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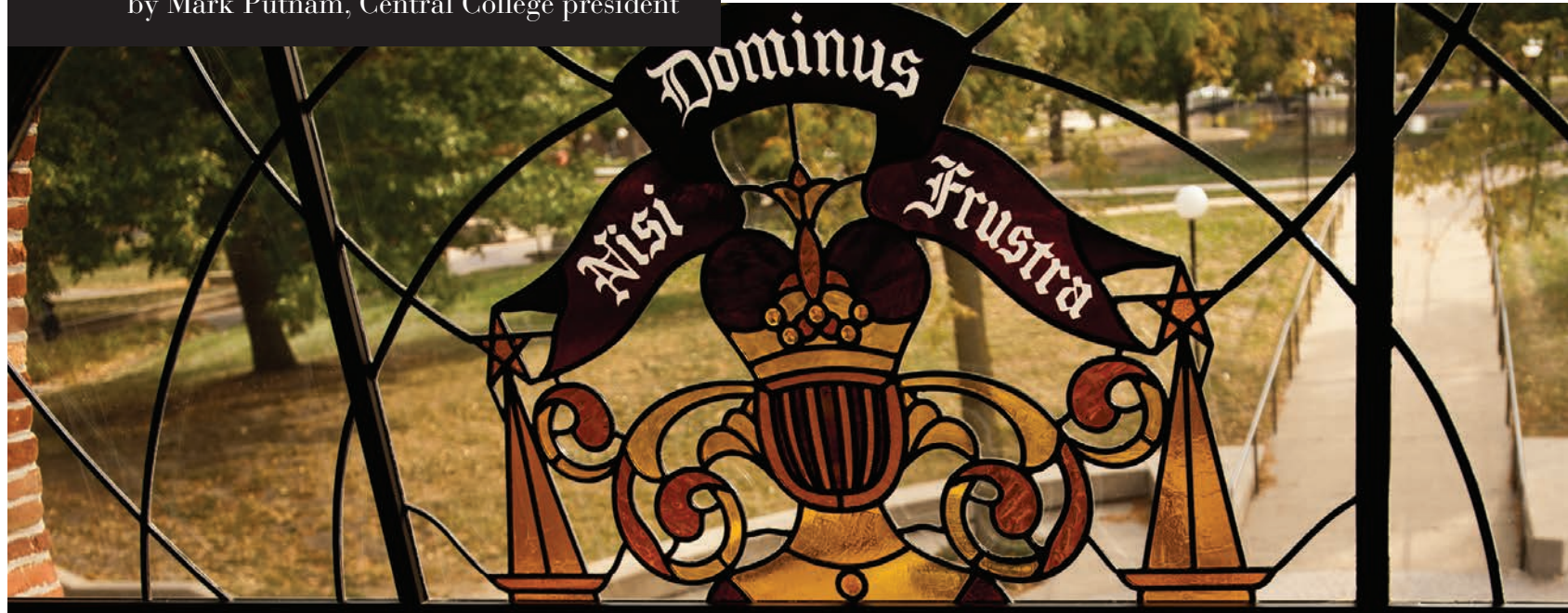
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by Mark Putnam, Central College president

The Chapel is located at the center of campus.



from time to time I am asked about the history of Central College. The question usually comes when the need for casual conversation surfaces. It reminds me of the question we commonly use in such situations, “So, where are you from?”

I always appreciate the question since I find the history of our academic community to be quite interesting. Most of those curious assume the college was founded by the Reformed Church in America (RCA), reflecting the Dutch heritage of our local community in Pella. I often say we were really founded by the citizens of Pella, who collaborated with the American Baptists Educational Society in Iowa to establish the college. I think of it as an early form of outsourcing. Sixty-three years of affiliation with the Baptist church formally concluded in 1916 as the college was transferred to the RCA.

Contained in a volume titled, “A Manual of the Reformed Church in

America, 1628-1922” is a chapter titled, “History of Central College,” written by S.C. Nettinga. An account of the formal actions taken by the RCA to embrace the college is presented along with some details about the status of the college as this transition was accomplished. The chapter begins referring to the new affiliation with Central College as a providential gift and notes:

That is the view which we of the present day ought to take of it, and which, in light of the history of our educational institutions, will be taken of it in the days to come.

Nettinga’s chapter makes specific reference to the Central College president’s report to the General Synod in 1918, just two years after the transition. The report noted that enrollment was increasing, but more importantly that:

90% of these students come from districts that had never contributed any students to the educational institutions of the Reformed Church, proving that the college was developing new fields of educational activity

in the church and not duplicating the work of other institutions. In other words, Central College has simply become another center of higher Christian education in the Reformed Church for many young people who without it would never seek it.

One of the most enduring values of Central College is its long-standing commitment to expanding educational access and opportunity for all students. Those values were clearly expressed in the earliest days of the college, and today those aspirations live on in our campus community. The hope for the college a century ago was reflected in the Nettinga’s closing words:

There can be no doubt as to the future success of this enterprise, if the church only has faith and courage enough to persevere. Then it too, like its predecessors, will send forth streams of blessing into the world.

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



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AROUND THE POND



CENTRAL ADDS NINE FACULTY MEMBERS

Nine new faculty members joined Central for the new academic year — experts in economics, history, kinesiology and more. They are (left to right): Michael (Cody) Huisman '07, assistant professor of exercise science, Kate Kanne, lecturer of theatre, Graham Lemke, Donald T. Butler Endowed Chair and professor of finance, Puneet Vishwakarma, lecturer of physics, Brett Labbe, lecturer of communication studies, Sarah Van Waardhuizen, instructor of music, Karen Cleveland '02, lecturer of psychology, Timothy Olin, assistant professor of history, and Jeana Clark '01, lecturer of business management (not pictured).



NICOLE KAPLAN AWARDED WELLER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORSHIP OF THE LIBERAL ARTS

Associate professor of French Nicole Kaplan has been awarded the Kenneth J. Weller Distinguished Professorship of the Liberal Arts. Named after Central College's 18th president, who served 1970-90, the three-year endowed professorship recognizes a distinguished faculty member and provides support for teaching, research and scholarship. Kaplan has taught at Central since 2002 and directed Central's Paris program until 2006, when she joined the modern languages faculty on campus.

Kaplan, a passionate advocate of study abroad and global experiential learning, said she wants to use her professorship to create more learning opportunities that cross cultural boundaries. Part of this process involves a team-taught senior capstone called Americans in Paris, that will be offered for the first time next spring.

\$550K GIFT SUPPORTS FURTHER MAYTAG RENOVATIONS



Following a \$3.125 million gift to Central College two years ago, the Fred Maytag Family Foundation awarded Central an additional \$550,000 for further renovations to the Maytag Student Center. The project includes updating van Emmerik Studio technology, refreshing student development offices and restrooms, increasing energy efficiency with HVAC features and LED lighting, and replacing furniture, windows and skylights. Many of these features had remained untouched since the building opened more than 25 years ago. The grant also includes annual support for student scholarships through the Journey Scholarship Fund.



SENIOR GIFT REPLACES LOLLIPOP LIGHTS

Thanks to the class of 2016, new light poles now illuminate Central Pond and Peace Mall. The new lights, besides providing an aesthetic update, are more durable and offer higher quality light. The former "lollipop lights," installed in the 1950s, were famously easy to remove from their poles — and often found floating in the pond.



CENTRAL HOSTS NEW KIDS' CAMP

Kids ages 9 to 11 learned about

cooking, gardening and nutrition during Central's first-ever Fun with Food camp, planned by Brian Campbell, Giselle Bruskewitz, Sarah Shuger-Fox and Richard Phillips. Besides lessons in the Central College Garden, camp activities included field trips to egg farms and other community locations — not to mention a Top Chef competition finale. The group included participants from Central's adopted class at Findley Elementary School in Des Moines.



EIGHMY '99 TAKES ON NEW ROLE

In September, Sunny Eighthmy '99 was appointed interim vice president for

advancement. With more than 13 years of professional experience at the college, Eighthmy most recently served as director of college relations/board professional since 2012. Her Central career began in the advancement office from 2003-10, where she served initially as assistant director and later as director of alumni relations. Eighthmy graduated from Central with a B.A. in communication, and recently received her master's degree in integrated media communications with an emphasis in marketing from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



BADE NAMED ADVISER OF THE YEAR

Laura Bade '09, assistant director

of student involvement, was named Outstanding Adviser of the Year by the Northern Plains Region of the National Association for Campus Activities. The award is presented each year to professionals at member institutions. Bade was chosen for her advising work, genuine support and extraordinary impact on students, and she received the award at the spring regional conference in Madison, Wis. Bade also received Central's Adviser of the Year Award last year.

BY LARRY HAPPEL '81

THREE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF HONOR



Athletics Hall of Honor inductees Al Dorenkamp '75, Candace Wilson DuRegger '01 and Rick Perry '89.

Three former athletes with national championship game experience were the newest additions to the Central College Athletics Hall of Honor this fall.

Candace Wilson DuRegger '01, the 2000 AVCA Division III player of the year and a three-time volleyball national champion was inducted, along with Al Dorenkamp '75, captain of Central's 1974 NCAA Division III football title winners, a baseball catcher and later the school's athletics director, and Rick Perry '89, a CoSIDA Academic All-America wide receiver on Central's 1988 national runner-up football squad and a standout guard for the Dutch men's basketball team.

They were honored as part of Central's homecoming festivities Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

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. This year's inductions will raise the hall's membership level to 54.

THREE-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION

The only four-time volleyball honoree ever for the Dutch, DuRegger starred in one of the most dominant four-year runs of any team in Central history. The Dutch compiled a glossy 154-8 record during her career, which included a national third-place finish in 1997, followed by three consecutive NCAA Division III championships.

