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The Spirit of Hope, by Janet Zoble, stands outside Whiting Fieldhouse. The statue gives tribute to the courage of women who face the challenge of breast cancer, in celebration of survivors and in memory of those who have lost the battle. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. *Photo by Doug Stremel*



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From the President

So much of what we are able to accomplish at Washburn University comes from the relationships and connections we build. New program offerings, faculty and staff we hire, every student who decides to continue their educational journey with us all come from at least one relationship we built.

By hosting potential students and their parents on campus, sharing the Washburn experience on the web, chatting with community members and partnering with government entities, we are fostering those relationships.

As we assumed responsibility for Washburn Institute of Technology 10 years ago and began to structure it as a part of the University, we saw it could flourish. Listening to East Topeka residents when I was co-chair of Heartland Visioning, it became clear they needed a better way to access higher education. GO Topeka agreed with us that economic development included having an educated workforce. Partnering with them, East Topeka businesses, neighborhood associations, the faith community and others, Washburn Tech East was born. It will be a huge success for Topeka. We are excited to feature it in this magazine and open the campus to students in January.

A key relationship builder at Washburn retired recently. Ann Marie Snook, chair of the music department, and her husband, Lee, a music professor, ended their long careers on the Washburn faculty after Ann Marie suffered a stroke in 2017. Ann Marie built our music department into one that can recruit and attract the best students and faculty. Alumni and donors see that and respond with their patronage. The faculty in place and the way they worked together since Ann Marie's absence have been excellent. I am confident it will continue.

In this issue, you will also read about Bonnie McKee Crume, a graduate who overcame so much at every step of her educational journey. She traces the roots of her Washburn success back to Move-In Day, Welcome Week and the formative connections she made as a freshman. Trey Cocking, another alumnus featured in this issue, said Washburn taught him to work and get along with everyone, regardless of opinions.

I often think back to the relationships I built while in college. Many of those people are still my friends. It's important for students to leave Washburn with similar experiences. As you read this issue, I hope you reminisce about the relationships and connections you built and strengthened at Washburn.



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In Perfect Harmony

Beloved husband and wife music professors retire after 28 years

By Annie Flachsbarth

Fondly referred to by students as “Dr. Mrs.” and “Dr. Mr.,” Ann Marie and Lee Snook made a huge impact on both the Washburn University music department and its students. The two recently retired after Ann Marie suffered a massive stroke on Aug. 8, 2017. Calling Washburn home for the past 28 years, making the decision to retire was a tough one.

Although Lee was initially told Ann Marie wouldn’t survive the stroke, a successful surgery to remove a fist-sized clot revealed a much better outlook, and they anticipate a full recovery. However, knowing recovery will take time, the decision to retire made sense.

The Snooks are loved by students and administrators alike, leaving big shoes to fill in their absence.

Lifetime Achievement

Ann Marie Snook did significant outreach to get the community more involved with the department. These high-profile activities help gain support and attention from the public for both the music department and the university:

- Bringing in Libby Larsen, a top female composer in the United States, for master classes and a concert
- Welcoming back Jeff Kready and his wife, Broadway star Nikki Renée Daniels, for master classes, outreach performances in the community and a concert that raised \$20,000 for the department
- Having rock band Kansas play their 30th anniversary concert in White Concert Hall
- Working with KTWU to produce and televise the Emmy-winning Holiday Vespers concert every year
- Engaging with donors and patrons through the Friends of Washburn University Music to help secure numerous scholarships and funding for departmental programs and offerings.

A Classic Composition

Originally from Chicago, Ann Marie graduated from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. Lee grew up in Lansing, Michigan, and graduated from Michigan State University. The two met in the apprentice program at the Chicago Lyric Opera Center for American Artists in 1977. The pair has performed with world-class conductors, symphonies and vocalists, including the Chicago Symphony and Luciano Pavarotti — as well as with each other.

“I can say, I would rather sing a duet recital with Ann than a solo recital with just myself, it’s just much more fun,” Lee said.

“We’ve been married 38 years, and we’re pretty darn happy together,” Ann Marie said.

They taught at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri, before attending Michigan State University where Ann Marie received her master’s degree and Lee received his doctorate. In 1990, the pair accepted jobs at Washburn. Ann Marie received her doctorate from the University of Kansas in 2002 and became chair of Washburn’s music department in 2007.

Working in Concert

The Snooks undoubtedly took the Washburn music department to a new plane of professionalism. Gordon McQuere, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Washburn and current adjunct music faculty member, said the Snooks helped the vocal performance program remain particularly highly regarded.

“Highly talented music students often select a school based primarily on who the major performance teacher will be,” said McQuere. “The Snooks attracted many highly-talented young singers to the University.”

Former student and Broadway star Jeff Kready, b music ’04, holds them both in high regard.

“The Snooks gave me the ability to make a living in the performing arts,” Kready said. “Lee helped me find my true voice. He helped me strip away everything and find my instrument, find my most honest and natural sound, and if it weren't for him, I can unequivocally say I would not be where I am today.”

Lee was recently the recipient of the Ned Fleming Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented each year to recognize members of the faculty who have demonstrated a high level of excellence in teaching.

“Ann Marie showed me what it means to be a professional artist. She taught and exemplified what kind of study, practice, diligence, and work ethic are required of a professional musician,” said Kready. “Studying with her for years showed me the kind of focus I needed to be competitive in a brutal industry.”

As the chair of the music department, Ann Marie paved the way for positive change within the department.

“I was privileged to work closely with Ann Marie in her capacity as department chair,” McQuere said. “She was an able administrator with a clear vision for where the department was going, a ready grasp of complex issues, and the ability to be decisive when needed, even in uncomfortable situations.”

The Encore

A year after Ann Marie's stroke and the couple's retirement, the Snooks are now looking forward to what the future holds with a heartfelt reflection of the past.

“We feel fortunate that we were able to do something beautiful every day,” said Ann Marie. “You take poetry and music and put it together with a good voice — you just can't beat it.”

“We loved our 28 years at Washburn,” said Lee. “We're not sure what we're going to do next, but it's kind of fun to think about it.” 🚶



Lee and Ann Marie Snook retired last year after 28 years of educating Washburn music students. Ann Marie suffered a stroke in August 2017, but they expect a full recovery. *Photo by Doug Stremel*

Built from a Need

Washburn Tech East connects East Topeka with county's workforce gap

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Providing more education opportunities in East Topeka has long been a dream of local community and faith leaders. In 2019, that dream becomes reality when Washburn Tech East opens its doors and begins hosting students.

Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University, became acutely aware of the need when serving as co-chair of Heartland Visioning. The East Topeka community, he said, has often felt forgotten.

“It can be difficult to get across town to attend classes at Washburn Tech, which provides enticing educational opportunities to a number of people who live in the East Topeka community,” Farley said.

In January, Washburn Tech, in partnership with GO Topeka, the Joint Economic Development Organization and the East Topeka community, will open Washburn Tech East. The refurbished 11,000 square-foot facility at 2014 SE Washington St. in Topeka, will offer courses in health care, building technology which focuses on construction trades, commercial truck driving, a GED program and ESL classes for up to 400 students.

In the fall of 2017, Washburn, GO Topeka and JEDO engaged Ketchum Global Research & Analytics to conduct a market research study. According to data provided by GO Topeka, 13,000 working adults in Shawnee County currently do not have a GED.



Washburn Tech East rendering. The building will open its doors and begin hosting students in 2019.

The market study confirmed the need for an educational facility in East Topeka. It also identified courses that focus on skills desired by both local employers and potential students. These courses are designed to give prospective employees the education and training they need to compete and be successful in today's workforce and lay the foundation for future advanced training opportunities.

Lalo Muñoz, executive director of El Centro and co-chair of the East Topeka Learning Center Project, now known as Washburn Tech East, grew up in East Topeka and is excited to see the positive changes happening in his community.

"This will change how we see ourselves," Muñoz said. "It's easy to feel like nothing will ever change, because we haven't seen that change despite talk in the past. Now through the investment from GO Topeka and Washburn, we are seeing positive development in East Topeka. People will begin to believe things can get better."

Muñoz said the market study indicates a major interest in taking classes, but a lot of concern from citizens regarding their readiness for classes and the cost. He said when people in one area don't have access to higher education, it's not just a problem for the area, but for the whole city. He is excited for what the city will look like when everyone is able to fulfill their potential.

"We are now tasked with helping those individuals – helping them see what comes after they invest in themselves," he said. "When we share those visions, people begin to believe they can do this. We already know Washburn Tech will bend over backwards for any student who is willing to put in the effort, so finding people a career that can drastically improve their family's situation is a real possibility."

Clark Coco, dean, Washburn Tech, said they are ready and able to provide the same dedication to Washburn Tech East as they have in making Washburn Tech a nationwide leader in technical education. A special aspect of Washburn Tech East is its learning laboratory for TRANE Corporation, the first and only one in the nation. The building is being designed as a teaching lab to provide information such as analytical data for the climate and energy control technologies

Washburn Tech East programs offered:

Commercial Truck Driving

GED diploma through the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) program

Health Care programs:

- Certified nurse aide
- Certified medication aide
- Home health aide

Building technology which focuses on construction trades

English as a second language classes

program, color-coded and identifiable plumbing and uniquely-lit lights that change colors in the ceiling. This technology will allow instructors to use the building as a teaching resource, providing hands-on opportunities for better understanding of the field.

"Today's workforce is going to need some type of post-secondary education to compete in the job market," Coco said. "We want to be able to provide an education to all areas as there are very talented people who live throughout our community."

JEDO purchased the site for \$240,000 and provided up to \$4 million for the partial demolition and remodel of the existing building. In addition, JEDO is committed to providing partnership funds up to \$500,000 per year for three years for start-up and operational expenses. Washburn University and Washburn Tech will provide staff, instructional programs and the opportunity for certifications.

"This facility will allow us to train primarily young adults who are entering the workforce for the first time as well as those who are looking to improve their skills," Farley said. "This initiative fits perfectly with our mission to help our students reach their full potential, to create pathways for their success and contribute to the region's economic growth." 



Dean Carla Pratt was drawn to Washburn University School of Law by the University's long history of inclusion. She is excited about what the new law school building will mean for the future of law education at Washburn.

