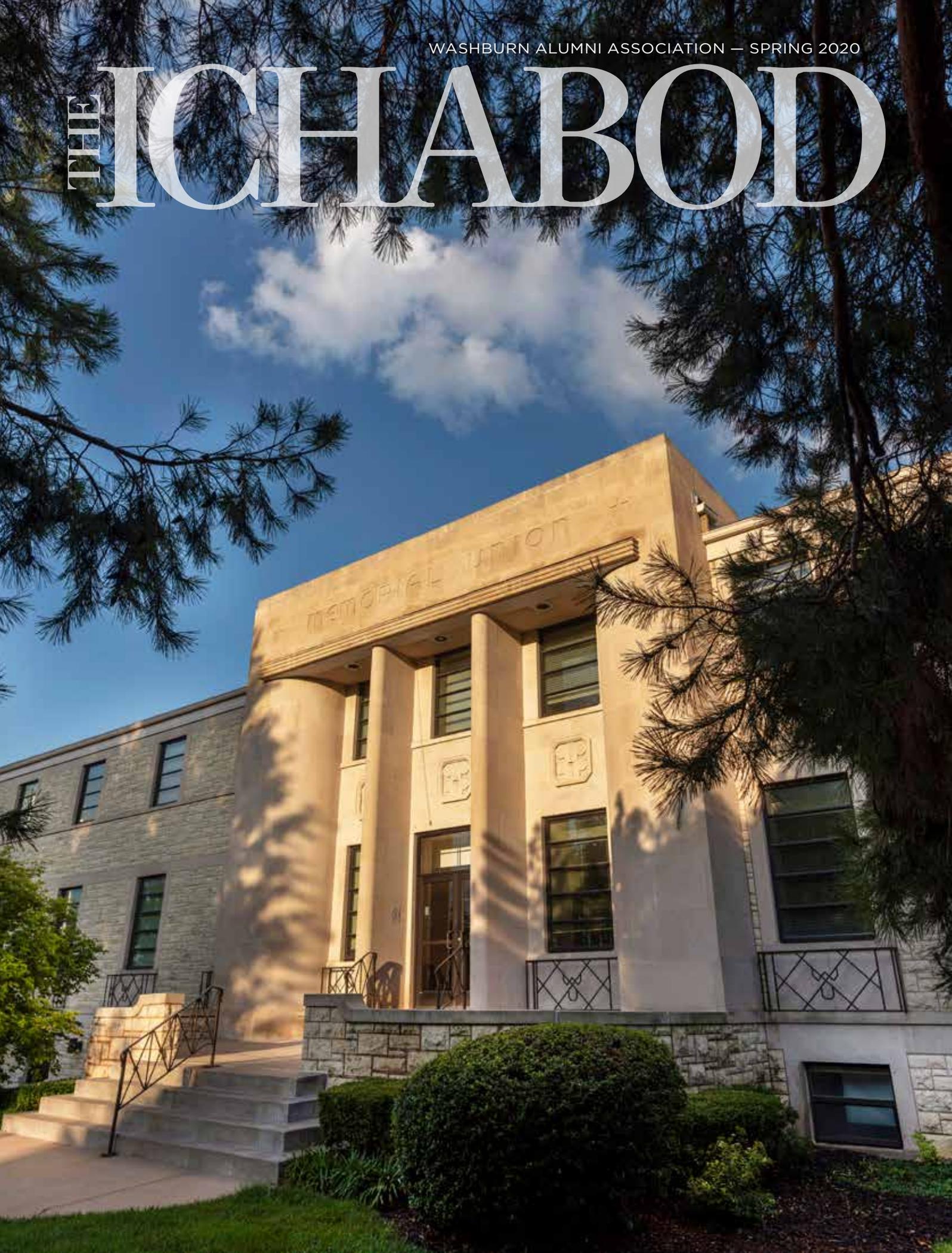


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Built in 1951, Washburn's Memorial Union includes a plaque honoring the men and women from Washburn and Shawnee County who made the supreme sacrifice for our nation in World War I and II and the Korean conflict. *Photo by Doug Stremel*



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From the President

As I write this letter, we have decided to offer summer courses almost exclusively online and are preparing for the coming months amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Washburn remains committed to helping students become their best selves, as we have for the last 155 years.

The magnitude of this worldwide crisis is still unclear. Each day brings more data that changes almost hourly. From the beginning, our two goals were to keep students, faculty and staff safe, and to find a way for students to complete the semester and move toward graduation. Faculty quickly revised their courses to be taught remotely and students soon moved out of residence halls. After stay at home orders were issued, most staff began working from home. These are all difficult endeavors, but necessary for the good of all. I am proud of the work that is continuing to deliver resources for students and continue operations.

COVID-19 restrictions also are keeping us from physically engaging with you, our alumni and friends. You are an integral part of our success, and we want your connection with Washburn to remain strong. We hope the stories within this edition help you stay connected and elevate your pride in the institution Washburn has become and the success of many alumni.

We feature Ichabods who have built satisfying and successful careers, perhaps in ways they didn't originally suspect. Marla Luckert, the new chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, shared with us how she would sometimes be the only woman in a professional setting. Now she is part of Kansas' leadership where the chief justice, chief judge in the court of appeals, governor and president of the Senate are women.

We caught up with Ron Wasserstein, a former vice president at Washburn who is now executive director of the American Statistical Association. I still laugh when I remember his willingness to humiliate himself for a good cause at Washburn.

The School of Nursing is using two federal grants to improve patient care in clinics in underserved parts of Kansas. The new dean, Jane Carpenter, is a thoughtful leader who will continue helping future nurses build careers that meet the changing demands of their profession.

Paul Humann traded his law career for another passion, exploring the world beneath the sea. He became a world-renowned marine life photographer, and we are pleased we can share his story.

Since 1865, Washburn has graduated thousands of alumni with similar stories because we steadfastly commit to our motto: "non nobis solum," "not for ourselves alone." Our institution was born out of a nation torn from the Civil War; we have endured two world wars, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and a devastating tornado. Washburn will survive this crisis. Indeed, I believe we will rise up stronger because of it. We are all in this together.





On-campus resources like computer labs and scientific equipment were not available after the COVID-19 pandemic caused all Washburn classes to move online. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

Resolute but Adaptive

Washburn remains committed to mission amid COVID-19 disruptions

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As Washburn University was on spring break this March, much of the world was beginning to make decisions regarding closures and cancellations because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Washburn decided, like most other academic institutions, to move its spring classes online. Faculty and staff had one week to make sure students could continue getting the resources important to their success.

Out of this transition came comforting stories of dedication and generosity. With dining services closed, Washburn and Chartwells Higher Ed donated more than 3,000 meals to the Topeka Rescue Mission. Ichabods Moving Forward, the student philanthropy group under the guidance of the Washburn University

Alumni Association and Foundation, collected a surge of donations and has been awarding grants to students with financial emergencies. The School of Nursing and the allied health department donated medical supplies to local agencies. The respiratory therapy program loaned ventilators to Topeka hospitals, and the art department used its 3D printer to produce plastic frames for face shields for a hospital. Information Technology Services made available Wi-Fi hotspots in campus parking lots for students, faculty and staff with limited internet availability.

Academic deans, administrators and students shared how Washburn continues to provide the academic, financial and health resources needed for success.

Pat Munzer, Dean, School of Applied Studies

We successfully transitioned face-to-face courses quickly to an online environment. Faculty were already experienced at teaching online, so the transition went well. Many created video lessons to demonstrate use of equipment or to walk them through patient scenarios. These videos help the students to still feel connected to their faculty while learning new material.

Laura Stephenson, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

The commitment, creativity, generosity and resiliency of our faculty, staff and students have been overwhelmingly positive. The Mulvane Art Museum shifted the senior art exhibit online, resulting in greater accessibility to the exhibit than ever before. Our clinical psychology master's students have learned about telehealth counseling, an important skill for providing rural mental health long after COVID-19 is over. Our education students have likewise learned to teach from a distance. Music faculty have provided online clinics and recruited students from western Kansas with web-based auditions. Kinesiology students have developed exercise regimes using common household objects. Mass media students are proudly displaying their digital scholarship certificates on social media. Although clearly some transitions are less than ideal, what has been striking is how some of the changes foisted upon us are ones that we may choose to continue.

David Sollars, Dean, School of Business

Our biggest struggle has been in technology-rich courses. We had to close computer labs. We found students who didn't have reliable computers or internet from home. For example, I learned of one student who was walking to Walmart every day to use their free WIFI in order to participate in a Zoom class. We will all come out of this episode with a new appreciation of both what technology can do and its limitations. For our students, learning how to face sudden unexpected challenges, adapt to a rapidly changing environment and persevere through difficulties is an important set of life skills they have now acquired.

Carla Pratt, Dean, School of Law

The faculty and staff have been extraordinary in the pivot to distance education. We eliminated curved grading and implemented take home exams to try to achieve education equity given the variety of challenges students are confronting while studying at home. Because there is so much uncertainty, there is much anxiety among students. Consequently, we have been focusing even more on the mental, physical, and financial well-being of law students during this time. Just when we needed some good news, we learned 88% of Washburn's first-time bar takers passed the February 2020 Kansas bar exam which exceeded the statewide first-time pass rate by 14 percentage points.

Jane Carpenter, Dean, School of Nursing

The biggest challenge we are facing is the inability to teach students in a hands-on clinical environment. Faculty are doing amazing work developing virtual clinical experiences for the students. These virtual resources take students through in-depth video scenarios and case studies and allow them to practice documentation without being in the actual clinical setting. We are very fortunate that our clinical partners in the area are working with us to allow our graduating seniors to complete their final clinical hours. These students are ready to enter the health care workforce.

Gerald Bayens, Dean, Washburn University Institute of Technology

As dean, I was positioned to hear some great stories about our dedicated instructors who embraced the challenge of teaching remotely. I also heard firsthand how our staff continued moving Tech forward with recruitment efforts and services to students. As educators, we are called to teach students how to learn and to use technical skills from the first day they enter Washburn Tech. Our primary goal is to produce graduates who are well prepared for the workforce and for making positive contributions to the community. So, a big thanks goes to the employees for their commitment and hard work. We found success and perhaps created an even better institute of technical education.

Alan Bearman, Dean, University Libraries

The University Libraries successfully completed a rapid transition to virtual operations because the libraries have long operated a digital branch that regularly sees in excess of 1 million searches a month across its digital resources. Likewise, the Center for Student Success and Retention moved quickly into its virtual operating mode because of a crucial forward-thinking investment by Washburn. We continue to lend laptops to those who need them and, yes, lend books. Librarians operate a web-based live chat operation, academic advisors have Zoom meetings, while success classes and skill shops are occurring as scheduled.

Crystal Leming, Director, Counseling Services

Counseling Services' role is to help Washburn students flourish. We are now providing teletherapy, meaning students can speak with a counselor or advocate via video chat, and students still have immediate services by phone 24/7. We have also initiated new groups. Students participating in Coping with COVID-19 are learning strategies to enhance wellbeing and performance while managing the difficulties created by the pandemic. Students participating in the Resiliency Skills Workshop are learning specific ways to boost resilience to benefit them now and throughout their lifetime. Despite the challenges, our students are as full of determination and grit as ever.

