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2014-15 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Highly Engaged Learner

by Mark Putnam, Central College president



The phrase “academic excellence” has been used so freely and for so long that it no longer has any substantive meaning; the claim is made by all academic institutions at all levels of education. The ambiguity of these words, however, does not diminish the importance of the underlying concept if thoughtfully considered and appropriately applied. Can we reclaim the concept? Perhaps.

A new research report released in 2015 by Gallup outlines the results of a study completed in partnership with the Lumina Foundation and Purdue University. The project is referred to as the Gallup-Purdue Index. The goal of the research was to “study the relationship between the college experience and college graduates’ lives.” The results are fascinating and

offer important affirmations for our own academic community.

The findings reveal the “Big Six” undergraduate experiences that are closely related to long-term life outcomes.

- I had at least one professor at [College] who excited me about learning.
- My professors at [College] cared about me as a person.
- I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue my goals and dreams.
- I worked on a project that took a semester or more to complete.
- I had an internship or job that allowed me to apply what I was learning in the classroom.
- I was extremely active in extracurricular activities and organizations while I attended [College].

The results also reveal that at one end of the spectrum, 82 percent of graduates who reported having all six of these experiences during college also reported that college prepared them well for life. By contrast, those who reported having none of these “Big Six” experiences indicated they were well prepared for life after college only five percent of the time. The bottom line is that higher levels of engagement in mentoring relationships and experiential learning during college lead to better outcomes in life.

We have much to celebrate. Central College has been deeply devoted to a highly engaged learning experience since its founding. Our alumni, current students and parents would find no surprises in the Gallup-Purdue Index. They bear witness to the formative experiences and the outcomes. We tell each other the stories of our beloved faculty who have devoted their lives to students for generations and credit them with our achievements.

Teaching and learning is an intense human interaction that cannot be limited to quick memorization, narrowly defined skill sets and dehumanized learning environments. Academic excellence is best defined by the experience of the learner, who is placed in a setting designed for learning, mentored by faculty devoted to teaching and integrated with a blend of the liberal arts, professional fields of study and experiential learning opportunities. Gallup has simply affirmed what we already know – the outcomes of our lives flow from the quality of our learning.

Read more of Mark Putnam's writings in President's Corner at civitas.central.edu.



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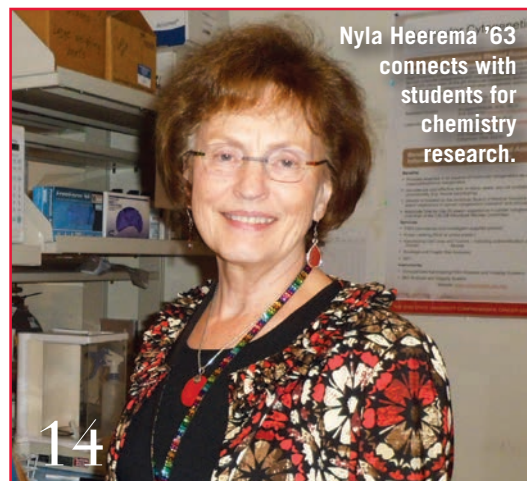
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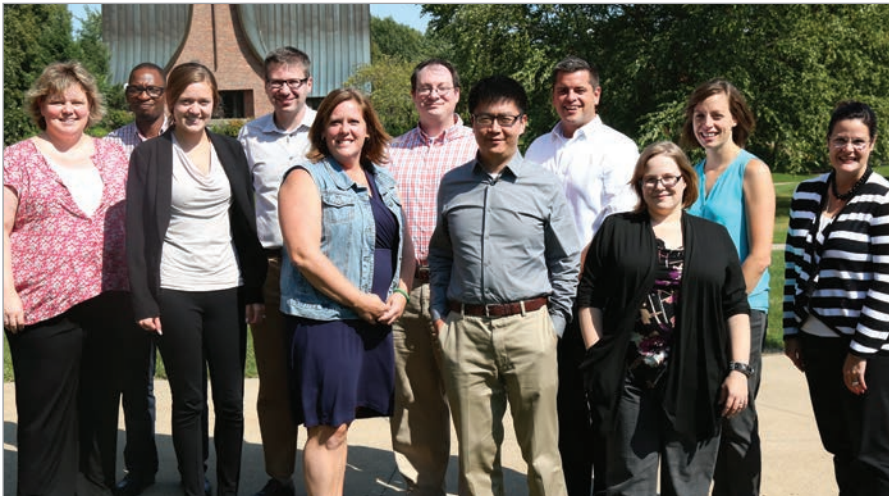


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NEW FACULTY ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

To read more about the new faculty members, visit civitas.central.edu.



This fall Central welcomed 11 new faculty members. The educators teach in a variety of departments. Left to right: **Rebecca Addleman**, associate professor of education, **Jeremia Njeru**, assistant professor of sociology/anthropology, **Sara Bergman**, assistant professor of accounting, **Mark Thomas**, assistant professor of philosophy, **Melanie Hatch**, lecturer of education, **Lee Macomber**, assistant professor of biology, **Chong Wang**, assistant professor of physics, **Jason Surian**, assistant professor of education, **Elizabeth Golovatski**, assistant professor of physics, **Elizabeth Vermeer**, assistant professor of exercise science, and **Julianne Taylor**, lecturer of education.

CAMPUS UPDATES CONTINUE

Fall semester saw the completion of several renovation projects. Maytag Student Center Patio was refreshed to become a prime spot for events and entertainment. It features outdoor Weber grills, canopies for shade and tables for studying or enjoying a snack.

The Upper Chapel received a new sound system, flooring and acoustic enhancements, and Cox-Snow is now home to a new Steinway piano.



NEW TRUSTEES WELCOMED

Central College board of trustees announced three new members. Dan De Cook, Tim Heerema and William Rankin started their terms July 1. Board members provide vision for Central's future and meet on campus twice per year.



Dan De Cook '95

Dan De Cook '95 is co-CEO of Heritage Lace in Pella and also serves on the Marion County Bank board of directors, Pella Plan Steering Committee and Mark and Kay De Cook Foundation.



Tim Heerema '88

Tim Heerema '88 is co-CEO of Heritage Lace in Pella. He grew up in Pella and attended Central for two years before transferring to Arizona State University. After graduation, Heerema attended law school at the University of Iowa, earning his J.D. degree in 1992. Heerema returned

to Pella and practiced law for five years before taking a position with Heritage Lace.



William Rankin '69

William Rankin '69, is president of Wm. L. Rankin Consulting in Seattle. After studying psychology at Central, Rankin served in the military and received his Ph.D. degree in experimental

psychology from Washington State University in 1976. He worked for Battelle Seattle Research Centers and Boeing before starting his consulting firm. He has served on advisory councils for alcoholism and drug abuse, as well as Central's National Advisory Council.



Two board members, Ken Braskamp '65 (above left) and Terry Garvin '72 (above right), were named emeriti trustees.



Karen Heringer donated her time over the summer to spruce up campus.

MAKING CAMPUS BLOOM

Master Gardener Karen Heringer spent many hours over the summer assisting with the annual flower bed planting and maintenance at Central. Heringer has been volunteering her time, as master gardeners provide gardening help to communities on a volunteer basis as part of their mission.

Some of the projects included planting the Bornt Plaza with a blend of annual flowers and new perennials, as well as relocating the existing prairie drop seed grasses and butterfly bushes. Mike Lubberden, director of facilities, said, "Her recommendations (and labor) have been a wonderful contribution."

by Larry Happel '81

FOUR INDUCTED INTO ATHLETICS HALL OF HONOR



New Hall of Honor inductees are (left to right): Jason Christenson '91, Randy Busscher '75, Chris Hulleman '93 and Abbie (Brown) Sogard '00.

Four former athletes with numerous achievements on and off the playing field were the newest additions to the Central College Athletics Hall of Honor Oct. 10.

Two-time NCAA Division III volleyball player of the year Abbie (Brown) Sogard '00, record-breaking football receiver Randy Busscher '75, state champion wrestling coach Jason Christianson '91 and academic all-America football player Chris Hulleman '93 were inducted as part of Central's homecoming festivities.

Established in 2002, Central's hall of honor is intended to recognize those

who were exceptional performers in the athletics arena as a student-athlete, coach or administrator, and who have distinguished themselves in life after graduation through service and leadership. To be eligible for consideration, a nominee must have graduated or served as a Central coach/administrator at least 15 years earlier. Current Central staff members are not eligible for consideration.

RANDY BUSSCHER '75

Most Central football receiving records were once in Busscher's skilled hands. A four-time letterwinner,

Busscher was a three-time first-team all-Iowa Conference pick and received honorable mention all-America distinction. He was also a four-time track and field letterwinner and competed one season in tennis. Busscher set school career receiving records for receptions (103), yards (2,009) and touchdowns (27), and game records for receptions (12) and yards (259), despite missing the last half of the 1974 season due to injury. He also was a three-time conference placewinner in the 120-yard high hurdles. The Dutch wouldn't have won their 1974 NCAA championship

without his memorable 77-yard touchdown reception with just 8 seconds remaining in a dramatic 22-17 triumph over Ferris State (Mich.), preserving their undefeated season.

After a tryout with the Minnesota Vikings, Busscher earned master's and doctoral degrees at Western Michigan University. He was a teacher in Hart and Hamilton, Mich., then an elementary and junior high principal at Hamilton and at West Ottawa in Holland, Mich.

JASON CHRISTENSON '91

Among Iowa's winningest wrestling coaches, Christenson was a 1991 NCAA Division III qualifier at Central, placing third in the Iowa Conference at 190 pounds (1989-90) and 177 (1990-91).

As coach at Southeast Polk High School since 2002, Christenson swept Class 3A state team and dual titles (2013, 2015) with 12 top-four finishes through 2015, when the squad ranked No. 7 nationally. He also coached six seasons at Collins-Maxwell-Baxter and four at Oskaloosa. He was named coach of the year for Class 3A (2001, 2012), the Iowa Wrestling Federation (2001, 2010, 2012), and The Open Mat's Midwest Region (2012), was USA Wrestling's Developmental Coach of the Year (2007) and Junior Person of the Year (2014) and received the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's first Bob Siddens High School Coaching Excellence Award (2013).

An Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association past president, Christenson was a USA Wrestling team leader for the 2013 Junior World Tournament in Bulgaria and served as 2015 Cadet Pan American Games U.S. Greco-Roman coach.