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Drawn to Washburn

New Washburn Law dean focuses her career on inclusion, civil rights

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Carla Pratt was drawn to Washburn by its civil rights history from its founding in 1865. When she learned of Washburn's history as the law school that educated the lawyers who represented the Brown family and the State of Kansas in *Brown v. Board of Education*, she was drawn even more. She became dean of Washburn University School of Law on July 1 after Thomas Romig stepped aside after 11 years in the position. She previously served as associate dean for diversity and inclusion and Nancy J. LaMont Faculty Scholar at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law.

What interested you about Washburn University School of Law?

I was really drawn to Washburn because of its history of inclusion. When I read that Ichabod Washburn made a financial contribution to save the institution, and learned that he was an abolitionist who believed in the dignity of all people, and that all people deserved the opportunity to be educated, I was very impressed. That really resonated with me because that's who I am at my core. I thought, 'This place would be a good fit.' Also, I didn't know, despite

teaching constitutional law for years, this was the law school that educated the Scott lawyers who filed the case of *Brown v. Board of Education*. When I learned that history as well, it redoubled my enthusiasm about joining the institution.

Talk about the importance of the *Brown v. Board* decision and its basis in Topeka.

Topeka was unique in that it was one of the few places in the country that really had provided equal facilities for children of color to attend public schools. And so that's why Topeka became such a good test case for the separate but equal principle that arose out of *Plessy v. Ferguson*. All black teaching staff were highly credentialed, so you're talking about very qualified teachers. So what could be the problem? It was really the ideal case because, the other cases consolidated in *Brown*, you could argue they just need to improve the teaching staff or the facilities to make it equal, and that's sufficient to meet the *Plessy* standard. But, the inclusion of Topeka really did center the Court's analysis on the inherent nature of inequality in segregation itself. That case is probably the most significant Supreme Court case of the 20th century. It certainly changed the trajectory of many people's lives, including mine. I wouldn't be sitting here, as a beneficiary of integrated public school education if that case hadn't been decided. For me, that case is fundamental in terms of America living up to its promise.

What drew you to law school and working in education?

I knew I wanted to help people in some way. I wanted to feel like I was doing something to make the world a better place. I applied to Howard Law School because of its civil rights history and thought I wanted to be part of that mission. I really do view myself as doing civil rights work as an educator. Serving in this capacity is the fulfillment of that initial ambition I had that motivated me to go to law school.

What are your initial reactions and observations about Washburn?

I'm very happy that the people here at Washburn are just so warm, welcoming and down to earth. Everything I saw as an outsider, I'm now getting to see from the inside, which is very reaffirming.

What community connections do you see as possibilities with Washburn Law?

If there are non-profit boards that could use an extra pair of hands and eyes, I think our students would benefit greatly, and I think the non-profit community would benefit as well. I see a symbiotic relationship there.

What is your message to all Washburn alumni and friends?

My message is really a plea, and that is we really need your support in bringing the *Ideal Place* building campaign to a conclusion. My plea is for those who have already given to consider digging even deeper to bring this goal to fruition. For those who have not yet given, to make a gift. No gift is too small or insignificant. With all of us working together, we can get there. My pledge to you is that I will be working with our fundraising and development staff constantly to make sure we are putting a shovel in the ground as soon as possible. I'm really excited about this project and reinvigorating the energy around it and getting it done.

And what excites you about the new Washburn Law building?

I'm very excited about some of the technological integration we can have in the curriculum that will allow us to deliver a 21st century education. I also think it will help us recruit students. Competition for students is fierce. To continue to get the best and brightest students to come to Washburn Law, we are going to have to deliver a facility that speaks to students and demonstrates to students we're on the cutting edge and we're not lagging behind in the legal education arena. 🏃

Finding the Answer

Nationwide collegiate math problem leads Washburn to change curriculum

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Nationwide, students are struggling with college math requirements as it is often the main academic hurdle they face as they work to finish their college degree. Washburn University has thoroughly studied the problem over the last few years and is working toward a two-part solution.

Starting in fall 2019, Washburn will make changes within the curriculum to offer a more individualized approach to help students successfully complete their required math classes. In the past, students who needed help took remedial classes such as Basic Algebra and Intermediate Algebra, but the courses do not count toward a degree.

“Today’s students come to college with different experiences than in previous generations. Further, a class of 30 students in college may come from 12 or more different high schools. A self-paced, individualized approach makes sense for most students in this new era.” - Kevin Charlwood

Next year, Washburn will no longer offer these remedial classes in their current form. However, students who struggle with math will get individualized study plans to build the skills necessary for success in college-level mathematics. Unless the students have a degree that requires MA 116, also known as College Algebra, everyone will start in MA

112, Contemporary College Mathematics, which is a general education math course in quantitative reasoning required for a large majority of the degrees offered at Washburn.

“If a student later decides they want to go into a degree program that requires College Algebra, it is not like they have lost anything as MA 112 counts toward general education and all degrees,” said Alan Bearman, dean of university libraries and the Center for Student Success and Retention, who has helped lead these changes.

Many of the MA 112 classes will take place in the new Math Emporium located in Mabee Library. The Math Emporium will consist of classrooms enriched with technology and software, which allow each student to go at their own pace through the class. If they struggle in one section, more practice questions are offered. The Math Emporium will have instructors and math tutors to help students during scheduled hours when the library is open between 7 a.m. and 2 a.m. The math tutoring center in Morgan Hall will remain open.

“The data has shown a model like this boosts success rates as students spend more time on math,” said Kevin Charlwood, professor and chair, mathematics and statistics department. “We want students to be successful the first time around as they are more likely to finish their degree.”

In Kansas, Washburn is at the forefront of working to fix this problem and the new center is expected to encourage active student participation in both class and lab work. Nationwide, other universities such as Virginia Tech have taken on this model and seen success.

The College of Arts and Sciences and the mathematics and statistics department started digging into the data and have been working on developing this program



Kevin Charlwood, professor and chair, mathematics and statistics, helps students in Contemporary College Mathematics. Washburn is changing its math offerings and creating a learning center to help students in all majors better meet their math requirements. *Photo by Doug Stremel*

for about five years. One of the first problems they identified is many students were enrolling in College Algebra despite not needing it for their degree.

“There is a state-by-state movement happening nationwide with the new philosophy ‘not everyone needs algebra’ that is driving the massive overhaul to mathematics curriculum,” Charlwood said. “Our goal is to prepare students to be successful in either the quantitative reasoning or College Algebra pathways.”

Even with these changes to MA 112, Charlwood said they are continuing to also experiment with the College Algebra classes by offering it five days a week instead of the usual two or three, or offering it for an entire year instead of a semester, so the class moves at a slower pace for students who must have it for their degree.

In Mabee Library, the Math Emporium will be next to the University Tutoring Center and near other academic success services. The University believes this approach will help with recruiting efforts. Bearman, who regularly meets with high school counselors, said

if a student is struggling in math in high school their counselor is more likely to recommend community college. This personalized and available approach though will be more helpful for students who are college bound but not college ready.

“Today’s students come to college with different experiences than in previous generations,” Charlwood said. “Further, a class of 30 students in college may come from 12 or more different high schools. A self-paced, individualized approach makes sense for most students in this new era.”

Both Charlwood and Bearman believe students will be excited about it because they are moving toward these same models in high schools.

“We have to graduate more people. The time is now,” Bearman said. “This is really a testimony to the entire Washburn community of learning and how we are willing to take big steps forward to help students. It is really exciting because it is going to have an immediate impact.” 

Blast from the Past

Alumnus leads preservation of control consoles used during moon landings

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While Neil Armstrong was making his famous “giant leap” on the surface of the moon in 1969, a team of experts sat at Mission Control in Houston guiding the Apollo 11 crew.

NASA is having Mission Control and its contents restored in time for the 50th anniversary of the moon landing on July 20, 2019, and they chose SpaceWorks, a division of the Cosmosphere museum in Hutchinson, Kansas, to restore the control consoles.

“What many consider to be the cathedral of early manned space exploration, this is it. These are the brains behind it,” said Jim Remar, ba ’95, president and CEO of the Cosmosphere. “The flight directors and controllers who called Eagle down to the surface of the moon all sat at these consoles.”



Jim Remar and technician Jim Franko inspect the NASA Mission Control consoles. These were used during the Apollo moon landings and were retired during the early shuttle missions. *Photo by Jeff Tuttle*

The consoles came to Hutchinson in rough shape, indicative of the stressful environment where controllers spent hours in front of them eating, drinking and smoking.

“They were like somebody’s desk,” Remar said. “As we began to take them apart, you find little bits of food

or trash. It’s kind of fun to think that could be from somebody during an Apollo mission.”

The Cosmosphere seemed an obvious choice for the project, thanks to decades of successful relationships with NASA, the Smithsonian, Hollywood and others. They restored and now display the Apollo 13 Command Module that brought its three astronauts safely back to Earth after an explosion in space. They built high fidelity replicas used in the Tom Hanks movie *Apollo 13*. They restored Liberty Bell 7, the capsule that sat at the bottom of the ocean for 38 years after taking the second American into space. It’s also on display at the Cosmosphere.

Remar grew up in Hutchinson and started college at the University of Missouri before realizing he needed a change. His transfer to Washburn University gave him the propulsion that has him directing a world-class museum.

“I was looking to get into an environment that would allow me to focus more on academics and my future career in history,” he said. “I wanted an opportunity to learn from professors who were experts in the subject matter. Washburn stuck out as a University I thought could benefit me.”

Remar’s wife, Amy (Trezise) Remar, ba ’95, joined him at Washburn when they were dating.

“It was great to have Amy there enjoying the Washburn campus and culture with me,” he said. “It was one of those points in our life where we both have very fond memories.”

They graduated together, married three weeks later, and then Remar earned a master of museum studies from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. When he started at the Cosmosphere in 2000, as he put it, he didn’t know “An Apollo from a Gemini from a Soyuz.” He quickly immersed himself in the space race that captivated the world during the Cold War.



Jim Remar, ba '95, is president and CEO of the Cosmosphere, the museum contracted by NASA to restore Mission Control consoles. *Photo by Jeff Tuttle*

“My passion for museums has really evolved,” he said. “Initially, it was the preservation of the artifacts for public appreciation and the ability of the museum to tell a story. It’s now more about the business of running a museum. While we’re a nonprofit, we’re run like a traditional business.”

Jerry Green, ba '73, jd '76, is a partner at Gilliland Green LLC law firm in Hutchinson who previously served on the Cosmosphere board of directors. He and Remar agree a museum cannot rely solely on attendance to flourish.

