Many years ago I participated in a seminar titled “Leading from Within.” The experience was fascinating and made a lasting impression on me. The essential idea was that leadership begins with what’s inside us—our most deeply held values. The purpose of the seminar was to help each of us explore our values and how they inform our leadership.

Many campuses pay lip service to values, but few seek to live those they espouse. For some it’s a marketing message. For others it’s an expression of institutional history, not current reality.

Central College’s values are part of what drew me to the college nearly a decade ago. Admittedly, we do not always achieve these ideals. But the measure of their worth is not that we lose sight of them from time to time, but that we muster the courage to make a change to realign with them. Our values call us to a higher commitment.

When we make such commitments, we find ways to reclaim our values as time passes and circumstances change.

Our announcement of a new annual tuition price (see “Central Leads the Way,” page 14) is a good example. It would be easy to see this move as a purely tactical decision to gain a competitive advantage. However, after years of research and analysis coupled with careful thought and deliberation, the decision rested not on spreadsheets and survey reports. Rather, our choice reached into our most deeply held values as an academic community.

One of these values is authenticity. The gradual distortion of pricing in higher education has led to dysfunction as intensely inflated tuition levels yielded equally inflated discounts in the form of financial aid. Central’s values called us to a more honest price that reflects the true cost of educating a student at the level of excellence we expect. It’s a simple and straightforward task now to say, “Here is what we are trying to achieve on behalf of students and here is what it costs to be successful in that endeavor.”

Families today are bewildered by published prices that seem at odds with their own values. For many, the typical published tuition price for a private college is more than they would spend on anything. It just doesn’t make sense. And they are right.

We discover our values when we take a long, hard look in the mirror and ask ourselves the toughest question: “Is this who we are?” Beyond all the data analysis, the answer was clear.

I am deeply proud of our academic community for making the commitment to lead with our values.
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Loved your article on rural students [“A Shining Exception,” Summer 2019 issue, page 14]. As an associate professor of education, psychology and public policy at The University of Virginia and director of its Motivate Lab, I do research on student motivation, among other things. We’re doing a lot of work in higher education to help make institutions more supportive of students, including rural students. So it’s great to see you shining a light on this, and also tooting Central’s horn a bit!

I do want to point out what I think is a minor error in the article: Just because rural students make up 7% of the college population doesn’t mean that the average percentage of rural students enrolled in universities is also 7%. To get the average percentage of rural students at U.S. universities, you would average the percentage from each university. For example, if rural students are concentrated in a handful of institutions, then the national average of the percentage of students who are rural is likely to be lower than what you’re stating. However, it could be the opposite. The implications are that you may be understating or overstating Central’s position, but without knowing the national data, it’s impossible to know.

– Chris S. Hulleman ’93

We thank Professor Hulleman for pointing out the unintended flaw in our logic. In an attempt to find an accurate figure, we consulted with the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Unfortunately, none of these organizations directly track the average percentage of rural students attending U.S. colleges and universities.
We liked Burns’ delightful video of a midcentury Central homecoming so much we asked him if we could edit it for length and post it on our website. He was gracious enough to say yes. We’ll let you know where to find it as soon as it’s posted. Meanwhile, if you missed his photos of student life at Central in the late 1940s, you can find them on page 4 of the Summer 2019 issue. – ed.

Remembering 1969

In “50 Years Ago at Central” [Summer 2019 Issue, page 35], we invited anyone on campus during that year to share photographs and memories. Barbara Slaybaugh Feichtinger ’73 sent us these:

“The Holy Family” by Peter Paul Rubens was the one painting not taken in Central’s art heist.

I Saw Them Last!

I read “Central’s Great Art Heist” [Spring, 2019 issue, page 33] with great interest.

It stated that the theft took place between Thursday evening and Tuesday morning. The reason Central knew that is because I was in the library that Thursday night studying and was looking for a small room in which to study. I happened to open the door to the room and saw the paintings. I did not know that they were there until then. When I saw them, I just closed the door and moved on to the next door.

When I heard the next week that the paintings had been stolen I told Dean of Students William Hinga that I saw the paintings in the room Thursday night. It was fun to read my little part in a 35-year-old painting heist story!!

— Leah Zeutenhorst Tokheim ’86

Homecoming 1949

I just received the college’s Homecoming announcement and was moved to unearth an old DVD I put together years ago. I modified an ancient 8mm film projector so I could transfer 70-year-old movies (one frame at a time) to my computer and convert them to video. The movie’s 16 frames/second required capturing each frame twice to get near the 30 frames/second of today’s video. The 27-minute DVD contains many views of the campus: the sophomore-junior baseball game, the Frosh-Soph Pull, the Homecoming Parade, the Tulip Festival, etc. I just made a copy of theDVD for your archives and will put it into today’s mail to you.

Finally, I was surprised and delighted to see my six photos in the latest Civitas.

— Don Burns ’50

Correction: On page 18 of the Summer 2019 issue we said the multitalented Brandon Rosas ’20 was active in contradance, among other things. Not so: when it comes to dance, salsa and ballroom are his preferences. Civitas regrets the error. – ed.
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DOUWSTRA GETS ANOTHER $200,000

Central received a $100,000 gift from the estate of Nancy Kruidenier Shepard, a Des Moines, Iowa, native from a family with long ties to the college. The gift helped fund the first phase of the recent remodeling of Douwstra Auditorium.

“The Kruidenier family has a heritage deeply rooted in the Pella community and Central College,” President Mark Putnam says. “We are honored she selected Central as a beneficiary in her estate and are grateful for her family’s many decades of support.”

In addition, the Prairie Meadows Legacy Grant program awarded Central $100,000 toward the second phase of Douwstra's renovation, including a new, handcrafted pipe organ and new mechanical equipment. The grant program helps fund signature projects that enhance Central Iowa communities.

Central will recognize both donors for their contribution on the Douwstra donor wall.

For information about events in Douwstra Auditorium, check central.edu/events regularly.

To contribute to the second phase of the Douwstra renovation: central.edu/douwstra.

DONATION FROM A LEGEND

Central has received a gift of $698,675 from the Bette Brunsting ’56 estate. Brunsting served as dean of women and a faculty member from 1964-98. She was known for her rigorous public speaking classes, vivid personality and charge to students: “Courage!” she often told them, and “Go forth and do great things.” She was described by a fellow faculty member as “a master teacher and a Central College legend.”