A 6-foot-1 middle hitter, DuRegger's quickness, leaping ability and long arms made her a dominant force at the net. She set school career marks for kills (2,008), attacks (3,780) and blocks (641) along with attack percentage standards for a season (.425, 1999) and career (.398), numbers that rank among the best ever in Division III. She recorded 35 statistical double-doubles.

In 1997, DuRegger was a second-team all-America honoree before gaining first-team distinction the following three years. DuRegger teamed with fellow middle hitter Abbie Brown Sogard '00, a 2015 hall of honor inductee, for the first two NCAA crowns, then captured another in 2000 following Sogard's graduation, and was tabbed Iowa Conference MVP and national player of the year.

Central rolled to conference titles all four years, never losing a league match.

Following her freshman season, DuRegger also joined the women's basketball squad in December and helped the Dutch win a share of the league title in 1997-98, advancing to the NCAA tournament. DuRegger averaged 4.4

points, 4.3 rebounds and 1.0 blocks.

DuRegger was involved in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Central and served on a mission trip to Mongolia in the summer of 2000. She also spent a semester in London through Central's international study program in 2001. Following graduation, she worked for Minnesota Teen Challenge from 2002-07, before serving as women's director for Teen Challenge of the Midlands from 2007-12, when she was based in Pella. While in Minnesota, DuRegger was also a volunteer assistant coach at Bethel University and was a club volleyball coach as well. She and her husband, Sam, now live in Oklahoma City, and are expecting their fourth child in November.

TEAM, DEPARTMENT LEADER

Dorenkamp was the sole captain of Central's 1974 Stagg Bowl winners and held a series of leadership positions following graduation as well, including 14 years as Central's athletics director.

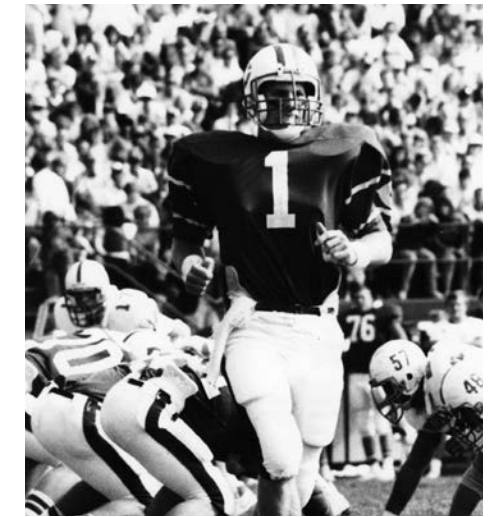
The 1974 team and league MVP, Dorenkamp was named to the AFCA Division III All-America team as well after leading the Dutch to an 11-0 season. He spearheaded a Central defense that stymied a high-powered Ithaca (N.Y.) offense in the 10-8 title game win. The triumph was preserved by a dramatic goal-line stand in the game's final moments and Dorenkamp was in on the pivotal fourth-down stop. He was a two-time all-conference honoree.



Candace Wilson DuRegger '01 was the Division III national volleyball player of the year in 2000 and led the Dutch to three national titles.



Al Dorenkamp '75 was captain of Central's 1974 NCAA champion football team and later served as the college's athletics director from 1998-2012.



Rick Perry '89 was an academic all-America honoree and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. He was a standout in both football and men's basketball.

He was a four-time letterwinner in baseball as a catcher and part-time pitcher.

While serving as Central's athletics director from 1998-2012, Dorenkamp served a four-year term on the NCAA Division III Football Committee and was the national chair from 2005-07. In 2009, he received the Distinguished Iowa Award from the Iowa chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for his leadership and contributions to the game as a player and athletics administrator. In 2005-06, Dorenkamp took on extra duties as Central's interim dean of student life.

After leaving Central, Dorenkamp served as athletics director for AIB College of Business in Des Moines, completing duties there this spring.

A Thornton, Iowa native, Dorenkamp received a master's degree in education administration from the University of South Dakota and was a graduate assistant football coach. He taught and coached for three years at Denison High School, earning conference coach of the year honors three times and district coach of the year recognition once. He then served as a secondary principal at Center Point for three years. In 1987, he became high school principal at Waverly-Shell Rock, then in 1995, joined Rubber Development, Inc. in Waverly before moving to Carroll High School as principal for a year in 1997.

Dorenkamp and his wife Jo Fall

Dorenkamp '74 now live in Polk City. They have two adult daughters and four grandchildren.

TWO-SPORT AND CLASSROOM STAR

Perry's athleticism and versatility were keys to Central's 1988 Stagg Bowl run, and to his ability to quickly transition to the basketball floor after playoff-extended football campaigns. Yet Perry shined in the classroom as well, winning an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship while also gaining CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in football. He's also the only student-athlete in school history to receive the Mentink Award for leadership, sportsmanship and inspiration in both football and basketball.

In the 1988 NCAA Division III football playoff opener, on an icy early-winter afternoon at Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.), Central advanced in a 7-0 defensive struggle thanks to Perry's 46-yard punt return for the game's only touchdown.

Perry still ranks sixth in career receiving yards at Central (1,673), ninth in career pass receptions (101) and sixth in career touchdown receptions (16). In 1988 he had 51 catches for 806 yards and nine scores. He also had an 86-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, averaged 7.5 yards on 31 punt returns and rushed for 93 yards on eight carries.

He was a member of four league championship football squads and four-time playoff participant.

Perry was a football team co-captain and three-time letterwinner while also earning two letters in basketball. After reporting late for basketball in 1988-89, he still started 16 of 18 games, averaging 7.6 points and 2.3 assists as an off guard.

Perry, who graduated magna cum laude with majors in accounting and business management, joined the McGladrey & Pullen accounting firm in Moline, Ill. in 1989, then passed his Certified Public Accountant exam in 1991. He earned a master's of business administration degree at the University of Iowa in 1992 and also received Chartered Financial Analyst certification. He worked with Equitable Investment Services in Des Moines until 1997.

He moved to Atlanta to serve as portfolio manager in high yield bonds with ING Investment Management until 2000, when he returned to Iowa to work at Aegon USA Investment Management in Cedar Rapids. While in Cedar Rapids, Perry also was an adjunct instructor in the finance department at the University of Iowa for 12 years.

Last October Perry accepted his current position in Overland Park, Kan., as senior vice president with Waddell and Reed, a financial services firm. Perry and his wife Michelle '89 have four children.

A photograph of three young women sitting at a round black metal table on an outdoor patio. The woman on the left is wearing a grey sweatshirt with a red 'C' logo and a grey headband. The woman in the middle has long brown hair and is wearing a white shirt. The woman on the right is wearing a grey sweatshirt and is smiling. They are all looking towards the right. The patio is paved with brick and has several other similar tables and chairs. In the background, there is a blue metal fence with white posts and gold-colored spheres. Beyond the fence is a green lawn and some trees. A large yellow umbrella is partially visible on the left side of the frame. A red flower is in the bottom right foreground.

CENTRAL SCENE

“MEET ME IN MAYTAG!”

It's a familiar refrain around campus, reflecting Maytag Student Center's status as a hub for faculty, staff and students. Since it opened in 1990, Maytag has provided a spot for conversation, refreshment, studies and more. The Fred Maytag Family Foundation helped fund the construction of the building as well as its subsequent renovations. The patio was fully renovated in 2015.

How the RCA Saved Central

BY JENNI HODGES

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Central's RCA ties — and the close shave that nearly ended the college.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, Central College was nearly lost. Its founding group, the Iowa Baptist Education Society, had opened two colleges in Iowa — Central in 1853 and Des Moines College in 1884. A few years after starting Des Moines College, the society found it would be impossible to support two institutions.

The Baptists chose Des Moines College. Delegates voted to drop Central's collegiate department and make the college a feeder school. To escape the merger, Central obtained a circuit court injunction. This put off the Baptists' decision for 30 years — until a new affiliation saved the college.

Central proposed a transfer to the Reformed Church in America, maintaining an accredited college in Pella. The transfer included Central's name, charter, grounds, buildings and equipment — everything but the school's hard-won endowment, which went to the Baptist Education Society.

Less than a year later, a fire took Central's auditorium, chapel, library and gymnasium. Yet, through generous support from Pella's Reformed community — and shared space with local churches — the college didn't miss a beat. Through campus disasters, the Great Depression and two world wars, Central College has thrived for 100 years with support from the RCA.

And what happened to Des Moines College? The school never attracted more than a few hundred students at a time and was sold to the Baptist Bible Union in 1927. Within two years, the new president fired the entire faculty, the students rioted, and the school closed, bankrupt.

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CENTRAL'S
CHAPEL WAS
CONSTRUCTED
IN 1982.



“Colleges that have been in existence as long as Central College endure because their roots run deep. The ecumenical and inclusive spirit that defines our past is also the pathway to our future.”

— CENTRAL COLLEGE PRESIDENT MARK PUTNAM

ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER

Today, Central continues to flourish with support from the RCA. The longstanding relationship connects students to meaningful opportunities for missions and internships, and many RCA members contribute to Central's future as part of the board of trustees. Reformed churches across the country support students through the Journey Scholarship Fund, and RCA students can also receive the Heritage Award. Meanwhile, hundreds of Central graduates serve as leaders in RCA congregations, also supporting Central's students and mission in their turn.

“It means everything to me to be able to study at an RCA-affiliated school,” says senior accounting student Jane McKown. “When trying to decide what college I should attend, I knew I wanted to be somewhere I could grow in my faith, both on and off campus. I am so blessed to be able to say that I am not the same person who arrived on campus four years ago. I am far more secure in who I am and my beliefs, and for that I am forever grateful to Central College and the Heritage Award.”

WHAT IS THE RCA?

The Reformed Church in America is the oldest Protestant denomination in the United States, brought first to New York City — then Iowa and the Midwest — by immigrants from the Netherlands.