Loren Ferré, Director, Athletics

This is truly an unusual time in athletics. In a time of year when we are usually crazy busy with games, matches, spring practice for football and other sports, recruiting and other things, we find our building empty and closed. Contact with our student-athletes has been handled remotely. You would be proud of how our coaches are handling this. Like many of you, I was disappointed we did not have a chance for indoor track and field and our spring sports to compete for championships. However, given the circumstances, it was the right decision not only for the student-athletes but also for our coaches and loyal fans.

Dan Albertson, Senior, Music Education

My professors from the music department have been essential in helping not only myself but all the music students during this time. My studio professor, Dr. Von Hansen, advocated and approved permission for me to take several school-owned instruments home to continue my music studies. All of our professors are conducting private lessons via Zoom to not only ensure the continued success of their students but also to give them the emotional support many of us need right now.

Danielle Irwin, Graduate Student, Social Work

The social work department's response to COVID-19 has consisted of reducing our required practicum hours and allowing some of our hours to be earned through participating in our online seminar class. Additionally, we are able to continue earning hours remotely, which ensures that we are staying on track with our program requirements. In each class, we have discussed the pandemic and the importance of maintaining self-care in our day-to-day lives.

Tessa Pierce, Senior, Kinesiology

The Student Recreation and Wellness Center has been very supportive and willing to work with its student employees during COVID-19. The staff allow us to pick and choose work assignments and submit them, including watching yoga or meditation videos and writing a reflection, creating social media posts such as the Ichabod bingo card and even submitting recipes or workout videos.

Emily Unruh, Junior, Political Science, Religious Studies

Amanda Pumphrey is an adjunct instructor teaching my Christians and LGBTQ+ Activism class. It's a discussion-based class. As we went into online mode, she was on it. She emailed personalized check-ins and modified our syllabus to an online "emergency" version, which makes it extremely clear what we need to do. I think the best thing she's done is made herself available during class time, contributed to every online discussion and allowed flexibility on assignments while also keeping some stability. 🙏



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On the Trail

Students study firsthand the uniqueness of Iowa presidential politics

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Iowa commands months of attention in presidential politics every four years. Campaigns and dreams are born and die in this state as the two major political parties begin the process of choosing their nominee for the nation's highest office. Washburn University students get a front-row seat.

Bob Beatty, chair and professor, political science, started teaching Iowa Caucus in 2003, a class offered every four years the fall before the January caucus. Students take multiple trips to Iowa to study their assigned candidate at events and attend multi-candidate gatherings.

Junior political science major Adam Young transferred to Washburn last fall and enrolled in the class after undergoing chemotherapy to treat stage 4 cancer. The chemotherapy and the year out of school that followed made Young physically and mentally unhealthy and brought depression and suicidal thoughts. He still had a chemotherapy port on his chest in Iowa, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren noticed it and took the opportunity to praise his resilience.

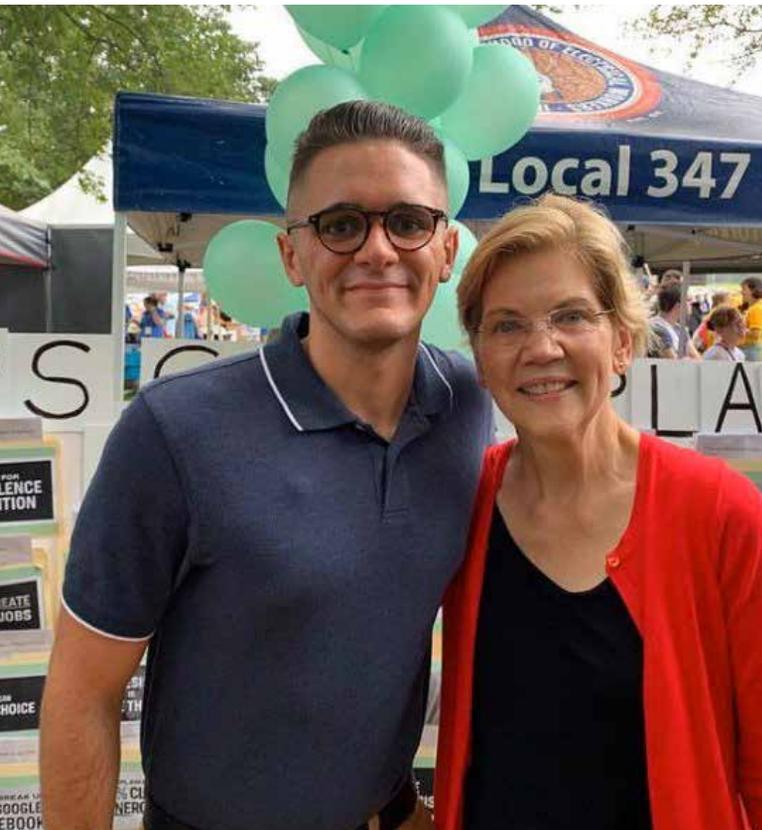
“She understood I was a strong person because of what I had been through,” Young said. “That was definitely the highlight of my time in Iowa, that realization, whether they mean it or not – her interaction with me was very genuine – they have to play the part of being genuine, transparent and available to the people of Iowa.”

The experiences in Iowa came at time of immense healing and personal growth for Young.

“I was a new person when I came to Washburn,” he said. “I was introduced to all these people and opportunities and I decided to take full advantage of it. With a political science degree, I’m going to learn and grow in every aspect of life. People like Dr. Beatty are teaching me to relate to people better, to be more aware, how to run a successful presidential campaign. Anything and everything.”

Not every student taking the class has similar personal growth, but they do get unique experiences. In Beatty’s conversations with candidates, they have praised him for the class’ concept. Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, a 2012 Republican candidate for the nomination, told Beatty that, as a former professor, he loved the idea.

“Iowa allows the students to have this really intense experience and observe candidates very closely,” Beatty said. “I think the candidates like the idea of students



Adam Young said the highlight of his Iowa Caucus class was how Sen. Elizabeth Warren compassionately interacted when she noticed his chemotherapy port at a caucus event in Iowa. *Photo submitted*



Cassidy Precht (right) was assigned to Sen. Amy Klobuchar's presidential campaign in Iowa. *Photo submitted*

studying what it takes to run for president and doing so in an experiential way.”

Iowa saw more than 20 Democrats last fall vying to face President Donald Trump in this November's general election. In 2015, Trump and more than a dozen other Republicans campaigned in Iowa, along with a handful of Democrats.

This year's class did not lack interesting experiences. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, a major in the National Guard, invited two Washburn students to workout with her after she got to know them, and she shared the experience on her Instagram account. Sen. Cory Booker recorded a cell phone message for Beatty on a student's phone.

“Cory Booker went out of his way to talk about the goals of the class, which is to get students beyond the media views and get into what it takes to run for president,” Beatty said. “He talked about that a little bit and he thanked me, which is very touching.”

Junior political science and religious studies double-major Cassidy Precht attended a Sen. Amy Klobuchar event that featured the music of a Prince impersonator.

Young saw Julián Castro, former secretary of Housing and Urban Development, enter an event with a mariachi band and former Congressman Beto O'Rourke pump up supporters by yelling and cursing in a style he isn't afraid to publicly display. As Beatty intended, the students learned about running a presidential campaign, even among the craziness that is Iowa.

“I think Iowa can make or break a campaign,” Precht said. “I realized the importance of an organized team and a budget. If you run out of money, you're in trouble on a campaign.”

The kerfuffle in January surrounding the delayed release of caucus results caused many to question if Iowa will continue being the first contest. Either way, Beatty said this year's experiences and the class were the best he's ever been a part of.

“The main takeaway is politics is accessible,” Beatty said. “Even the most famous candidate is not unreachable. He or she will talk to you and answer questions. And that's important because it tells the students if they want to be in the field, they can do it. These are human beings.” 🦋



With funding from nearly \$5 million in federal grants, Washburn nursing students are getting experience in rural and underserved clinics in Kansas. (From left to right) Students Abbigayle Folks and Jordan Cummings are instructed by registered nurses Lura Goff and Madison Matzke, bsn '17, at Holton Family Practice Associates. Photo by Peggy Clark, Washburn Public Relations

Renewed and Well

School of Nursing using \$5 million grants to help care in underserved areas

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Natalie Peterman shadowed a nurse in rural Kansas during a pre-nursing class before coming to Washburn University.

“I absolutely loved it,” she said. “I saw the hard work rural nurses do and the impact it makes for the community, and I thought it was something I would really like to do in the future.”

The health care needs of underserved areas in Kansas are unique, prevalent and growing. The Washburn University School of Nursing is addressing these issues with two federal grants worth nearly \$5 million. The grant projects offer students valuable experience in primary care health clinics. The clinics are compensated with grant funds as they mentor students with their nursing staff. Peterman, a junior, just completed her second semester at Washburn and is participating in one of these grant programs.

“Exposing our students to different possibilities and better addressing the needs of patients within the communities is really the goal,” said Jane Carpenter, bsn '80, who was recently promoted to dean of the School of Nursing.

Each grant award provides more than \$2.4 million in funding over a four-year period. The RENEW – Registered Nurse Education for a Nurse-Led Enhanced Workforce – grant project began in July 2018, and places bachelor-level students like Peterman in clinics in rural and underserved areas, where they observe registered nurses practice at the full scope of their license as part of a community-based primary care team. The BWELL – Behavioral Health Workforce Education for Longitudinal Learning – grant project began in July 2019 and rotates up to 15 doctor of nursing practice students a year in clinics in rural and underserved communities. Students are mentored by nurse practitioners to treat substance abuse disorder, behavioral health issues and health issues arising from the opioid crisis.

“RENEW and BWELL allow us to provide traineeships that pay a significant part of students’ tuition and fees. In return for that, the students help us with the projects,” said Mari Tucker, RENEW partnership liaison. “We’re really training the workforce for future needs.”

Michele Reisinger, bsn ’91, assistant professor, mentioned the growing need for well-trained nurses in rural America.

“We need not look farther than the news to know hospitals are closing and the rural workforce is aging out,” she said. “These grants help with the workforce piece of it and create a relationship between Washburn and the academic practice partners.”

Most nursing students do their clinical rotations in hospitals instead of primary and ambulatory clinics. RENEW and BWELL students are getting all these experiences.

“We have plans for the students to go to dialysis, heart failure clinics and wound centers,” said Katie Johnson, bsn ’11, RENEW project director. “They will also complete clinical rotations at the Valeo Behavioral Health Care clinic and the Pine Ridge primary care clinic in Topeka.”

Stacy Umscheid, dnp ’19, BWELL project director, said behavioral health care and telehealth are critical in underserved areas.

“We’re hoping to prepare family nurse practitioners to recognize behavioral health issues and identify appropriate community referral resources,” she said. “If a patient has a long wait period or can’t get into a specialist, our nurse practitioners will be prepared to get them on the right track.”

RENEW participant and junior Mariel Dryton wants to become a nurse practitioner.

