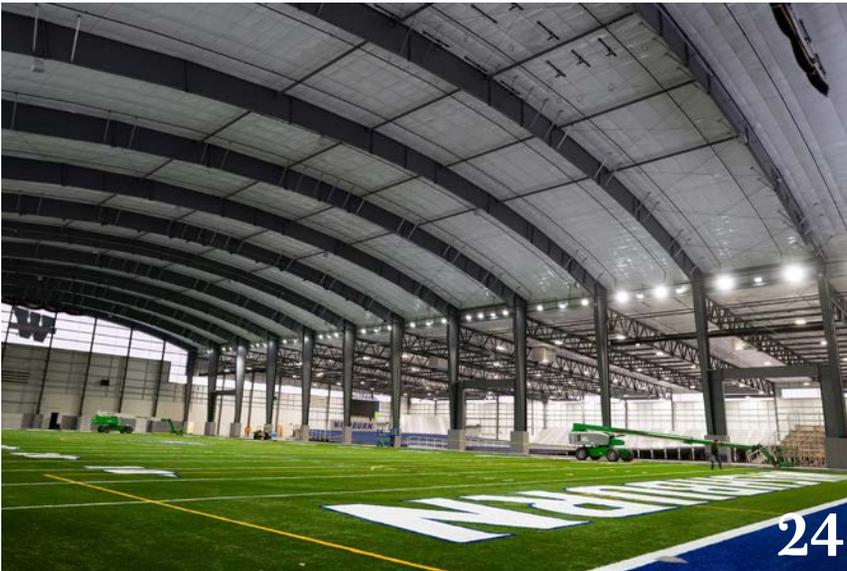


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From the President

Once again, we will engage the Washburn University community in conversations during our third annual WUmester this spring. This year's theme is sustainability, and I expect lively and impassioned conversations about this timely and global subject.

Merriam-Webster defines sustainability in three ways, and I will paraphrase them as: capable of being sustained; harvesting or using a resource in a way that does not deplete the resource; and a lifestyle that involves sustainable methods.

Sustainability will be discussed in classrooms, panel discussions and other WUmester events by scholars who have made the topic one of their passions. The ideas that come forward will inspire the next generation of leaders. As educators, we encourage students to pursue their passions and find ways to carry out important initiatives. Their ideas must be big and bold. They should not be afraid to share them with decisionmakers. But the ideas need to be sustainable, and that is dependent upon the support one can get to maintain the intensity, develop the concept and refine the ideas you want to promote. As students graduate and build their careers, these skills will be paramount in any field.

This issue of *The Ichabod* features alumni and faculty who no doubt work toward sustainability. Two Washburn professors and two Kansas farmers are promoting water usage practices which benefit the environment while supporting our livelihood as consumers. Assistant Professor Ben Reed is building a sustainable environment for ornate box turtles and teaching his students valuable research skills as they track this important species. Alumna Vanessa Dudley-Miller, in her role as state director of Kansas CASA Association, is finding sustainable advocates for foster children.

Indeed, sustainability must be practiced in all we do. As a university, we will celebrate on Feb. 6, 2021, our 156th year of sustaining an educational environment open to all. Every choice we make must be approached from this standpoint. Can it get broad support? Can we afford to spend the appropriate time and resources on it? Is it something we need now and will need well into the future? If the answers are yes and we can maintain our end and maintain the energy of everyone involved, then it will sustain. Whether adding a new academic program, creating a partnership with a local entity or constructing a new building, every decision we make must help Washburn endure for another 156 years and beyond.

Many WUmester events this spring will be offered virtually, and we invite you to be a part of the conversation and lend your voice as alumni and friends. Learn more at washburn.edu/wumester. Your participation will help WUmester remain sustainable.



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Senior Cassidy Agnew and senior Benedict Guerra-Arreola work with the Leica ScanStation C10 while Lecturer Kimberly Gerhardt-Whiddon observes. *Photo by Nick Krug*

Sharper Image

Donated 3D scanner gives students an edge up

By Annie Flachsbarth

It sounds like something you would see on an episode of "Law & Order:"

A crime has been committed. The lead investigator collects data at the scene, takes it back to the lab and uses highly sophisticated equipment to dissect minute details that determine what really happened – details that ultimately end up solving the case and saving the day.

But for Washburn University students, this television-worthy, state-of-the-art technology is well within reach.

Washburn's criminal justice and legal studies department recently received a 3D scanner donated from the Kansas

Bureau of Investigation. With this high-tech equipment, students will be able to obtain real-world experience in the classroom setting, as well as training on equipment that will help them on the job or in graduate school.

The Proper Equipment

KBI has an ongoing collaborative effort with Washburn, an effort that has been further strengthened by the KBI Forensic Science Center that opened on campus in 2015. So, when it was time to upgrade KBI's 3D scanning equipment, it was natural for the KBI's executive officer, Robert Jacobs, mcj '99, adjunct professor, forensic investigations, to suggest they make the donation.

“At the time, Washburn was getting ready to start a forensic investigation program in the criminal justice department. I thought it would really benefit Washburn to offer a 3D scanning class so we can teach our students to do scanning. That way they’re better prepared when they enter the field of criminal justice or law enforcement,” Jacobs said.

Originally purchased by KBI in 2011, the donated equipment – the Leica ScanStation C10 – is one that can be set up in varying locations throughout a crime scene to make a 360-degree image of the scene. The device, which originally cost more than \$100,000 can capture 50,000 data points per second, making the recreation of a crime scene incredibly realistic.

“If a witness to a crime stated that he or she saw the crime happen from their bedroom window, you could use the 3D scanner to create a view out the bedroom window and potentially replicate exactly what the witness saw in a court of law,” said Jacobs. “If there was a tree in the way of the view of the crime, the 3D scan could help investigators confirm or refute witness statements.”

Head of the Class

To help make the scanning class a reality, Washburn purchased a Leica BLK360 imaging laser scanner to use alongside the C10, customized laptops and the scanning software used to create the digital images of crime scenes. Melanie Worsley, jd '07, chair and associate professor, criminal justice and legal studies, says as agencies across the country are beginning to use this kind of technology in the field, it’s important to teach these skills.

“Having the opportunity to use two different models of laser scanners will make students more versatile in their ability to conduct scans,” she said. “Learning the entire scanning process will make students more marketable in the field and will help to distinguish them from other applicants.”

Emma Morrissey, a current Washburn criminal justice major with an emphasis in forensics, is excited to learn how to use the equipment.

“It will be interesting to see how crime scenes are mapped differently with this technology,” Morrissey said. “The more hands-on experiences you have with these technologies the better.”

Morrissey also considered the future implications this type of technology could have in the courtroom, as she one day hopes to go on to receive a law degree.

“I’m thinking about how convincing it will be to show a jury a 360-degree, 3D image of a crime scene,” Morrissey said. “In criminal cases, it’s sometimes hard for people to picture what really happened. Having an almost accurate portrayal could make a big impact.”

“Having the opportunity to use two different models of laser scanners will make students more versatile in their ability to conduct scans. Learning the entire scanning process will make students more marketable in the field and will help to distinguish them from other applicants.” - Melanie Worsley

The Big Picture

The criminal justice and legal studies department aims to offer a 3D scanning class by the fall 2021, but that’s not the only course offering that may leverage the new technology. They’re also looking for ways to incorporate it throughout the curriculum, such as in the forensic investigation lab class and an accident reconstruction course that is being developed.

“We want to make sure the students get to actually use the equipment and also learn how to process and use the data,” Worsley said.

And as this technology becomes more the norm, it will be beneficial to Washburn.

“Other universities are starting to offer 3D scanning courses, so this is not only putting students in a good position, but it’s also keeping Washburn competitive,” Jacobs said.

With the KBI partnership, students studying forensics at Washburn will continue to enter the workforce with an advantage. 



Freshman Ashlyn Norwood, junior Analisa Chavez-Muñoz and freshman Diana Ramirez gather in the new Multicultural Intersectional Learning Space. *Photo by Nick Krug*

All Are Welcome

Students and staff look forward to the future of a new space and new direction

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For multicultural students at Washburn University, when they don't see a space for themselves, they create it.

Washburn's campus celebrated the opening of the Multicultural Intersectional Learning Space in September. Located in the basement of the Memorial Union, the learning space is open to all students and will be focused on student support, safety, outreach, intersectional learning and leadership to help improve cultural understanding throughout the campus community.

"This space was created as a part of Washburn University's commitment to its core value of inclusion

and our effort to ensure that all students feel welcomed, included and they know they belong here," said Danielle Dempsey-Swopes, jd '92, director, Office of University Diversity and Inclusion.

The space reflects the University's plans to place an emphasis on students who identify as belonging to a historically marginalized population and help them continue through to graduation.

Washburn students made it clear to faculty this space is one of their top priorities.

"This is an imperative first step to students feeling welcomed," said JuliAnn Mazachek, vice president for

academic affairs. “More importantly, it is for students staying in school and for assisting them through to graduation to help them cross that finish line.”

Washburn has seen a steady increase in Black/African American and Hispanic/Latin students. Other colleges and universities across the state have reported similar spaces are necessary to serve the needs of students who identify in minority or historically marginalized groups.

“Nearly 40 percent of our students identify themselves as being from under-represented groups and ethnicities,” Mazachek said. “This number has grown substantially in the last five years.”

The theory of intersectionality recognizes that identity markers like gender, sex, race, sexual orientation, physical appearance, disability and religion do not exist independently of each other. This term is a framework to better understand how aspects of a person’s social and political identities combine to create modes of discrimination and advantage.