CHRIS HULLEMAN '93

Hulleman was an offensive guard for three Iowa Conference champion football squads with three NCAA playoff berths. A 1992 team co-captain, Hulleman was named to two All-America teams, was a CoSIDA Academic All-America pick and



Among the improvements made at the A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex in recent months is a new entryway to Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium. On October 24, the area was dedicated as Heritage Plaza, in honor of **Mark '64** and **Kay '63 De Cook, Bruce '63** and **Sandy '62 Heerema**, all of Pella, and their families. Mark and Bruce, who both starred on Central football squads in the early '60s and later served on the college's board of trustees, partnered to create Heritage Lace in 1983. It's now one of Pella's most successful firms. Their sons, Tim Heerema '88 and Daniel De Cook '95, now serve as the company's co-CEOs and are members of Central's board of trustees. Above, left to right: President Mark Putnam, Mark and Kay De Cook, Sandy and Bruce Heerema.

a two-time all-conference honoree. He was a Central assistant coach from 1997-2001.

He received a graduate diploma at the University of Western Australia with master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Wisconsin. Hulleman was a postdoctoral fellow and research associate at Peabody College's Learning Services Institute at Vanderbilt University and research affiliate at Peabody's National Center for Performance Incentives, then assistant professor of graduate psychology at James Madison University and Motivation Research Institute co-director.

In 2012, Hulleman became research associate professor in the Department of Leadership, Foundations and Policy Studies in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, and a fellow of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Hulleman spent 2014-15 on a fellowship with the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University.

ABBIE (BROWN) SOGARD '00

A two-time AVCA Division III

player of the year, Sogard led Central to two NCAA volleyball championships (1998, 1999) and a third-place finish (1997) after transferring from Kansas State. Sogard was a three-time Iowa Conference MVP and first-team all-America honoree, a two-time team MVP and co-captain. A four-time national player of the week, Sogard gained all-tournament honors in every tourney Central entered. She set Division III records for most career kills per set (4.70) and most kills in a three-set match (34), ranking seventh in career hitting percentage (.388). Combined with 374 kills at Kansas State, Sogard had 2,112 for her career. She also set Central marks for most season kills (631) and career ace serves (136).

In basketball, Sogard was a three-time all-conference pick, two-time team MVP and a team co-captain, helping Central win a share of the 1997-98 league title and an NCAA berth. Sogard was active in campus religious and service activities. Sogard and her family live in Leawood, Kansas.

THE FUTURE OF NEWS

David Chivers '98 takes the helm of Iowa newspaper.

by Laura Billingsley '04



There's a certain symmetry to David Chivers' appointment as president and publisher of The Des Moines Register. The 1998 Central grad's first job was as a paper boy for The Register in his hometown of Des Moines. He's also a former English major, which is fitting for someone charged with shepherding an iconic newspaper into a new digital age, while maintaining the heritage of powerful stories. Not that the printed pages of The Register are going away any time soon. According to Chivers, there are still a lot of subscribers out there "who enjoy having the paper every morning and reading it before they head out."

Chivers reads The Register in print every day and The New York Times in print on Sundays. He also reads The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and the Times digitally each day, along with novels, short stories and business books. These three types of reading materials could represent three important aspects of Chivers' character: the scholar, the businessman and the newspaperman.

Chivers' headed to Central after graduating from Des Moines North High School in 1994. His college choice was influenced by his now-wife and friends who attended Central after participating in Upward Bound. "It made such an impact on them going to

Central over the summer that it became their school of choice, and indirectly became my school of choice," he says.

At first, Chivers wasn't sure what his major would be, but he decided on English and anthropology. "I loved to read and write," he says. "So literature and English was a natural." An Introduction to Anthropology class with Steve Ybarrola hooked Chivers "on this idea of studying cultures and societies and people. I didn't look back," he says.

Since graduating from Central, Chivers has attained an MBA degree, a Master's of Science in integrated marketing communication and held a variety of jobs at well-known companies. He's been director of online audience development at Meredith Corp., director of online marketing for Dow Jones (parent company of The Wall Street Journal) and chief digital officer at Jostens, the company most notable for providing high school seniors with graduation apparel and class rings. He says that with the exception of his current job, "every job I've had after my first couple of roles have been jobs that didn't exist when I was in college." He believes his liberal arts background prepared him well for a changing work environment. "I'm a big believer in the tradition of liberal arts education," he says. "I feel like it's



provided a framework by which to look at the world and think about the world that has been invaluable to me."

Chivers has focused his professional life on the digital world. "I created a career around leading change and innovation in digital," he says. In addition, he's become something of an expert on what makes millennials tick. He says, "Jostens was very exciting to me because it was a real opportunity to work with teenagers and parents of teenagers. I could get to know a generation of consumers who have not only been digitally native, but increasingly have been connected their entire life."

He says using digital tools and technology is "just like breathing" to today's teens. However, that doesn't mean they aren't interested in face-to-face experiences. "I think they're really looking to be reached through multiple channels, through digital, through in-person," he says. He's found young people are also very sensitive to content they find to be "authentic and true."

Joining The Register in May was a homecoming for Chivers — both to Des Moines and to a company for which he has "a feeling of reverence." He's excited to be part of the "heritage of great journalism, great content and community connection that's really important not only for Des Moines but really the state of Iowa." In addition to continuing that heritage through the print publication, Chivers and The Register staff are exploring new ways of bringing information to citizens.

One opportunity is in-person experiences. For example, The Register has been hosting a series of mock caucuses, or mockuses, in the run-up to the presidential election of 2016. Designed to educate first-time voters on how to caucus, the events are squarely aimed at millennials, with hip locations like Des Moines Social Club, and the cheeky name "Give A Damn, Des Moines."

No matter what The Register is doing, as president of the largest paper in Iowa, Chivers is now firmly in the spotlight. Four months in, he says, "There's still an adjustment period of figuring out how I navigate this semi-public persona." But he

sticks to a basic principle of authenticity, saying, "How I interact with you in this room is how I'm going to interact with other people at home, on the street or in public."

His daughters also keep him grounded. At age 12 and 9, Chivers says they are both digitally savvy and regularly amaze him with their command of — and expectations for — technology. For instance, his daughters have grown up with a DVR in the home. When his oldest was 2, she took a trip to her grandparents' house, which did not have a DVR. "She just could not wrap her brain around why she couldn't watch the specific episode of 'Dora' that she wanted to watch," Chivers says. "And she couldn't understand what these commercials were that were interrupting her show."

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David Chivers '98

Natives of the digital world like Chivers' daughters will be tomorrow's news consumers, and in fact are already changing how people think about and consume information. Adapting to this changing world is a big part of what Chivers is working on at The Register, and he sees similarities to higher education. He says, "I think the faculty and staff at colleges and universities across the country are going through their own digital transformation and disruption, and I don't think that some of the issues facing higher education today are all that different from the issues and opportunities the media business has been dealing with for almost two decades now."

Chivers has built a successful career out of managing disruption, helping organizations evolve along with new technologies. It's a role requiring the ability to think, to question and to imagine a changing world — all skills honed in the liberal arts environment Chivers values. He says, "I couldn't have imagined that my time at Central would lead me down a path that would put me in the chair I'm in today."

SPEAKING UP

Refugees from political violence. Victims of abuse. Homeless and friendless strangers in a strange land. Around the world, many populations are struggling to be heard and to have their stories told. They may also lack basic necessities such as food, shelter and safety from violence. Central alumni, faculty and students are working to give a voice to vulnerable populations, helping them to tell their stories while also meeting their basic needs.



A Safe Space

Creating a home for victims of abuse.

by Laura Billingsley '04



In 2010, Kellie Gorsche Markey '88 realized you can go home again. The Central grad and Des Moines native returned to her hometown after a career that took her to some of the biggest cities in the world. Now she's working to make a home for some of the most vulnerable members of the Des Moines population: teen girls in crisis.

After graduating from Dowling High School, Markey headed to Central College, "the first school I applied to and the first that accepted me," she says. She majored in communication studies and knew she wanted to work in marketing, which at the beginning of her college career she thought "looked like what Darrin Stephens did on 'Bewitched.'"

An internship while on the urban studies program in Chicago helped to clarify the job, and Markey landed a position at Ogilvy & Mather after graduation. She later moved to San Francisco, working for top agencies like Foote, Cone & Belding. Overall, she spent 15 years in the marketing world before taking a job with eBay in 1999, where she stayed until 2004.

At that time, Markey wanted to make a change. She moved back to Des Moines to reconnect with family and

spend time "on sabbatical figuring out what was next for me because I was hoping to make a major shift in my career and in my life," she says. She ended up buying a house and she's putting her own stamp on the city.

Markey began investing in distressed real estate and giving it new life, fixing up homes to sell or rent. It was a piece of real estate that first inspired what may be Markey's most important project yet—Dorothy's House.

"In 2010 when I decided to stay in Des Moines fulltime, I always knew I wanted to work with teen girls in crisis because I'd been so fortunate in my own life and had so many great experiences. I thought I had something to give back," she says.

She began exploring organizations that serve kids in the community and became a volunteer with Youth Emergency Services and Shelter (YESS), eventually joining the board. While volunteering, Markey met a girl who changed her life. "She had been exposed to extreme amounts of trauma and abuse, and she was so



Kellie Markey

inspirational to me because she had so much hope and optimism, that I decided to also become a foster parent," Markey says.

During this time Markey was looking at houses in which to invest, and she walked into a house that seemed special. It was a "beautiful old house, almost 120 years old. And when I walked in that house I knew my journey wasn't quite finished and I needed to buy this house and create the shelter for teen girls that I always felt I would do," Markey says.

Dorothy's House is scheduled to open in November and will provide a home for teen girls impacted by extreme sexual assault and abuse. The house will accommodate up to five girls and the program will also support girls over the age of 18 who have had similar trauma profiles.

For Markey, giving back goes hand in hand with achievement. She says, "I was successful in my career,

and I wanted to engage in whatever community I ended up settling in. I feel like for those of us who can, it's our responsibility to do work that better our community."

Markey did some deep thinking about philanthropy and what role she wanted to play during a trek on the Camino de Santiago in 2012. She walked for 31 days on the Camino, which is a pilgrimage route across the northern coast of Spain. She calls walking the Camino "an awesome and overwhelming undertaking." She had to learn to take the days — and the steps — one at a time, and she found parallels to the world of philanthropy.

"If you don't know how much time or energy or hope you have to offer your community, find one thing and do it, and it will guide you in what your capacity is for giving and the time and energy you have," she says. "You can't know until you try."

What's to Fear?

Students prepare testimony of threats to refugees

by Jenni Hodges

An expert in violence and human rights issues, Cynthia Mahmood is often called to testify in political asylum cases. She helps courts of the United States, U.K. and Canada determine whether refugees qualify for protection. Last fall, she decided to get Central students involved.

The 11 students, participants in Mahmood's Anthropology of Violence class, helped prepare expert testimony for three political asylum cases. One was a Pakistani honor killing case, one a doctor who treated torture victims and one a Taliban propaganda worker.

