The Salt of the Earth
ESU’s School of Business sends grads to do the world’s heavy lifting

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Musings while underground

Remembering December 7, 1941

December 7, 2011 marked the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I was 20 years old and a senior at KSTC.

There had been a music clinic that weekend and many music students were attending the final concert in the City Auditorium. Ben Course, who later became my husband, and I were among those in the filled auditorium. Near the concert’s end, a gentleman entered the stage and tapped a dignitary on the shoulder, summoning him to the wings. A few minutes later he returned to the stage and announced the startling news that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Silence fell over the audience and they rose as one to leave, talking in hushed tones, pondering the consequences of this grim news.

In Dr. Hull’s class the next day, December 8, via radio, we listened in rapt attention to FDR’s famous “Day of Infamy” address in which he declared war on Japan. Three days later, December 11, Hitler declared war on the USA.

Immediately, the ROTC, comprised of many college men, was called to serve. The KSTC band and student body members accompanied them to the railroad station and, with tears, hugs and music, we saw them off to war. Many would never return. Gone were our carefree college days.

Jane Socolofsky Course BS ’42 Olympia, Wash.

Why, yes—that is a Superman costume I’m inspecting. And you may be wondering how I’m going to weave that into a quick welcome to the spring edition of Spotlight.

I didn’t try on the costume. Its acrylic case keeps my hands, and those of about 60,000 visitors a year to Hutchinson’s Kansas Underground Salt Museum, from damaging what actor Dean Cain wore during his turn on television’s “Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman.”

*Spotlight* celebrates heroes, but not the kind who emerge from phone booths to ensure good triumphs over evil. In this issue, you’ll read about a few of these “salt of the earth” types who enrich our lives. Several of them are graduates of Emporia State University’s recently AACSB-reaccredited School of Business.

But there are many other events to celebrate:

- An ambitious commitment from the ESU Foundation to pump more money into student scholarships;
- The energy and enthusiasm of Dr. Michael D. Shonrock as ESU’s 16th president;
- The promise from DenaSue Potestio, the ESU Foundation’s incoming president, to dream big, and;
- The nearly-completed renovation of ESU’s Memorial Union.

Grab your cape, lightsaber, or magic wand and join in. We’re all superheroes to someone!

Jane Socolofsky Course BS ’42

Olympia, Wash.

Dave Sparks
Editor
Calendar of events

ESU Athletics Golf Tournament and Auction
June 1, 6 p.m., Auction at Bowyer Community Building, 2700 W. Highway 50, Emporia State University
June 2, 9 a.m., Golf at Emporia Municipal Golf Course

ESU Night at the T-Bones
June 2, 5 p.m. Tailgate, 7 p.m. game, Community America Ballpark, Kansas City, Kan.

Volunteer Appreciation and University Service Citation Award Dinner
June 8, 6 p.m., Webb Hall, Memorial Union

Boston-area ESU Alumni Gathering
June 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Cheers Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, Mass.

Emporia Live in the Lot sponsored by ESU Alumni Association
July 18, 5:30 p.m., Farmer’s Market, Seventh & Merchant, Emporia

A Night of Champions 2012
July 19, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., 68’s Inside Sports Performance Center, 9111 Flint, Overland Park

South Central Chapter Golf Tournament
August 26, 12 noon, Hesston Golf Park

Fan Fair
September 7, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

ESU at the Kansas State Fair
September 7 – 16, Hutchinson

ESU Family Day/Hornet Heritage Award
September 15, Welch Stadium, ESU

Second Annual South Central Scholarship Benefit Barn Party
September 23, Time TBA, Home of Gary and Jan Geringer, Douglass

Emporia Connection Reunion
September 28 – 29, St. Louis, Mo.

Kansas City Alumni at Boulevard Brewery
October 4, Time TBA, 2501 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

Second Annual Sam E. and Jeannene Hayes Lecture
LTC Cameron Leiker (BS ’90-Economics)
October 11, Time TBA, Emporia State University

Homecoming 2012
October 12 – 13, Emporia

On Stage This Spring
ESU Summer Theatre
June 13 – 16: Dearly Beloved (Comedy)
June 27 – 30: The Fox on the Fairway (Farce)
July 11 – 14: Leaving Iowa (Comedy)
7:30 p.m., Bruder Theatre

Alumni directory project kicks off this summer

Sesquicentennial time at Emporia State University is a good reason to update an alumni directory, don’t you think?

That’s exactly what will be happening, starting this summer. “We’re partnering with PCI, a Dallas, Tex.-based publisher of alumni directories, to produce a 150th-anniversary commemorative edition of ESU’s alumni directory,” said Tyler Curtis, alumni relations director.

That process will involve getting in touch with ESU alumni—all 60,000 or so of you—by post cards and phone calls during the summer, encouraging you to update your contact information and offering a chance to purchase the new directory.

Updates and corrections

Spotlight regrets the following errors and omissions that surfaced in the Fall 2011 edition:

- Dan Clark McClenny taught business and coached sports at high schools in Luray, Holcomb and Burlington, where he also served as principal. (Page 24)
- Edward F. Hadden (EDS ’61), Topeka, was left off the list of deceased alumni that appeared on page 26. Mr. Hadden died May 15, 2011.
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His Power-E safety helmet dusted with powdered salt, Lee Spence is all smiles talking about secure storage and the growth of a tourist attraction—both 650 feet under the surface of Hutchinson, Kan.

Photo credit: J.R. Garvey

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Committed to dream for ESU

DenaSue Potestio checked out Emporia and Emporia State University before we checked her out.

“I'm a person of commitment,” Potestio said. “I felt that as I evaluated the opportunity, I should come out and visit your community, visit the campus, and envision myself as the new president of your foundation.”

“I got to know some students as I walked around campus, saw the beautiful renovation of the Memorial Union, and was blown away by the community, the campus, and the people I met,” Potestio revealed on the phone from her parents’ home near Pueblo, Colo., during a March 20 phone call news conference at Sauder Alumni Center announcing her selection as the new president of the ESU Foundation.

“I have to tell you, I had a wonderful trip to Emporia,” said Potestio, who was back in Emporia the next week for her formal interview and meetings with campus and community residents.

Currently president and chief executive officer of the Colorado State University-Pueblo Foundation, Potestio begins her new position at ESU this summer.

“The fact that she spent time in Emporia the week prior to her interview certainly resonated with the board as we discussed DenaSue’s qualifications,” noted Lana Oleen, ESU Foundation board of trustees chair.

“I want to thank the leadership and service of Russ Everhart, chair of the search committee, and the Foundation executive committee members for helping us find the best person for the job,” said Dr. Michael D. Shonrock, ESU president. “I also want to thank the campus and Emporia community for taking part in this important search.”

Foundation trustees appointed an 11-person committee to solicit and screen applicants for the position with the help of EFL Associates, Inc., a Leawood, Kan., executive search firm. In addition to Everhart, the search committee also included Foundation board members Beth Paladino, Kim Penner and Skip Evans as well as retired Foundation president Jim Meyer. Other members included Dale Davis, Emporia community representative; Jennifer Cheray, student representative; John Rich, associate professor of business; Sandy Kramer, former Foundation employee; and Ray Hauke, ESU vice president for administration and fiscal affairs.

Potestio was one of four final candidates interviewed from a field of more than 30 initial applicants.

“I’m excited to dream together with you,” Potestio said, noting the Foundation’s contract with a consultant exploring a potential campaign for ESU.

ESU Foundation Board of Trustees, November 2011

A new partnership between Emporia State University and the ESU Foundation is boosting scholarship support for new students. The Foundation’s board of trustees voted in November to expand scholarship funding by $7.5 million over the next five years.

“This agreement represents a significant partnership between ESU and the Foundation,” said Lana Oleen, Foundation board of trustees chairperson. Oleen, who has served as a trustee since 2006, was named the first female president in the organization’s 60 year history.

“The role of the Foundation is to raise, receive, invest, allocate, and exercise stewardship for private gifts benefiting ESU. We believe our students’ futures are our most important investments,” said Oleen, who earned both bachelor’s and master’s degrees from ESU.

“I am very pleased that the ESU Trustees have made this decision, as their collective action puts in motion the ability to more than double the level of scholarship awards over the next five years,” Oleen added.

“This is a huge compliment to what the university is already doing to market more aggressively and target student recruitment, and I can’t thank the Board of Trustees enough,” said Dr. Ed Flentje, who was serving as ESU’s interim president at the time the scholarship commitment was announced.

The new plan, which takes effect for students entering ESU in Fall 2012, has two important components. First, it increases the dollar amount of merit-based scholarships for both first-time freshmen and transfer students. Second, it extends the renewability of the scholarships based on academic performance.

Laura Eddy, director of ESU Admissions, explained the new scholarship plan: “Under the program, awards for first-time freshmen are offered at three scholarship levels — ESU Presidential Scholars, ESU Foundation Scholars and ESU Hornet Scholars — that are tied to college entrance scores and high school grades.”

“Freshman scholarship recipients who achieve and maintain academic standards may gain funding for a total of eight semesters. Scholarships for first-time transfer students are renewable for up to four total semesters, said Eddy.

More information about the new 2012-13 scholarship program is online at http://www.emporia.edu/finaid/scholarships/#Hornet_General or by calling toll-free 1-877-GO-TO-ESU (877-468-6378).

http://www.emporia.edu/finaid
Emporia State University’s new leader seems to be everywhere.

“I find it hard to walk across campus without running into him,” says Dr. Steve Catt, professor in the Department of Communication and Theatre, offering his take on the first few months of Dr. Michael D. Shonrock’s presidency.

“There must be five or six of him.”

At a Kansas City student recruitment event, Catt remembers Karen, Shonrock’s wife, coming up to him and asking: “Where’s Michael?”

“If I were you, I wouldn’t go too far because he’ll be back by again,” Catt remembers saying. “If we had bloodhounds, they’d get exhausted trying to keep up with him. If they would just lie down, he’d come by again and trip over them.”

Catt admires Shonrock’s accessibility to faculty and students—in fact, everyone in the community. “He makes you feel important,” he says.

Chris Walker, editor and publisher of the Emporia Gazette, agrees. “Shonrock has an amazing ability to connect with people. He shakes hands and talks with everyone, even if it’s a small child. Through these connections, he gets people excited about Emporia State.”

“I think he is making his presence known,” adds Jeanine McKenna, president of the Chamber of Commerce. “He’s listening to the community and is acting on what he’s hearing.”