Victoria Smith, senior music performance student and president of Washburn Student Government Association, said it’s important students are part of conversations regarding diversity and inclusion.

“We see in our society important conversations get started,” Smith said. “Another big issue will come into play and all the conversations start over.”

Washburn students, administration and faculty had one of those conversations in March 2019 about racial injustice. Many students put their voices forward to make a difference for the students of today and of the future.

From this event, Washburn administration heard how important it was to not only create, but to sustain an inclusive place where under-represented students could come together.

“We believe this diversity in our student body is critical as we prepare ourselves, our students and our entire community to address the important race and social justice issues in our society and culture today,” Mazachek said.

Students from Washburn Black Student Union, WSGA, Hispanic American Leadership Organization and Washburn’s chapter of Queers and Allies were among those who advocated for this space. It will serve as a safe place for multicultural leaders and student organizations to plan programs, discuss social justice issues and store items related to their work.

“This is truly a product of student activism and determination,” said Analisa Chavez-Muñoz, president of the Washburn University HALO.

With help from Dempsey-Swopes; Mazachek; Jerry Farley, president of Washburn University; and Eric Grospitch, vice president for student life, the University community was engaged in a broader discussion about the needs of the diverse student populations.

“Eric and Danielle led the effort to ensure this space became a reality for you and for Washburn,” Mazachek said to the audience at the center’s opening. “Their unrelenting commitment, even through the pandemic, has made it possible to open this space.”

Students and staff are willing to continue putting in effort and moving forward in courageous conversation, new ways of thinking and engagement that will ensure this learning space is just the beginning of an ongoing dialogue.

“This is a great first step, but we still have a hundred steps left to take and work to put into it,” Smith said. “This is just a room right now; we have to start recruiting our minority population and start engaging them on campus.”

Chavez-Muñoz is serving as one of the new student coordinators for the space, where Washburn students can have open and honest discussions about intersectional identities and the joys and challenges of their varied experiences.

“This is not the end of the movement on campus, and we will continue to use our voices and make space for ourselves,” Chavez-Muñoz said. “We have a presence on campus, and we have no intention of stepping down.” 



The screen print, "Roaming Beneath" by Justin Marable, will be part of the Mulvane's exhibit, "Sustainability - Social, Environmental, Economic," which will be showing Jan. 19 through June, 2021.

Sustaining Voices

Third annual WUmester will explore global theme of sustainability

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wualumni.org

If all goes as planned, the conversations and ideas sparked by this year's WUmester will last well beyond the spring 2021 semester. The third annual event's theme is sustainability, and Washburn University faculty and staff have plans to engage students and the community through several panel discussions, speakers and events. Like the first two years, the WUmester planning committee looks for issues related to social justice.

"We want to talk about the problems we are facing and how these problems affect different communities differently," said Kelly Erby, associate professor, history, assistant dean, College of Arts and Sciences. "We also want to empower students to feel they can intervene and make a positive difference."

The goal of WUmester is to engage the entire Washburn community in a cross-disciplinary learning experience on timely subjects and help students see the connections between the subjects they study in the classroom and real-world debates and problems.

"No matter where you are on the planet, there are issues of sustainability, even in our state of Kansas," said Danielle Dempsey-Swopes, jd '92, director, Office of University Diversion and Inclusion. "Students are eager to learn what's happening here, what's happening abroad, and to bring it all together."

Events this year include a talk on Feb. 18, 2021, by award-winning author Harriet Washington, author of the 2019 book "A Terrible Thing to Waste: Environmental Racism and Its Assault on

the American Mind.” A panel of local government officials will discuss citizenship and sustainability. Washburn’s WIFI Film Festival – which will be all online this year – will include a category about sustainability. The Mulvane Art Museum will feature artworks from the permanent collection that explore sustainability through the foundation of society, environment and economy. Washburn students will also be engaged in creating interactive exhibits and content that will be shared online, through social media and in virtual presentations.

“The Mulvane has always been a space where, through art, you can have conversations about contemporary issues,” said Connie Gibbons, director, Mulvane Art Museum. “Art allows us to ask questions and get people to think about and respond to critical issues and expand what we know. I think artists have a unique way of being able to do that.”

A number of classes will also devote time to the sustainability topic, including courses in archaeology, sociology, history and ethics.

Sustainability is a broad topic and one that can affect a small community or the entire world. Topics like climate change and renewable energy are hot-button issues, and many communities and industries make their livelihood with practices that would be

upended by comprehensive regulations. Ideas and solutions must be ones all sides can get behind and find some benefit from. In other words, the ideas need to be sustainable.

“We want to empower students as much as possible as we talk about climate change and sustainability,” Erby said. “We have to find a way to show how relevant it is to everyone. Solutions have to work for everyone, and I think that’s one of the things we’ll be talking about as it relates to climate justice.”

The committee hopes students find new opportunities and connections through their involvement.

“What they start to do is they see themselves and how their thinking and learning can contribute in the world after they graduate,” Dempsey-Swopes said. “They start to see jobs and volunteer opportunities and all kinds of ways that they can get engaged.”

While COVID-19 and the closure of campus in March 2020 disrupted much of last year’s WUmester events, the committee is planning to put on nearly all events virtually this year.

“We’re focusing on the development of the content that’s suitable for web and virtual,” Gibbons said. “We’re all quickly learning new ways of processing and getting things done.” 



Visit washburn.edu/wumester for more information and an up-to-date schedule of WUmester events. *Image provided*

Turtle Trackers

Students design research projects around turtle populations in Midwest

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After following a tree line for some time, the telemetry signal told biology major Becca Tolbert she would need to turn into a thick forest if she was going to find Lady of the Lake. Ben Reed, her professor and curator of this population of turtles about 30 miles from the Washburn University campus, didn't hesitate. He goes where turtles go, and that can include a thorny forest, a sunbaked prairie, a patch of poison ivy or elbow-deep in a dark hole.

"She may be buried in here somewhere," Reed said as he moved his hands across the ground trying not to disturb the terrain. "The problem is, I can't get my Yagi in there."



Assistant Professor Ben Reed took measurements of Persephone after she was found in a thicket in the middle of a field. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

Like a submarine sonar technician, field biologists listen to a receiver and the faint changes in volume as they sweep the Yagi antenna around, walking in the direction that produces the loudest beeps like a game of hot or cold. On the shell of Lady of the Lake is a transmitter sending out those beeps.

Though the temperature reached 80 degrees that October day, the cold evenings and scarcity of food meant ornate box turtles were starting to slow their activity and bury themselves. Eventually, they go into brumation, a practice similar to hibernation to help cold-blooded animals survive the winter.

Tolbert and Reed took a GPS reading of where they believed Lady of the Lake was and moved on. Reed, an assistant professor in his third year at Washburn, began tracking turtles on this site when he started in 2018. They have found 80 turtles on the site and track about 35 of them.

"The first year, I found three, and two of them were on the driveway," he said. "Finding turtles is not easy. It's been three years of looking and searching pretty hard and getting the funds and the program set up for equipment and other stuff. It's been built from the ground up."

Reed and his students record the location, weight and size of each turtle they locate. They keep track throughout the year of when turtles become active in the spring, when they start brumation in the fall and how much they may move throughout a year. Washburn biology students are required to do independent research projects to graduate, so this lets them explore interests and hone important skills for their career or graduate school.

"Dr. Reed has fostered the environment so we can all work together as a team," biology major Aubrey Gauntt said. "We all have common interests, and we all love animals, which is really great."



Biology major Becca Tolbert (right) gets assigned a new turtle to track by Ben Reed after they determined Lady of the Lake buried herself in a thick forest. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

Back at the property owners' porch, biology major Steven Dennis is ready to conduct maze trials. Goldie was next up to try the maze. He explored everywhere but the last few feet of the path and failed to finish in the 10 minutes allowed.

"There are several turtles we have seen that consistently make it to the end and show improvement," Dennis said. "But there are also just as many turtles that stay at the start. This is a trial of memory, but it's also a trial of personality. Goldie tried to climb the walls several times, and that's something we can take note of."

The students can share their data with others doing similar research.

"While my study focusses on spatial memory and its relationship to things like home range size, body condition and temperature, we can save this footage and we can use it for other things like a personality test," said Dennis, who wants to work with aquatic

animals in his career. "Maze trials are a very versatile method for studying behavior."

Gauntt has been studying personality traits, and thanks to crowdfunding and Washburn Day of Giving, she spent six weeks this summer working with a population of turtles Reed built in western Nebraska. Her research deals with how risk averse or risk prone a turtle may be, or how exploratory, social or aggressive it may be.

"As a team, we worked really well together, even without Dr. Reed there, because he had given us the tools we needed to succeed," said Gauntt, who wants to go into veterinary medicine. "Donors allow students like me to have these incredible opportunities I know are going to benefit research, animal management and ecological impacts."

The family that owns this northeast Kansas site is onboard with the environmental benefits of the research, but the turtles don't seem to



Biology major Aubrey Gauntt uses a Yagi antenna to find turtles affixed with a tracking device. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

respect property boundaries. Reed has built relationships with neighbors to allow students onto their land to track turtles.

Sustainability is the theme of WUmester this spring, a University-wide look at a timely and important worldwide topic. While most think of environmentalism when they hear sustainability, Reed said it's so much more. It's important to have sustainable practices, to keep research sites sustainable and to have sustainable relationships with landowners and partner institutions.

“Having this iconic species of the Midwest, it's not going to look good if our populations in Kansas go away because we're not doing practice that conserves them and manages them appropriately,” Reed said. “Box turtles are actually a really important component of an ecosystem. They can live 35 to 50 years, some up to 100. I'm hoping to track the same turtles for 35 or more years.”