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CENTRAL RECEIVES MOORE MONEY
The Moore Family Foundation Faculty Development Program for Teaching is funding 11 projects at Central for the 2019-20 academic year. More than $61,000 will go to collaborative faculty/student prairie, agriculture and soil chemistry research, enhancing first-year liberal arts seminars and a student trip to Germany and Poland in remembrance of the Holocaust.

Since 2013, 123 Central faculty have written 90 grant proposals and received $408,071 in funding from the foundation. It was created by the late Frank Moore ’49, a former Central trustee, and his wife, honorary alumna Grace Moore ’01H. The couple also created two annuity funded scholarships, one endowed scholarship, two faculty awards and a chair in anthropology.

“We’re extremely grateful to the Moore Family Foundation for its generous funding of a variety of initiatives that support faculty development related to student learning,” says Mary E.M. Strey, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Central.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

PUTNAM AND JENISON WEAR MANY HATS

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds appointed President Mark Putnam to a second term on the College Student Aid Commission. Putnam, who has been a member of the commission since 2017, will serve on the nine-person board through June 2023.

Jenae Jenison ’11, director of external engagement at Central, will serve as an honorary Leadership Iowa representative to the Iowa Association of Business and Industry’s Board of Directors, a group of leaders working on Iowa business issues, workforce development initiatives and public policy. In addition, Gov. Reynolds has appointed Jenison to a four-year position on the Iowa Energy Center Board.

FACULTY CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LECTURE SERIES

The 2019-20 Faculty Lecture Series focuses on civic engagement—making a difference through knowledge, skills, values and motivation. The following lectures run from 7-8 p.m. in the Boat/Moore rooms of the Maytag Student Center unless noted otherwise. All are free and open to the public.


Nov. 18, 2019 — “From the Iowa Caucesus to the White House: Understanding Donald Trump’s 2016 Electoral Victory in Iowa” by Andrew Green, professor of political science.


March 9, 2020 — “Civic Engagement Between Sikhs and Anthropologists” by Cynthia Mahmood, Frank Moore Endowed Chair in Anthropology and professor of anthropology.

April 6, 2020 — “From Empathy to Engagement: Mobilizing Public Space in Buenos Aires in #Niunamenos and Beyond” by Kathy Korcheck, professor of Spanish.

FACULTY CHANGES

Three assistant professors have earned tenure and promotion to associate professor:

+ Melissa McNinch (B.S., Truman State University; M.A., Truman State University, University of Iowa; Ph.D., University of Iowa), department of education.

+ Maggie Fisher Schlerman ’02 (B.A., Central College; M.A., Iowa State University), department of economics, accounting and management.

+ Susan Swanson (B.S., Arizona State University; M.A., University of Minnesota Twin Cities; Ph.D., University of Minnesota Twin Cities), department of art.

One associate professor was promoted to professor:

+ Kathy Korcheck (B.S., Kent State University; M.A., Kent State University; Ph.D., Washington University), department of modern languages.

Central also made five faculty hires:

+ Jennifer Counts (B.A., Luther College; M.Ed., Drake University; Ph.D., in progress, Clemson University), instructor of education.

+ Kate Nesbit (B.A., St. Olaf College; Ph.D., in progress, University of Iowa), instructor of English.

+ Shelli Green ’07 (B.A., Central College; M.S., Southwest Minnesota State University; D.A.T., in progress, University of Idaho), instructor of exercise science.

+ Crystal Argenta Bruntz ’88 (B.A., Central College; MBA, Drake University), lecturer of accounting.

+ Sean Stephenson (B.M., Millikin University; M.M., University of Missouri Kansas City; D.A., University of Northern Colorado), lecturer of music.

STAFF CHANGES

+ Chevy Freiburger was promoted to executive director of admission.

+ Michelle Wilkie has been promoted to director of development.

DOLEZAL AND CAMPBELL REDISCOVER IOWA

Joshua Dolezal, professor of English, and Brian Campbell, director of sustainability education, launched their oral history podcast “Mid-Americana: Stories from a Changing Midwest” in October thanks to a $18,630 grant from Humanities Iowa. The podcast and its related website explore the history and identity of the region through the lives and stories of individual people. For more information: www.midamericana.com.
HAKEMEN IS ADMISSION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
Susie Hakeman was named 2019 Admission Professional of the Year by the Iowa Association for College Admission Counseling. She was recognized for exemplary service to students during their college search by coordinating Central's Scholar Days and other events for her leadership on the admission team.

“Susie always works hard to build strong relationships with the students,” said one nominator, “and is a huge support to the other counselors.” Hakeman joined Central in February 2014 and was promoted to senior assistant director of admission this year.

LAINE AWARDED WELLER PROFESSORSHIP
Linda Laine, professor of communication studies, was awarded the Kenneth J. Weller Distinguished Professorship of the Liberal Arts at commencement in May. Named after Central’s 18th president who served from 1969-90, the three-year endowed professorship recognizes a distinguished faculty member and provides support for teaching, research and scholarship.

Laine joined the Central faculty in 2004. She has served as communication studies department chair, faculty trustee, chair of the faculty policy committee and president of the Iowa Communication Association. She will be the college’s 10th Weller Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts.

HOW DID TRUMP DO IT?
Professor of Political Science Andrew Green’s first book, “From the Iowa Caucuses to the White House: Understanding Donald Trump’s 2016 Electoral Victory in Iowa,” was published in July by Palgrave Macmillan.

“We can finally stop all the speculation surrounding Donald Trump’s surprise victory in Iowa in 2016,” writes reviewer Christopher W. Larimer of the University of Northern Iowa. “Andrew Green’s insightful new book provides the first systematic and, importantly, data-driven look as to how Iowa, a state that twice voted for Obama, overwhelmingly voted for Trump. Anyone interested in understanding the shifting dynamics of presidential politics, where to look for answers in 2020 or why Iowa should still be considered a swing state needs to read this book.” Green’s book is available online or through any bookstore.