While not to be confused with Christian Reformed Church in North America, Reformed Church in the United States or Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa, the RCA belongs to several ecumenical and church partnerships, including World Council of Churches and Christian Churches Together.

The RCA supports three colleges — Central College in Pella, Hope College in Holland, Mich., and Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa — as well as two seminaries: New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, N.J., and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich.

A WIN FOR PELLA

When the Iowa Baptist Education Society decided to open a college, it selected Burlington as the location. However, the committee in 1852 judged Burlington too far east to serve all of Iowa. Burlington University was built anyway — but closed in 1901.

The year after rejecting Burlington, the Baptist convention met in Pella. Among the local delegates was Pella's founder, Dominie (Reverend) Hendrik Peter Scholte — also a Reformed minister. Determined to see Pella chosen over Oskaloosa, Scholte offered free land for the college, and Pella won the vote.





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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As heirs to Central's tradition of faith and service, today's students take advantage of many opportunities to connect with RCA ministries, among many religious traditions, in Iowa and around the world. Reformed tradition focuses on long-term mission relationships, says chaplain Joe Brummel — and students participate in lasting connections through Campus Ministries.

"Campus Ministries provides a venue where students who have a heart of faith can get involved and serve in meaningful ways," Brummel says. "Our middle name is 'mission.'"

Students participate in many different mission experiences each year — from Iowa, Kentucky and Texas to Haiti, China and Ethiopia. As many as 100 Central students have traveled to Texas each winter for the last 15 years, maintaining the college's connection to local churches, ministries and families in need. The group built four new homes last year. In January, they'll return to serve area families again.

Spring, fall and summer breaks also offer opportunities for Campus Ministries students to

travel and serve. Many students spent their first break this year in Baton Rouge, helping the city recover from summer floods. At the end of the academic year, Brummel plans to lead another international trip. In between, Campus Ministries will also lead several trips during Central's spring break, giving students a variety of opportunities to serve.

God changes students' lives through these opportunities, Brummel says. They are challenged spiritually, find community, share experiences and gain new perspectives while serving with Christians in different cultures. "I watch our students, and they really get it," Brummel says. "They understand that love transforms the world."

It's a passion that unites many at Central. Dozens of prospective students interview for Ministry and Mission scholarships each year, already eager to participate in ministry on campus and beyond. Besides participating in service with Campus Ministries, many students have also created their own organizations, focused on clean water, helping homeless people, justice issues and more.

"My favorite Central memories include two trips with Campus Ministries to Mission, Texas. My life was changed through building houses for poor families. I made lasting friendships and saw God work in incredible ways."

— ASHLEY RADIG '16

Alumni in the RCA

Central graduates have served with the Reformed Church in America in many different roles. Take a look at a small sampling of people who have impacted the RCA through the years:

Rev. Marion DeVelder '34
RCA General Secretary
Emeritus

Dr. I. John Hesselink '50
President of the General Synod,
Professor Emeritus Western
Theological Seminary and
noted RCA scholar

Dr. Donald Bruggink '51
Professor at Western
Theological Seminary and
noted RCA historian

Rev. Dr. Eugene Heideman '51
Noted RCA scholar and author

Dr. Ed Mulder '51
RCA General Secretary
Emeritus

Rev. Harold Korver '52
Senior Pastor at Emmanuel
Reformed Church, Paramount,
Calif.

Rev. Fran DeJong '57
Central College Chaplain

Rev. Dr. Marvin Hoff '58
President Emeritus at Western
Theological Seminary

Rev. Glenn De Master '61
Pastor Emeritus, Crystal
Cathedral, Garden Grove, Calif.

John Sikkink '62
Director of New Church
Development, Synod
Coordinator and Minnesota
Regional Minister

Rev. Dr. George Brown '65
Professor of Christian
Education and Associate
Dean at Western Theological
Seminary

Rev. Jeanette Beangley-Koolhaas '69
Pastor and International
Student Advisor for Western
Theological Seminary

Curry Pikkart '71
Pastor of Hope Reformed
Church in Michigan

Rev. Kevin Korver '77
Senior Pastor at Third
Reformed Church, Pella

Wayne Jansen '83
Special Ministries in Japan

Nathan Busker '89
Minister at Ponds Reformed
Church in Oakland, N.J.

Jon Garbison '90
Pastor at Living Life Reformed
Church in Firth, Neb.

Rev. Jon Nelson '95
Senior Pastor at Central
Reformed Church, Oskaloosa

**Christina J. Loenser
Shearer '95**
Church Planter in Peoria, Ill.

**Erin Winterboer
Beckerink '96**
Pastor at Clymer Hill Reformed
Church in Jamestown, N.Y.

**Tim '97 & JJ Johnson
TenClay '98**
RCA missionaries in Italy



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COMMUNITY WORSHIP ON CAMPUS

Sunday evening provides "the calm before the storm" for students involved in Campus Ministries — a time for community worship before Monday initiates a busy week. More than 200 students attend "The Calm," a weekly, contemporary worship service hosted by Campus Ministries. "The Calm" offers student-led praise music, a challenging message and community among believing students. Many also participate in Bible studies, discussion and accountability groups, InterVarsity and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

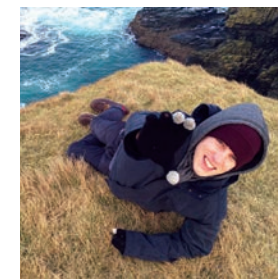
Students in Campus Ministries come from many different Christian backgrounds, says Brummel, but a common desire to love and serve God unites them. "It has to make God smile because there are no labels, no tags," says Brummel, an ordained RCA minister. "With God as our focus, we worship."

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FROM CENTRAL TO AFRICA

Clayton Boeyink travels the world to help those in crisis.

By Cindy Deppe



“I would shrivel and die if my professional career didn’t converge with service to those who have been dealt a rough hand.”

Only six years after graduation, Clayton Boeyink '10 is a man with a passion and a plan. The international/global studies major has seen the dark side of world crises, yet finds inspiration in helping refugees, those whose circumstances are “mind-blowing, and it’s why I’m dedicating my personal and professional life to this cause,” he says.

Boeyink developed his passion for assisting refugees while working as an employment specialist for Catholic Charities’ Refugee Resettlement Program in Iowa in 2013-14, and helping those displaced find jobs.

“I wanted to see what they experienced before coming to the U.S. so I got a master’s of science degree in Africa and international development at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and conducted fieldwork among Somali refugees in Nairobi, Kenya,” Boeyink says.

His fieldwork occurred just two weeks after the April 2015 terrorist attack at Kenya’s Garissa University College where 148 people were murdered by Al-Shabaab militants.

“My research examined the social determinants of vulnerability for Somali refugees and demonstrated how the Kenyan government’s response collectively punished Somalis and made a vulnerable population even more vulnerable,” he says.

Boeyink recently presented his thesis research at the Nordic Migration Conference in Oslo, Norway, an organization that examines aspects of international migration and ethnic relations such as integration, ethnicity/race, culture, religion, marginalization, citizenship, nationalism, discrimination and racism.

This fall Boeyink began a doctoral program in African studies at the University of Edinburgh. His dissertation research will examine cash transfers in refugee camps.

“Camps traditionally provide food aid to refugees,” Boeyink says. “This food is often culturally inappropriate and insufficient nutritionally, and the recipients usually sell the rations on the open market. A ‘cash revolution’ is currently taking place in humanitarian situations to substitute cash for food in order to create a more efficient aid system, and allow for dignity and agency for those receiving the aid.”

Boeyink will conduct a year of ethnographic studies in refugee camps in Kenya and possibly Uganda or Greece to look at the social effects of these humanitarian interventions.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE REAL WORLD

Boeyink’s social justice efforts started while a student in response to needs in Haiti. His intense interest in Africa also began in his early days at Central. “I really developed a love of learning at Central. Many professors, including Jim Zaffiro, Keith Yanner, Keith Jones and Jon Witt, inspired me to explore our social world and not take it for granted,” he says.

In particular, a freshman-year course in African Civilizations with Zaffiro caused Boeyink to fall in love with learning about the continent. He says, “The history, politics and cultures of Africa are incredibly captivating to me. There is so much innovation and resiliency within this group of people.”

Boeyink saw this resiliency firsthand while working as a mental health program coordinator for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. In this role, he screened and referred refugee clients to mental health organizations and trained those organizations in culturally appropriate practices.

“There is a global trend of xenophobia and fear, and governments around the world are restricting movement for those who need it most. There are few ends in sight to many of the conflicts going on, and countries blessed with many resources are keen to close the gates on refugees fleeing violence and persecution,” Boeyink says.

“Where I take heart is in the relationships I have been fortunate to build with individuals and families. I have supported people to get jobs that pay better than mine did, and they’ve purchased homes, and I’ve played a part in catching the most vulnerable from medical and psychological free-falls. It’s impossible to not be inspired by these folks.”

Africa will likely not be the only continent to benefit from Boeyink’s drive for human rights, poverty alleviation and humanitarian relief. “I want to visit Bhutan, a country in southern Asia that is home to many of the refugees with whom I work,” he says, urging others, young and old, to pursue their passions too.

“Working 40-plus hours a week is the largest chunk of our waking hours. I would shrivel and die if my professional career didn’t converge with service to those who have been dealt a rough hand. I wouldn’t be fulfilled if I did it on the margins of my time.”

Boeyink has found a way for his work to overlap with his passions. He says, “Life’s way too short and incredible to do otherwise.”

STUDENTS
SPEND THE
SUMMER IN DES
MOINES MAKING
CONNECTIONS
WITH THE
COMMUNITY, AND
EACH OTHER.

by Paula Reece

When a student chooses the word *transformative* in reflecting on the effect of your program, you know you've developed something special.

