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# THE CENTRAL DIFFERENCE

BY MARK PUTNAM, CENTRAL COLLEGE PRESIDENT

**MARK: MY WORDS**

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e recently hosted visitors on our campus who

were evaluating the college for a potential foundation grant. It's always a unique privilege to see guests in our midst who have no prior experience with the college. Watching them as they observe the campus community and listening to their comments along the way provides fresh insights about how the college is perceived.

In this case our guests spent a day with us, hearing from various groups about our dreams and ambitions. At the end of the day, we had a chance to debrief with them. In offering some observations about what they admired during the visit, one of our guests said, "... and that's what makes Central so special."

I must admit to smiling rather broadly when I heard this. Our guests discovered what we all know to be true in an experience that lasted less than 24 hours. Central is special because of the people

who share in this community. It was a proud moment for a president, and one that is repeated often as I have occasion to interact with visitors to the campus.

The refrain from those who experience the Central Difference for the first time is typically a reflection of our intense relational quality. The level of care they receive, the attention to detail, the responsiveness to an interest or concern is a natural way of being for our campus. Yet, this is often reflected back to us as an area of distinction. We are by no means perfect. And sometimes we get things wrong. But I can say with confidence that we all work really hard to promptly make things right.

One of our guests that day picked up on this pattern quite quickly. As a discerning visitor, she would not be impressed by bells and whistles. Her breadth of experience on campuses informed her conclusion that Central offered something different, something unique.

Ours is a nurturing community. I often ask our students how much they knew about the student culture at Central when they were prospective students in high school. They routinely tell me that through peer-to-peer communication, including social media, they were able to discern Central's culture as being a place where they can feel socially safe.

Let's be honest. Central College is a place where we have a lot of fun and enjoyment alongside the disciplined academic work that has made this a first-rate education for generations. But our culture is one that seeks to promote individual and collective wellbeing for all members of the campus community. This is a safe place to be yourself and know that you will be accepted.

We remind ourselves of our best qualities when we authentically live out our values as an academic community. It makes a big difference.

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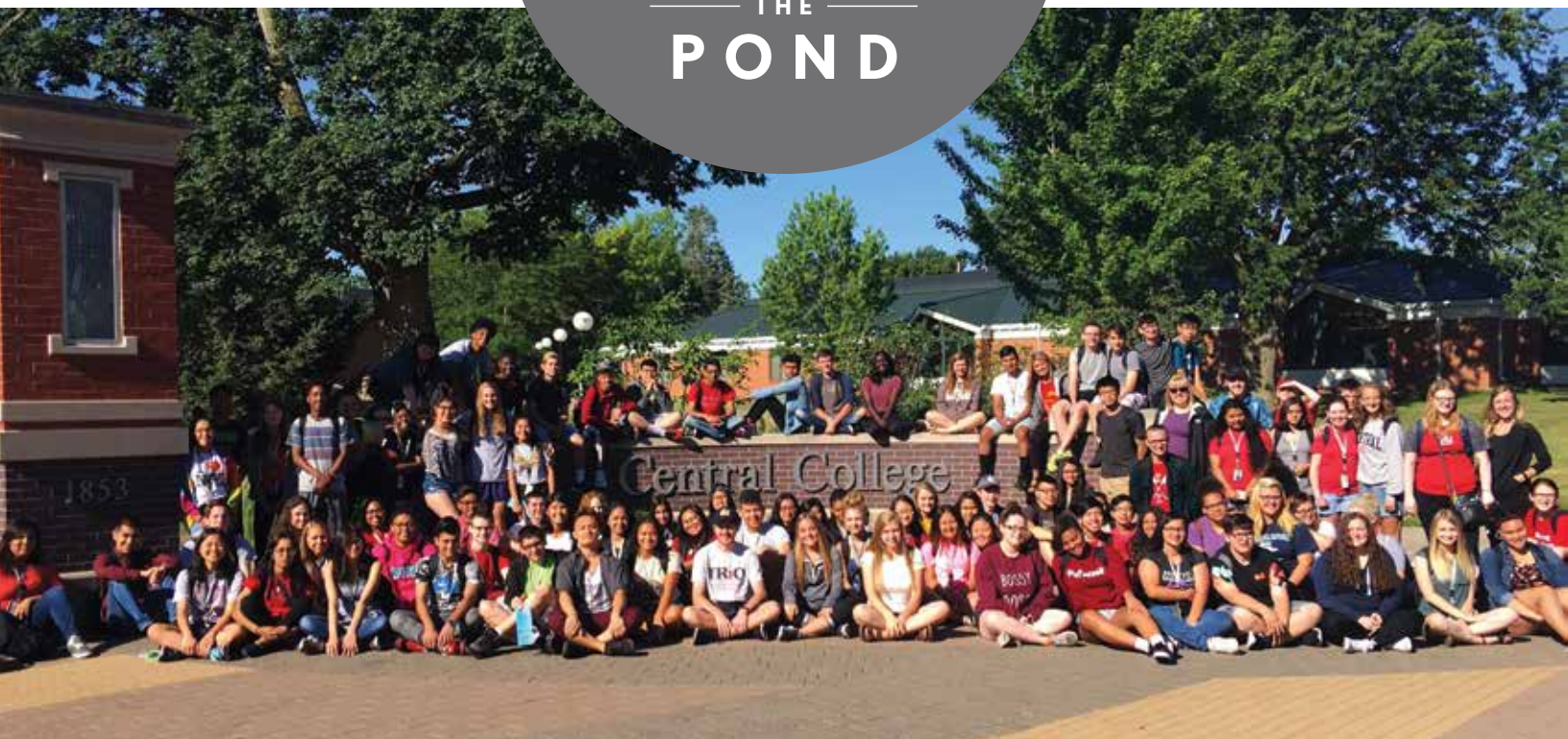
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# AROUND THE POND



## GRANT PREPARES LOW-INCOME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE

For the second year in a row, Central received a grant from the John Deere Foundation to support the college's long-standing Upward Bound program to help low-income, potential first-generation college students achieve academic success.

Upward Bound supports eligible students to develop the aspiration, knowledge and skills to successfully enter and complete postsecondary education.

The grant from John Deere Foundation funds four different opportunities within Central's Upward Bound program.

### The grant will:

- Allow 60 incoming high school juniors to participate in a career readiness course at John Deere offices in Des Moines and Ankeny.
- Provide common reading books for all Central Upward Bound participants and offset the costs of bringing a convocation speaker to the Central campus for the summer program.
- Support a field trip for 45 junior participants to explore careers.
- Underwrite a skill-building conference for high school seniors.

▲ Central's Upward Bound program serves 190 high school participants annually with academic advising, college preparatory curriculum, tutoring, college visits, ACT preparation and assistance with college and financial aid applications.



### SHOWING CENTRAL LOVE

Philanthropy Week featured many engaging events for students to learn how philanthropy has shaped Central's campus and its students. Paper hearts were hung by the Geisler Library Café where staff, faculty and students wrote what they love about Central. Signs hung in the Roe Center, Maytag Student Center, Douwstra Auditorium, Helen Jean Hislop Center and P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium recognized donors who helped make those buildings and renovations possible. In addition, signs scattered around campus featured questions students could answer in a trivia game to win prizes.

Journey Scholarship recipients signed thank-you letters to donors. More than 1,100 letters and notes were signed by more than 850 students.



### WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

In February, David Timmer was installed as the Dr. Jacob '25 and Gela '27 Schnucker Sessler Chair in Philosophy and Religion. During the ceremony, Timmer, center, was publicly honored by Mary E.M. Strey, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, and Mark Putnam, president. Timmer also gave a short speech on his research on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi conspirator. Timmer explored Bonhoeffer's role confronting the Third Reich around the theme of responsibility. **View Timmer's lecture at <https://civitas.central.edu/david-timmer>.**

### PPI GIFT SUPPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAMPUS UPDATES

Precision Pulley & Idler (PPI) of Pella continues its longstanding support of Central with gifts in service of academics and athletics.

PPI is providing an increased level of support for the Journey Scholarship Fund, which ensures students have access to a high-quality education. PPI also is providing funding for new athletics equipment and branding, including new external scoreboards for the soccer, baseball and softball fields, a variety of new windscreens and signage, and updating the logo on the football field to reflect the college's new graphic identity.

"This gift enhances the game-day experience for our students, parents and fans, as well as raises our athletics program's profile," says Eric Van Kley, director of athletics. "We're really excited about the ongoing improvements we're making in the A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex and PPI is playing a critical role in that."



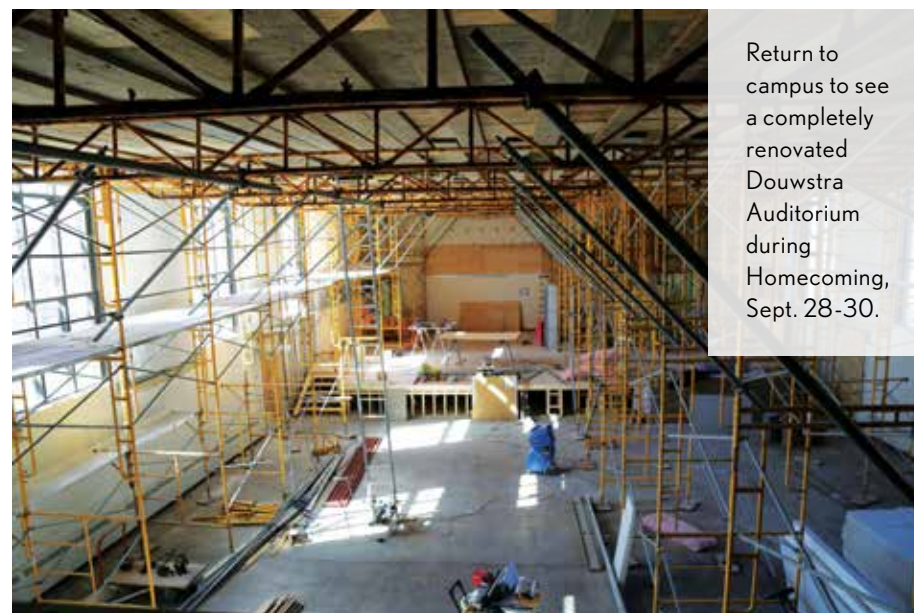
### CENTRAL TENNIS PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Twenty members of Central's men's and women's tennis teams traveled to Mérida, Yucatán, in January to participate in the Augie Lugo International Tennis Tournament. The tournament was created in memory of Augie Lugo '84 by one of his tennis teammates, Pedro Gongora '84.

Gongora and Lugo were both successful tennis players at Central. Lugo is the only tennis player in Central history to receive All-America recognition.

Last year, Gongora began planning how to honor Lugo, who was killed in a car accident in 2004. With the help of other Central alumni and connections in Mérida, the tournament idea was born. Hosted at the Patricio Espinosa Tennis Academy, the venue had yet another connection to Central: Patricio Espinosa is a former Central language assistant and brother of Gabriel Espinosa '79.

▲ The Augie Lugo International Tennis Tournament featured tennis squads from Central College and the Universidad Marista de Mérida. Central alumni, along with friends and family of the late Augie Lugo '84, attended the tournament.



Return to campus to see a completely renovated Douwstra Auditorium during Homecoming, Sept. 28-30.

### SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE UPDATES TO DOUWSTRA

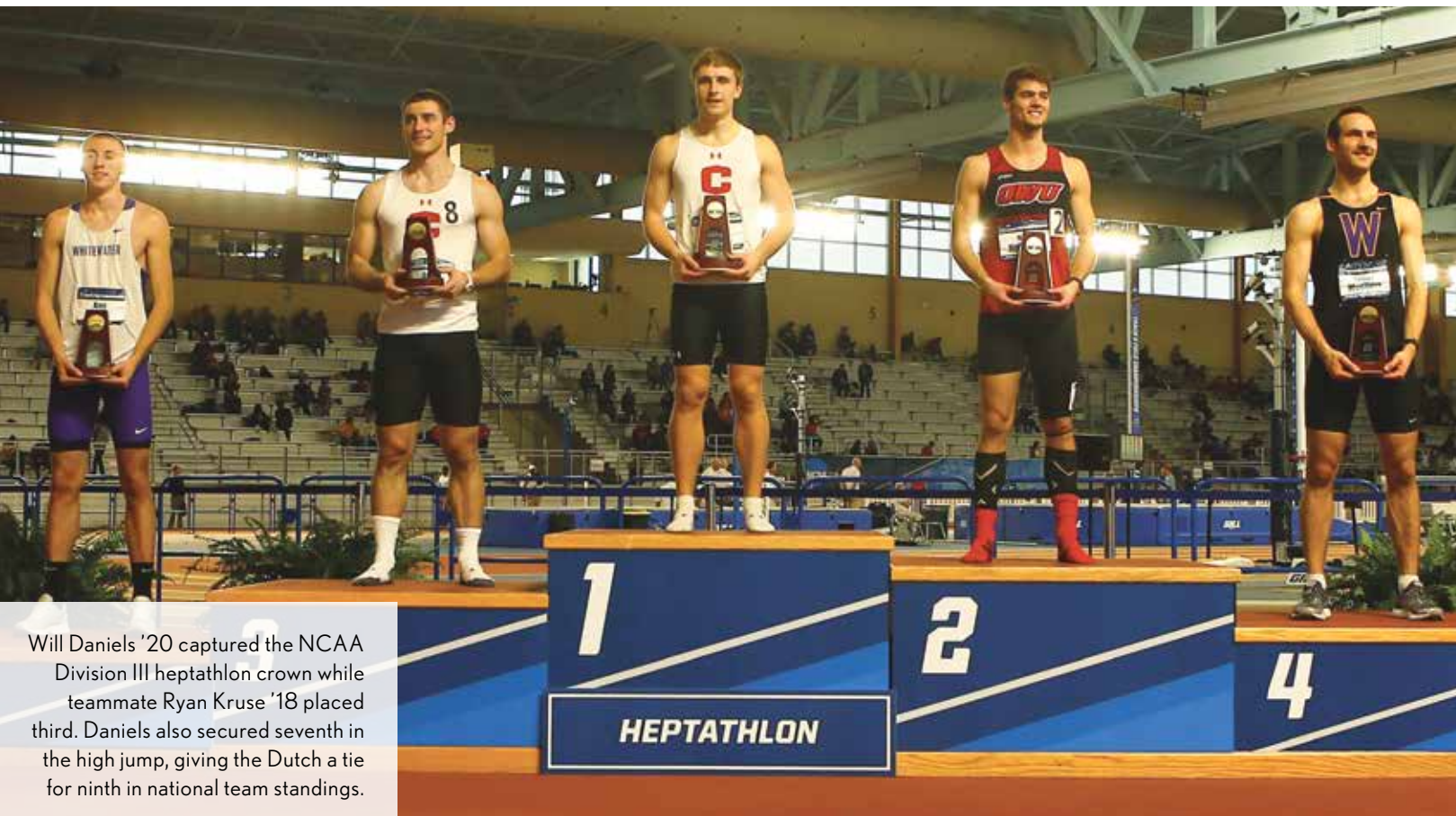
Renovation of historic Douwstra Auditorium continues. Return to campus for a renovation celebration during Homecoming, Sept. 28-30. Get ready for a weekend full of exciting events, including the Lemming Race, annual barbecue, football and a series of special concerts featuring alumni artists. Stay tuned for more details.