STUDENT NEWS

TOP DOLLARS FOR TOP SCHOLARS
Seven participants in Central’s Scholar Days each earned the most prestigious Central awards: full-tuition Kuyper Scholarships and Rolscreen Scholarships. The students are Zoe Brockway ’23 of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Brendan Short ’23 of Normal, Illinois; Bria Holthe ’23 of Muscatine, Iowa; Brooke Mumford ’23 of Johnston, Iowa; Emma Lowden ’23 of Winterset, Iowa; Cassandra Severson ’23 of Ankeny, Iowa; and Emma Carlson ’23 of Fairfield, Iowa.

Pete H. Kuyper, Class of 1913, founded the Rolscreen Company, known today as Pella Corporation.

“The Kuyper family has a long-standing tradition of service, generosity and commitment to Central,” says Sunny Gonzales Eighmy ’99, vice president for advancement. Pella Corporation and the extended Kuyper family have been providing Central students with financial assistance since 1952. Their investment in our students and a Central education helps open many doors over lifetimes.”

A CLASS WITH CLASS: ENGLISH 425 SENIOR SEMINAR
When students take this course from Professor of English Joshua Dolezal, they get an experience modeled on a graduate seminar about American author Willa Cather. It includes a road trip to the Cather Archive at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and to Cather’s hometown, Red Cloud, Nebraska, which boasts the largest single collection of buildings dedicated to an American author. In the archive, students can read, in Cather’s own writing, inscriptions of novels given as gifts to family and friends; they also can read a handwritten letter to Cather by Annie Pavelka, upon whom Cather based her iconic character Antonia, which Cather then pasted into a first edition of the novel. A highlight is always staying in the Cather Second Home, which has been refurbished as a B&B with bedroom suites named for places in Cather’s fiction.

For two former seminar students, that trip led to another. In June, they presented the results of their scholarship at the 17th International Willa Cather Seminar at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. K.E. Daft ’19 offered “A Sociological and Literary Examination of Willa Cather’s Frugal Relationship with Czech Culture”; Hannah Marcum Wells ’18 presented “‘Keen Senses Do Not Make a Poet’: Cather’s Respectful Rebellion Against Whitman in ‘O Pioneers!’” Dolezal, who teaches American literature, medical humanities and creative writing, presented “‘Lost By a Song’: The Neuroscience of Epiphany in ‘Lucy Gayheart’.” Dolezal’s memoir, “Down from the Mountaintop: From Belief to Belonging” (2014), was short-listed for the William Saroyan Prize.

CAREER KICKSTARTER
Central sophomores can participate in a free, weeklong Career Kickstarter during winter break. It combines an internship with local alumni or other professional mentor, in-depth career exploration and career planning workshops.

“Employers are wanting students to have workplace experiences earlier and earlier,” says Jessica Klyn de Novelo ’05, Central’s director of career and professional development. “And Central has a large and enthusiastic local alumni base that’s eager to provide such experiences. It’s a natural way for students to make connections off-campus and to try out some career possibilities early in their time at Central.”
“We’re excited to add these club sports for our student-athletes to compete in,” says Eric Van Kley, Central’s director of athletics. “Participation in these sports continues to grow across the country. This the perfect time to look at these as potential varsity sports.”

**TURNING THE (FACEBOOK) PAGE**

Our Central College Alumni Facebook page has merged with our Central College Institutional Facebook page. “Like” the page to stay in the know about what’s going around campus as well as some alumni news.

**FOREVER DUTCH® 48-HOUR CHALLENGE SURPASSES GOAL**

Central College’s Forever Dutch® 48-Hour Challenge was a huge success, surpassing the $220,000 funding goal needed to complete renovations of the lower level of P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium.

Prior to the fundraising challenge, $220,000 was needed to reach the $3-million goal for the latest phase of the Forever Dutch initiative. College supporters blew past that figure—328 alumni and friends of Central contributed a total of $295,588. More than 50% of the gifts were from donors who had not previously given to the Forever Dutch initiative.

“I love the competitive and generous spirit of our donors,” says Sunny Gonzales Eighmy ’99, vice president for advancement. Work will begin in early March on the lower-level renovation of P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium. It includes construction of a spacious women’s varsity locker room that includes a team meeting room, a reconfigured athletic training room that will provide more treatment space and an expanded athletics equipment room.

Work is expected to be completed prior to the arrival of fall sports teams on campus in mid-August next year.

Student facilities are a priority at Central. Central has nearly 600 student-athletes competing in 19 intercollegiate men’s and women’s varsity sports.

The Forever Dutch initiative has generated more than $13.5 million to-date from 1,323 supporters, funding the building expansion, which opened in 2017. It included a new building entrance with the M. Joan Kuyper Farver Atrium and expanded Pacha Family Lobby, varsity locker room, wrestling room, Chip Griffith Student Lounge, Athletics Hall of Honor, Dave and Ardie Surphsen Golf/Baseball/Softball Hitting Center and major infrastructure improvements.

Excess funds from the 48-Hour challenge will go toward the next phase: the $3-million upper-level building renovation. It will feature team meeting space, a new welcome center, recruitment space, offices and visitor locker room.

“We’re hoping we can quickly roll into the upstairs work soon after the lower-level renovation is completed,” says Eric Van Kley, Central’s director of athletics.

For more information or to donate: forever.central.edu.

**TRUSTEE CHANGES**

Central College announced changes to its board of trustees. Kristi Jaarsma Balk ’88, Mark Ellingson ’80, Steve Perkins ’01 and Mark VanderLinden ’78 began their terms July 1; Barbara Kniff-McCulla, trustee emeritus, and Denny Hanson ’07H retired.

New faculty trustees are Russ Benedict, professor of biology; Lori Witt, associate professor of history; and Cathy Haustein, professor of chemistry. Student trustees are Anne Williamson ’20, Elise Askelsen ’20, Nicholas Cooper ’20, Parker Majerus ’20 and Emily Opsal ’20.

Trustees provide vision for Central’s future and meet twice annually.

**ACTUARIAL SCIENCE VEE CERTIFIED**

The Society of Actuaries has again certified Central College for Economics, Accounting and Finance and Mathematical Statistics. Central previously was certified for all three areas before the SOA made changes to its structure in June 2018.