“It’s very difficult to fund a museum simply from people walking in the front door,” Green said. “Jim is striving to support the Cosmosphere in a whole host of ways, from SpaceWorks to educational programs. I think most people in Hutchinson have enormous community pride and almost a sense of ownership in the Cosmosphere.”

More than 1,100 kids from 35 states attended camps at the Cosmosphere this summer and many more come

for field trips. Brandy Lane, b ed '05, taught at Pauline South Intermediate School where they take students to the Cosmosphere every year. She was named a Kansas Master Teacher in 2017 and now teaches at Eisenhower Middle School in Goddard, Kansas.

“The Cosmosphere exposes our students to the idea that educational experiences can be fun and engaging,” she said. “They present the history and scientific principles behind space and space travel to students in an engaging and awe-inspiring way. That’s incredible teaching.”

Remar draws inspiration from experiences like those and the history surrounding him every day.

“The Cosmosphere is capable of world-class exhibits, restoration projects and education programs,” Remar said. “We’ve got a unique opportunity to be a part of the preservation of an incredible period of our country’s history, and it’s right here in Kansas.” 



Bonnie McKee Crume, bs '14, has gone from small-town Kansas to college at Washburn, medical school in Kansas City and now residency in Boston. She's excelled at each step in spite of challenges associated with hearing loss. *Photo by Caitlin Cunningham Photography*

Tuning it Out

Success comes at every step to alumna with hearing loss

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She was two years into medical school. He just graduated from Washburn University. She wanted her former advisor and biology professor, John Mullican, to officiate their upcoming wedding, and she had the perfect plan to ask him.

"I walk into the graduation party and both families are there," Mullican said. "Basically, it was like a setup. She asked me what I'm doing over New Year's. She said, 'We're getting married and would like you to officiate the wedding.'"

He couldn't say no. The future bride – today Dr. Bonnie McKee Crume, bs '14 – was one of his most decorated students before she went to the University of Kansas School of Medicine where she was – once again – one of the most decorated students.

She was a Sibberson Award recipient, Washburn's highest academic honor. She was Homecoming queen. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and numerous academic societies. She volunteered often, presented research at conferences and received numerous scholarships.

"Washburn was more than academic training," McKee Crume said. "I learned about myself and gained a family."

Tackling Obstacles

What often goes unnoticed and unmentioned about McKee Crume is that she was born with bilateral severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss. She communicates through her speech and by reading lips. With an assistive device, she can make out some sound.

“It’s not something she says up front to people,” said her husband, Alex Crume, b ed ’16. “She doesn’t want to use it as an excuse or even draw attention to it.”

She’s faced obstacles at every step since growing up in Abilene, Kansas. Coming to Washburn, it was leaving her family and learning in a new environment. KU presented challenges communicating in operating rooms when masks covered everyone’s lips. For residency, she was ready for something easier, and she considered passing up the top-rated children’s hospital.

Finding her Passion

Early interactions gave McKee Crume confidence to get involved when she first arrived at Washburn.

“I didn’t lift a finger on Move-In Day,” she said. “I went to sign in, and a few minutes later, my stuff was in my room. You’re surrounded by very positive, uplifting people, and it wasn’t an intimidating environment. I was very grateful for that transition.”

A simple conversation with her professors made communicating in class easy.

“I would write on the board and then turn around and talk so she could see me,” Mullican said. “She would, ‘ahem,’ clear her throat and get my attention if I was talking to the board.”

McKee Crume always loved biology and chemistry and knew she wanted to work in those fields.

“When I met Dr. Mullican, he led me to a pre-med pathway,” she said. “Looking at the classes you would take, I was excited about it. It jump-started my passion. My passion grows each day. Everything I love about science can come to life in medicine.

“Dr. Mullican was more than my professor. He was my mentor and I looked up to him and considered him my father away from home.”

Leaving her Comfort Zone

After graduating from KU this spring with a 4.0 grade-point average, residency was next. A KU advisor insisted she apply at Boston Children’s Hospital, the top-rated children’s hospital in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report. She got an interview and was accepted, but she feared starting over at a new place.

“Being hearing impaired, there have been a lot of barriers to overcome, and I was ready to have it a

little easier in residency,” McKee Crume said. “People at Boston were encouraging me to step outside my boundary even further.”

And it was the perfect place for someone wanting to practice pediatric medicine.

“In pediatrics, I spent a lot of my time educating parents, and I want education to be a main part of my pathway,” she said. “And, of course, it doesn’t hurt that I love kids.”

Thanks to her husband, she chose Boston, and they moved there this summer. He got a job teaching math at a charter school.

“I told her, when you get an opportunity to go to the top place, arguably, in the world for pediatrics, you can’t pass that up no matter how uncomfortable the situation,” Crume said.



Bonnie McKee Crume and her husband, Alex Crume, b ed ’16, moved to Boston this summer for Bonnie’s residency. Alex is teaching math at a charter school. *Photo by Caitlin Cunningham Photography*

“I noticed how much I had grown in the past four years,” McKee Crume said. “I know if I continue to step outside my comfort zone, so many more opportunities will be out there for me.”

Mullican believes her choice will pay off.

“She can do whatever she wants now,” he said. “She can teach at Harvard. She can come back to Abilene and practice. She can write her own ticket.” 🦋

All Due Respect

Alumnus balances budgets and opinions with confidence

By Annie Flachsbarth

Being respectful of one another — even when you disagree — is so important to Myron Frans, bs '72, that one might even say it's been the cornerstone of his career.

As the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget and right-hand man to Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton for the past eight years, Frans has had his work cut out for him. Building and maintaining relationships has been a crucial part of the job, and showing respect for others in all he does has helped Frans accomplish some big things for the state of Minnesota. One of his most challenging accomplishments? Bringing the state of Minnesota back from a crippling \$6 billion deficit to a balanced budget and triple-A credit rating.



Myron Frans. Photo submitted

The budget didn't balance itself overnight. Frans spent significant time negotiating better budget and policy deals for the state. He also spoke directly with the residents of Minnesota to learn what was important to them while explaining the position of the administration.

"I wanted to make sure that people know that while I'm there to represent the governor, I'm also there to respect

their opinions even though we may differ," Frans said. "I think if you're able to engage with people, develop relationships and maintain respect, it allows you to reach across political divisions to reach a compromise. In the end, we have to do what's right for our state."

To get support and funding for the governor's agenda — good and affordable education, reliable health care and clean water, to name a few — Frans had to get the public on board with changes to existing tax structures.

"One of the things I learned by traveling around the state is that people didn't object to paying taxes, they just wanted to make sure that they were getting value for their dollar," Frans said.

The result of his efforts led to a balanced state budget with a bonus annual surplus.

"When I started in 2011, we had virtually no reserve, and now we have over \$2 billion in our rainy-day fund," Frans said. "It's a lot more enjoyable to be running state government when you have a surplus as opposed to a deficit."

A Foundation of Respect

Frans grew up in Marion, Kansas, and chose to attend Washburn University because of his interest in criminology. He was one of the first students from Washburn's criminology program, and Professor Ted Heim saw potential in him early on.

"He was bright and very conscientious," Heim said. "We received a federal grant to do criminal justice planning training, so we hired him on as an assistant to help with that. He was the kind of student we liked to have at Washburn."

Frans went on to obtain a master of criminology at Sam Houston State University and later attended law school at the University of Kansas. He was an associate at Miller & Chevalier in Washington D.C.,



Myron Frans, bs '72, right, is commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget where he's worked with the governor to balance the state budget and create a surplus. *Photo submitted*

before moving to Minnesota to join the firm Gray Plat Mooty and then Faegre & Benson LLP. He was president of Leeds Forensic Systems, a microscope manufacturing and distributing company based out of Minneapolis. He then served as the Minnesota Department of Revenue commissioner before Dayton appointed him to his current position in 2015.

Frans credits Washburn for his keen negotiation skills.

“What I learned at Washburn and in the criminal justice program was respect for people,” he said. “If you truly respect everyone you meet and deal from a respectful place, people will respond to you in a positive way.”

The Keys to Success

Frans' journey has been an interesting one full of variety, and he notes the more you understand about the area you're working in, the better you'll be able to adapt to something new. He gives this advice to undergrads or those starting out early in their career: Whatever you do, dive in and do it fully.

“The key is knowing how to become fully engaged and knowledgeable about a particular area. The more

you own and understand the area that you're working in, the better you'll be able to adapt to something new,” Frans said. “Once you've developed confidence, you can apply that to literally anything.”

Heim, who's kept in contact with Frans over the years, said confidence was just part of Frans' success.

“He's energetic and dependable. It's obvious he cares about people, and it doesn't surprise me that he found his way back to public service,” Heim said. “You hope everyone you teach succeeds, but I knew he would do well.”

In the Balance

With the administration coming to a close at the end of the year, the jury is still out on what Frans' next venture will be. He and his wife, Susan Segal, city attorney for the city of Minneapolis, live in Minneapolis and have two sons, Nathan and Isaac.

“Being revenue and MMB commissioner took a lot of things off my bucket list, but I'm not ready to retire yet,” Frans said. “I'm still looking for my next challenge.” 🏃



Trey Cocking, bs '02, is deputy director of the League of Kansas Municipalities. He went to Thailand this spring to compare their forms of government to ones used in the United States. Cocking was previously city manager of Atchison, Kansas, for eight years. *Photo by Doug Stremel*

Civic Pride

Cocking sees drive for improved communities wherever he travels

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wualumni.org

From cafes known for their cookies or blueberry pie to downtown revitalization or art, Trey Cocking enjoys when people show off their community.

“Anytime people have a passion for what they’re doing in their city, you know that city’s going to be successful,” he said. “I get that quite a bit as I go across Kansas.”

Cocking, bs '02, is the deputy director of the League of Kansas Municipalities where he advocates on behalf of more than 500 Kansas communities. He grew up

in Derby, Kansas, came to Washburn for a criminal justice degree then earned a master of public service administration from Texas A&M University. He was city manager of Atchison, Kansas, for eight years before starting his current position in August 2017.

“I represent our member cities in the capitol and advocate on their behalf,” Cocking said. He spends much of his time in the Kansas Statehouse when the legislature is in session. “We strongly believe the best decisions are made at the local level.”

As a student, Cocking was involved with the Kappa Sigma fraternity and Washburn Student Government Association. He met his wife, Jennifer (Fenton) Cocking, ba '04, jd '12, at Washburn, and also built many of his professional relationships at Washburn.