The movements, habits and maze skills of Lady of the Lake and Goldie may be a part of academic research for many years to come. 🦘



Biology major Steven Dennis put Goldie and other turtles through a maze he constructed to measure spatial memory and other traits. *Photo by Jeremy Wangler*

To learn more about the research and donate to support the students, visit wu-turtle.weebly.com



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Garrett, bba '10, and Caley, ba '11, Love work to better manage the groundwater they use on their farm near Montezuma, Kansas. *Photo submitted*

Holding Water

Professionals in various fields do their part to sustain vital resource

By Chris Marshall

Life is impossible without water. But Earth's most important resource is necessary for much more than just survival. Without it, countless occupational and recreational activities would also cease to exist.

Below, farmers and professors share why they've chosen to make the sustainability of water a central focus of their life's work. This will be a topic of discussion during this spring's WUmester, when the theme of sustainability is explored.

Farming for the Future

As the owners of a growing family farm near Montezuma, Kansas, Garrett Love, bba '10, and Caley Love, ba '11, are proving crops can be grown successfully while using a responsible amount of water.

Garrett followed in his parents' footsteps, establishing a farm just outside his hometown in Western Kansas.

For generations, large swaths of land in the area were devoted to corn, but when the market went up for other crops that use less water, pivoting was a no-brainer.

"There's been much higher demand for sorghum recently, which brought the price up and encourages a lot more people to grow it," he said. "That gives you bigger yields with less water, so hopefully it stays strong."

Garrett was appointed to a groundwater management district board, which encourages area farmers to conserve water. As the parents of three children, they say there's additional motivation to "not use a drop more than we need."

"My oldest girl, Abby, already says she's either going to be a doctor or a farmer," he said. "She's 5 years old and proud to be a farm girl. Our decisions we're making

now influence her future, so we want to be thoughtful about using water as wisely as possible.”



Burke Griggs

Legal Streaming

Washburn University School of Law Associate Professor Burke Griggs covers a wide range of topics in his property and natural resources law courses, but his passion runs deepest for water.

“There’s no substitute for water,” he said. “You can’t irrigate and grow crops with something other than water.”

Before coming to Washburn in 2016, Griggs was a Kansas assistant attorney general who successfully represented the state in *Kansas v. Nebraska*, a United States Supreme Court case brought to protect Kansas’ rights under the Republican River Compact. While Kansas’ victory in that case helped alleviate some of the state’s concerns about surface waters supplies, the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer poses an even greater threat, said Griggs.

A statute Griggs drafted in 2012 as senior legal counsel for the Kansas Division of Water Resources provides a means for irrigators to voluntarily bind themselves to pumping reductions, protecting long-term water supplies where rainfall is sparse.

“There are areas in Western Kansas where irrigators have agreed to reduce usage by 20 to 25%,” he said. “By doing so, they’ve substantially extended the practical life of their groundwater supply.”

As a professor, Griggs uses unique methods like bringing ducks into the classroom and planning field trips to prove irrigators aren’t the only party with a stake in sustainability.



Professor Marguerite Perret’s porcelain and mixed-media installation, “Transmutation Still Life,” is currently on display at Oklahoma State University (*detail photo on left by Phillip Shockley*). Her students submitted these modified maritime flags (*right, photo submitted*) to explore water sustainability, and that installation is also on display at OSU.

“My plan, post-COVID, is to teach a field class on the Arkansas River where I can show students how one river can be so varied and support so many industries, from recreation to irrigation and ranching to oil and gas production,” he said.



Marguerite Perret

The Art of Water

Marguerite Perret, a Washburn art professor since 2003, also finds hands-on ways to illustrate to her classes the importance of sustainability. Her artwork frequently focuses on the need for positive environmental changes,

and by including students in the creative process, she provides a platform to voice their own thoughts about water’s importance.

For her project titled “Signaling Water,” which was displayed in France and Japan in 2019, Perret’s Contemporary Art Practices class created a series of modified maritime flags reflecting issues like water pollution and climate change. Students in her fall 2020 class designed postcards for an exhibit titled “Postcards from the Hydrosphere During a Pandemic,” which is currently showing at Oklahoma State University.

“There are dual purposes,” Perret said of involving students in the exhibits. “It raises awareness of the issues but also, having their work on display provides experience that helps them move forward in their careers.”

“Environmental artists used to be considered outside of mainstream,” she said. “Now, it’s a major theme artists explore. The younger generation feels the weight of it, and they’re looking for ways to express themselves about this and ways to make change.” 🧑‍🎨



Sustaining Ties

Working with both sides of the aisle focus for Lawrence

By Angela Lutz

Before he started working as chief of staff for Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly in 2018, Will Lawrence, ba '10, jd '13, didn't think much about emergency management. Tornadoes and floods are common in the Midwest, but the COVID-19 pandemic has presented state government with the unforeseen challenges of balancing the needs of the economic and business sectors with threats to public health and safety.

"I've learned that you can't anticipate what may happen," Lawrence said in October as the state prepared for the pandemic's winter toll. "People are frustrated – they want normalcy. They want college sports, they want high school sports, they want their kids to go back to school. Trying to manage all of that and keep businesses open while also trying to protect and safeguard the public health when you've had over 200,000 Americans die is a tough balance."

The stress and unpredictability of the last year have provided Lawrence valuable experience in what has already been a successful political career. Over the last decade, he has held a variety of roles in state government, including chief of staff for Kansas Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, ba '75. He has also worked as an attorney in a private practice. His interest in politics started with his father, who served as a Republican member of the Kansas House of Representatives.

"Coming from a Republican family, it's funny that I'm now the Democratic governor's chief of staff," Lawrence laughed. "I learned early on that working in this building is a lot about relationships and always staying focused on the issue and not the person. I have good relationships with a lot of Republicans. We may disagree on a lot of issues, but there are many times we can work together."

The ability to talk things through and consider all sides of an issue has certainly helped Lawrence approach divisive topics with tact and compassion, such as the growing need to pursue renewable energy in Kansas and across the country. At Washburn this spring, WUmester



Will Lawrence, ba '10, jd '13. Photo by Nick Krug

will focus on sustainability, offering classes, speakers and panels during a semester-long look at this important topic that requires involvement from all perspectives.

"I think many people support the idea of renewable energy, but when you work in a job that might go away, it's a scary place to be," Lawrence said. "You always have to keep that in mind when you're looking at energy policy and how we're going to provide training to ensure those employees have the skill sets necessary to move into those new jobs."

Lawrence also credits his time at Washburn University with helping him learn to hear and appreciate diverse perspectives. As an undergraduate and in law school, he served in various student leadership roles, giving him the opportunity to work with people whose views were different from his.

"I learned to work together and find solutions, and that set me up for success in this job as well as the legal profession," Lawrence said. 

Risks and Rewards

Actuarial science program gives students pathway to premium positions

By Chris Marshall

The combination of job security, work-life balance and high pay make actuaries a frequent inclusion on lists of top occupations. As a result, it's become a popular path for college graduates to pursue.

However, those seeking a career analyzing and managing financial risks for others must first accept a risk of their own: the average pass rate is just 40% on the exams required to move up the profession's ranks.

As the only school in Kansas recognized as an advanced undergraduate program by the Society of Actuaries, Washburn University and the mathematics and statistics department hold a distinct advantage in producing graduates who are prepared to complete the demanding exam sequence and remain in the industry for the long haul.

"We have a very good reputation with the area companies that have actuarial departments," said Mike Mosier, professor and director of Washburn's actuarial science program. "They know if they hire a Washburn graduate, they'll get a quality person. That's important, because those who aren't high quality might not make it through. It's a demanding program."

Upon his arrival 20 years ago, Mosier helped Washburn earn the SOA's advanced designation by creating courses that prepare students for the exams and eventually adding a second faculty member. Mosier said about half of Washburn graduates now pass the actuarial exams, much higher than the average.

Becoming a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, the organization's top credential, requires a rigorous series of preliminary exams, fellowship exams and graded assessments online. Carolyn Covington, BA '06, completed the process faster than the six-year average, crediting Washburn's courses and a senior-



Mike Mosier



Carolyn Covington

year internship for preparing her for jobs with insurance companies in the Kansas City area.

"The groundwork was laid for me to grow into this career path," said Covington, who in March 2020 became a vice president in the experience analyst department at SCOR, one of the world's largest reinsurers. "Washburn set me up well for success on the exams and helped me get an internship that put me on a trajectory to get a job with a strong company."

Covington said she appreciated the University's small class sizes and the faculty's ability to adapt to students' needs. As an undergraduate, she asked Mosier about adding a class covering SAS programming, a statistical software suite used for data management and analytics, and he took the steps to make it happen.

"We do try to adapt and accommodate to what our students want," Mosier said. "If it's a legitimate way to help, we try to add it."

That willingness to listen doesn't end when students graduate. Covington is one of several professionals on Washburn's actuarial board, which meets annually to offer program suggestions for the actuarial faculty and guidance for current students about how to excel in one of the nation's most coveted occupations.

"We've adapted quite a few things based on that," Mosier said. "That's something we're proud of, to have an advisory board made up of graduates working in the field who are able to give their thoughts about what to change and what's happening in the industry." 

Intensive Care

Recent nursing graduates provide compassionate care during pandemic

By Angela Lutz

Last March, Audrey Hastings, bsn '19, was excited to start her nursing career in the medical intensive care unit at Stormont Vail Health in Topeka. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and the job Hastings had trained for changed drastically almost overnight. To prepare for a potential surge of critically ill patients, the hospital's MICU combined with the surgical intensive care unit, growing from 12 beds to 60. The unit also recruited additional staff and stocked up on personal protective equipment. Then they waited – though nobody was entirely sure what to expect.