“We get these extra opportunities other students aren’t getting,” she said. “I think that’s awesome, and I feel like RENEW just prepares us to be even better nurses. Our population has new challenges to face as we go forward. These clinics I’ve been to, for a lot of people, they’re the only health care provider they can access. It will be our duty to help our patients and provide the best care we can.”

The data the grants collect help the School of Nursing enhance curriculum for all students. The grants also

fund sending faculty and staff to conferences and updating technology equipment all students can use.

“We’re all thinking how we can best suit the needs of our communities and our students to make the grant be very beneficial in Northeast Kansas,” Reisinger said.

Carpenter and her staff know getting the most out of \$5 million in grants is a team effort, and the groundwork was laid years before she became dean in 2019.

“We put a lot of effort into these grant applications, and I was very happy when we were awarded,” said Debbie Isaacson, associate dean and assistant professor. “We are in the company of major, well-known universities around the nation. We did a lot in the past that set us up for this. I feel like our history helped us be successful.” 

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The Kansas Story

Mabee Library celebrates decade of thriving collection

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For the last 10 years, the Thomas Fox Averill Kansas Studies Collection at Washburn University has become an exhaustive body of work dedicated to Kansas literature.

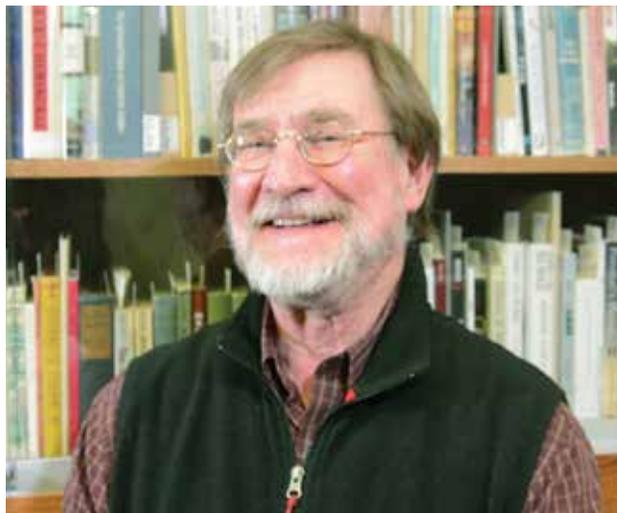
Housed in Mabee Library, the collection enhances the study of Kansas literature through the state's folklore, history, geography and culture. It includes everything from novels and plays to collected folklore and manuscripts. It also has unique artifacts, including many of the Little Blue Books published in Girard, Kansas, from 1919–78.

“Together, these books begin to tell the story of Kansas literature,” said Averill, professor emeritus, who donated the original collection and collaborated with others to start the support fund in 2010. Averill also authored a few books in the collection including: “rode,” “A Carol Dickens Christmas” and “Found Documents from the Life of Nell Johnson Doerr: A Novel,” to list a few.

When Averill mentioned he was donating his library to start the Kansas Studies Collection, Lisa Heitz, ba '84, and her husband, Mark, ba '74, jd '77, h '01, supported the original endeavor and also recently made a generous gift to the Kansas Studies Collection to enhance its efforts and capacity. Over the last decade, the collection has doubled in size, and the Heitzes and Averill are hoping to continue that trajectory.

“After hearing of his vision and all the materials he had collected and donated to Washburn, I said we would really like to be involved in supporting that because it's an important resource for all Kansans and all scholars of U.S. literature and history,” Lisa said.

Although Lisa never took a class from Averill, she knew him from her time as an English student at Washburn. After her graduation, they became better acquainted through a mutual friend in the English department. Together, they not only set the course to make the book collection successful, they also established the Hefner



Professor Emeritus Thomas Fox Averill donated the original materials of the Kansas Studies Collection 10 years ago. With the help of fellow donors and scholars, the collection has doubled.

Heitz Kansas Book Award which had its first recipient in 2016. This year's recipient was Ben Lerner, author of “The Topeka School.”

Recalling her and Mark's deep respect for education and reading, as well as their parents' passion for education, Lisa turned books into her career and authored “Haunted Kansas.” She and Mark fully support Averill's mission of celebrating Kansas culture through books and bringing in speakers and providing research stipends for students studying Kansas through the collection.

“We welcome everyone to use the collection, study and learn from it,” Averill said. “We're continuing to grow the collection, and we know people will benefit from it.”

The public is invited to add books, manuscripts and other materials to the Thomas Fox Averill Kansas Studies Collection. Please contact Martha Imparato, university archivist and special collections librarian, at martha.imparato@washburn.edu or 785.670.1981.



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The Hon. Marla Luckert, ba '77, jd '80, was sworn in as chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court in December 2019. She practiced law in Topeka until her first judicial appointment in 1992 and she was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2002. She knew she wanted to be a lawyer after reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" in grade school. *Photo by Office of Judicial Administration*

Leading from Atop

Luckert sworn in as chief justice of Kansas' highest court

By Angela Lutz

From her third-story office in the Kansas Judicial Center, Supreme Court Chief Justice Marla Luckert, ba '77, jd '80, might just have the best view in Topeka. Outside the large plate-glass window behind her desk, the Kansas State Capitol sits proudly, its pointed, copper dome seeming to scrape the cloudless Midwestern sky.

"It's a good reminder," Luckert said, gazing at the iconic building. "I want to do everything I can for citizens of Kansas to make access to justice more

than just a statement we throw out. It's something real and meaningful."

Appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court by Gov. Bill Graves in 2002 and sworn in the following year, Luckert was elevated to chief justice last December. She looks forward to hearing important cases that will have statewide impact and taking advantage of opportunities to address persistent shortages of funding and resources within the court system. Also on her list: taking another look at criminal justice



reform, making the courts more efficient through digital case management, and addressing the root causes of criminal behavior to help break the cycle of recidivism.

“I think coming in new gives me the opportunity

to re-examine things,” Luckert said. “Are there better solutions? I’m hoping to challenge people to do that investigation in all of their jobs in all aspects of the court system, and I hope we are all open to seeing where that leads us.”

With a successful and varied legal career, Luckert is uniquely suited for her current role. Growing up in rural Kansas during the civil rights era, she knew she wanted to be a lawyer after reading “To Kill a Mockingbird” in grade school. As soon as she could, she joined the debate team and began honing her research and analysis skills. After graduating from Washburn University School of Law, she joined a Topeka firm where she specialized in health care law before being appointed to the Shawnee County District Court in 1992. She served on the district court bench for 10 years and became chief judge in 2000. Many of the cases she heard involved statewide concerns.

As only the second woman to serve as chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, Luckert has arrived at an historic time: For the first time, Kansas has a female governor, chief justice, chief judge in the court of appeals and Senate president. Throughout her career, Luckert said her gender has presented both challenges and opportunities in an historically male-dominated profession.

“I have faced many situations where I was the only woman in the room, but that often gave me a starting point where I was standing out,” she explained. “There were many people who took an interest in mentoring me, and they wanted to make sure I succeeded. At the

same time, there were others who didn’t accept me. I was fortunate none of those were total roadblocks or barriers to me and I was able to continue.”

Luckert also feels she’s been fortunate her professional career has occurred in Topeka due largely to her connection with Washburn. Even 40 years later, she continues to cross paths with former professors who offer support and mentoring even today.

“Marla has always had a particularly positive attitude toward the school and toward the people she worked with at Washburn,” said Washburn University School of Law Professor Bill Rich, who taught Luckert’s research and writing class. “It’s similar to how she is in many other aspects of her life. She doesn’t take anything for granted. She’s always appreciative of others. She’s always respectful of others, and that makes us very lucky to have her as one of our graduates.”

“I want to do everything I can for citizens of Kansas to make access to justice more than just a statement we throw out. It’s something real and meaningful.” - The Hon. Marla Luckert

In her professional life, Luckert has channeled her appreciation of others – particularly up-and-coming attorneys – into networks of support. She keeps in touch with former students from her time as a Washburn law school professor, and she has worked in many organizations to start mentoring programs, which she said not only reignites her love of the law but strengthens the profession as a whole.

“It’s fun to see people who are learning how to explore the law and finding their love for the law,” she said. “It inspires you and helps reinvigorate you. It has certainly helped me to have a network of support, and I hope we can have that for all attorneys. I believe we become stronger when we work together.” 🤝

Getting the Picture

Focusing on Humann's 59 years of scuba diving and underwater photography

By Annie Flachsbarth

“A huge school of hammerheads came straight toward me out of the blue. They went right over me and then just stayed there. So I wondered, how close would they let me come? I rose up out of the crevice and swam up in the open water right into the middle of the school and got a couple of unbelievable pictures.”

As a scuba diver and underwater photographer, Paul Humann, jd '64, has a few stories that would probably scare most people. But the real story is how an attorney from Kansas ended up leaving everything behind for the water. From the Caribbean to the Galapagos, he's photographed countless marine life, authored 12 books, made discoveries and led an award-winning career that's puts both him and his work on the map.

The Love to Dive

When Humann attended Washburn University School of Law, he knew he needed to find another outlet for his love of the water. An avid swimmer throughout high school and college at Wichita State University, Humann paid for his law school tuition by coaching and teaching swimming at Washburn's indoor pool.

During his first summer break at Washburn Law, Humann joined a college friend on a dive trip to the Florida Keys and he was officially hooked. He went to the Caribbean to dive at every opportunity after that.

After law school graduation, he considered a move to practice law in Florida so he could continue his new passion. Trying to be practical, Humann decided to stay and practice in Wichita, Kansas, where all of his family and business contacts were.

Nevertheless, the water called to him, and in 1971, he decided the ocean was where he belonged. He left his law practice, moved to Grand Cayman and purchased and became captain of the first liveaboard dive boat in the Caribbean. Humann's liveaboard boat – named aptly the Cayman Diver – was 89 feet long and held 12 passengers, six in a large bunk room and six in three small cabins. He became a certified scuba diving instructor and took tourists on dive trips around the Caribbean. He also took up underwater photography as an additional way to earn money.