ESU’s president listens

By Bill Noblitt, Director of Marketing and Media Relations

fun and on point in order to get ESU where it needs to be. His energizing efforts are spreading throughout the campus.”

Oleen also likes the way he handles the media and other groups. “He’s well received by the Regents and the other presidents of Kansas universities,” she points out. “He reaches out to people to tell the Emporia State story.”

Steve Sauder, a 1968 ESU graduate, owner of Emporia’s Radio Stations, Inc., and a member of the Executive Committee of the Foundation’s board of trustees, says: “Dr. Shonrock makes everyone feel they have input into solutions. The letter T is not in his alphabet.”

Sauder relates how Shonrock helped the Executive Committee choose the new president for the Foundation, DenaSue Potestio. “During our meeting, everyone on the committee wanted to know what Shonrock thought,” he says. “Instead of telling us what he thought, he asked us probing questions about each of the candidates for the position and led us through the process.

“It was a microcosm of the way he leads,” Sauder explains.
Waiting backstage in the ESU Albert Taylor Hall “Green Room” to be named the 16th Emporia State University president, Dr. Michael and Karen Shonrock listened attentively as Brian Dorsey, an ESU junior and Hornet football player, talked about his experience at the university. Shonrock, former Texas Tech senior vice president for auxiliary services, enrollment management and student affairs, asked him about his family and where he came from, and why he chose ESU. Brian is a double major in communications and biology, and he’s a pre-med student.

“It was my chance to play football,” Brian said. “I investigated ESU’s biology program and found it to be one of the best in the state.”

Nathan Nash began his friendship with Shonrock at Texas Tech University, where he was a vice president and then president of Tech’s Student Government Association. The SGA was part of Shonrock’s responsibilities. “He was our go-to guy at the administrative level at Tech,” Nash said. “It was immediately evident that he cares about the students and that bleeds over into his relationships with alumni, faculty, staff and the community. Shonrock would always end a conversation with ‘What do you need. What can I do for you.’ ”

Kyle Miller, now in his fourth year residency at Northwestern University Medical School, has similar recollections. While in his second year as a Tech medical student, the Texas governor appointed Miller as the student regent to the Tech University System Board of Regents. “I became one of Dr. Shonrock’s biggest fans,” he recalls. “He had this way of calming storms, and I always valued this unique ability when problems arose.”

Suzanne Taylor, now in her second year of law school at Texas Tech, describes Shonrock as an idealist and optimist as well as a creative strategist. “Rather than approaching something and saying we can’t do this, he would say how can we make it happen,” she says.

One incident highlights this description, according to Taylor. She was SGA president at Tech when the students approved and paid for a lazy river called a “leisure pool” next to the recreation center on campus. “It was a huge success,” she recalls, “but some in the Tech administration wanted to name it after a local bank.” The students were in an uproar over this, and Taylor had to represent their viewpoint. “Ultimately, Dr. Shonrock mentored me as far as how to work with the administration.” She clearly remembers him explaining that it would be better if she went in asking questions rather than to take a hardnosed point of view. “It worked out for everyone,” she says. “The bank used the money it was going to contribute for student scholarships. Dr. Shonrock is able to work through any situation and make it better.”

Shonrock’s commitment to service began while growing up on the Southside of Chicago. His dad owned a record retail store in town. His mother was a homemaker. His grandfather worked in the hardware department at a Sears and his grandmother worked in another one as a nurse. “She believed that castor oil solved all problems so I rarely was sick,” Shonrock remembers.

He knows he will have a learning curve at ESU. “I’ll depend on the ESU leadership team and the community to help me with that,” he says. “I want to build on the expertise we already have. I want to help build partnerships for ESU. I’ll do a lot of listening.”

His philosophy of leadership begins with service, and leaders should be what he calls “wizards and warriors.”

“Good leaders need to be both,” he explains. “The wizard must have a vision for the future. A warrior must have the patience and persistence to fulfill that vision.”

His experience will also help ESU. The university’s enrollment growth has been stagnant because of a host of factors, including the decline of college-age students in the state of Kansas. Shonrock and his team at Texas Tech produced the largest enrollment growth in that university’s history. Consultants working with Tech projected it would take five years to turn enrollment around. It took six months, according to Shonrock.

Shonrock, the optimistic strategist, sees great things ahead for Emporia State University as it begins to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

Photo credit: J.R. Garvey
Hornet Telethon reaches out to new students

New students got an early welcome in March as Emporia State University launched its first-ever Hornet Telethon.

“This is a ‘reverse telethon,’” explained Laura Eddy, director of admissions for Emporia State. “Instead of people calling in, our volunteers called them. It’s a new and different event to make sure our new students understand how welcoming Emporia is.”

For two hours one Tuesday evening, 14 Emporia area leaders along with Emporia State faculty and staff called more than 200 new and transfer students admitted to the university for Fall 2012. Other volunteers wrote postcards to send to students who couldn’t be reached by phone.

Dr. Tom Eddy honored for 50 years of service at Emporia State

As family and colleagues gathered at the end of April to celebrate Dr. Tom Eddy's 50th year of teaching at Emporia State University, Eddy looked to the future.

“Maybe 50 years isn’t enough,” he said. “Maybe in the next decade.”

Eddy has taught in the biology department since 1962. At the end of the spring 2012 semester, he has completed his 50th year in an Emporia State classroom.

While teaching, Eddy also is director of the Emporia State Herbarium, which receives numerous requests for information and identification of plants and animals from teachers, agencies and the general public, according to Jean Schulenberg, herbarium curator.

“Former students remember his classes, his field trips and his never-ending enthusiasm for the native tallgrass prairie,” Schulenberg wrote in a biography distributed at the reception at the residence of ESU President Michael and Karen Shonrock.

“Emporia State has been a lot of fun for me and my family for a couple of generations,” Eddy said, noting that his wife, her mother and two of her aunts graduated from Emporia State. One of those aunts also was a professor.

Eddy’s mother earned two degrees from Emporia State. His wife, Ginnie, earned a degree and his two daughters are also alumnae. Laura Eddy is director of admissions; Blythe Eddy Dody is associate director of the Memorial Union. Son-in-law Aron Dody is also an alumnus.

“We’re deep into the nest of the Hornet swarm,” Eddy said.

Dr. R. Brent Thomas, left, presents Dr. Tom Eddy with a plaque to honor 50 years of service at Emporia State University as Eddy’s wife, Ginnie; daughter Blythe Eddy Dody and son-in-law, Aron Dody, look on.
Scientists evaluate Emporia State’s undergraduate research program
By Gwendolynne Larson, Assistant Director of Marketing and Media Relations

A group of research scientists visited Emporia State University to evaluate the university’s undergraduate science research program funded by K-INBRE.

“We’d like to talk about K-INBRE and its impact on your campus,” Dr. Anne Poduska, senior program associate in the Research Competitiveness Program for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, told a group of university officials at lunch.

K-INBRE is the acronym for Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, a collaborative effort whose mission is “to strengthen the biomedical research infrastructure throughout Kansas” through a network that fosters a community of scientists.

The team of four from AAAS met with university officials as well as science faculty and undergraduates conducting research funded by K-INBRE.

Along the way, the team asked about courses taught at Emporia State, how students and their faculty mentors first connected with each other, what kind of collaboration is happening with researchers at other institutions, and students’ future plans.

Since 2001, Emporia State has received nearly $1 million of funding from K-INBRE. Most of the monies have paid for new equipment in the university’s chemistry and biology labs. More than $200,000 has gone to undergraduate researchers as semester and summer scholarships.

“Because the K-INBRE program is aimed exclusively at undergraduate research and involves direct mentoring from faculty, it provides a strong advantage for Emporia State students who go on to graduate school or directly into the workplace,” Dr. Gary Wyatt, associate dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences said.

Two Emporia State graduate students to present zebra mussel research at conference in Mexico

Two Emporia State graduate students in the biology department presented findings of their separate research into zebra mussels during the 59th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.

Skyler Delmott of Emporia and Benjamin Smith of DeSoto both earned travel awards from the organization to help pay expenses to attend the conference April 19-22 at Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.

Both Delmott and Smith conducted their research under the direction of Dr. David Edds, a biology professor who co-authored their papers.

Emporia State’s Bulletin named best — again

For the second year in a row, Emporia State’s campus newspaper has won top honors in the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press journalism contest. The Bulletin (www.esubulletin.com) was named All-Kansas for both its print and online editions among campus newspapers at four-year public universities at an awards ceremony in Salina Monday, April 16.

“When I was named editor last spring, my goal for the paper was to win the All-Kansas,” said Bulletin Editor-in-Chief Kenzie Templeton, a junior English major and journalism and creative writing minor from New Strawn.

“This year’s staff has not only met my expectations, they have surpassed them, and I couldn’t be more proud. It’s an incredible honor to be recognized as an All-Kansas campus newspaper.”

Dr. Samuel Strada, right, asks a question of Dr. Kim Simons, Emporia State assistant professor in physical sciences, left, while Dr. Bruce Aronow, Dr. Tim Burnett and Dr. Anne Poduska listen. Strada, Aronow and Poduska were part of a team of scientists from the American Association for the Advancement of Science that were touring ESU’s science labs. Burnett, an associate professor in biological sciences at Emporia State, is the campus coordinator for the K-INBRE grant funding program.
Six hundred fifty feet underground, Hutchinson, Kan.

Far beyond the point where sunlight has any chance of penetrating, it’s a regular day on the job for Lee Spence and dozens of people who work here at Underground Vaults and Storage.
A 90-second elevator ride straight down, electric lights turn total darkness into an environment that’s typical of many other workplaces—except for the fact that this “office” is the equivalent of 35 football fields encased in salt-walled vaults mined over the past 90-plus years.

“I’ve been here since 1979,” said Spence (BSB 1978), the president of UV&S. “This was my first job out of Emporia State University. The uniqueness of this job and the company itself provided a variety of things for me to do.”

Unique, indeed. Spence runs a company that safely tucks underground millions of items from 23 international countries and all 50 states. Oil and gas drilling reports, healthcare records—and yes, even the master prints of “Gone With the Wind” and “The Wizard of Oz”—are all down here.

UV&S has been the choice of Fortune 500 companies and small businesses seeking a climate-controlled, secure location to house important records.

“The idea came from one of our founders who was in World War II and discovered some of the artifacts that Hitler had stored in the German salt mines,” Spence relates. Carey Salt Company, now known as Hutchinson Salt Company, has operated the underground storage complex since its creation in 1959.