"I was the main, legally responsible party," says Mahmood, Frank Moore Chair of Anthropology and professor of anthropology, "but basically, it was in their lap to try and save this person from future violence."

Students researched conditions in the countries these people fled. "They had to rely on human rights reports, academic literature about the country, contemporary media articles, broadcasts and so on," Mahmood says, "and then they produced an expert statement."



Cynthia Mahmood

Melanie Breza '16, sociology major from Solon, worked on the Pakistani case. The refugee, a Pakistani girl, fled the threat of honor killing by her family after she befriended a boy — a shameful crime in that culture.

"I was really nervous, actually," Breza says, "and motivated to do really well because Dr. Mahmood said our work could influence the judge's decision."

Most class projects, you kind of put it off — this was something different because you know you're actually impacting a life."

Mahmood assured students she would take responsibility and check their work thoroughly. However, she wanted them to experience research that matters and know they can make a difference. This spring, Mahmood congratulated her students when two individuals in their cases received asylum.

"The one that did not win, we thought would not win — that was the Taliban person," Mahmood says. "In the United States, when you hear 'Taliban,' people are afraid for national security. But the other two both won asylum in the United States, and now they're safe here. I personally find that one of the things really to be proud of about the U.S. is that we admit people who are fleeing horrible violence and have nowhere else to turn."

Mahmood taught at Central right after completing her Ph.D., 1986-1991, then taught at the University of Maine and Notre Dame before returning to Central 14 years later. In Anthropology of Violence, students enter her area of specialty. "That's what I study — war and peace and violence all around the world," Mahmood

says. "Studying that as an anthropologist means doing ethnographic field work with people involved in violence, and I am known primarily for working with perpetrators of violence, especially in South Asia."

Mahmood's many writings include "The Guru's Gift: An Ethnography Exploring Gender Equality with North American Sikh Women," "Fighting for Faith and Nation: Dialogues with Sikh Militants" and "Frisian and Free: Study of an Ethnic Minority of the Netherlands," as well as encyclopedia articles, textbooks and a newly completed book manuscript. She was named Frank Moore Chair of Anthropology last year.

Mary Strey, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, says Mahmood's ability to involve students in her work exemplifies Central's commitment to global, experiential learning. "Whether through summer research opportunities on campus, research participation and projects during the academic year, honors projects or creative endeavors, all Central College students have the opportunity to engage in research, scholarship and creative inquiry with Central faculty," Strey says.

«The Refugees



Tamil doctor, Sri Lanka, treated torture victims

"Eventually the government was suspicious that he was one of the militants," Mahmood says, "and they treated him very badly — and his wife as well — and he fled to the U.S."

Young girl, Pakistan, caught befriending a boy

"That's considered really shameful in her culture, and she was under threat of an honor killing — that her own family would kill her," Mahmood says.

Education minister, Afghanistan, former worker for the Taliban

"He never had been engaged in violence," Mahmood says, "but he used to write pamphlets about what the Taliban wanted to do. Then he decided they had gone too far, and he wanted to quit. So he was afraid of two things: both the government coming after him and the Taliban coming after him."

JJ '98 and Tim '97 TenClay



The Least of These

RCA missionaries support refugees in Italy.

by Laura Billingsley '04

Some call them migrants. Some call them refugees. Either way, one thing is certain: Thousands of people are fleeing strife in Africa and the Middle East and hoping for a new life in Europe. They often arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs, or perhaps a backpack stuffed with food, photographs and whatever money they could pull together. Entering a country where they may not speak the language, they may lack friends or family to help. It is at this moment, when they are most vulnerable, that predators appear. Mafia members, pimps, human traffickers — they all prey on refugees who have few options. And it is at this moment that JJ (Johnson) '98 and Tim TenClay '97 step in.

As missionaries with the Reformed Church in America (RCA), the TenClays are dedicated to assisting refugees as they transition from an old life to a new. They arrived in Naples in September 2014, and relocated to Palermo, Sicily, in August 2015. Italy is a popular destination for refugees and has seen thousands arrive during the past few years.

Husband and wife each have different roles to play in Palermo, though their work is related. Tim is a minister

of word and sacrament for the RCA and serves as a specialized minister to three Waldensian/Methodist congregations in Italy, two of which are multiethnic congregations (including Italians and Africans). The Waldensian Church in Italy is the oldest Reformed denomination in the world, dating back to the 12th century. Tim characterizes his work as “primarily about facilitating reconciliation and community, and promoting justice for people often overlooked by those in power, caring for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the people living in the communities of Palermo, Trapani and Marsala.”

JJ's work focuses on women. She is officially a social action worker and missionary through the RCA, in partnership with the Waldensian and Methodist Church in Italy. Her main goal is to help migrant women get the support they need to survive and thrive in Italy, as well as educating people (especially in North America) about the refugee crisis. “Mass migration of people from Africa and the Middle East to Europe is not just an issue for Italy, for Europe, for Africa — it is a global crisis that requires a global response,” she says.

Both TenClays are living far from where they grew up. Tim was born and raised in northwest Iowa (Orange City and Alton), while JJ is from Oskaloosa. Tim graduated from Central with a religion major and JJ majored in general studies, focusing on sociology and communication. They have long been affiliated with the



Baby Mohammed, whose mother went into labor at the time her boat was being rescued in the Mediterranean Sea.

RCA, in which Tim has served as a minister for 15 years. In 1999, while Tim was attending Western Theological Seminary, the couple visited Rome as part of an intercultural immersion trip sponsored by the school. "We fell in love with Italy, even spending the evening of our first wedding anniversary at Piazza Navona in Rome, dreaming of moving to Italy one day," JJ says.

Tim returned to Italy in January 2013 to attend a conference highlighting intercultural work the Waldensian/Methodist Church was doing to welcome and integrate refugees into churches and communities. Soon after the trip, the plight of refugees was cast in sharp relief when a boat left Libya and sank off the coast of Lampedusa (a small Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea). Overall, 155 people were rescued, more than 360 died, and the event sparked international media coverage.

For the TenClays, events in Italy were pulling them toward the country. In late 2013, JJ accepted her position as a missionary. "As we continued to research and educate ourselves on the issues surrounding this crisis, once we were presented with an opportunity to assist, we had to say yes," JJ says. "We began fundraising in January 2014 and landed in Naples in September 2014. After spending 10 months in Naples, we — along with our mission partners — decided a move to Palermo would allow us the opportunity to more fully engage with the migrant/refugee population in Italy."

Palermo is on the frontline of the refugee crisis. By September, more than 120,000 people had arrived in Italy during 2015. One Saturday in August, nearly 3,500

people were rescued from boats in the Mediterranean Sea. Most of the TenClays' work focuses on refugees from Africa, including Eritrea, Somalia, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Egypt. While recent news coverage has focused on Syrian refugees, many people from Africa are also looking for ways to escape life-threatening situations in their home countries and enter Europe. And their deaths number in the thousands. By September 2015, more than 2,600 migrants had died crossing the Mediterranean Sea to reach Europe. "These are men, women and children who had hopes, dreams, family and friends," JJ says.

JJ recalls the story of Amino, a young Somali woman she met who arrived in Italy by boat. She had already been displaced from her home country of Somalia to Ethiopia before starting a six-month journey to Italy. "She has family members living in Norway," JJ says, "and once she discovered she was pregnant did not want her child to face the same dangers she has faced."

Amino left Ethiopia and traveled through Sudan and Libya before boarding a boat for Italy. In Libya, JJ says Amino was forced to stay in a refugee camp run by human smugglers, with limited food and clean water, no toilets and no medical care. As her boat was rescued by Italian authorities, Amino went into labor, and her son, Mohamed, was born soon after. JJ spent two weeks with mother and son at Mediterranean Hope House of Cultures in Scicli, Sicily, "a reception center for migrants/refugees affiliated with the Waldensian/Methodist Church in Italy," JJ says. "We spent a lot of time together, talking, cooking, going to medical appointments and helping her connect with family in Norway through Skype. During our time together, Mohamed turned one month old." Mediterranean Hope is helping Amino make arrangements to join her family in Norway.

Why do refugees make the risky trip across the sea to Italy or Greece? JJ says civil unrest in Tunisia and Libya spurs them to try to reach Europe. "Although many African migrants are ineligible for asylum status as they do not meet the legal definition in Europe, they are fleeing very real dangers such as violence, persecution, famine and poverty, life-threatening illnesses and political instability," she says. Their journey often begins by paying a human smuggler for passage on a boat. But for many, the boat turns out to be a small fishing vessel or dinghy, crammed with hundreds of other refugees. They frequently have no food, water or life jackets.

Migration from Africa and the Middle East to Europe has been growing since the Arab Spring of 2010-11.

European Union laws mandate that refugees remain in the country they enter for processing. "This is a very long, difficult process, complicated by the massive numbers of people now entering Europe," JJ says. "Laws prohibit them from working until their initial request has been processed, but even after that, it is very difficult to find gainful employment; many are vulnerable to asking for money on the street, illegal employment as street vendors or in agricultural fields, prostitution or becoming indebted to the mafia or other organized crime."

The work the TenClays and others are doing is meant to assist refugees so they aren't victimized or forced into a criminal underworld. They are driven to perform this work by a longing for justice. JJ says, "A desire to see more people experience peace, grace and justice has been an overarching theme in our lives, fostered through our religious beliefs, personal convictions, education (including at Central College), time spent abroad (in Germany, St. Thomas—the U.S. Virgin Islands, Italy, Turkey, Hong Kong and South Africa), as well as through our career paths."

While the scale of the crisis can seem insurmountable, JJ says simply becoming educated is a way for people to help. "I am a firm believer that knowledge is power," she says, "and being global citizens means we must continue to grow in our knowledge of global issues." But she also hopes it won't end there — she urges people to use their talents to do what they can to help. She says, "Perhaps a medical worker is willing to volunteer with Doctors Without Borders, or an aspiring writer or artist will highlight this crisis in their work. A political scientist could advocate for North American policy changes to aid Africa, the Middle East or Europe. Perhaps some people will decide to volunteer for or financially support organizations providing care for refugees."

Perhaps most importantly of all, she encourages everyone to reach out to the migrants and refugees in their midst. She says, "Get to know your own neighbors, the members of your communities." Who knows what a little compassion may yield in the life of another?



Boys from Egypt teach the TenClays and others an Egyptian dance.

Links:

TenClay Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/tenclay>

Refugees/Migrants Emergency Response – Mediterranean via UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency
<http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean/regional.php>

"A terrible journey to Europe" video via BBC Newsnight – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggDCBVh7ec8>



When the Central Stands for CONNECTIONS

by Cindy Deppe

Call it the Central Crew, the Central Squad or simply Central College alumni. The fact is, Central alums take an active role helping other alumni and current students, creating a global network of resources and opportunities. One story of connection starts with a Central experience in 1959 and stretches all the way to 2015.