Follow progress on Douwstra's renovation, including photo updates, at [blogs.central.edu/Douwstra](https://blogs.central.edu/Douwstra) and learn more at [www.central.edu/douwstra](https://www.central.edu/douwstra).



# NATIONAL CHAMP! CENTRAL'S DANIELS TAKES NCAA HEPTATHALON CROWN

BY LARRY HAPPEL '81



Will Daniels '20 captured the NCAA Division III heptathlon crown while teammate Ryan Kruse '18 placed third. Daniels also secured seventh in the high jump, giving the Dutch a tie for ninth in national team standings.



Mary Gray '21

Adding to Central's distinctive track and field legacy, Will Daniels '20 captured the program's 17th individual NCAA title, taking the heptathlon crown at the Division III indoor meet in Birmingham, Alabama, March 9-10.

Senior teammate Ryan Kruse was third in the event, while Daniels also took seventh in the high jump, vaulting Central to a share of a ninth-place team finish, the program's fourth NCAA indoor top-10 showing.

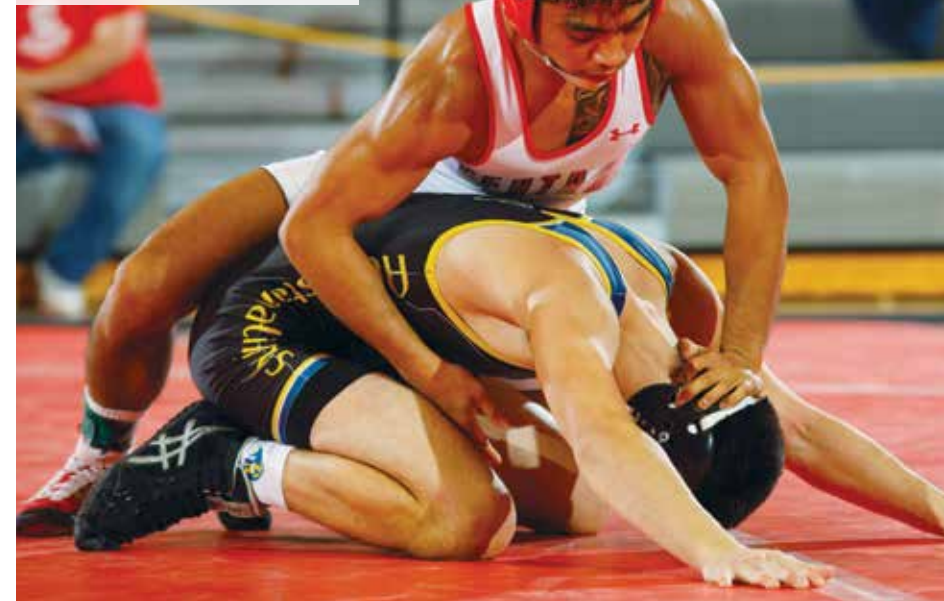
It's Central's seventh NCAA title in the multi-events, and the third indoors. Daniels' 5,287 points rank as the fifth-highest in Division III history. Kruse scored 5,124.

The Dutch made a spirited run at the Iowa Conference indoor team title held at H.S. Kuyper Fieldhouse Feb. 23-24, placing second, seven points behind Dubuque. Central won seven individual events.

The Central women were fifth in the conference meet, highlighted by a 1-2-3 finish by three freshmen in the pentathlon, where Mary Gray '21 took the team's only crown.

FOR MORE CENTRAL ATHLETICS UPDATES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [ATHLETICS.CENTRAL.EDU](http://ATHLETICS.CENTRAL.EDU).

C.J. Pestano '18 was undefeated at 125 pounds in the regular season and finished his career as Central's second three-time all-America honoree.



## PESTANO A THREE-TIME WRESTLING ALL-AMERICAN

C.J. Pestano '18 became the second three-time all-America performer in Central wrestling history with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Division III meet in Cleveland, Ohio, March 9-10.

Pestano spent much of the year ranked No. 1 at 125 pounds after finishing second nationally in 2016 and fourth last year. He was unbeaten until taking an injury default in the Division III regional title match. He was seeded first at the national tournament but, limited by injury, fell in the opening round before battling back with a gritty effort. He closed at 30-4 for a 107-19 career record, ranking eighth on Central's career wins list.

His performance let Central tie for 34th in the team standings.

It was an otherwise youthful squad for Central, which continues its wrestling ascent. Central had two other NCAA qualifiers in Jeremy Vester '19 at 165 pounds and Nathan Fritz '20 at 174. The Dutch will also return Cam Timok '19, who was an all-America honoree at 133 pounds last year but sidelined by injury this season.

Central posted a 6-4 dual mark and finished fourth in the powerful Iowa Conference. The Dutch were among four nationally-ranked league schools.



Emily Dine '18

## DINE SHATTERS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 3-POINT MARK

Guard Emily Dine '18 blew past the Central women's basketball 3-point goals records in coach Joe Steinkamp's first season with the squad.

Dine hit a remarkable 11 three-point shots against Knox College December 29, and set standards for season (82) and career (225). She hit 105 more 3-pointers than any player in program history and averaged 13.4 points for the season.

Meanwhile scrappy forward Jackie Kriegel '18 joined Dine as a second-team all-Iowa Conference honoree. She averaged a league-leading 12.7 rebounds and tied a school mark with 22 boards against Dubuque. She had 10 statistical double-doubles and scored 9.7 points a game.

Central was 7-18 as Steinkamp, who was a long-time Dutch men's assistant, embarks on his turnaround effort.

Jamel McKnight '19



## CENTRAL REACHES THIRD STRAIGHT LEAGUE MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TITLE GAME

Yet another wild Iowa Conference tournament run capped a roller-coaster men's basketball season.

The Dutch (12-16) needed a tiebreaker to claim the final spot in the six-team league tourney, yet bolted to their third title game and their fourth in five years. They extended their tournament road win streak to seven games, knocking off Loras College and Buena Vista University, before racing to a stunning 18-point second-half lead at eventual NCAA champ Nebraska Wesleyan, only to falter 82-78. Central's mark against those three clubs in the regular season was 0-6.

Forward Kyle Smith '18 finished as Central's all-time 3-point goals leader for a season (79) and career (256) and as the sixth-highest career scorer with 1,353 points. He was a first-team all-conference pick while forward Malik Wildermuth '18 and point guard Jamel McKnight '19 were second-team honorees.





CENTRAL SCENE

## IMMIGRATION THROUGH THE LENS OF ART

"Where I come from is jungles filled with jaguars and pythons as thick as a grown man's thigh. ...  
Where I come from ... is tapir and okapi and electric blue butterflies with wings as wide as my arm."

So begins the journey of Anon in Central College's February performance of *Anon(ymous)*  
written by Naomi Iizuka and directed by Mary Jo Sodd, professor of theatre.  
More than 50 students participated in this thoughtful and chilling performance.

Throughout the show, we see hope explored against a backdrop of good and evil, lyrical and real.  
We witness a world where hate serves as a catalyst to find indescribable beauty and love.  
*Anon(ymous)* plays tribute to Homer's *Odyssey* while examining immigration through a cacophony  
of voices, some kind and some dangerous and cruel. People from all over the world have always  
come to America to escape persecution and a better life. Anon is one of those people whose  
journey casts him from his war-torn native land in search of hope and family.

Photo: Dan Vander Beek  
Set: Kate Kanne  
Costumes: Heather Grandprey  
Lighting: Kyran Chavez '18



# CENTRAL DNA

BY DENISE LAMPHIER



## THEY MEET—

the centenarian and the 20-something. These women—two strangers from opposite ends of the generations—connect because they both claim Central College as their alma mater.

Edna Boot Van Zee '31 is a product of the Greatest Generation. Monica Powers '18 is from the generation pundits call GenZ. They are, respectively, Central's oldest known and youngest known living alumnae. Seconds after they meet in the retirement home in Newton, Iowa, where Van Zee lives, they embrace. The hug spans a lifetime.

By the calendar, 85 years separate them. While their worlds are as different as telegrams and Instagram, there is much that melds their moments. In the warmth of a shared love of Central, nothing divides them. Despite the 85-year difference, they share Central DNA.



## GENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Profound changes have occurred in demographics and attitudes about social issues in the eight-plus decades since Van Zee was a student, says Lori Witt, left, associate professor of history.

Van Zee was a child during World War I and lived through the Great Depression. She has seen radical social and technological changes over her lifetime. For Powers, the nation's first African-

American president is more a fact of life than a historic event. Her generation enjoys freedoms Van Zee could not have imagined.

Powers' generation—the newest—has faced global tension, school violence and the mortgage crisis. She was just 4 years old when 9-11 occurred. She always has lived in a world with the Internet and, as a result, is a digital native. She never has lived in a time before TV existed like Van Zee did.

Yet, despite their differences, the two have more in common than might be expected. Both grew up in turbulent and changing times, in a world marked with hardships, global conflict and economic adversity. Of course, they are both women, too.

"In the 1930s, Edna was a bit ahead of her time as a woman in college. For both Monica and Edna, college provided them options they otherwise would never have. Today it is much more common to have women get college degrees," says Witt, who will be spending the 2018-19 academic year on sabbatical writing a book-length history of Central College.

While it is true every generation has unique expectations, history and lifestyles, it is also true a Central experience transcends time. Whether it is 1931 or 2018, memories are made here and Central delivers on its inspiring proposition of helping students discover and develop their greatest potentials. Read on as these remarkable alumnae talk about their years at Central College.



**EDNA BOOT  
VAN ZEE '31**

## THE GREATEST GENERATION

**Birthdate:** January 20, 1912

**Hometown:** Mitchellville, Iowa

**Family:** Van Zee was the daughter of a farmer. She and her twin sister, Ellen Boot Donaldson '31, came to Central together. Donaldson died when the twins were 98. The Boot family sent most of their six children to Central.

**Major:** Teaching



**MONICA  
POWERS '18**

## GEN Z

**Birthdate:** September 10, 1997

**Hometown:** Creston, Iowa

**Family:** Powers' father is a funeral home director. Her mother is a superintendent at a Christian school. She has three sisters, all of whom are attending college.

**Major:** Communication Studies and Sociology

## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE CENTRAL COLLEGE?

**EDNA:** "I love Central."

**MONICA:** "I love it here. I always knew I would be at Central. I like the small-town community feeling and it was close but not too close to home."

## WHAT WERE YOUR PROFESSORS LIKE?

**EDNA:** "We went to Professor Liggett's house and he taught us how to make chocolate candy and play the piano."

**MONICA:** "In the communication studies department, we went on an annual cookout with the faculty. My advisor, Shelley-Jean Bradfield, has been one of the most influential people to me."

## WHAT DORM(S) DID YOU LIVE IN AND WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT IT?

**EDNA:** "We lived in Graham Hall. The boys all roomed in houses because Cotton Hall had burned. Central had strict standards for dress and conduct. Chapel attendance was required at 9:30 a.m. every day. If you did not attend, a report went to your parents. Dancing was not allowed. It was a sin. We would serve as lookout for friends who would dance in the parlor. We had to be in bed at 10 p.m. A hall monitor would check our rooms. We would stuff paper by the door so it would look dark."

**MONICA:** "I lived in every single female dorm: Scholte, Gaass and Graham. Gaass was my favorite. I met some of my best friends in the dorms."

## HOW DID YOU PAY FOR YOUR TUITION?

**EDNA:** "We were just fortunate our father could send us. Central was different then. We were there in hard times. My dad was wealthy enough he could send twin daughters."

**MONICA:** "My dad is helping me pay for college. I also received an academic scholarship."





WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY THAT OCCURRED WHILE AT CENTRAL?

**EDNA:** “My sister, Ellen, and I came back to campus from a weekend at home. We parked in our garage, which was about a block away from our dorm. We saw two boys we were crazy about. They were waiting for us and asked us to go for a ride. We stopped in Oskaloosa and got ice cream. That was so much fun.”

**MONICA:** “During my first year here, I celebrated my birthday in September. Twenty of my friends threw a surprise party and gave me a scooter to get around campus. Then they carried me to the pond and threw me in.”

WHAT WERE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FOODS IN PELLA?

**EDNA:** “We had the best food. On Tuesday mornings the cook made graham muffins. She also made pies and they were just incredible. We’d have cherry pie and snow pie, whose ingredients were sugar, boiling water and egg whites all whipped together. We also had roasts, chicken and mashed potatoes and gravy. Everything was good. Sometimes we would go to a restaurant on the east side. I remember going there for dinner and having bologna and bread.”