The movie film industry is a big customer. “We call this ‘Hollywood Boulevard,’” Spence says, swinging an arm to encompass 15 storage bays filled with film from Warner Brothers, Sony Pictures, 20th Century-Fox and Disney.

While general public access to the UV&S vaults is restricted, visitors can get a sense of the vast expanse of space and variety of materials by touring the Underground Salt Museum, a second phase of the company’s business.

Last year, about 60,000 people donned the hard hats and OSHA-required emergency breathing apparatus to tour the museum, now listed as one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas. Visitors note the year-round 68-degree temperature and marvel at the claustrophobia-cancelling effects of what essentially is wide open space.

“This is the fun part of the business,” Spence says. “We’ve had people from Hollywood here doing shows—‘Modern Marvels’ from the History Channel, and ‘Dirty Jobs’ from Discovery, for instance. There’s just a variety of things you get involved in.”

Spence continues to depend on the communication skills he learned as an ESU business school student in his roles as UV&S's president and chief spokesman. “I had no idea this was where I would end up,” he maintains.

“I was in the right place at the right time.”

AACSB reaffirms accreditation for Emporia State’s School of Business

By Gwendolynne Larson, Assistant Director of Marketing and Media Relations

The School of Business at Emporia State University has maintained its business accreditation by AACSB International — The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

Only 643 schools of business, or fewer than five percent worldwide, have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. Overall, 43 countries and territories are represented by accredited schools.

Emporia State’s School of Business offers programs in accounting, business administration, business education, information systems, management and marketing as well as master of business administration and master of science in business education. Programs are offered both face-to-face and online on the Emporia State campus as well as Butler Community College in Andover and El Dorado and Emporia State’s Metro Learning Center in Overland Park.

“Offering our programs in multiple locations and different formats benefits both traditional and non-traditional students who may be balancing life, careers and education,” said Dr. Joseph Wen, dean of the School of Business.

To maintain accreditation, Emporia State’s program had to undergo a rigorous internal review at which it demonstrated its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB Accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

Not only do students benefit from the high caliber of programs recognized by the AACSB, they also benefit from the reasonable cost of tuition. Emporia State’s School of Business has been named as a best value for both in-state and out-of-state students by U.S. News & World Report.

The School of Business is planning a number of activities to celebrate its reaffirmation of accreditation. An informal celebration with faculty, students and staff is being planned for this spring and a more formal Celebration of Excellence in the fall.

Emporia State students qualify for national competition

Nine Emporia State students have qualified for the national Phi Beta Lambda competition this summer in San Antonio. The students qualified by competing at the state contest in March.

The students and their rankings are:

- Blake Ballinger of Olathe, business education major — business presentation, second with teammate Becky Fraker; business law, second; management concepts, first; marketing concepts, second.
- Russell Cornelius of LaCygne, business administration major — financial services, first; small business plan, first.
- Jessica Dhority of Reading, business education major — sales presentation, second; business presentation, first; digital video, first with teammate Shannon Mangnall.
- Becky Fraker of Shawnee, business education major — business presentation, second with teammate Blake Ballinger.
- Shannon Mangnall of Marysville, business education major — future business teacher, third; digital video, first with teammate Jessica Dhority.
- Kelly Oltman of El Dorado, business education major — business ethics, first with teammate Mallory West.
- Mallory West of Lawrence, business education major — business ethics, first with teammate Kelly Oltman; future business teacher, second; business law, first.
- Jacob Winkler of Marysville, information systems major — computer applications, third.

In addition, the entire Emporia State chapter placed first in free enterprise project and second in parly pro demonstration.
I’ve been able to compose my life as I go by finding connections that others may not see and making things happen that are greater than first imagined.” Dr. Ilene Kleinsorge’s words are a fitting assessment of her transition from single-parent college student working four part-time jobs to her current post as dean of Oregon State University’s College of Business.

“They are the same qualities, he notes, that all Emporia State University graduates seem to exhibit.

“The typical ESU student—myself included—feels it’s important to just out-work the competition,” said Ricketts (BSE 1980, MBA 1981). “I think that is the one characteristic that we take into the work world that serves us well.”

Currently chief strategic planning officer for Topeka-based Capitol Federal Savings, Ricketts was recently promoted to head the bank’s Corporate Services division.

“It’s important for me to be a coach and try to instill some of the values in the people coming up that others instilled in me. I look forward to helping the younger generation improve their skills and find the right way to get that next rung up the ladder.”

Carl Ricketts
BSE 1980, MBA 1981

A strong work ethic. An unselfish team player. A decision maker.

A modest Carl Ricketts is uncomfortable talking about himself in those terms, but it’s clear to anyone who has spent time in his presence that he possesses all of those qualities.

Making Their Mark

Ilene Kleinsorge, Ph.D.
BSB 1981

“I’ve been able to compose my life as I go by finding connections that others may not see and making things happen that are greater than first imagined.” Dr. Ilene Kleinsorge’s words are a fitting assessment of her transition from single-parent college student working four part-time jobs to earning an accounting degree from Emporia State University in 1981.

The lessons Kleinsorge learned about cooperation and flexibility are the same ones she relies on today as she leads Oregon State’s business college serving 2,400 majors, 650 minors, and another 1,650 students taking business courses as part of their majors.

Those lessons also opened a door to the ability to dream big.

“First and foremost, the learning I got from ESU was that I could do anything I wanted to do,” said Kleinsorge, noting that her Emporia State experience taught her the value of collaboration.

Emporia State University honors tenth class of Capitol Federal Savings Scholars

Reserved for business students from Kansas high schools who maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average, the Capitol Federal Savings Scholarship is benefiting 28 students in its tenth year at ESU.

“The Capitol Federal Savings Scholars program at Emporia State University was the first established by the Cap Fed Foundation,” said Jack Dicus, Capitol Federal chairman emeritus. “We are proud to have provided these scholarships for undergraduate and graduate business majors since 2002.”

2011-2012 Capitol Federal Savings Scholars include:

Freshmen
Courtney Cox, Olathe
Sara Dunkin, Topeka
Micah Offermann, Topeka
Nicole Rottinghaus, Baileyville
Mallory Walden, Wichita
Eric Wietnham, St. Marys

Sophomores
Stephanie Anderson, Emporia
Kristi Bretches, McPherson
Brynna Demotte, Topeka
Dallas Fillmore, Osage City
Amanda Heiman, Topeka
Lindsay Holthaus, Topeka

Juniors
Matthew Crome, Westphalia
Michael Luthi, Madison
Tessa McMahan, Clay Center
Victoria Slinkard, Medicine Lodge

Seniors
Rachel DeLay, Holton
Angela Gifford, Waverly
Jayme Hardtner, Lawrence
Anthony Mercer, Emporia
Krista Saylor, Newton
Jordan Schawe, Madison
Mallory West, Lawrence

MBA Students
Caitlin Eck, Bartlett
Carissa Garcia, Newton
Jason Rowland, Emporia
Olson Kilmer, Lawrence
Nicole Skala, Newton
He didn’t draw his first breaths on the campus, but Doug Smith will tell you that Emporia State University was the birthplace of a set of ideals and values that have guided him throughout his professional career.

John “Doug” Smith (BSB ’82, MBA ’84) delivered the inaugural Sam E. and Jeannene Hayes Lecture during ESU’s Homecoming week last fall. Smith is the president and chief executive officer of B. E. Smith, an executive search firm for health care industry professionals started by his father, B. E. “Pete” Smith (BSB ‘56).

“When I left Emporia State, I was a changed person because of this university,” Smith told the audience.

Exhibiting a degree of humility—a quality he also credited ESU with instilling in him—not often associated with leaders of $60-million annual revenue companies, Smith talked about a journey of faith and hard work that has led him to the success he now enjoys.

The adventure started at 708 Peyton, a two-story house about a mile east of the ESU campus. Originally owned by his great-grandparents, Jack and Faye Mowl, the house was where Smith lived while attending ESU.

The home had already sheltered three generations of family members with ties to Kansas State Teachers College when Doug Smith moved into the bedroom upstairs over the front porch. “Every Sunday, we’d have a big dinner at the house,” Smith remembered. “I’d have friends come over, and a lot of them would stay and do homework.”

Along with classroom work, Smith’s ESU experience stretched to include Blue Key. He also worked in the office of Dr. Bill Schulte, former director of institutional studies and planning. “That was a great experience for me, in that it polished me up,” Smith said.

Visitors to B. E. Smith’s office in Lenexa immediately notice that polish in the understated atmosphere of confidence and respect. “If you’re going to come to work at my company, you’re going to be a humble person,” Smith advised.

“You’re going to say please and thank you. That’s something I feel like I learned here at Emporia State.”

The importance of giving back is another quality Smith took with him from ESU. Demonstrating his belief in the concept, Smith announced that he and his wife, Nanette (BSE ’84, MS ’84) are creating a fund to award scholarships at future Hayes Lecture events.

“Never underestimate how important this university is to the people who graduate from it,” Smith said. “It’s the lessons that I took away from Emporia State that have sustained me and have made me the man that I am today.”

“I was born here at Emporia State. Not literally, but I did a lot of growing up here, and this is where I feel like my birthplace is.”
ESU Debate ended what could arguably be the best season in its near 100-year history. “I could not be happier with how our season went,” said Sam Maurer (BS ’03-Social Science, BFA ’03-Communication), director of debate at ESU. “To have debated at this program and been a part of its storied history for so long, to watch it blossom the way it did this season is just very special to me.”

Take a look at the awards the ESU Debate Program was honored with at the Cross-Examination Debate Association National Championship at Oklahoma University and the National Debate Tournament hosted by Emory University:

• Ninth first-round at-large bid to the National Debate Tournament for LaToya Williams-Green and Ryan Wash (Emporia WW), both from Kansas City, Mo.

• Third at CEDA National Championship — Emporia WW finished third, the best of any team from ESU since the early 1990s.

• Brian Johnston Debater of the Year Award — The college debate equivalent of the Heisman, the “Baby Jo” award was earned by ESU’s Williams-Green for the 2012 season. The first ESU debater to win the award, Williams-Green is also the first African-American female so honored. LaToya will attend graduate school next year at Wake Forest University in Communication Studies.

• CEDA Founder’s Award — For the first time ever, ESU was awarded the CEDA Founder’s Award, the annual award given to the program with the most points in the organization’s history.

• All-American Debater — Wash was honored as a member of the CEDA All-American Debate Team.