This something special was an immersive hybrid between a service-learning class and an internship program this summer, all focused on social justice. The 8-week program took students out of the classroom and into the day-to-day work of organizations throughout Des Moines.

For the first half of the program, five students spent two hours each morning in class learning about social justice issues and then the rest of their day as interns for various nonprofit organizations, including Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM), Youth Emergency Services & Shelter of Iowa (YESS), Des Moines Social Club, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa and the Altoona Police Department.

"We sought out internships based on a student's career and personal goals," says Cheri Doane '98, director of Community-Based Learning at Central. "These were hand-picked, so it's very

personal and individual for them, yet they're contributing to something bigger and much greater—the common good." Community-Based Learning is all about engaging students, faculty and community members in sustained partnerships that foster collaborative learning and civic participation in a diverse society.

It's because of the holistic partnerships Central fosters that students can make meaningful matches with community organizations. Central currently maintains relationships with approximately 120 community agencies and grassroots organizations throughout central Iowa.

These partnerships seek to benefit both the student and the organization. Students and facilitators actively work to determine what the organization needs, and how students can best use their skills to make an impact with lasting effects. Both parties stay in conversation to look for ways the college can support partners while leveraging students' expertise for the education of the college community.

Kim Koza, associate professor of

English, who taught the summer social justice class along with her husband, Michael Harris, professor of English, believes the real value of the program is the experiential learning at its core.

"The students are learning a lot through their internships, they're getting a lot of great experiences, but they're also learning about issues in the classroom that are relevant to what they're doing at their sites and reflecting on them with others," Koza says. "All those things together make the learning experience more potent than when you're just doing an internship, more or less on your own and not necessarily sharing it with other people."

Koza says being in Des Moines was an integral part of the experience. "Our classroom was really the city; we held class at the four internship sites, rotating each week, and guest speakers from CFUM, Creative Visions, EMBARC, Gateway Dance Theatre and other organizations shared their expertise and engaged in dialogue with our students. It was a fantastic learning experience for us all."

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY

In the Field

Hannah Marcum '18 became interested in applying for the program after taking a course about writing for nonprofits with Koza, which also included a service-learning component. The English major spent the summer working with students at the Baker Club at Hiatt Middle School, part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa, helping run daily programs like Summer Brain Gain,



Students spent the summer in Des Moines focusing on social justice.

Left to right: Michaela Van Dusseldorp '18, Hope Skeen '18, Marissa Hirschman '16, Samantha Moss '18, Associate Professor of English Kim Koza and Hannah Marcum '18.

as well as leading kids on excursions around the city. She also had the opportunity to work at the main office of the Boys & Girls Clubs, helping revamp the Torch Club, a student-led community service and leadership program for middle schoolers.

"The culmination of my work came July 30, when the Baker Torch Club put on a soccer tournament to fundraise a donation to Justice for our Neighbors, an organization that assists immigrant families in Iowa," she says. The cause was chosen and the tournament planned largely by the students.

Hope Skeen '18, a psychology major, assisted with programming for Awesome Summer Days, a program for elementary children, while interning at the Children and Family Urban Movement. She remembers an especially rewarding day when they took a field trip to Climb Iowa, an indoor rock climbing facility. "A lot of the kids who had told me they were afraid of heights or were normally very timid got up on the wall and did outstanding," she says. "It was amazing to see the community these kids had built with one another that will continue throughout their whole time growing up at CFUM."

Marissa Hirschman '16 was drawn to the program because she liked the idea of experiencing an internship through a social justice perspective. At Youth Emergency Services and Shelter, she was able to work directly with youth and families, completing trauma assessments, connecting families with services like counseling and day camps and making discharge plans with parents. For Hirschman, who graduates this fall with a degree in psychology and Spanish, the experience also helped solidify her future plans. "This summer taught me that I want to work with children and families who have experienced trauma once I have finished graduate school."

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A Broader Worldview

Students visited Lutheran Services in Iowa's Global Greens garden, which helps refugees reconnect with the land. Left to right: Hannah Marcum '18, Colyn Burbank '10, Hope Skeen '18, Samantha Moss '18, Marissa Hirschman '16, Hilary Burbank '09 and Michaela Van Dusseldorp '18.



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For all the rewards afforded the students by the immersion in the nonprofit organizations, it was what went on outside the internships that made this a particularly singular experience. In the classroom, the students explored issues related to social justice, from white privilege and racism to poverty and even how the arts play a role in social change.

They used local events to serve as extensions of the classroom, attending two plays and a music performance, all pertaining to social justice in some way. A favorite was the production of "Hooded: Or Being Black for Dummies" by Terrance Chisholm at the Des Moines Social Club.

The students all lived together at Grand View University, accommodations arranged by the Greater Des Moines Partnership. "We thought it was important that the students live in Des Moines, so they could immerse themselves in the city and build community," says Koza. "This also allowed us to do activities with students on the weekend. One Saturday students helped set up the Global Green Farmers Market, run by Central alumna Hilary Burbank '09, program supervisor for Refugee Community Services with Lutheran Services in Iowa. Students interacted with the farmers, who are refugees from Burma, Burundi, Nepal, Rwanda and several other countries, and we visited the Global Greens Farm in West Des Moines, where we got out into the fields and pulled out thistles."

Marcum credits her four classmates and suitemates as being one of the best parts about the summer. "We did just about everything together, from homework to nights out on the town. We each cooked supper for the group one night a week, and as we shared the meal we also shared the best and worst things about our day." Koza calls the bond the women created "pretty remarkable." Marcum agrees. "I know I have four lifelong friends."

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Doane references the "immense body of research" validating the cognitive outcomes of service-based learning compared to traditional learning, giving the example, "How could we not learn more about international politics from working with Sudanese refugees?" This spills into civic life as well. "Students are more likely to vote, they're more likely to run for office in their local communities like school boards and city council," says Doane.

Service-based learning with experiential activities focused on social justice can transform students' lives even more.

"We know that this type of activity helps students realize things are not as simple as the news media sometimes pings it," Doane explains. "We hear sound bytes about issues, especially now during the political season, whether it be about immigration or any hot-button issue you can think of, we just hear these bits and pieces painted in a sort of right and wrong, black and white, yes and no. What we want students to understand is that the issues are more complex than that."

Skeen, a psychology major, believes the experience taught her to be a change agent in her community. "Absolutely, without a question, it was one of the most rewarding ways I could have spent my summer," she says. Marcum simply calls the experience transformative.

Experiences like these help to advance Central's mission. Students gain confidence that aids them in preparing for a career, but they also prepare to be of service to their communities — local, national and international. The idea is that they become better global citizens if they've had these experiences, not only in summer programs like this but in classes and other opportunities throughout the school year. It's the way a liberal arts education should look, and transformative: the way it should feel.

2016 HOMECOMING REUNION PHOTOS



'55, '56, '57

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'91

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'81

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Row 1: Evan Fischer, Eden Brierly, Susan Elder, Madison Gause, Brittany Carlson, Kristen Blair. **Row 2:** Susannah Weaver, Colin Kramer, Jay Pike, Dan Roerman, Nelson Weise, Jenni Voss, Heidi Heckenberg.

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2016 HOMECOMING



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The annual Legacy Luncheon took place during Welcome Week and celebrated students with family ties to Central.



Left to right front row: Jennifer Freel Fischer '86, Aleka Fischer, Joleen Steenhoek Opsal '83, Emily Opsal, Sara Tallman, Christy Kuehl Tallman '92, Lynn Scholtens Ehrenberg '85, Brooke Ehrenberg, Angelina Furness, Dean Furness '94, Deonne Furness, Raigen Furness, Braden Furness, Mike Furness '93

Second: Gary Fischer '87, Lauren Kriegel, Kara Glendening Busker '89, Rich Glendening '62, Mary Busker, Louella Rathmell Scholtens '57, Michael Comstock '97, Courtney Comstock, Renee Williams, Cindy Clark Williams '85

Third: Mark Kriegel '95, Nathan Busker '89, Mary Roorda Glendening '62, Ed Scholtens '57, Matt Berst '92, Kyle Berst, Kristi Sneller Berst '92, Gary Timmer '55, Aanna Roslien, Sheri Timmer Roslien '88

Fourth: Jamie Polettta Kriegel '95, Lucas Phillips, Sara Meyer Phillips '88, Katie Canney Fyfe '15, Tori Fyfe

Fifth: Millie Ratmeyer Meyer, '57 Matthew Vannatta, Karen Tallman Vannatta '85, Brian Fyfe '15, Eric Johnson, Trudy Feldt '65, Marti Haan Pruhs '86, Chloe Pruhs

Sixth: Don Meyer '57, Carrie Then Simon '91, Courtney Simon, Tim Fyfe '80, Kim Christie Fyfe '80, Janella Feldt Johnson '94, Brian Johnson '94, Rick Pruhs '86

Seventh: Sara Glynn Lupkes '92, Susie Lupkes, Lauren Simon, Joe Simon '89, Grace Vaughn, Melanie Gustafson Carlson '87, Robert Feldt '65, Julie Dykstra Barrett '93, Chelsey Barrett

Eighth: Tom Lupkes '93, Benjamin Edmundson, Brianna Carlson, Kris Brandt Vaughn '90,

Ninth: Scott Edmundson '94, Deb Sampson Jones '98, Ryan Jones, Trenton Vaughn '90, Guy Carlson '87, Bill Strauss '86, Ryan Strauss

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The legacy of donor support has been a hallmark at Central College since its inception in 1853. Throughout the decades, through both good and more challenging times, individuals have stepped up to support the college in sacrificial ways.