“At first, it was kind of like waiting for the bomb to drop,” Hastings said. “We were watching other states like New York and Georgia get hit really hard. We had done all these preparations, so waiting was almost harder than anything. Once we started to get more knowledge, the fear started to leave. We started to get more confident in how we would treat people, and that made everybody feel a lot better.”

Treating patients with coronavirus has become a part of daily life for Stormont Vail's staff, but some aspects of the job never get easier, especially because once patients arrive in the ICU, they are typically in for a long stay and many of them don't make it out at all.

“A lot of times once they end up with us, they'll stay for weeks to months,” Hastings said. “Their families will show us pictures of them and they don't even look the same. Recoveries are few and far between – a lot of times once they make it to ICU, it's a very hard-fought road. Not allowing families in or holding a family member up on Zoom to say goodbye – that's been really hard.”

Former ICU nurse Courtney Wallis, bsn '18, found working in the hospital environment too emotionally overwhelming once COVID-19 arrived. While she began the pandemic caring for critically ill patients – only a handful with coronavirus – she soon felt the immense toll her vocation was having on her health and well-being.



Audrey Hastings, bsn '19. Photo submitted

“People were still dying of all the normal stuff – that hadn't changed just because COVID came around,” Wallis said. “But family members couldn't come in to be with their dying relatives, and it was just so hard. Relatives were distraught and angry at the same time. It was heartbreaking. The emotional stuff got to me more than anything – it wasn't even COVID as much as the environment it caused.”

Now Wallis works at a Topeka-area correctional facility, where she has seen another side of the virus in the young, asymptomatic inmates who can't comprehend why they are required to stay alone in their cell for days on end after testing positive.

“They don’t understand why they need to quarantine because they feel fine,” Wallis said. “They say they don’t understand what the big deal is, and I say that if they’d ever seen it from the other perspective, they’d totally understand what the big deal is. You never know who is going to react in what way. It’s so strange – one person will be intubated for 45 days, and somebody else will be working out.”

In addition to facilitating communication between patients and relatives, for Parker Jones, bsn '19, an emergency room nurse at the University of Kansas Health System St. Francis Campus in Topeka, convincing patients to get regular health care amid the pandemic has also been a challenge – as has wearing PPE that includes gowns, gloves, an N95 surgical mask, goggles and a face shield. Wallis and Hastings said wearing multiple layers of PPE proved difficult as well, often making them feel overheated and claustrophobic. But they have all developed the ability to stay calm under pressure – a professional skill Jones said he learned during his time at Washburn University.

“At Washburn, all of our clinical instructors maintained a positive attitude despite stress,” he said. “It was awesome to see that – it helped me realize with all of the stress I go through at work, I need to maintain a positive attitude. There was still a lot to learn, but I felt like it was easier because of what Washburn provided me as a base.”

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All three nurses agreed on the importance of taking precautions against COVID-19, underscoring that doing a few basic things as a society – wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and washing hands regularly – can help everyone get back to normal.

“If we just do these simple things, we can all help each other,” Hastings said. “If people could see the patients we work so hard for months to try and save – if they could see the look on those nurses’ faces or those families’ faces – I feel like they would see it differently.” 🦋



Courtney Wallis, bsn '18. Photo by Wichers Photography



Parker Jones, bsn '19. Photo by Always Anderson Photography



Vanessa Dudley-Miller, msw '06, stands in front of the Kansas Judicial Center, where she sits on the Kansas Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning, which advises the court on the care of children under court jurisdiction. *Photo by Nick Krug*

Helping Them Grow

Dudley-Miller advocating for foster children, trauma survivors in her work

By Angela Lutz

Recent research on resiliency showed individuals who have healed from trauma share a common variable: They all have strong relationships and systems of support.

In her role as state director of the Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocates Association, Vanessa Dudley-Miller, msw '06, sees the value of strong role models every day. The nonprofit organization works to pair children in foster care with volunteers who provide advocacy in the court system. Many of these children have experienced abuse or neglect, and having a positive relationship with an adult can have a long-lasting impact.

“There’s research showing that in the resiliency of these children a common factor is a strong relationship with an adult, and we believe that is provided through CASA,” Dudley-Miller said. “Even as they grow into an adult, having that positive role model as a child can possibly strengthen their coping skills, so whatever they experience as an adult they’ll be better equipped to handle. I see it as a lifelong benefit with CASA.”

Dudley-Miller began working at Kansas CASA this year, just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. In her role, she provides support for the executive directors of CASA organizations across the state and recruits the

program's more than 900 volunteers. Those volunteers provide services to more than 2,000 children in foster care each year. While this sounds like a significant number, Dudley-Miller insists it's only the tip of the iceberg, as the state of Kansas sees an average of 7,000 children come through the foster care or legal system each year because they have experienced some degree of abuse or neglect. Of those children, a significant percentage comes from minority populations.

"In Douglas County, they may have a population of African American children at 17 percent; however, when it comes to foster care, African American children account for 30 percent," Dudley-Miller explained. "Making sure we're capturing diversity on our boards and in our volunteers is important so we can provide for the needs of these children."

In addition to her full-time job, Dudley-Miller is also a doctoral candidate in the therapeutic science program at the University of Kansas Medical Center School of Health Professions. She is currently working on her dissertation, which builds on her previous research regarding trauma and resilience. Among her goals is initiating what she calls a "paradigm shift" regarding how society looks at and talks about individuals who have experienced trauma, including children, adults and veterans.

"Based on what we know today versus what we knew 20 years ago, we are shifting the vocabulary we use with this population," Dudley-Miller said. "We're shifting from saying 'victim' into saying 'survivor.' It's more person-centered. That's something I'm starting to see happen in CASA at the national level. The trauma is something that is part of them, but it doesn't define them."

When it comes to identifying gaps in policies that could help Kansas CASA and other organizations better serve foster children, Dudley-Miller serves as a bridge between the "boots on the ground" and the legislators. She recently became more involved in this role when she was appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court Task Force on Permanency Planning, which advises the court on ways to provide for and improve the care of children who are under jurisdiction of the court. The group meets monthly and consists of judges, attorneys and other stakeholders who are involved in foster care services.

"It allows us to work together and be in the same place at the same time," Dudley-Miller said. "We become so focused on our own agencies and organizations that it's challenging, on a day-to-day basis, to stay on top of what's developing, so this is a good way for us to communicate."

Dudley-Miller isn't the only Washburn University graduate in a CASA leadership role. Tabitha Keith, bsw '18, recently took over as executive director of CASA of the High Plains in Hays, Kansas. While she was a student, Keith did her practicum at CASA, which she called "the perfect hands-on experience" to prepare her for her job. Dudley-Miller helps oversee Keith's local organization.

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"She seems like a powerful woman," Keith said of Dudley-Miller. "If she has her mind set on something, she's going to finish it. She always does her job very well."

The important work Dudley-Miller is doing now was also bolstered by her experiences at Washburn, where she felt the social work program was an ideal fit for her. She also believes her clinical experiences as a student set her up for career success.

"After graduating from Washburn, I started my first job, and for the most part I was fairly confident and able to do my job straight out of school," Dudley-Miller said. "I was provided with all the tools. When I was at Washburn, the professors were amazing. To this day I still have contact with some of them. These have been lifelong relationships that we developed." 🦋

Well-formed Plan

Alumus explores cultural themes at ceramics residency in Florida

By Annie Flachsbarth

“I am Korean-American with an entirely American upbringing. When someone meets me, they see an Asian person and will have their own assumptions based on appearance.”



Tyler Quintin, bfa '16.

Photo by Beth Reynolds,
Morean Arts Center

Just like the artist himself, with Tyler Quintin's ceramics, there's more to it than meets the eye.

As a ceramist, Tyler Quintin's sculptural work is laced with deep meaning along with exploration of the theme of identity with personal symbolism.

“When people get to know me, they end up finding a very American individual,” Quintin said. “My work reflects this conflict of appearance by creating traditional Korean ceramic vessels devoid of surface, which speaks to the divide between my appearance and culture.”

Quintin, bfa '16, will continue to explore these themes in his work as a resident of the Morean Center for Clay in St. Petersburg, Florida. As one of only five artists accepted into the program in 2020, the residency provides Quintin many benefits, including a semi-private studio, unlimited kiln firings, affordable housing and paid teaching opportunities. He will also work toward a capstone experience solo exhibition in the Morean galleries.

“The Morean is integrated into the ceramics community, giving me exposure to other galleries and curators with more potential for exhibition,” Quintin said. “It also provides opportunities to enhance my experience as an educator – teaching is something I want to do throughout my career.”

At Washburn, Quintin's studio art emphasis of study allowed him to explore all facets of the arts. However, he

credits his mentor, the late Professor Glenda Taylor, for helping him focus his efforts in ceramics.

“Glenda encouraged me in the world of clay and in art in general,” Quintin said. “Ceramics was her passion, and she always went above and beyond for her students.”

While at Washburn, Quintin was the recipient of the Barbara L. Buzick Art Scholarship.

“I had an amazing four years at Washburn,” Quintin said. “Having those years fully-funded allowed me the opportunity to really focus on my education and taking opportunities I never would have had, like studying abroad in Belgium.”

After his residency, Quintin hopes to obtain his master's degree and continue to advance as an artist.

“I've thought of opening a studio or going into academia, but I want a lot of experience first to be a well-rounded, better professor to students.” 



“Tiger Eyes.” Photo submitted

See more of Tyler's work at tylerquintin.com or on Instagram @[tyler_quintin_arts](https://www.instagram.com/tyler_quintin_arts).