• Speaker Awards — At the CEDA National Championship, Williams-Green was rated the sixth overall speaker. Wash was rated the fourth overall speaker. At the invitation-only NDT, Williams-Green was rated the 13th speaker and Wash the 12th.

• Ninth-place finish at National Debate Tournament — The performance ended a season where Emporia WW was indisputably one of the top 10 teams in the country.

“After a season like this, there is a temptation to put one’s feet up and admire one’s work,” said Maurer. “But I speak for myself and the entire ESU debate family in saying that we instead plan to try to capitalize this success into future growth of the program. We have a seat at the table of the nationally elite programs now and we won’t be leaving anytime soon.”

Searching for—and recognizing—the best

You know them—those brilliant people who make everything they touch turn Hornet gold. In fact, maybe you’re one of them. Now’s the time to tell us about those people and give them the recognition they deserve. Honor them with a nomination for an ESU award or board position—or put your name in the hat for consideration.

For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/alumni or www.emporia.edu/foundation.

Nomination deadlines:

• ESU Foundation Board of Trustees—Aug. 1
• University Service Citation Award—Oct. 1
• Distinguished Alumni—Oct. 1
• Hornet Heritage Award—Nov. 1
• Alumni Association Board of Directors—Nov. 1
Carol Levers  
Kansas City, Kan.  
MLS 2001  
Emporia and the faculty paved the way for me to have a platform where I could express myself. I was a non-traditional student, so I didn’t spend a lot of time on campus. But the one weekend a month I was on campus was extraordinary in that I’ve cultivated a network of friends and faculty that I could call upon when I need information.

Jennifer Lasseter  
Austin, Tex.  
BS 2001  
I definitely enjoyed living on the Honors floor in North Twin Towers. That was my home away from home, and definitely a positive experience. I made lots of great contacts with professors like Dr. Ballester and Dr. Backhus and enjoy keeping in touch with them.

Leslie (Nigro) Freeman  
Shawnee, Kan.  
BSB 2002  
I tell prospective college students to pick a college where you’re going to be comfortable. Somewhere that’s going to feel like you’re home. That’s something that I loved about Emporia—I felt like this was my home. The people I met here are still my best friends.

Darcy Seitz  
Topeka, Kan.  
BSE 2006  
When I was over at Visser Hall—that’s where I spent all of my time—they taught us to be critical thinkers, creative planners, and effective practitioners. That’s something that has stayed with me throughout my time at ESU, and now as a state youth coordinator for the Kansas National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters in Topeka.
Distinguished Alumni

Maj. Gen. Kevin Leonard
Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
BS 1979

When I think about 30-plus years of serving our country, what I recognize is that for my family and I, the values—the things we learned in Emporia—are what have sustained us through the years, and certainly the last ten years of conflict in support of our nation. I am honored to be an American soldier, and particularly honored to receive this award.

Ron Loewen
Columbia, S.C.
BS 1970, MS 1971

Emporia was the ideal place for me to come. This campus had lots of vets who had come back from Vietnam and African Americans who were unhappy with policies. So there were a lot of issues going on here. Dr. John Webb (at the time, dean of student affairs) was brilliant, and I became an acolyte of his to watch how he defused problems, how he was a good listener, and how he was fair. The problems that other schools in Kansas and certainly throughout America had were not evident here. The tensions were here, of course, but he found a way to make things work better.

Teresa Markowitz
Baltimore, Md.
BS 1978

I grew up in Olpe, and coming to Emporia, even though it was only 10 miles away, it was a new life for me. Being exposed to lots more opportunities, people and diversity. Having a team to fit in with on campus was important. It was growing beyond the small community I lived in. I had an appetite for all of these different people and different ideas, so it was a very nice experience for me.

Don Reichardt
Roswell, Ga.
BSE 1960

The most important values I took with me—besides the knowledge, obviously, that I gained here—was the work ethic and a set of values that you could apply to any career you wanted to. I had a lot of in-depth experience with the Bulletin and Sunflower, also downtown at the Emporia Gazette. It helped me in my career tremendously.


You know what a great school Emporia State University was for you. Now it’s your turn to tell us about someone you believe would be a good match with ESU.

Refer a Hornet!

Point your browser to www.emporia.edu/alumni/rah and let us know about that student. We’ll contact them and start the process of helping them change their lives. Thanks for your part in ESU’s past accomplishments and your efforts toward our future success.
Putting the fun in functional
Detours are essentially a thing of the past on the ground floor of ESU’s Memorial Union. An expansive, re-imagined Main Street greets students and campus visitors, relegating images of formerly cramped, dated surroundings to the past.

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A credit-worthy project

Not only is Emporia State University’s Memorial Union seen as the front door for students and campus visitors. Thanks to a tax credit allocation approved by the Kansas Board of Regents this year, it’s also the source of substantial tax savings for donors to the Union’s renovation project.

Between now and the end of December, 2012, contributions to selected facets of the renovation project generate a 50-percent Kansas income tax credit.

“Put simply, every dollar you contribute results in a 50-cent reduction in your state tax bill,” explained Tim Wright (BSB ’86-Accounting), a certified public accountant with Pool & Wright, Chartered, Emporia.

The tax credit allocation will be applied to several areas of the Memorial Union, including the Admissions office, admissions reception atrium, the Office of International Education and the Career Services office. Donors may designate their contributions to name specific spaces in those areas, such as offices or conference rooms.

For more information on tax credits for the Memorial Union renovation project, contact the ESU Foundation at 620-341-5440.

Friends and family of Gary Sherrer (BS ’63), left, gathered at the recent dedication of a Memorial Union conference room in memory of his wife, Judy. Part of the Office of Admissions suite that will be located at the east entrance of the Union, the Judy Sherrer Conference Room features a wall-mounted montage of Judy (Waller) Sherrer’s (BSE ’64) years at Kansas State Teachers College, including her cheerleader sweater and the crown she wore as 1963’s Miss Emporia State.

Unveiling the display were the Sherrers’ son, Stuart, and daughter, Nancy Beaton.
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lumni Association.

What do you think of when you read those two words? Exactly what does an alumni association do?

When I graduated, I associated the ESU Alumni Association with a person, Roy Mann. Actually, I associated the organization with two people, Roy Mann and Joan Lauber. All I knew about the ESU alumni office was that Roy was the Alumni Director and he knew everyone. Joan was his assistant and she made everything he wanted to accomplish actually happen. In general, I associated the alumni association with people.

Most people associate the alumni association with money—or more precisely, raising money. And to a degree, that’s certainly true. Giving back is a large part of our organization’s vision, and one way to give back involves monetary donations. However, your alumni association’s board of directors and our professional staff are not charged with raising money.

The mission of the ESU Alumni Association is to “build relationships and support for Emporia State University–today and tomorrow.” Our goal is to maintain a connection between our alumni and university. We do this by hosting campus events like Homecoming and Founders Day. We plan reunions for classes and affinity groups—Greek organizations, student organizations, clubs, and athletics. We work with regional chapters to host ESU events. We bridge campus departments with their alumni base. We work on volunteer projects such as coordinating and staffing ESU’s booth at the Kansas State Fair and hosting Teacher Appreciation Lunches in regional areas. We send communications via direct mail, e-mail, and Facebook. In a word, we connect.

Our mission “to build relationships and support” is about connecting, and our alumni demonstrate they are connected by giving back. Alumni demonstrate their willingness to give back to ESU by attending events, representing ESU at their places of work or in their community, planning events, sharing communications, and contacting other alumni to invite them to attend events and university functions.

Emporia State University and the ESU Alumni Association couldn’t meet our goals without these valuable individuals who have chosen to give back to ESU in terms of their time and talent. Thankfully, we have many alumni who give back in terms of their treasure as well. Giving back involves donating time, talent, and treasure, and it takes all three to advance our institution.

So what is the point of an alumni association? Connecting. The point is to connect Emporia State University’s alumni and friends to our institution and to each other. I hope you’ll connect with us and help us realize our mission of building relationships and support for ESU.

We certainly want to connect with you.

The Hornet Heritage award, sponsored by the ESU Alumni Association, annually recognizes a multigenerational family of Hornet alumni and former students.

The family of Carl (BSE 1955, MS 1957) and Kay Prophet, Emporia, was this year’s Hornet Heritage award winner.

“It’s certainly a surprise and an honor to be selected and to recognize all my relatives who’ve been students here at ESU,” said Prophet, professor emeritus of biology.

“We moved here [to Emporia] in the fall of 1955 after I got out of the Army,” Prophet explained.

After finishing his master’s degree in 1957, Prophet taught in KSTC’s biology department for three years. He rejoined the KSTC faculty in 1962 after earning his doctorate, rising to become chair of the Division of Biological Sciences at ESU before retiring in 1996.

The Prophet/Brady family tree’s branches stretch to include 14 family members—including children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews—who have received degrees from ESU and 22 who’ve attended the university.

Two of the couple’s three children—Stuart (BSB 1978), Topeka, and Kevin (BSB 1980, MBA 1982), Olathe—earned ESU degrees. The couple’s daughter, Peggy, took classes from ESU on her way to earning a degree at another institution. Stuart’s wife, Jan (Latta) Prophet (BSE 1978, MS 1993), earned ESU degrees, as did the couple’s two children, Haley (Prophet) Akin (BS 2005) and Hanna Prophet (BSE 2010).

A nephew, Dr. Mark Brady (BS 1985), Overland Park, is currently serving as a member of the ESU Foundation board of trustees.
When Homecoming 2011 rolled around in October, it had been 20 years since Ruth Wagner had visited her alma mater. But nothing was going to keep the 92-year-old Wichita woman from celebrating her 70th anniversary of graduation from Kansas State Teachers College.

Wagner didn’t find a reunion with fellow classmates; she was the only member of the Class of ’41 to attend the Alumni Awards Banquet on Oct. 14. Instead, she earned a standing ovation from approximately 150 fellow alumni and friends and was presented a 70-year alumni medallion by Interim President H. Edward Flentje.

Before retiring in 1982, Wagner spent 25 years putting to use the education degree she earned in 1941. Despite taking breaks during her career to raise her children, Wagner found herself an eyewitness to history and social change.

Wagner’s first position was teaching first through fourth grades in a two-room schoolhouse in Paxico, Kan. At the beginning of her second semester — just weeks after Pearl Harbor — the school’s principal, who also taught grades five through eight, was drafted, and Wagner found herself teaching 18 students and serving as principal.

A move to Geneseo High School led Wagner to marriage. She was teaching world history and world geography along with sponsoring the sophomore class and Glee Club when she met fellow teacher Samuel Earl Wagner. He, too, was drafted, and the couple married in 1944 while he was serving in the U.S. Navy.

