washington, D.C.

**Spencer Walsh,** a'11, is a producer and

director in Prairie Village, where he lives with **Laura Beth Shartzer Walsh**, *c*'13.

#### **BORN TO:**

**David,** b'11, g'12, and **Carolyn Battle Cohen,** c'11, j'11, son, Myer Jack, April 18 in Overland Park. He's their first child.

**12 Kendra Bozarth,** *c*'12, '15, works at the Roosevelt Institute in New York City, where she's deputy director of editorial and digital strategy.

**Mandy Enfield,** c'12, is ArtPlace Project Facilitator for the Lawrence Arts Center. She previously worked at Van Go for nearly 15 years.

**Connie Forsberg,** c'12, works at Amazon in Seattle, where she's a human resources business partner.

**Amanda Roberts,** j'12, is a brand manager at Stolen Spirits in Chicago.

#### MARRIED

**Michael Fonkert,** c'12, and **Margaret Holcomb,** j'13, April 27 in Lawrence, where Mike works at Kansas Appleseed

and Maggie works at Commerce Bank. They live in Basehor.

**Evan Hunter,** u'12, to Nathalie Klasky, March 9 in Brainerd, Minnesota. They live in Lawrence, where Evan teaches piano and owns Keys of Joy! Studio.

**13 Colleen Young Kleiger,** s'13, is a social worker at Metropolitan Family Services. She and **Nicholas,** b'13, g'13, an audit manager at Deloitte, make their home in Wheaton, Illinois.

**14** Whitney Antwine, j'14, manages paid media at Jubilant Digital Marketing in Overland Park.

Brock Chart, u'14, g'18, a pianist, educator and composer in Lawrence, recently wrote music for "The IMAX of the 1890s: How to See the First Movies," a short documentary released in May by New York's Museum of Modern Art.

**Johnathan Goodyear,** d'14, g'17, earned his Juris Doctor degree from Washburn University School of Law, with certificates in law and government

and international and comparative law.

#### MARRIED

**Margaret Brill,** b'14, to Evan Lang, Feb. 1 in Kansas City. She works at Intouch Solutions in Overland Park.

**15 Bailey Proctor,** b'15, g'16, is an audit senior associate at KPMG in Kansas City. She lives in Overland Park.

**Jacqueline Ratkey,** l'15, was promoted to client development attorney at Cordell & Cordell in Independence, Missouri.

**16** Henry Cavagnaro, j'16, is a multimedia journalist at KVUE in Austin, Texas, where he makes his home.

**Thomas Plummer,** c'16, lives in Chicago, where he works in strategy and business development at Jump Trading.

**Emily Risley,** e'16, moved from Wichita to Sierra Leone, Africa, to volunteer with the Peace Corps.

**17 Benjamin Rapp,** *c*'17, makes his home in New York City, where he's a business development representative at Bread Finance.

**18** Madison Coker, j'18, manages communication projects at Sprint in Overland Park.

**Dan Garrett,** j'18, is a multimedia journalist at KSNT-TV in Topeka. He commutes from Lawrence.

**Alex McLoon,** j'18, works at KMTV 3 News Now in Omaha, Nebraska, where he's a multimedia journalist.

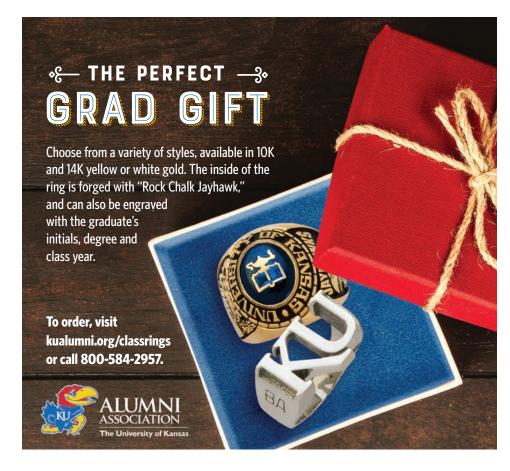
**Lanie McMullin,** c'18, is a biological science technician for the National Park Service.

**19 Langyu Wang,** b'19, is an audit assistant at Deloitte & Touche in Kansas City.

**Mark Yore,** g'19, is division transportation officer for the U.S. Army 25th infantry division. He's based in Kapolei, Hawaii.

#### **ASSOCIATES**

**Nikki Epley,** assoc., is vice president and culture and talent project manager at Fidelity Bank/Oklahoma Fidelity Bank in Wichita.



# In Memory

**30s** Mary Welch Fullmer, c'37, 103, July 19, 2018, in Hutchinson, where she was a longtime member of P.E.O. Sisterhood. She is survived by a son, Don, f'74; two grandsons; two step-grandchidren; and four step-greatgrandchildren.

Charlotte Stafford Stevenson, c'39, c'40, 101, March 10 in Kansas City. She was a medical technologist and member of P.E.O. Sisterhood. Survivors include three daughters, Mary Anne Stevenson Demeritt, d'68, g'82, Carol, j'69, and Jean, c'72, m'76; a son; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**40s** Charles Ball, e'46, 92, March 4 in Greenbrae, California. He had a long career in the oil and gas industries and later owned Oakford Vineyards in Napa Valley. Survivors include three daughters, one of whom is Sally Ball Rosenthal, '80; two sons; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Sarajane Graham Bodecker, c'40, 100, March 20 in Newton. She was a teacher and homemaker. Surviving are three sons, one of whom is Bruce, e'72; a daughter; six grandchildren; and 13 greatgrandchildren.