Voice for the Public

Alumnus advocates for the average investor with the SEC

By Annie Flachsbarth

When the financial crisis in 2008 left many around the country concerned Wall Street had a little too much of a say on the rules of investing, Congress went to work. A package of legislation was passed with the aim to improve financial regulatory structure. In it – the creation of a role with one thing in mind: to look out for the average investor.

Enter Rick Fleming.

Fleming, bba '90, was named the Securities and Exchange Commission's first investor advocate in February 2014. In this role, Fleming is tasked with being a voice for the public as changes to investing policies are being considered by the commission.

As Fleming explained, when changes are proposed to regulation, the proposed change is put out for public comment, but it's usually the entities in the industry that comment and engage on the change with regulatory agencies – not the average person.

"My office provides a way for someone within the SEC to remind people of the needs of average investors. Average people usually don't even know what the Securities and Exchange Commission does, much less follow changes to the securities regulations," Fleming said. "We make sure retail investors can be represented in the process."

Fleming and his team of 15 make reports to Congress twice per year where they provide suggestions for legislation based on what they are seeing in the industry. While that level of responsibility may make one question their credentials, Fleming said the quality of education he received at Washburn prepared him well for his career.

"I'm dealing with the very top leadership in the financial services industry, and I constantly interface with industry leaders as well as policymakers," Fleming said. "From this experience, I can attest



Rick Fleming, bba '90. Photo submitted

that the education I received at Washburn was on par with anything I could have received anywhere else in the nation."

Fleming didn't necessarily set out aiming to work for the SEC, but his career put him in line as the prime candidate for the job.

After graduating from Washburn with a dual major in finance and economics, he obtained a law degree from Wake Forest University. He returned to Topeka and worked as an aide to Gov. Bill Graves, for whom he had previously worked while Graves was secretary of state. He then took an attorney position with Kansas Securities Commissioner David Brant, bba '81, jd '83, and found that he really enjoyed that niche part of the law.

Fleming moved to Washington, D.C., in 2011 to serve as the deputy general counsel for the North American Securities Administrators Association, where he advocated for investors and represented the organization of state securities regulators before Congress and federal agencies, including the SEC. When this role with the SEC was created in 2014, he was a perfect fit.

Fleming and his wife, Michelle, bs '91, reside in northern Virginia outside Washington, D.C. They are the proud parents of six children – Bethany, Cassidy, Natalie, Melody, Lydia and Eric. 🏡

A Track and a Field

Indoor Athletic Facility increases options for practice, competition on campus

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wualumni.org

In a normal December, track and field and basketball are in full swing. Fall sports are hoping for postseason play, and spring sports might be starting practice even though there is often snow on the ground. Lee Arena can get crowded as teams look for a warm and dry place to practice.

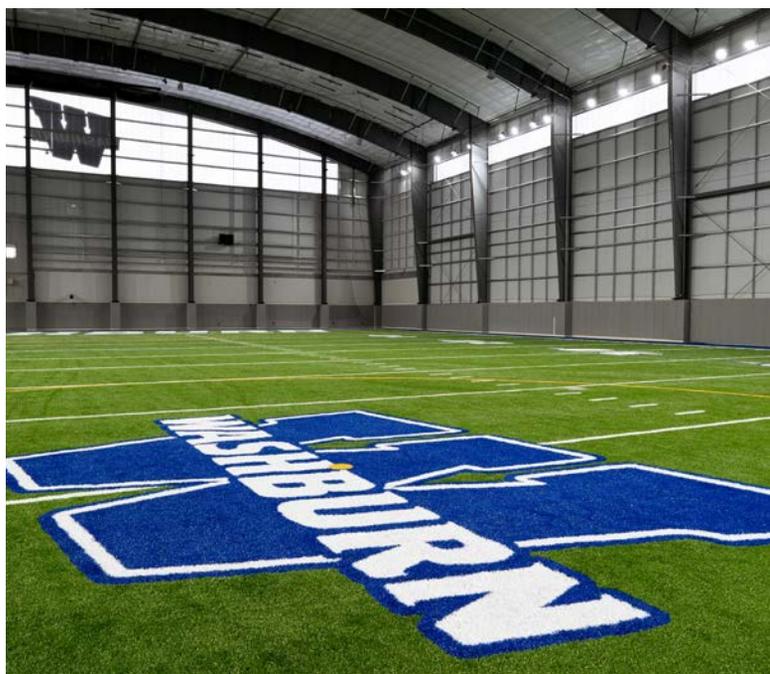
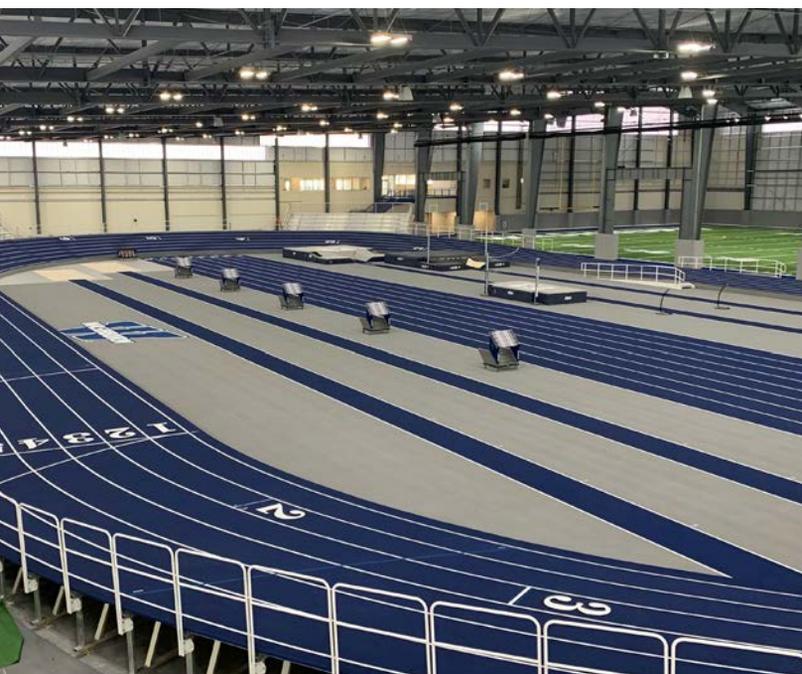
The need for an indoor facility was becoming more evident as Washburn University added men's and women's track and field and junior varsity basketball. And all sports needed to practice during inclement weather.

In November, when the ribbon was cut at Washburn University with the opening of the new Indoor Athletic Facility, it signaled fruition of many dreams. The football, soccer, track and field, baseball and softball teams will now have places to practice indoors, and Washburn and the city of Topeka will have a new building to host indoor track and field competitions. As indoor facilities become the norm for NCAA Division I schools and only a few DII

schools, Washburn's facility will stand out as the only DII school with a banked track and one of the few facilities in the Midwest to have such a feature – an amenity that helps runners maintain a high speed when negotiating turns.

The \$20 million facility has two main sections, one with a 200-meter, six-lane banked track, and the other with a 110-yard synthetic turf practice field which is 50-yards wide for football, women's soccer, baseball and softball to practice. Lines are painted to accommodate all those sports, and nets can drop down for batting and pitching practice. The track portion of the facility will also have areas for field and weight events along with permanent and portable bleacher structures. The new building, which sits on the south side of campus between the softball and baseball fields, has 146,315 square feet of finished floor space.

“This facility will be a game-changer for athletics,” Director of Athletics Loren Ferré said. “It will help us



The six-lane banked track (left, *photo by Gene Cassell*) and the 110-yard turfed field (right, *photo by Nick Krug*) are featured in the new Indoor Athletic Facility at Washburn.



The Indoor Athletic Facility sits on the south end of campus and opened on Nov. 12, 2020. *Photo by Nick Krug*

with recruiting, it will bring a tremendous amount of events that we will be able to host on this campus, and I think it will be a game-changer for the campus and the city of Topeka.”

“I know many of you have dreamt about this project for years.” said President Jerry Farley. “This is something very special. Few universities, particularly Division II universities, can boast of a facility like this.”

Farley, in his 24th year, knows how powerful great facilities can be on a college campus and how advantageous it is to have a prosperous athletic program. He has overseen upgrades to every athletic facility on campus while also leading building projects that enhanced academics and student life at Washburn.

“We all recognize athletics play an important role in our country, our culture and certainly on university campuses,” he said. “Almost always, athletes are

great students; they earn good grades, are engaged in campus life and serve the community.

“Each day at practice, they learn the values we truly believe in here at Washburn University. They define our campus: hard work, leadership, teamwork, how to face and overcome adversity.”

Speaking for the coaches, more than 400 student-athletes and thousands of fans, Ferré expressed the excitement for getting teams into the facility.

“Until this was built, every one of the teams that will use this facility were in Lee Arena,” Ferré said about times when teams couldn’t practice outdoors. “It was really an incredible thing when you saw four or five sports going at one time.

“We’re excited about the future and what this facility will provide to our student-athletes.” 



Coach Chris Herron takes the volleyball team to Hy-Vee to learn about eating healthy from a nutritionist. *Photo submitted*

Set for Life

Adulting 101 classes provide crash course in everyday skill sets

By Chris Marshall

The opportunities to bump and spike may have been limited this season, but when it comes to life lessons college students aren't typically taught, the Washburn University volleyball team is now set.

Rather than sitting idle or trying out new hobbies when the NCAA Division II fall sports schedule was canceled, Coach Chris Herron provided his team an experience they can look back on for years to come.