Meanwhile, Wagner was answering the call on the homefront.

“They were asking for teachers,” she recalled.

After the war, the couple started their family, eventually having three children — Donald, Nancy and David. Wagner saw her career go through fits and starts as she raised the children and the family moved to follow Samuel’s coaching and teaching positions.

During one teaching stint, Wagner found herself face to face with Jim Crow. She and some parents took the class on a field trip that included a trip to a theater.

“I had three colored kids,” Wagner recalled. “(the theater staff) told me, ‘Well, they’ll have to sit up in the balcony.’ I said, ‘No way. They are children the same as the other children. Either they sit down with me or we will find someplace else to go.’”

“They sat with me,” she said, noting that the other students were upset that their classmates were being segregated.

Looking back on her career, Wagner said she most enjoyed teaching sixth grade.

“I could communicate with them, and they could help me plan what they wanted to do and they could carry it out,” she recalled.

“Of course, some of them were ornery,” she added with a smile.

Wagner retains fond memories of her time at Kansas State Teachers College. In those days, the community celebrated milestones in students’ lives. For instance, she said, students who had turned 21 and earned the right to vote were invited to a dinner.

“A professor escorted Wagner to the dinner.

“And William Allen White sat at our table, right across from me. That enhanced it for me.”

And she and her classmates left their legacy for future students.

“We had some protests,” she recalled. “We wanted a new library. The library was terrible. We wrote up skits where you would reach through a wall to get a book.”

In 1951, 10 years after Wagner graduated, construction of the new William Allen White Library was completed. The library continues to serve students today.

One for the history books
Ruth Wagner, Class of 1941, honored at ESU Homecoming
By Gwendolynne Larson, Assistant Director of Marketing and Media Relations

Photo credit: Andrew Dorpinghaus
Hornet softball takes on DII...again

For an MIAA record ninth consecutive year, the Emporia State softball team has made an appearance in the NCAA Division II tournament.

ESU posted a 39-9 season record. The Lady Hornets won the MIAA regular season and post-season tournaments without a loss, going 20-0 in the regular season and winning four straight at the conference tournament in late April. Coach Julie LeMaire was named the MIAA Coach of the Year, while ten Hornets earned some type of All-MIAA honors.

The Hornets won regional championships in 2006 and 2008, advancing to the national championship game both years.

Men’s basketball competes at MIAA tourney

The Hornets advanced to the MIAA Tournament for the tenth straight year in head coach Shaun Vandiver’s first season. He became the first coach to take his team to the MIAA Tournament in his first season as a head coach since Kim Anderson did it at Central Missouri in 2003.

The Hornets landed one player on this year’s All-MIAA squad. Tola Lawal earned honorable mention honors as the Hornets’ leading scorer and eighth leading scorer in the league.

Lady Hornet basketball ranked 19th in final national poll

Emporia State’s Lady Hornets checked in at #19 in the final ESPN/USA Today/WBCA National Top 25 after going 23-9 this past season.

The Lady Hornets played 13 of their 32 games against teams that received votes in the final national poll and 21 games against teams that received votes at some time during the season.

ESU finished the year 23-9 and advanced to the MIAA Tournament Championship game for the second straight year and to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the ninth time in 15 years.

Eleven ESU tennis players earn All-MIAA honors

Men’s and women’s tennis teams at ESU saw a total of 11 student athletes earning All-MIAA honors.

For the women, Nicole Jara earned second team All-MIAA honors as she went 18-2 and finished a perfect 6-0 in MIAA play. Abby Morris also earned second team All-MIAA honors at #6 singles as she went 13-5 overall and was 4-2 in MIAA play.

Alex Crowe earned honorable mention All-MIAA at #4 singles and was joined on the team at #2 doubles with Jennifer Gerhardt. Taylor Smith and Jara earned honorable mention honors at #1 doubles and Somer Schmidt earned honors at #6 singles.
A spring-season pep talk isn’t anything new for ESU Hornet football team members. But the credentials of one of the presenters this spring definitely caught students’ attention.

Six-time NFL Pro Bowl defensive end Neil Smith spent an evening with Hornet football team members in April, encouraging the athletes to pay attention to their surroundings, make wise decisions, and minimize opportunities for trouble to find them.

Smith played for two Super Bowl championship Denver Broncos teams and spent nine years with the Kansas City Chiefs. Two Hornet football alumni, Kevin Regan (BS ’77-Sociology/Anthropology), Kansas City, Mo., and Gary Baker (FS), Overland Park, arranged Smith’s visit.

“I told them one of the hardest things I’ve done in my career is to have to walk the straight line for so long,” Smith told an Emporia Gazette reporter.

Hornet offensive lineman Kameron Neal, Wichita, saw his teammates engrossed in Smith’s words. “This is a really positive thing to have someone come talk to you, someone who’s been there and can give you advice to help keep you rooted on the right path,” Neal observed.

Andrew Etheridge and Katie Mona each earned All-American honors for Emporia State at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in Mankato, Minn.

Etheridge turned in the second fastest time in ESU history with a 7.90 to place third in the 60m hurdles. It is his third All-American honor after placing second in the 60 meter hurdles indoors and winning the 110 meter hurdles national championship outdoors last year.

Katie Mona placed seventh in the women’s 800 meters with a time of 2:12.04 to earn her third All-American honor of her career. She placed fifth indoors and seventh outdoors in the 800 meters last year.

The ESU women have now scored in 16 of the last 17 NCAA Indoor Championship meets while the men have placed in five straight indoor championships.

The White Team, led by quarterback Tyler Eckenrode, defeated the Black Team 9-6 in the Emporia State spring football game. The game was shortened due to an arm injury to All-American Derek Lohmann in the fourth quarter.

Hornet football opens season play Aug. 30 with a home game against Fort Hays State University.
Campus and community remember students killed in fire

Nearly 400 people gathered for a memorial service in Albert Taylor Hall to remember two students whose lives were cut short in an October apartment fire.

Yawei Fan, 23, and Zheng Lin, 22, came to ESU through an exchange program with Liaoning Normal University in Dalian, China.

Fan’s and Lin’s parents and other family members attended the service along with ESU faculty, staff and students as well as members of the Emporia community. During the service, the parents were presented with framed Chinese translations of resolutions from ESU’s Associated Student Government commemorating the students.

Each family also was presented with each child’s degree recognition and a copy of a condolence letter from Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, which also was read in Chinese by Dr. Eric Yang, a biology professor with ties to the Liaoning province in China.

Obituaries

1930s
Jessie “Jeanette” (Auld) Braden (LIF ’38), Kennewick, WA, Dec. 22, 2010
Martha (Schaffner) Ihde (MS ’36), Portales, NM, Oct. 8, 2011
Pauline (Shipp) Love (BSE ’37), Topeka, Dec. 8, 2011
Marie (Stover) Morse (BSE ’38), Marion, June 19, 2011
Maurine J. (Essex) Shroeder (BA & BSE ’36), Wichita, May 5, 2011

1940s
Eldon E. Breazier (BS ’48), Kingman, April 6, 2011
Billy “Bill” M. Bumgardner (BSE ’49, MS ’57), Platteville, WI, Dec. 24, 2011
**Edwin L. Butterfield (BS ’40, MS ’50), Clay Center, Nov. 7, 2011
Marjorie A. (Davis) Davidson (BSB ’41), Topeka, Sept. 2, 2011
Neva F. (Gatewood) Finney (LIF ’43), Hutchinson, July 8, 2011
Ruth M. (Smithheisler) Gerhold (BSB ’40), Holland, PA, Nov. 30, 2011
Dorothy J. Hanson (BSE ’49, MS ’62), Chase County, July 6, 2011
Elizabeth “Ann” (Brownlee) Hepplewhite (BSE ’41), Midland, TX, Sept. 2, 2011

1950s
Joseph E. Beck (BSB ’55, MS ’58), Clay Center, Dec. 14, 2011
Minnie P. (Martin) Boyd (BME ’50), Junction City, June 27, 2011

1960s
Carol J. (Simmons) Bryson (BME ’51), Wamego, Oct. 28, 2011
Frances E. (Manning) Churchman (BSE ’58), North Newton, July 5, 2011
Nellie Mae (Seaman) Dawson (BSE ’56, MS ’62), Burlington, Aug. 13, 2011

1970s
Carroll P. Denning (BSE ’58), Overland Park, Oct. 24, 2011
Keith Dodd (BSB ’57), Kansas City, MO, July 15, 2011
Ophelia Flores (BSE ’56, MS ’59), Leawood, July 26, 2011
Roy E. Freerksen (BSE ’57), Lakewood, CO, Oct. 7, 2011
Shirley F. (Walker) Gabrielson (BSE ’57), Wichita, Sept. 18, 2011
Emory A. Groves (MS ’57, EDS ’60), Topeka, June 24, 2011

G. Wayne Johnston (BSE ’49), St. Joseph, MO, Oct. 9, 2011
Faye L. (Hines) Miller (BS ’40), Shawnee, June 14, 2011
**LaVerne G. Moritz (BSE ’40), Junction City, Dec. 5, 2011
Betty J. (Noland) Null (BSE ’47), Topeka, June 13, 2011
Mary K. Sanford (BSE ’48), Lecompton, Aug. 13, 2011
**Franklin P. Snyder (BSB ’41), Shreveport, LA, Sept. 27, 2011
Bud B. Stanley (BA ’43), Emporia, July 22, 2011
**Betty A. (Dulaney) Tholen (BSE ’41), Emporia, Aug. 21, 2011
Mary C. Tichener (BSB ’42), Kansas City, MO, July 16, 2011
Jane M. (Stewart) Umberger (BSE ’41), Wytheville, VA, July 18, 2011
Lola M. Viets (BSE ’49, MLS ’56), Winfield, Dec. 15, 2011
James E. Wilcox (BSE ’40, MS ’48), Manhattan, Dec. 1, 2011