“The Mathematical Statistics VEE has proven quite hard for small college actuarial science programs to fill,” says Mark Mills, professor of mathematics. “I’m really happy we were able to meet the SOA’s requirements. “By completing the actuarial science major, students will automatically fulfill all three required VEE areas so they won’t have to make up anything once they begin their career. This definitely sets Central apart.”
ADDED TO ATHLETICS HALL OF HONOR

ESTABLISHED IN 2002, THE HALL RECOGNIZES EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES, COACHES OR ADMINISTRATORS WHO DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES THROUGH SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP.

BY: LARRY HAPPEL ’81

NCAA Division III women’s track and field heptathlon champion Raegan Schultz Wagner ’04 is joined by a pair of former men’s golfers, All-America honoree Tim White ’02 and three-time NCAA Division III tourney participant Dr. William Spurbeck ’87, as the newest members of Central’s Athletics Hall of Honor.

Nominees must have graduated or served as a Central coach/administrator at least 15 years earlier. A rotating nine-member selection committee includes alumni from various eras.

◄ SPURBECK: A PEDIATRIC SURGEON

Spurbeck turned in one of the most dominant performances in Iowa Conference men’s golf history in 1987, winning the league title by a record 14 shots while shattering the conference scoring mark. A two-time team MVP, Spurbeck played for four conference championship teams and three NCAA qualifiers, helping the Dutch to their best-ever fifth-place national finish in 1985. Twice he was named to the All-American Scholars team by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Spurbeck received a degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 1992 and a medical degree from Texas Tech University in 1996. From 1996-2003 he completed a general surgery residency at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis, with a postdoctoral research fellowship at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital from 1999-2001. He was a fellow in pediatric surgery there and at LeBonheur Children’s Medical Center from 2003-05.

In 2005, Spurbeck was named clinical assistant professor at the Texas Tech University Department of Surgery and pediatric surgery division chief in 2008. In 2018, Spurbeck joined El Paso Children’s Physician Specialists as surgery department chief and medical director.
ATHLETICS UPDATES

CENTRAL TO ADD WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

With a $50,000 USA Triathlon grant, Central will become the 31st school nationwide to add women's triathlon as a varsity sport.

It serves as a club sport this year before receiving varsity status. Triathlons feature sprint-distance races including a 750-meter open-water swim, a 20-kilometer bike ride and a 5-kilometer run.

It will be Central's 20th intercollegiate sport and the first new offering since women's soccer was introduced in 1995.

DANIELS WINS TOP NATIONAL ACADEMIC HONOR

NCAA Division III decathlon and heptathlon champion Will Daniels ’19 was named the CoSIDA Academic All-America of the Year Award winner for Division III men's cross country and track and field. He also swept the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Men's Scholar Athlete of the Year honors for both indoor and outdoor track and field.

Daniels graduated in just three years with a 3.99 GPA while majoring in biology. He is the third Central athlete ever to receive the CoSIDA honor.

DUTCH MEET DUTCH IN NETHERLANDS BASKETBALL TRIP

A young Central men's basketball squad posted a 3-0 mark on a nine-day trip to the Netherlands Aug. 19-27. Coach Craig Douma’s squad stayed in Dordrecht, mixing games against Dutch club teams with sightseeing.

A native of Waverly, Iowa, Spurbeck and his wife, Dr. Maria Victoria Spurbeck, live in El Paso and have three sons.

WAGNER A NATIONAL CHAMP

Wagner received All-America distinction five times, capping her Central track-and-field career by setting an NCAA Division III record with 4,943 points in winning the 2004 heptathlon crown after finishing second in 2003 and third in 2002. She also placed sixth in the 2004 indoor 55-meter hurdles and in the 2002 javelin.

In 2004, Wagner was the Iowa NCAA Woman of the Year Award winner. She served as a financing consultant with Principal Global Investors in Des Moines for 11 years. In 2015, she became a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, with offices in Des Moines and Fort Dodge.

Wagner's twin sister, Lindsay Schultz Janke ’04, finished second in the Division III heptathlon behind Wagner in 2004. And Wagner's husband, Peter Wagner ’03, was a two-time NCAA decathlon champ.

A Barnum, Iowa, native, Wagner now lives in Cambridge with Peter and their three children.

WHITE ON UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO FACULTY

The 2002 Iowa Conference men’s golf MVP, White earned All-America distinction, finishing eighth nationally.

A two-time team co-captain and 2002 team MVP, White, was a member of three league championship squads and finished second individually in 2001, carding a first-round 67, the school’s best-ever conference tourney score.

White helped lead the Dutch to two NCAA tournaments. He was a two-time Golf Coaches Association of America All-America Scholar.

White received a doctoral degree in chemical and bioengineering from the University of Iowa in 2006. He received the school’s Karl Kammermeyer Research Award and Vetter Service Award and was named the Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor.

In 2006, White joined the research staff at the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio, where he ultimately served as the lead of the structured optical materials and processes team.

In 2018, White was named the first Gallogly Professor of Engineering at the University of Colorado Boulder. He has published more than 150 research articles in peer-reviewed journals. He received early career awards from the U.S. Air Force, International Society for Optics and Physics and Materials Research Society. White recently was honored with lectureships by Harvard University and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Originally from Princeton, Illinois, White now lives near Boulder with his wife Jaymie Johnson White ’02 and children.
CENTRAL SCENE
PHOTOGRAPHY BY: PAUL JOY

Central’s mascot, Big Red, jumps into action in the Ron and Joyce Schipper Stadium.
Sept. 10, Central College introduced a new annual tuition of $18,600 for Fall 2020.

In addition, the college announced it has launched a number of new initiatives to support students in all stages of their education and beyond graduation.

The price change brings a new approach to tuition in Iowa, offering transparency to what students and families actually pay. Previously, tuition at Central was offset with high financial aid and scholarships, and virtually all students paid far less than the published price, a practice used by nearly all colleges and universities.

“We’ve never raised more money for annual scholarships than we have in the past year,” says Sunny Gonzales Eighmy ’99, vice president for advancement. “We now also have more endowed scholarships for students than ever before.”