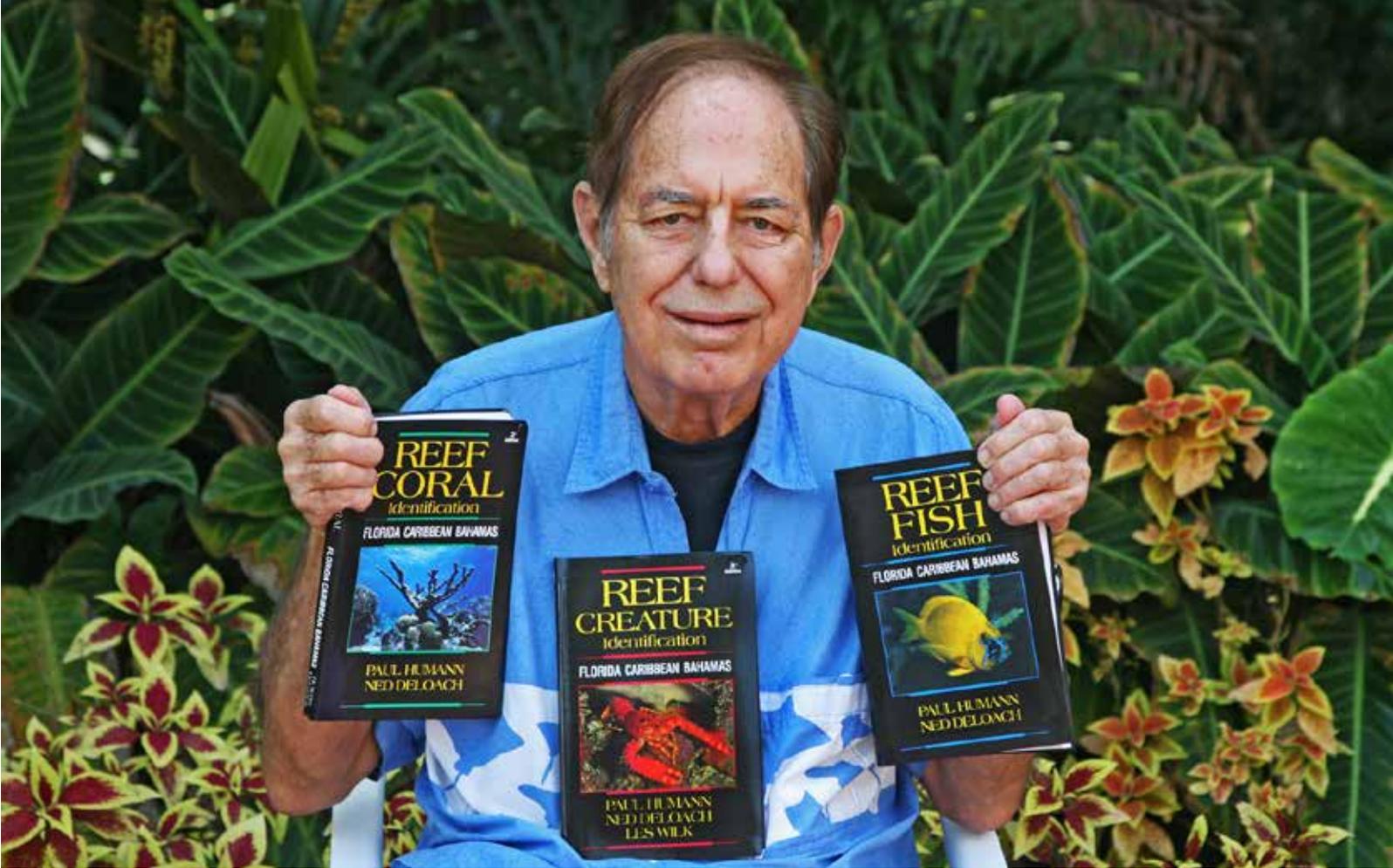
Write the Book you Want to Read

During the eight years as a liveaboard captain and dive instructor, Humann often had guests ask about the different marine life they saw on dives. Wanting to help his patrons and learn more for himself, Humann decided he would get a marine life identification book but found the type of book he was looking for didn't exist.

“The only books out there were written by scientists, many whom hadn't even gone diving because diving was very new to the general public at that time,” Humann said. “Most of the pictures they had in their books were dead fish laying on docks, which doesn't help with fish identification very well. So, I decided I would take a photo of every marine animal I can, in a pleasing and identifiable fashion.”



Paul Humann, jd '64, daringly took this photo of hammerhead sharks while diving in the Galapagos Islands. *Photo by Paul Humann*



Paul Humann has published 12 marine life identification books, and he estimates he's been on more than 15,000 dives. *Photo submitted*

So, as the saying goes “write the book you want to read,” Humann did just that. He paired up with his friend Ned DeLoach to form their own publishing company – taking fish, coral and reef creature identification to a new level. Humann used his keen sense of negotiation to get a loan promising full repayment to the bank in five years. However, the dive industry was ready for a book like theirs, and they sold out and were able to repay the loan within six months.

To date, they have published 12 books covering marine life from around the world. He's helped scientists identify specimens (some of which now reside in the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History collection) and he's been recognized by the United States Coral Reef Task Force for his efforts to the scientific community.

Do What you Love

Although Humann has lost track of exactly how many dives he's been on during his 59-year career, he estimates it's between 15,000 and 20,000 dives – making it no wonder he's been inducted into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

At 82 years young, he may have slowed down a bit, but he's still doing what he loves. In fact, next spring he's travelling to his favorite place to dive: Indonesia.

“I'm still diving and running around the world,” Humann said. 🏊



Diving and photographing in Indonesia, Paul Humann discovered this species of wrasse, which was later named Humann's wrasse (*Cirrhilabrus humanni*). *Photo by Paul Humann*



Bill Eldien, b ed '71, is CEO and president of Nolet Spirits USA, a 300-year-old distillery that produces Ketel One Vodka. *Photo by Mark Montgomery, Montgomery Photography*

In Good Spirits

Eldien leading 300-year old distillery that produces Ketel One Vodka

By Angela Lutz

Running a 300-year-old business is no easy feat. It takes passion, commitment and creativity – and for Bill Eldien, b ed '71, personal enjoyment of the product he's selling. As CEO and president of Nolet Spirits USA, a family-owned distillery founded in Holland in 1691, Eldien still remembers the time he tried Nolet's Ketel One Vodka on a whim in 1992. It was love at first sip.

"I found Ketel One in a store in Northern California," Eldien said. "I went home and tasted it, and I said, 'This is the best-tasting vodka I've ever had. It's so smooth.' I convinced the family to let us sell the brand at the distributor I was running, and that's how I developed a relationship with the family."

Despite being an education major, Eldien has spent his entire career in sales. He worked at a Topeka men's

clothing store in high school and college, and one of his regular customers offered him a job as a sales representative at Carnation Foods. After working his way up to become the company's youngest regional manager, he moved on to the wine and spirits industry, and in 1986, he accepted a position at Young's Market Company, a wholesale distributor of wines, liquors and other beverages.

Eldien was senior vice president at Young's, supervising all sales and marketing operations in California and Hawaii, when he took that first fortuitous sip of Ketel One. By 1996, he was working for Nolet, and as he got to know the 10th generation of the Nolet family, he realized he appreciated their refined approach to marketing and sales as much as their superior product.

"Most people with brands want to sell as much as they can as fast as they can," Eldien said. "(Distillery owner Carolus Nolet) had a different approach. He said something that stuck with me: 'I treat my Ketel One like it's one of my children.' He said children take time to build and grow. They're in diapers, and then they start to walk and they start to develop a personality. He said his family has been in business for 300 years, and he is in no hurry. So, I came up with the idea to sell Ketel One like a fine wine."

By focusing their efforts on upscale bars and restaurants, Eldien and his team were able to build a solid following for Ketel One largely through word of mouth. They conducted staff trainings and did taste tests, encouraging bartenders and servers to recommend their product for martinis and other mixed drinks.

"I didn't worry about what other brands were doing," Eldien said. "We just did what we thought was best, keeping the philosophy that this was a child. We would let it grow up. We didn't have to sell 100,000 cases tomorrow. It was about maintaining an image – image was everything."

The approach has worked. The Nolet distillery in Holland now produces more than 3 million cases of spirits each year. During his 24-year tenure as CEO and president, Eldien has also seen consumers' drinking habits change in line with health-conscious trends. Because Nolet saw great success with its gin – which is flavored with peaches, raspberries and Turkish rose petals – the company decided to make a line of vodkas

with similar flavors. Launched in 2018, Ketel One Botanicals are low in calories, contain less alcohol than traditional spirits and have no sugar, gluten or GMOs.

"We're seeing a change in people's habits – what they drink, why they drink," Eldien said. "To stay in business for another hundred years we have to consider what the consumer is looking for. The family is not one that sets back on their laurels. They're constantly challenging themselves and looking for what they can do better."

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In addition to the Nolet family, Eldien cites mentors in many organizations who have contributed to his success, starting with his time at Washburn. Eldien's longtime friend Marsha Oliver, bba '74, said she was not surprised by the evolution of his career.

"He is a natural salesman," said Oliver, who attended an event Eldien hosted for Washburn alumni in Southern California last year. "He is friendly and kind, and his personality lends itself to success in that profession."

While Eldien was at Washburn, he also saw the community come together in an impressive way following the 1966 tornado that destroyed a lot of the campus. Witnessing the University's resilience, he said, set a positive stage for his college experience and paved the way for a career where he believes other people are his most valuable asset.

"I saw the people of the campus rally around each other to keep us in school that year," he said. "To see the devastation of that tornado and the rally of people to build back up a great University was pretty amazing." 



Enjoying the view in Salzburg, Austria, Mariana Yoshita, bba '16, left a job at an international corporation to travel the world and volunteer for nine months. She now manages a startup business in the tourism industry, helping people have the same experiences she did. *Photo by Christina Schimböck*

Going Places

Yoshita travels the world and inspires others to do the same

By Bayley Baker • bbaker@wualumni.org

Mariana Yoshita, bba '16, was drawn to Washburn University in 2013 because of its small class sizes, tight-knit campus community and the outstanding reputation of the School of Business. Today, at age 25, Yoshita is a world traveler by heart, a Brazilian citizen by passport, a proud Washburn alumna, and has already visited 34 countries and counting.

“My experience at Washburn University was exceptional,” Yoshita said. “It was just the start of my international business career.”

Upon graduating, Yoshita had the opportunity to move to Germany to work for a multinational corporation. Driven by her passion, she left that job after three years to travel the world to volunteer and inspire others.

“It was truly hard to quit my dream job to travel the world, especially because I loved my profession, my work environment and the country itself,” Yoshita said. “But it was surely the best decision I could have ever made. It changed my life.”

Yoshita, who is originally from Brazil, embarked on a nine-month trip across Southeast Asia, the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and South America starting in 2019. She spent much of her time volunteering in the communities she visited, teaching English as a second language and caring for children in orphanages.

“Volunteering gave me the best experiences I have had throughout my world trip,” Yoshita said. “Additionally, it allowed me to travel on a tight budget because in exchange for my volunteer work, I was often given accommodation and food for free.”

Yoshita says traveling has taught her to love and respect others unconditionally, to work hard to achieve her dreams, and to live life to the fullest.

Throughout her time at Washburn, Yoshita developed lasting bonds with faculty and staff. Heidi Staerkel, coordinator of student international activities, International Programs, was one of those mentors.

“Heidi Staerkel was the first person I met at Washburn University. I was young, lost and could not even speak proper English. She was always there to help me get through the hard times,” Yoshita said. “She was not only a mentor but also a friend.”

Staerkel has fond memories of Yoshita’s time on campus, and they had the opportunity to reconnect in Germany in 2018.

“To me, Mariana is a student who embodies Washburn’s motto, ‘non nobis solum,’ because she wasn’t at Washburn only for herself – she was a servant leader who genuinely cared about and challenged those around her,” Staerkel said. “She was intentional about investing in her relationships and taking the time to truly get to know and encourage others along their way.”

David Sollars, dean, School of Business, connected with Yoshita via social media after she graduated and was intrigued by her travels.