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Roger W. Hannaford (BSE ’57), Marion, Oct. 1, 2011
Marilyn (Foraker) Hughes (BME ’58), Amarillo, TX, Nov. 4, 2011
John “Norm” Johnson (BSB ’52), New Ulm, MN, Oct. 29, 2011
Elizabeth L. Kelly (BSB ’59), Sterling, CO, Nov. 22, 2011
Virginia E. (Briix) Lowther (BSE ’53), Emporia, Dec. 25, 2011
James “Martin” Maris (BSB ’59), Rockwall, TX, Sept. 5, 2011
Elizabeth L. Kelly (BSB ’59), Sterling, CO, Nov. 22, 2011
Virginia E. (Briix) Lowther (BSE ’53), Emporia, Dec. 25, 2011
James “Martin” Maris (BSB ’59), Rockwall, TX, Sept. 5, 2011
Richard W. McAlister (BS ’51, MS ’56), Lenexa, Aug. 11, 2011
Lottie B. McWherter (BA ’52), Belton, MO, June 21, 2011
Irene L. Meyersick (BSE ’54), Wichita, Dec. 31, 2011
J. Clifford Miller (BSE ’57, MS ’63), Hutchinson, Dec. 29, 2011
William F. Nienstedt (BSB ’57), Lancaster, Sept. 27, 2011
Edgar D. Parker (BSE ’53), Leawood, Aug. 19, 2011
JoAnn (Shimp) Phillips (BSE ’57), Emporia, Oct. 1, 2011
William G. Ray (BSB ’50), Wichita, Aug. 8, 2011
E. Blaine Schoolcraft (BSE ’58, MS ’59), Tuscon, AZ, May 26, 2011
Kenneth L. Siefkes (BSE ’52), Hutchinson, Nov. 4, 2011
Phyllis A. (Jensen) Smith (BSB ’57), Americus, Sept. 27, 2011
**Dwight L. Spencer (BSE ’52, MS ’56), Emporia, Nov. 25, 2011
Cleo “Jack” Stair (BSE ’51), Claremore, OK, Nov. 22, 2011
Larry L. Wall (BSB ’56), Windsor, CO, Nov. 21, 2011
David C. Warren (MS ’56), Winfield, April 18, 2011
Lawrence “Larry” J. Winters (BSE ’50), Manhattan, May 7, 2011

1960s

Jerelean A. (Long) Barrow (BS ’63), Clearwater, April 7, 2011
Patricia J. (Carrothers) Bean (BA ’69, MA ’71), Bella Vista, AR, Dec. 25, 2010
William “Bill” Berry, II (BSE ’65), Canon City, CO, Oct. 26, 2011
Norma L. (Ireland) Bradley (BSB ’64), Hutchinson, Jan. 13, 2011
Carol A. Burbridge (BS ’69, MLS ’74), Topeka, Oct. 30, 2011
Terry J. (Blohm) Carson (BSE ’67), Kansas City, June 26, 2011
Kenneth B. Chapman (MA ’68), Brighton, MI, Dec. 18, 2011
Paul G. Chastain, Sr. (MS ’65), Howard, CO, Oct. 12, 2011
Lois S. (Gimlin) Cowan (MS ’65), Junction City, Sept. 23, 2011
Ronald E. Daniels (BSB ’65), Iola, Sept. 18, 2011
Bessie Belle (Brewer) Edmiston (BSE ’60), Americus, June 6, 2011
Raymond E. Eilenstine (BSE ’68), Burlington, IA, Oct. 13, 2011
Mary (Gardner) Hardy (BSB ’60), Overland Park, Oct. 6, 2011
John E. Harter (BSB ’60, MS ’61), Bern, Sept. 8, 2011
John “Jack” A. Hayslett (BSB ’63), Atchison, Oct. 4, 2011
Patricia (Williams) Hess (BSB ’61, MS ’64), Kansas City, Dec. 21, 2011
Janice C. (Whaley) Hoyt (BSB ’69, MLS ’70), Pratt, Dec. 7, 2010
Thomas A. Johnson (MS ’63), Wichita, Sept. 25, 2011
Jerry K. Keimig (BSE ’67, MS ’69), Huntington Beach, CA, Feb. 25, 2011
John A. “Andy” Knighton (MS ’69), Denver, CO, Nov. 15, 2010
Edwin J. Landwehr (BSE ’65), Fort Worth, TX, Oct. 26, 2011
Thomas L. Martin (BSE ’64), Geneva, IL, Nov. 28, 2011
Barry B. Meador (BA ’66), St. Joseph, MO, July 13, 2011
Darrell D. Meyer (BSB ’64), Emporia, Nov. 7, 2011
Patricia “Pat” (Hanneman) Miles (BA ’61, MS ’62), Hutchinson, Dec. 23, 2011
Thelma K. (Nusser) Morgan (BSE ’60, MS ’65), Hugoton, May 21, 2011

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In Memoriam

Rodney “John Evely” Thanksgiving (BA ’64), Roeland Park, Oct. 11, 2011
Betty J. Thompson (BSE ’66), Milwaukee, WI, April 26, 2011
Sarah E. Tibbetts (BSE ’65), Coffeyville, Nov. 21, 2011
Hillary J. Vierthaler (BSE ’60, MS ’67), Wichita, Oct. 13, 2010
Dolph C. Welch (EDS ’69), Choctaw, OK, Oct. 3, 2011
Virginia L. Wimer (BSE ’60, MS ’65), Raton, NM, Dec. 23, 2011
Jerome “Jerry” J. Younger (BSE ’60), Emporia, Sept. 4, 2011

1970s
Walter Bahniuk (MS ’74), Alexandria, VA, Aug. 3, 2011
Rolland W. Baker (BS ’70), Sunnyvale, CA, Aug. 25, 2011
Barbara A. Blaufuss (BA ’74, MS ’76, MS ’77), Emporia, June 17, 2011
Ada W. (Goodman) Bryan (BS ’73), Springfield, MO, Sept. 1, 2011
George H. Dawson (BSE ’70, MS ’74), Leavenworth, June 20, 2011
Sally J. (Gates) Donahue (BSE ’78, MS ’83), Burlington, June 18, 2011
James M. Ewing (BSE ’70), Ellisville, MO, March 7, 2011
Francis J. Funk (MS ’72), Newton, July 28, 2010
Mark A. Generaux (BA ’77), Bonner Springs, Nov. 2, 2011
Marianne (Lynch) Griffin (MLS ’74), Boston, MA, Dec. 1, 2011
Eloise E. (Flake) Hammon (BSE ’70), Hartford, Nov. 15, 2011
Mark A. Hanson (BSE ’73), Topeka, Oct. 28, 2011
Bonnie R. (Jandreau) Hittle (MS ’72), Towanda, June 28, 2011
**Gregory L. House (BA ’72), Stilwell, Aug. 8, 2011
**Christina M. (Keith) Hutchinson (BSE ’70), Emporia, June 26, 2011
Donald R. Jones (MS ’75), Leon, Sept. 30, 2010
Lloyd O. Karnes (MS ’73), Horton, Nov. 8, 2011

Fred A. Lunsford (EDS ’72), Denton, TX, Nov. 17, 2010
James Maxwell (MS ’70), Eugene, OR, Oct. 28, 2011
Mary M. (Brown) McKee (MS ’75), Nickerson, July 3, 2011
Edward W. Minnock, Jr. (MS ’78), Buzzards Bay, MA, Aug. 2, 2011
Martha (Young) Mustain (MBA ’77), Hutchison, Nov. 29, 2011
Ronald J. Naasko (BSB ’78), Corvallis, OR, Sept. 15, 2011
John A. Palubinski (BSB ’71), Topeka, Nov. 13, 2011
Richard (Dick) J. Phelan (BA ’71), Grayson, GA, Jan. 28, 2011
John W. Pratt (BME ’72), Carrollton, TX, Dec. 22, 2011
**Helen A. (Droll) Price (MS ’71), Emporia, Oct. 5, 2011
Patricia A. (McDuffie) Ransom (BSE ’71), Salina, July 26, 2011
Sister Mary Reiter (MS ’72), Concordia, Dec. 12, 2011
Donald L. Smith (BSB ’70), Wamego, Oct. 8, 2011
Gordon A. Smith (BA ’72), Fort Dodge, Sept. 19, 2011
Carol Lee Spencer (BSE ’71, MS ’79, MLS ’88), Leavenworth, Sept. 25, 2011
James “Jim” C. Springfield (BSE ’70), Slater, MO, Oct. 10, 2011
Lucie Stratton (MLS ’70), Lee’s Summit, MO, Aug. 19, 2011
William “Bill” E. Svoboda (MS ’72), Corvallis, OR, Nov. 16, 2011
Linda May (Hamill) Trayford (BSE ’72), Emporia, Nov. 4, 2011
John A. Vaughn (BSE ’72), Prairie Village, Oct. 11, 2011
Betty J. (Murphy) Whiting (BSE ’71), Fort Worth, TX, June 26, 2010

Karen A. (Wester) Kapitz (MS ’88), Green Bay, WI, May 23, 2011
Alan M. Landwehr (BSE ’89), Holcomb, June 17, 2011
Kristi L. (Karr) Morgan (BSE ’87), Emporia, Aug. 21, 2011
Rodney K. Pauls (BSB ’80), Baton Rouge, LA, Dec. 12, 2011
Michael Satterfield (BS ’82), West Fargo, ND, May 21, 2011
Rose E. (Kurs) Sporn (MS ’82), Kansas City, MO, Sept. 21, 2011
Scott R. Strader (BSB ’85), Holton, Nov. 13, 2011
Cathleen S. (Williams) Wilson (BSE ’81), El Dorado, July 6, 2011

1990s
Frank E. Dickinson (BSE ’98), Owasso, OK, Nov. 12, 2011
Lorna R. Holmes (MS ’98), El Dorado, Sept. 24, 2011
Bobbi L. (Taylor) Reimer (BS ’97), Moundridge, Oct. 7, 2011
Jeanne E. (Cremeer) Saathoff (MLS ’94), Lincoln, NE, May 19, 2009
James K. Snyder (BSB ’93), Hamilton, June 6, 2011
Michael P. Sol (BFA ’97), Manhattan, Dec. 17, 2011

2000s
**Todd J. Fitzsimmons (BSB ’09, MBA ’10), Wichita, July 8, 2011
Sandra M. Klingensmith (ALND ’08), Independence, June 20, 2011

Friends
Norma G. (Feltner) Allen, Topeka, Sept. 9, 2011
Norman R. Babcock, Kansas City, MO, Aug. 20, 2011
Edd O. Beach, Hohenwald, TN, Aug. 4, 2011
Robert “Bob” L. Bodkin, Emporia, July 18, 2011
Barbara (Rafferty) Butts, Wamego, July 11, 2011
**Lucille M. (Woehlert) Cannon, Emporia, June 27, 2011
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Honors
1950s
Mack and Jean Robinson (BSB ’57-Administration), Phoenix, AZ, just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

1960s
Bobbie and Marcia Agler (BSB ’63-Accounting), Emporia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 5, 2011.