“Washburn opened doors that still help in my career,” he said. “College was 25 percent what I got in the classroom and 75 percent being an adult and creating relationships with each other.”

Carol Vogel, ba '67, director of equal opportunity until she retired in 2013, worked with several student organizations while Cocking was a student.

“If they wanted to find an enthusiastic leader, they picked Trey,” she said. “He was easy to get along with, even with those with whom he disagreed.”

Cocking remembered Vogel’s words during his commencement.

“She told me, ‘Your diploma may say you graduated in criminal justice, but you really majored in extracurricular activities.’”

This May, the American Council of Young Political Leaders chose Cocking to go to Thailand to compare their forms of government. He met with numerous officials and presented on professional management in government. Thailand underwent a military coup in 2014 and has not yet held elections for new leaders. He was there during the four-year anniversary of the coup.

“It made me appreciate our freedom of speech and our form of government,” he said. “It gave me a true appreciation for what we have in this country because they don’t have it yet.”

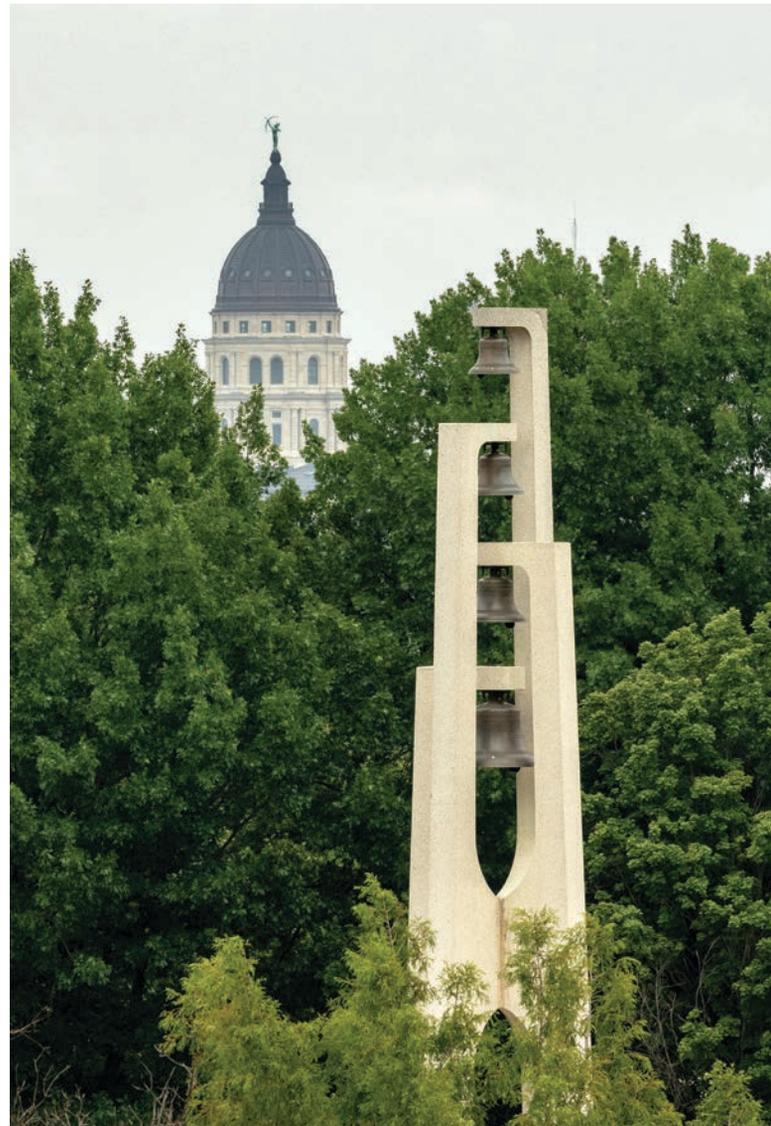
“Washburn opened doors that still help in my career. College was 25 percent what I got in the classroom and 75 percent being an adult and creating relationships with each other.” - Trey Cocking

With a background in professional management of cities, he is familiar with the steps the United States took to get control into local hands.

“We went through 150 years of revision in this country before we got to professional government in the early 1900s,” he said. “They don’t even truly have democracy yet in Thailand. They need to discover what democracy is before you even try to go in and all the sudden have professional management.”

One day, after a long slate of meetings, he was speaking with some locals at a bar about their lives and families. He realized things weren’t very different halfway around the world.

“We’re sitting here drinking German beer and listening to American jazz music in the middle of rural Thailand,” he said. “I don’t care if it’s Thailand where they have a military dictatorship or the United States, we’re really not that different. We all have our hopes and dreams, and we want the best out of this world.” 



Alumni Board

One alumnus joined the Washburn University Alumni Association Board of Directors effective November 2017, filling another board member's unexpired term.

Patrick Vogelsberg, ba '06, jd '09 | Topeka, Kansas



Patrick Vogelsberg earned his bachelor of arts in history from Washburn University in 2006 with summa cum laude distinction and his juris doctor in 2009. Vogelsberg is the Kansas Association of REALTORS vice president of

governmental affairs, serving as KAR's state lobbyist.

In addition to government affairs, Vogelsberg serves as in-house counsel for the association and manages the REALTORS Political Action Committee. He also helps manage JMP Farms, LLC, his family farm and ranch. Vogelsberg is licensed to practice law in Kansas and the U.S. District Court of Kansas. He is a member of the Kansas Bar Association and Kansas Society of Association Executives. 



New Trustees

Five new members of the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation Board of Trustees began their term on Aug. 1, 2018. The board is the governing body responsible for implementing the strategic mission of Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and developing and investing private support for Washburn University.

Ginger Breedlove, bsn '78 | Shawnee, Kansas



Ginger Breedlove earned a bachelor of science in nursing from Washburn in 1978, a master of science in nursing from Case Western Reserve in 1995 and a doctor of nursing from the University of Missouri in Kansas City in 2001. While at

Washburn, she co-founded and served as president of the Student Nurses Association. Breedlove, a certified nurse-midwife of 38 years, now works as founder and principal consultant of Grow Midwives, a consulting firm launched in November 2017. Grow Midwives' mission is to build relationships and educate physicians, hospitals and midwives about best practice in collaborative team-based

models of care. Breedlove is the immediate past president of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Her work has spanned birth center founder, hospital practice and professor of midwifery for 17 years. Breedlove serves on the March of Dimes Foundation National Nurse Advisory Council and the International Confederation of Midwives Council. She is a sought after speaker at regional and national conferences, has written numerous publications and co-authored the award-winning book, "The Community Based Doula: Supporting families before, during and after birth." Breedlove is also the founder and president of March for Moms Association, a non-profit collaborative spearheading public awareness and advocacy for improving health of mothers and babies in the United States.

Michael Elpers, bba '80 | Derby, Kansas



Michael Elpers earned his bachelor of business administration from Washburn University in 1980. He was a founding member and the first president of the Washburn Accounting Society, a predecessor to

Beta Alpha Psi. Elpers is an assurance partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers with 38 years of experience specializing in utilities and independent power producers. As a full-time specialist, he has been involved with audit engagements for domestic and international utility and power companies for virtually his entire career. He has also led numerous utility and

power consulting engagements involving mergers and acquisitions, valuations, efficiency studies, litigation support, restructurings and bankruptcies. Elpers started his public accounting career in the Kansas City office, and transfers to serve clients took him to Minneapolis, Boston, New York City and Detroit. Clients he served include Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporation, Aquila, Xcel Energy, National Grid, Consolidated Edison and DTE Energy. He is currently working out of PwC's national office Inspections Group, which is charged with reviewing the quality of audits performed by the firm's audit partners throughout the United States. Elpers is a certified public accountant in numerous states and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

John Frieden, jd '67 | Topeka, Kansas



John Frieden received a bachelor of arts from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in 1964. He earned his juris doctor from Washburn University School of Law in 1967. While at Washburn, he was on the board of editors of the Washburn Law

Journal 1966-67 and a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Frieden has served as lead counsel in multiple class actions involving complex legal claims. He has represented the State of Kansas in nationwide antitrust litigation and members of the Kansas Senate Republican leadership in the most recent federal litigation, which changed the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts in Kansas. His diverse practice has also included representation of clients on a variety of complex commercial

matters and issues related to business development, acquisitions, government contracts, regulation, gaming, insurance, labor, real estate, and oil and gas. Frieden served as lead counsel in class action litigation that resulted in a United States Supreme Court decision invalidating the discriminatory Kansas income tax on military retirement benefits paid to retired veterans living in Kansas. Following this precedent-setting victory, Frieden worked with the Kansas Legislature to resolve this litigation, resulting in the largest legislative settlement in the history of Kansas. Frieden was selected as a Super Lawyer in the States of Missouri and Kansas for commercial litigation and chosen as one of the Best Lawyers in America. Martindale Hubbell, an organization that provides peer review ratings for lawyers throughout the United States, gave him the highest rating for legal ability and ethical standards.

David Roberts, bba '74 | Overland Park, Kansas



David Roberts graduated from Washburn in 1974 with a bachelor of business administration. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and participated in student government. He was Washburn's first student director of the

university intramural program. Roberts is president of Power Sales and Advertising, a national fulfillment

distributor to the premium and incentive industry located in Lenexa, Kansas. The company started as Don Roberts and Associates, and David Roberts served as president until 1992 when he formed the current business. He was named a Washburn Fellow in 2015 by the School of Business, where in recent years he has been active in various entrepreneurship programs. Roberts has coached youth baseball and basketball teams and has been a board member of Blue Valley Senior Baseball and Blue Valley Northwest High School booster clubs.

Carrie Saia, bsn '88 | Delia, Kansas



Carrie Saia earned her bachelor of science in nursing from Washburn University in 1988 and a master of science in management from Baker University in 2003. She is currently the CEO of Holton Community Hospital. Holton

Community Hospital is a critical access hospital with three rural health clinics in Northeast Kansas, that provides a wide variety of services to meet community needs including inpatient, emergency, physical and

cardiovascular therapies, surgical, home health and hospice. Prior to her role as CEO, Saia was employed in a variety of nursing and administrative roles within St. Francis Health in Topeka. Saia currently serves as a board member of the Kansas Hospital Association, a past board member of the United Way of Greater Topeka and a past president of Kansas Organization of Nurse Leaders. In 2014, she was named a Washburn University Alumni Fellow by the School of Nursing and a fellow of American College of Healthcare Executives. 