**Thornton Cooke II, '49,** 90, Feb. 26 in Prairie Village, where he was founder and CEO of First American Insurance Company. He is survived by his wife, Joni Fordyce Cooke, '54; two daughters; two stepdaughters, one of whom is Terre Spencer Andresen, b'79; a stepson, Stuart Spencer, c'89; a sister; two brothers; and 12 grandchildren.

Walter Garrison, e'48, g'50, 92, Feb. 24 in Vero Beach, Florida. He founded the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology and was president and CEO of CDI Corp. His wife, Jayne, three sons, two daughters, a brother, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive.

Fred Hirsekorn, e'49, g'50, 94, April 13 in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, where he retired as vice president of manufacturing and purchasing at Economics Laboratory

and was active in his community. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, three daughters, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Roger James, j'48, 95, March 14 in Overland Park. He founded James Printing in 1970 and was named Printing Industries of America's Executive of the Year in 1989. He is survived by two sons, Andy, b'76, and Evan, j'78; a daughter; eight grandchildren; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

Harriet Klein Keith, n'46, 94, April 28 in Topeka. She was a registered nurse at Stormont Vail Hospital. Surviving are two daughters, Joy Keith Crevoiserat, c'72, and Robin Keith Matthews, c'76; a son; seven grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Barbara Moffett Long, c'46, 94, March 23 in Fairway, where she and her husband formed CS Long and Associates and L & H Oil Company. She also was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Anne, j'86; two sons; and six grandchildren.

Laurie King Lunenschloss, c'49, 93, March 8 in Madison, Wisconsin. She was a corporate secretary at Air-Lec Industries. A stepdaughter, two stepsons, a sister, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

Margaret Hardie Morris, d'47, 95, March 22 in Vero Beach, Florida. She was a homemaker. Surviving are a son, two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Earl Riddle, c'42, 98, Dec. 15 in Portland, Oregon. He was campus minister at Oregon State University and also served as pastor at several churches. Two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive.

Vern Schneider, c'47, 94, March 13 in St. Louis, where he practiced law for nearly 70 years at Rassieur, Long, Yawitz and Schneider. He is survived by a son, Larry, c'79; two daughters;

and six grandchildren.

Sara Fair Sleeper, c'41, 101, March 7 in Hutchinson. She lived in Alden, where she was a bank teller and owned Prairie Flower Crafts. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Sleeper Hulsizer, c'68; a son, James, c'70; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mildred Julius Stevens, c'45, m'47, 95, April 20 in Garnett, where she was a family physician. She is survived by two daughters, Laura Stevens Bryan, c'74, m'76, and Leah Stevens Waage, c'77, m'81; three sons, Rhoads, c'76, James, c'79, l'82, g'83, and Victor, m'82; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Patrick Thiessen, c'49, l'51, 91, March 7 in Augusta. He was the Reno County district attorney from 1958 to '60 and later became regional manager of Cargill Flour Milling. Surviving are a son, Mark, c'75; three daughters; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Turkington, j'46, 93, April 4 in Topeka. She was executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association from 1968 to 1997, and she served several terms on the Kansas Turnpike Authority. She was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame in 1976. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. She is survived by two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

Norbert Zimmer, '49, 92, April 30 in Wellington, where he was a retired U.S. Air Force major and civil engineer. He is survived by a son, James, c'71; a daughter, Terrill Zimmer Wold, '72; a sister; six grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

**50s Virginia Daniels Bailey, j'50,** 90, Feb. 20 in Chesterfield, Missouri. She was a homemaker. Two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

John Beam, c'58, 82, March 26 in Lawrence. He taught high school physics in Houston for 25 years. Surviving are his wife, Grace Hiebert Beam, '58; a son, John, '91; two daughters; a sister; and eight grandchildren.

Charles Burch, j'53, 86, March 1, 2018, in Deltaville, Virginia, where he retired as lieutenant colonel after nearly 25 years in the U.S. Air Force. He also worked for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; a son, Marc, c'84; a daughter; a stepson; a stepdaughter; and two grandchildren.

Jack Carter, e'51, 91, March 8 in Paola. He was a plant and facilities engineer at Taylor Forge Engineered Systems. Surviving are his wife, Irene; a son, Steve, e'79, g'81; two daughters, Sally Carter Heilman, p'81, and Susan, '84; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Harry Crain, f'51, 90, April 22 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He was a technical illustrator for McDonnell Douglas and the Baptist Press. In 1952 he painted a mural called "The Trail Scene," which was displayed in the KU Memorial Union. Two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a greatgreat-grandchild survive.

Terry Dickenson, c'56, 86, Dec. 23 in Newberg, Oregon, where he worked in automotive aftermarket sales. In retirement he volunteered at the Evergreen Aviation Museum. Survivors include his wife, Helen, a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Nancy Reich Esry, d'57, 83, April 12 in Sarasota, Florida, where she was active in her community. She is survived by her husband, Carroll, b'55; a daughter, Marcie Esry Johnson, c'84; two sons, one of whom is David, e'84; a sister, Carolyn Reich Weir, d'59; and five grandchildren.

Van Gillespie, b'52, 88, March 22 in Kansas City, where he was vice president of sales at WC Tingle. Survivors include his wife, Audrae; a son, Kyle, c'84; a daughter; and four grandchildren.