**MONICA:** “I usually ate at Central Market. The food was pretty good. I love dessert and they have these curly fries I really like. I also loved going to El Charro and my friends and I enjoyed half-priced appetizers at Applebee’s.”

DID YOU HAVE A JOB WHILE YOU WERE A STUDENT?

**EDNA:** “No. Ellen and I envied the kids who would go down and wash the dishes. They got 10 cents an hour.”

**MONICA:** “I worked in the café in the library making coffee for \$9 an hour. I also worked in the admissions department.”

WHAT ACTIVITIES KEPT YOU BUSY?

**EDNA:** “My twin sister and I tried out for Glee Club, but neither of us could sing well enough. We belonged to Delphi Society and we always had a program after supper.”

**MONICA:** “I was active in Campus Ministries, InterVarsity, Students Against Human Trafficking and Dance Marathon.



Van Zee shares pictures of her twin sister, Ellen Boot Donaldson '31.

I also volunteered at Third Church and led a bible study for sixth-grade girls.”

TALK ABOUT CENTRAL'S HOMECOMING DURING YOUR STUDENT DAYS.

**EDNA:** “We would go to the football games, but we didn’t have homecoming then.”

**MONICA:** “Every year I participated in the Lemming Race. My friends and I dressed up and jumped in the pond. We also had a barbecue outside with alumni. It was a lot of fun.”

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR FUN AS A STUDENT?

**EDNA:** “In the spring, we would all clean up the college yard and we would play tug of war. We would also go to ball games and other happenings at the college.”

**MONICA:** “I loved to go on walks at Red Rock. I’m a people person so I liked hanging out with my friends. Sometimes we would swing at the wooden park.”

DID YOU HAVE A CAR?

**EDNA:** “My sister and I had a Chevy. We called it Scatterbolts. We would drive home on Fridays. Dad wanted

us to come home so we could play the piano at church on Sundays. The other girls envied us going home on weekends because the kids that stayed vied for washing machines.”

**MONICA:** “I loved having a car here. It gave me different options. I liked driving to Red Rock and making a trip to Des Moines was always fun.”

WHAT WERE YOUR CAREER PLANS WHILE YOU ATTENDED CENTRAL?

**EDNA:** “My first salary was \$85 per month at a country school in Prairie City. Life shifted to domestic pursuits after marrying Bill Van Zee, a Prairie City farmer, and having two children.”

**MONICA:** “I’m exploring my options. I didn’t go abroad while I was a student, so I have applied for a nanny position in Italy. I’ve also considered working in hospital communications.”

YOUR REACTION ABOUT BEING THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST CENTRAL COLLEGE ALUMNAE?

**EDNA:** “I still can’t believe that I’m 106. You know, I still color my hair.”

**MONICA:** “I can’t believe it.”

# ADULTING 101

## Practical Wisdom for Being A Grown-Up

BY MARIN HARRINGTON '21

If you ask any college student what preoccupies them on a typical day, the answers probably will range from the 10-page paper that needs to be completed by tomorrow to wondering what’s for dessert.

College is such a hectic universe in itself—full of exams and classes and extracurriculars—that it’s easy to forget about the future beyond the nearest weekend. Enter Central’s Adulting 101: Career Wellness Conference, coordinated by the student development/wellness and career/professional development offices. The day-long program Saturday, Feb. 17, provided students with insights into the ways of the world—so they can go out into the world on their own.

Adulting 101 consisted of various panels and workshops featuring experts and alumni panelists, each focusing on a different aspect of adulthood. Read on for a few pointers on how to live successfully in the real world. And, yeah, don’t forget to eat your peas.

ALUMNI ADVICE



INTERNSHIPS



JOB SEARCH





## ADULTING 101 | February 2018

Recent Central graduates formed an alumni panel that discussed life after Central. The panel addressed job searching, living independently, financial realities and the first few months on the job. Pictured (L – R): Mitchell Phipps '17, Jessica Butters '17, Beth Dillon '17, Katie Douglas '17, Aaron Anderson '16, Evan Fischer '16 and Collin Strickland '17.

### ALUMNI ADVICE

More than 70 students attended the Adulting 101 program in February. The program offered practical details for students about what to expect after graduation.

#### 1 THERE'S NO ONE RIGHT WAY TO SEARCH FOR A JOB.

Some people enlist hiring companies like Aerotech or Midwest Professional Staffing to aid their search. Others rely on building a system of connections through job fairs, alumni contacts or faculty referrals. Central's career development office posts jobs online and forwards announcements directly to students according to their major. In the end, students need to enlist a variety of strategies to discover opportunities, use their network to aid in searching and follow up on all leads.

#### 2 INTERVIEW ONLY AS YOURSELF.

Knowing about the company you're interviewing with is important, but so is personality and passion. Interviewers know that no one they hire goes into a job with all the necessary skills perfected. What matters is that you bring your own passion to the table and are the kind of dependable, authentic person with whom people want to work.

#### 3 WHEN DONE RIGHT, SOCIAL MEDIA CAN HELP YOU.

If your social media is littered with photos of some less-than-stellar college decisions, your job prospects might be shot, no matter how impressive your résumé. A polished social media presence can do no harm. For entrepreneurs, social media is a way to create a personal brand. Sites such as LinkedIn can provide connections to like-minded career professionals across the globe. Use social media to show just how professional, technically savvy *and* interesting you are.

#### 4 RELIANCE ON OTHERS IS NOT A WEAKNESS.

Adulthood is a process. Living alone is expensive, especially when you're also paying for student loans. Living at home or with roommates at the start of a career does not diminish your hard work. Sometimes, it's better to have a sensible start and gradually build independence than to get in over your head by trying to go it alone.

#### 5 OWN YOUR IGNORANCE.

The work world is an entirely new place. Being around a group of coworkers from a larger demographic might be difficult, especially as the new person who knows the least. Rather than trying to keep up, take a step back and listen. As an employee, be patient and willing to learn your duties well, and ask questions about your progress and how you can best contribute. Slowly discover your role as a team member and how others function.

"Build and maintain a strong professional network now because that network will work for you later."

– Mitchell Phipps '17, financial analyst, Technical Solutions and Services Inc.

"What makes me happy at work is that what I'm doing makes a difference. If it doesn't make a difference in your heart, then my question for you is why are you doing it?"

– Collin Strickland '17, park ranger, Benton County Conservation

"The best thing you can offer in the future is what you have learned and the skills you've gained from your experiences because that makes you unique."

– Evan Fischer '16, event coordinator, Hoyt Sherman Place



Sara Shugar Fox, assistant professor of exercise science, hands out samples in the Adulting 101 session "Real Food for Real Life." This session featured healthy and simple recipes, tips for shopping and cooking for one and advice on packing affordable and healthy lunches.

### LEARNING ON THE JOB

Internships—short-term supervised work experiences—allow students to immerse themselves within a specific company. They offer students the opportunity to either learn what they want to do for a career—or realize what they *don't* want to do. Here are just some of the ways Central offers its support:



Once students declare majors, they automatically will be emailed notifications of major-specific internships.



There is a Central alumni network on the college's LinkedIn page. Students can see where and in what fields alumni work, allowing them to proactively connect to potential internships across the country.



Central has relationships with 150 nonprofits and an even greater number of for-profit employers in a 60-mile radius, allowing immense diversity in internship opportunities for students.



Some internships also can be completed for academic credit under the guidance of a site supervisor, faculty supervisor and the center for community-based learning. Contact Jessica Klyn de Novelo at [klynj@central.edu](mailto:klynj@central.edu) to learn more about internships or to tell us about an internship opportunity.

**"STUDENTS ARE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN ENDING UP WITH A FABULOUS INTERNSHIP BY BOTH APPLYING FOR A POSITION THAT THEY SEE POSTED AND BY CONTACTING A COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION THEY'RE INTERESTED IN THEMSELVES."**

– Jessica Klyn de Novelo, associate director of community-based learning and director of internships

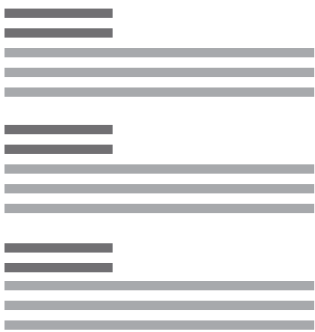
"Job searching is like juggling—lots of balls in the air at times. Talking up your job search to people who can help you is an ongoing part of the process."

– Pat Joachim Kitzman, director of career and professional development

### DO RÉSUMÉS MATTER?

- A good résumé is what gets you an interview. That interview will hopefully lead to a job offer.
- It's a way to advertise your qualifications, and you get complete control over what you market.
- Tailor your résumé and cover letter for each job. Focusing on the specific skills required for the position shows the reader that you've done your homework.
- Employers scan résumés looking for eye-popping details, so begin bullet points with action verbs and keep them snappy. Don't be afraid to boldly proclaim your talents.
- Setting yourself apart from the crowd on paper is more possible than you might think.

### YOUR RÉSUMÉS





# FROM DUTCH TO DREAM

BY CHELSEA TOPPIN '12

## IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE

that Chris Weaver '10, a contestant on a recent season of NBC's "The Voice," a man with an insane gift for singing, was a music major while at Central College—except he wasn't.

**CHRIS WEAVER '10 WILL PERFORM  
ON CAMPUS AT HOMECOMING  
FRIDAY, SEPT. 28. BE THERE!**

"I took one music theory class my freshman year and I just hated every second," Weaver says. "I love to sing, but I realized I didn't need a degree in music to perform."

Weaver pursued multiple courses at Central. He eventually created his own general studies major. Looking back, he feels his major captures the spirit of the college and himself.

"My interests have always varied. At Central, I was able to explore who I was as a person—and not just in the classroom," he says. "I was involved in every music ensemble at Central as well as with the London Community Gospel Choir while I was abroad in London."

His tenure in Central's jazz vocal combos ignited his passion for songwriting and turned his life to performing.



Weaver performs at Central as a student.

"It was during preparations for a combos concert that Sonny Cutler '09, the piano player, and I decided to write a song," Weaver explains. "I wasn't prepared for the impact it had on my fellow students. We received amazing feedback. It was at Central I decided that performing was what I wanted to pursue."

Gabriel Espinosa '79, associate professor of music, applauds his former student for the success he has made.

"The moment Chris sang for the first time, I asked him what he wanted to do with his voice. He said, 'I want to make a living with this voice,'" Espinosa says. "This was eight to 10 years ago. He has worked very hard for his dreams—that's what you have to do—and he has grown immensely since then."

## LISTEN NOW

### "The Voice" 2017 Blind Audition:

[www.civitas.central.edu/audition](http://www.civitas.central.edu/audition)

### "The Voice" 2017 Finale: "Bang Bang" with Stephanie's Child and Jessie J:

[www.civitas.central.edu/finale](http://www.civitas.central.edu/finale)

### READY FOR THE STAGE

After graduating from Central, Weaver was ready to conquer the music industry. He didn't know exactly where he wanted to be or what he wanted to do, he just knew it needed to involve music.

"I got a job at Subway," he laughs. He also landed an internship as a worship leader at Hope Church in Des Moines with the help of John Cheatem (Mero), who would later find himself on the same season of "The Voice" as Weaver.

Meanwhile, a friend suggested Weaver try performing in drag after seeing him dress up as Tyler Perry's Madea for Halloween.

"It is a creative outlet, and a lot of fun to be on stage," Weaver says of performing as his drag persona, the gorgeous and sassy Nedra Belle.

And then came the defining moment of his career: "The Voice," America's top singing competition. The show's format features five stages of competition: the first begins with the blind auditions, then the battle rounds, knockouts, playoffs and, finally, the live performance shows.

"I went to open call auditions twice, once in Chicago and once in New York," Weaver says.

Weaver was selected to perform in the first television rounds. He wowed the judges with his performance of "Try a Little Tenderness," earning the first "four-chair turn" of the season. All four judges—Adam Levine, Blake Shelton, Miley Cyrus and Jennifer Hudson—wanted Weaver to join their teams.

**"WHEN HE PERFORMS, IT JUST CAN'T BE MISSED."  
—JENNIFER HUDSON, SINGER**



## WHAT OTHERS SAY

"Weaver may have been eliminated during the playoff rounds, but his performance proved he has a star power to be reckoned with and is as fabulous as they come."

— **BILLBOARD**

"As an educator, you want to find students with love for music that comes from the heart. Chris is one that has said, 'This is my life.' You can see that in him, and it brings me so much happiness."

— **GABRIEL ESPINOSA '79**

"I know what you're thinking, we all watched 'The Voice' last night...the winner was Chloe Kohanski. I mean, technically, yes, but who the REAL winner was...NEDRA BELLE also known as Chris Weaver from Team J-Hud."

— **TALENT RECAP**

When he performed at the blind audition in front of "The Voice" judges, he just "blurted out to America" that he is a worship leader by day and drag queen by night.

Weaver continued to impress the judges over several performances, including a cover of "I Put a Spell on You" in the knockout rounds. He was eventually dropped from Jennifer Hudson's team, narrowly missing the top 12.

"I continue to be inspired by the show," Weaver says. "I had an amazing experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am so thankful to have made it as far as I did."

### HE'LL PUT A SPELL ON YOU

While that was the end of "The Voice" for Weaver, it was just the beginning for Nedra Belle. Producers invited Belle to perform on the season finale, making the artist the only contestant to be invited back to perform in a finale in 13 seasons.

The surprises didn't end there.

"It wasn't until the last minute that we were told that during the performance Jessie J would be singing 'Bang Bang' with us," Weaver says.

The reviews poured in and they were overwhelmingly positive.