In the 2018-19 fiscal year, more than 4,000 alumni and friends donated over $4.6 million to support Central’s students and community. The college witnessed a record fundraising year for the Journey Scholarship Fund, which directly supports students. In addition, the number of endowed scholarships grew, with 10 new scholarships formed, bringing the total to 270.

NEW PROGRAMS
The college also launched a number of new initiatives to enhance the student experience, boost the value of a Central education and promote the career readiness of its graduates.

For students who meet specific standards and expectations for progress toward a degree, Central guarantees graduation in four years or the ninth semester tuition is free. In addition, every student in good academic and social standing will be offered at least one internship, shadowing experience or community service opportunity.

“We are committed to the success of our students and that’s why we are doing this. These assurances allow students to join the Central community knowing they are receiving an affordable education with incredible value—and knowing they will be supported in their success now and beyond graduation,” Putnam says.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS
Central will continue to offer scholarships and financial aid in proportion to its new tuition price. In fact, Central now offers more scholarships than ever before.

“We’re thrilled about the college’s momentum,” says Tej Dhawan ’91, chair of the college’s board of trustees. “We’ve just recruited our largest class in five years and invested in so much more.

“With our goal to continue this incredible momentum, addressing college tuition seemed important to Central’s mission of providing access to a high-quality, liberal arts education for more people,” adds Dhawan, a Des Moines entrepreneur. “Our new tuition puts Central’s price below that of most colleges and universities. This, combined with our excellent faculty, programs and aid, makes a Central degree more valuable than ever.”
TUITION AT CENTRAL IS JUST $18,600 PER YEAR.
AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

Central is more affordable than ever—with a total cost to attend comparable to state universities. And that’s before applying financial aid and scholarships!

We also guarantee each Central student: an internship, shadowing or service experience; graduation in four years; and a free, weeklong Career Kickstarter during sophomore year.

These opportunities save Central students money. Provide marketable skills. And allow students to graduate and earn a paycheck sooner. Central guarantees these experiences to every Central student who meets certain basic criteria. Students graduate with stellar credentials, strong connections, unforgettable mentors and an education that opens doors for a lifetime.

That’s the Central way.

HOW CENTRAL STACKS UP
$18,600 (CENTRAL’S TUITION) + $10,280 (CENTRAL’S ROOM & BOARD) = $28,880

A COMPARISON OF TUITION + ROOM AND BOARD WITH OTHER IOWA INSTITUTIONS

- UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA $18,098
- IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY $18,469
- UNIVERSITY OF IOWA $20,261
- CENTRAL COLLEGE $28,880
- SIMPSON COLLEGE $48,730
- WARTBURG COLLEGE $51,110

Average aid and scholarships a student receives from Central, federal and state awards, which can be subtracted from total costs for an incredibly affordable experience.

$8,927
President Mark Putnam speaking to staff and faculty about the college’s new tuition pricing of $18,600 Sept. 10.

“CENTRAL VIEWS IT AS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP BRING RATIONALITY TO THE PRICE OF A HIGH-QUALITY COLLEGE EDUCATION.”

– PRESIDENT MARK PUTNAM
Central offers the new tuition and programs under the umbrella of a high-quality, liberal arts degree. The college will continue to offer academic programs in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), pre-professional programs in health care and dozens of hallmark programs such as business, psychology and education as well as historic strengths in social sciences, humanities and arts.

The college’s student-to-faculty ratio is 11:1. Students leave Central headed for success. In fact, 97% are in the workforce or in graduate school following graduation.

“While the price is changing, the value you get for it is not. Central simply is making it easier to understand the affordability, benefits and value of its education. It’s the Central way,” Putnam says.

A LEADERSHIP POSITION

Central’s pricing commitment places it at the forefront of a growing number of colleges and universities nationwide that are leaving the high-tuition, high-aid pricing model.

According to an April 2019 study by Lucie Laposvsky, an economist, higher education consultant and former college president, 24 private colleges adjusted their published tuition prices between Fall 2010 and Fall 2016; 23 more reduced tuition between 2017 to 2019. Those include such well-established, nationally-known institutions as Drew University, Elmira College, Mills College, Rosemont College and St. John’s College.

Virtually all are announcing new tuition prices for the same reason Central is: to make clear the actual cost of attendance so students and families don’t rule out applying based on a published price that is much higher than most students actually pay.

Central’s senior leadership team credits careful planning with the announcement’s success. “We learned from others’ examples,” Putnam says. “Plus, Central is making this change from a position of strength. Central remains strong and in great health as an institution because of the incredible loyalty and spirit of generosity shown by so many in our Central family.”

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REATIONS TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT

“EXTRAORDINARILY PROUD”

“I’m extraordinarily proud of Central College for making an eye-opening, life-defining college education available to more students and families who may have, in the past, decided the price to attend was higher than they could ever consider. This represents an important step toward greater levels of awareness, access and inclusivity that significantly increases the chances of perfect student-college pairings. In my book, that’s a win-win for higher education.”

– Eric Sickler ’83, vice president for client services at the Thorburn Group, a higher education marketing firm, from his article “It Isn’t the Cost of College That’s the Problem, It’s the Price” in the Sept. 12 edition of Inside Higher Education

“HISTORIC”

“I can certainly tell you, within the state of Iowa, this is historic. Their new published tuition is (about) half of what it was. I’m sort of at a loss for words. I think it’s the most rare thing that I’ve seen in public or private education.”

– Gary Steinke, president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and former executive director of the Iowa Board of Regents, quoted online Sept. 10 in the Des Moines Register

“ABANDONING THE MYTH”

“Another private sector college (@CentralCollege) makes substantial tuition cut, abandoning the myth that “if we charge more people will think we are better” that’s plaguing HigherEducation for too long.”

– Bob Johnson, creator of “Your Higher Ed Marketing Newsletter,” via Twitter

“WALKS THE WALK”

“Bold move in #highered. @CentralCollege walks the walk to fight #StudentDebtCrisis. #GoDutch.”

– Kyle Munson ’94, former Iowa columnist at The Des Moines Register, via Twitter

“START A TREND”

“Price shopping for colleges is very difficult and some people might think impossible. That’s why I was glad to learn that one of Iowa’s well-respected private colleges, Central College in Pella, Iowa, has lowered its tuition from $36,800 to $18,600 to better reflect the actual cost. Yes, that’s right, they reduced their college tuition by $20,000 a year. Maybe Central will start a trend.”

– Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, on the Senate floor, Sept. 12
ATHLETIC TRAINING AT CENTRAL

Soon transitioning from a major to a pre-professional program. That’s a good thing.

BY: JEFF BERSCH

Taryn Pennington ‘13 at the 2019 Pan-Am Games in Lima, Peru, working as a high performance health care services provider for Team USA.
Taryn Pennington ’13 understands there is an ongoing stigma to battle with athletic training.

“People who don’t understand it think all we’re there for is to give out water and tape ankles,” she says.

It couldn’t be further from the truth.

Athletic trainers are an extension of health care, there to “provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical examination and diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitative care,” as described by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association in its March 2019 campaign #ATsAreHealthCare.

For more than three decades now, Central College and its program have put hundreds of qualified athletic trainers into the workforce.

Pennington is one of them. She’s currently at what she calls a “dream job,” working as a high performance health care services provider, contracted out to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“Since my freshman year of college, my goal was to work for the Olympics or Team USA in some capacity,” she says. “At the time, I didn’t know what that looked like or what the process was to get to that level.”

What she got at Central certainly was the first step, as it has been for 171 students who have become certified athletic trainers through Central’s program. At least another 75 went into other fields such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractic or medicine.

There currently are 12 seniors in the program, with another eight juniors and six sophomores set to finish the program under its current setup. Changes are coming—namely a move to a pre-athletic training program—but Central has set itself up to remain a leader in athletic training.

“The history and reputation of our program is out there. People know,” says John Roslien, associate professor of exercise science and director of athletic training. “If you want to be an athlete, be on student council, study abroad, do all the things we talk about doing here at Central and still get to graduate school in athletic training, this is a heck of a place to go to school.”

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Ron Schipper. He worked in a closet-sized room, attached to the men’s locker room, that smelled a bit moldy. Supplies were limited and athletes didn’t fully understand the duties of an athletic trainer.

He survived the first year and eventually moved into the new A.N. Kuyper Athletics Complex. As Roslien became more comfortable, he pitched the idea of starting an athletic training program. With support from Schipper, former President Kenneth J. Weller and other faculty members, the program was born.

In 1990, Central graduated its first certified athletic trainer. Leslie Keuning ’90 went on to become an associate professor of exercise science at Central and is now the college’s registrar.

In 2004, Central was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training. That was milestone day, Roslien said.

“September 15, 2004;” he says. “I’ll never forget that. That was a big deal.”

In the program’s infancy, students could major in anything and needed only six classes and 1,500 hours of documented experience. Central’s athletic training experience now is a demanding major, with classes ranging from athletic injury assessment to human anatomy and kinesiology.

Hands-on experience starts with 10 three-week clinical rotations as a sophomore. Every junior does a rotation with the football program. Seniors often work an internship in a chosen setting.

“We’ve always had a strong commitment to getting our students into the world and preparing them so they can go where they want to go,” says Shelli Green ’07, instructor and clinical education coordinator of exercise science. “John always says our program will prepare you to do whatever it is you want to do. I believe that’s the truth.”

This year’s sophomores class is the last at Central able to earn a degree in athletic training. They will graduate in 2022, ending the accredited undergraduate program.
At the national level, athletic trainers will need a master's degree, per CAATE, to become certified starting in May 2025. Central's 10-year accreditation is up next fall, meaning it would have had to go through the accreditation process again and meet all requirements. That includes offering a master's degree—something currently outside the scope of Central's mission as an undergraduate college. Central will instead offer pre-athletic training, which joins other pre-professional programs on campus like dentistry, medicine and nursing.

Central's will remain a four-year program, preparing athletic trainers to move on to graduate school. There already are articulation agreements in place with three Iowa colleges and universities—Drake, Grand View and Loras—which essentially save spots for Central students in these institutions' graduate programs.

“Students and high school admission counselors recognize that what we’ve done at the undergraduate level was really good, so they’re anticipating our pre-athletic training program will be good as well,” Roslien said. “They’re flooding here with the idea they’ll get a good foundation and go on to graduate school.”

“I passed my board exam the first time. I felt comfortable with that. I felt comfortable with treatments and evaluations and doing everything I needed to do. But there’s just no way to prepare to start making those decisions yourself.

“But that feeling of, ‘Hey, this is your guy to rehab or this is your team to monitor,’ that’s something Central did an outstanding job preparing me for. When I was out on my own island, when I was the guy, I felt confident in my ability to not freak out. Central gave me that feeling of, ‘I got this.’”

Nelson took a year off from baseball and athletic training before getting back into it at Boise State University in Idaho. Through a connection with the Broncos’ coach, who had been a manager in the Cubs’ organization, he joined the baseball program in January. Boise State is starting a baseball program for the first time since 1980.

Through the process and throughout his time with the Cubs, Nelson leaned on the familiar from Central for advice.

“Every time John was in Arizona, we would meet up for dinner. I’ve always kept in touch with him and keep in touch with most of the professors I had in the program,” says Nelson, who is pursuing his master's degree at Boise State. “That’s really unheard of at most schools. I really can’t say enough about the experiences I had at Central. It was phenomenal.”

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Pennington credits Roslien for her career path, citing her visit to Central while she was a high school student in the St. Louis area.

“He was the reason I came to Central, the reason I pursued athletic training,” she says. “Sitting down and talking to him, he explained the program and all the opportunities I could have. My original plan was pre-med, to go into sports medicine, to be a physician.”

Opportunities are what Roslien has preached to athletic training students from the start. He’s a firm believer in the liberal arts education Central provides, while also giving students many experiences

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– Shane Nelson ’11, athletic trainer, Boise State University
in athletic training to make an informed decision about their future.

“As an incoming student, they’re looking for that,” he says. “We can cultivate that and make that happen. If you want to be in women’s basketball or the NFL or baseball or in a fitness center in Davenport, we can make that happen. We have those kinds of opportunities available. We’ve done that. We have a history of doing that.”