Earlene Hovey Gough, '57, 84, March 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina. She was a homemaker. She is survived by two sons; a brother, Robert Hovey, c'53, l'54; and a grandson.

Nita Brewster Grier, c'51, 89, April 3 in Lawrence, where she was a homemaker. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Sara, c'77; a son; a sister, Ina May Brewster Fakhoury, c'56; and six grandchildren.

**Bill Groves, p'51,** 91, March 30 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was a retired pharmacist. He is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Groves Koehler, d'73, g'74, and Andrea Groves Yoxall, j'76; a son, William, '80; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Wendell Gugler, b'51, 93, Feb. 11 in Abilene, where he had a 40-year career in banking and retired as president of UMB Bank. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two sons, Kurt, c'88, and Todd, b'89; a daughter; and four grandchildren.

Richard Haines, b'59, 82, March 18 in Columbus, Ohio, where he was a retired CPA. He is survived by his wife, Verna, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Benjamin Hall, c'54, 86, April 2 in Bellevue, Washington, where he was professor emeritus of biology and genome sciences at the University of Washington. He received KU's Distinguished Service Citation in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Black Hall, c'54; a son; a daughter; a brother, William, e'48; and two granddaughters.

**George Hanson, e'52,** 92, Jan. 28 in Kansas City. He was an engineer at Amoco for more than 30 years. Three daughters, a son, a sister and seven grandchildren survive.

**Harold Hein, b'56,** 84, April 19 in Arvada, Colorado, where he was a CPA and partner at Arthur Young. Surviving are his wife, Martha Olson Hein, d'56; a son; three daughters; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Robert Howard, c'53, l'58,** 91, March 8 in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was a retired attorney and volunteered for the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife, Isabel, assoc.; a son; and a grandson.

John Jurcyk, l'57, 88, Dec. 29 in Lenexa, where he was an attorney at McAnany, Van Cleave & Phillips. He also served as senior policy adviser for the former mayor of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Rita Menghini Jurcyk, c'56; three daughters, Alison Jurcyk Schieber, c'85, l'93, Ann Jurcyk Borders, c'89, g'94, and Amy Jurcyk Benitz, '92; two sons; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Rexrode Kirk, d'55, g'72, 85, Feb. 23 in Lawrence. She was a teacher and served as principal at several area schools.

Surviving are two sons, Kyle, c'91, c'94, j'94, and Lloyd, d'92; and a daughter.

Thomas Krueger, c'54, l'59, 86, March 23 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was senior counsel at ExxonMobil. Survivors include his wife, Jean; two sons, Randy, b'84, and Jack, d'87; a daughter; a brother, Roy, c'54; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Charles Wayne Louderback, b'52, 88, March 9 in Hurst, Texas, where he retired as a field representative for Western Insurance. He was the first student manager for the KU men's basketball team. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife. Carol, and a daughter.

Kathrvn Siler McCune, d'55, 85, March 14 in Wichita, where she was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Linda McCune Woods, c'82, and two granddaughters.

Marcia Opperman Parsons, j'59, 81, April 8 in Lawrence. She lived for several years in Phoenix, where she was an executive assistant. Surviving are a son, Rex, '87; and a daughter, Melissa, f'91.

John Quarrier II, b'56, 84, April 15 in Tallahassee, Florida. He had a 41-year career in banking and retired as senior vice president at Union Planters Bank in Miami. Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann; two sons, one of whom is Lee, '90; a sister; and a brother.

Gil Reich, e'54, 87, April 22 in Barrington, Illinois, where he was retired executive vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. He was an All-America football player and starting guard at KU and was on the 1952-'53 team that went to the men's basketball national championship game. He chaired the Alumni Association's national board of directors from 1996 to '97 and received the Fred Ellsworth Medallion in 2000. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are his wife, Kay Lambert Reich, c'54; three daughters; a brother; 10 grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

Albert Joseph Steinbacher, b'56, 91, March 13 in Kansas City, where he retired after 35 years at Brown & Loe. He is survived by his wife, Ann Clark Stein-

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bacher, c'56; a daughter, Josie Steinbacher Relph, n'79; a son, Mike, c'86; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

**60s**Peter Anderson, f'60, 81, March 15 in Lawrence, where he worked at Maupintour. In 1983 he received the first Kansas Governor's Tourism Award. Surviving are his wife, Joan; a son; a brother, Philip, e'63, g'72; and two granddaughters.

Darrell Wayne Boster, e'61, 88, April 12 in Wichita, where he worked for Boeing and was active in his church. Survivors include a daughter, a sister and a granddaughter.

**Ken Cole, p'60,** 81, March 17 in Estes Park, Colorado, where he was a retired pharmacist and an ordained deacon and elder at his church. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Robinson Cole, d'60; a daughter; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Marjorie Williamson Coombs, d'60, 80, March 28 in Salt Lake City, where she was a teacher and retired as middle school principal at Rowland Hall. Survivors include her husband, Alan, c'60; a son, James, '88; a daughter; a brother; five grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

William Hunter, j'69, 71, April 1 in Kansas City, where he had an 18-year career at the Kansas City Star. Surviving are his wife, Rose, and a sister, Janet Harstock, '79.