"There is nothing like performing on a live stage like 'The Voice,'" Weaver says. "Some part of me wondered how a drag performance would go over, and thankfully, there has been very little negativity. I was shocked and wonderfully surprised to see such support for me and what I do."

Since performing on "The Voice," Weaver's life in New York City has boomed. He continues performing weekly and serving as a worship leader. But Weaver has clearly stepped into the world of fame. Now armed with an agent, he gets plenty of gigs. He sees Broadway and touring as options, but the future is still up in the air. What has become quite evident to him, though, is that the magic that started on "The Voice" persists.

"I was so honored to represent the LGBTQ community during my time on 'The Voice,'" Weaver says. "My performances opened up a conversation across the country. I am humbled I could be a part of that."



# DEGREES OF ENGINEERING

BY CINDY DEPPE

CENTRAL'S FIRST ENGINEERING GRADUATES WERE AMONG THE MORE THAN 320 NEW ACCOUNTANTS, TEACHERS, CHEMISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND TRAINERS WHO GRADUATED FROM CENTRAL COLLEGE MAY 19. THE ENGINEERING GRADUATES ARE THE FIRST FROM THE COLLEGE'S NEW MAJOR PROGRAM LAUNCHED IN 2015.

For many years, Central students interested in engineering first earned degrees in physics or mathematics before continuing to graduate school to complete master's degrees in engineering. By offering the engineering major at the undergraduate level, Central allows students to complete and compete in four years, instead of five in the traditional 3-2 engineering programs.

Central's four-year engineering program addresses the recruitment and retention interests of students and families and the bigger-picture issue of supporting the need for graduates in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"We knew when committing to the program that there were increasing levels of student interest in engineering. What Central adds is that we are small and the right fit for someone who wants to attend college at a place with more interaction with faculty as a capstone to their academic career," says President Mark Putnam, who also serves on the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council Executive Committee.

"The students we've brought in are adding to the campus community because they are talented and want to be in a place like Central College. They do not want to be denied an experience of exploration and discovery," he adds.

CORY McCLEARY '18



JACOB CHALLENG '18



CHRISTIAN DANIEL '19



**Cory McCleary '18, Jacob Challen '18 and Christian Daniel '19 are the first students in Central's engineering program.**

McCleary came to Central from Linwood, Kansas, believing he would participate in a traditional 3-2 engineering program, which allows students to attend a liberal arts college for three years and obtain a bachelor's degree in a major like physics. After the third year, participants in a 3-2 program transfer to a partner engineering school for an additional two years to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering. With Central's new major, McCleary was able to fulfill his dream of an engineering degree without transferring. In June, he will begin work in Kansas City in mechanical design for Kiewit, an international construction and engineering company.

Challen was interested in engineering but not the five-year commitment, so the original physics major switched immediately to engineering, saving him a full year of tuition yet allowing him to participate in athletics and other campus activities.

Daniel transferred to Central from the University of Oklahoma, a large public institution where he would have had a five-year curriculum. Since arriving at Central as a second-year student, Daniel has completed an internship at Vermeer in Pella and is currently studying in Mexico where he is an intern for Vermeer Equipment de México.

These student examples—and many more that will emerge as the program grows—speak to the college's long-standing success in related programs such as physics and mathematics. In fact, all physics faculty, graduates themselves of renowned domestic and international institutions, also teach in the engineering program.

## ENGINEERING IN THE LIBERAL ARTS

With emphasis on mechanical and electrical engineering, the engineering program includes coursework in electronics, thermodynamics, materials and dynamic systems and physics and mathematics. The program culminates with a two-semester Capstone Design course.

Classrooms and laboratories in Vermeer Science Center plus a new design studio and electrical and mechanical engineering labs in Peace Hall, are equipped to support both coursework and independent studies.

"Our students have direct access to teaching equipment as undergraduates," says Viktor Martisovits, associate professor of physics. "Our equipment is designed for teaching, not research. Whatever we have or will get, other engineering schools have, too."

"There is significant, intentional overlap between physics and engineering majors. Engineering requires physics and while physics doesn't require engineering, courses can be taken as electives," he says. "Prospective students often ask questions about which route they should take. We can be flexible, especially in their first two years where the programs are pretty much the same. This allows us to keep their options open."

Central's engineering program "is a mix of mechanical and electrical engineering. The final year brings together what may be called control engineering," Martisovits says. "The program coursework can be supplemental for those who want to expand into graduate programs in other engineering areas."

Being grounded in the liberal arts also makes the engineering program stronger.

**"STUDENTS GAIN SKILLS IN CRITICAL THINKING, WRITING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING, WHICH ARE IMPORTANT, TRANSFERABLE SKILLS IN ENGINEERING TODAY." – VIKTOR MARTISOVITS**

Puneet Vishwakarma, lecturer in physics, previously taught in a pre-engineering program in Florida. He concurs with Martisovits.

"Central's program is as rigorous as any other. The capstone design course is comparable in intensity to engineering universities. The internship opportunities are accessible and provide excellent hands-on experience," Vishwakarma says.



Christian Daniel '19 takes a break on the fender of a Vermeer wood chipper during his Mexico internship.

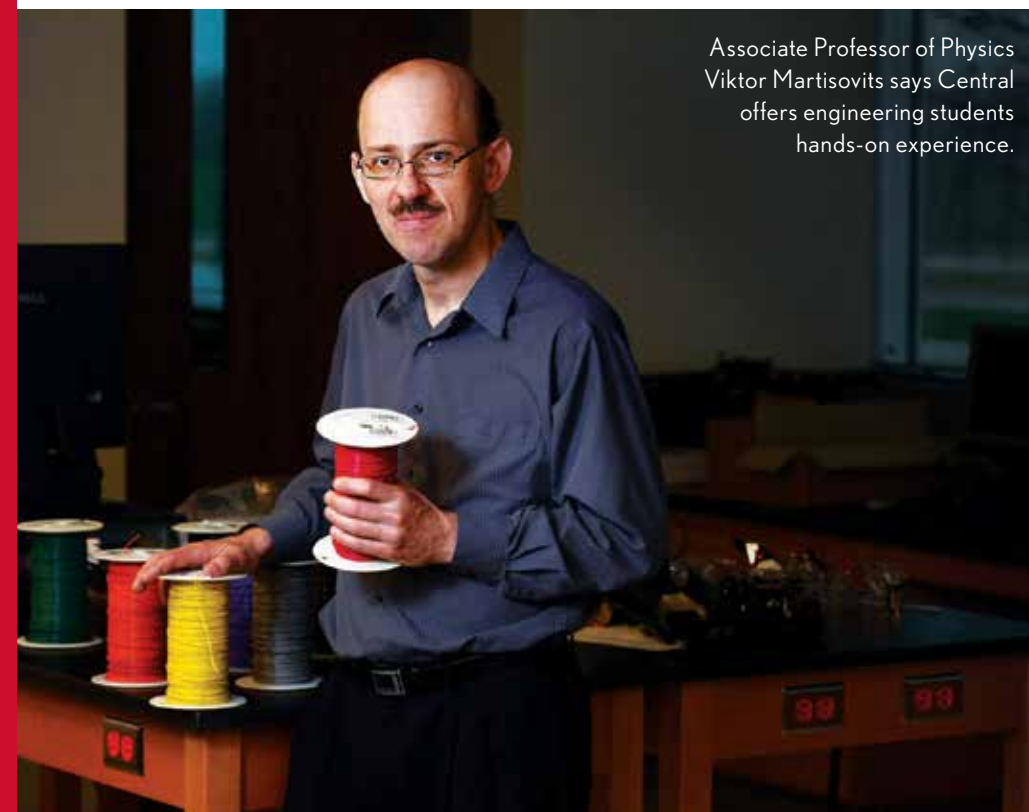
## PRACTICAL PARTNERS: REAL WORLD PROJECTS FOR REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Central strongly encourages engineering students to complete internships and/or co-ops at local, national and international locations. In fact, corporate partnerships have contributed to the program's rapid growth.

When the engineering program was announced just three years ago, three local, global corporations—Pella Corporation, Precision Pulley & Idler (PPI) and Vermeer Corporation—stepped up to support future engineers by offering real-world projects and internships, supporting teaching, sharing equipment and providing funding.

"The corporate community has been enthusiastic," Putnam says. "Corporate partners tell us, 'We know what comes out of Central. Central graduates think critically, communicate well and know how to be part of a team.' At Central, you are not only with other engineering students all the time. You might be playing a sport or serving on student government. These opportunities help create something much bigger. That is the outcome a place like Vermeer is looking for—engineers who are technically competent but also have the full measure of a liberal arts education."

By partnering with local engineering companies, Central students can work on real-world engineering examples, not just classroom models.



Associate Professor of Physics Viktor Martisovits says Central offers engineering students hands-on experience.



Leon Durivage, senior engineering manager at Vermeer, volunteered to supervise this year's senior capstone project based on his previous experience working with University of Minnesota engineering students. He proposed three project options for McCleary and Challen to choose from.

"I play two major roles in working with students—one, to act as the customer for the product by helping the students define and refine the product requirements, and two, as an engineering manager, advising them on design and helping them to make connections with other engineers and technologies," Durivage says.

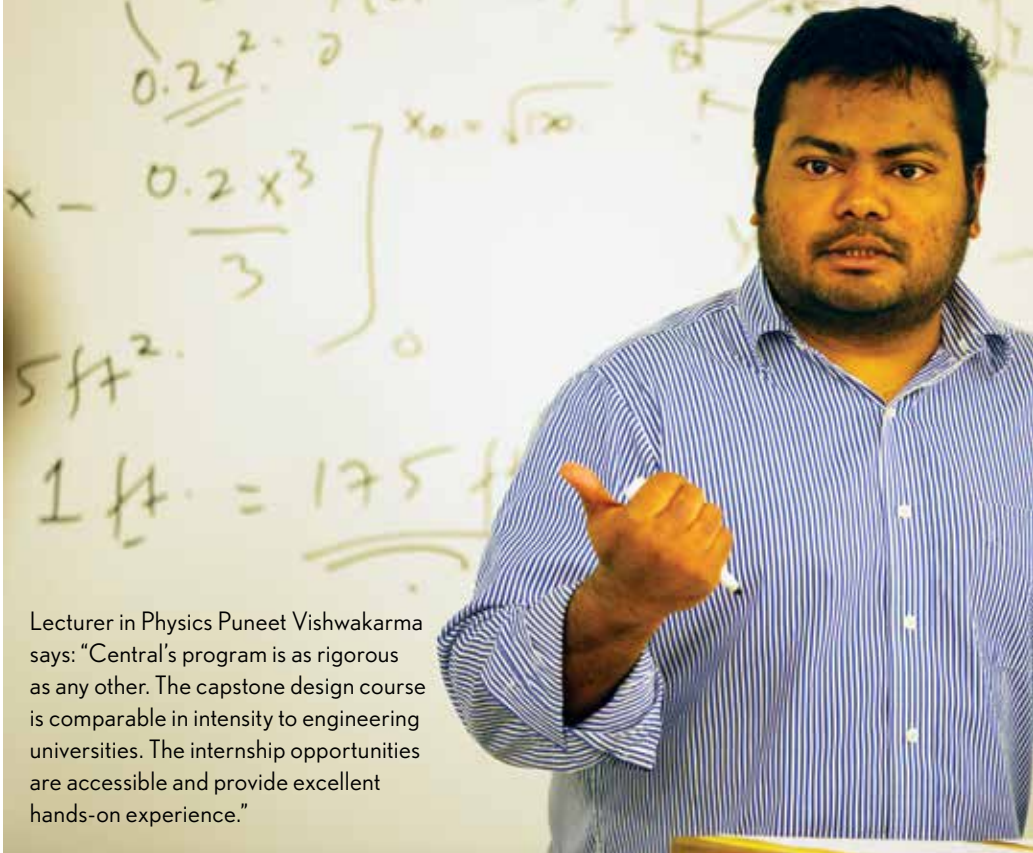
"My goal is for them to understand the realities of making tradeoffs in business, such as trading off time, features and cost, and for them to apply their engineering skills developing a product based on requirements like they would in business," he says.

Durivage and Vishwakarma meet with students weekly to monitor plans and progress.

"This was part of Vermeer's initial commitment to the partnership, to have on-site engineer instruction. This is how engineering works in the real world. All good engineering programs have similar models of bringing an engineer on site," Martisovits says.

**"THE ROI FOR VERMEER IS IN EARLY INFLUENCE AND ACCESS TO TOP ENGINEERING TALENT POSITIVE ABOUT THE PELLA COMMUNITY. WE ALSO SEE A BENEFIT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ENGINEERING LEADERS/ADVISORS IN MENTORING."**

Mike Byram, vice president of product development, Vermeer Corporation



Lecturer in Physics Puneet Vishwakarma says: "Central's program is as rigorous as any other. The capstone design course is comparable in intensity to engineering universities. The internship opportunities are accessible and provide excellent hands-on experience."



Daniel's chance to see how Vermeer's equipment performed in the field was an informative experience during his internship in Mexico.

## PROOF OF CONCEPT: STUDENTS

Christian Daniel '19 of Iowa City, transferred to Central from the University of Oklahoma before the second semester of his second year. Since then, he's become involved in A Cappella Choir, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Central Students for Life, ALIVE Catholic Ministries and Drone Club.

He's also completed a semester-long paid internship at Vermeer in Pella where he worked on research projects for administration and operations, developing metrics "on how to better design-efficient ways for workers to accomplish daily tasks," he says.

Study-abroad opportunities were also among the Central attractions for Daniel. He chose to study in Yucatán, where he's now involved as an intern for Vermeer Mexico.

"The Vermeer Mexico location is not a plant but a distributorship, so all of our work is after the manufacturing process, focusing on renting, selling, customer service,



Daniel, center, with his Vermeer Mexico internship hosts.

maintenance and repairs," Daniel says. "I have been going on trips throughout the state of Yucatán visiting clients of Vermeer for rentals and repairs and learning about

why Vermeer products are needed. I am always working with another employee because otherwise the language barrier would make it difficult to communicate."