While Sollars never had Yoshita in class, he got to know her because she took the International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience course taught by Michael Stoica, Distinguished Professor of Marketing Business, and went on the subsequent trip to China.

“I was simply amazed at the places she was going and what she was doing,” Sollars said.

Sollars and Stoica traveled to Brazil in the fall of 2019 and met with Yoshita. She shared details of her world journey and what she hoped would come next.

“One of the best parts of being dean is meeting with alumni,” Sollars said. “I like to think we played a small part in helping prepare them for their success. Mariana is an innovative thinker, has a big heart, and is fearless.”

Yoshita continues to travel the globe and manages a startup business in the tourism industry, intertwining her passion and her degree. She launched an online

course on how to travel the world on a budget in March of 2019. Unfortunately, this coincided with the global COVID-19 outbreak. As the global tourism industry suffered, she struggled with admission to her course. Yoshita didn’t despair. She shifted her efforts to launch a new social media project helping Brazilians spending their time in isolation learning English.

“Most mid to upper-level jobs require English in Brazil,” Yoshita said, citing unemployment numbers in her home country. “I hope to help society long term through this project.”

Her goal is to share her experiences and teach others how to travel as she did as soon as it’s deemed safe by the World Health Organization. She also hopes to return to Washburn one day and inspire students to work toward their dreams.

“I always dreamed of changing the world,” Yoshita said. “Once I realized traveling changed my world, I decided to invest in changing other people’s worlds as well.”

Yoshita chronicles her travels on her Instagram account (@MarianaYoshita). She says her greatest adventure has been the people she’s met along the way.

“I am always surprised by their generosity and love,” Yoshita said. “The world is a beautiful and lovely place.” ✈️



Mariana Yoshita volunteered with children all over the world, including here in Kratie, Cambodia. *Photo submitted*

It All Adds Up

Good-natured Wasserstein in 14th year leading national statistics organization

By Annie Flachsbarth

From raising funds to advocating for better practices in the statistics arena – for Ron Wasserstein, the numbers always add up.

For 23 years, from 1984 to 2007, Wasserstein, ba '78, was a mathematics and statistics department faculty member at Washburn University. During those last seven years, he served as the University's vice president for academic affairs.

"When attending Washburn, I experienced what is still the main calling card all these years later – great teachers who were excellent mentors," Wasserstein said. "It was fun for me to become a colleague of those mentors just a few years later."

"He was always looking for something entertaining and lighthearted. He was happy to look foolish or silly if it brought the Washburn community together." - Izzy Wasserstein

Wasserstein left Washburn in 2007 to serve as the executive director of the American Statistical Association in Alexandria, Virginia. As executive director, he provides leadership and management for the association and is responsible for ensuring the ASA fulfills its mission to promote the practice and profession of statistics.

"During my years here, we have become much more active as an advocate for the statistics profession and for the sound use of statistics in government and business," Wasserstein said. "We're very engaged with the U.S. Congress and with various federal agencies like the census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Another area in which Wasserstein is making strides is in a special project to improve how science is practiced specifically with the use of p-values and statistical significance – or in layman's terms, how statistics are used in science and business to gain insights.

"It was an area where a lot of fundamental mistakes were being made," Wasserstein said. "We wanted to see if we could change that. We started by issuing a statement in 2016, and I continue to work on that project today."

Putting the FUN in Fundraising

One of the things Wasserstein is remembered for at Washburn is his ability to have fun while raising funds for the school. In 1996, he made a challenge to faculty and staff for their annual fundraiser campaign: If half the faculty contributed at least a dollar, he would belly flop into the White Concert Hall fountain. Staff and faculty rose to the challenge, and that fall he had to pay up on his end of the deal.

"They decided that the fountain wasn't safe for that, so I belly flopped into a horse tank instead," Wasserstein said. "It snowed like crazy that day. Ordinarily, not many people outside of Washburn would have cared, but because it was snowing, the newspapers and tv stations came out and it became a big deal."

The goofy challenges to keep people engaged didn't stop there. One year, he rode a mechanical bull after more than 60 percent of the staff donated. Another year's challenge led to him standing in front of a hockey net in goaltender gear while faculty and staff shot pucks at him.

"My favorite by far was the year President Farley and I agreed to perform as the Blues Brothers," Wasserstein said. "Jerry was Elwood and I was Jake Blues. A student even choreographed a dance for us to 'Soul man.'"



Known for his willingness to embarrass himself to get a laugh while promoting the faculty and staff fundraising campaigns, Ron Wasserstein, ba '78, spent 23 years on Washburn's mathematics and statistics faculty and was vice president for academic affairs those final seven years. He is now executive director of the American Statistics Association. *Photo submitted*

His daughter, Izzy Wasserstein, ba '03, remembers her father's time and fundraising antics at Washburn fondly.

"He was always looking for something entertaining and lighthearted," Izzy said. "He was happy to look foolish or silly if it brought the Washburn community together."

Still Making a Difference

Due to his success at Washburn, when Wasserstein went to the ASA he was asked to build a fundraising program from scratch.

"We had no staff for it, and there was no culture of philanthropy," Wasserstein said. "But what I learned at Washburn about talking to people about why their involvement makes a difference – those lessons carried over really well."

All the effort he's put in over the years has not gone unnoticed. In fact, he's received multiple awards, including the Col. John Ritchie Award from the Washburn Alumni Association, the Muriel D. Clarke

Achieving Excellence Award from Washburn University, the Manning Distinguished Service Award from the North American Association of Summer Sessions, and the George Mach Distinguished Service Award from Kappa Mu Epsilon national mathematics honor society. Last year, he was recognized as a Champion of Character by Fairfax County, Virginia, and the state legislature, for his volunteer work in the soccer program with Springfield/South County Youth Club.

Even though he's now in his 14th year away from Washburn, the ties have not faded. Not only is his daughter, Izzy, a senior lecturer in the Washburn University English department, but four of his 11 children are Washburn graduates.

"He's frequently asking how things are going and how people are doing – he's still passionate about Washburn and about the people here," Izzy said. "I know as much as he likes what he is doing now, his heart and his enthusiasm are still with the Washburn community." 🏃

Clubhouse Veteran

Military, fatherhood experiences come into play for first baseman

By Chris Marshall

When most college baseball players hear “WAR,” the first thing that comes to mind is likely the sabermetric wins above replacement. Eric Hinostrza is not like most college baseball players. Although the sport remains a passion for Washburn’s everyday first baseman, fighting real-life battles has put the importance of statistics in perspective.

At age 25, Hinostrza already has a lifetime of experiences. Between his first and second seasons at Kansas City Kansas Community College, the Brandon, Florida, native got married, became a father of two and spent four years serving in the U.S. Army.

By the time he received his associate degree and transferred to Washburn, his cumulative real-world experiences were enough to diminish any pressure that comes in the batter’s box. In his first year with the Ichabods this spring, Hinostrza led the team in hits, runs and at-bats, and was the only player to start all 22 games of the shortened season.



Eric Hinostrza with his wife, Emily, and children, Emmanuel (left) and Elicia. *Photo submitted*

Despite being a newcomer, it’s little wonder Hinostrza was Head Coach Harley Douglas’ most called-upon player.

“You’ve got someone who went to war and was in combat situations that had casualties,” said Douglas, ba ’02. “That helps put things into perspective, especially for younger guys who just got out of high school. They’re overwhelmed with tests, practice and all this, but he’s got a family, memories and experiences. So, for him to be able to use that as an example was beneficial for us.”

Hinostrza can’t delve into details about where he was deployed, but said he was primarily in east Africa. He remains a member of the National Guard, fulfilling a sense of duty he said he learned from his parents, who didn’t serve in the military, but advocated its importance to their three sons. Hinostrza’s 32-year-old brother, Fernando, served in the Navy, and his 30-year-old brother, Alan, was in the Marines.

“A huge thing for them was us getting out and doing something bigger than ourselves,” Hinostrza said of his parents, Fernando and Ana.

Hinostrza and his wife, Emily, now have a family of their own, with a 4-year-old son, Emmanuel, and a 1-year-old daughter, Elicia. Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 2018, Hinostrza returned to KCKCC to continue his education and baseball career.

“I definitely had to grow up real quick, especially after my first year of college,” Hinostrza said. “I had to be more than just an athlete and college kid. I had to take on more responsibilities than anybody on the team, just between my home life and school.”

Matt Goldbeck, Hinostrza’s coach at KCKCC, was happy to welcome him back to the team. In his playing days, Goldbeck spent two years at KCKCC before transferring to Washburn, and suggested Hinostrza do the same. The Kansas Bureau of



Combat veteran Eric Hinostroza transferred to Washburn this year after playing in junior college, serving in the Army and starting a family. The 25-year-old remains in the National Guard while starting at first base for the Ichabods. *Photo by Joy Smith, Washburn Sports Information*

Investigations Forensic Science Center on Washburn's campus also helped attract Hinostroza, who already had his mind made up to major in forensics investigation and earn a bachelor of criminal justice.

"I had a class this semester in there," he said of the lab that opened in 2015. "The resources they have for that program are outstanding. That's why it was one of my top choices to go here."

Watching Hinostroza's junior college games and talking to Goldbeck gave Douglas an idea Washburn was getting a quality player, but he didn't anticipate how the addition would impact the rest of the team.

"I expected him to have an impact on the field but didn't expect the type of impact he had in the clubhouse," Douglas said. "He became a leader of the team immediately. I wasn't sure how he'd mesh with 18-year-old kids, but he immediately made really strong relationships in a unique situation."

As the Ichabods' elder statesmen, Hinostroza said he often finds himself offering guidance about life more than baseball.

"They always ask questions, especially about the military," he said of his teammates, "but also pretty much anything about being an adult, in general, like having to pay bills and having a wife and kids."

Hinostroza may have more time than he originally anticipated to share wisdom with teammates. The COVID-19 pandemic brought an abrupt end to Washburn's season with an 11-11 record, but it could mean an extra year of eligibility for Hinostroza, who, six years after his college baseball career began, is almost used to the unexpected.

There's no telling what the following months will bring, and how long it will be until the team returns to practice, but unlike his last prolonged break from baseball, Hinostroza knows this offseason, he'll be staying put.

"I love it here," Hinostroza said of Washburn. "I'm going to get my degree, then apply for the FBI when I'm almost done with school. Washburn has everything I needed and desired." 🏃



Jake Lebahn, ba '07, has been Voice of the Ichabods since 2014 and has been associated with the WIBW-AM sports department since interning there as an all-conference football player and mass media student. *Photo by Doug Stremel*

Calling the Shots

Ichabod announcer, father-to-be enjoying life at home and on the road

By Chirs Marshall

Wherever Washburn University Athletics goes, Jake Lebahn follows, and as the MIAA expands across the Midwest, that sometimes means multiple hours-long road trips a week.

When he's not hosting his weekday sports talk show on WIBW-AM 580, the 6-foot-4 former wide receiver crams into a car and travels to nearly every Washburn football and basketball contest to call the game on KTPK-FM 106.9. After all the uneventful drives to destinations in Kansas and surrounding states, it may come as a surprise to hear the Voice of the Ichabods refer to a 2014 flight to Hawaii as his "trip from hell."