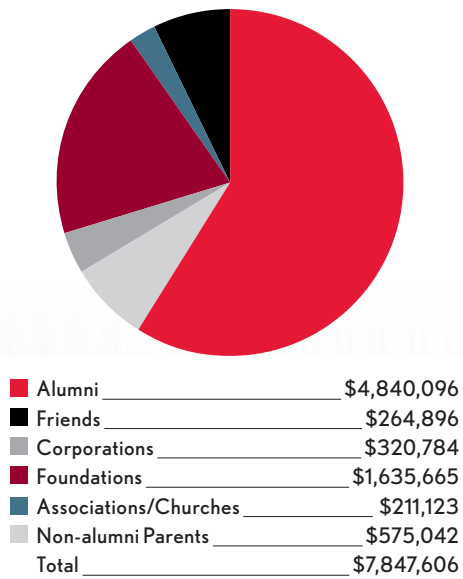
This year marks a very special anniversary in the life of the college—the 100th anniversary of the relationship between the Reformed Church in America and Central. Had it not been for the Reformed Church rescue in 1916, after the Baptists decided to instead support a college in Des Moines, it is likely Central would have closed. And now 100 years later, with the continuing financial support of thousands, Central continues to thrive and provide the high-quality education and unparalleled campus experience for its students for which it is renowned.

To maintain strong momentum in fiscal year 2017 will require a breadth and depth of support from many current donors and perhaps, just as important, from new donors.

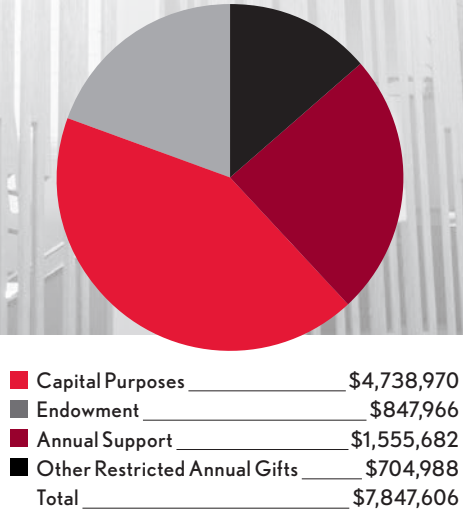
“Our need for scholarship support continues to accelerate on an annual basis,” says Sunny Eighmy, interim vice president for advancement. “Central students, many of whom are first-generation college students and come from many geographic locations, greatly appreciate the support of the Central family.”

Whether large or small, each and every gift to the college supports the Journey Scholarship Fund, which over 500 Central students receive on an annual basis, in addition to many other important initiatives that directly affect the lives of students and help keep the cost of their education affordable.

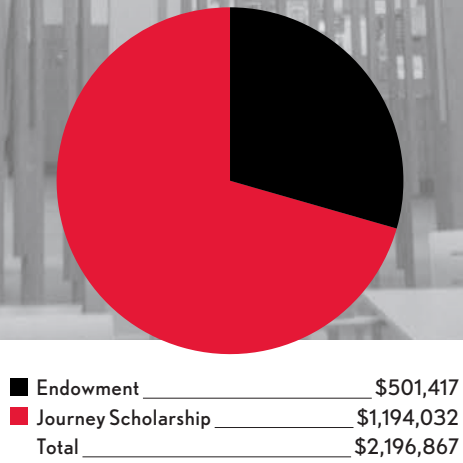
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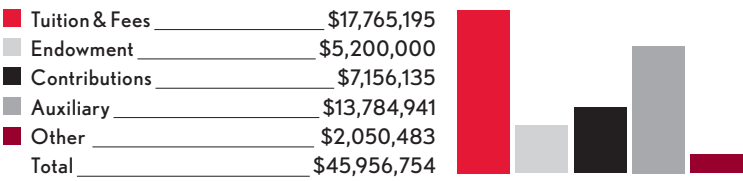
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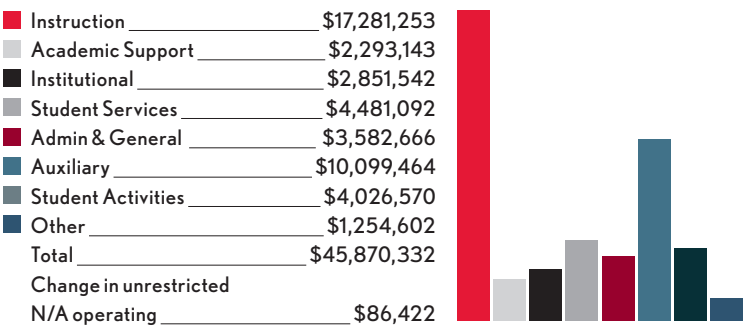
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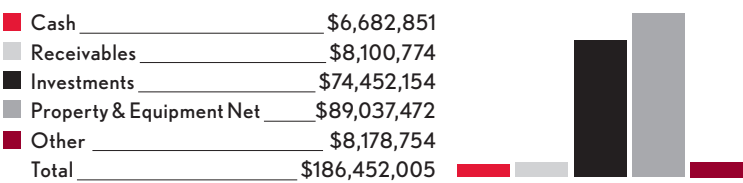
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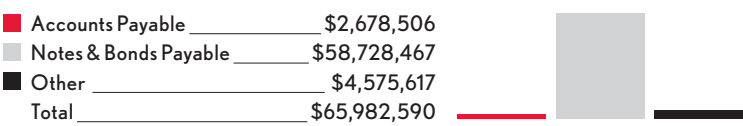
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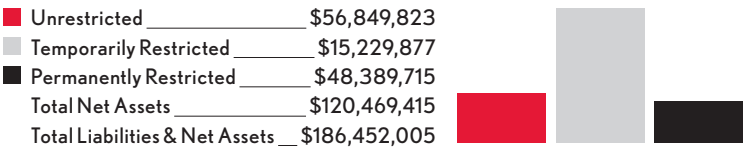
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Four Central alumni and one honorary alumna were honored as award winners Oct. 1 during Central's homecoming celebration. The awards honor the recipients' important contributions to their career fields, to service and to Central College. Award winners were Steve De Cook '65, Shirley Van Konynenburg Borgman '55, Glenn Borgman '54, Thomas Gaard '61 and Berta Van Ekeren. The awards presentation took place in Maytag Student Center.

Steve De Cook '65

Steve De Cook completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at Iowa State University. De Cook is the President of Four Seasons Commodities which he started in 2004. He lives in Johnston with wife, Jo Ann De Cook.

Glenn '54 and Shirley Van Konynenburg Borgman '55

Glenn Borgman farmed for 20 years in Iowa before working in sales. Shirley served as a teacher in Pella, was the first woman elected to Pella's school board, and helped start Hospice of Pella. She is now a member of the Marion County Foundation. Glenn and Shirley live in Pella and are also involved with First Reformed Church and Pella Historical Society.

Thomas Gaard '61

Thomas Gaard, native of Pella, is retired senior vice president of Principal Financial Group. With his late wife, Gaard established Central's Thomas J. and Charlene P. Gaard Endowed Residency in Liberal Arts. The signature residency is intended to benefit Central College students, faculty, staff and the greater Pella community. Gaard now lives in Clive with wife Barb.

Berta Van Ekeren

Berta Van Ekeren of Monroe has been a friend to Central College for decades. She is a retired guidance counselor from the Monroe school district and served on the board of Friends of Monroe Public Library. Berta and husband Philip T. Van Ekeren '61 also funded a scholarship for business students at Central.

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NEWSNOTES

'40s

Mary Marshall Tucker '49 of Monroeville, Ala., is an active member in her community as a member of the Kiwanis Club and serves on several boards. At her church, Mary teaches the ladies' Sunday school class and is a trustee.

'60s

Marvin Hackert '66 is interim dean of graduate studies at the University of Texas-Austin. Marv and wife Bretna live in Austin.

'70s

Stan Durey '71 of Doylestown, Penn., works in inventory management at Fred Beans Family of Dealerships. This year he served on the advisory board of PRO-ACT (Pennsylvania Recovery Organization – Achieving Community Together), a grassroots advocacy and recovery support initiative. In December, Stan served as master of ceremonies for the organization's annual Tree of Hope ceremony. In January he was honored by the board of supervisors of Doylestown Township for his years of service on the township's board of auditors. Stan and his two surviving children attended a ceremony in the garden of the PRO-ACT Women's Recovery Community Center in June which was dedicated to the memory of his son Forrest. Stan played a significant role in the construction of the garden, which provides organic fruits and vegetables for residents of the center.

Michael O'Neil '71 and wife **Rena Nizzi O'Neil '72** of Granger have retired; Michael worked at Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc., and Rena taught fifth grade in the Woodward Granger Community School District.

Diane Stabus '71 returned to campus in Oct. for homecoming.

Lorna Medd Sopcak '72 of Ripon, Wis., was promoted from associate to full professor of German at Ripon College, where she is department chair and director of the Bonn Study Abroad Program.

Hiram Evans '75 of Highland, is a forensic science consultant. He recently completed a stint as lecturer at California State University – Los Angeles' criminalistics program, where he taught a graduate seminar on ethics, management and contemporary issues in forensic sciences. He works as a volunteer in the Health and Human Services Department at the university, helping to reinvigorate their alumni donation program.

Robert Froelich '75 retired from his position as IT project manager at Stock Building Supply in Raleigh, N.C. Robert and wife Judith live in Frankfort, Mich.

Beverly Neumuth Bewley '76 is the administrative assistant at Berkshire Hathaway CNY Realty in Fayetteville, N.Y. Beverly and husband Tom live in Liverpool.

Hildy Bowbeer '76 of Minneapolis is a magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court – Minnesota.

Judy Ruplinger Saluri '76 retired as assistant director of transfer admissions from the University of Iowa Admission Office. During her 37 years at the university, she held various positions in the department and at the University of Iowa Hospital. She works as a volunteer at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids and at the Marion Heritage Center in Marion, where she lives with husband Tom. They enjoy spending time with their grandson and have planned a trip to several locations in California this fall.