Cory McCleary '18 came to Central to major in physics, with plans to return home to Kansas University to complete his final two years in engineering. He wanted to play football and wrestle so the smaller college had appeal. He also participated in Physics Club and helped start the Engineering Club.

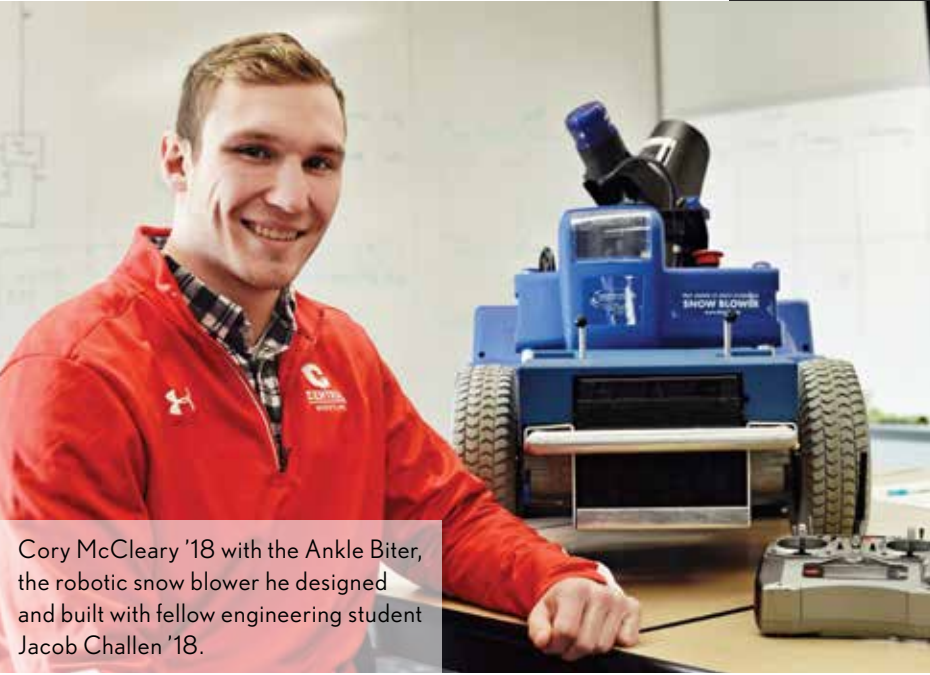
"Engineering is the most challenging thing I've ever done," he says. "Engineering is understanding every detail of every part of every process that makes anything work. It's complicated, but awesome to learn what 95 percent of people don't know."

Through his studies, McCleary has learned that engineering is not all hands-on.

"You are often handing off calculations and paperwork to a drafter or designer or technician who will do the hands-on. If you want more hands-on, then you should probably look into alternative professions," he says.

McCleary took his own advice and spent last summer as a mechanical design intern at Kiewit in Kansas City. As soon as the internship was over, Kiewit offered him a full-time position, which he will start in June.

"The biggest thing I've learned is that just because something works in your head or on



Cory McCleary '18 with the Ankle Biter, the robotic snow blower he designed and built with fellow engineering student Jacob Challen '18.

paper doesn't mean it works in real life. I've learned from mistakes. Failure is the best way to know you're making progress. I have learned that there is always a solution, it just may take a handful of tries to find it. My new job is the perfect fit for me. I may pursue a graduate degree later but right

now, I want a break from school," he says.

McCleary teamed up with fellow engineering student Jacob Challen '18 for their capstone project to build a remote-controlled snow blower under the supervision of Durivage and Vishwakarma.

CORY McCLEARY

CHRISTIAN DANIEL





Jacob Challen '18 says designing and building the robotic snow blower was "one of the high points of my college career."

**Jacob Challen '18** from Jefferson, Iowa, knew Central had a well-respected physics program with small classes. He assumed he would transfer to Iowa State University's 3-2 engineering program.

"Engineering was my main goal, but I decided five years was too much. I could save money by doing the Central program in four years. Engineering here is high-level, demanding and technical. The professors will challenge you in areas

where you maybe aren't the strongest but they want you to learn and succeed. I have definitely felt the benefit of getting personal, one-on-one time with professors," Challen says.

The strength of Central's engineering program was confirmed for Challen last summer when he tutored Iowa State engineering students while taking summer classes. He tutored student-athletes who needed to catch up after being overloaded

during their sports season. That's a challenge Challen could appreciate since he participated in wrestling his first two years but chose to focus on academics once he switched his major.

"It was cool to have another view of what we're taught and how it's covered. I was surprised that we were all getting the same level of education. It was confirmation that I made the right decision to be at Central with small classes," he says.

His tutoring experience may also influence his future.

"I've been told I'd be a good teacher but I'm not sure yet if I will pursue that with grad school. I'm taking a gap year to get work experience in electrical engineering, which is what I want to do. Having the combination of mechanical and electrical here makes us more versatile. We don't have to specialize. With the future in industry having more robotics, Central's combination is the best for getting hired," Challen says.

Challen, like McCleary, says the capstone design course "has been one of the high points of my college career—getting to apply all you've learned, dive in deeper to what you are learning, literally building on your knowledge is one of the coolest things."

## CAPPING THE CAPSTONE

The senior-level capstone design project is a two-semester course intended to mimic what it's like to find an engineering solution to a real-world problem.

Vermeer engineer Leon Durivage presented McCleary and Challen with three project options:

- A hand crank bike that emphasized mechanical engineering (McCleary's choice because of his background and hands-on interest).
- A sun tracking system for a solar panel that emphasized electrical engineering (Challen's choice because of his interest in electronics).
- A remote-controlled snow blower that emphasized both mechanical and electrical engineering principles.

The pair compromised and chose the snow blower project. Each had the opportunity to work in his area of interest. With weekly guidance from Durivage and Vishwakarma, the students worked together to build the Ankle Biter, their nickname for the remote-controlled snow blower.

"The capstone project was building a prototype for proof of concept," McCleary says. "We altered purchased products and modified the robotics."

The students first purchased a manual snow blower and began to add parts—some recycled, some purchased and some from a motorized wheelchair. The resulting Ankle Biter is run by two 12-volt batteries and a microcontroller that "talks" to the machine.

"It should run for 60 minutes at two miles per hour and will easily clear a 50-foot by 10-foot driveway with one charge," McCleary explains. "Based on what we have in it, it would retail for \$700-800," not accounting for their labor costs.

McCleary and Challen determined the product development schedule and met weekly with Durivage and Vishwakarma who offered guidance on technical issues, assessed design progress and monitored performance. Vermeer also offered equipment use as part of the partnership.

"The design is all done on campus in the design studio in Peace Hall,"



Challen and McCleary carry the Ankle Biter outside before demonstrating it to Central's senior leadership team.



Mark Putnam, president, and Tom Johnson, vice president for finance, try their hand at maneuvering the Ankle Biter via remote control.

**"CENTRAL COLLEGE HAS BUILT A REPUTATION FOR ATTRACTING AND PRODUCING SKILLED, MOTIVATED AND WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS. THE CURRICULUM MATCHES MANY OF THE NEEDS PPI HAS FOR ENGINEERING SKILLS USED IN THE COMPANY. IN ADDITION, THE FLEXIBILITY TO USE LAB EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE TIME IS APPRECIATED. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER CENTRAL COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR INTERNSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE."**

- Tim Wolf, vice president of engineering, Precision Pulley & Idler (PPI)

Vishwakarma says. "The intellectual build is here on campus but sometimes the physical build may be at industry or other locations."

"Ultimately, we want to hire graduates of this program. The capstone project makes them hireable. Our goal as a company is to

hire top talent, so it's good for us to share our knowledge too," Durivage says.

The joint project also had another outcome: The two friends enjoyed working together to solve a real-world problem.

"We're pretty proud of it," Challen says.



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## JOURNEY

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**NAME:** Elyse Lubbers '18  
**MAJOR:** Elementary Education  
**HOMETOWN:** Lake Crystal, Minnesota

### CAREER PLANS?

I have accepted a job as a first-grade teacher at Winterset Elementary School in Winterset, Iowa. I look forward to having my own classroom!

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR MAJOR?

Making an impact in the local community school district. Building relationships with the education faculty at Central as well as local educators and students is an additional bonus!

### HOW ARE YOU FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION?

I am fortunate to have received many generous scholarships and grants, including the Journey Scholarship. These scholarships and grants have afforded me the opportunity to attend Central and receive a one-of-a-kind educational experience!

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CENTRAL TRADITION?

The Breakfast of Champions. I love seeing faculty, staff and students enjoy each other's company prior to a long week of testing. Plus, who doesn't like donuts at 10 p.m.?

### WHY IS CENTRAL SPECIAL?

The Central experience guides you to places you want to go, pushes you to be your best and prepares you to conquer life after college. While at Central, I have made unforgettable memories, developed relationships I will foster for a lifetime and earned a prestigious education. Central College is a special place to be.

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## NEWSNOTES

### THE '50s

For information about **Arlys Van Zee Verdoorn '56** and **Bob Verdoorn '56**, see the '10s.

### THE '60s

For information about **Shirley Tuinstra Verdoorn '61** and **Don "Butch" Verdoorn '60**, see the '10s.

### THE '70s

For information about **Thom Summitt '74**, **Janice Decker Verdoorn '75**, **Tom Verdoorn '75**, **George Wares '76** and **Patty Joy Price '78**, see the '10s.

**Elaine Johnson '72** retired after 14 years at the University of Baltimore, where she taught and was director of graduate programs in counseling psychology. She is a psychologist in private practice in Columbia, Maryland. Elaine and husband, Tim James, plan to retire to State College, Pennsylvania, in the near future.

**Rich Schleier '72** is senior pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Mesa, Arizona, where he lives with wife **Jan Sheahan Schleier '71**.

**Donald Gano '74** of Geneseo, Illinois, retired from his full-time position as associate professor and program director for the criminal justice program at Black Hawk College in Moline. This is his second attempt at retirement. Ten years ago, Don retired after 32 years with the Davenport



▲ **Deb Janssen Mechler '79** couldn't resist striking up a conversation with the hikers sporting Central College T-shirts whom she encountered in Rocky Mountain National Park last summer. They are pictured (left to right): **Steve Janssen '76**, **Sarah Purdy '16**, **Zach Eash '13**, **Rachel Purdy Eash '13**, **Judy Bogaard Janssen '76** and **Deb Janssen Mechler '79**. Deb is the pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Spencer, where she lives with husband **Dean Mechler '79**. Dean is account manager and agronomist with Agrilience.

Police Department with the rank of lieutenant. Don plans to travel and check off all the items on his bucket list.

**Dennis Groenenboom '75** retired in January after 26 years with Iowa Legal Aid, where he spent his entire legal career providing free legal services to low-income families. At the time of his retirement, Dennis was executive director. Dennis and husband, Scott Hartsook, live in Des Moines.

**Marv Sorensen '77** of Benson, Arizona, completed his 25th year teaching social studies at Benson High School.



▲ **Alan Van Zee '79** of Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii, is director of music at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. Alan was able to convince his former classmate, **Gabriel Espinosa '79**, to appear with his band at the 12th annual All Angels Jazz Festival at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lihue. They were joined at the concert by **Joy Tanimoto Kouchi '82**, a Kauai native who came to support their Central connection. They are pictured (left to right): Associate Professor of Music **Gabriel Espinosa '79**, **Joy Tanimoto Kouchi '82** and **Alan Van Zee '79**.



**Mark Walther '78** is senior executive partner at Gartner. Mark and wife, **Kim Eastburn Walther '78**, live in Gambrills, Maryland. Kim teaches at Anne Arundel Public Schools in Annapolis.

**Bruce Lear '79** retired after 27 years as director of the Sioux City regional office of the Iowa State Education Association, where he led the bargaining units for Sioux City teachers and other area educators. Bruce and wife Jo live in Sioux City, where in retirement Bruce plans to read, walk, travel and play with his two grandchildren.

#### THE '80s

For information about **Joy Tanimoto Kouchi '82**, see the '70s. For information about **Lisa Verdoorn De Jong '84**, **Beth Verdoorn Draheim '80**, **Ned Draheim '80**, **Scott De Jong '83**, **Ann Sammon Long '80**, **Jill Blasius '80**, **Maureen Friskey Tanis '80**, **Paul Tanis '80**, and **Dave Long '80**, see the '10s.

**Pam Sagraves Soltis '80** received the Southeastern Universities Research Association's Distinguished Scientist Award, given annually to a scientist whose extraordinary work fulfills the association's mission to "advance collaborative research and strengthen the scientific capabilities of its members and the nation." Pam is a plant biologist at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where she lives with husband, Doug.

**Terry Cooney '82** of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is on a one-year rotation at the research lab on Kirtland Air Force Base, working battle management command and control.

**Penny Sullivan '83** is general manager and director of sales and customer care at Colorfx at Mittera Group in Des Moines. Penny and husband, Kevin, live in Urbandale.

**Pedro Gongora '84** is president and owner of Moda Enrico SA in Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico. His was one of 52 companies that manufactured thousands of shirts and jackets for students ranging in age from 4 – 12 for the state school wellness

program. During a recent presentation, Governor Roland Zapata Bellow thanked Pedro for his work and leadership with the Apparel Manufacturers of Yucatán. Pedro is in his fifth year as president of the Apparel Manufacturers of Yucatán.

#### THETA KAPPA ALPHA CELEBRATES 52 YEARS OF THETAS ON FOUNDERS DAY

Theta Kappa Alpha alumni returned to campus February 24 to join the fraternity's current members for "Founders Day." The event gathered members—both new and old—to celebrate the 52-year history of Central's oldest active fraternity. Three of Theta Kappa Alpha's founding members attended: **Guy Blair**, **Gary Dirksen** and **Paul Hoekstra**, all Class of 1969.