Softball and volleyball player Alyssa Carney, ba '18, left, baseball player Darian Abram, center, and basketball player Brady Skeens, bba '18, earned Academic All-America last year after balancing academics and sports. Darian will graduate this December and all three have their eyes set on careers. *Photo by Doug Stremel*

Balancing Act

Three Ichabods, four sports and six Academic All-America awards

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wualumni.org

The college baseball season goes right up to the final week of classes at Washburn, and it takes dedication and determination for student-athletes to excel in the classroom and on the field all season.

Darian Abram, a senior kinesiology major, had to balance his books and baseball during the final weekend series his junior year with a lab final coming up in human anatomy.

“I didn’t get to study as much as I wanted, but I went over everything a little bit from the hotel,” he said. “I never had a C before, and I thought I was definitely getting a C in that class, but I was able to get a good grade on that last test and pull out a B.”

He kept up his high standards and finished his baseball career by being named Google Cloud Academic All-America – one of three Ichabod student-athletes to earn the award this past year. With a 3.93

cumulative grade-point average, he has one more semester left before graduating.

“It’s nice that my academics are recognized with my athletic abilities,” he said. “It’s something I work hard at. The way I approach baseball was the same way I prepare for the classroom. Study and make sure you know the material so you can do well on the test. In baseball, making sure my swing was good every day before practice. Juggling the two was challenging, but manage your time well, and I think anyone can do it.”

Men’s basketball player Brady Skeens earned Academic All-America for the second straight year, and softball player Alyssa Carney earned it after previously getting it twice as a volleyball player.

“It’s a great accomplishment on their part and a great reflection back on the University and the athletic department,” said Loren Ferré, director, Washburn Athletics. “I couldn’t be more proud of them. It’s what we wish for all our student-athletes – to excel in the classroom and excel in their sports.”

Carney, ba ’18, certificate ’18, considers the academic honor among her highest collegiate accomplishments.

“It shows my personal values, and to be able to achieve the highest standard on an academic and athletic level really meant a lot to me,” said Carney, who was also an All-American on the court as a volleyball senior. “I hold all of my awards very highly, but the academic one is a little closer to my heart.”

Carney graduated this summer with a 4.00 GPA in exercise physiology and a certificate from Washburn Institute of Technology as an emergency medical technician. She plans to work as an EMT then attend school as a physician’s assistant. Abram wants to attend physical therapy school. Skeens, bba ’18, was featured in the spring edition of *The Ichabod* and has since also won the Ken B. Jones Award, the highest honor in the MIAA. He graduated in the spring and is earning a master of business administration at Washburn.

Washburn has had 32 student-athletes earn Academic All-America as an NCAA school. This past year, more than half of the student-athletes earned MIAA

Academic Honor Roll for having at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA.

“Washburn can be challenging academically, and for our student-athletes, it should be,” Ferré said. “It prepares them for their careers. For 60 percent of them to be on the MIAA Academic Honor Roll this spring shows the commitment from the student-athletes and the coaches.”

Most student-athletes are able to overcome the missed class time that comes with playing college athletics. Absences can quickly add up, especially when a team makes the postseason.

“The biggest thing my coaches stressed was while athletics can teach you many lessons in life, you’re not always going to be playing the sport. What really matters – and what you’re here to do at Washburn – is to get your education.” - Alyssa Carney

“There’s no question one of the challenges we have is missed class time,” Ferré said. “The faculty is very understanding and works with the student-athletes as long as they put forth the effort.”

Administrators and coaches always make sure academics come first.

“The faculty was extremely understanding and helpful,” Carney said. “I’d go in for extra help or to discuss things like due dates. The biggest thing my coaches stressed was while athletics can teach you many lessons in life, you’re not always going to be playing the sport. What really matters – and what you’re here to do at Washburn – is to get your education.” 

New Zeal for Life

Buchman transplants herself into overseas coaching role

By Chris Marshall

Not long ago, Casyn Buchman, ba '15, had her share of concerns. Her oldest sister, Chancey Buchman, needed both of her lungs replaced, and Casyn needed to find a job.

Both dilemmas were resolved by perfectly timed transplants that left the former Washburn two-sport star with fewer worries than ever.

Most importantly, a successful surgery in April 2016 gave Chancey, aa '06, bhs '06, a second chance at

life in her battle with cystic fibrosis. Then, Casyn stumbled upon an unread Facebook message from tennis coach Chris Canady asking if she wanted to join his staff at Missouri Western State University.

Fresh off four years as a tennis and basketball standout for the Ichabods, and with her parents in North Carolina to help Chancey, the McPherson, Kansas, native was open to moving into unfamiliar territory.

"I replied right away, asking if he was still looking for an assistant," Casyn said. "He was, but the job would require more of a relocation."

Between the time the first message was sent and received, Canady left Missouri Western for Sparta Tennis Academy in Auckland, New Zealand. Buchman made a decision befitting her destination: She threw caution to the wind and joined Canady at Sparta Tennis Academy.

The international move didn't require many of the typical adjustments — the Kiwis speak English, and Buchman's commute to Sparta is a literal walk in the park, which eliminated the need to own a car or learn to drive on the left side of the road. Instead, the biggest transition came with her mindset.

"They're so laid back," she said. "I love it because their attitude about everything is, 'It'll be all right.'"

The relaxed environment suits Buchman well. Sparta's website says its newest instructor, "has the most positive mindset of the coaching team." While most of New Zealand is known for its laid-back vibe, that's not always the case for the children Buchman coaches.

Many of the younger players are part of the Academy program, which develops those who take the game more seriously. Buchman's kinesiology degree, particularly the sports science and physiology



Casyn Buchman, ba '15, coaches tennis in New Zealand. She played No. 1 singles and doubles her final two years at Washburn and had a 24-5 record in doubles, second best in school history. *Photo by Gene Cassell*



Casyn Buchman scored 989 points during her Washburn basketball career. *Photo by Gene Cassell*

coursework, help her connect with all of Sparta's athletes, regardless of their capabilities.

"I like to say I coach all ages, from 4 to 84," Buchman said. "I'm able to work with a variety of skill levels and competitiveness and get through to them based on their individual mindset."

Buchman knows firsthand what it takes to succeed on the court. She was Washburn's No. 1 singles and doubles player in her junior and senior years, with a 54-29 career singles record. Her 24-5 doubles record is second best in school history.

She also made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll and scholar athlete teams all four years, winning the MIAA sportsmanship award as a junior.

But if she was asked at Washburn which sport she would pursue as a career, tennis wouldn't have been her first guess.

On the basketball court, she finished with 989 career points (23rd in school history), 113 3-pointers made (ninth) and 277 assists (15th).

"Washburn brought me some of the greatest people and opportunities I could have ever imagined." - Casyn Buchman

"I know basketball was her favorite," said basketball teammate Ally Nikkel, bba '15. "But she was really good at tennis, and she's such a people person, so she'd be really good at being able to teach people the game."

Buchman lived all four years with Nikkel and fellow basketball starter Brittney Lynch, bba '15. Both of her former roommates stayed in Topeka after college and work together at Advisors Excel. Buchman went to the other extreme.

"She's always been one who wants to try new things," Nikkel said. "So, I wasn't surprised she left Kansas. But I wasn't expecting her to go that far away."

Keeping in touch with others has been tougher with the 17-hour time difference and the cost of calls overseas.

"Washburn brought me some of the greatest people and opportunities I could have ever imagined," Buchman said. "What I miss most are my teammates. I hope each one of them knows how much I miss seeing them on a daily basis."

Despite living in an island nation on the other side of the globe, Buchman maintains close contact with her family. She was on the line in July for her other sister, Cheyna's, gender reveal party. She also frequently talks to her parents, Cheryl and Rodney, and Chancey, who has fully recovered.

"I don't get to speak to them as often as I'd like," Buchman said, "whether it's because I'm working odd hours or out adventuring, but they understand and have my back 1,000 percent. They know I'm living the dream." 🏀

Coaching is Teaching

From inner city to overseas military base, Smith teaches, coaches success

By Angela Lutz

As Dan Smith's former students will tell you, there are run-of-the-mill instructors, and then there's Coach Smith.

The Washburn alumnus teaches high school biology and coaches football on a U.S. military base in Ansbach, Germany, where he lives with his wife, Tricia Surniak, and their nine-month-old daughter, Odette. Smith, ba '99, has cultivated a reputation in his 10 years in Ansbach as a knowledgeable leader who pushes his students, both on and off the football field.

“Coaching is teaching – it’s just a different subject. A lot of times kids don’t know what they’re capable of. You have to find the buttons to push to help them achieve their potential. That’s what’s rewarding – when they say things like, ‘I didn’t think I’d be able to do this.’” - Dan Smith

“There are always teachers whose classes are more difficult, but the difference between those teachers and Coach Smith is while he did teach a harder class, he gave you all the tools you needed,” said Darian York, a former student of Smith’s who also played on

the football team. “He definitely taught the hardest classes, but not a lot of people did poorly even though it was difficult.”

Smith has turned teaching and coaching into a successful career, but 20 years ago he never could have predicted his current path – or the fact that a kid from Mulvane, Kansas, would spend weeks each year traveling to places like Paris, Croatia, Venice and Prague. Smith earned a biology degree from Washburn and worked as a medical device sales representative for several years before he met Surniak, who is also a teacher. That’s when he knew a career change was in order.

“I saw how much Tricia enjoyed her job,” Smith said. “She had a low level of stress, really enjoyed working with the kids and she had time off to travel. Teaching is a heck of a lot more rewarding – if not financially, at least on a day-to-day basis. You can come home and feel good about what you did.”

Smith got a job teaching biology at Deerfield Beach High School, an inner-city school in southeast Florida. His students faced numerous challenges: unstable housing, poverty, gang violence, drugs and food insecurity. Smith also coached football at Deerfield, and while a lot of his players were very talented, they often had trouble getting to practice consistently. Smith helped out as much as he could – in one case, he gave rides to a young Jason Pierre-Paul, who now plays in the NFL for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

“After practice I’d drive him over to Boston Market so he could help pay the bills,” Smith said of Pierre-Paul. “He’d get out of football practice at 6 p.m. and go work for three or four hours before he’d go home and go to bed and repeat it all the next day.”

In Ansbach, Smith's students face different sets of challenges – their parents may deploy on any given day, and kids move frequently, so everyone is good at making friends. But whether he's in Florida or Germany, Smith's positive attitude and dedication to his students remain constant.