Larry Nichols, f'68, 74, May 6 in Lawrence. He lived in Dallas, where he was a partner at the advertising agency Emerson, Nichols and Bailey and retired as creative director. He also managed a musical instrument repair shop. Survivors include a son, Christopher, '96; a daughter; a sister, Linda Nichols Mullens, c'76, g'79; and four grandchildren.

Alvin Ogden, g'64, 88, Jan. 15 in Olathe. He was retired dean of students at Oak Park and River Forest High School in Oak Park, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Ann, and a daughter, the Rev. Karen Ogden, s'90, '96.

Carol Drever Pimental, c'62, 79, Feb. 14 in Harwood, Maryland. She worked for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and

the U.S.-Japan Business Council. She also volunteered at the National Aquarium.

**Mike Rathbone, b'64,** 76, Feb. 8 in Wichita, where he was a retired commercial real estate agent and property owner. He is survived by his wife, Lynda; two daughters, Molly Rathbone Maxwell, c'90, and Susanna Rathbone Jones, c'02; a son, Joey, '94; a sister, Kay Rathbone Johnson, d'60; and two grandchildren.

Philip Roberts, PhD'68, 84, April 16 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He served on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. His wife, Yvonne, a son, two daughters and nine grandchildren survive.

Bill Scofield, EdD'69, 91, April 3 in Emporia. He had a 44-year career in public education and held several teaching and administrative roles at high schools throughout the state. He retired as professor of education at Emporia State University. Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou; three sons, two of whom are Reid, c'82, and Todd, '89; and five grandchildren.

Larry Shannon, e'69, 72, April 28 in Topeka, where for 27 years he was an engineer for the city's water division. His wife, Carol, a brother and four sisters survive.

Kenneth Welch, b'60, 80, Dec. 7 in Carmichael, California. He had a long career in sales management. Survivors include his wife, Anneliese; two sons; a daugther; a brother, Don, b'67; and six grandchildren.

Sharon Woodson-Bryant, j'69, g'75, 71, March 3 in Palm Harbor, Florida. She was a reporter and managed media relations for First 5 LA. In 2009 she received the KU Black Alumni Network Mike and Joyce Shinn Leaders and Innovators Award. Surviving are her husband, James; her mother, Ethel Ransom Parks, '77; and a brother, James Woodson, g'89.

Margarette "Rita" Vandever Wristen, d'66, 75, March 18 in Leawood. She was an elementary school teacher and homemaker. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. She is survived by her husband, David, assoc.; a daughter, Elizabeth Wristen Wakeman, j'00, n'05; a son, Christopher, j'02, g'03; a sister, Sylvia Vandever Scherrer, b'61; and three grandchildren.

**70**Sc'76, 66, April 16 in Lawrence. She was a paraeducator in the Lawrence School District and taught special needs children. Surviving are a daughter, Lindsey, c'12; her father; a brother, Leonard Fleske, c'72, m'75; and a sister, Linda Fleske Swain, f'75.

Cathy Flatt Goodger, b'77, 63, March 31 in Lake Quivira. She had a 40-year career as an accountant and financial consultant. Survivors include her husband, Tim, b'78: three sons, one of whom is Chris, b'11, '12; her mother; two brothers, Steve, c'81, and Tim, '83; and two grandchildren.

Margaret Dee Hansen, '71, 70, Nov. 5 in Evanston, Illinois, where she volunteered in her community. She is survived by her husband, Charles, c'70; three daughters, one of whom is Liz Hansen Wesemann, c'96; and nine grandchildren.

Cathy Naughton Holefelder, '79, 60, Feb. 19 in Olathe, where she was senior vice president of Heartland MLS. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are her husband, Mark, j'77; her mother; a brother, Marc Naughton, 1'78; and four sisters.

**Richard Mater, f'75,** 69, Jan. 22 in Wichita. He was a graphic designer at Boeing. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a son; a brother, Joe, assoc.; and

Scott McBride, f'77, 63, March 12 in Dallas, where he was a computer-aided design technician for the city. He also was an artist and modeler. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are two brothers, Steven, c'74, and Mark, c'81, g'85; and a sister, Susan McBride Pike, f'76.

**Loren Rabon, f'70,** 79, Dec. 4 in Freehold, New Jersey, where he owned Pre-Structured Building Systems. His wife, Linda, a son, three daughters, a brother, 12 grandchildren and a great-grandson

Bill Reno, b'71, 72, April 8 in Kansas City. He retired as an estimator at Kansas Heavy Construction. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; two daughters, one of whom is Nicki, d'97; two sons, one of whom is Joshua, '04; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

**Kathleen Winters Steineger, j'74,** 66, March 1 in Kansas City. She was a fitness instructor and real estate agent. She is survived by a daughter, Kisha, c'05, '07; her mother, Norma Loske Winters, c'48; and a brother, George Winters III, c'80.

**Randolph Stevens, b'70,** 70, Feb. 24 in Las Vegas, where he was a stockbroker. Surviving are his father; two sisters, one of whom is Annette. '80; and a brother.

**80s** John Whitbread, c'83, 59, March 1 in Sayville, New York, where he directed medical affairs at Merck. His wife, Barbara, a son, a daughter and his parents survive.

**90s** Greg Isernhagen, c'92, 50, April 10 in Portland, Oregon. He is survived by his parents.

**Bill Schrandt, e'95,** 75, April 11 in Kansas City. He was a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army and retired as director of engineering and planning for the city of Louisburg. He also worked on his family's farm. Surviving are his wife, Betty Rogers Schrandt, d'81; three daughters, Stephanie Schrandt Boone, j'92, l'95, Shawna Schrandt Mazeitis, g'98, and Suzanne, l'05; a son, William, c'93, g'95; a sister; a brother; and nine grandchildren.