After leaving Central, Pennington earned her master’s degree at Ohio University while also working as a graduate assistant at a local high school. Her first full-time job came back at Central before she moved on to Reinhardt University in Georgia. She landed her job in Colorado Springs in February 2018, despite thinking she bombed the interview. It’s taken her places, most notably to the Pan-Am Games this summer in Lima, Peru.

“It was amazing, just a great experience to represent Team USA in an athletic training environment,” Pennington says. “I’m still kind of in shock to think back and realize I was there and got to work with some of the best athletes in the world on that high of a stage.”

Pennington also has earned her doctoral degree in athletic training from A.T. Still University in Mesa, Arizona, and would like to either return to the educational side becomes the job of Roslien and staff. Many also teach in the exercise science program, and the two certainly will be tied to each other.

Pre-athletic training students will spend four years at Central, able to earn a four-year degree in whatever they choose before moving on to graduate school. Most athletic training programs are 3-2, meaning three years at one institution before moving on to two years of grad school.

Roslien, however, is quick to point out the benefits of being at Central all four years.

“I’m a firm believer in being broad-based. I want my students to have as much wide-ranging experience as they can have. I think that’s valuable,” he says. “The other thing a four-year experience does here is offer athletes the chance to compete that fourth year. You don’t have to choose athletic training over athletics.”

Roslien has been asked a lot lately if the change is hard to see. In some ways, yes. In others, no.

“The master’s is the right thing for the profession,” he says. “I find myself doing things for the last time, teaching classes I won’t teach again. That’s the tough part.”

Pennington and Nelson are two examples of successes created at Central. The list is long.

“THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT”

With the changes ahead, preparing students to pursue a master’s degree now becomes the job of Roslien and staff. Perhaps the next success story sits in a classroom on campus, one of the 26 remaining athletic training students who will go through the program as-is. Perhaps it’s among the 45 freshmen this fall who expressed an interest in the pre-athletic training program.

“When this was all proposed, people wondered how many pre-athletic training students we were going to have. Three? I had no idea,” Roslien says. “I honestly believe at the Division III level in Iowa, we have the best program of anybody. That 45 number speaks to what we’ve done in the past. If you think athletic training is going away at Central, it’s not.”

“MUCH WIDELY RANGING EXPERIENCE AS THEY CAN HAVE.”

– John Roslien, associate professor of exercise science and director of athletic training

of athletic training as a clinical coordinator or become a sports medicine director at the collegiate level.

She credits Central for making it all possible.

“At Central, you learn a lot of the basics; they were ingrained in us,” she says. “All the professors I had at Central did a great job preparing me academically, as well as hands-on. They did a great job helping me be ready and comfortable to pursue that master’s degree.”

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

With the changes ahead, preparing students to pursue a master’s degree now
CSI: ANKENY

A recent alumna puts her STEM studies to work in Iowa’s crime lab.

BY: DAN WEEKS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY: PAUL JOY
“I speak for the evidence,” says Karlee Rock Schneider ’15. She’s a criminalist for the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation’s State Crime Lab in Ankeny. As a forensic scientist, she applies scientific principles to test evidence in criminal cases — up to and including testifying to the existence and significance of that evidence in court.

“WE DON’T STRUT AROUND”
A spate of recent TV shows glamorized her career, but “we don’t strut around in high heels,” she says. “It’s a stressful job. Every day we encounter things that are not easy to deal with. If it comes into our lab, it’s because something bad happened. We see the results of murders, property crime and a lot of sexual assaults. We don’t judge innocence or guilt. We tell the court what the evidence tells us. Then it’s up to the judge or jury to decide.”

Growing up in Wheatland, Iowa, population 700, she was inspired to work in forensics after watching the TV show “Dr. G: Medical Examiner.” It features real cases of Dr. Jan Carla Garavaglia, chief medical examiner of Orange and Osceola counties in Florida. “I liked the connection between science and law: figuring out what happened to someone to bring the perpetrator to justice,” Schneider says.

ATTENDING CENTRAL
Schneider is comfortable in a lab. She majored in biology and minored in chemistry at Central. She also spent a summer at Central on a lab research fellowship, studying the co-polymerization of lactide and CO2 with Assistant Professor James Dunne. She counts him as one of her favorite professors.

“He taught organic chemistry, which is not a fun class,” she says. “But I was never nervous asking questions. He’d explain things during the lecture, and if I didn’t get it, he’d explain it again to me in a different way until I understood. His door was always open; he was always willing to help.” She also worked on a research project with Dunne. “Unlike a typical instructional lab where we knew how the reactions would work, there wasn’t a known answer,” she says. “That enhanced my lab skills and forced me to step outside of my comfort zone.”

Another favorite was Ashley Garr, associate professor of chemistry. “She was my advisor. She knew what classes I had to take to qualify for graduate school and helped me fit them all in. She was always a friendly face and would help me out with any questions I had — even with classes I took from other professors if they happened to be unavailable for some reason.”

“The involvement of both of these professors was continuous, even after I was in graduate school and applying for jobs,” Schneider adds. “As you can imagine, the background checks for this kind of work are pretty thorough.”

Schneider also played four years of highly competitive Division III softball and studied abroad in London during her Central career. In fact, the ability to combine athletics, academics and extracurriculars was a huge draw for her when looking at colleges.
“The year I went to London, four other members of my softball team went abroad as well. That’s a big chunk of talent on a competitive team. None of my coaches batted an eye. They said, ‘Go for it! That’s what college is for!’ I don’t think that happens at every school.”

She gives a lot of credit to her coaches, including George Wares ’76, head women’s softball coach at Central. “I learned how to work under pressure, how to be consistent, how to think strategically, how to work with others to achieve a result even when the odds look long,” she says. “The experience was invaluable in preparing me for grad school and for this job.”

She calls her time in London “the most incredible three months of my life. I loved every second of it. It opened my eyes to the world. I hadn’t thought it would be possible with playing softball and getting a science degree, but it was and I’m so glad I did it.”

**TESTING THE EVIDENCE**

Schneider checks her reagent chemicals to make sure they’re clean. She rubs the location of the stain with the swab. Then, using an eyedropper, she wets the top of a cotton swab with a reagent. The swab turns bright pink.

“Pink is more specific for blood,” she says. She wets another swab with a different reagent and swabs again. That one turns blue-green.