"Coach Smith was the high-energy coach – always the one pushing us," York said. "At first I thought he was the 'mean' coach, but he turned out to be the motivator – the person who had the team get up and keep moving when everyone was down."

Smith's ability to keep his students and players interested and engaged plays a huge role in their success, whether they're getting an A in Advanced Placement Biology or winning two football championships in a row. Smith views coaching and teaching through the same lens, and in both cases his goal is the same: to get kids to push themselves and do more than they thought they could do.

"Coaching is teaching – it's just a different subject," Smith said. "A lot of times kids don't know what they're capable of. You have to find the buttons to push to help them achieve their potential. That's what's rewarding – when they say things like, 'I didn't

think I'd be able to do this,' whether it's running timed sprints or learning a bunch of information to take an exam."

Smith learned a lot about going the extra mile during his own days on the football field at Washburn, where he played as a defensive end and made friends he still keeps in touch with today.

"Coming from high school, you thought you were working hard, but then you get to college and find out you didn't understand anything about hard work yet," Smith said. "The coaches at Washburn helped you learn to push yourself to that next level. I benefited from that, and I try to call on that and pass it on."

Learning to take pride in his work has been an invaluable lesson for York, especially as he begins the next phase of his education at West Point this summer. He still keeps in touch with Smith and views him as a role model as he prepares to tackle whatever challenges lie ahead.

"Coach Smith reflects someone who you'd want to be – someone positive and successful," York said. "Everything he did – nothing was haphazard or done poorly. It was a genuine effort. He was probably the best teacher I've ever had." 🏈



Dan Smith, ba '99, teaches biology and coaches football to military-connected high school students in Germany. He's been a strong influence on these students, as well as the ones he taught and coached in inner-city Florida. *Photos submitted*

Washburn Tech receives grant from Dane G. Hansen Foundation

The opportunity for a technical education has become more convenient for high school students in six counties in Kansas.

Washburn University Institute of Technology has received a \$438,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation for creation of the Virtual Technical College Initiative. A two-year pilot program, VTCI will provide technical education via video conferencing, augmented reality and virtual reality technologies to high schools in Ellis, Logan, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa and Sherman counties.

“We are thrilled for the support of the Hansen Foundation for our Virtual Technical College Initiative,” said Clayton Tatro, associate dean for instruction, Washburn Tech. “With the help of the Hansen Foundation, we can expand and enhance technical education in our rural communities, serving students, industry and our communities.”

Upon implementation, Washburn Tech will direct academic resources to introduce curricula to high school juniors and seniors in technical programs of study beneficial to rural Kansas. Programs to be offered are data analytics, advanced systems technology, climate and energy control, computer networking, graphics technology, technical drafting auto CAD, basic electricity and health occupations.

One learning tool will be the Microsoft HoloLens, which is a mixed-reality headset that can transform how traditional education is delivered. The device allows students to interact with physical and holographic objects in real time. This technology allows an instructor to be virtually transported into the classroom. Students can look at holographic 3D models, move models around and create hands-on learning experiences.

Washburn Tech has already established connections with and plans to pilot the VTCI at Ellis High School, Oakley High School, Beloit High School, Lakeside High School at Downs, Minneapolis High School and Goodland High School. Washburn Tech will train personnel on site at each location to operate video conferencing technology allowing students to interact live with Washburn Tech instructors. The instructors coordinate live sessions with the schools, but sessions are also recorded for students who were unable to attend the class.

The over-arching objective of this initiative is to develop the next generation of technically-trained workers in northwest Kansas.

“We are very thankful for the important partnership and the shared vision on education in rural Kansas between the Hansen Foundation and Washburn University,” said Marshall Meek, president, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation. “Their continued generosity has impacted the future careers of many Washburn students and will undoubtedly lead to economic benefits for rural Kansas.”

Training through the VTCI will help students identify programs of study they may not have previously considered. These programs will show students they can apply these industry skills where they live instead of leaving the region for work.

“The Washburn Institute of Technology pilot is an innovative approach to technical education in our rural high schools,” said Gary Poore, president of the Hansen Foundation Board of Trustees. “If this pilot program is successful in encouraging students to pursue technical degrees and both filling and creating jobs in northwest Kansas, all our communities will benefit.” 

New Washburn University website focuses on potential students

Washburn University's website got a new look in time for the new school year. The website, www.washburn.edu, offers an updated user experience that focuses on both visuals and functionality.

"The website has a more modern look than the previous version," said Patrick Early, public relations director and co-chair of the website project. "We incorporated more pictures and color for a very visual, Washburn-branded site, while maintaining the functionality that's important to visitors."

The redesign features responsive pages for mobile and tablet users, new academic department pages and an interactive areas of study page to guide prospective students in choosing a major.

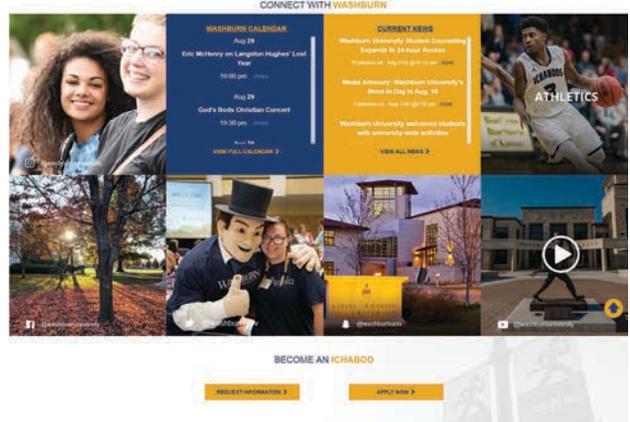
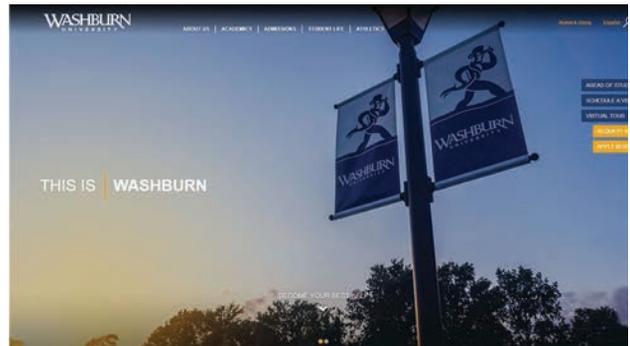
"Although people visit the website for many different reasons, we kept the focus on prospective students," Early said. "We want them to easily find information they need and to see what all Washburn has to offer them. We're particularly excited about the areas of study page because it's an interactive, visual way to see all of the degree offerings."

In addition to the aesthetic redesign, the project team focused on the user experience on mobile devices.

"There's been a huge increase in visitors browsing the site on mobile devices rather than desktop computers. The project team considered mobile visitors throughout the design process to ensure a smooth user experience," said Early.

The project team was co-chaired by Early and web administrator Chad Beatty and included more than 30 people representing various university departments.

"The final phase of the project was probably the most challenging because it required a large group of people across campus," said Beatty. "But when all was said and done, we met the challenge. I'm proud to see what our content managers are doing with the product that we worked so hard to build. It's really wonderful to see people excited about the new website." 



The homepage of the website showcases Washburn's programs and the Ichabod spirit. See it by visiting www.washburn.edu.

Class Notes

The Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation loves to receive your news and updated information, and your former classmates are interested in what you have accomplished. Submit your news and updates online at wualumni.org/alumninotes or to Ally Burr at aburr@wualumni.org by Dec. 5, 2018, to be included in the winter magazine.

1950s

Chuck Nelson, bba '56, Santa Monica, California, placed second in both singles and doubles in the 85's division at the National Senior Tennis Championships held in Laguna Woods, California. Nelson has also been selected to play for the United States Cup Team at the World's Senior Tennis Championships in Croatia this fall.

1960s

Robert "Bob" Armstrong, bs '67, and his wife, **Janet (Hillyer) Armstrong**, b ed '68, Colorado Springs, Colorado, celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 15 with a family trip to Cabo San Lucas in April and a BBQ luncheon at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center in June.

Col. Gary Eppler, ba '64, Melbourne, Florida, currently serves as the president of the Military Officer's Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter, which is the largest chapter of the organization in the country.

Gary Jordan, ba '65, jd '68, Ottawa, Kansas, has retired after 48 years practicing his specialty of workers compensation law from his Ottawa, Kansas, office. Jordan was honored with an AV rating for legal ability and ethical standards in the Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings and was listed

in Best Lawyers in America for more than 30 years for his work with injured workers. Gary and his wife, **Kathleen Anderson Jordan**, b ed '68, continue to reside in Ottawa and enjoy their four children and nine grandchildren who all live near them in northeast Kansas.

Bill Kurtis, jd '66, h '85, Chicago, Illinois, was inducted into the Kansas Business Hall of Fame in June.

Larry Peters, bfa '62, and his wife, **Barbara Waterman-Peters**, bfa '73, h '16, both of Topeka, Kansas, created art featured in the Hays Arts Center during the Summer Art Walk in Hays, Kansas.

John Taylor, ba '64, Huntington Beach, California, has retired from his career with the U.S. Department of Justice as an immigration judge.

1970s

Bob Casper, bs '79, Topeka, Kansas, has been called to pastor at North Lawrence Christian Church.

Roger Falk, ba '75, jd '78, Wichita, Kansas, has merged his solo practice with Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC.

Gerald Lauber, bba '74, Topeka, Kansas, recently retired as president of Kaw Valley Bank, a position he held since 1982.

Linda (Usher) Mott, b ed '73, Greenville, Texas, is now a clinical instructor at Texas A&M – Commerce.

Kris Rinne, ba '76, Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected to the board of directors of Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.

Terri (Rosselot) Roberts, bsn '79, jd '82, Topeka, Kansas, was awarded the Helen L. Erickson Award for Outstanding Service by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation at the 38th annual American Holistic Nurses Association Conference in Niagara Falls, New York, in June.

Gunnar Sundby, bba '75, jd '78, Atchison, Kansas, has retired as a judge in the 1st Judicial District of Kansas but will continue serving as a senior judge for the judicial branch.

Roger Tarbutton, jd '78, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, authored an article entitled "Evolution, Intelligent Design and the Establishment Clause" published in the fall 2017 edition of the Rutgers University Journal of Law and Religion.

1980s

Barbara Barnard, bba '88, mba '93, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Randall Dawson, bba '82, Cibolo, Texas, was named vice president for academic success at Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College.