Current Theta president **Trent Dailey '18** spoke to the group and **Elliot Weidenaar '20**, a current member, gave a presentation about the fraternity's history. Those in attendance shared memories of their time in the fraternity during lunch.

▼ Attendees also gathered for a group photo, recreating a pose photographed during the fraternity's early days. Pictured front row (left to right): **Jordan Bohr '15**, **Jeb Rosebrook '18**, **Chris Murino '19**, **Scottie Yang '18**, **Maithtyo Phegmany '21**, **Derek Johnson '21** and **Storm Wiseman '21**. Middle row: **Loney Baugher '14**, **Dick Redman '76**, **Calen Heydt '18**, **Paul Hoekstra '69**, **Elliot Weidenaar '20**, **Gary Dirksen '69**, **Trent Dailey '18**, **Robert Britton '11**, **Rich Pitkin '76**, **Wes McLaren '15** and **Jeff Ewing '14**. Back row: **Bill Strauss '86**, **Dale Vande Haar '74** and **Guy Blair '69**.



► This photo, taken around 1969-70, shows the fraternity during its earliest days.



**Scott Sesker '84** is senior project manager at Anthem, Inc. Scott and wife, Katie, live in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

**Paula Johnson Buenger '85** was presented the Master Editor-Publisher Award at the Iowa Newspaper Association's annual meeting and award ceremony in Des Moines. She also was honored as the outgoing president of the Iowa Newspaper Foundation. Paula is publisher of the Spencer Daily Reporter, Dickinson County News and Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune. Paula and husband, Joel, live in Everly.

**Duane Lawrence '85** is a regional sales representative at BirdDogHR in West Des Moines. Duane and wife, Carolyn, live in Van Meter.

**Sue Poppens '85** is java architect at JPMorgan Chase. Sue and wife, Minette Satterwhite, live in Allen, Texas, with their son.

**Liz Mateer Roth '85** is senior client manager at Cigna Healthcare in Des Moines, where she lives with husband, Jim. Her 20-year career as account executive for mid-market employers has taken her to several locations in the western half of the United States. After a recent transfer, Liz is happy to be back home in Iowa.

**Craig Wilsterman '85** is cloud account manager at Oracle America Inc. Craig and wife, Beate, live in Orefield, Pennsylvania.

**Thorsten Belicke '85**, a participant in the Vienna study abroad program from 1987-88, is senior account executive at MetroNet Inc. Thorsten lives in St. Charles.

**Markay Winston '87** of Bloomington, Indiana, is assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction at Monroe County Community School Corp.

**Julie Brown Anderson '89** is certified public accountant at DeLong and Brower, P.C. in Holland, Michigan, where she lives with husband, Aaron. Julie and Aaron are the parents of four children.

**Dwight Elmore '89** was named general manager and president of The Ellsworth Cooperative in Ellsworth, Kansas.

#### THE '90s

For information about **Missy Vroegh Card '97**, see the '10s.

**Cory Holland '92** is president and CEO of The Dana Company, a Des Moines-based independent insurance agency. Cory and wife, **Melissa Conde Holland '92**, live in Urbandale. Melissa is a buyer with John Deere Des Moines Works in Ankeny.

**Lori Owens '92** is an attorney at Owens Law Firm in Denver, where she lives with husband, Shane Thomas.

**Mike Van Voorst '93** was named executive director of finance at Pella Corporation. Mike and wife, **Myndi Amdor**

**Van Voorst '95**, live in Pella with their three children. Myndi is an occupational therapist at Pella Regional Health Center.

**John McKinney III '94** is senior vice president and general counsel at West Bank in West Des Moines. John, who participated in mock trial while at Central, co-coached the 2017 Iowa Middle School Mock Trial State Championship Team from Des Moines Merrill. John and wife, **Julie Hansen McKinney '95**, live in Des Moines with their two daughters. Julie is a nurse supervisor at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines.

**Angie Leonard Morrow '94** is director of collections and exhibits at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Angie and husband, Mike, live in Chicago with their son.

**Garry Lenhart '95** is a business initiatives consultant at Wells Fargo in Des Moines. In September he was elected to the Bondurant-Farrar Community School Board for the 2017-21 term. Gary and wife, Katie, live in Bondurant with their four daughters.

**Stacy Duff Sabala '95** teaches math and speech at Hermitage Public High School, where husband, **Mark Sabala '95**,

is the coach of the boy's cross-country team, which placed second in the 2017 State Championship. Their son made history as the individual state champion with a time of 16.43.33, which ranks in the top 10 in state meet history for Class 1. As wellness coordinator at Hermitage R-IV School District, Mark led Hermitage Public High School to national honors from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation as one of the healthiest schools in America for the past two school years. Stacy and Mark live in Wheatland, Missouri, where they are the parents of three children.

**Kelly Miller Uhlenhopp '95** is senior product manager at MidAmerican Energy in Des Moines. Kelly and husband, Doug, live in Bondurant with their two children.

**Craig Windt '95** teaches U.S. history at Central High School in Bay City, Michigan. In December Craig and one of his students were selected by the National History Day organization to be one of 15 student/teacher teams from across the country to take part in this year's Normandy: Sacrifice for Freedom® Albert H. Small Student and Teacher Institute. Craig and husband, William Sheehan, live in Bay City.

#### TELL US YOUR NEWS!

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**Michelle Zinke '95** of Lincoln is a training and resource coordinator with the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, where she has worked for more than 17 years. She continues to spend her free time working with various theatre companies as stage and production manager. In June 2016 Michelle received The Artscene Backstage Award for the city of Lincoln.

**Monica Zinke '95** of Lincoln, Nebraska, is executive director of Fresh Start, a transitional housing program for adult homeless women. In 2016, Monica and Fresh Start were honored for their work in the community. That same year, Monica became a foster parent. She currently provides foster

care to a 6-year-old girl who has been with her for almost two years.

**Kevin Carroll '96** is vice president of behavioral health at UnityPoint Health. Kevin is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, serves on the West Des Moines Chamber Board and the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center Board. Kevin and wife, **Julie Wagemann Carroll '96**, live in West Des Moines with their two children. Julie teaches English in the West Des Moines Community School District.

**Matthew VanZetten '96** was promoted to assistant county administrator for the county

of Kent in Michigan. Matthew has been part of several major initiatives related to health, human services and education integration since he began working for the county in 2005. Along the way he and Don Lubbers, former Central College president, have become colleagues working closely with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. Matthew and wife, Amy, live in Holland with their two children.

**Christine Geenen Jorgensen '97** joined Hanscom Park United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. She is honored to be the first female pastor in its 130-year-history. Chris calls herself a fourth-career pastor, after working as a librarian, stay-at-home mother

and academic administrator. Christine was ordained in June 2017 and appointed to the Urban Abbey United Methodist Church as their associate pastor and campus minister before being called to her new assignment. Chris and husband, Matthew, live in Omaha with their daughter.

**Michelle Meyers '97** teaches at Warner Elementary School in Nashville, Tennessee, where she lives with her daughter.

**Patrick Roland '97** of Scottsdale, Arizona, is a behavioral health technician at Scottsdale Cornerstone. Patrick is the author of a transformative memoir, "Unpacked Sparkle," about grief and recovery. He wrote the

book in hopes that by sharing his experience and strength with readers, they will find hope.

**Krista Sjaardema Grant '98** was named executive director of Conrad Chamber-Main Street. Krista and husband, Marc, live in Conrad with their two daughters.

**Jason Metzger '98** is senior vice president and head of risk management at PURE Group of Insurance Companies in New York. Jason and wife, Vanessa, live in Ridgefield, Connecticut, with their two daughters.

**Jennifer Ellingson '99** and **Evan Poe '99** of Adel were married at Hotel Pattee in Perry, May 13, 2017. Jennifer is senior branch service manager at RBC Wealth Management in West Des Moines. Evan is an implementation consultant with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in West Des Moines.

**Travis Turnbull '99** was named executive director of information technology at Pella Corporation. Travis and wife, **Sarah Fosdick Turnbull '00**, live in Pella with their three children.

**Christina Weber '99** of San Francisco is regional vice president of global and strategic accounts at Interface Flooring Systems. She was presented the 2017 Ray C. Anderson Sustainability Award along with a \$2,500 grant to the charity of her choice at this year's Interface sales meeting.

## THE '00s

For information about **Sarah Fosdick Turnbull '00**, see the '90s. For information about **Andrea Caquelin Draheim '04**, **Clint Draheim '05**, **Lindsey Osborn Castle '06**, **Catie Ruefer Brand '04** and **Thom Mahler '08**, see the '10s.

**Max Eckstein '00** of Evergreen, Colorado, is vice president at The Forbes M+A Group in Denver. Max serves on the Denver Advisory Board, Legal Marketing Association Southwest Chapter Board, and has been a guest lecturer at the University of Colorado School of Law and the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

**Shannon Hoekstra '00** is director of information systems-member and customer technologies at the College of American Pathologists in Northfield, Illinois. Shannon and wife, **Jeanna Redman Hoekstra '01**, live in Crystal Lake with their two children.

**Charles Fortin '01** of Savage, Minnesota, is analytics consultant at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

**Carrie Lund Viel '01** returned to teaching after working as a stay-at-home mother for eight years. In addition to teaching speech at Central DeWitt High School, Carrie is co-director of the high school musical, assistant speech team coach and director of the high school play. Carrie and husband, **Jason Viel '01**, live in DeWitt with their two sons. Jason is director of athletic training services at Rock Valley Physical Therapy and athletic trainer at Pleasant Valley High School. He was elected president of the Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society.

## BOHNER NAMED PRESIDENT OF IOWA FAMILY PHYSICIANS



◀ **Scott Bohner '01**, D.O., was recently instated as president of the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians, a statewide professional association founded in 1948. The IAFP includes more than 90 percent of Iowa's doctors who specialize in family

medicine, which encompasses the health care continuum on both an individual and family basis.

Bohner earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Central. Bohner completed his medical degree at Des Moines University, and is board certified in family medicine. He provides full-spectrum family medicine care, from birth to retirement, at Winneshiek Medical Center Decorah Clinic, with special interests in sports medicine and pediatrics.

**Jason Lester '02** is event/production manager at VenuWorks of Cedar Rapids. He is assistant football coach at Kennedy High School and technical director at Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre. Jason and wife, Elizabeth Kimmel, live in Cedar Rapids.

**Amy Frederick Parrott '02** received the 2017 Distinguished Teaching Award from the Wisconsin Section of the Mathematical Association of America for her success in teaching mathematics. One of her favorite things about teaching is to diminish the fear students have about math. She is associate professor at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Amy and husband, Jeremy, live in Oshkosh with their three children.

**Jill Pirkl Vande Noord '02** is the lean competency project manager at John Deere in Ankeny. Jill and husband, **Todd Vande Noord '01**, live in Minburn with their three children. Todd owns and operates DogPro Kennels in Des Moines.

**Brad Clark '03** of Denver was named president and CEO of the Gill Foundation, one of the nation's leading funders of efforts to secure full equality for LGBT Americans. Brad previously led the campaign to protect marriage equality in his home state of Iowa, and secured civil unions, safe schools and trans-inclusive healthcare in his adopted state of Colorado.

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**Laura Billingsley '04** is a communication strategist at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. Laura and husband, Eric Kochneff, live in West Des Moines with their two daughters.

**Marcia Ellsworth Elliott '04** is an IT audit consultant at UnitedHealth Group in Hartford, Connecticut. She is a certified information systems auditor. Marcia and husband, David, live in Hebron, New Hampshire with their three children.

**Patrick McElyea '04** was appointed district court judge of the Seventh Judicial District by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds. Previously, Patrick was special assistant United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. Patrick and wife, **Jessica Schultz McElyea '05**, live in Davenport. Jessica is an assistant professor at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

**Andrae Delaney '05** of West Des Moines is a fitness consultant at Johnson Fitness and Wellness in Clive.

**Linsey Current '06** of Forest City is staff accountant at Hogan Hansen PC.

**Justin From '06** is associate attorney at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, where he specializes in insurance and healthcare fraud litigation. Justin and wife, Tara, live in Chicago.

**Matt Lynch '06** is deputy staff judge advocate with the United States Air Force. He was selected for Air Command and Staff College (July 2018-June 2019), the U.S. Air Force's intermediate professional military school, where he will

work toward a master's degree in military operational art and science. Matt finished a deployment to the Combined Air Operations Center in Qatar at the end of January. He is currently on assignment at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, where he lives with wife, Kristen.

**Joel Mellinger '07** of West Burlington is an artist who works with trash. Joel is a haz-chem center lab technician at the Des Moines County Regional Landfill. Many of the pieces that inspired him to create began as discarded objects found on the job.

**Kaitlin Huff Pech '07** is a business analyst at John Deere in East Moline, Illinois. Kaitlin and husband, Cody, live in Davenport.

**Katrina Obermeier Phelan '07** teaches mathematics and is an instructional strategist at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. Katrina and husband, Michael, live in Council Bluffs with their daughter.

**Tom Tjaden '07** is quality assurance manager at Test America in Cedar Falls, where he lives with wife, Jennifer, and their daughter.

**Jenny Baier '08** is working as a dietitian at Lincare in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Kristin Clague '08** of Ames is a communications specialist III at Iowa State University.

**Jared Greenfield '08** is senior managing director at Equity Trust Company in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he lives with wife, Micaela, and their three sons.

**Shelley DeWeerd Kallenbach '08** recently purchased Widner Drug and Gift, an independent pharmacy/gift shop/parlor in Manchester with husband, Jonathan, who is the pharmacist.

**Rebecca Mino '08** of Austin, Minnesota, is manager of applied research and public policy at Second Harvest Heartland in St. Paul.