In her time

When Nyla Rozeboom Heerema entered Central in 1959, a young woman majoring in chemistry was somewhat unusual.

"I wanted to be pre-med, and I really liked Art Bosch," Heerema '63 recalls. The legendary Central chemistry professor encouraged her to persist.

And persist she did, earning a Ph.D. degree in genetics from the University of Iowa, only after the university created a genetics major for her within its existing zoology department curriculum. A post-doctoral fellowship in human genetics led her to Indiana University, where she served on the faculty for more than 20 years. She then conducted research at Wayne Hughes Medical Institute before accepting her current clinical research position as professor of pathology and director of cytogenetics at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Heerema's research focuses on chromosomes, the structures inside cells that contain DNA, and how differences or abnormalities in chromosomes affect cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Her specific areas of research are pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia and adult chronic lymphocytic leukemia, the most common forms of childhood and adult leukemia.

Heerema's work in cytogenetics has earned her recognition as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) "for distinguished contributions to the field of medical genetics, particularly for the cytogenetics studies of chromosomes of leukemia in children and other human diseases."

The Big C unites

Many who have reached such career heights wouldn't consider devoting time and energy to undergraduates. Yet, the renowned cancer researcher says that if Central can continue to send her more "well-prepared" interns like Athena Bowen Puski '12 and Sam Palmer '17, she will gladly take more into her lab at Ohio State.



Sam Palmer '17





Athena Bowen Puski '12



Nyla Rozeboom Heerema '63

Puski, who graduated in December 2012 with biology and Spanish majors and chemistry minor, worked with Heerema at Ohio State during the summer following her junior year at Central.

Palmer, a biology and biochemistry major and Spanish minor from Pella, spent two months in Heerema's lab during summer 2015.

Why divert time and attention to undergraduates at this point in her esteemed career? Heerema explains the urgency to bring more young scientists into the fold.

"The field is rapidly expanding due to The Human Genome Project. There are great opportunities. There are also great pressures to raise money and write grants for research, so we understand the pressures that go into science," she says. "I knew offering the internship was something I could do. The satisfaction and success Sam and Athena got from participating in the internship was very gratifying for me."

Making connections

When Heerema spoke at Career Day on campus in 2012, Puski was intrigued by what she heard from the experienced scientist. She sent her resume at the urging of Paulina Mena, associate professor of biology. Mena's own research interest examines how organisms adapt to their environments and what role their chromosomal architecture plays in that process.

Heerema too was intrigued by what she saw in Puski's background and, with a colleague, created a project for the Central student and aspiring geneticist.

"Athena's project was created for her, but she started with no background or training in the technology. She learned the techniques quickly and gained the respect of other scientists. There are more and more team projects in genetics, but this was an independent investigation," Heerema explains. "The summer Athena was here, we had several students from liberal arts colleges in our lab, and Athena was a star, which says a lot about a Central education."

For Puski, the internship solidified her career plans in a field that had always interested her.

"The internship helped shape my career interest and to decide if research is what I wanted to do," Puski says. "I'd always been interested in genetics, but the internship made me realize I wanted a combination of research and clinical work, not full-time lab research. Probably the biggest value from the internship was learning the basics of working in a professional lab setting — learning what it's like to work side-by-side with researchers, professionals and doctors."

Palmer learned about Heerema's research through Carol Williamson, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admission at Central. He sent Heerema his resume and talked with her about why he was interested in an internship opportunity.

When he arrived at Ohio State last June, Palmer continued the research project begun by Puski, which Heerema describes as "ongoing research that can be reopened at any time." He also worked on a second project — examining markers of genome instability commonly found in blood cancers — that he expects will result in a journal publication.

"The value of the internship was the wide breadth of technology we got to use ... at a major medical center with the resources of a large institution," Palmer says. "The internship made me much more interested in the medical field, and my research experience at a major university will open doors. This is meaningful work that I love, and Central connections made it all possible."

In their time

When Puski returned to campus after her internship at Ohio State, she completed a paper and presentation poster about her research in Heerema's lab. After graduating from Central, Puski worked as a quality control technician at Midland Bioproducts in Boone, Iowa, analyzing antibody levels in goat serum, with responsibility for pre-testing before manufacturing.

But the pull of qualitative genetics research led Puski to return to Ohio State in 2014. She is now in the second year of a master's program in genetic counseling.

"Nyla helped me get into my graduate

program with her recommendations and her connections to faculty in the department. When I graduate next May, I will be prepared to be a genetic counselor," Puski explains.

Genetic counselors help families understand genetic conditions, perform genetic risk analysis, order genetic testing and discuss the potential outcomes and implications of genetic testing with the family. Puski says, "After board exams, I hope to relocate to central Iowa, which has an expanding field."

Palmer is back on campus this fall, carrying a full course load, preparing for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and continuing his research with faculty member Jay Wackerly. He plans to go to Wales during spring semester and will train next summer as an emergency medical technician (EMT) to prepare himself for the rigors and realities of medical school.

Compliments all around

Of the recognized cancer researcher, Palmer and Puski say:

- Athena: "I know that she is always there for me if I need her. She helped me get where I am today."
- Sam: "As a mentor, Dr. Heerema was very willing to help with any questions or concerns at any time, very warm and welcoming. She was also willing to let me make decisions and set up experiments to grow confidence in the lab. She's very busy with clinical trials but always willing to help."

Of their Central education, the young scientists say:

- Athena: "My Central education helped me to connect to alumni and to see what other possibilities there are, to see everything that's out there."
- Sam: "I take a lot of pride in my Central education. Nyla was impressed by the quality of education we are receiving and our commitment to academics."

From the mentor and advisor herself:

"They were well-prepared. They knew how to think and were well-rounded. Their broad education helped them to be good thinkers and problem solvers."

<http://www.central.edu/career/internships/>



HELP
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Internships with Alumni

Interested in giving back by sharing your work experience? Need a project completed but don't have enough hands to get it done? Curious about how these Central connections get made? If so, offering a Central student an internship in your workplace may be the "job" for you.

Jessica Klyn de Novelo '05, associate director of community-based learning, is the campus liaison between students looking for internships and employers seeking interns. Internships with alumni are especially sought, she says.

"We appreciate all alumni connections. Internships in particular give students the opportunity to see a Central education in action and help them gain professional skills. The Central alumni network is very powerful, so the connections are often lasting and strong," Klyn de Novelo says.

An internship may be one or two days per week during the academic term for four to six hours per day; others may be 15 hours per week; most summer internships are full time. Internships may be paid or unpaid, depending on the nature of the employer; however, all offer the opportunity for students to gain valuable skills and earn college credit.

"We recognize the effort that goes into sharing expertise, training and supervising an intern," Klyn de Novelo says. "The scope of the internship and time commitment can be negotiated between the internship supervisor and the student."

Central encourages students to seek internships, and 76 percent complete at least one internship by graduation. Some majors offer the option to complete graduation requirements through an internship. All fields are welcome to be added to the list of available openings.

Project-oriented internships are especially encouraged, Klyn de Novelo explains. "Projects allow a student to see the process through from start to finish and have an outcome to show for their work." And the organization benefits too — gaining fresh perspectives and energy.

More information about internships can be found at <http://www.central.edu/career/internships>. Central's internship office sends regular emails to students that list opportunities from alumni as well as businesses and non-profits.

Central alumni interested in sponsoring an internship should contact Klyn de Novelo to discuss options: 641-628-7600, klynj@central.edu. They can also check out the employer access page at www.central.edu/career/for-employers.



CENTRAL COLLEGE

ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS



1965

Row 1: Paul Ebbers, Judith Stemsrud D'Amico, Sharon Duven Bergland, Sue Spaans Brandl, Becky Kettler Sneller, Judy Vander Linde Redeker, Bea Werner De Bie, Betty Freeman Kooy, Vernon Kooy **Row 2:** Gary McClimen, Gerdika Hesche Elberfeld, Trudy Huizenga Feldt, Marcia Jean Breur DeWild, Nicole Laing Van Soest **Row 3:** Martha Vander Wilt Ebbers, Linda De Jong Klavohn, Robert Feldt, Sheryl Brush Van Weelden, Ruth Gradwell Kruger, Connie Neevel Loomans, Dick Whittlesey, Larry Schroeder **Row 4:** Jim Brandl, Steve De Cook, Don Hemmes, Ken Braskamp, Paul Kuyper, Denny Brand, Jim Arendt, Wayne Olm **Row 5:** Fran Klavohn, Sharon McLintock McLinton, Harold De Bie, Kent Sneller, Gene Loomans, Gary Wynveen, Russ Dykehouse



1960

Row 1: Carolyn Wagamon Harada, Judy Gosselink Grooters, Glenadean Van Zee Betterton, Andrea Boat Roorda, Kathy Redeker Vande Berg, Carol Dulmes Vruwink **Row 2:** Dick Van Zomeren, Erv Roorda, Jim Vande Berg, Davis Folkerts



1970

Laura Hassell Fedorczyk, Dan Jacobusse, Bruce Anderson, Cathy Mallard



1975

Row 1: Julie Kunze Blythe, Kathleen Smith Boswell, Jill Tysseling Golrick, Deanna Derynck Jobe, Gail Campbell Gaetz, Walt Anderson **Row 2:** Gary Blythe, Hiram Evans, Joyce Brown, Mike Gardner, Bruce Janousek **Row 3:** Sam Westrick, Guy Clark, Randy Busscher



1980

Row 1: Cathy Betterton Courtney, Ann Hinga Klein, Nancy Delathower, Rita Heemsbergen Gardner, Thad Scarrow **Row 2:** Perry Klein, Brian Fegley, Lori Humphrey Fegley, Alan Neve, Keith Meendering, Rick Boat



Row 1: Mark Brecht, Lori Mapel Rushford, Kristine Cox Ward, Cindy Clark Williams, Margaret Debner Street, Mary Campero Berkley **Row 2:** Eric Glendening, Danielle Shaw Clemmens, Robin Nelson Janosik, Beth Barnes Guzman, Marty Langel, Allan Graham **Row 3:** Ed Banfield, Greg McCann, Scot Storjohann, Joe Martin, Dave Cutler, Mark Seaton