Along with Assistant Coach Haley Kindall, Herron

organized a series of Adulting 101 classes that covered practical topics ranging from financial advice and insurance coverage to eating healthy and using good manners.

"Years ago, there was a coach back East who taught classes about common-sense type of things, and I tucked that idea away," said Herron, who is now in his 19th year as Washburn's coach. "When this stuff happened, I thought, 'Let's pull some of these out.'"

One of the first ideas that came to mind was a tutorial on changing tires. Herron walked through the entire process, then the team repeated each step themselves while braving the August heat on a campus parking lot.

“I drove by and saw someone with a flat tire on the side of the highway and thought, ‘This is something essential for people to know how to do,’” Herron said.

For other lessons, Herron called on experts to provide instruction. David Sollars, dean of the Washburn University School of Business, explained effective ways to save money and pay taxes; an insurance agent talked about renters and homeowners policies; a nutritionist at Hy-Vee provided nutritious meal plans and a tour of the store; and city and Washburn police shared how to access their services when needed.

“We had to be as creative as we could to take our minds off the fact that we’re not playing,” said Herron, whose weekly practice schedule was cut from 20 hours to just eight because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Some team members saw the educational environment Herron created and ran with it. Junior Emma Palasak asked her mom to give the Ichabods a comprehensive etiquette lesson. Bonnie Palasak, a Georgia-born teacher, was happy to share the lessons she ingrained in Emma growing up.

“She’s deep-rooted in Southern tradition, and she raised us to have good manners,” said Emma, whose family moved from Atlanta to Arkansas when she was 4. “She taught the team how to greet people, how to talk politely on the phone and use proper place settings when eating. Everyone had always seen her as ‘Fun Miss Bonnie,’ so having her as a teacher was fun. The team was super tuned in.”

Palasak, the social media manager for Washburn’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and teammate Kelsey Gordon, the council’s president, used the team gatherings as an opportunity to explain the importance of voting and ensure everyone was registered, which helped SAAC move closer to its goal of 100% participation among student-athletes in the 2020 election.

“With it being an election year, we know how important it is for our voices to be heard,” said Gordon, a junior from Emporia. “There’s a big

national push to get youth and Gen Z registered to vote because a lot of us don’t recognize the power of our votes.”

Kindall set up a Zoom meeting with the Kansas League of Women Voters, who helped volleyball team members register in either their home state or Kansas. SAAC hung fliers across campus with links to bipartisan information on voter registration and candidate platforms.

“We’re so young, sometimes it feels like our voices don’t matter,” Palasak said. “Voting is the one true way to make sure our voices are heard and speak for ourselves. It doesn’t matter what you believe in, as long as you’re represented.”

As important as the voting initiative was to the two SAAC board members, each had a different answer when asked about their favorite Adulting 101 topic.

“No offense to my mom,” Palasak said, “but I really liked learning about finances because that’s something that’s always been my biggest worry, not knowing how to handle money and what to invest in.”

The highlight for Gordon was learning to change tires from Herron, who provided instruction in an unfamiliar arena during a year when adaptability may be the most important trait of all.

“We usually see him in a volleyball setting, so it was cool for him to coach us in something that’s different,” Gordon said. “It’s empowering to know if I ever blow a tire on the highway, I can do these things myself.” 🛠️



Junior Sydney Fitzgibbons takes her turn changing a tire.
Photo submitted

Law School building campaign reaches goal with capstone gift

A \$1 million gift for the new home of the Washburn University School of Law from alumnus Michael Manning, jd '77, h '07, announced in October pushed fundraising past the \$14 million mark and beyond its original goal of \$13 million. In permanent recognition of Manning's accomplished career, the law school will honor him by naming the Michael C. Manning Advocacy Suite and Michael C. Manning Courtroom.

Carla Pratt, dean, Washburn Law, said a trial courtroom is an integral part of an outstanding law school building, and she is proud to have Manning play a role in upgrading the courtroom into a state-of-the-art facility for teaching advocacy skills.

"This new facility recognizes Mike, who I regard as one of the most accomplished and prominent trial lawyers in America," Pratt said. "The vast and consistent achievements of his career will set the standard for generations of future Washburn Law students."

Manning's capstone gift concludes the active fundraising phase to support construction of the \$34 million building project for the law school.



Michael Manning

Washburn University and its board of regents have committed \$20 million for the project with the remaining \$14 million resulting from donor support. The new School of Law building will be located on the southeast corner of campus at 21st Street and Washburn Avenue.

"A great law school deserves a great home," said Jerry Farley, president, Washburn University. "Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Manning, Washburn Law's new building will be able to compete with any law school in the country."

Manning has led numerous high profile and groundbreaking cases: the Lincoln Savings & Loan/Charles Keating case, at the time the largest commercial litigation in U.S. history; and one of the largest wrongful death and civil rights settlements in Arizona history against Joe Arpaio and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. 🏃



Rendering of the front of the new School of Law building.

Scott retires after 22 years connecting donors with passions at Washburn

Randall Scott looked back at his 22 years working for Washburn University's fundraising arm and pointed to the Living Learning Center as his favorite project he helped raise money for.

"It was so exciting to talk to people about it because they really could appreciate the difference it would make to the University," said Scott, mba '05. "It changed the look and the culture of our campus."

Scott retired from the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation in October 2020 as senior development director. Since starting in 1998, he's seen the Foundation take on multiple names and he's had roles in fundraising and operations. He was happiest working directly with donors and alumni.

"The best part of the job was working with donors who are generous, kind and just so terrific," he said. "I don't know how to better describe them."

He said it's because Washburn students experience caring teachers, and then after graduation, they go on to have the same concern for current students.



Randall Scott

"The thing that sets Washburn apart is the genuine love faculty have of teaching and their dedication to student success," Scott said. "Graduates feel that. They understand that. They share the same values. They're not in the classroom teaching, but they have a commitment to students and student success."

Scott helped thousands of Washburn alumni and friends develop scholarships and fund academic programs, student travel, buildings and more.

"I am a first-generation college student, and that experience gave me a deep appreciation for the power of a college education," he said. "The thing that is so great about the Foundation and the University is our work changes so many lives. The mission of higher education is meaningful and impactful."

He and his wife, Kay, live in Topeka and look forward to when they can attend music, art and other events on campus again. 🏃

Stormont Vail and Washburn enter scholarship partnership

Stormont Vail Health, Stormont Vail Foundation and Washburn University announced a scholarship program partnership in September to increase access to health care education and career fields. Stormont Vail and Stormont Vail Foundation will provide financial and scholarship support to local students studying a health care field at Washburn University Institute of Technology or Washburn University. In

exchange for the support, students will sign a work commitment with Stormont Vail.

"These scholarships will enable more students to explore careers in health care and the ability to join one of the top health systems in the state of Kansas upon graduation," said Amy Burns, ba '94, jd '98, president and executive director, Stormont Vail Foundation. 🏃



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 Emma Wittmer at ewittmer@wualumni.org by March 25, 2021, to be included in the spring magazine.

1960s

Robert Bednar, ba '67, jd '73, Atchison, Kansas, is set to retire in Jan. 2021 from the 1st Judicial District as the district judge.

Gary Peer, ba '63, Jenks, Oklahoma, Football, has published a book on the keys to effective caregiving as parents, teachers and workplace supervisors titled "Five Proven Principles."

1970s

Myron Frans, bs '73, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been appointed senior vice president of finance and operations at the University of Minnesota.

Andrew "Andy" Valdivia, bfa '71, Topeka, Kansas, has received the Glenda Taylor Visual Arts Award from ArtsConnect's 2020 Arty Awards.

1980s

Kevin W. Moncrief, bba '83, Victorville, California, Kappa Alpha Psi, Air Force ROTC, serves as vice president, mission integration at Soka University of America. He is also a member of the President's Leadership Council and an adjunct faculty in the economics department.

Stan Spurrier, jd '83, Wichita, Kansas, has been honored by Best Lawyers in American 2021.

Debra Stewart, b ed '80, m ed '05, Topeka, Kansas, Student Council, has retired after 40 years of being an educator.

Laura (Schutter) Weiss, bba '89, Henderson, Nevada, Zeta Tau Alpha, Washburn Review, completed her doctor of nursing practice in June 2020, and is currently employed full time with the University of Missouri as an assistant clinical professor in the graduate nursing program. Her husband, **Arthur Weiss**, jd '81, Law Clinic, Phi Delta Phi, is the chief compliance and ethics officer for TAMKO Building Products and the President of the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics and the Health Care Compliance Association.

Kelly (Allendorf) White, ba '84, Topeka, Kansas, will retire after 36 years with the Kansas Real Estate Commission on Dec. 11, 2020. Her son, **Adam White** will graduate on the same day from Washburn with an art degree. Her mother, **Thelma Allendorf**, graduated from Washburn in 1980 with a teaching degree.

1990s

Gabriel A. Clements, ba '99, Lees Summit, Missouri, Sagamore Society, has been appointed chief operating officer for Lee's Summit Medical Center.

Matthew Fearing, m ed '96, Eudora, Kansas, has written three books; "It's Not the Destination. It's the Ride," "Live to Ride and Ride to Live" and "En Mi Viejo San Juan," as a part of a mystery and adventure series. A fourth installment of the series is in production now.

Steven E. Johnson, jd '85, Great Bend, Kansas, has been appointed to serve as chief judge of the 20th Judicial District by the Kansas Supreme Court effective Jan. 11 through Dec. 31, 2021.

Anthony "Tony" Konrade, bba '94, Topeka, Kansas, Blue Key, has been named Heritage Bank's new president and CEO.