Thomas DesLauriers, c'06, 39, March 19 in Kansas City. He lived in Lawrence, where he worked in customer service. Survivors include a son; a daughter; his father, Austin, g'77; his mother; and a brother, Nicholas, '03.

Julie Savute Zittergruen, j'01, 39, April 23 in Shawnee. She worked for a marketing agency for several years. Surviving are her husband, Evan; a daughter; a son; her parents; two sisters, Angela Savute, c'06, and Katie Savute-Guimond, '08; and her grandmother.

**Tara Kelly, d'12,** 30, April 20 in Denver. She is survived by her fiancé, her parents, a brother and her grandparents.

#### **UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

**Charles Jeffries Bangert, '79,** 80, Jan. 27 in Lawrence, where he was a computer programmer and statistician. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife, Colette Stuebe Bangert, '74.

Nancy Barr, g'96, 75, March 22 in Kansas City. She had a 55-year career as a nurse and was a clinical instructor at the School of Nursing. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. A brother and two sisters survive.

Barbara Young Clancy, g'81, '92, 84, March 29 in Shawnee. She was a faculty member in the School of Nursing for 33 years and chaired the department of maternal health. Survivors include her husband, Dick, PhD'65; a daughter, Elizabeth Clancy Wood, h'83; a son; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

George Duerksen, d'55, g'56, PhD'67, 84, April 23 in Lawrence, where he was a professor and led the music education and music therapy programs from 1969 to 2011. Surviving are his wife, Patricia Beers Duerksen, c'59, d'64; a son, M. Jeffrey, '88; a daughter, Cynthia Duerksen Rood, d'93, g'99, '06; a sister, Patricia Duerksen Hoover, d'60; and four grandchildren.

**John Garland, d'56, g'61,** 84, Dec. 31 in Litchfield, New Hampshire. He was professor emeritus of business. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. A sister survives.

**John Glick,** 94, April 4 in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. He was a clinical chemist at KU Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jean; three daughters, one of whom is Barbara Glick Hyatt, e'78; two sons, John III, e'79, and Bill, e'82; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Bill Guy,** 88, April 15 in Lawrence. He was a geologist at the Kansas Geological Survey. Surviving are two daughters, a son, a stepdaughter, two stepsons, eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Joan Sherar Hunt, c'56, c'57, PhD'83, 84, April 20 in Kansas City, where she was professor emeritus and University Distinguished Professor of anatomy and cell biology at the School of Medicine. She also served as senior associate dean for

research and graduate education and vice chancellor for research at KU Medical Center. In 2007 she was inducted in the KU Women's Hall of Fame. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. She is survived by a son, Thomas, m'88; a brother, James Sherar, e'72, b'72; and four grandchildren.

**Douglas McGregor,** 79, Feb. 27 in Kansas City. He was professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at KU Medical Center. He also was a staff pathologist at Kansas City VA Medical Center. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife, Mizuki; a daughter, Michelle, '88; a son, David, '89; a brother; and two grandsons.

**Neil Roach, m'67,** 80, April 8 in Wichita, where he chaired the department of psychiatry at the School of Medicine-Wichita and was medical director at Charter Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; two daughters, one of whom is Kathleen Roach Johns, c'93; two brothers; a sister; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Benjamin Sax,** 69, April 13 in Lawrence, where he was professor emeritus of European history.

**Robert Tomasek,** 91, April 7 in Lawrence. He was a professor of political science for 35 years. Surviving are three daughters, two of whom are Katherine, c'81, g'84, and Sarah Tomasek Yost, '83; a brother; and three grandchildren.

#### **ASSOCIATES**

**Eugene Baker, assoc.,** 80, March 27 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves and worked for the Kansas City VA Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Oneita Taylor, m'81; a daughter; a sister; and four grandchildren.

**Henry Bloch, assoc.,** 96, April 23 in Kansas City. He was founder and CEO of H&R Block. Surviving are two daughters, Mary Jo Bloch Brown, '79, and Elizabeth Bloch Uhlmann, '81; two sons; 12 grand-children; and 19 great-grandchildren.

**Suzan Harrington, assoc.,** 73, Dec. 30 in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is survived by her husband, Rick, c'67; and two sons, R. Tucker, c'96, and Timothy, j'99.

# Rock Chalk Review



Storme and Kuhns

# New degrees

# **KU Edwards Campus introduces ASL and Deaf Studies tracks**

Thirty years ago, Stacey Storme was a recent high school graduate when she became certified as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter. Growing up with a deaf sister, Storme had been signing her entire life and earned her National Interpreter Certification which required passing both knowledgeand performance-based exams with relative ease.

Those certification requirements have since changed, and the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, a nonprofit organization responsible for creating and administering the exams, now states that candidates must have a bachelor's degree in order to apply for the performance assessment.

In response, KU Edwards Campus has partnered with Johnson County Community College and expanded its academic offerings to include bachelor's degrees in ASL and Deaf Studies. Storme, who has taught interpreting for nearly 25 years,

joined KU in June as professor of practice after being an instructor at JCCC for the past 18 years.