Rex and Barbara Allen (MS ’68-Industrial Education), Berryton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 28, 2011.

Jon Bingesser (MS ’65-Educational Administration), Beloit, won a national title in an event at the 2011 Summer National Senior Games in Houston, TX, while finishing top six in this age division in four other events.

John Camien (BSE ’66-Industrial Education), Holbrook, NY, has been inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. Camien was a track and cross country standout in 1961-65. He was a two-time NAIA national champion in cross country, and he won five NAIA national titles in outdoor track, including the 1500-meter run four years in a row.

Cletson Cox (BME ’69-Music, MM ’75-Music), Lenexa, is the Conductor of the Overland Park Civic Band after being Assistant Conductor for 26 years.

Michael C. Delich (BSE ’69-Social Sciences, MA ’76-History), Kansas City, became a foster father to a 2-year-old girl, Aliah, on July 8, 2011.

Stanley D. Herbic (BSE ’68-Business Education), Overland Park, has retired as Principal of Bishop Miege High School after 17 years and 40 years of education overall.

Alan L. Van Loenen (BSB ’69-Administration), Lawrence, has retired after 38 years as a Budget Director at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Charles W. McClellan (BSE ’67-Foreign Language), Fairlawn, VA, has stepped down from the Board of Trustees of Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society in the Social Sciences, in October 2011 after 15 years, receiving the Society’s Outstanding Achievement Award. Dr. McClellan was initiated as a student member of Kansas Iota Chapter at Emporia State University in 1966. He retired as chair of the Department of History at Radford University in 2006 after having served as sponsor of Virginia Epsilon’s chapter of Pi Gamma Mu for 26 years.

Barbara K. (Heldberg) Meyer (BSE ’69-Elementary Education), Parker, CO, is serving on the Advisory Board of Directors for the Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre in Grand Lake, CO.

Dr. Rita (Riggin) Swan (BA ’63-English) and her husband, Dr. Douglas Swan (BA ’61-Physics), Bronson, IA, are founders of Children’s Healthcare Is a Legal Duty, Inc. (CHILD, Inc.), a national membership organization to stop child abuse and neglect related to religious or cultural beliefs. The couple relocated to Salem, OR, from January-April 2011 to work for legislation that removes Oregon’s religious exemptions from medical care for sick children.

Frances Louise Taylor (MS ’60-Physical Science), Lincoln, NE, was recognized by Lincoln Literacy for her leading role in its beginning 30 years ago, as part of Frank C. Laubach International’s Each-One-Teach-One English volunteer program for teaching to adults in need.

Clarence and Marjorie Todd (MS ’69-Biology), Effingham, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2011.

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Tom Thornbrugh (BA ‘68-Speech), Tulsa, OK, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Oklahoma Court of Appeals District Three. Since 1997, Thornbrugh has served as district court judge for the 14th Judicial District. He has presided over more than 200 jury trials involving civil and criminal felony matters.

Don C. Wilhelm (BSE ‘61-Physical Education, MS ‘63-Physical Education), Brenham, TX, was inducted into the Blinn College Hall of Honor.

Dennis Wycoff (BSE ‘69-Social Sciences), Houston, TX, has retired as the Corporate Property Tax Manager for EDPR Renewables. He worked for ExxonMobil for 31+ years prior to spending the last four years at EDPR.

1970s

Susan (Jacobs) Braverman (MS ‘70-Rehabilitation Counseling), Brooklyn, NY, has retired after 41 years of service as a rehabilitation counselor. She continues to do horticultural therapy with autistic children and the elderly.

Jim Deister (BA ‘70-Psychology, MS ‘72-Rehabilitation Counseling), Salina, has been appointed to the State Rehabilitation Council, which helps people with disabilities, regardless of the severity of the disability.

Deann (Scribner) Fleming (BSE ‘76, MA ‘83-Speech), San Antonio, TX, was inducted into the Texas State Thespian Hall of Fame. Fleming and her husband, Dr. Brent Fleming (BSE ‘75-Speech), are retired teachers of theatre arts in Texas.

Jay Fowler (BS ‘77-Public Affairs), Wichita, has been installed as President of the Wichita Bar Association.

Steve Gillies (BSE ‘79-Recreation), Wichita, is the new Metro Executive Director of the Sedgwick County Division of the American Heart Association.

Bishop Ronald K. and Sandra K. Lassiter (MS ‘75-Counselor Education), Topeka, recently celebrated 40 years of marriage on October 22, 2011.

Richard C. Morrell, Ph.D. (BSE ‘79-Physical Education, MS ‘82-Counselor Education) is vice-president for student services at Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research. KUSTAR is building a new campus on the outskirts of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Massoud (BS ‘87-Political Science) and Debra A. “Fatima” (Terrill) Nashatizadeh (BSE ‘76-English, MS ‘76-Elementary Education) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2011.

Dennis Neff (BSE ‘74-Physical Science, MS ‘77-Physical Science), Grove, OK, recently had scores for the “Streets of Laredo” and “The Wabash Cannonball” contracted for publication by the Neil A. Kjos Music Co. These will be used in Junior and Senior High School string orchestra programs.


Theodore “Ted” Potts (BSE ‘70-Elementary Education, MS ‘71-Counselor Education), Niles, MI, has been a high school track coach from 1972-present. He spent 1984-89 as assistant coach at University of Notre Dame.

Mike Reid (BS ‘76-Administration), Lawrence, has been named Director of Public Affairs for the KU Memorial Unions at the University of Kansas.

Denise Scribner’s (BSE ‘75-Physical Education), Wichita, ecology classes won the 2011 President’s Environmental Youth Award for Region 7 with their class project to restore the native grasses section within the on-campus native prairie grasslands at the Goddard High School outdoor wildlife learning site (OWLs) and installation of culturally significant native prairie plant gardens. Denise is now at the district’s new high school, Eisenhower High School, working on a new outdoor wildlife learning site to enhance learning outside the classroom for her ecology and biology high school students.

Milton H. Siegele, Jr. (BA ‘77-English), Colleyville, TX, traveled to Uganda on a mission trip and conducted leadership training at LivingStone University.

Patrick Tubach (BSB ‘77-Administration), Broken Arrow, OK, was awarded the 2010 PGA President’s Council on Growing the Game.

Leonard E. Unruh (BA ‘70-Chemistry, Minor-Physics and Mathematics), Maumelle, AR, retired from the Food & Drug Administration with 34 years of service working at the National Center for Toxicological Research.

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1980s

Pamela (Haselhuhn) Babb (BSE ‘84-Home Economics), Wichita, will teach Family and Consumer Science for the upcoming school year at Wichita South High School.

Paula Gangel (BSE ‘88-Secondary Education), Mission, has authored Leading with the Carrot—A Practical Guide to Volunteer Management. Her first nonfiction work is told from her unique perspective as a hospital volunteer director for nearly 15 years. She is Director of Volunteer Management for the University of Kansas Hospital, and she blogs at www. leadingwiththecarrot.com.

Marlea Gruver (MS ‘82-Counselor Education), Cherry Hill, NJ, is employed by Life Counseling Services, a PA based company, as a counselor. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in New Jersey and works from two New Jersey offices of LCS delivering traditional counseling services to children and adults, individuals and couples.
Vickie Hurt (BSB ‘85-Business Administration), Topeka, was a member of the 2011 class of Leadership Kansas.

Michael Law (BSB ‘81-Business Administration), Olathe, is Vice President for Programming for KBEQ-FM, owned by Wilks Broadcasting, Kansas City, MO. As the on-air talent known as Mike Kennedy, he was named a winner of the Large Market Personality award in the 2012 Country Radio Seminar/Country Aircheck Award.

Clifford D. and Margaret ‘Peggy’ (Patterson) McCurdy (BSE ‘88-Business Education) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 20, 2011.

Massoud (BS ‘87-Political Science) and Debra A. “Fatima” (Terral) Nashatizadeh (BSE ‘76-English, MS ‘76-Elementary Education) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14, 2011.

Lorne (BSB ‘87-Administration) and Jill (Schowengerdt) Willard (BSE ‘88-Computer Information Systems), Liberty, MO, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Lorne Willard (BSB ‘87-Administration), Liberty, MO, was ESU Phi Delta Theta Chapter Alumni of the Year.

1990s

Gayle (Samuelson) Bertram (BFA ‘98-Communication, BSE ‘00-Elementary Education, MS ‘06-Educational Administration), Olathe, is now principal of MacArthur Elementary.

Anthony Brown (BSE ‘92-Social Sciences), Eudora, was a member of the 2011 class of Leadership Kansas. Brown is a state representative.

Ross Bjork (BS ‘95-Recreation), Oxford, MS, is the new athletic director at the University of Mississippi. Bjork previously was athletic director at Western Kentucky University.

Julie Courtwright (BSE ‘94-English), Ames, IA, is the newly-published (University Press of Kansas) author of Prairie Fire: A Great Plains History. She is an assistant professor of history at Iowa State University.


Travis Hale (BSE ‘99-Speech & Theatre, BME ‘00-Music), Mulvane, currently serves as Director of Instrumental Music at Wichita Southeast High School, and was recently appointed associate conductor with the Southwestern College Youth Symphony Program.

Chris Howell (BSB ‘92-Accounting), Topeka, has been appointed Native American Liaison for the Brownback Administration.

Chad Ingram (BSB ‘96-Finance), Wichita, is the new manager of the Hutchinson office of Gutschenritter & Johnson, LLC.

Jeff Johnson (BSB ‘97-Accounting, MBA ‘99-Business Administration), Shawnee, has been promoted to the director level at De�oiire in Kansas City.

Jason Malaschak (BSE ‘97-Mathematics, MS ‘05-Educational Administration), Kansas City, is the new Assistant Principal at Piper High School in Kansas City.

Kelly (Emig) Mobray (BFA ‘96-Communication, MS ‘98-Counselor Education), Salina, was named the 2010-11 Salina Altrusan of the Year.


Gregory Nichols (MS ‘99-Mathematics), Arkansas City, is now a mathematics instructor at Cowley County Community College as an Associate Dean of Instruction.

Andrea (Roberts) Pierson (BA ‘91-Speech & Theatre), Indianapolis, IN, was selected to be on the Product Liability Advisory Council. PLAC is a nonprofit organization that works to improve product liability law in and outside the United States.

Brian D. Protheroe (BFA ‘96-Communication), San Francisco, CA, is the new human resources manager for macys.com.