Joel Lauer, ba '95, San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed the permanent vice president for university advancement for St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

Jacquelyn (Ulrich) Rokusek, jd '93, Shawnee, Kansas, Law Journal, Law Clinic, was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to serve as a judge on the 10th District Court of Johnson County.

2000s

Robert Babirad, jd '08, North Babylon, New York, Real Estate Law Society, is publishing a travel memoir, "In-Transit Passenger: Making the Journey Matter."

Heath Godden, aas '01, Topeka, Kansas, joined Shawnee County Parks and Rec as a horticulturist. He previously spent 13 years with Condray & Young Landscape and nine years with Creative Landscaping.

Dustin Hickel, bba '04, Olathe, Kansas, Football, was promoted to managing director of commercial real estate lending and appointed to the loan committee for INTRUST Bank, N.A.

Casey A. Jenkins, jd '05, Omaha, Nebraska, has joined Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP and their team of attorneys.

Dominic L. Kujawa Jr., jd '06, Belleville, Illinois, Law Clinic, was appointed resident circuit judge for St. Clair County.

Sara (Wallace) Larson, bba '06, Atchison, Kansas, WSGA, married Andy Larson on Sept. 19, 2020.

Linda Ochs, msw '01, Topeka, Kansas, is retiring from the Shawnee County Health Department where she has served as the county's public health director.

Sarah (Miller) Reichart, jd '04, Topeka, Kansas, Law Journal, Law Clinic, has been named director of Kansas Supreme Court appeals where she will directly report to and assist the chief justice in the management of the Supreme Court docket and processing cases.

Randall Scott, mba '05, Topeka, Kansas, retired in October as senior development director at the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation after 22 years with the organization.

Izzy Wasserstein, ba '03, Topeka, Kansas, Sagamore Society, Sigma Tau Delta, University Honors Program, has received the Literary Arts Award from ArtsConnect's 2020 Arty Awards.

Janelle (Spencer) Williamson, bsn '02, msn '07, Topeka, Kansas, has been named one of four Kansas Hospital Association Healthcare Workers of the Year. Earlier this year, she received the 2020 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Kansas State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence.

2010s

Ben Albertson, bba '18, Overland Park, Kansas, Kappa Sigma, Bod Squad, Mortar Board, College Republicans, International Business Club, works as an operations associate for Mariner Wealth Advisors.

Lindsey (Schwartz) Anderson, ba '14, Topeka, Kansas, has been chosen as the project manager for a new initiative to reduce violence in the community for Shawnee County District Attorney Mike Kagay's office.

Nzingha Banks, bba '17, India, Tennis, Black Student Union, Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortar Board, launched her new company called The Difference: Accounting and Business Solutions.

Jessica (Kopp) Horstick, ba '14, Overland Park, Kansas, Volleyball, has been named the Class 6A coach of the year by the Kansas Volleyball Association from Blue Valley West.

Rachel Johnson, msn '14, Hoisington, Kansas, is a new nurse practitioner at HaysMed, part of the University of Kansas Health System.

Dustin Legler, certificate '17, Topeka, Kansas, is working in production for America Phoenix.

Nancy Musick, ba '13, Roeland Park, Kansas, Alpha Phi, Bod Squad, has joined the law firm Foulston Siefkin LLP in their Overland Park office.

LeTiffany Obozele, jd '12, Lawrence, Kansas, Black Law Student Association, WU Student Bar Association, has been hired as chief of prosecution for the City of Topeka.

Eli O'Brien, jd '14, Wichita, Kansas, has been honored by Best Lawyers in American 2021.

Glenn "Jake" Riederer, bba '18, mba '19, Holton, Kansas, Football, International Business Club, has been hired as an assistant coach for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire NCAA Division III football team. He will coach running backs and tight ends.

Catherine Ritter, ba '12, certificate '19, Lawrence, Kansas, Psychology Club, Psi Chi, is working as a youth facilitator for Kids TLC in Olathe, Kansas.

Molly O. Rondeau, b ed '14, jd '20, Great Bend, Kansas, WU Student Bar Association, has joined the law firm of Watkins Calcara, Chtd. in Great Bend as an associate attorney.

2020s

Christopher Grause, jd '20, Wichita, Kansas, Golf, has joined law firm Foulston Siefkin LLP in their Wichita office.

Jon Thomas, jd '20, York, Nebraska, has joined Svehla Law Offices in York as an attorney after passing the bar exam this past July.

Jack Williamson, ba '20, Topeka, Kansas, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Tau Delta, Phi Alpha Theta, University Honors Program, started a new position at the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation as the data integrity specialist. 



In Memory

The following information was received from the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation between Aug. 1, 2020, and Nov. 28, 2020. Submit any omissions to Emma Wittmer at ewittmer@wualumni.org.

1940s

Dorothy M. Bizet, ba '46, 96, Morganton, North Carolina, Zeta Tau Alpha, on Oct. 25, 2020

Elizabeth Jean (Badders) Daniels, ba '48, 97, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 2, 2020

Norma Ann (Erickson) Harmon, ba '47, 94, Kappa Alpha Theta, on Dec. 20, 2019

Shirley Kass, ba '48, 100, Mamaroneck, New York, on Oct. 8, 2020

Lola "Lady" Lewis, ba '42, 99, Liberty, Missouri, Alpha Phi, on Jan. 20, 2020

Marcia Manchester, ba '47, 96, Topeka, Kansas, Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, on Nov. 14, 2020

Jeannette M. Wells, ba '46, 95, Rockville, Maryland, Alpha Phi, Sigma Alpha Iota Int'l Music, on July 21, 2020

1950s

Clayton Ainsworth III, bs '58, 85, San Antonio, Texas, Kappa Sigma, Air Force ROTC, Young Republicans, on April 3, 2020

Marilyn "Joan" Diehl, ba '56, 85, Madison, Wisconsin, Zeta Tau Alpha, Washburn Review, Young Republicans, Pi Gamma Mu, on Aug. 7, 2020

Nancy Echols, ba '53, 89, Topeka, Kansas, Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Mu Epsilon, on Sept. 25, 2020

Herbert James "Jim" Gates Jr., ba '59, 85, Marion, Kansas, on May 2, 2020

Sandra "Sandy" Harlan, ba '59, 83, Wichita, Kansas, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu, Student Council, on Oct. 1, 2020

George Dale Hutchins, bba '53, 97, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 6, 2020

Fred Schuyler Jackson, ba '57, jd '60, 84, Topeka, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi – Law, Kansas Bar Association Student Division, on Aug. 1, 2020

Roberta James, ba '50, 92, Topeka, Kansas, Zeta Tau Alpha, on Oct. 15, 2020

Billy Jones, ba '53, 90, Topeka, Kansas, Young Republicans, on Oct. 5, 2020

Stephen S. Krawczyk, bba '52, 101, Manassas, Virginia, on June 6, 2020

Elmo Lund, jd '59, 90, Hays, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi – Law, on July 16, 2020

Richard J. Miller, ba '51, 93, Bloomington, Minnesota, Alpha Delta, Sagamore Society, on Oct. 30, 2020

Charles Robert Smith, ba '53, 89, Mission, Kansas, Phi Delta Theta, Air Force ROTC, on July 21, 2020

Roger Zlatnik, bba '57, 91, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 29, 2020

1960s

Charles Phillip Aldrich, jd '67, 79, Great Bend, Kansas, Delta Theta Phi – Law, on Oct. 16, 2020

Helen Bostwick, bsw '68, 82, Joplin, Missouri, on Sept. 28, 2019

Raymond "Ray" Cochrane, ba '64, 88, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 21, 2020

James D. Davidson, ba '65, 78, Prairie Village, Kansas, Sigma Phi Epsilon, on May 12, 2020

Celia Ann Eddy, ba '67, 88, Topeka, Kansas, Phi Kappa Phi, on Sept. 19, 2020

Thomas E. Forbes, ba '69, 73, Topeka, Kansas, Sagamore Society, Kappa Mu Epsilon, on Aug. 12, 2020

Steven C. Gebhart, bba '67, 76, Pensacola, Florida, June 7, 2020

Donald L. Gottschalk, jd '67, 81, Hutchinson, Kansas, on Oct. 10, 2020

Beverly A. Hadden, b ed '64, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 21, 2020

Howard Hildenbrand, bba '61, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 1, 2020

Richard Johnson, bba '64, 86, Wilmington, Delaware, on Oct. 9, 2020

Michael Kippenberger, ba '67, 78, Tequesta, Florida, on Aug. 6, 2020

Gaylan (Woodard) Larmore, b ed '69, 79, Dallas, Texas, on Jan. 14, 2019

Sue W. Lockett, b ed '60, 82, Topeka, Kansas, Kappa Alpha Theta, on July 24, 2020

Harriette Macnish, ba '65, 77, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 22, 2020

Merrill E. McCall, bba '62, 80, Camdenton, Missouri, Delta Sigma Pi, on Aug. 17, 2020

Darlene Moore Montgomery, ba '63, 90, Topeka, Kansas, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Mu Epsilon, on Aug. 24, 2020

Gayle N. Morris, ba '61, 80, Tampa, Florida, Alpha Delta, Air Force ROTC, on July 1, 2020

George Remer, jd '67, 81, Battle Creek, Iowa, on Oct. 15, 2020

Allen L. Shelton, jd '68, 77, Hill City, Kansas, on Aug. 23, 2020

Ray "Sandy" Sutton, jd '66, 82, Kansas City, Missouri, on Sept. 2, 2020

Jerry C. Whitehead, jd '60, 86, on Oct. 12, 2020

William Wood, jd '69, 83, Wichita, Kansas, on Aug. 7, 2020

1970s

Marcus Bayless, bba '75, 69, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 14, 2020