Row 1: Kim Sensor Becker, Kelle Hutchcroft Holgorsen, Nikelle Elfvin Roland, Angela Conover Patterson, Stacey Andrews Lapp, Rebekah Johnson, Brandee Marckmann, Eddy Fuentes, Cathy Maner Yaggy, Pam Kuhnle Freeman **Row 2:** Tracey Sorenson Menninga, Desha Craver Bruxvoort, Kristy Wagner Huerter, Jennifer Gabrielson Tenold, Dawn Perreault Thureen, Jeff Marshall, Heather Eizenga Bush, Trent Bush, Bridget Roll Penick, Ann Koster Schaffer **Row 3:** Mary Popson-Klein, Julie Hansen McKinney, Kerrie Larsen-Natiez, Jen Vander Werf Van Gorp, Melanie Keiper, Sylvia Webber Zuiderveen, Brian Mintle, Brian Ahrens, Randy Smid, Jon Rippentrop **Row 4:** Trudy Norman Neff, Emilie Hanson Brown, Jennifer Perkins, Lora Appenzeller-Miller, Dan De Cook, Scott Peasley, Paul Miller, Randy Snizek, Kristy Ellerman Runge **Row 5:** John Mitchell, Brent Lawrenson, Tim Hoekstra, Kevin Stittsworth, Brad Teggatz, Jon Eads, Brandon Holton, Bill Snyders, Kelly Schaumburg Bakke, Shawn Runge



Row 1: Melissa Miller Brock, Bethany Berkenbosch Thompson, Grace Luder, Laura Peter Patterson **Row 2:** Rod Sundine, Kirsten Walvoord Minton, Heather Rempp Ellis, Emily Ehlers Rethmeyer, Jess Schultz McElyea, Kent Patterson **Row 3:** Erich Minton, Ryan Ellis, Justin Richeson, Tyler Dose, Maria Zimmerman Paulsen, Keith Wasoba



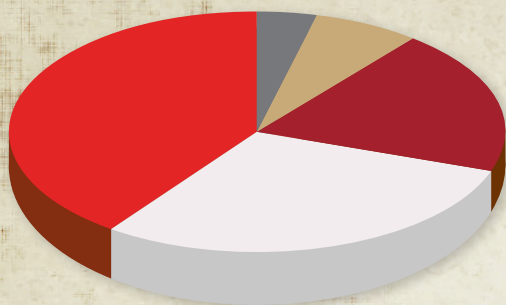
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Row 1: Michelle Donkersloot Lewis, Julie Lawrence Fiedler, Mindy Graham-Hinners, Jennifer Appenzeller-Troll **Row 2:** Sarah Fosdick Turnbull, Chris Lewis, Kristi Viehl Bahr, Colleen Ryan Orani

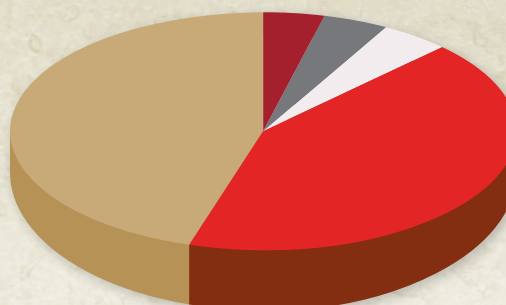


Row 1: Brynn Phillips Daniels, Nicole Hively, Angela Berry Chaney, Erin Hilker **Row 2:** Chantelle Wilson Broome, Kate Mabee, Danielle Larimer Baker, Megan Hilker Langstraat, Dave Baker



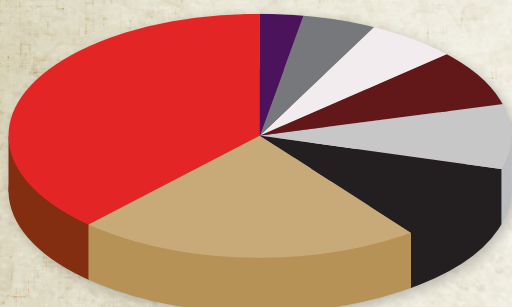
REVENUE

Tuition and fees, net	\$20,267,746
Endowment	\$3,500,000
Contributions	\$9,827,225
Auxiliary enterprises	\$14,856,259
Other	\$2,014,296
Total	\$50,465,526



ASSETS

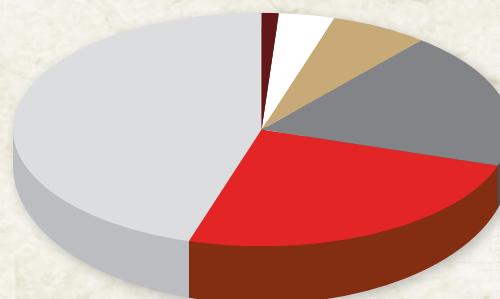
Cash	\$8,440,803
Receivables	\$7,664,512
Investments	\$82,344,024
Property and equipment, net	\$87,374,548
Other	\$8,248,365
Total	\$194,072,252



EXPENDITURES

Instruction	\$17,583,910
Academic support	\$2,305,910
Institutional support	\$2,621,910
Student services	\$4,767,988
Administration and general	\$3,477,494
Auxiliary enterprises	\$10,430,642
Student activities	\$4,015,721
Other	\$1,293,508
Total	\$46,497,083

Change in unrestricted net assets from operating activities.....\$3,968,443



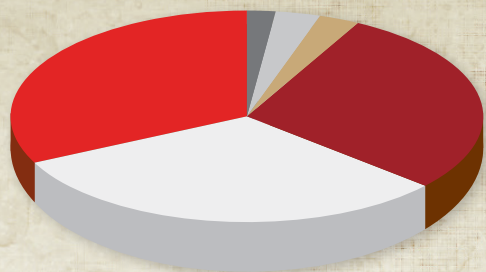
LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$1,564,648
Notes and bonds payable	\$60,623,927
Other	\$4,605,979
Total	\$66,794,554

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$63,340,523
Temporarily restricted	\$16,431,722
Permanently restricted	\$47,505,453
Total	\$127,277,698
Total	\$194,072,252

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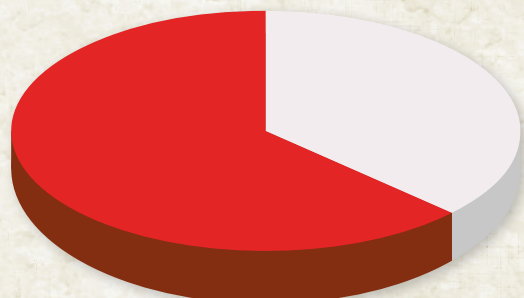
GIVING BY SOURCES

Alumni	\$3,700,299
Friends	\$371,947
Corporations	\$246,979
Foundations	\$3,369,483
Associations/churches.....	\$364,896
Non-alumni parents	\$3,735,536
Total.....	\$11,789,140



GIVING BY DESIGNATION

Capital purposes	\$7,124,623
Endowment	\$1,289,764
Annual support	\$2,866,630
Other restricted annual gifts....	\$508,123
Total.....	\$11,789,140



SCHOLARSHIP GIVING

Endowment	\$725,319
Journey Scholarship	\$1,231,630
Total.....	\$1,956,949

Thanks to a legacy of outstanding donor support throughout the years, Central has been able to provide students with a high-quality education that gives them an unparalleled campus experience and solid preparation for life after college.

For the 2015 fiscal year, the Journey Scholarship Fund surpassed the goal of \$1.6 million with the help of the Borgman Challenge which provided a matching gift for every new gift received for the Journey Scholarship Fund in the month of June 2015. Through their very generous gift, the challenge sponsors, Glenn and Shirley Borgman, provided just the lift needed to get over the final hurdle and end a truly outstanding year. To maintain strong momentum in fiscal year 2016 will require both breadth and depth of support from many current and new donors.

"Our need for scholarship support continues to rise on an annual basis," says Bill Northup '83, vice president for advancement. "Central alumni and friends demonstrate time and again that they get it and we couldn't be more grateful for their sacrificial gifts to create opportunities for our students."

Whether large or small, each and every gift to the Journey Scholarship Fund and other college giving opportunities directly affects the lives of students and helps keep the cost of their education affordable.

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2014-15 YEAR IN REVIEW

Total Number of Gifts: **3,257** matching gifts received
 # of Gifts of \$1,000 or more: **258**

Total Dollars: \$2,866,630

NUMBER OF GIFTS OF \$250 OR LESS:

2,717

TOTAL DOLLARS FROM GIFTS OF \$250 OR LESS:

\$207,061

Total Dollars from Corporations and Businesses:

\$189,430

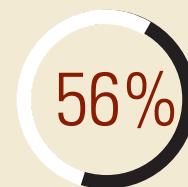
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Percent of Alumni Who Made Their Gift via the Phonathon:



GIFTS MADE DURING PHONATHON 1,438

Alumni Participation: 8.8% of grads & non-grads (1,641/18,634)

TOTAL DOLLARS FROM ALUMNI:

\$2,301,082

TOTAL NUMBER OF ONLINE GIFTS: 940

Total Dollars from Parents: **\$111,459**

ALUMNI AWARD *Recipients*



Alumni award winners were (left to right): Arthur Schut, Mark VanderLinden and Robert and Trudy Huizenga Feldt.

Four Central alumni award winners were honored Oct. 10 during Central's homecoming celebration. The awards honor the recipients' important contributions to their career fields and to Central College. Award winners were Robert '65 and Trudy '65 Feldt, Arthur Schut '69 and Mark VanderLinden '78. The award presentation, followed by a luncheon, took place in Maytag Student Center.

Robert '65 and Trudy '65 Feldt

After majoring in chemistry at Central and completing a master's degree from Northern Illinois University, Robert Feldt spent 33 years working for Agri-King in Fulton, Ill., where he was most recently senior chemist. Trudy Huizenga Feldt, a geography major at Central, taught 27 years in the River Bend School District.

The couple's daughters, Janella '94 and Melissa '97, and grandson Andrew Johnson '15 — plus Robert's brother, Raymond Feldt '62, and late mother, Alice Feldt '33 — also belong to the Central family.

Arthur Schut '69

Arthur Schut has been involved in providing drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services in Illinois, Iowa, California, Colorado and New York. He now lives in Westminster, Colo., and serves as president and CEO

of Arapahoe House, a center for substance abuse and mental health treatment.

Schut studied psychology at Central, completed a master's from State University of New York at Albany, and was president and CEO of Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse (MECCA) of Iowa for 25 years. He also held a faculty appointment to the Graduate Program in Substance Abuse Counseling at the University of Iowa.

Schut's son Joshua '01, sister Martha '73 and late parents, Harold '34 and Ardis '39, also graduated from Central.

Mark VanderLinden '78

After graduating in business management, Mark VanderLinden has served Central as National Central Fund Chair, Reunion Class Chair and member of National Advisory Council, Parent's Council and Business Advisory Council.

He has also filled many roles at Deere & Co., where he is now senior labor relations manager, and lives in Port Byron, Ill., with his wife, Michele. Their children, Katie Hughes '04 and Andy VanderLinden '06, also studied at Central along with his father and brother.