Elizabeth Schmidt (BSE ‘97-Elementary Education, MS ‘01-Early Childhood Education), Wolfforth, TX, was named Teacher of the Year at Bennett Elementary School.

Ethan Schmidt (BSA ‘98-History and Political Science), MS ‘01-History), Wolfforth, TX, was named one of the winners of a Texas Tech University President’s Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Schmidt is a member of the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences at TTU.

Kim R. Tomlinson (BS ‘91-Psychology, MS ‘93-Counselor Education), Fort Smith, AR, took a job as the Academic Advisor for the College of Education at University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Howard Wheeler (BS ‘91-Psychology), Manhattan, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the Kansas Army National Guard.

Carrie Wyatt (BSB ‘97-Management), Derby, received Wichita State University’s President’s Distinguished Service Award. Carrie is senior administrative specialist in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Health Professions at WSU.
2000s

Brian Bina (BSB ’08-Accounting), McPherson, just passed his bar exam and has taken a position as a new associate with Karstetter & Klenda.

Clint Corby (BSE ’03-Elementary Education), Derby, is now the new principal at Wineteer Elementary in Derby.

Mark Cross (BSB ’05-Marketing), Wichita, has been promoted to Customer Support Manager at Aeroflex Corporation.

Melissa “Missy” Davis (BSB ’07-Accounting), Park City, has been promoted to Accountant/Analyst 2 at Koch Industries: Flint Hills Resources.

Cindy Ehrstein (MS ’04-Instructional Design and Technology), Andover, was selected as a 2012 Kansas Master Teacher. Cindy teaches eighth grade language arts at Andover Central Middle School.

Jessica (Schofield) Elliott (BSE ’07-Elementary Education), Derby, has just published her first book, Charming Academy.

Diane (Bradford) Giardine (BS ’00-Mathematics), Dodge City, is now the Human Resources Manager for Boot Hill Casino and Resort in Dodge City.

Michael Giardine (BA ’00-Communication), Dodge City, was appointed Judge of the Dodge City Municipal Court.

Nick Gronseth (MS ’06-History), Carrington, ND, is now supervisor at Fort Totten State Historic Site in North Dakota.

Enilda Romero-Hall (BS ’07-Business Administration, MS ’08-Instructional Design/Tech), Norfolk, VA, was awarded the Advanced Simulation and Training Fellowship (2011-2012) by the Link Foundation to conduct research for her doctoral dissertation.

Gary Handy (BS ’04-Social Sciences), Topeka, works as Assistant Director for Student Activities & Greek Life at Washburn University.

Tawny (Willard) Hiatt (BS ’01-Psychology), Greenwood Village, CO, has been named the Training Director for the University of Denver Health and Counseling Center.

Cynthia S. Johnson (BSE ’00-Business Education, MS ’03-Instructional Design and Technology), Leavenworth, was named Kansas Business Educator of the Year in 2010. She was honored last summer as Mountain-Plains Business Educator of the Year, and received Secondary Business Teacher of the Year honors at the National Business Education Association’s national convention in April, 2012. Johnson teaches at Jefferson County North High School, Winchester, Kan.

Jerome Johnson (BME ’09-Music), Leavenworth, was named USD 342-McLouth’s 2011 Employee of the Year. Jerome is the husband of Cynthia Johnson.

Amy McAnarney (MS ’00-Educational Administration), Emporia, has been named Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals Assistant Principal of the Year.

Megan Schulz (BS ’04-History, MLS ’09-Library Science), Silver Lake, has received the 2011 Kansas Library Presidential Award for New Professionals.

Adam L. Tucker (BSB ’08-Management), Jacksonville, FL, is now the Duval County Competitions Director for Special of Olympics of Florida.

Marek Wensel (MS ’04-Health, Phys. Ed., & Recreation), Cedar Rapids, IA, competed for the USA relay teams at the WMA World Masters Track and Field Championships at Sacramento State University. His team won the silver medal in the M40 4x100 in 43.55 seconds and his M40 4x400 won the gold in 3:23.15. He also won the M40 Decathlon on July 6 and 7 at the same meet.

2010s

Mohamed Abdalla (MA ’10-TESOL), Sacramento, CA, is principal of Salam Academy, Sacramento.

FS

Mary Winstead Bonner (FSt ’64–’86), was inducted into the Oklahoma State University College of Education Hall of Fame, June 3, 2011. Dr. Bonner is a member of the College of Education’s 13th Hall of Fame class.

Thomas E. Winski (FSt ’08–’10), Jacksonville, IL, has retired after 35 years of teaching. In November of 2010, he received his Master Journalism Educator status from JEA.

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Adam P. Eimer and Sarah L. Wallace (BFA ’03), September 25, 2010

Jason Koch (BSB ’04) and Taverli Orr (FS ’04), October 16, 2010

Clifton Proehl (Friend) and Kelsie Lambert (BSE ’07), March 19, 2011
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Kellen Jenkins
Mike Bell and Jason Maxfield
Brandon Cox and Katie Whipple
Jason Maxfield and Cassandra Young (BS ’09), June 4, 2011
Mike Bell and Kaci Albers
Kellen Jenkins (BS ’11) and Kelsey Ryan (BS ’11), June 11, 2011
Kevin Schoon (BS ’10) and Breann Rozell (Friend), June 11, 2011
Brian Cornell and Tauna Spain (BS ’04, MS ’11), June 18, 2011
Jacob Ternes (BSE ’09) and Elissa Hadley (BSE ’09), June 25, 2011
Donald E. Haring (BSE ’63) and Lynda K. (Taylor) Raner (FS ’92), June 25, 2011
Adam L. Kinyon and Kelly E. Spiegel (MS ’08), June 25, 2011
Tyler Duncan and Callie Koehn (BSN ’11), June 30, 2011
Nicholas May and Julie Haag (BS ’98), July 8, 2011
Kevin Engel and Laura Craven (BSE ’09), July 9, 2011
Adam Haag (FS ’02) and Katherine Bess (BIS ’08), July 9, 2011
Aaron M. Wall (BSE ’10) and Elise S. McDonald (BSE ’09), July 16, 2011
Michael Kennett (BSE ’07) and Lacey Hall (BFA ’07), July 23, 2011
Troy Dodge (BS ’05) and Paula Richardson (BS ’01, MS ’03), August 6, 2011
Tyler W. Erker (BSB ’08) and Danielle M. Broughton (BS ’07), August 6, 2011
Scott Price (FS ’96) and Angie Williams (BSN ’08), October 15, 2011
Jason Bivens (FS) and Katie Hensley (BSE ’07), November 5, 2011

**Births**

Carsen Noah Stout, son, born to Cliff and Angela (Alonzo) Stout (BS ’08), January 14, 2010
Brianna Marie Schmidt, daughter, born to Ethan (BSE ’97, MS ’01) and Elizabeth Schmidt (BSE ’97, MS ’01), April 24, 2010
Chance Wesley Lang, son, born to Wesley Lang (BIS ’02) and Jessica (Rhodes) Lang (BIS ’05), August 30, 2010
Wilson Ryne Rable, son, born to Nathan and Taylor (Turnbull) Rabel (BSE ’08), September 26, 2010
Ellaina Ash Mages, daughter, born to Kelly Mages (BS ’97) and Michelle Mages, October 6, 2010
Luke E. Musick, son, born to Darin Musick (BS ’05) and Elaine (Blaufuss) Musick (BSE ’98, MS ’04), November 12, 2010
Gary Albert Elliott, son, born to Jonathan Elliott (FS ’10) and Jessica (Schofield) Elliott (BSE ’07), January 21, 2011
Presley Grace Loudon, daughter, born to Brad and Courtney (Hoyt) Loudon (BS ’96), January 24, 2011
Charles Andrew Eichholz, son, born to Neil Eichholz (BSB, BA ’05) and Rebecca (Linn) Eichholz (BSE ’04, MS ’09), March 7, 2011
Grant William Cook, son, born to Dr. Brian Cook (BS ’00-Recreation and Sociology) and Alicia (Schroeder) Cook (BSE ’99, MS ’09), April 4, 2011
Kenzie Faith Stout, daughter, born to Brett Stout (FS ’04) and Katie (Korphage) Stout (BFA ’03), April 5, 2011
Bradley Allen Bowen, son, born to Adam Bowen (BS ’06) and Abby (Otte) Bowen (BS ’06), April 18, 2011
Bentlee Carter Schultz, son, born to Brett and Heather (Nienstedt) Shultz (BS ’05), May 26, 2011
Annabelle Jane Gast, daughter, born to Cal Gast (BSB ’04, BSB ’04, MBA ’06) and Leslie (Loftus) Gast (BS ’05), May 28, 2011
Cole Amos Troyer, son, born to Nathan Troyer (BSE ’10) and Amy Jo (Arnold) Troyer (BFA ’04), June 10, 2011
Gabriel Todd Gibson, son, born to Chris and Christina (Wolfe) Gibson (BS ’06), June 16, 2011
Ethan John Swickard, son, born to Michael Swickard (BFA ’04) and Alissa (Fox) Swickard (BME ’06), August 22, 2011.
Cohen Michael Cross, son, born to Mark Cross (BS ’05) and Kelly (Weiters) Cross (BE ’08), July 24, 2011
Hudson Patrick Woodward, son, born to Capt. Jason Woodward and Beth (Dorsey) Woodward (BA ’05), September 4, 2011
Jesse Cole Moritz, son, born to Caleb and Kasha (Graham) Moritz (BS ’08), October 4, 2011
Bridget Marie Flavin, daughter, born to Brody and Melissa Marie (Bruna) Flavin (BSE ’07), October 6, 2011

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As the first university professors to present professional development activities at a Saudi Arabian university, Dr. Dan Lumley (demonstrating a puzzle he showed to the Saudi professors) and Dr. Darla Mallein quickly learned there were differences in the way things operate. Lumley (BSE ’69-Social Sciences, MS ’75-Education Administration) and Mallein (BSE ’80-Social Sciences, MS ’94-Master Teacher Secondary) were guests of Saudi Arabia’s Jazan University in September, 2011.

“The professors were very receptive to strategies for effective teaching,” Lumley said during an ESU colloquium in February. However, Lumley and Mallein learned that their interactive style of teaching was much different than the rigid lecture format that their Saudi colleagues were used to.

Lumley is an educational consultant from Kansas City, Mo., and a 2001 ESU Distinguished Alumnus. Mallein is an associate professor of social studies at ESU.

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