"We've come from more of a vocational perspective to, 'We are a profession and people need to have more awareness and knowledge," Storme says of the degree requirement.

For the past 30 years, JCCC has offered a nationally accredited ASL-English Interpreter program, which students could complete in two years—a relatively short amount of time to learn both ASL and interpreting skills, Storme admits. As part of the collaboration with KU Edwards Campus, JCCC will eliminate its interpreting coursework and focus solely on classes that encourage students to build a foundation in ASL, including ASL linguistics, introduction to the deaf community and fingerspelling. After completing prerequisites at JCCC, students can then transfer to the Edwards Campus.

"The program has much more flexibility, so students can take one course here and there," Storme says. "They can take it for zero credit, continuing education or for credit, if they want it to go toward a degree or certificate."

Students who want to pursue a degree

can earn a bachelor of arts or bachelor of general studies by completing two of the four new tracks offered:

- Deaf Studies and Social Justice
- Advanced ASL
- Becoming an Interpreter
- Professional Interpreting

Kimberly Kuhns, a professor of ASL at JCCC and a member of the deaf community, says this new curriculum will greatly reduce stress on students. "It's so much better to teach the language and the culture first," she says, "then you can build from that moving forward."

Storme and Kuhns anticipate that this program will appeal to students new to ASL and interpreting as well as working professionals who want to sharpen or expand their skills, including social workers, counselors and educators. In addition, it provides Kansas City's robust deaf community—Olathe is home to the Kansas School for the Deaf and the Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture—with a distinct opportunity to learn more about their own language.

"Hopefully, it will create more folks who are fluent in ASL to be able to have direct communication with deaf people, whether it's servers at restaurants or receptionists at offices," Storme says.

With fewer than 35 ASL bachelor's degrees or interpreting degrees nationwide and less than a handful in our region, the Edwards Campus and JCCC are in a unique position to benefit the deaf community and the workforce in the greater Kansas City area.

"I think it will continue to raise the status of ASL to where it should be," Storme says.

—Heather Biele

# Beat goes on

# Student big band is latest entrant in KU's Downbeat hit parade

Tazz studies students won two honors J in the 42nd annual Downbeat Student Music Awards, which were highlighted in

the June issue of Downbeat magazine.

KU Jazz Ensemble I was one of two big bands named a top large ensemble in the graduate college division, and Alex Annan, a master's student in jazz composition from Omaha, Nebraska, received the outstanding arrangement award in the graduate college division for his big-band arrangement of "Ima."

It has practically become a rite of spring on Mount Oread that, when the prestigious honors are announced in April, KU students are in the mix. In the past 28 years, the jazz studies program has won 27 Downbeat awards.

"It's been a good run," says Dan Gailey, a Chancellors Club professor of music and, since 1990, director of jazz studies in the KU School of Music. "We've been trying to keep it going on a high level for quite a while, and I think that kind of feeds on itself."

The 18-member band recorded and submitted three tunes for the contest: "All Blues" by trumpeter and jazz legend Miles Davis, "Zhivago" by guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel and "Extra Credit" by Grammywinning pianist Jim McNeely.

The graduate division is the most competitive in the Downbeat contest, which recognizes student musicians from junior high to graduate school.

"A funny thing about the Downbeat awards is that if you even have one grad student in your band, you have to enter the graduate division," Gailey explains.

"A lot of the bands we were competing against are almost all grad students. So we were competing with three grad students in our band against bands with 15 to 17 grad students."

In its coverage of the large ensemble graduate competition, Downbeat noted that the other big band singled out for honors—from the University of Southern California—includes a large number of professional musicians already playing for pay in the Los Angeles music scene. "That's the kind of competition we're up against," Gailey says.

Gailey uses a sports analogy to illustrate how students are both drawn by the KU jazz program's culture and driven to perpetuate it.

"You build something of excellence and then the pressure is on for next year," Gailey says, pointing to Allen Field House across the street from his office in Murphy Hall. "You guys have to step up and play."

And much like a basketball coach who has to adapt to the skills, maturity, work ethic and talent of a new lineup each season, Gailey's role changes from year to year. A group that's "musically young" might require a firmer hand from the director. "I might need to do more leading," Gailey explains, "kind of pulling them by their teeth on some stuff."

This year's ensemble took charge on its own, he says. "We had a funny rehearsal where my drummer, Vaughn Craddock, just took over musically. You could feel it. I said, 'Guys, this is the hurdle we needed to get through. Now it's no longer my band; it's Vaughn's band.' After that, they

"What I always talk to them about is that they want to get to the level where they are individually and collectively taking ownership of the music, that they're heavily involved. And that happened with this year's band."

In addition to the Downbeat honors, Jazz Ensemble I was selected to perform at the 2019 Next Generation Jazz Festival presented by the Monterey Jazz Festival. Student groups compete for a slot at the highly regarded event through recorded auditions; the KU group was one of six college big band finalists invited to play at the April competition in Monterey, California, which Gailey describes as "a huge honor" regardless of the outcome.

"I've told them for years that the Downbeat awards shouldn't define our program, but they are a recognition of a job really well done," Gailey says. "It's somebody other than me telling them, 'Hey, good job, folks.' It's some of the most important people in the jazz world saying, 'You're on the right track and you're doing great things.' So that's huge."