'80s

Keith Cook '81 is a family practice physician at Platte Valley Medical Clinic in Thornton, Colo., where he lives with wife Cathryn.

Jackie Navara Loos '82 retired after 31 years as a school psychologist from Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency. Jackie and husband **Paul Loos '84** live in Storm Lake. In June, Paul retired after 30 years from the Newell-Fonda Community School District, where he taught physical education. In March Paul was inducted into the Iowa Basketball Coaches' Hall of Fame for his dedication and excellence in coaching the Fonda and Newell-Fonda boys' basketball teams from 1986 – 2014, with nine Iowa State Tournament appearances, including four state championships. Since 2014 Paul has been assistant men's basketball coach at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake and assistant track coach at Newell-Fonda.

Laura Hahn Hanna '85 is a teacher associate at Spencer High School in Spencer. Laura and husband Dale live in Milford.

Beth Norman Sletta '86 teaches elementary technology integration/STEM for New Ulm Public Schools in New Ulm, Minn., where she lives with husband Laine.

R. James Beaman '87 is president of Beaman Management Group Inc. in Overland Park, Kan., where he lives with wife Teri and their two daughters.

Harold Hynick '87 is an associate professor of theatre at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, where he lives with wife **Christine Carnes '89**. Harold is the recipient of the John McCallum Excellence in Teaching Award, which was presented to him at the Missouri Valley College Recognition Banquet in May. Christine is an online course review specialist at Central Methodist University in Fayette.

Chris Hyland '88 is the assistant junior high football coach at DeSales Catholic High School in Walla Walla, Wash., where he lives with wife Lisa. Chris continues as executive director for Walla Walla Watershed Management.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Harold Kolenbrander '60

by Jenni Hodges



Harold Kolenbrander graduated from Central College in 1960 and completed a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Iowa in 1964. Kolenbrander taught chemistry at Central, then became academic dean and provost. He later served as president at the University of Mount Union for 14 years and served on Central's board of trustees. Kolenbrander now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, with his wife, Laurie. Their children, Kim '81, Kirk '83, and Kerri Kolenbrander-Bickel also attended Central.

How did you come to Central?

A good part of it was my parents were Central grads, and in the '50s, that was a pretty common thing to do. I came back in 1964 — I had really liked being a student at Central and had really liked my professors in the chemistry department. After completing my degree, I could join them. As a student, a faculty member and administrator, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Central. I look at that as a great experience.

What experiences were most important to you after leaving Central?

I had a wonderful 14 years at Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio and I had almost 10 years of working as a search consultant, helping colleges find presidents, and I thoroughly enjoyed that. I've had a wonderful life — I've got so much to be thankful for. Serving as a trustee of Central was also a very rewarding experience, and my 50th class reunion was a very special occasion.

What are you doing now?

I am active at church and stay involved with a food pantry that our church and others in our area sponsor, and many other things. Shortwave radio was my boyhood hobby, and I've gotten back into that in a major way. I am in contact with people from all over the world.

Any final thoughts you would like to add?

I think it's important for all of us alumni to remember that Central College was there for us, and we need to be involved in making sure it's there for the next generation — to contribute in the ways we can, both financially and otherwise.

Dave Stout '88 is vice president of client services at Virtusa Corp. Dave and wife **Beth Kelly Stout '88** live in Lakeville, Minn., and are the parents of two children.

Jane Kristensen Murphy '89 teaches second grade at Stewart Elementary School in Washington, where she lives with husband Bruce. They are parents of two children.

'90s

Beth Henrikson '92 is a co-active performance coach at Beth Henrikson Trailblazer Coaching in Kansas City, Mo.
Carmen Whetstine Madigan '93

teaches reading for the Freeport School District in Freeport, Ill. Carmen and husband **Andy Madigan '93** live in Lena with their two daughters.

Jason Brown '94 is at the Foster Group, an investor advisor firm in West Des Moines. Jason and wife **Emily Hanson Brown '95** live in Norwalk with their three children.

Howard Feitel '94 of Alameda, Calif., is a smart money financial coach at BALANCE/CCCS of San Francisco.

Nathan Overberg '94 was one of six individuals honored by The Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute for contributions to the community at the

annual Leadership Awards Luncheon in May. Nathan is an attorney and shareholder at Ahlers & Cooney and practices law in the areas of urban renewal and economic development, employment and higher education. Nathan and wife Kathryn live in Ankeny with their two children.

Joseph Kingston '95 is band director for the McAllen School District. He lives in Mission, Texas, with wife Dorina and their two sons.

Carlos Araya '98 of Mountain View, Calif., is an ASG training specialist at Google.

Charlemagne Gililland Eekhoff '98 gives private music lessons and substitute

teaches for the Pella Community School District. Charlemagne and husband Dan live in Pella with their two daughters.

'00s

Nick Furlong '00 completed a family medicine residency with the Mayo Clinic in La Cross, Wis., and a fellowship in palliative and hospice care with Oregon Health Science University in Portland before accepting a position as the palliative care physician with St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Mont., where he lives with wife **Alena Racheter Furlong '02**. Alena is a stay-at-home mother to their two sons.

Ashley Yuska Donicht '03 is senior cost analyst at Hormel Foods Corp. in Austin, Minn., where she lives with husband Chad and their two daughters.

Brandi Wyman Eckles '03 is the grant coordinator at New Opportunities Inc. in Audubon. Brandi and husband Cody live in Atlantic with their three daughters.

Chad Maxwell '03 is the operations manager at Fed Ex Ground. Chad and wife **Abbey Tolander Maxwell '03** live in Pella with their two sons. Abbey is a registered ICU nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Anna Swanson '03 of Minneapolis, Minn., is managing director, analytics at Royall & Company.

Jamie Hosek '04 of Champaign, Ill., is senior business information analyst at John Deere.

Clint Larson '04 and wife **Jennifer Stewart Larson '04** operate a farm business directly selling naturally grown meat and produce to customers and restaurants throughout central, southeast and eastern Iowa. Clint also works as a supply manager at HNI Corp. in Muscatine. Jennifer does the marketing and garden management for the farm. Clint and Jennifer live in rural Mediapolis with their two boys.

Matthew Miller '04 and Lindsay Sargent of New York, N.Y., were married Aug. 13. Matthew is a founder and chief operating officer of Shift Forex, a financial services consulting company in New York.

Delana Wanken Harris '05 teaches fifth grade at Schuler Elementary School in the Atlantic Community School District. Delana lives in Atlantic with husband Brian and their two sons.

Mark Isaacson '05 completed his orthopedic surgery residency and fellowship in the summer of 2015. He joined Des Moines Orthopedic Surgeons, where he specializes in adult reconstructive surgery and joint replacement. Mark and wife **Tessa Prati Isaacson '07** live in Ankeny with their three children.

Renee Sedlacek '05 of Des Moines is director of community engagement at Drake University.

Katie Haun '06 and **Bret Schuring '05** of Minneapolis, Minn., were married Sept. 12, 2015. Katie is an architectural historian at Mead & Hunt in Minneapolis, where Brett is a software engineer at SmartThings.

Michael McLoughlin '06 is a faculty physician at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash., where he lives with wife Andrea.

Keith Bowers '08 was awarded the prestigious international John Maynard Smith Prize from the European Society for Evolutionary Biology. The prize includes a monetary award, an all-expenses-paid trip to deliver a lecture at the 2017 ESEB Congress in Groningen, the Netherlands, and a three-month fellowship to study at a research institute in Berlin. Keith is a tenure-track assistant professor in evolutionary and physiological ecology in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Memphis.

Ryan Fitzgerald '08 is a sergeant in the McHenry County Sheriff's Office in Woodstock, Ill. Ryan and wife Breanna live in Lake in the Hills with their son.

Sasha Djordjevic Fuerstenberg '08 is marketing coordinator at John Deere Financial in Johnston. Sasha and husband **Kyle Fuerstenberg '08** live in Grimes with their two children. Kyle is a commercial portfolio manager at Bankers Trust International in Des Moines.

Alysa Tanis Pilling '08 is an exercise physiologist in the cardiology department at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., where she lives with husband **BJ Pilling '09**. BJ is vice president of business development for Huddle Inc., a sports marketing company in Atlanta.

Lacey Ritscher '08 is a clinical nurse specialist at St. John Hospital & Medical



Erin McClimon '98 of Austin, Minn., is the senior general accountant with Hormel Foods. Several alumni working at Hormel Foods were in Austin in July in celebration of Hormel's 125th anniversary. This group includes all but two Central alumni who started at Hormel directly out of college and range from three to 31 years with the company. They are pictured (left to right): **Tim Hackel '87**, **Erin McClimon '98**, **Mark Coffey '85**, **Ashley Yuska Donicht '03**, **Drew Cheers '07**, **Brian Lillis '01**, **Clint Walters '95**, **Jeff Zadow '95**, **Amy Voigt Morrison '96**, and **Drew Osier '13**.

Center in Detroit, Mich. Lacey and husband Kyle Lefere live in Royal Oak with their son.

Nicole Sojka '08 of Winnebago, Ill., is staff sonographer at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

Matt Zimmerman '08 is an inventory and communications manager at RP Support America Inc. Matt and wife **Sarah White Zimmerman '07** live in Pella with their daughter. Sarah teaches first grade in the Oskaloosa School District.

Rachel Boeke '09 and Jon Caspers of Fayette were married January 2. Rachel is an athletic trainer at Upper Iowa University.

Marie Bruns Brueck '09 teaches fourth grade for Glenview Public School District #34 in Glenview, Ill., where she lives with husband **Jacob Brueck '10**. Jacob is a physical therapist at Performance in Motion downtown Chicago.