2015 CENTRAL COLLEGE *Legacy*



Pictured above are the legacy students and their families who were able to join us for the annual Legacy Luncheon. We would like to say welcome to all the legacy students with us this year.

Madeline Allen, Gregory Allen '87, Annika Brown, Julie Brown Anderson '89, Hanna Anderson, Leshia Johnson Anderson '80, Trevor Argo, Scott '90 and Nadine Lupkes Argos '91, Katie Berkley, Mary Campero Berkley '85, Kelsey Calo, Kham Calo '93, Jane Collins, Stacy Collentine Collins '90, Joshua DeWaard, Roger '90 and Wendy Staton De Waard '91, James De Young, Tom '87 and Tina Couch De Young '86, Sam Dykstra, Tim Dykstra '91, Natalia Espinosa, Gabriel Espinosa '79, Mackenzie Fuller, Brad '92 and Kristin Tryon Fuller '94, Patrick Gray, David '87, and Cathy Snyder Gray '88, Janae Hannemann, Jeff '90 and Julie Hunt Hannemann '91, Natalie Huisman, Nathan '93 and Brenda Terpstra Huisman '93, Brandon Iddings, Larry Iddings '85, Marissa Johnson, Susan Walljasper Johnson '82, Katrina Langstraat, Luanne Cody Langstraat '80, Claire Marburger, Dan '89 and Elizabeth Clausen Marbuger '89, Noelle Martin, Dean '91 and Carole Burns Martin '91, Michaela Mathews, Mike Mathews '91, Kylie Olson, Jeremy '97 and Laura Bach Olson '93, Chase Petty, Jeff Petty '90 and Terri Glandon Petty '92, Katie Phillips, Anne Klann Phillips '81, Sydney Roudabush, Chris '93, and Jody Epperson Roudabush '91, Garrett Sauders, Dixie Cahill Saunder '93, Hannah Scotton, Matt Scotton '91 and Sandy Koon Scotton '91, Paige Shanno, Shawn '92 and Jodi Edwards Shanno '93, Samuel Sissel, Randy Sissel '83, Emma Skahill, Eldonna Coulter Skahill '78 Carly Stumphy, Shelly Gibbon Stumphy '88 Collin Thomson, Darren '91 and Christine Simbro Thomson '90 Tayler Vandehaar, Stacie Trudeau Vandehaar '94 and Marissa Wright, Charlissa Hamstra Wright '80

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ALUMNI NEWSNOTES



Dick Bowzer '65 and wife Barb of Maple City, Mich., celebrated 50 years of marriage. Joining them in celebration were 45 friends and family who gathered in Glen Arbor the weekend of July 3-5. Central alums attending the event are pictured front row (left to right): **Kathy Adkins Angove '71**, **Larry Angove '72** and **Mary Van Mantgem Kuyper '67**. Back row: **Jim Danks '64**, **Dick Bowzer '65**, **Paul Kuyper '65**, **Chris Bowzer '10**, **John Bowzer '08** and **Suzanna Bowzer Linn '89**.

THE '40S

Marvin Baker '46 and wife Flo celebrated 72 years of marriage July 31. The couple met at Central in the early 1940s when Marv was enrolled as a student and trainer in the Navy Flight Training School with Rev. Tunis Prins. Flo worked for Rev. Prins, typing up forms in his Graham Hall office. The couple was married on campus by Rev. Prins with several Central College friends in attendance. Prior to his retirement, Marvin was CPA and partner at McGladrey & Pullen in San Diego, Calif., where he lives with Flo.

THE '50S

Betty Box '57 and Charles H. Chapman of Cedar Rapids were married Feb. 14.

THE '60S

Davis Folkerts '60, retired, enjoys filling in as substitute organ player and continues "Second Fridays at Second Reformed Church" organ recital series during selected months of the year. Davis and wife Eunice live in Knoxville.

James Vande Berg '60 is co-founder and president of Compassionate St. Augustine, a grass-roots organization that made St. Augustine the first official Compassionate City in Florida and 20th in the world in 2013. In addition, Jim undertook a \$500,000 Public Obelisk Art Project, which served as visual tribute to the nation's oldest city during the 450th anniversary celebration September 8.

THE '70S

For information about **Stan DeVore '75**, **Bill Albrecht '76**, **Deb Robinson Albrecht '76**, **Karen Westervelt '78** and **Jim DeVries '77** see the '80s.

Park Woodle '76 was elected to the Central RED Society Board of Directors, where he joins other grads from the '70s, including **Jann Freed '77** and **Lois Sorenson Boeyink '74**. Park and wife Susan live in Knoxville, where he owns Home Check, a real estate service company focusing on the Pella and Knoxville area. Park remains involved in Knoxville by helping with patient transfers at Knoxville Hospital & Clinics; he is a 37-year member of Rotary Club and chairs the Knoxville Heritage Community Foundation Board.

Alumni are invited to submit Newsnotes online. We want to hear about recent promotions, degrees, honors, relocations, marriages and births to keep classmates and friends informed about important changes in your life. Update information online at civitas.central.edu or email alumni@central.edu. News items also are welcome by phone, 800-447-0287 or 641-628-5154. Or send a note to Central College Alumni Office, 812 University, Campus Box 5200, Pella, IA 50219.



Ruth Rommel Garrett '78 of Richmond, Va., is controller for Virginia Repertory Theatre Company. In June, Ruth participated as hand-bell ringer in a concert tour of Scotland by the Festivo Bells and Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church of Granville, Ohio. Highlights from the tour included St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, St. Andrews Cathedral in Aberdeen and Iona Abbey.

THE '80S

For information about **Ursula Johnson Nelson '89**, see the '90s.

Mark Ellingson '80 is senior vice-president and brokerage division manager at Leighton State Bank in Pella, where he lives with wife **Lori Kooiker Ellingson '82**.

Terry Cooney '82 enjoyed a chance reunion in England while visiting Menwith Hill, the Royal Air Force (RAF) base near Harrogate, on a business trip in June. While on his way to a meeting, Terry spotted a man wearing a shirt with the name, "ITHACA." After introducing himself as a graduate of Central College and pointing out that Central and Ithaca still had a few scores to settle on the gridiron, Terry learned Jarl Luscomb's only connection to Ithaca was the shirt, but he did have a connection to Central as husband to **Colette Graber Luscomb '86**, the daughter of Terry's former professor Dr. Leland Graber. Although Colette worked at the



Liz Tucci Calisesi '77 and former roommates gathered in Charleston, S.C., this summer to celebrate their friendship and the 40th anniversary of the year 1975-76, when they studied abroad in Paris. Liz and husband John live in Fort Dodge, where Liz is an assistant at the Calisesi Chiropractic Clinic. They are pictured (left to right): **Carolyn Schocker Zimmerman '77**, **Liz Tucci Calisesi '77**, **Jill Plefka Scherer '77** and **Karen Walsh '77**.

same location at RAF Menwith Hill, the two were not able to meet face-to-face that day; instead, they shared a great conversation over the phone and plan to meet the next time Terry is in England. Terry lives in Aldie, Va., and is senior engineering specialist at Aerospace Corp. in Chantilly.

Paula Johnson Buenger '85 and husband Joel of Everly spent time with her son **Andrew '16** while he was studying in

London through Central. London, Paris and Edinburgh were highlights; however seeing "Drew's London" was the best part of their trip. Paula is a group publisher and partner at Northwest Iowa Publishing, Inc., in Sibley.

Dave Dreeszen '86, longtime business editor of Sioux City Journal, has been promoted to managing editor/news. Dave joined the Journal as a political reporter and general assignment reporter in 1989. During his career, he has won numerous state and national awards. Dave and wife Karyn live in Kingsley; they are the parents of two children.

Ariadne Henry '87 lives in Washington, D.C., where she is owner/broker of Sophia Henry Real Estate.

Debra Crabb '89 of Swan is senior research associate-test analyst at DuPont Pioneer in Johnston.

THE '90S

Richard Amling '90 is senior manager of contests and incentives strategy at Nissan Motor Corp. Richard and wife Brenda live in Spring Hill, Tenn., with their daughter.

Kristopher Reis '90 of Otto, N.C., is principal at Jackson School of Alternatives in Sylva.

Andrew Shahriari '90 was named Scholar of the Month at Kent State University and promoted to associate professor of music. His current research focuses on ethnomusicology, music, autism and online world music education. Andrew



Mary Whisenand '86 enjoyed a Dutch reunion this summer in Pennsylvania. She and former classmates of her brother had a great time at a Phillies game and celebrated the 20th wedding anniversary of **Karen Westervelt '78** and Mike Conway at their home in Bensalem. The group posed for this picture holding their Central gifts supplied by Alumni Relations in front of the poster that belonged to the late **Chuck Whisenand '77**. They are pictured (left to right): **Karen Westervelt '78**, **Jim DeVries '77**, **Mary Whisenand '86**, **Stan DeVore '75**, **Bill Albrecht '76** and **Deb Robinson Albrecht '76**. Mary lives in Des Moines, where she is a mercer consumer at Principal.

has published three books on world music traditions, with a focus on listening and understanding cultural associations. Andrew and wife Christina live in Stow, Ohio, with their son.

Kris Brandt Vaughn '90 was selected by the Texas Association of School Boards to be one of 36 outstanding school board leaders from 1,200+ districts in Texas participating in a year-long education leadership study program. She earned Master Trustee status, the highest designation recognized by the Texas Association of School Boards. Kris was elected to the Lewisville ISD board in May 2012 and has served as secretary for the past two years. Kris and husband **Trent Vaughn '90** live in Flower Mound; they are the parents of two children. Trent is an actuary at Republic Insurance in Dallas.

Colin Dailey '91 is a bilingual teacher at Lycee Francais De Singapour in Singapore, where he lives with wife Marie-Josée and their two children. He was recruited from the U.S. to participate in the development of a new French/English bilingual program.

Brandon Nelson '91 is operations manager at Fire Within LLC. Brandon and wife **Ursula Johnson Nelson '89** live in Parker, Colo., with their two daughters.

Jodi Wadle Pospeschil '91 is public information specialist at Western Illinois University in Macomb, where she lives with husband Tom and their daughter.

Kristin Whittlesey Stolte '91 is president-elect of Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals. She is principal at Linton Elementary School in the Poudre School District in Fort Collins. Kristin and husband **Kory Stolte '90** live in Windsor with their two children. Kory is vice president of business banking at Great Western Bank in Loveland.

Amy Janssen Smith '92 is manager of corporate communications at Hy-Vee Inc. in the Des Moines area. Amy and husband **Pat Smith '92** live in Waukee with their daughter. Pat is employed at MetLife in West Des Moines.

Darin Vande Lune '93 is area sales manager for fire & security at Siemens in Littleton, Colo. Darin and wife Christy live in Erie.