David Hanzlick, ba '82, ba '84, Overland Park, Kansas, recently published *Benevolence, Moral Reform, Equality: Women's*

Activism in Kansas City, 1870 to 1940. He is currently the director of program and development for Sheffield Place, a treatment and transitional living program for homeless mothers and children. He also serves as an adjunct faculty member at Rockhurst University and the Hauptmann School of Public Affairs at Park University.

Janel (Richardson) Johnson, ba '89, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Scott McCully, bs '88, Charlotte, North Carolina, was named chief operations officer for Guliford County Schools, a district of 73,000 students in the Triad of North Carolina and the third largest district in the state. McCully has also served in leadership positions at Topeka Public Schools and Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Eileen (Cain) McGivern, bsn '87, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Beryl New, ba '88, m ed '02, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

John Pulliam, ba '85, Riverton, Illinois, was named a 2018 Illinois Hagggar Hall of Fame Dad from the Hagggar Clothing Co.

Mark Stephenson, ba '88, Topeka, Kansas, recently became the NAEP state coordinator at the Kansas Department of Education.

Richard Vaughn, bba '87, Overland Park, Kansas, has been named by CRN® to its prestigious list of 2018 Channel Chiefs, a list of top leaders in the IT channel who excel at driving growth and revenue in their organization. He is director of channel sales at SecurityFirst.

1990s

David Ashcraft, ba '93, bba '93, Darien, Connecticut, has joined J.F. Lehman & Company as managing director of portfolio operations in the organization's New York office.

Kim Brink, bsn '97, Tecumseh, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Megan (Heyka) DiGiovanni, ba '98, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Michael "Mike" Emmert, ba '91, Topeka, Kansas, recently joined New York Life as an agent.

Matthew Hustead, ba '98, Aurora, Colorado, retired from the U.S. Army in March 2015 after 24 years of service.

Kent Lammers, bba '97, Berryton, Kansas, is now the president and CEO of Polo Custom Products. Over the last 34 years, Lammers led Wood Valley Racquet Club as president and CEO.

Mary (LeVaul) Oppenhuis, ba '94, St. Johns, Arizona, is a business continuity planning consultant with Allstate Insurance Company. She has been with Allstate for 20 years.

Shane Spangler, ba '97, b music '97, Fairview, Kansas, recently released his third CD, "Stomping Ground." Spangler is a pastor at Bethany and Fairview United Churches of Christ.

Susan Tucker, jd '92, Worth, Missouri, has been appointed to the board of directors of The Northwest Foundation, which serves as the non-profit fundraising and advancement arm of Northwest Missouri State University.

2000s

Evin Beck, ba '06, Auburn, Alabama, has been named associate athletic director for external relations at Auburn University.

Dennis Bohm, bba '04, Cary, North Carolina, is now a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and a Certified Kingdom Advisor®. Bohm has been a wealth manager with Steward Wealth Strategies for five years.

Calvin Coker, ba '12, Louisville, Kentucky, received his doctor of philosophy degree in communication from the University of Missouri in May 2018.

Brooke (West) Connell, ba '04, Lenexa, Kansas, and her husband, **Kipp**, ba '04, bba '04, welcomed their son, West, in October 2017. Brooke also began a new position as director of marketing with Saint Luke's Health System in April 2018.

Darian Dernovich, jd '02, Topeka, Kansas, was recently named a Shawnee County district judge.

Joshua Diggs, bba '03, Overland Park, Kansas, has joined Avfuel Corporation as district manager on the sales team.

Dedra Duran, bba '02, mba '07, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Molly (Zeckser) Howey, ba '08, Silver Lake, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Brandy Lane, b ed '05, Wichita, Kansas, is now teaching at Eisenhower Middle School in the Goddard school district. She was named a 2017 Kansas Master Teacher.

Troy Larson, jd '09, Shawnee, Kansas, was nominated and approved for the position of Kansas Department of Labor administrative law judge, Workers Compensation Division in Lenexa.

Sheila Locke, bba '07, Topeka, Kansas, is celebrating 10 years as owner and accountant at ATS Accounting and Tax Service.

Sunee Mickle, jd '06, Lawrence, Kansas, has been promoted to vice president of government and community relations at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

Erica Overshiner, msw '04, Alexandria, Minnesota, has been promoted to regional program supervisor at the Village Family Service Center.

Scott Raymond, jd '02, Topeka, Kansas, was promoted to vice president of legal services and general counsel at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

Dedra Raines, m ed '02, Topeka, Kansas, was honored at the 30th annual YWCA Leadership Luncheon.

Sherry Rentfro, bba '01, Topeka, Kansas, was named chief fiscal officer at the Kansas Department of Commerce. Rentfro joined the Department of Commerce in 2014 as a fiscal analyst.

Jason Sharp, mcj '07, Parsons, Kansas, is now dean of instruction at Labette Community College.

2010s

Brian Bina, jd '11, McPherson, Kansas, was elected to the

board of directors of the Kansas School Attorneys Association in May.

Evan Bolt, ba '16, Chanute, Kansas, graduated from Wichita State University with a master of public administration and will begin a position with Gunnison County in Colorado.

Alex Crume, b ed '16, Boston, Massachusetts, and his wife **Bonnie McKee Crume**, bs '14, have moved to Boston, where Alex is a math teacher at Roxbury Prep Charter School and Bonnie is working on her residency at Boston Children's Hospital.

Keith Edwards, jd '15, Wichita, Kansas, has joined the criminal division of Joseph, Hollander & Craft LLC based in Wichita.

Rory Stewart, ba '17, Engelwood, Colorado, will take part in the Denver University sport performance internship this fall.

David Glynn, ba '12, Sabetha, Kansas, was named principal at Sabetha High School in Unified School District 113.

Nathaniel Higdon, ba '18, Overland Park, Kansas, is continuing education at Fort Hays State University by beginning the masters of biology program.

Desmond Henry, bas '12, Topeka, Kansas, is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and founder of Afflora Financial Life Planning in Topeka. InvestmentNews recently announced he was a 40 Under 40 advisor.

Brittany (Rhoades) Kelley, ba '15, Topeka, Kansas, has joined Stevenson Company, Inc. as the marketing director.

Ashley Lockhart, bsw '18, Topeka, Kansas, is currently working as a case manager at KVC and on her master's degree.

Olivia Marshall, ba '15, Golden, Colorado, recently began a position with AVI Roofing Inc. in the commercial division of marketing and business development.

Stephen Moll, bs '14, Salina, Kansas, has graduated from medical school from the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Kansas City and is entering his first year of residency at the University

of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Smoky Hill in Salina.

Cale Paquette, b music '18, Ottawa, Kansas, is now attending the University of Northern Colorado in the master of music in saxophone performance program.

Danielle (Steffey) Perkins, bs '15, Denton, Texas, married Adam Perkins in April 2018.

Riley Price, b ed '15, Berryton, Kansas, was named an assistant baseball coach at Minot State University in Minot, North Dakota.

Sarah Robbins, bas '16, Circleville, Kansas, is an assistant teacher at NEK-CAP, INC.

Emily Scott, ba '11, Topeka, Kansas, moved back to Topeka and purchased a home in June 2018. Scott will begin a position

as an ESL teacher with USD 501 in Jardine Middle School for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Logan Stutz, bis '13, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, was named the first head coach and general manager of the Sudbury Five, the 11th franchise in the National Basketball League of Canada.

Brady Skeens, bba '18, Lenexa, Kansas, was named the winner of the MIAA's Ken B. Jones Award. 



In Memory

1930s

Willette (Price) Hill, ba '39, 101, Aurora, Colorado, on Feb. 8, 2018

Mary (Brown) Smith, ba '39, 101, Portland, Oregon, on Jan. 21, 2018

1940s

Beverly Merl Brown, ba '47, 93, Ocean Ridge, Florida, on Oct. 25, 2017

Robert Crook, ba '47, 95, Wichita, Kansas, on Dec. 26, 2017

Clifton "Bruce" Frederick, ba '49, 94, Leawood, Kansas, on June 11, 2018

Betty (Taylor) Geiser, b music '48, 91, Topeka, Kansas, on July 7, 2018

Wayne Howbert, ba '48, 98, Topeka, Kansas, on July 8, 2018

Helen (Burkhardt) Jensen, ba '42, m ed '70, 97, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 21, 2017

Madeleine Martinson, ba '47, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 2, 2018

Albert Sellen, ba '49, 93, Sioux City, Iowa, on July 12, 2018

Sarah (Eidson) Walton, ba '48, 91, Topeka, Kansas on Oct. 18, 2017

1950s

George "Bob" Anderson, ba '50, 92, Oskaloosa, Kansas, on May 26, 2018

William Blass, bba '59, 85, Lexington, Missouri, on March 19, 2018

Clyde Boydston, ba '52, 91, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 26, 2018

John Burgardt, ba '59, 86, Topeka, Kansas, on June 29, 2018

Shirley (Brown) Collins, ba '54, 87, Topeka, Kansas, on July 11, 2018

Joseph Hachey, bba '56, jd '58, 90, Franklin, Virginia, on March 14, 2018

Marilyn (McQueen) Hawley, ba '55, 85, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 28, 2018

Richard Kinder, ba '54, 86, Topeka, Kansas on Dec. 8, 2017

Thomas Loftus, jd '80, 66, Bakersfield, California, on Oct. 29, 2017

Emil Lutz, Jr., bba '58, 85, Topeka, Kansas, on June 20, 2018

Wendel McKeever, bba '55, 84, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, on Dec. 13, 2017

Joseph Melly, bba '54, 86, Fort Worth, Texas, on June 6, 2018

Donald Nelson, ba '56, 88, Mission Hills, Kansas, on July 3, 2018

Maurice "Buck" O'Keefe, jd '53, 89, Atchison, Kansas, on May 6, 2018

Charles Schwab, jd '51, 93, Seneca, South Carolina, on April 6, 2018.