The journey began with multiple flight cancellations and delays that caused the men's basketball team to miss their first game in Maui. After playing games the following two days on two different islands, flights home on Thanksgiving weekend were canceled one by one.

However, the long list of inconveniences led to a silver lining Lebahn, ba '07, never could have imagined. On a second straight day sitting in the Honolulu airport, he met Lindsay Potts, who also faced delays trying to fly home to Nashville, Tennessee. A three-year long-distance relationship led Lindsay to move to Topeka,

and the Lebahns married in 2018. Their first child, a boy, is due in May.

“Washburn basketball is the reason why I found my wife, which is crazy to say,” Lebahn said. “Covering Washburn has been my job, but it’s also what I’m truly passionate about because I played here and went here. And also, it helped my social life out a little bit.”

Meeting Lindsay confirmed good things come to those who wait, but career-wise, Lebahn couldn’t have taken a faster track. He interned at WIBW while completing his all-conference Washburn football career and, after graduating with a mass media degree in 2007, joined Mark Elliott, b ed ’84, and Bruce Steinbrock, ma ’20, on the broadcast team.

After just one year as a sideline reporter, Lebahn became sports director when Steinbrock left to become Washburn’s assistant athletic director and director of development - athletics.

Lebahn did color commentary alongside Elliott for two years and moved to his current play-by-play role six years ago. Steinbrock, who’s known Lebahn since childhood, realized the station was in good hands.

“What you love about Jake is his enthusiasm,” Steinbrock said. “He loves sports. He’s at home, to me, when he’s doing the talk show. That’s when he uses his enthusiasm and knowledge to his advantage.”

Another advantage is his familiarity with Washburn and its coaches, including Craig Schurig, who brought Lebahn to Washburn in his second recruiting class and will soon begin his 19th year coaching the football team, and Ron McHenry, ba ’85, who just finished his 20th year coaching women’s basketball.

McHenry, who talks to Lebahn in post-game interviews, coaches shows and off-air banter, said it helps when someone knows the ins and outs of college athletics.

“Jake may not come across as the straight and narrow with a big voice,” McHenry said, “but he just has fun at it and he knows a lot of sports, and he can give you that side of it.”

Lebahn said his favorite moments on the mic include Schurig and McHenry setting Washburn’s all-time win records in their respective sports, and former men’s basketball coach Bob Chipman’s historic 800th win.

“I’m a Washburn fan,” Lebahn said. “I think what helps me out with play-by-play too, is I really do want Washburn to win.”

Covering football and basketball means Lebahn is away from home nearly every Saturday, with a weeknight or two mixed in, from September through March. Thankfully, Lindsay, a former volleyball player for the University of Rhode Island, shares his enjoyment of sports and understands the time and travel commitments.

“Without Lindsay being super supportive, I wouldn’t be able to do what I’m doing,” Lebahn said. “She’s been great.”

Lindsay has embraced the local sports scene, cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, and even working at Washburn for a year, earning the title of honorary Ichabod from Jake. Now, the couple is preparing for their most meaningful shared endeavor.

“Jake’s life is about to change when his son is born in May, and I know he’s really excited about that,” Steinbrock said. “He’s actually kinda lived his boyhood dream. The Chiefs won and the Royals won, and he’s not 40. Being a fan in the moment, as well as a broadcaster in the moment, I know he’s loving it.”

In six years’ time, Lebahn landed a dream job, watched his favorite teams win titles, married and became a father. It may have all started with a “trip from hell,” but for Lebahn, every aspect of life has been heaven on earth. 🏃

Now broadcasting on KTPK-FM 106.9, below is a list of those known to have held the title “Voice of the Ichabods.”

1967-81 – Merle Blair, ba ’57

1981-84 – Mark Stubbs, ba ’84

1984-86 – Jerry Schemmel, ba ’82, jd ’85

1987-2001 – Ron Simon

2001-14 – Bruce Steinbrock, ma ’20

2011-14 – Mark Elliott, b ed ’84

2014-present – Jake Lebahn, ba ’07



Work will continue this summer on the Indoor Athletic Facility with plans to open the building in October. The facility will include a 110-yard turf field on one side and the only banked running track in NCAA Division II on another side. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

Hoffmann celebrates 20 years as Alumni Association director

The Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center was four years old when Susie Hoffmann, bba '87, started as director of the Washburn Alumni Association on Feb. 14, 2000. She was told the building was to become a gathering place for alumni, not only for formal recognition events, but for casual events. Out of that conversation, After Hours was born, and the event exemplifies the kinds of relationships and experiences Hoffmann has developed for alumni in her 20 years.

"After Hours has been a segue for many alumni to stay connected while making new friends and reconnecting with classmates," Hoffmann said. "Our first one maybe had 25 people. Now it's our most popular regular event."

Football tailgates and the alumni travel program are also among the favorite parts of her job. They too, have grown in popularity.

"It's great to see alumni and friends of all ages join us before home football games and enjoy the company of their fellow Ichabods," she said. "The travel program is



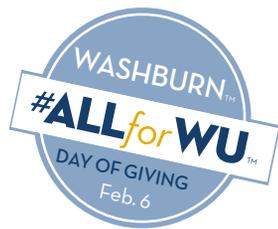
another thing I'm really proud of, and I've been very fortunate to travel the world with alumni and friends of the University."

Hoffmann thanks the alumni directors before her and recognizes the growth of Washburn under President Jerry Farley's leadership. She said the campus she enjoyed as a student has completely transformed for the better. She, like many other alumni, takes pride in staying connected with Washburn.

"I've established relationships with many alumni I consider personal friends," she said. "I'm very lucky to have a job I thoroughly enjoy, and I hope it shows. Twenty years has gone by in the blink of an eye. Time literally flies when you're having fun." 🏃

Record raised on Day of Giving

Washburn's 2020 Day of Giving raised a record \$271,904 from a record total of 809 gifts. Washburn holds a Day of Giving as part of the Feb. 6 Founders Day celebration each year. This year's event raised funds for more than 30 projects sponsored by campus partners in the areas of education and research, travel, diversity and inclusion, student emergencies, and scholarships. Each academic area also had the opportunity to raise gifts for scholarships and its general fund. Washburn was founded in 1865 and celebrated its 155th birthday this year. 🏃



Past editions of yearbook available

The Washburn Student Media office has editions of The Kaw yearbook going back to 2013 available for free and several other years available on a limited basis. Individuals can also reserve the upcoming yearbook for \$5. Online ordering is available with the option to ship the yearbook for a cost or pick it up in the Student Media office in Memorial Union for free when COVID-19 restrictions allow it. Order online at bit.ly/kawyearbook, and the staff will contact individuals if payment is necessary. 🏃

First-generation students honored

Senior Brandon Moreno, als '18, and Jenny Lieurance, ba '18, and their families were the inaugural recipients of Washburn University's First-Generation Family of the Year awards. It has been a long-standing tradition for Washburn to recognize families that have shown dedication to, support of and enthusiasm for the University over the years. This year, Washburn added recognition specifically for first-generation families. Washburn has multiple programs in place specifically to integrate first-generation students and their families and has been recognized nationally by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education for their work on behalf of first-generation students.

"I strive to make sure other students feel like they have what they need in order to accomplish whatever goal they have," said Moreno, who started his journey at Washburn with the Ichabod Success Institute and anticipates graduating with with a bachelor of science in biology in December of 2020. "I want all students to feel as safe and welcomed as Washburn has made me feel."

Lieurance graduated in 2018 with a degree in communication studies and went on to pursue a



Jenny Lieurance, ba '18 (front left), and Brandon Moreno, als '18 (front right), were honored by Washburn officials with First-Generation Family of the Year awards. *Photo by Patrick Early, Washburn Public Relations*

graduate degree in higher education student affairs at the University of South Carolina. While at Washburn, Lieurance's many accomplishments include helping with the Ichabod Success Institute, starting the We Are First student organization and winning the Jordan Smith Fellowship. 🏃

Ellis selected as ENACT fellow



Rick Ellis

a service-learning scholarship program at Washburn. He has served as professor of human services, chair of the human services department and faculty advisor for Learning in the Community.

Rick Ellis has been selected as a fellow with the Educational Network for Active Civic Transformation at Brandeis University. Ellis serves as the program director for the LinC Scholar/Bonner Leader Program,

ENACT is a national program engaging undergraduates in state-level legislative change by learning to work with legislators, staffers and community organizations to advance policy. It is becoming a major voice in addressing challenges to American democracy by engaging young people around the country in civic activism built on knowledge, cooperation, justice and integrity. ENACT fellows are chosen based on their experience as activists, their knowledge of experiential teaching and learning, and their ability to work with students to gain access to state legislators. 🏃

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 jwangler@wualumni.org by July 31, 2020, to be included in the fall magazine.

1940s

John Rex Duwe, ba '47, Lucas, Kansas, was inducted into the Russell County Kansas Hall of Fame.

1960s

Col. Jack Bender, ba '66, jd '69, Halstead, Kansas, Air Force ROTC, was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.

Bill Kurtis, jd '66, h '85, Chicago, Illinois, Delta Theta Phi, will receive the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters for his contributions to journalism, media and the arts from the University of Kansas.

Terry Marshall, bba '63, Prescott, Arizona, Alpha Delta, Young Republicans, was recently given the status of realtor emeritus by the National Association of Realtors. As of December 2019, Terry had worked in commercial real estate for 46 years and been recognized by the Prescott Area Association of Realtors for his years of continuous membership in the National Association of Realtors.

1970s

Betty (Johnson) Edwards, ba '79, Hickory Creek, Texas, started a nonprofit organization called Grace World Ministries. Grace World Ministries sponsors over 50 orphaned children in Uganda with tuition, uniforms, supplies, nutritional support and oversight to increase their chances for success in their studies. In October 2019, Edwards gave a presentation on her work at the International Federation of Social Work Conference Africa Regional in Uganda.

Paul Maricle, ba '76, jd '79, Denver, Colorado, Phi Delta Theta, formed a new law firm, Castle Lantz Maricle Murray, LLC, in November 2019. The firm's practice focuses on real estate, corporate mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy and international business transactions.

Jean Rosemarynoski, ba '74, Concordia, Kansas, was re-elected president of the Concordia congregation for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Charles Stones, ba '78, Topeka, Kansas, was nominated for appointment by President Donald Trump to be a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. Stones is the former president of the Kansas Bankers Association.

1980s

Richard Anderson, jd '80, Topeka, Kansas, was appointed as chief judge for the Kansas 3rd Judicial District. Anderson has been a Shawnee County District Court judge since 1999.

Annette Hamilton, bba '87, South Sioux City, Nebraska, Accounting Society, was named a member of the Briar Cliff University board of trustees. She currently serves on the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – Omaha Branch, MercyOne Siouxland Medical Center and Native American Contractors Association.

Scott Stone, bba '89, jd '92, Olathe, Kansas, Sigma Phi Epsilon, was named by HCA Overland Park Regional Medical Center as vice president of human resources.