Jamison Bogaard '94 is senior pastor at Lynnville Friends Church in Lynnville, where he lives with wife Melesa; they are parents to three children.

Howard Feitel '94 of Alameda, Calif., was promoted to foreclosure intervention and default counselor at Consumer Credit Counseling Service in San Francisco, where he has worked for 19 years.

Kelle Hutchcroft Holgorsen '95 is a family practice physician assistant at Latin American Family Medical Clinic in

Charlotte, N.C., where she lives with her three children.

Rebekah Johnson '95 is associate professor in the Department of Education and Language Acquisition at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island, N.Y. Rebekah and husband Omar Sequera live in Brooklyn with their son.

Bridget Roll Penick '95 was appointed to Labor and Employment Law Section Council of the Iowa State Bar. She is an officer and shareholder with the law firm of Fredrikson & Byron in Des Moines. Bridget and husband Wes live in Clive with their three daughters.

Brian Reece '95 received national recognition for teaching math. On July 2, the White House announced the latest recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Brian was one of this year's winners, representing Iowa. He is in his seventh year teaching at Central Academy in Des Moines Community School District. Brian also helps coach the school's nationally honored mathematics team. He will travel to Washington, D.C., for a recognition ceremony, including a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. Brian and wife **Paula Peterson Reece '95** live in Osceola with their three sons. Paula is a freelance writer and teacher for the Clark Community School District in Osceola.

David Wilkie '95 is a fabrication shop foreman at Mid-States Mechanical Services, Inc., in Mankato, Minn., where he lives with wife Chrystal and their two children.

Craig Windt '95 has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Alexandria, Va. The fellowship will help fund Craig's study toward a master's degree, with the stipulation that it include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution. Craig teaches history in the Bay City School District. He and partner William Sheehan live in Bay City, Mich.

Nathan Bunting '96 teaches various subjects at Faith Academy High School in Manila, Philippines, where he has served as a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 2002. Nathan is spending this school year with wife Valerie and their three children in the United States raising support and reconnecting with family and friends.

Stephanie Sheaffer Long '96 is employed by Wells Fargo in West Des Moines, where she lives with husband Eric and their son.

Jennifer Herrema '97 and Justin Purcell of Chandler, Ariz., were married April 12.

Jennifer is vice president and community affairs manager at the BMO Harris Bank.

Rachel Willis '98 and James Baran were married Oct. 30, 2013. Rachel works remotely as a technical recruiter for Paragon IT Professionals in Des Moines. They live in Vernon Hills, Ill., with their year-old son.

Stacey Buresh Mueggenberg '99 is senior distribution consultant at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Stacey and husband Chad live in Fairfax with their two children.

THE '00S

For information about **Sean McMurray '00**, see the '10s.

Mark Phillips '00 accepted the executive director position with Polk County Continuum of Care Board, a group of committed volunteers from many sectors in Des Moines who are working to end homelessness in Polk County. Mark and wife **Jennifer Vogt Phillips '01** live in Urbandale with their four boys.

Justin Fletcher '02 is an investment accounting manager at Athene in West Des Moines. Justin and wife **Amanda Hansen Fletcher '00** live in Norwalk with their three children. Amanda is director of planned giving at Orchard Place in Des Moines.

Ryan McGowan '02 is director of organizational development and corporate training at Sports Authority in Englewood, Colo. Ryan and wife Ashley live in Littleton.

Patrick Morgan '02 and Jennifer Sieren of Washington were married March 28. Patrick is North America quality master data lead at Syngenta Seeds in Lone Tree and is the father of two children.

Brent Fridley '03 is inside sales representative with ITA Group in West Des Moines. Brent and wife Stacy live in Prairie City with their three children.

Adam Hines '03 teaches at Central Springs School in Manly. He lives in Mason City with wife Amanda and their four children.

C. T. Hammond '04 earned his fellowship in the Casualty Actuarial Society. C.T. is a consulting actuary at Nationwide Insurance in Des Moines. C.T. and wife Megan live in Ankeny with their two children.

Ryan Roy '04 of Des Moines is a student empowerment coach at Grand View University.

Kent Patterson '05 is director of logistics at PurFoods in Ankeny, where he lives with wife **Laura Peter Patterson '05** and their three children.

Justin Richeson '05 is a web developer at Hy-Vee, Inc., in West Des Moines, where wife **Heather Hoffman-Richeson '06** is an

annuity case manager at Broker Clearing House. Justin and Heather live in Waukee with their son.

Erin Tower '05 and Matthew Swenka of Des Moines were married Oct. 25, 2014. Erin is a physician at Mercy Johnston Medical Center.

Jennifer Detwiler Weeks '05 works in the medical billing department at Unity Point Health in Des Moines. Jennifer and husband Steve live in Newton with their two daughters.

Kirstan Linder '06 and Chris Naber of Ames were married July 25. Kirstan teaches preschool in the United Community School District in Boone.

Casey Fessler Marshek '06 is the owner and nutritionist at Wellness Evolution in Denver, Colo. Casey and husband Luke live in Englewood with their daughter.

Angie Schnedler Appelgate '07 is a therapist at Orchard Place in Des Moines. She and husband **Travis Appelgate '07** live in Pleasant Hill with their two children.

Andrea Kapusinski Cooper '07 is associate high school vocal director of elementary music in Bettendorf Community School District. Andrea and husband Brandon live in Coal Valley, Ill.

Steven Dickey '07 and Heather Rossow of Faribault, Minn., were married June 6. Steven is an area revenue manager with Carlson Rezidor Hotels in Minneapolis.

Brittney Hansen Fuchs '07 of Vienna, Austria, returned home for a visit this summer with husband Stefan. During their brief time back in the U.S., they met at the home of **Ryan '07** and **Sheri Hawker Petersen '07** for a potluck and an afternoon spent catching up. Those attending were **Ryan Petersen '07** and wife **Sheri Hawker Petersen '07** from Ankeny, **Brittney Hansen Fuchs '07** from Vienna, Austria, **Ashley Van Zee Reif '07** from Grinnell, **Bethany Gullion Djordjevic '07** from Clive, **Haileigh Meyers '07** from Austin, Texas, **Sasha Djordjevic Fuerstenberg '08** and husband **Kyle Fuerstenberg '08** from Des Moines. Brittney is an English language development teacher at the Danube International School.

Phillip Jenearly '07 is director of government relations for Iowa Association of School Boards in Des Moines, where he lives with wife **Lindee Russell Jenearly '08** and their daughter. Lindee is the income maintenance supervisor for the State of Iowa.

Katrina Obermeier Phelan '07 teaches math at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs Community School District. Katrina and husband Michael live in Council Bluffs with their daughter.

Sara Wade '08 and Chad Sump of



Anne Dillon '14 and **Jordan Youngman '14** of Tama were married June 25. Anne is marketing project manager at Pearson Education in Iowa City, where Jordan is a personal trainer. Pictured in the front row (left to right): **Hillary Stintsman '14**, **Madi Drees '14**, **Chris Hallinan '14**, **Lisa Houser '15** and **Elisha Wyckoff '14**. Second row: **Chris Schissel '14**, **Kirsten Johnson '16**, **Jacob Stevenson '13**, **Anne Dillon Youngman '14**, **Jordan Youngman '14**, **Kelci Eakins '14**, **Beth Dillon '17**, **Macy Wright '14**, **Shelby Saville '14**, **BJ Cunningham '14**. Back row: **Sean McMurray '00**, **Bre Stephenson '14**, **Chris Bandstra '15**, **Blaize Van Rheenen '14**, **Carston Calderwood '14**, **Elizabeth Benson '14** and **Ben Clark '18**.

Lincoln were married April 25. Sara is business manager III in the Nebraska department of correctional services at Nebraska State Penitentiary.

Daniel Krull '09 is a reading interventionist at Norwalk Middle School. Daniel and wife Julie live in Indianola with their two sons.

Christopher Purdue '09 of Dallas, Texas, is senior customer executive at Hormel Foods.

THE '10S

Dave Baker '10 is an accountant at Iowa State University. Dave and wife **Danielle Larimer Baker '10** live in Des Moines.

Elizabeth Arentsen Brondyke '10 is program assistant for study abroad and exchange for University of Central Missouri while working toward a Master's of Education degree in international higher education. Elizabeth's passion for international education began at Central College. Her career path has taken her to 10 countries this year. Elizabeth and husband **Kurtis Brondyke '11** live in Warrensburg, where Kurtis is a graduate assistant and track and field coach at University of Central Missouri.

Ashley Feldman '10 and Nik Guttormson of Ankeny were married May 30. Ashley is a customer success manager at Workiva in Ames.

Derek McLaughlin '10 is partner relationship manager at Zen Planner, a software start-up in Denver, Colo.,

specializing in member management software for fitness businesses. In addition, Derek is a Cross-Fit coach. Derek and wife **Melissa Mount McLaughlin '10** live in Littleton. Melissa holds a master's degree in biology and is working on a bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics at Metropolitan State of Denver, with a goal of becoming a registered dietician. Melissa is a dietary aid at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver.

Sara Mouw O'Brien '10 is digital process coordinator in the interactive department at Amperage in Cedar Falls. Sara and husband Greg live in Waverly.

Heather Borgman Reineke '11 is a registered nurse in the emergency department at Mercy West Lakes in West Des Moines. Heather and husband Randy live in Pella with their son.

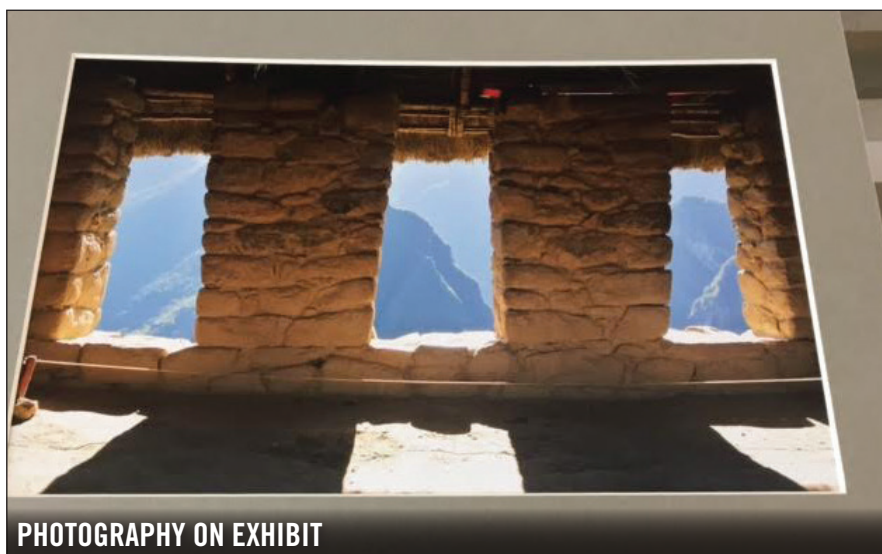
Brandon Geib '12 is general counsel at Analytics Media Group in Des Moines. Brandon and wife **Chloe Gearhart '14** live in Windsor Heights.