**Samantha Winebrenner '08** is a realtor at Dream Street Realty in Urbandale, where she lives with her two daughters. Samantha earned her real estate license in 2011 and her loan originator license in 2017.

**Holly Pope Wolinski '08** teaches art at Kyrene Elementary School District in Tempe, Arizona. Holly and husband, Robert, live in Chandler.

### LT. GOV. ADAM GREGG DISPLAYS PORTRAIT OF FORMER CENTRAL PRESIDENT



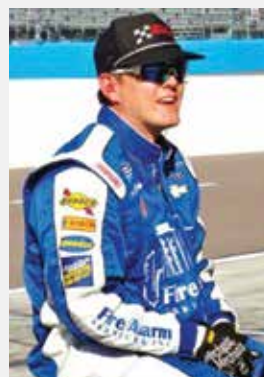
▲ Iowa Lt. Gov. **Adam Gregg '06**, shown here with Central President Mark Putnam, has a new picture gracing his office walls. The official portrait of David Roe, Central College's 20th president, is currently on loan to Gregg and is displayed in his formal office at the Iowa State Capitol.

The portrait is on loan for the duration of his tenure as lieutenant governor, to which he was appointed by Gov. Kim Reynolds May 25, 2017. Gregg's Central football helmet also is on display in his office.

"The people of Central College—including Dr. David Roe himself—played a major role in preparing me for a life of service," Gregg says. "I also admire Dr. Roe, not only for his leadership of the college, but also for his selfless military service to our country. I'm proud to honor Dr. David Roe and Central College by hanging this portrait in my formal office, where it can serve as a daily reminder of the power of education, of service and of leadership."

Roe served as Central's president from 1998 to 2010. His portrait previously resided in the Brunsting Fireside Lounge in Central's Graham Conference Center. Roe currently resides in Texas.

### ANOTHER DAYTONA 500 FOR WAUGH



◀ **Camron Waugh's '09** journey to Central from the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming may have seemed adventuresome until his post-graduation route took him from Iowa Conference football fields to the big leagues of NASCAR's pit rows.

Waugh's football focus meant he watched more NFL than NASCAR growing up. So, when a Central coach suggested that

Waugh investigate a developmental pit-crew program for former college athletes, he was curious but only because his roommate was a Jeff Gordon fan.

Waugh, however, quickly adopted the new sport and began following crews across the country, starting first with low-budget teams at less-known series and gradually earning spots on support teams at All-Star races for NASCAR greats Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmy Johnson.

Eight years and thousands of tire changes later, Waugh now sports NASCAR rings and spends half of each week away from his Colorado home in the pits of the nation's fastest speedways. In mid-February, he supported NASCAR great Kyle Busch at the Daytona Motor Speedway.

*The full story reported in The Sheridan Press is available at <http://bit.ly/2Ca5P9J>.*

**Laura Bade '09** of Johnston is associate director of events at Diversified Management Services, Inc., in West Des Moines.

**Daphne Haselhuhn Dickens '09** is the production and program manager with the Des Moines Arts Festival. Daphne and husband, Luke, live in Des Moines.

**Jared Fritz-McCarty '09** has joined the membership committee at NAGAP, the Association for Graduate Enrollment Management. He is director of communications for enrollment management at Roosevelt University. Jared and husband, Christopher, live in Chicago.

**Derek Roorda '09** and **Cassandra Olds** were married Sept. 15, 2015. Derek is general manager and director of sales at Residence Inn, member of the Winegardner & Hammons Hotel Group in Cincinnati, Ohio. Derek and Cassandra live in Alexandria, Kentucky, with their son.

### THE '10s

For information of Sarah **Purdy '16**, **Zach Eash '13** and **Rachel Purdy Eash '13**, see the '70s.

**Justin Madsen '10** and **Natalie Andrews** of Pella were married July 9, 2016. Justin is financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments.

**Kayla Schipper Mahler '10** is operations manager at U.S. Rehab, a division of VGM Group, Inc., in Waterloo. Kayla and husband, **Thom Mahler '08**, live in Parkersburg, where Thom is the seventh through 12th grade band director for Aplington-Parkersburg Community School District.

**Katie Papke '10** of Minneapolis is coordinator in the office of study abroad at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Alainna Swenson '10** is the study abroad coordinator for short-term faculty-led programs at the Center for International Education at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Maggie Paris Viggers '10** is the network operations consultant at Aetna in Urbandale. Maggie and husband, **Jacob Viggers '11**, live in Des Moines, where Jacob is a quality traffic controller.

**Robert Britton '11** of Des Moines is a document analysis associate at Bankers Trust.

**Peter Fegley '11** of Tiffin is an assistant director for annual giving at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids.

**Lindsay Zylstra Nees '11** is an urgent care physician at UnityPoint Clinic in Altoona. Lindsay and husband, **Nathaniel Nees '10**, live in West Des Moines. Nathaniel is the area manager for Enterprise Rent-a-Car.



▲ **Shayna Jacobs '11** and **Cody Thie '11** of Virginia Beach, Virginia, were married Oct. 7, 2017, on Mount Diablo in California. Front row (left to right): **Sara Johnson Ohlfest '11**, **Mackenzie Taylor Badow '10**, **Seth Kassis '11**, **Cody Thie '11**, **Shayna Jacobs Thie '11**, **Sara Iverson Schroeder '10**, **Lindsey vonGillern Roach '13**, **Caitlin Kouba '12**, **Keeley Orvis Behrens '14**, **Alison Woods '13**, **Taylor Schuelke '12** and **Paige Blythe Fooshee '12**. Back row: **Zack Badow '11**, **Greg Best '11**, **Matt Graber '11**, **Ashley Ellingson Graber '11**, **Jason Ohlfest '11**, **Steven Johnson '11**, **Lee Schroeder '11**, **Joseph Shoemaker '11**, **Kylie Sampson Schipper '12** and **Leland Schipper '12**.





# CELEBRATING HOO-RAH! DAY

**CENTRAL COLLEGE CELEBRATED ITS SECOND ANNUAL HOO-RAH DAY FRIDAY, APRIL 6. THIS YEAR THE COLLEGE ADDED A GIVING COMPONENT TO THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES, AND WITH MORE THAN \$191,505 DONATED FROM 482 GIFTS, THE DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

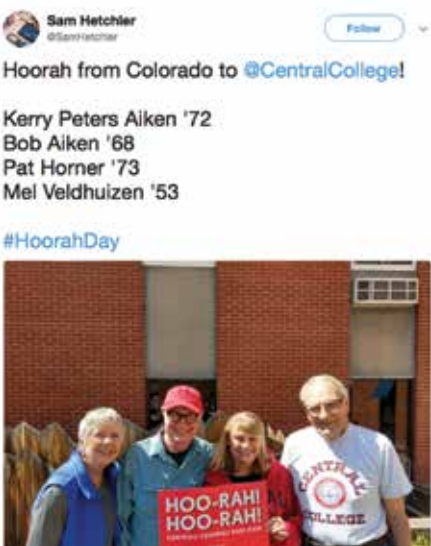
Donors gave to a variety of programs and needs at Central, including the Journey Scholarship Fund, Forever Dutch, undergraduate research programs, Douwstra Auditorium renovation and more. Donors helped spread Central pride across the nation—and all around the world—with gifts from as far away as Japan and Wales!

Social media played a significant role in reaching Central supporters across the globe, and Central's Hoo-Rah Day ambassadors helped stretch the reach even further. On Facebook alone, more than 65,000 people engaged with #HoorahDay.

From on-campus participation to a host of online #HoorahDay activities, Central's alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff rallied to make the day a resounding success.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this Hoo-Rah Day the best one yet. See you next year to continue the tradition!

**HOO-RAH! HOO-RAH! CENTRAL! CENTRAL! RAH! RAH! WOO!**



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◀ **Lauren Setterdahl '12** and Andrew Barton of West Des Moines were married Sept. 23, 2017. Lauren is a physical therapist assistant at UnityPoint Health in Des Moines. Pictured front row (left to right): **Megan Strait Eeling '12, Alayna Schutte '12, Lauren Setterdahl Barton '12, Trinh Le Coulter '12, Alyssa Cobie-Nuss '12, Cynthia Walker '12** and **Tiffany Ahrenholtz Wood '11**. Back row: **Mick Wiederin '12** and **Jake Eeling '12**.

**Shannan O'Bryan '11** of West Des Moines is senior personal lines underwriter at Nationwide in Des Moines.

**Jenae Jenison Stokesbary '11** is director of external engagement at Central College. Jenae and husband, BJ, live in Pella.

**Tyler Aalfs '12** of Cedar Falls was named district executive for the Three Rivers District within the Hawkeye Area Council Boy Scouts of America.

**Zach Jacobs '12** and wife, Katelynn, were married Aug. 22, 2015. Zach is senior regulatory affairs associate 1 at Zoetis. Zach and Katelynn live in Battle Creek, Michigan, with their daughter.

**Abigail Sparks Rock '12** is senior financial analyst at Rockwell Collins Inc. in Cedar Rapids, where she lives with husband, **Kirby Rock '12**, and their son. Kirby is a warehouseman at Fleck Sales.

**Liz Hasenmiller Sagar '12** is sales specialist with WinCraft, Inc., in Winona, Minnesota where she lives with husband, **Matt Sagar '12**. Matt is head strength coach at Saint Mary's University.

**Dana Baker Seeman '12** returned as new owner and instructor to The Dance Factory

in Indianola, where she first learned to dance 23 years ago. Previously, Dana taught math at Carlisle High School, where she also coached dance and color guard. Dana and husband, **Max Seeman '12**, live in Indianola. Max is a coach and physical education teacher with the Baxter Community School District in Baxter.

**Ellaine Watkins '12** of Des Moines is a forensic assertive community treatment team leader at Eyerly-Ball Community Mental Health Services in Des Moines.

**Brady Wilson '12** and wife, **Hilary Loeschen Wilson '12**, are co-owners of Victory Chiropractic in their hometown of Britt, where Brady is chiropractor and Hilary is office manager. Brady and Hilary live in Britt with their daughter.

**Lydia Kosbau Youngdahl '12** is a bilingual family counselor and community liaison at YSS in Marshalltown, where she lives with husband, Reid.

**Shanna Aberson '13** of Fort Worth, Texas, is a personal trainer at BlackBox Strength and Conditioning Fort Worth.

**Heather Binkley '13** and Brandon Cupples of Newton

were married June 10, 2017. Heather is secretary and committee member at Metro Arts Alliance in Des Moines.

**Mary DeVries '13** of Ankeny is the human resource benefits technician at the State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services in Des Moines.

**Jared Hottle '13** was named offensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota-Crookston. Jared spent the previous five seasons at Dakota State University, where he was named as one of three finalists for the American Football Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year the previous two seasons.

**Megan Joy '13** is a programmer at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

**Joe Kotz '13** of Pleasant Hill is corporate recruiter at Ziegler Caterpillar in Altoona.

**Dani Law '13** and **Kevin Templeton '13** of Chicago were married Oct. 14, 2017. Dani is utilities engineer at HBK Engineering in Chicago, where Kevin is project administrator at SAC Wireless.



▲ **Taryn Pennington '13** of Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a high-performance health care services provider at the Colorado Center of Orthopedic Excellence, a contractor for the United States Olympic Committee.

**Cameron Van Kooten Laughead '13** was named associate director at Room For All. RFA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is working toward full inclusion in the Reformed Church of America. Cameron and husband, Ian, live in Brooklyn, New York.

**Adam Ledvina '13** of Toledo is a permaculture specialist with the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi (Meskwaki Nation).



▲ **Laura Draheim '15** and **Cameron Macdonald '14** of West Des Moines were married Oct. 14, 2017. Laura is a veterinary technician at Sullivan Family Pet Hospital in Johnston. Cameron is a network control center technician I at Aureon IT, Inc., in West Des Moines. Pictured first row (left to right): **Andrea Caquelin Draheim '04, Lisa Verdoorn De Jong '84, Beth Verdoorn Draheim '80, Katie Zaffiro '15, Laura Draheim Macdonald '15, Cameron Macdonald '14, Leah Farrington Stearns '11, Arlys Van Zee Verdoorn '56, Janice Decker Verdoorn '75, Shirley Tuinstra Verdoorn '61, and Don "Butch" Verdoorn '60**. Second row: **Clint Draheim '05, Ned Draheim '80, Scott De Jong '83, Natalie Long '16, Abbey Bach '16, Cody Wiederin '14, Mick Wiederin '12, Justin "Judd" Hayes '16, Adam Shell '14, Kait Connelly Shell '14, Molly Ammerman Mollman '15, Bob Verdoorn '56, Tom Verdoorn '75**, an unidentified person and **Patty Joy Price '78**. Back row: **Ann Sammon Long '80, Jill Blasius '80, Maureen Friskey Tanis '80, Paul Tanis '80, Adam Ariola '14, Dave Long '80, Brandon Hunt '15, Phil Lumley '15, Jake Mollman '14, Gavin Macdonald '16, Brett Carroll '14, Joey Schutte, Tanner Price '14, Mitch Stearns '14** and **Jesse Beringer '14**.

**Samantha Scheckel '13** and **Matthew Woodcock '13** of Windsor Heights were married Sept. 2, 2017. Samantha is in private practice as an art therapist in Windsor Heights and a school-based art therapist at Sequel Youth and Family Services, Woodward Community Based Services in Des Moines. Matt is a loan servicing specialist 4 at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Des Moines.

**Ben Schornack '13** is program manager at Laureus Sport for Good Foundation in New York City, where he lives with wife, **Jenna Broghamer Schornack '13**. Jenna is a program manager with NYC Metro at Up2U at Beespace.

**Alexis Andrews '14** is conversation auxiliary at Junta de Extremadura in Don Benito, Spain. Previously Alexis was the foreign expert at Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing City, China.