Evelyn (Zabel) Wilson, jd '85, Topeka, Kansas, Phi Delta Phi, was appointed by the governor to the Kansas Supreme Court. Wilson worked 19 years in private practice at firms in Topeka and Oberlin and served on the district court in Shawnee County from 2004 until departing for the Supreme Court. As a district court judge, she presided over more than 80 jury trials.

1990s

Chris Conroy, jd '98, West Des Moines, Iowa, is the 2020 chair of the National Association of Fixed Annuities. Conroy previously was head of annuity sales at North American Company for Life and Health Insurance.

Kriss (Madell) Craig, ba '92, San Mateo, California, married Robert Semmens in September 2019.

Kak Eli-Schneider, b ed '90, Topeka, Kansas, Zeta Tau Alpha, was named a Phillips 66 Hometown Hero for her involvement with Unified Sports, an inclusive group empowering students with and without disabilities through sports.

Tamara Elliott, bsn '97, Denison, Kansas, was promoted to practice transformation manager at Kansas Foundation for Medical Care. Elliott worked for the company for more than two years as a quality improvement consultant prior to the promotion.

Luther Ganieany, jd '97, Topeka, Kansas, was appointed to general counsel of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Prior to joining the patrol as general counsel, Ganieany served as a senior attorney in the city of Topeka's legal department for 18 years and as a police legal adviser for Topeka Police Department.

Sam Larson, bcj '97, Shawnee, Kansas, was appointed as Shawnee's new chief of police.

Kimbra (Caywood) McCarthy, ba '98, jd '05, Redwood City, California, Delta Gamma, Washburn Student Government Association, was appointed city manager of Mountain View, California.

Tonya Ricklefs, aas '98, bas '00, msw '11, Topeka, Kansas, was promoted to chair of the department of social work in the School of Applied Studies at Washburn University.

Phillip Smith-Hanes, jd '95, Salina, Kansas, Phi Delta Phi, International Law Society, was named a new Saline County administrator.

Steve Stockard, jd '96, Pittsburg, Kansas, God's Bods, was appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy in the 11th Judicial District.

Alan Tripp, ba '92, Henderson, Kentucky, Alpha Delta, has joined the general surgery department at Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy, North Carolina.

Chris (Mosher) Wilson, jd '99, Manhattan, Kansas, was honored as a distinguished alumnus of the Western Illinois University School of Agriculture.

Jolene Witkin, aa '98, bas '00, Bronx, New York, was promoted to executive director of construction, code and zoning at Dixon Projects, LLC. Witkin is an active member of the New York chapter of Professional Women in Construction.

2000s

Amy Billinger, ba '09, Topeka, Kansas, Leadership Institute, Washburn Student Government Association, God's Bods, Phi Alpha Theta, is one of the founders of Anneal Initiative Inc., which was named a 2020 Emerging Business of the Year by the Kansas Small Business Development Center. Anneal Initiative is an intelligence analysis and cybersecurity firm.

Dennis Bohm, bba '04, Raleigh, North Carolina, Kappa Sigma, Washburn Student Government Association, and his wife, Kim, welcomed their second son in November 2019.

Dorthea Fronsman-Cecil, ba '07, Davenport, Iowa, was the winner of the 2019 Peter Lang Young Scholars Competition in French Studies in the category of media and culture.

Amanda (Smith) Hammond, b ed '04, McLouth, Kansas, welcomed a baby boy in July of 2019.

Kelly (Blakely) Howe, bsn '02, Olathe, Kansas, was promoted in January to manager of the emergency department at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She was previously a supervisor.

Jeremiah Humes, jd '03, Price, Utah, was appointed by the governor as a judge for the 7th District Court in Utah.

Aaron Mays, ba '02, Topeka, Kansas, was elected as a Shawnee County commissioner. Mays was sworn in in October 2019.

Amanda (Bundren) McNelley, jd '02, Kirkwood, Missouri, Phi Alpha Delta, was appointed as an associate circuit judge for the St. Louis County Circuit Court.

Eric Purcell, bba '07, mba '17, Topeka, Kansas, Washburn Finance Society, is now a certified financial planner professional at Clayton Wealth Partners. This certification emphasizes a broad-based education, holistic financial planning and adherence to ethics that put clients first.

Becky Shaw, bba '06, Holton, Kansas, Accounting Society, was elected chair of the Educational Foundation of the Kansas Society of CPAs board of trustees for 2019-20.

JR Treto, ba '03, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Phi Delta Theta, Campus Activities Board, recently returned to the College Board as the director of event planning.

Janelle Williamson, bsn '02, msn '07, Topeka, Kansas, has been named recipient of the 2020 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Kansas State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence. This prestigious award is given annually to a dedicated nurse practitioner and NP advocate in each state.

2010s

Samantha (Greif) Budden, bsn '11, Merriam, Kansas, Bod Squad, God's Bods, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Lambda Delta, welcomed a baby boy in November 2019.

Ally Burr, ba '19, Arkansas City, Kansas, Tennis, Young Life, Delta Gamma, Leadership Institute, recently accepted the retail manager position at Saranac Village, a Young Life camp located in the Adirondack Mountains in Saranac Lake, New York.

Lance Cahill, bba '12, Bentonville, Arkansas, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Beta Alpha Psi, Alpha Lambda Delta, College Republicans, recently joined Walmart as a senior manager in their global controllership office.

Jordan Carley, ba '19, Wamego, Kansas, Alpha Lambda Delta, had her poem, "Off the Side of the 101" published in the first quarter 2020 issue of Abyss & Apex.

Brian Folkerts, als '15, bba '18, Topeka, Kansas, Football, was the starting center this year for the XFL professional American football league's St. Louis BattleHawks.

Sidney Franzke Doty, b ed '18, Topeka, Kansas, was selected as a winner of the Kansas Horizon Award. The Kansas Horizon Award program identifies and recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state.

Colin Holthaus, jd '13, Topeka, Kansas, has been selected to serve as the director of Kansas Correctional Industries.

Randi (McAfee) Johnson, bcj '15, Topeka, Kansas, Zeta Tau Alpha, Panhellenic Council, Criminal Justice Association, Bod Squad, Washburn Student Government Association, FYE Peer Educator Club, graduated from the National Forensic Academy in November 2019.

Jade Ramsdell, as '15, bhs '17, Topeka, Kansas, was appointed by the governor to the Kansas Board of Nursing. Ramsdell is the continuing professional development coordinator at Stormont Vail. Previously, she was the director of habilitation services at the Kansas Neurological Institute.

Tawni (Horne) Schraad, b ed '18, Topeka, Kansas, was selected as a winner of the Kansas Horizon Award. The Kansas Horizon Award program identifies and recognizes representatives of excellent teaching in the elementary and secondary classrooms of the state. She teaches at Randolph Elementary in Topeka. 🏃

In Memory

The following information was received by the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation before March 15, 2020. Submit any omissions to jwangler@wualumni.org by July 31, 2020.

1940s

Vernon Chamberlin, ba '49, 95, Lawrence, Kansas, on Jan. 25, 2020

Dean Fager, bba '49, 93, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 8, 2019

Barbara Hoyle, ba '47, 94, Junction City, Kansas, Alpha Phi, on Feb. 17, 2020

Dorothy (Rhynas) Pooler, ba '47, 93, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 6, 2020

1950s

Beverly (Wilke) Dockhorn, b ed '58, 83, Prairie Village, Kansas, Kappa Alpha Theta, Washburn Singers, on Dec. 7, 2019

Betty (Warren) Gerhardt, ba '51, 90, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 7, 2020

Gary Hilgers, bba '53, jd '55, Arvada, Colorado, Phi Delta Theta, Basketball

C.L. Kendall, ba '50, 92, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Kappa Sigma, Air Force ROTC, on Dec. 3, 2019

Richard "Dick" Lewis, ba '56, 87, Wichita, Kansas, Tennis, on Jan. 16, 2020

Billy Ogan, ba '50, 92, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sagamore Society, Air Force ROTC, on Nov. 20, 2019

Ronald "Bob" Rhodes, ba '50, 92, Clovis, California, Alpha Delta, on Jan. 31, 2020

Edna "Eddie" (Schumacher) Morris, ba '57, 85, Abilene, Kansas, Phi Kappa Phi, on Jan. 28, 2020

Donald Robson, bba '54, ba '54, Tucson, Arizona, on April 3, 2019

Ralph Skoog, jd '59, 89, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 13, 2019

1960s

Louise (Allen) Bobo, ba '68, 93, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 13, 2020

David Craig, jd '63, 82, Leawood, Kansas, on Dec. 4, 2019

Georgia Deatrack, ba '68, 74, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 18, 2020

George Engle, jd '68, 80, Midland City, Alabama, on Nov. 17, 2019

Michael Gentry, bba '68, 74, Houston, Texas, Phi Delta Theta, on May 19, 2019

Ruby Gilbert, b ed '63, m ed '69, 106, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 22, 2019

Roger Helt, bba '68, 77, Peoria, Arizona, on Jan. 14, 2020

Richard Huncker, bba '66, 76, Topeka, Kansas, Sigma Phi Epsilon, on Feb. 1, 2020

Susan (Burrow) Johnson, ba '65, 76, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Dec. 16, 2019

Arden Kanode, bs '64, 88, Kappa Mu Epsilon, on Jan. 11, 2020

Gary Kelley, ba '64, 82, Kansas City, Kansas, on Jan. 8, 2020

Tom Kingsley, bs '69, 75, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 23, 2020

Gerald Letourneau, jd '62, 82, Topeka, Kansas, Law Journal, on Dec. 13, 2019

Charles "Chuck" McClenny, bba '65, 85, Topeka, Kansas, Alpha Delta, on Dec. 9, 2019

Milton Patterson, ba '69, m ed '87, 77, Lawrence, Kansas, on Dec. 20, 2019

Philip Peterson, jd '60, 88, Fair Play, South Carolina, Delta Theta Phi, on Dec. 29, 2019

Jack Powell, jd '65, 81, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Delta Theta Phi, on Jan. 3, 2020

Edwin Schwemmer, bs '65, 85, Huntsville, Alabama, on Feb. 20, 2020

Richard Weller, ba '63, 87, Topeka, Kansas, Golf, on Dec. 29, 2019

John Wempe, ba '60, 83, Brooksville, Florida, Association of Business Students, Young Republicans, on Jan. 11, 2020

1970s

Ted Baker, bba '73, 68, Overland Park, Kansas, on Dec. 9, 2019

George "Chris" Bleier, bba '79, 62, Houston, Texas, Alpha Delta, on Dec. 12, 2019

Beatrice (Keown) Cairns, b ed '77, 72, Independence, Missouri, on Nov. 10, 2019

Amalia "Molly" Corona, b ed '71, 83, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 18, 2020

Richard Dickson, jd '73, 71, Wichita, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi, on Oct. 13, 2019

Paul Feaker, b ed '76, 68, Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sept. 18, 2019

Phil Gutierrez, bsw '71, 83, Holton, Kansas, on Feb. 25, 2020

Janette Hewitt, b ed '71, 70, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, God's Bods, on Nov. 5, 2019