Alexandria Swigart '12 of Bonaparte is senior corporate training consultant at Cambridge Investments Research in Fairfield.

Ashley Wiersema '12 of Pella is an athletic trainer and occupational therapy assistant at Kinetic Edge Physical Therapy.

Brandon Clough '13 of Marshalltown is environmental analyst at State Hygienic Lab at University of Iowa in Des Moines alongside former classmate **Emery Davis '13**.

Greg Ellingson '13 is public finance



Erin Baldwin '14 of Des Moines traveled to Peru her senior year along with Capstone class "Pachamama Never Leaves," taught by Paulina Mena, associate professor of biology, and Oscar Reynaga, lecturer of Spanish. During that time, Erin captured this photograph, which was selected to be on exhibit this summer at the Iowa State Fair.

analyst at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company in Denver, Colo., where he lives with wife **Elizabeth Cook Ellingson '12**. Elizabeth is an occupational therapist at Genesis Rehab Services in Denver.

Brent Ewing '13 and Lauren Jones of Kirksville, Mo., were married Nov. 8, 2014. Brent is working toward a master's degree in leadership from Truman State University.

Amanda Meacham '13 of Norwalk teaches kindergarten in Indianola Community School District.

Rachel Purdy '13 of Ankeny teaches preschool at Bright Horizons Family Solutions in ISU Child Care Center in Ames.

Rachel Connelly '14 and Grant Atherton of Iowa City were married June 13.

Lisa Langenberg '14 of Central City is office manager at Viner Law Firm in Cedar Rapids.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Loren Zaruba '73, master's degree, business administration, Loras College, Aug. 2015.

Jodi Wadle Pospeschil '91, master's degree, liberal arts and sciences, Western Illinois University, May.

Adam Hines '03, Master of Arts degree, University of Phoenix, May 2011.

Ryan Roy '04, master's degree, leadership development, Drake University, May.

Lindsay Miller '06, master's degree, education with certification as a reading specialist, Viterbo University, 2014.

Angie Schnedler Appelgate '07, master's

degree, social work, University of Denver, 2013.

Bethany Bachman '12, master's degree, adult learning and organizational performance, emphasis on higher education, Drake University, May.

Heather Borgman Reineke '11, Bachelor of Science, nursing, Mercy College of Health Sciences, April.

Elizabeth Cook Ellingson '12, master's degree, occupational therapy, Midwestern University, May.

Ashley Wiersema '12, associate's degree, occupational therapy assistant, Indian Hills Community College, May 2014.

Greg Ellingson '13, master's degree, public policy, University of Chicago, May.

NEW ARRIVALS

Heather and **Kris Reis '90**, daughter Charlotte Harper, July 10

Valerie and **Nathan Bunting '96**, daughter Natalie Jo, Feb. 24

James and **Rachael Willis Baran '98**, son Ethan James, May 17, 2014

Chad and **Stacey Buresh Mueggenberg '99**, daughter Katelyn Grace, March 4

Michael and **Melissa Kos Tullis '99**, son Mason Jon, June 15

Bethany and **Brent Gaulke '02**, son Miles David, April 15

Jason '03 and **Tara Buch Braithwaite '05**, son Luke Allen, March 18

Jesse and **Carissa Rice Eret '03**, daughter Zoey Eliana, July 3

Peter '03 and **Raegan Schultz Wagner '04**,

son William Eli, Oct. 9, 2014

Christopher and **Jennifer Braafhart**

Williams '03, son Timothy Isaac, June 11

Steve and **Amanda Salmond Chenoweth**

'04, daughter Layla Brienne, Nov. 24, 2014

Michael and **Jeanne Schooley Clark '04**,

son Chase Lee, July 10

Mike '04 and **Stephanie Welsch Yeoman**

'05, twins Mia Renee and Andrew Paul, July 5

Dan '05 and **Sarah Van Wyk Flaherty '08**,

son Quinn Alexander, June 7

Nick '05 and **Nicole Beyer Rempe '07**, son

Rhett Allen, Oct. 22, 2014

Steve and **Jennifer Detwiler Weeks '05**,

daughter Caroline Grace, July 8

Cameron and **Sara Venables Berges '06**,

daughter Jocelyn Rae, June 25

Travis '07 and **Angie Schnedler Appelgate**

'07, daughter Ruth Eliana, July 17

Chris '07 and **Kristen Hickman Fox '07**,

daughter Anna June, May 1, 2014

Phil '07 and **Lindee Russell Jeneary '08**,

daughter Raegan Kay, May 18

Jed and **Sarah Wilson Johnson '07**,

daughter Tiegna Marie, Dec. 17, 2014

Kyle and **Jennifer Curl Luttgahrm '08**,

daughter Elaina Marie, March 31

Jered '08 and **Aimee Crippen Wells '08**,

daughter Holland Ann, Nov. 4, 2014

David '09 and **Masse Carr Poetting '08**,

daughter Blakely Marie, June 1

Cody '10 and **Nichole McGrew Baethke**

'11, daughter Aubrey Lynn, Aug. 11

Chris and **Dana Peterson Black '10**,

daughter Gwen Garnett, July 29

Sean and **Tara Prine Kelly '11**, daughter

Scarlett Rose, July 25

Randy and **Heather Borgman Reineke '11**,

son Henry Worp, May 6

IN MEMORIAM

John Van Berkum '45 of Pella, July 27

Mary Menning '47 of Billings, N.Y., Aug. 19

John Ver Meer '47 of Pella, Sept. 3

Jean Leu Stanley '50 of Muscatine, Aug. 4

Isaac Baarda '57 of Nashville, Tenn., May

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Arthur Opmeer '57 of Albuquerque, N.M.,

Aug. 25

Robert De Young '59 of Pella, Aug. 25

Bob Buyert '65 of Pella, July 2

Louis Swain '61 of Bettendorf, July 18

Arthur Bird '70 of Concord, N.H., Aug. 11

Stanley Smith '71 of Des Moines, July 17

Herbert Black '80 of Flanagan, Ill., Aug. 12, 2014

Ryan Shaw '94 of Fulton, Mo., Aug. 21

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Mu Gamma Pi

by Elizabeth Carman '16

Al Wortman graduated from Central in 1957 with a degree in music and countless memories from A Cappella Choir, band and directing the men's chorus. What makes Wortman's story unique, however, is what he left behind — Mu Gamma Pi, an honorary music fraternity exclusive to Central.

Sixty-one years later, Central senior Melissa Asklof is active in A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers, Flying Pans Steel Drum Band and hand bells. As current president of Mu Gamma Pi, Asklof also helps the legacy live on.

Before contacting Alumni Relations this summer, Wortman wondered if Mu Gamma Pi still existed. In 1954, former professor Robert Rittenhouse encouraged Wortman and friends to form a society that honored people involved with music on campus. Wortman and his roommates met the challenge. They created the society's name, vision, goals and requirements for joining. His two roommates, Glen Gosselink '55 and Dean Van Haaften '56, became Mu Gamma Pi's first presidents, and Wortman followed in their footsteps his senior year.

Hairstyles and clothing may have changed since the '50s, but Mu Gamma Pi still seeks to honor students in music ensembles and create relationships among students and faculty involved with music. The society now has 16 members, triple the number involved last year. The only requirements for joining are participation in a musical ensemble and the society's pledging process.

President Asklof has high hopes for the group this year. She invites the entire campus to musical movie nights, swing dances, karaoke nights and concerts featuring upcoming artists.

"I never thought I'd be president of any organization," says Asklof. "I love it, and I love that they trust me to get their ideas out there as well as to give them good ideas about how to bring more music to Central."

Asklof hopes to connect Mu Gamma Pi alumni and current members at a formal dinner this year. Although former president Wortman, a retired music professor, lives in Minnesota, he might make a trip to visit Central and his fraternity brothers and sisters soon.

"I'm just really happy that the organization is still going, and I wish them the best," says Wortman. "It gives me some pride to have started an organization that's lasted so long."



Current Mu Gamma Pi members.

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Internship of a Lifetime

Ashley Radig's summer work will help others with her diagnosis.

By Jenni Hodges



Ashley Radig spent the summer in Seattle working on diabetes research.

After Ashley Radig '16 was diagnosed with type-one diabetes, she dreamed of helping others with the disease. This summer, the biology major completed a 10-week research internship at Novo Nordisk Research Center in Seattle.

"It was a perfect opportunity to do research in one of my passions," Radig says.

Novo Nordisk is a multinational pharmaceutical company and leader in diabetes care. Radig landed the opportunity through the competitive, national Students with Diabetes internship program.

While in Seattle, Radig helped Novo Nordisk's diabetic complications unit compile and review data from clinical trials. This research team is made up of scientists with more than 20 years' professional experience. Novo Nordisk will use the data to identify or create a drug with potential for treating diabetic retinopathy (eye disease) and nephropathy (kidney disease).

"The internship was awesome — I had a blast," Radig says. "I really enjoyed who I worked with, and I enjoyed what I did every day. I've had three people

from the company say they would write recommendation letters for me for medical school."

"I have had type I diabetes since I was 8, and ever since my diagnosis, I knew that I wanted to become a doctor and help kids like me."

Ashley Radig '16

Radig, who wants to become a pediatric endocrinologist, also gained understanding of new aspects of diabetes care. "I learned a lot about how drugs work and how they're developed," she says. "I think that will help integrate into everything else — I can have a bigger picture of how things work."

For 15 years, Radig has also gained experience to relate to young diabetes patients. "It's hard as a second grader to realize that's something you're going to have for the rest of your life," she says of her diagnosis. "I wanted to be a role model for kids when I grew up — to show them that diabetes really doesn't define your life."

Because Radig plans to graduate in three years at Central, she also counts the Seattle internship as her experience abroad — 1,600 miles from hometown Pocahontas. "It was cool to be in a big city and have that experience. Seattle is so beautiful," Radig says, "but I definitely missed Iowa."



Meet Big Red

Central's new mascot, Big Red, debuted at the first home football game Sept. 5. He's since been popping up around campus and throughout the community to promote the college and show off Central spirit. The idea for a new, professional-caliber mascot originated with the Dutch Brigade, a group of students committed to fostering school spirit. The group, along with student body president Madi Gause '16, solicited input from students, staff and alumni, and worked with a mascot company to come up with a unique design. Big Red is a one-of-a-kind character created for Central, not intended to represent any specific animal or character. The new mascot was completely funded by private donations through student fundraising.