**Loney Baugher '14** of Urbandale is a call center representative with Palmer Group in West Des Moines.

**Morgan Baustian '14** is branch manager at QPS Employment Group in Davenport.

**Lexi Cessna '14** and Tom Farmer of Bloomington, Illinois, were married Oct. 28, 2017. Lexi is a physical

therapist with Advocate Medical Group in Eureka.

**Jeff Ewing '14** of Beloit, Wisconsin, is the shift supervisor at Starbucks.

**Alex Herington '14** of Jacksonville, Florida, is an athletic trainer at Preferred Physical Therapy in Orange Park.

**Amanda Higgins '14** of Titonka is a radiologic technologist and athletic trainer at United Hospital District in Blue Earth, Minnesota. As a certified EMT, Amanda goes on ambulance runs with Titonka and Buffalo Center Ambulance.

**Trevor Koolmees '14** is product specialist at Vermeer Corporation in Cedar Rapids.

**Rachel Lindhart '14** of Lincoln is an international student engagement coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Jordan Overland '14** and Koby Pritchard of Boone were married May 21, 2016.

**Carson Claypool '15** is assistant vice president at the Bank of Fairport in Maysville, Missouri.

**Jordan Langer '15** of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, is a program coordinator of engagement programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Foundation and Alumni Association.

**Michael Mackin '15** of Johnston is assistant manager of email marketing operations at Meredith Corporation in Des Moines.

**Wes McLaren '15** of Johnston is staff accountant at ChildServe.

**Mallory Schulenberg '15** and Anthony Caldarella of Kansas City, Missouri, were married Dec. 10, 2016. Mallory is an account administrator at Lockton Companies.

**Blaze Smith '15** of Orlando, Florida, is sales development representative at Fattmerchant.

**Joseph Handley '16** is a high school cultural ambassador at IES Ramon y Cajal in Madrid, Spain, through the Auxiliares de Conversación Program.





▲ **Karlee Rock '15** and Andrew Schneider of Pella were married Dec. 16, 2017. Karlee is a new business case coordinator at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines. They are pictured front row (left to right): **Kirby Rock '12**, **Curtis Hobbs '11**, **Karlee Rock Schneider '15**, Andrew Schneider, Jr., **Mitch Schroeder '15** and **Bret Bell '12**. Second row: **Abbey Sparks Rock '12**, **Missy Vroegh Card '97**, **Katie Banowetz '21**, **Whitney Sowers '15**, **Tabitha Taylor '18**, **Holly Von Fumetti Hobbs '12**, **Abbey Strajack '15**, **Dana Van Renterghem '15**, **Jordan Overland Pritchard '14**, **Chelsea Greiner Kaller '14**, **Paige Heesch Schroeder '15**, **Shannon Coulson '15**, **Rachel Evans '15** and **Drew Kleis '15**. Third row: **Heidi Reburn Willis '13**, **Rhianna Fleetwood Zander '13** holding daughter Jetta, **Marjorie Giles**, **Paige Schreiner '16**, **Katie Canney Fyfe '15** holding daughter Addison, **Abbie Voas '17**, **Thom Summitt '74**, **Mallory Schulenberg Caldarella '15**, **Lindsey Osborn Castle '06**, **Lexi Cessna Farmer '14** and Alicia O'Brien. Back row: Keith Jones, **Nick Zander '13**, **Trisha Smith '16**, **Catie Ruefer Brand '04**, **Brie Haycraft Bell '14** holding daughter Jovalie and **George Wares '76**.

**Keely Lanaghan '16** of Auburn, Washington, is special programs coordinator at Auburn Valley Humane Society.

**Jane McKown '17** of Minneapolis is a tax associate at Eide Bailly, LLP.

ADVANCED DEGREES

**Craig Windt '95**, master's degree, U.S. history and government, Ashland University, Dec. 2017.

**Christine Geenen Jorgensen '97**, master of divinity, Drew Theological School, 2015.

**Linsey Current '06**, master of business administration, accounting, America Public University System, Dec. 2017.

**Kaitlin Huff Pech '07**, master of business administration, University of Iowa, May 2017.

**Jenny Baier '08**, master's degree, diet and exercise, Iowa State University, 2017.

**Thom Mahler '08**, master's degree, music education, University of South Dakota, 2014.

**Kayla Schipper Mahler '10**, master's degree, communication studies, University of Northern Iowa, 2017.

**Abigail Sparks Rock '12**, master of business administration, University of Iowa Tippie College of Business, Dec. 2017.

**Liz Hasenmiller Sagar '12**, master of science, education leadership, Winona State University, Dec. 2017.

**Ellaine Watkins '12**, master's degree, mental health counseling, Drake University, April 2017.

**Dani Law Templeton '13**, master of science, engineering, University of Iowa, 2015; master of science, physics, University of Iowa, 2017.

**Jessica Riebkes Clough '14**, master of science, biology, University of Northern Iowa, May 2016.

**Amanda Higgins '14**, radiology technician boards, Iowa Central Community College, July 2017.

**Rachel Lindhart '14**, master of science, college student affairs, Eastern Illinois University, 2017.

NEW ARRIVALS

**Seth and Jessica Heerema Minnihan '04**, daughter Audrey Beth, Feb. 26, 2016.

**Evan and Adrienne Corpman Burns '05**, daughter Merna Evalinn Matilda, Dec. 28, 2017.

**Heidi and Matt Keefer '05**, son Anderson Colin, Aug. 29, 2016.

**Dan and Kelli O'Neil Rice '05**, son Garrett Timothy, Feb. 28, 2018.

**Leslie and Nathan Weir '05**, son Harrison Hutchins, Dec. 14, 2017.

**Jake '06 and Elizabeth Heard Rohde '07**, daughter Hannah Elizabeth, Aug. 17, 2017.

**Erica and Dan Applegate '08**, twin daughters Lana Mae and Molly Elizabeth, Dec. 19, 2017.

**Ben '08 and Kyli Hake Gander '07**, adopted daughter Kasena Grace, May 23, 2009.

**Micaela and Jared Greenfield '08**, son Noah Matthew, April 8, 2016.

**Cassandra and Derek Roorda '09**, son Finnick Allan, Sept. 16, 2016.

**Christian and Chandra Benes Huffman '10**, daughter Allison Marie, Dec. 13, 2017.

**Holden '12 and Kelly Schafbuch Blythe '11**, daughter Kendall Christine, Sept. 23, 2017.

**Katelynn and Zach Jacobs '12**, daughter Elizabeth Ann, June 2, 2017.

**Jerry and Michelle Keller DeBoer '13**, daughter Addisyn Hope, Nov. 5, 2017.

**Ian and Libby Herriot Nelson '13**, daughter Magnolia Jane, Feb. 27, 2018.

**Derek and Meghan Cain Newton '13**, daughter Evelyn Elise, Feb. 11, 2018.

**Caleb and Katie Tokle Fox '14**, son Callen Gene, March 6, 2018.

**Zach and Kailee Hoeness Nihart '15**, daughter Zoe May, July 7, 2017.

**Hannah and Dane Salow '17**, son Ezra David, March 1, 2018.

DECEASED

**Joyce Huibregtse Kuyper '39** of Pella, March 21, 2018.

**Ada De Haan Steenhoek '47** of Pella, Dec. 31, 2017.

**Don Sikkink '49** of Tucson, Arizona, Jan. 23, 2018.

**Jeanne Hoving Borgman '50** of Clinton, Sept. 29, 2017.

**Marjorie Gruis '50** of Belmond, Jan. 10, 2018.

**Juanita Anderson Ahrens '51** of Spokane, Washington, Dec. 14, 2017.

**Dean Van Zee '51** of Knoxville, Feb. 14, 2018.

**Wilma Korver Petersen '52** of Blairsville, Indiana, Jan. 24, 2018.

**Algimantas Kelertas '53** of Lemont, Illinois, Nov. 11, 2017.

**Nada McBeth Gallatta '54** of Raleigh, North Carolina, Aug. 21, 2017.

**Christina Rich '57** of Cedar Falls, Feb. 18, 2018.

**Georgia Jansonius Brown '61** of Florissant, Missouri, Nov. 8, 2017.

**Ralph Boeyink '69** of Sioux Center, Jan. 30, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM



ALLEN MOEN

Allen Moen, 84, professor emeritus of physics, passed away Jan. 24, 2018, in Lake Stevens, Washington. Moen served Central for more than 30 years as a professor in the physics department.

Born in Badger, Minnesota, Moen received a B.A. degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in physics from Washington State University in Pullman. Moen was drafted into the U.S. Army during graduate school and served at Fort Lewis, Washington, and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Following his military service, Moen arrived at Central in 1963 as assistant professor of physics. During his years at Central, Moen was promoted to associate professor and professor of physics, and he served as chair of the physics department and the natural sciences division. He conducted summer research at Battelle Northwest Laboratories in Richland, Washington, and at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. Moen also taught physics and English in China for three semesters. He retired from Central in May 1998.



## IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM M. WIEBENGA**

William M. Wiebenga, 80, former Central president, died Feb. 19, 2018, in Carmel, Indiana.

Wiebenga was appointed the 19th president of the college in 1990 and served in that position until 1997. While at Central, he also held the title of professor of philosophy.

Wiebenga graduated from Calvin College with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and English. He also earned master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy from Yale University. He began his career teaching at American University. He later served as dean of the college of arts and sciences at American University and Texas Christian University. Immediately prior to his role at Central, he was the provost of Wittenberg University.

During his tenure at Central, Wiebenga initiated several important efforts. According to a news release at the time he left Central, Wiebenga developed a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to support the college's systematic growth. In addition, during his presidency the college implemented a semester calendar, established a new core curriculum and put into effect a different residence life program structure. He also created a revised fundraising agenda for the college and the Central Market, the

college's innovative campus dining facility, was constructed during his service to the college.

While living in Pella, Wiebenga was active in several community organizations, including Pella Opera House, the Pella Area Development Corporation, the Pella Chamber of Commerce and the Pella Rotary Club. He also served on the Hawkeye Bank of Pella board of directors.

After stepping down from the presidency at Central, he retired to Carmel, Indiana, where he continued his commitment to learning and serving the community by volunteering on the Carmel Clay Public Library Board.

**A TALE OF TWO ROOMIES: SHARE YOUR STORY**

College roommates come from all walks of life and in a plethora of personalities. Random roommate assignments can produce curious conversations, hilarious hijinks and flat-out spectacular stories.

We want to hear your college roommate memories in all their crazy-college-days glory! Send your stories along with a photo of you and your roomie to [vecchioc@central.edu](mailto:vecchioc@central.edu) with the subject line "Roomies" by June 15, 2018. Selected stories will appear in the summer issue of "Civitas".

**PLAYING DEFENSE**

**KARLEIGH MILLER '13 SHINES IN THE COURTROOM AS A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY.**

BY LAURA BILLINGSLEY '04 AND BROOKE JANSEN '18



Miller's career as a criminal defense attorney has its roots in a Central College activity. The 2013 grad took part in mock trial, which lets students play the

roles of attorneys and witnesses.

"Mock trial was one of the best experiences I had while I attended Central College," Miller says. "I participated all four years. We won bids to the Opening Round Championship Series in 2012 and 2013 while I was on the team. I loved every minute I competed."

After graduating from Central with majors in history and political science, Miller attended Creighton University School of Law, where she earned both a J.D. and a master's degree in negotiation and conflict resolution. Today, Miller is an associate at Cohen Law Offices L.L.C. in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The firm only takes criminal cases and covers roughly 12 counties in northwestern Wisconsin. Miller has worked there since passing the bar exam in 2016.

Miller enjoys the liveliness of her work. "There are new issues to address each day," she says. "I am learning constantly how to be a better lawyer."

One trial that stands out to her the most is a case she defended in 2017. She served as the second chair attorney in an international homicide case with her boss. They spent nine straight days (including Saturday and Sunday) in trial. In the end, their client was found not guilty based on self-defense.

"The year of hard work paid off to hear the two-word verdict," Miller says. "Mock trial at Central taught me how to argue a case and speak in front of a room full of people."

Her love of the law blossomed at Central, especially during her time with the mock trial team. But Miller says the skills learned during mock trial are useful

outside of legal professions.

"It is a misconception that you need to be a certain major to participate in mock trial," she says. "Mock trial is useful for all majors. Most of my friends who participated in mock trial are in careers that are not legal-related. Many work for universities, art museums and marketing for businesses.

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**— KARLEIGH MILLER '13**

Mock trial helps students build priceless skills to use their entire lives. Anyone can compete on the team. "The roles in mock trial include more than just attorneys. There are witnesses and experts," Miller says. "All participants are required to learn how to think through problems in the case and present their parts well. They learn to be confident in their ability to present information and to present that information well."

Miller continues to stay active in mock trial. She volunteers as a judge for Central's mock trial tournament as well as at tournaments in Eau Claire. Her time with the team gave her an advantage when starting out in the courtroom. The skills she learned helped "put me ahead of the game as a young lawyer since I am extremely comfortable presenting a case and being in front of a jury."

**ENDOWING MOCK TRIAL**

Governed by the American Mock Trial Association, mock trial is an activity designed to teach students real-life skills such as problem solving, logic and public speaking. Central has been part of mock trial since its inception in 1984.

Central is currently raising money for the program endowment.

**The endowment will support:**

- Challenging students to win against prestigious teams.
- Growing participation with more student competitors.
- Enriching students' experience with professional mentors.
- Building team success through dedicated preparation.
- Traveling to face rigorous competition throughout the country.
- Establishing Central College as a national competitor.



▲ Central College hosts the Dr. Donald P. Racheter Mock Trial Invitational each winter, hosting teams from across the region. This January, Karleigh Miller '13 served as one of the judges at the annual event.

**For more information or to make a gift, go to [www.central.edu/alumni/priority/mock-trial/](http://www.central.edu/alumni/priority/mock-trial/).**





## GRAD FINALE

Central seniors celebrate and pick up their caps and gowns in March in preparation for commencement.