Shirley Ann (Robinson) Billings, b ed '74, 76, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 29, 2020

Sandra S. Flohrschutz, bba '79, 76, Holton, Kansas, on Oct. 21, 2020

Evelyn Funke, aa '79, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 22, 2020

David A. Hanson, jd '74, 71, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 1, 2020

Sheila Lyons, bba '70, 73, Wichita, Kansas, on July 26, 2020

Daniel L. Mitchell, jd '73, 72, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 23, 2020

Eva (Lamparter) Mosiman, ba '76, ma '95, 84, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 31, 2020

Ronald "Ron" Preston, ba '78, 78, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 10, 2020

Donald Paul Rogers, bba '71, 81, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 15, 2020

Karen Simpson, ba '71, 73, Topeka, Kansas, Alpha Phi, on Sept. 2, 2020

James Slover, bsn '79, 67, Boise, Idaho, on Sept. 4, 2020

Gale A. Gardner-Sparkman, bsw '71, 77, Tecumseh, Kansas, on Nov. 13, 2020

Jeffrey C. Sturm, jd '78, 69, Newton, Kansas, Law Clinic, on Nov. 7, 2020

Dot Taylor, ba '73, 89, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 11, 2020

John V. Wachtel IV, jd '74, 75, Wichita, Kansas, Law Clinic, on Oct. 26, 2020

Kathy L. Wood, jd '79, 66, St. Joseph, Missouri, on Oct. 1, 2020

1980s

Norma "Jeanne" Bellows, aa '84, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 20, 2020

Margie Braden, aa '82, 87, Emporia, Kansas, on Oct. 21, 2020

Ralph L. Deloach, jd '83, 74, Overland Park, Kansas, on Nov. 5, 2020

Larry Gill, ba '83, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 15, 2020

Michael S. "Mike" Hadden, ba '89, 55, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 9, 2020

Joseph "Joe" G. Herold, ba '81, jd '84, 65, Osage City, Kansas, on March 10, 2020

Patricia Craig Lane, b ed '80, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 15, 2020

Cynthia MacElroy, ba '86, 73, Waverly Hall, Georgia, Washburn Review, on Nov. 8, 2020

Jose Peggs, jd '89, 72, Wichita, Kansas, Law Clinic, Phi Delta Phi, on Sept. 23, 2020

Ida Stevens, bba '80, 68, Godfrey, Illinois, on Sept. 20, 2020

Kathy (Kuhn) Thomas, certificate '85, aa '85, bs '87, 52, Eureka, Kansas, Phi Kappa Phi, on March 19, 2013

Roger A. Van Etten, jd '89, 65, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 14, 2020

Steven L. Wood, ba '80, 65, Topeka, Kansas, on June 11, 2020

Ellen Maxine Yager, bsn '86, 70, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 7, 2020

1990s

Rodney R. Brown, ba '90, 52, Meriden, Kansas, on Nov. 8, 2020

Troy A. Broxterman, aa '95, 51, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 20, 2020

Kyle C. Kofoid, mba '99, 51, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 27, 2020

Lita M. Magri, bas '96, 80, Lubbock, Texas, Orchestra, on Aug. 27, 2020

Saditha Marshall, bsn '96, 81, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 5, 2020

David V. Schneider, jd '92, 61, Topeka, Kansas, on July 30, 2020

Rosemary Harris-Weissgerber, aa '90, 73, Menominee, Michigan, on Aug. 21, 2020

2010s

Kimberly Gabauer, msw '11, 59, Lawrence, Kansas, on March 2, 2020

Bryan J. Kelly, certificate '17, 26, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 16, 2020

Brendon S. Riha, certificate '13, 27, Seward, Nebraska, on July 7, 2020

Jovanna I. Vink, ma '15, 45, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 31, 2020

2020s

Nicholas Reeb, certificate '20, 23, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 10, 2020

Friends

Philip Duguid, 66, Meriden, Kansas, on Sept. 19, 2020

Mary Hamilton, 75, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 10, 2020

Joan "Jody" Hankammer, 95, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 28, 2020

Steve Hornberger, 69, Lawrence, Kansas, on Aug. 26, 2020

Carol A. Kissinger, 75, Grand Junction, Colorado, on Nov. 4, 2020

Laird Noller, 83, La Jolla, California, on Aug. 22, 2020

Melvin Patterson, 90, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 7, 2020

Francine M. Pomerantz, 76, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 9, 2020

Reginald Robinson, 63, Lawrence, Kansas, on Sept. 19, 2020

Nancy (Brazill) Sherwood, 82, Wichita, Kansas, on June 2, 2019

Liz Stratton, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 21, 2020

Harry Stromgren, age, Abilene, Kansas, on Aug. 31, 2020

Rev. Dorthea Yoder-Foster, 73, Rochester, New York, on Sept. 21, 2019



Laura Richmond, ba '59, Washburn Alumni Association Board of Directors, 82, San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 18, 2020



Laura Richmond stayed committed to her Kansas roots and community. After moving to San Antonio, Texas, her commitment to her new community was also

evidenced in her role in the establishment and operation of the Richmond Family Foundation and the Wade Richmond

Foundation, two foundations committed to helping those in need. Having already provided substantial funding in the community to date, the foundations will serve in perpetuity as a lasting legacy of the generosity of Laura and her late husband, Jack, ba '50, h '00, and in memory of their son, Wade. The two gave generously to Washburn, including to the Living Learning Center.

Marjorie J. Smith, b ed '55, Washburn Alumni Association Board of Directors, 87, Topeka, Kansas, on Oct. 28, 2020



Marjorie Smith and her late husband, Doane, ba '55, returned to Topeka in 1960 after Air Force bases in Texas, Mississippi and Japan became their homes away from home. She was a joiner, a devoted volunteer and

she enjoyed serving her community in many capacities and leadership positions. She also volunteered as a tutor to elementary school students in underserved schools and served on the Washburn Alumni Association board of directors from 1979-83. She had many interests and hobbies and was a life-long learner.

Terry Booth, Assistant Professor Emeritus, Anthropology, 79, Topeka, Kansas, on Aug. 11, 2020



Terry Booth was a long-time faculty member in anthropology, joining the Washburn faculty in 1969 and retiring in 2002. While teaching full-time, he finished the classwork and doctorate dissertation in educational

anthropology at the University of Kansas in 1987.

His academic interests within anthropology broadened through his 32 years of teaching. He was awarded three Sweet Summer Sabbaticals, each to locations where he further validated his academic credentials by observation and experience. He was determined to teach his students research skills with his career-long practice of onsite instruction in Washburn's Mabee Library.

Rita V. Tracy, Assistant Professor Emeritus, School of Nursing, 82, Lawrence, Kansas, on Oct. 8, 2020



Rita Tracy earned her nursing degree from the University of Kansas in 1960 and master's degrees from Ohio University and the University of Kansas. She was a registered nurse for 40 years, retiring from Washburn

University after 24 years of teaching in the School of Nursing, teaching there from 1976-2000. Prior

to teaching, she was employed at the University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department and Athens Mental Health Center in Athens, Ohio. She held membership in the American Nurses Association and the Kansas State Nursing Association and participated in volunteer activities in the Lawrence and Topeka communities. 



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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 shore excursions, all onboard meals, wine and beer with dinner, daily lectures by a riverlorian and more. Airfare, port charges and gratuities not included. Extend your trip with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis or post-cruise stay in New Orleans.

ICELAND

May 23-29, 2021

Cross Iceland off your bucket list, a beacon of nature's majestic beauty. Soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, visit the Vikingaheimar Museum, travel the Golden Circle and admire some of the world's most beautiful waterfalls, volcanoes and black sand beaches. Price is \$2,750 per person double occupancy and includes round-trip airfare from Kansas City (other departure cities available, but price may vary), five nights hotel accommodations, 11 meals and sightseeing.

MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE — BARCELONA TO ROME

Oct. 25 - Nov. 1, 2021

Sail along the sunny rivieras of Spain, France, Monaco and Italy aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina. Ports of call include Palma de Mallorca, Marseille, Monte Carlo, Antibes, Cinque Terre (La Spezia) and Florence (Livorno). Pricing begins at \$2,299 per person double occupancy and includes airfare. Extend your trip with a pre-cruise stay in Barcelona or post-cruise stay in Rome.

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April 6-16, 2022

Spend two days in Lisbon before visiting Fatima and Coimbra en route to Porto, where you will board Mayflower Cruises' MS Emerald Radiance. For seven nights, follow Portugal and Spain's countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Vineyards rise from the river banks, landmarks pepper the horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the hillsides. Ports of call include Pinhao, Vega de Terron, Salamanca, Pocinho and Regua. Pricing begins at \$4,149 per person double occupancy and includes airfare, cruise, sightseeing, 22 meals and more.



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 earliest convenience. The Alumni Association offers the trip to prospective travelers in the order they express interest. Get your name on the list early to hold your place. If later you choose not to go, your spots will be offered to someone on the waitlist.

For more information, contact Susie Hoffmann

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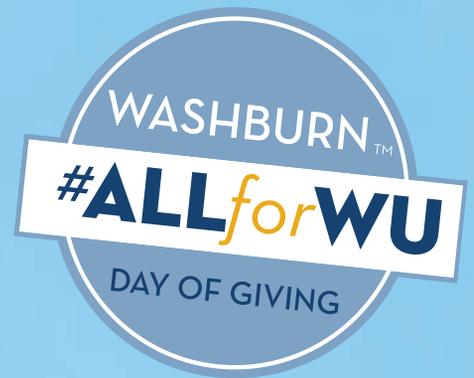
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