Barbara (Eyth) Hinchsliff, ba '71, 88, Berryton, Kansas, on Feb. 16, 2020

Donna (Simmons) Jewell, ba '71, m ed '77, 77, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 11, 2019

Harry Jolley, bba '70, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 18, 2019

Tim McCoy, ba '75, jd '81, 65, Piedmont, Oklahoma, on Oct. 19, 2019

Kenneth "Mac" McLean, ba '73, 73, Topeka, Kansas, Sigma Phi Epsilon, on Feb. 15, 2020

Chuck Miller, bba '72, 70, Berryton, Kansas, on Feb. 16, 2020

Ernest Moulos, jd '72, 74, Wichita, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi, on Dec. 8, 2019

Terry Pullman, jd '78, 66, Wichita, Kansas, on Nov. 27, 2019

Ronald Selby, bba '77, 64, Moore, Oklahoma, on Jan. 7, 2020

Robert "Craig" Young, bba '77, 68, Dallas, Texas, in January 2019

1980s

Brian Banks, jd '87, 64, Raeford, North Carolina, on Sept. 13, 2019

Robert Daub, jd '88, 66, Salina, Kansas, on May 29, 2019

Stephen Flye, bsn '87, 69, Topeka, Kansas, Student Nurses Association of Washburn, on Dec. 4, 2019

Bob Levy, jd '83, 66, Garden City, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi, on Feb. 19, 2020

Joyce (Storer) May, b ed '82, 81, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 16, 2019

Jim McMillan, bs '88, 76, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 23, 2020

C. Steven Rarrick, jd '87, 59, Topeka, Kansas, Washburn Law Journal, on Dec. 27, 2019

Carl Strumfa, bs '80, 76, Thermopolis, Wyoming, on Oct. 12, 2019

1990s

Kristen (Proctor) Edmonston, bsn '93, 53, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 9, 2020

Iva (Annis) Jorgensen, aas '97, 71, Lecompton, Kansas, on Jan. 10, 2020

Carrol (Erickson) McCartney, m ed '94, 82, Auburn, Kansas, on Dec. 14, 2019

Sandra Mitchell, aas '96, 59, Mayetta, Kansas, on Jan. 12, 2020

Marilyn (Kish) Zinn, ba '92, 71, Holton, Kansas, on Feb. 10, 2020

2000s

Nancy (Huck) Kessler, bsw '02, msw '04, 62, Fort Worth, Texas, LinC Bonner Leaders, on Sept. 10, 2019

Nathan Leadstrom, jd '01, 43, Topeka, Kansas, International Law Society, on Feb. 26, 2020

George "Dan" Pulliam, m ed '00, 73, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 6, 2019

Edward Schiffelbein, aas '02, 68, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 28, 2019

2010s

Hannah Blick, certificate '17, 18, Valley Falls, Kansas, on Feb. 14, 2020

Joshua Freeman, bsn '13, 34, Lawrence, Kansas, on Dec. 18, 2019

Friends

Jim Bass, 86, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 10, 2020

Dorothy (Stephens) Beaman, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 2, 2020

Jim Birkbeck, 79, Holton, Kansas, on Nov. 27, 2019

Marlyn Burch, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 8, 2020

MaryJane (Martin) Cook, 72, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 24, 2020

Ruth (Peterson) Cook, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on March 3, 2020

Ruth "Ilene" (Jones) Ecord, 90, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 30, 2019

Dorothy (Alford) Fager, 98, Topeka, Kansas, on March 4, 2020

C.J. Hiestand, 72, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 13, 2020

Betty (Boettcher) Matheny, 90, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 17, 2020

Donald Patterson, 95, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 10, 2020

Jane (Schneider) Schnellbacher, 89, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 16, 2020

Mike Schurig, 88, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 11, 2020

Bob Stout, Washburn Employee, 41, Lyndon, Kansas, on Jan. 17, 2020

Paul Urbom, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 23, 2019

Barbara (Horine) Winders, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 29, 2020

Christel Marquardt, jd '74, h '12, Washburn University Board of Regents, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation Trustee and Director, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on March 8, 2020



Law Clinic Intern

Christel Marquardt worked for Cosgrove, Webb, and Omen in Topeka, becoming a partner, and then started the law firm Palmer, Marquardt and Snyder. She was

named one of the Top Ten Business Women in America by the American Business Women's Association in 1985. In 1986, she became the

first woman to be president of the Kansas Bar Association. She was later appointed to the Kansas Court of Appeals where she served as a judge for 17 years. She served as a chair of the Washburn University board of regents and chair of the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association board of governors. She created the Honorable Christel E. Marquardt Endowed Scholarship to assist law students interested in government or public service.

Jack Richmond, ba '50, h '00, Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation Trustee Emeriti, Washburn Alumni Association Board of Directors, 91, San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 14, 2020



Alpha Delta, Washburn Players

Jack Richmond served on the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation board of directors from 1978-81. He later served on the board of

trustees from 1994-99 and then became a trustee

emeritus. He earned an honorary doctorate for his business and philanthropic efforts. Richmond had a successful career as a Pizza Hut franchiser in San Antonio, Texas, and supported a range of local nonprofits through his family foundation. His generous gift to Washburn in 2000 helped make the construction of the Living Learning Center residence hall possible.

Dale Anderson, Professor Emeritus, General Manager, KTWU, Washburn University, 95, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 19, 2020



Dale Anderson became the general manager of KTWU TV at Washburn University in 1967 and also held the academic rank of professor. Anderson is credited with transforming KTWU as a television station from 1967-98.

During his time at Washburn, KTWU became a 24-hour station, diversified program offerings were added, local programs were included, college courses for credit through Washburn

were implemented, Washburn sporting events were aired and more. KTWU also became color-compatible and participated in the development of closed captioning transmission. In addition to working at KTWU, Dale simultaneously served as the first chair of the mass media department for six years. The Dale Anderson/KTWU Internship Endowed Fund was created upon his retirement to provide financial assistance to mass media students.

Bill Bunten, Washburn University Board of Regents, 89, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 29, 2020



Former Topeka mayor Bill Bunten served on the Washburn University board of regents concurrent with his time as Topeka mayor from 2005-13. Bunten started serving in the Kansas House of Representatives

in 1962 and spent his life dedicated to public service. He served as chair of the House Appropriations Committee and later served in

the Kansas Senate before becoming mayor. He graduated in 1952 from the University of Kansas with a degree in business administration, after which he served in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain. He later went on to become vice president of Kaw Dehydrating Company, president of the Bunten Company property management and served on many local boards and commissions in Topeka.

Betty Cole, Professor Emeritus and Chair, Biology, Mabee Library Interim Director, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 10, 2020



Betty Cole taught in the biology department at Washburn University for 27 years from 1979-2006. Betty earned bachelor, master and doctoral degrees in chemistry and microbiology prior to her time

at Washburn. She began her career at Washburn

as an associate professor of biology and went on to become chair of the department from 1995-1999. During her tenure at Washburn, she sat on numerous committees, including serving as interim director of Mabee Library in 1999 and chairing the College Committee on Promotion and Tenure.

Simone Johnson, Professor Emeritus and Chair, Modern Languages, Washburn University, 98, Lawrence, Kansas, on March 3, 2020



Simone Johnson joined the faculty of Washburn University in 1961 where she taught French for 25 years and served as chair of the modern foreign languages department. She was the recipient of the

Lilla Day Monroe Award from the Washburn University Alumni Association. She received a

baccalaureat-es-lettres from the University of Bordeaux, France. She went on to earn master and doctoral degrees. Her achievements include writing a book entitled "The French Presence in Kansas: 1673-1854" and having great dedication to students, teaching for many years until her retirement. To assist French majors in studying abroad, she established the Simone Johnson Award of Excellence Fund.

Harlan Koca, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics and Statistics, Washburn University, 89, Mission, Kansas, on March 10, 2020



Harlan Koca was a professor of mathematics and statistics at Washburn University. He retired in 1995 after 29 years. Before teaching at Washburn, he served in the United States Army from 1952-54 during the Korean War.

He then taught mathematics at Lyons Township High School in La Grange, Illinois, after earning bachelor and master degrees in math education. He and his wife established the Harlan and Kathryn Koca Tutoring Fund for the University and contributed to it for many years after his retirement.

Billy Milner, Professor Emeritus, Mathematics and Statistics, Washburn University, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 20, 2020



Billy Milner taught mathematics at Washburn University for more than 30 years from 1970-2001. He earned bachelor, master and doctoral degrees in mathematics. Washburn University was his first full-time

university appointment beginning in August of 1970. He was appointed to serve as the

associate chair of the mathematics department from 1982-1986. During his 30-year career, he served on numerous department, college and University committees. His teaching evaluations from his students were always positive despite teaching mathematics to non-majors. His former colleagues note that he was always willing to do what was necessary for the betterment of the department. 🏃



Alumni Travel Opportunities

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CRUISE: ITALY, FRANCE, SPAIN AND MONACO

Nov. 3-11, 2020

Sail to some of the most cultured cities on the western Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina. Fly to Rome, board the ship and cruise to the ports of Florence (Livorno), Ajaccio, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Barcelona, Marseille and Monte Carlo. Pricing begins at \$2,299 per person for two people sharing one room and includes airfare and cruise. Extend your trip with a post-cruise stay in Rome or post-cruise stay in Monte Carlo. Nearly 150 people have already booked the cruise. It will likely sell out, so don't delay.

ALL-INCLUSIVE WINTER TRIP TO PLAYA MUJERES, MEXICO

Mid-January 2021

Get away this winter, head someplace warm and enjoy a fun time with fellow Ichabods at the Grand Palladium Costa Mujeres Resort & Spa. Located approximately 45 minutes north of the Cancun Airport, the resort is on the beach amidst the white sands and clear waters of the Mexican Caribbean. Exact dates and pricing will be finalized in mid-July, but trip will likely begin at \$1,800 per person double occupancy and includes roundtrip, non-stop airfare from Kansas City (other departure cities available, but pricing may vary), seven nights stay at the all-inclusive resort hotel, all meals and beverages.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE — MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS

March 14-22, 2021

All aboard the American Queen for a cruise down the Mississippi River. Pricing begins at \$2,299 per person double occupancy and includes one night hotel stay in Memphis; seven nights aboard the American Queen with stops at ports including Terrebonne Landing, Vicksburg, Natchez, St. Francisville, Baton Rouge, Nottoway Plantation and New Orleans; complimentary shore excursions; all meals onboard the ship; daily lectures by a riverlorian and more. Airfare not included.



The Alumni Association's travel club is exclusive to dues-paid members of the Washburn University Alumni Association. Members get advance notification of trips. If you are not a member of the Alumni Association, consider joining online at wualumni.org/join. You don't have to be a graduate of Washburn to join the Alumni Association and be a member of the travel club. Nearly every trip sells out quickly. If you are interested in any of these trips, email Susie Hoffmann at your very earliest convenience. She offers the trip to prospective travelers in the order they express interest. Get your name on her list early to hold your place. If later you choose not to go, your spot will be offered to someone on the waitlist.

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