—Steven Hill

# Fat past, fat present

# Now as ever, body shaming entrenched in Western societies

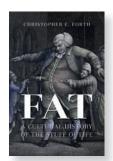
**T** f stereotypes are ever to be destroyed, they first must be illuminated, with context from our often unpleasant cultural histories and folklore, and explained: How might certain ways of thinking have become so pervasive?

Professor Christopher Forth chronicles the origins of our obsessions with body shapes in his latest book, Fat: A Cultural *History of the Stuff of Life*, which drew wide U.S. attention with The Atlantic's publication of a 2,000-word excerpt in its May 26 issue. "Although one can trace the roots of specific fat stereotypes—as well as



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Fat: A Cultural History of the Stuff of Life by Christopher E. Forth Reaktion Books, \$32

contempt for fat bodies—back to antiquity, the relentless and intense denigration of fatness that we see today is quite modern, and has been especially nasty since the 1980s," says Forth, Dean's Professor of Humanities and professor of history. "Having said that, there is no period in Western history where fatness was accepted without qualification or some degree of ambiguity."

Forth spoke with Kansas Alumni while attending a June conference on cultural history in Tallinn, Estonia, where, he says, his presentations were well received by international colleagues. Fat also generated what he describes as positive reviews in the United Kingdom and Australia, where it was published this year by Reaktion Books before gaining notice in the U.S. with The Atlantic's excerpt, in which Forth describes unsettling tales of an 18th-century Italian countess "reduced to ash and grease" by her unstable mix of fat and alcohol.

Although weird tales of spontaneous human combustion perhaps have endured long enough to dampen our reaction to the countess' fiery demise, other historical episodes are cringeworthy, including Forth's accounts of the disturbing belief in human fat as salve and medicine, which fueled lucrative side gigs for executioners and anatomists.

Spanish conquistadors instilled panic within indigenous nations they conquered in no small part because they harvested victims' fat stores for treatment of their own wounds. Present-day Andeans, Forth writes, still fear a bogeyman, often depicted as a white man, who "harvests Indian fat for medical and cannibalistic purposes."

Among the many fat-related topics Forth explores—agricultural, geographical and social-class factors across the centuries, for instance—the most unsettling insights might be what he found in modern Western culture. Now that the concept of obesity—a word Forth avoids as a "pathologizing medical term"—as disease has taken root, fat people are fair game for abuse and ridicule, even from doctors, who can be known to dismiss corpulent patients as lazy and unlikely to follow sound medical advice.

Worse still is the scarring inflicted upon overweight children.

Forth says Romans "encouraged girls to be relatively slender," and medieval books discouraged "training fat boys to become knights." One well-known Italian physician, Forth says, even suggested that boys who did not shed their baby fat by adolescence be expelled as outcasts.

"An interest in childhood corpulence has a long history," Forth says, "but it, too, is nothing compared to today's obsessions."

—Chris Lazzarino

# The Commish

# With success of latest book, Neyer steps in as league exec

ike many of the good things in his life, ₄the opportunity to write his seventh book, Power Ball: Anatomy of a Modern Baseball Game, arrived unexpectedly for Rob Neyer—as did his new role as commissioner of the game's West Coast League. By the time HarperCollins published Power Ball last October, the author had landed a gig leading a top summer league for collegiate players.

Neyer—statistical wizard, former online columnist and perhaps the most prominent protégé of Bill James, creator of "sabermetrics"—admits to drifting through rudderless years at KU, although he did make the most of a momentous discovery mere weeks into his KU career: the Bill James Baseball Abstract.

Neyer, '90, was 9 when his family moved to Kansas City, in 1976, and the ascendant

Royals were a few months from winning their first division title.

"We moved there in March or April," Neyer says, "and I had fallen completely head-over-heels in love with the Royals by Memorial Day."

Always an avid reader of sports books, Never had somehow missed the analytical abstracts invented by James, c'73, d'75. When Never stumbled onto a copy in the KU Bookstore, he gave himself over, powerless, to another baseball love affair.

"I bought it, brought it back to my apartment, and within a few pages, certainly by the time I finished that book, Bill James, his work, was everything to me," Neyer says. "It redefined how I thought about baseball, and how I thought about the world, to some degree. In a sense, it changed my brain."

After struggling through eight semesters on the Hill, Never finally faced facts: He was better suited to roofing houses than faking his way through school. At least he knew where he had to be at 6 a.m. A few months into his new life, a friend who knew James mentioned that James was hiring a research assistant. The one possibility that had never once occurred to Never—getting paid to do sabermetrics research with the field's guru—was suddenly in his viewfinder.

When James requested a writing sample, Never sent him a paper he'd written for Professor Jim Carothers' "Literature of Baseball" course. When James asked for a transcript, Never fibbed that overdue library fines prevented him from obtaining a copy. (He confesses that the lie still haunts him.)

"In late November or early December of 1988, Bill called me and said, 'Rob, I'd like you to come work for me.' Aside from the birth of my daughter, I would say it's the greatest moment of my life," Never says. "All the good things that have happened to me since then, and there have been a lot of them, it all started with Bill giving me a chance—one that I didn't really deserve."

After working with James for four years, Never sensed their run was done and it was time to "get out of the way so somebody else could have an opportunity." He tried freelance writing, then left Lawrence



Neyer

for a job in Chicago with STATS Inc. Three years later, he got in on the ground floor of the internet explosion by taking a job with Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen's Starwave, in Seattle.

Starwave created and operated the new ESPN.com, for which Neyer eventually settled in as a popular baseball columnist and blogger. He also found time to write books, creating a trilogy in his *Rob Neyer's Big Book of Baseball* series.