David Cain '09 of Shorewood, Wis., is attending Columbia St. Mary's in Milwaukee for a three year surgical residency.

Jared Fritz-McCarty '09 is the director of graduate enrollment at Roosevelt University, where he received his master's in vocal performance in 2011. Jared has been named to a two-year term as vice president for the Midwest Chapter of the National Association of Graduate Admission Professionals (NAGAP). Jared and husband Christopher Fritz-McCarty live in Chicago.

Leanna McBride Showman '09 is corporate accountant at VenuWorks in Ames. Leanna and husband Lucas live in Huxley with their three children.

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'10s

For information about **Jacob Brueck '10**, see the '00s.

Christopher Bowzer '10 and Aribi Auten were married May 28. Chris is a research scientist for HDR Engineering.

Kristen Nerad '10 and **Keith Robinson '10** were married Aug. 30, 2014. Kristen is a family development specialist at Foster Adopt Connect and Keith is an architect at MANICA Architecture in Kansas City, Kan. Kristen and Keith live in Greenwood, Mo., with their daughter.

Brianne Crill Williams '10 is a communication strategist at Principal Financial Group. Brianne and husband **Bradley Williams '11** live in West Des Moines with their daughter. Brad is a commercial underwriting supervisor at IMT Insurance in Des Moines.

Rachel Davy Begg '11 is an office specialist at Augusta University. Rachel and husband **Austin Begg '11** live in Augusta, Ga., with their son. Austin is an engineer at John Deere in Grovetown.

Ashley Ellingson Graber '11 is the account manager at Performance Marketing in West Des Moines, where she lives with husband **Matthew Graber '11**.

Matt is an underwriting associate at IMT Insurance.

Kaitlin Huff '11 and Cody Pech of Ankeny were married June 18. Kaitlin is a business process integrator at John Deere Financial in Johnston.

Jill Butterfield Luedtke '11 is a pilot and office worker for Storm Flying Service at the Webster City Municipal Airport. On Sept. 10, 2015, she had the opportunity to fly her favorite weatherman, Ed Wilson, and sports anchor Keith Murphy from Channel 13 from Humboldt to Webster City for RVTV.

Jenae Jenison Stokesbary '11 is digital promotion director in the communications office at Central College. Jenae and husband Brad live in Pella.

Kristin Wilson '11 and **Curt Mick '11** of Albia were married May 30, 2015. Kristin is the office manager at Monroe County Auditor in Albia, where Curt works in sales and accounting at Mick's Furniture & Appliance.

Rachael Barrett '13 and **Jared Baker '13** of Des Moines were married September 12, 2015. Rachael is a lab manager for Flint Hills Resources in Menlo and Jared is a production operator at DuPont's cellulosic ethanol plant in Nevada.

Brent Ewing '13 is a graduate assistant coach for cross country and track at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. where he lives with wife Lauren.

Nicholas Hafner '13 and **Kathryn Manternach '14** of Tiffin were married

Emily McPherson '10 and **Colin Bull** of Des Moines were married June 11. Emily is an employment specialist at Goodwill Industries. The couple met in Scotland when they were working for Youth with a Mission. Pictured left to right: **Colyn Burbank '10**, **Hilary Baehr Burbank '09**, **Sage Baugh '10**, **Clayton Boeyink '10**, **Taylor Vander Well '13**, **Emily McPherson Bull '10**, **Colin Bull**, **Emily DePenning '10**, **Patrick Schacherer '10**, **Jill Anderson Schacherer '10** and **Aaron Jones '10**.



Kaurie Kincaid '13 and **Marko Marinkovich '11** of Grinnell were married July 18, 2015 in Chicago. Kaurie teaches junior high math at Montezuma and Marko is a research associate at Monsanto in Ankeny. Pictured first row (left to right): **Matt Gronewold '11**, **Brian Hemping '11**, **Kyle Foreman '11**, **Alyssa Schwartz '13**, **Chrissy Lee '13** and **Nicki Landt Ness '11**. Second row: **Jill Sorensen Gronewold '11**, **Rachel Davy Begg '11**, **Angela Palmersheim Schreck '13**, **Heidi Reburn '13**, **Marko Marinkovich '11**, **Kaurie Kincaid Marinkovich '13**, **Kelsey Schuring Boot '12**, **Melissa Lovan '13** and **Hannah Wallace '16**. Third row: **Austin Begg '11**, **Treaver Willis '13**, **Allison Kolker '13**, **Holly Osborn '13**, **Jack Bruns '12**, **AJ Baker '12**, **Trent Smith '11**, **Grant McArdle '13**, **Mike Furlong '12** and **Dan Fay '79**. Back row: **Tanner Vander Weerd '11**, **Michael Fulton '10**, **Eric Scott '13**, **Drew Ness '11**, **Graham Fee '61**, **Jason Nabholz '12**, **Nick Marinkovich '13** and **Jake Winkler '13**.

June 18. Nicholas is a retirement plan record keeper at Hills Bank & Trust in North Liberty and Kathryn teaches math at Williamsburg High School in Williamsburg.

Perry Harrah '13 of Kerrville, Texas, is a medical consentor at K-Star Emergency Shelter in San Antonio.

Zach Jensen '13 of Des Moines is the retail operations consultant at Cardinal Health in Des Moines and assistant men's soccer coach at Central College.

Sierra Kuhns '13 and **Ryan England** were married Sept. 8, 2014. Sierra is an elementary school teacher at Diagonal Community Schools in Diagonal. Sierra and Ryan live in Adel with their two sons.

Taryn Pennington '13 is the assistant athletic trainer at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Ga.

Drew Readell '13 of Vienna, Austria, is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in international relations with the intent of working in the Foreign Service. During the next two years, Drew plans to further his

language proficiency in German and learn Arabic.

Alexis Andrews '14 of Johnston is an admission counselor for Simpson College in Indianola.

Kim Corson '14 is an instructor at Pok-O-MacCready Outdoor Education Center in Willsboro, N.Y.

Morgan Gray '14 and **Robert Kreiser '12** of Omaha, Neb., were married June 25. Morgan is working toward her juris doctor from Creighton University. Robert is an audit supervisor at RSM in Omaha.

Christian Oleson '14 of Manchaca, Texas, is a product support specialist at Compass Learning in Austin.

Cairn Reisch '14 is a volunteer services manager for the American Red Cross covering the northern Colorado and Wyoming territory.

Jacob Stein '14 of Ankeny is a financial analyst II at Principal Financial Group.

Miranda Wehde '14 of Ankeny is an editorial assistant for the journal Political Behavior at Iowa State University.

Hillary Hotz '15 of Lincoln is a recruiter for pre-health, pre-law and undeclared majors at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Blaze Smith '15 of Orlando, Fla., is a client care specialist with the Jason Shinpaugh Real Estate Team.

Ethan Van Kooten '15 of Pella is an environmental scientist for Apex in Urbandale.

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Advanced Degrees

Joseph Kingston '95, Master of Education, education administration, Lamar University, Dec. 2015.

Nick Furlong '00, Doctor of Medicine, Creighton University, May 1, 2012.

Delana Wanken Harris '05, master's degree, education, Viterbo University, 2007.

Nicole Sojka '08, associate's degree, diagnostic medical sonography and vascular, Blackhawk Technical College, May.

Amy Zellmer '08, Bachelor of Science, accounting and finance, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 2012.

David Cain '09, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, Des Moines University, May 28.

Kristen Nerad Robinson '10, master's degree, social work, University of Kansas, 2014.

Brent Ewing '13, master's degree, leadership, Truman State University, May 7.

Abigail Thomas '14, master's degree, global health epidemiology, University of Michigan School of Public Health, April.

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New Arrivals

Kim and **Joe Bock '93**, daughter Mia Ann, June 8

Guido Rossi and **Angela Sanger '95**, twin sons Franklin Maria and Marc David, Nov. 18, 2015

Jay and **Kelly Van Den Berg Cederberg '97**, daughter Anna Mae Penelope, Aug. 18
Allie and **Molly Parrott '02**, son John Calvin IV, June 26

Todd '01 and **Jill Pirkl Vande Noord '02**, daughter Avery Linda, Sept. 20, 2014



Jessica Riebkes '14 and Brandon Clough '13 of Des Moines were married July 16. Jessica is an intern grant writer with the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Brandon is a Pheasant's Forever wildlife management specialist with the Department of Natural Resources in Des Moines. Pictured (left to right) Paul Weihe, Mary Benedict, Russ Benedict, Melanie Louis '12, Michelle Keller DeBoer '13, Yiding Duan '14, Amy Andrews '15, Rachel Connelly Atherton '14, Catherine Moeller '14, Olivia Schouten '14, Callie Aunan '15, Timothy Shepherd '15, Melony McDermott '13, Karissa Rempe '15, Jessica Riebkes Clough '14, Brandon Clough '13, Adam Ledvina '13, Emily Sawatzky '13, Emery Davis '13, Brittney Hubers Davis '11, Kenny Kemp '12, Jamie Baumer Larson '13, Lars Larson '13, Austin O'Brien '14, Sam Burt '13 and Andrew Hamer '12.