Ramona (Funk) Smith, jd '55, 88, Denver, Colorado, on July 25, 2018

Jack Steinle, jd '56, 89, Mount Vernon, Missouri, on Dec. 24, 2017

Harris Stubbings, bba '50, 89, Topeka, Kansas, on July 15, 2018

Larry Waters, bba '59, 83, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 3, 2018

1960s

Joan (Griffith) Boles, b ed '64, 75, Topeka, Kansas, on June 25, 2018

Craig Campbell, ba '63, 88, Pueblo West, Colorado, on April 11, 2018

Craig Carlson, b ed '61, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 1, 2018

James Cobler, bba '62, 78, Topeka, Kansas, on April 30, 2018

Elizabeth (Ernst) Collinge, ba '66, 75, Edina, Missouri, on Aug. 15, 2018

Charles Craven, bba '62, Tucson, Arizona

Edward "Don" Foster, jd '65, 77, Walkersville, Maryland, on Jan. 22, 2018

Richard Gilkison, ba '68, 73, Effingham, Kansas, on April 2, 2018

Lt. Col. Mac Gough, ba '68, 71, New Braunfels, Texas, on Dec. 5, 2017

Ronald Heck, b ed '65, jd '70, 75, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 20, 2018

Theodore "Ted" Hischke, ba '64, 78, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 9, 2018

Farrel Hobbs, bs '63, 76, Westminster, Colorado, on May 13, 2018

Gerald Jameson, bba '61, 85, Overland Park, Kansas, on June 4, 2018

Marilyn (Hansen) McDougald, b ed '62, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on May 4, 2018

John Montgomery, ba '65, 79, Chanute, Kansas, on May 7, 2018

William Oxandale, bs '65, ba '70, 86, St. Louis, Missouri, on March 18, 2018

Gary Peterson, bba '63, jd '76, 77, Topeka, Kansas on Dec. 5, 2017

Mildred Cochren-Sherwood, b ed '61, 104, Holton, Kansas on Nov. 23, 2017

John "Jack" Simpson, jd '65, 79, Wichita, Kansas, on May 2, 2018

Barbara (Riggin) Sipes, ba '64, 77, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 10, 2018

Thomas Slater, ba '67, 72, Des Moines, Iowa, on March 17, 2018

Ken Strobel, jd '65, 78, Dodge City, Kansas, on Jan. 13, 2018

William "Bill" Wagaman, b ed '63, m ed '67, 78, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 2, 2018

Eugene Wittman, bba '67, 72, St. Louis, Missouri, on May 21, 2018

Gayle (Winston) Yancy, b ed '68, 82, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 24, 2017

1970s

Steve Agan, bba '78, 61, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 27, 2018

Terry Alexander, ba '77, 72, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 9, 2018

Susan (Adomaitis) Armstrong, ba '76, 64, Carmel, Indiana, on May 7, 2018

Marvin Bailey, ba '74, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 19, 2018

John Bates, b music '73, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on July 18, 2018

Dan Boyer, jd '75, 77, Salina, Kansas, on Jan. 31, 2018

Ernestine (Marshall) Coleman, b ed '73, m ed '77, 96, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 27, 2018

Nola (Molloy) Cox, bsw '72, 84, Overbrook, Kansas, on May 11, 2018

Kenneth Dudley, ba '78, 69, Austin, Texas, on Jan. 21, 2018

Dawney (Mock) Falley, bas '74, 81, Lafayette, Indiana, on July 21, 2018

Bruce Kent, jd '70, 74, Manhattan, Kansas, on May 15, 2018

Miriam (Mogle) Kirkegaard, m ed '78, 82, The Woodlands, Texas, on May 12, 2018

Janet (Berg) Lampe, b ed '73, m ed '96, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on July 9, 2018

Renee (Montagne) Linville, bs '77, 84, Starke, Florida, on Feb. 5, 2018

Fred Lutes, aa '79, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 28, 2018

Harry McClure, ba '72, 90,
Topeka, Kansas, on June 7, 2018

Richard McConnell, b ed '70,
70, Lecompton, Kansas, on Aug.
6, 2018

**Melissa "Missy" (Lummus)
Nobo**, b ed '79, m ed '98, 67,
Lawrence, Kansas, on Aug. 8,
2018

Steven Ossiander, bba '72, 76,
Topeka, Kansas, on July 30, 2018

Jim Perkins, bs '70, 74, Topeka,
Kansas, on Jan. 14, 2018

Bradley Richmond, ba '74, 66,
Overland Park, Kansas, on June
6, 2018

Michael Swiger, ba '72, 73,
Urbana, Illinois, on Aug. 15, 2018

Scott Sumpter, bba '78, jd '83,
62, Topeka, Kansas, on April 30,
2018

Robert Sweatt, jd '70, 73,
Frontenac, Kansas, on April 22,
2018

Ronald Walker, bba '71, 76,
Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 30, 2018

Pamela (Platt) Whittmore, ba
'75, aa '81, 70, Fort Worth, Texas,
on May 23, 2018

1980s

Glea (Blackwell) Ashley,
certificate '86, aa '87, bba '93,
mba '97, 68, Topeka, Kansas, on
July 23, 2018

Beverly (Wedeking) Boucher,
aa '81, b ed '83, 80, Topeka,
Kansas, on June 17, 2018

Betty (Mitchell) Born, bba '83,
92, Lawrence, Kansas, on Aug.
11, 2018

Ruth (Schultze) Driver, aa '89,
ba '91, 72, Topeka, Kansas, on
July 22, 2018

Janette (Hunter) Haverkamp,
jd '89, 58, Garden City, Kansas,
on June 16, 2018

Josephine (Barney) Harkness,
ba '81, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on
June 9, 2018

Cynthia Herman, b ed '88, m ed
'96, 55, Topeka, Kansas, on April
17, 2018

James Jackson, bba '81, 85,
Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 14, 2017

Jara (Perry) Lannan, aa '87, 72,
Paxico, Kansas, on May 21, 2018

Bradley "Brad" Maudlin, ba
'86, jd '90, 58, Colorado Springs,
Colorado, on May 19, 2018

G. Jean Murphy, ba '85, 76,
Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 14, 2018

Rance Olison, m ed '88, 65, San
Antonio, Texas, on March 11,
2018

Lawrence "Larry" Sims, bba
'80, 95, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan.
27, 2018

Lt. Col. Douglas Tauscher,
bba '84, 55, Valrico, Florida, on
March 4, 2018

Raymond Urbanek, bba '82, 58,
Lawrence, Kansas on Dec. 10,
2017

1990s

Ruth (Madorin) Boten, ba '90,
86, Topeka, Kansas, on June 4,
2018

Lee Davidson, jd '95, 46,
Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 8, 2017

Ann (Clark) Gay, mba '91, 75,
Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 10, 2018

Douglas Masterson, m ed '93,
70, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 15,
2018

Sondra Murray, bsn '92, 72,
Topeka, Kansas, on May 18, 2018

2000s

Bryan Belisle, bis '07, 57,
Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 3, 2018

Becky (Cowger) Kirkwood, bsn
'06, 54, Topeka, Kansas, on July
19, 2018

Jason Terrell, bsn '00, 48,
Topeka, Kansas, on May 13, 2018

Tabatha (Jackson) Wright,
aa '04, WU staff, 44, Topeka,
Kansas, on June 18, 2018

2010s

Kate Fechter, ba '13, 32, Topeka,
Kansas, on June 13, 2018

Felicia (Herrin) Shockey, msw
'10, 38, Lawrence, Kansas, on
Aug. 14, 2018

Colleen (Allen) Stovall,
certificate '13, 54, Mayetta,
Kansas, on Jan. 8, 2018

FRIENDS

Lynn Burris, WU staff, 87,
Topeka, Kansas, on April 30,
2018

Gary Cameron, WU faculty, 72,
Topeka, Kansas on Dec. 10, 2017

David Curnutt, 79, Topeka,
Kansas, on Dec. 1, 2017

Doris (Pool) Edwards, 93,
Topeka, Kansas, on June 22, 2018

Sheryl (Buell) Elder, 62,
Topeka, Kansas, on June 22, 2018

Marietta (Haney) Fowler, 86,
Topeka, Kansas, on July 9, 2018

Bob Franklin, WU police, 69,
Auburn, Kansas, on May 10,
2018

Ann (Wehe) Gregg, 91, Topeka,
Kansas, on Jan. 21, 2018

Denise (Brehm) Hall, 73,
Everett, Washington, on April
25, 2018

Oral Henderson, 86, Bellevue,
Nebraska, on Jan. 16, 2018

Edward Holscher, 96, Topeka,
Kansas, on July 4, 2018

Willard "Will" Kampeier, 80,
Silver Lake, Kansas, on June 12,
2018

William "Bill" Kraus, 72,
Topeka, Kansas, on May 5, 2018

Travis Long, 34, Belleville,
Kansas, on July 16, 2018

J. Kevin Murphy, 91, Topeka,
Kansas, on July 15, 2018

Allen Sackett, 90, Topeka,
Kansas, on July 3, 2018

Rosanne Siemens, WU faculty,
64, Topeka, Kansas on Oct. 21,
2017

Joan Walrafen, 92, Topeka,
Kansas, on April 19, 2018

Gordon Williams, 85, Topeka,
Kansas, on Jan. 3, 2018

Joan (Sheahon) Wood, 68,
Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 16, 2018

Fred Yaffe, WU faculty, 73,
Cary, North Carolina, on June
23, 2018 

ALUMNI TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

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Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Two Departures: January 20-27, 2019 and January 22-29, 2019

Back by popular demand, we're headed to Mexico for the sixth year in a row. Get away this winter and enjoy the sun, sugary-white sands and crystal-clear waters of the Mexican Caribbean at the all-inclusive Sandos Playacar Beach Resort located in Playa del Carmen, 20 miles south of Cancun. Cost begins at \$1,695 per person for two people sharing one

room and includes roundtrip airfare from Kansas City (other departure cities available, but pricing may vary), and seven nights stay at the all-inclusive resort hotel, all meals and beverages. Last January, we took nearly 150 Ichabods and friends to this popular vacation destination.

Danube River Cruise

June 4-12, 2019 - SOLD OUT

Ask for your name to be added to the waitlist in the event someone cancels.

Scotland and Ireland

October 5-16, 2019 - SOLD OUT

Ask for your name to be added to the waitlist in the event someone cancels.

For more information, contact Susie Hoffmann, director, Alumni Association, at susie@wualumni.org or visit www.wualumni.org/alumni-travel.



Earlier this summer, 45 Ichabods and friends traveled to Paris, Provence and Normandy. This is the group in Nimes, France.

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY *Homecoming* 2018



FRIDAY, OCT. 12

AFTER HOURS

5-8 p.m. | Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

PANCAKE FEED

8-10 a.m. | Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center

PARADE WATCH

9-10:30 a.m. | Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation front lawn, 1729 SW MacVicar Ave

TAILGATE

11 a.m. | BBQ on Union lawn

FOOTBALL GAME VS MISSOURI SOUTHERN

1 p.m. | Yager Stadium

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