Neyer was hired by Starwave/ESPN.com to edit freelance columns about the then-new trend of fantasy sports. Working on copy submitted by others didn't suit him, so Neyer began tapping out his own daily fantasy baseball column.

"It was, 'This guy's hot, I'd play this guy, there's this kid in the minors to keep an eye on.' It was nothing. In retrospect, I don't even know why I was doing it, what the point of it was."

Regardless, the small daily columns proved the onset of a new, fast-paced chapter in Neyer's career. Once he got in the groove of daily writing, Neyer "gravitated toward the columns that I wanted to read," such as sabermetrics-based analysis of historically bad franchises, the best shortstops since Cal Ripken Jr., and a two-week-long series on the game's greatest players.

Online-only sportswriting was still new then, in the late 1990s, and Neyer and his ESPN.com colleagues were forging the genre's identity, including such novelties as interacting with readers by answering their emailed questions.

"Nobody ever said, 'Why are you doing this? We didn't hire you to do this. You're not a columnist. You don't know how to do this job.' I just kept doing it, and within a few months everybody just left me alone. You talk about freedom? I could do anything.

"Everything was pretty much fully formed, columnwise, within a couple of years. We created these cool tools that nobody ever used before."

In 2011, with his national reputation secured, Neyer left ESPN.com to become national baseball editor with SB Nation; he then joined Fox Sports and eventually returned to freelance writing. When Neyer's agent in 2017 failed to find a taker for his two best book ideas, Neyer wrote him a thank-you note—he's big on handwritten cards—and bid adieu to writing baseball books.

Within a week, Neyer heard from a HarperCollins editor who was searching for someone to write a baseball book in a specific framework. The first writer he approached declined, but suggested Neyer for the gig: "It's another one of those things that just dropped in my lap."

In the spirit of Daniel Okrent's *Nine Innings* and John McPhee's *Levels of the Game*, about an Arthur Ashe match at the 1968 U.S. Open, *Power Ball* would use the details of one game—Neyer and his editor eventually chose Houston at Oakland, Sept. 8, 2017—around which Neyer would delve into preselected topics.

"So then it becomes a puzzle," Neyer says. "I filled up notebook after notebook, longhand, just writing about these 24, 25 things that I wanted to write about."

The format allowed an expert like Neyer to examine baseball trends, history, players, coaches, scouts and executives, presented in a lively, readable format. It was such a hit that Neyer won the Society for American Baseball Research's Henry Chadwick Award for "invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that

links America's present with its past." The book also won the 2018 CASEY Award as the year's best baseball book.

As he neared the end of writing *Power Ball*, Neyer accepted an invitation to speak to a civic club in Portland, Oregon, where he has lived since 2002. In the audience was Dan Segel, CEO of the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League.

Turns out, the WCL needed a commissioner. Neyer needed work. By May 2018, he was traveling to ballparks, throwing out first pitches, even donning mascot outfits.

"It sounded like it might be fun, just doing the things a commissioner does. I didn't know what those things might be, but I've spent my whole life reading about commissioners, and now I can be one," he says. "So what's the worst that can happen?"

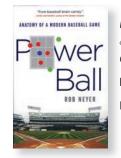
Neyer soon realized the role involves more than hot dogs and home runs, but even headaches such as late-night phone calls when players got into trouble didn't diminish the fun. He signed on again this year, which meant he finally got to see the biggest perk of all: official league baseballs printed with his signature.

"There is a renewal," Neyer says, explaining that it's not so much about being around eager young ballplayers—he interacts primarily with team executives—but instead it's about another unexpected path into the game. Two decades of doing the same work, talking to the same people, became "less and less fun."

But, being a commissioner?

"Completely different," he says with a chuckle. "It can be really difficult, but I enjoy the challenge. That's where the renewal part comes in."

—Chris Lazzarino

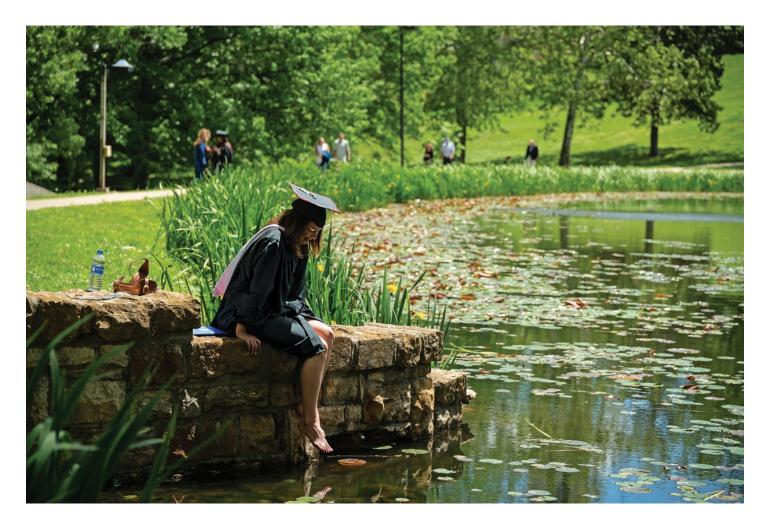


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by Rob Neyer

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: A new graduate savors a moment of : quiet reflection at Potter Lake. KU celebrated its 147th Commencement on May 19.



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