Matt '03 and Amy Jones DenHartog '04, adopted son Arie Franklin, June 16
Chad and Ashley Yuska Donicht '03, daughter Laura Marie, Oct. 12, 2015

Nick and Amber Turner Schenck '03, daughter Evelyn Truis, Feb. 24
Eric Kochneff and Laura Billingsley '04, daughter Clara Elizabeth, May 17

Clint '04 and Jennifer Stewart Larson '04, son Calvin Stewart, March 30
Steve and Melissa Miller Brock '05, son Kyle Stephen, April 16

Mark '05 and Tessa Prati Isaacson '07, son Oliver John, March 9
Brad and Angela Grey Klein '05, daughter Alyssa Maize, July 6, 2015

Alex and Jennifer Hainley Zasadny '06, daughter Ayla Mae, March 22
Phil and Kari Schledewitz Dodds '07, daughter Harper Ann, May 24

Kyle '08 and Sasha Djordjevic Fuerstenberg '08, son William Henry, May 26

Seth and Brittany Waack Goings '08,

son Oliver William, July 29

Mike and Kara Neumann Mertz '08, daughter Jillian Beverly, April 6

Lucas and Leanna McBride Showman '09, son Clark James, July 18, 2015
Auburn and Colin Van Kooten '09, son Beau Thomas, March 14

Derek '09 and Amy Ledvina Townsend '10, daughter Haven Grace, March 1, 2015

Keith '10 and Kristen Nerad Robinson '10, daughter Paisley Mae, April 10

Greg and Sara Mouw O'Brien '10, son Maxwell Neal, Aug. 4

Austin '11 and Rachel Davy Begg '11, son Cy Lee, Dec. 27, 2015

Dan '11 and Emily Swartz Bowser '11, daughter Laelyn Mary, March 18

Brad '11 and Brianne Crill Williams '10, daughter Quinn Michelle, Aug. 25, 2015

Nicholas Beukema '12, daughter Ava Gabrielle, Aug. 2

Ryan and Sierra Kuhns England '13, son Sawyer Russell, Dec. 27

Ethan '15 and Lindy Van Maaren Brandt '15, son Hudson Leam, Aug. 14
Lindsey Richardson '16, daughter Kennedy Allis Mikell, April 26

In Memoriam

Marilyn Tanis Franken '54 of Holland, Mich., July 22

Robert Scott '55 of Clive, April 15

Marilyn Spoelstra Voskuil '58 of Plano, Texas, June 5

Alma Hoksbergen Witzenburg '59 of Pella, June 17

Beverly Mick '60 of Albia, June 28

Anthony Hoekstra '61 of Pella, Aug. 13

David Sels '67 of Ottumwa, Jan. 5

Diane Riggle Taylor '70 of West Des Moines, Aug. 10

Norma Ripley Miles '71 of Lakeland, Fla., June 17

Andrew Ragona '75 of Dubuque, July 11

Susan Dunkin-Lesica '79 Ronkonkoma, N.Y., Aug. 22

Sandi Markow Larson '82 of Des Moines, July 19

Rose Davidson '87 of Brookings, S.D., July 8

Teresa Samson '96 of Newton, July 5

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PARTING SHOT P/S

Alumni Network Opens Doors to Pro Teams

Junior Seth Eash is Central's latest athletic training student to land an NFL internship with alumni connections.

by Jenni Hodges

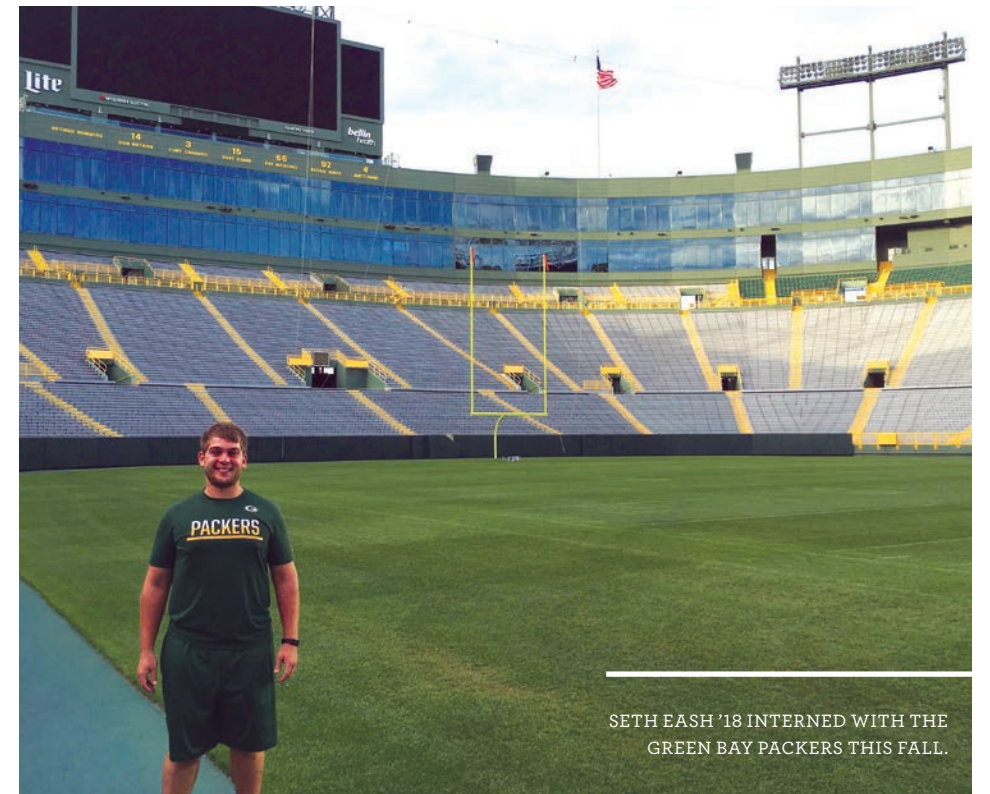
It's not easy to get placed with NFL teams — but athletic training students are building an impressive record for Central College. Seth Eash of Kalona, Iowa, completed an internship with the Green Bay Packers before returning for his third year in Central's athletic training program. Eash is the latest beneficiary of the program's alumni network — and successful contender for a coveted internship.

Eash landed the placement thanks to Nate Weir '05, assistant athletic trainer for the Packers. Weir asked John Roslien, associate professor of exercise science, to recommend capable Central students, and Roslien encouraged Eash to apply. Weir also studied athletic training at Central, and Roslien helped him secure an internship with the Packers in 2004. Weir returned for a second internship in 2005, then took his current position in 2007.

In Green Bay, Eash helped monitor for injuries, provide treatments, set up and tear down practice equipment, and made sure athletes stayed hydrated. "This internship let me apply all the skills I have learned in class and clinical settings to a professional environment," Eash says. "It improved my confidence in these skills tenfold."

While picking up new techniques, Eash also enjoyed spending time with the team. "One of my favorite parts about the experience was to be able to get to know the players as people," he says. "Most of the time we see them as personas they carry on the field, so it was great to see these professional football players are just like anyone else."

Other athletic training students have also completed internships with professional



SETH EASH '18 INTERNED WITH THE GREEN BAY PACKERS THIS FALL.

sports teams in recent years. Marcus Sojka '10 also interned with the Packers, and Blaze Smith '15 completed two internships with the Detroit Lions. "We have a long history of being able to place students with pro teams — the NFL, major league baseball, professional soccer," says Roslien.

The opportunities depend on Central's connections, and alumni help build the network that makes it possible. "Without the connection to Nate Weir, I would not have had this incredible opportunity," says Eash. "Not only was this a taste of almost exactly what I would like to do for a professional career, but I also made connections with some very respected members of athletic training and sports medicine circles. Reaffirming my choice this way and networking will help open many doors in my future."

That's all Central students need, Roslien says — they're more than capable of proving themselves skilled. "These internships are very hard to get, very selective. We recommend students who are going to do a good job," he says. "We find a way to open the door, and the students take care of the rest."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Service Before Self

by Cindy Deppe

A gap year between high school and college may have started Chris Murray '89 on her path to social service. It was also her introduction to Iowa and Central.

Murray first learned about Central while travelling in Iowa with Up with People, an organization that aims to inspire young people through a combination of travel, service, leadership development and performing arts.

The Massachusetts native intended to enroll in a college in the Northeast, but a castmate on the Up with People tour talked constantly about Central, and once Murray toured the state, she was taken with Iowa.

Murray graduated from Central with a psychology degree and a minor in German. She returned to Massachusetts and trained as an emergency medical technician, responded to local disasters through the American Red Cross, and became interested in public health issues.

Murray earned a master's of public health degree from the University of Massachusetts and dived into a doctoral program in epidemiology. Upon completion of her Ph.D., Murray began working for the World Health Organization (WHO) and was deployed as a member of medical teams to respond to crises around the globe.

"I got involved with WHO because I didn't have a personality for static hospital



Murray (bottom row with dog) with her team and Xander, the German shepherd puppy she is raising for the Fidelco guide dog organization.

settings," Murray says. "I knew that 'in field' was best for me."

Murray worked, for example, on response teams in the Balkan refugee camps. "Phil Webber would be proud," Murray says of her Central German instructor. "The Balkan countries hadn't yet established individual languages so German was the secondary language, and I could finally use my German."

In the U.S., she served in the Mississippi Gulf Coast following 2005 Hurricane Katrina. She continued to sign on in different places around the world, where her work was hands-on—from simple vaccinations for exposure to polluted water to overall health assessments and public health education.

"My psych degree also kicked in—working with people in their environment so they come to trust you, being sensitive to their cultures," she says.

Murray returned stateside a few years ago to care for her mother who was enduring a

debilitating disease. Although she set her career aside to be her mother's caregiver, she didn't stop giving to others.

"I volunteered for the Boston Marathon medical team and in doing so, learned from an NSA agent responsible for the bomb-sniffing dogs about the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, which partners blind clients with trained German shepherd puppies," she says. "It's a total volunteer effort. You commit to 18 months of meeting certain goals with the dog."

Murray is now raising her second Fidelco puppy and takes the dog to the long-term care facility where her mother resides. "It is great to see how the residents respond to the dog," Murray says. "I have learned so much from my mother's illness and experience. I want to combine my medical background with what I've learned about therapy animals. I'd like to combine these different skills into a business or nonprofit," Murray says.