“Blue-green is more sensitive for blood,” she says. “When both swabs light up like that, I know it’s worth taking a DNA sample.” She snips off a sample of the stained section of T-shirt and places it in a tube, drops the remaining fabric scrap back in the evidence bag in which it was submitted to the lab and seals it with official evidence tape — complete with DCI insignia, her initials and the date.

“Now we process the evidence,” she says.

**A LAB TOUR**

On the way to the DNA processing section, she gives a quick tour of the other sections, or divisions, which make up the crime lab:

**TRACE EVIDENCE, ARSON AND EXPLOSIVES.** Here, evidence is checked for accelerants used in arson, trace materials or bomb debris at crime scenes or on evidence that can link particular elements or perpetrators to a crime.

**LATENT PRINTS.** Criminalists do various kinds of chemical and optical enhancements here to visualize fingerprints on evidence and check them against a national fingerprint database. The same section also can analyze footprints and tire tracks.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS.** Analysts in this section study handwriting samples, forged signatures and the impressions of computer printers and typewriters in an attempt to establish the identities of the people or machines that created them.

**BREATH ALCOHOL.** Technicians here calibrate, test and maintain alcohol devices used by all agencies in the state to detect blood alcohol concentration levels in drivers suspected of operating under the influence.

**TOXICOLOGY.** The presence of drugs or medications in bodily fluids is analyzed here.

**DRUGS.** This is where the actual suspect substance — white powder or green, leafy material, for example — is analyzed to determine its identity and/or purity.

**FIREFARMS AND TOOL MARKS.** Criminalists here use a shooting range, archive of approximately 4,500 weapons and a variety of equipment to attempt to identify weapons used in crimes. This may include matching land and groove rifling impressions on bullets to specific firearms and identifying firing pin impressions on cartridges that can possibly show which weapon shot which bullet. This section also can match the impressions of other tools used by criminals, such as pry bars and bolt cutters, with the tool that made them using a two-stage, comparison microscope.

**PHOTOGRAPHY.** This section processes crime scene images taken in the field and photographic evidence brought to the lab.

**EVIDENCE ROOM.** Here’s where evidence involved in criminal investigations is delivered, logged and stored before and after analysis. There’s also a garage that houses the lab’s two crime scene trucks — mobile labs that travel statewide to collect and document evidence.

**PROFILING CONVICTED OFFENDERS.** Cheek swabs of anyone in Iowa convicted of a felony, sex crime or almost all aggravated misdemeanors are sent here to be processed into DNA profiles and stored in a database to help link multiple crimes or convict reoffenders.

**DNA.** This section, where Schneider works, processes and analyzes DNA evidence.
GRAD SCHOOL
The distance from Central’s campus to the Ankeny crime lab is only about 50 miles. But Schneider’s route involved a 1,400-mile detour through Huntington, West Virginia. She applied to three top forensic science master’s degree programs — Syracuse University, Boston University and Marshall University. Marshall, in Huntington, was her top choice and the first to accept her; by the time Syracuse and Boston called, she’d already made her decision.

Marshall teaches a broad curriculum that prepares its candidates to go into any aspect of forensic science. To Schneider, the courses sounded intimidating.

“I thought I’d be studying day and night, stressed out,” she remembers.

Not so. “It was challenging, but I was well prepared to apply the science I’d learned at Central to forensics,” she says. “As well prepared, in fact, as some classmates who’d gone to schools with forensic science undergraduate programs.”

While in graduate school, Schneider interned one summer at the DCI lab in Ankeny in the firearms section. She liked what she saw. “There are 50 to 60 people working here, and it’s pretty close-knit. The people are great and the environment seemed collaborative.” She stayed in touch with the lab after graduating from Marshall and when a job came up in the DNA section, she jumped on it.

PROCESSING DNA
Now she’s been here more than a year and clearly knows her way around. Back in the lab, she entered a room of DNA extraction instruments. Each was named by the lab staff for a character in “The Big Bang Theory,” a recent popular sitcom featuring a group of young scientists.

As she loads the sample into an instrument dubbed Professor Proton, she explains the four stages of DNA processing: extraction, where she’ll separate DNA from other cellular material; quantitation, where she’ll determine how much DNA evidence is present; amplification, where she’ll make enough copies of the DNA — neither too many nor too few — for accurate analysis; and capillary electrophoresis, where she’ll capture the DNA using a laser and software.

The result is a graph, called an electropherogram, that’s somewhat akin to a genetic fingerprint. But, like a fingerprint gathered from a crime scene versus a fingerprint made on clean paper by inked skin, the data often requires interpretation: some DNA electropherograms have missing or weak information. Some samples contain the DNA of several donors and untangling them can be less than straightforward.

“Say it’s a sexual assault. Or there are two people bleeding on the floor,” says Schneider. “We attempt to separate the contributors out. The software can’t do that.”

It helps, she says, if they have “knowns” for comparison: clean, single-source DNA samples taken separately from a victim and a suspect, for example.

Sometimes the profile is too complex — there are too many donors or the signatures are too weak to use, and the evidence is inconclusive. In other cases, the evidence can be decisive. Either way, “we’re dealing with people’s lives. This is very important and sensitive information,” Schneider says. “We need to be objective. Everything is looked at by a second set of eyes. We have co-workers, supervisors and technical leaders. If you’re doing a hard case, you’re not doing it alone. It’s challenging work, but we have a lot of people who can help us.”

In that way, Schneider says, it’s not so different from her student days at Central when she had professors, coaches, classmates and teammates to turn to.

“I transformed during my time at Central,” she says. “All my experiences there developed my confidence and my independence and my determination to reach my goal. I’ve become a person I’m proud of.”

She reflects a bit. “You can have a lot of impact in this field. It’s a collaborative effort to solve a crime: It’s the agents knocking on doors, it’s the people in the field collecting evidence, it’s the detectives, lab personnel and others. But DNA can be a big piece of the puzzle. I’m doing just what I want to do.”

A BOOMERANG ALUM
In fact, there’s a great deal of her life that flows from her time at Central. She and her husband Andrew Schneider, Pella news director and sports announcer for KNIA/KRLS Radio, live in Pella. So does her brother Kirby Rock ’12, a route salesman for Mahaska Bottling, and his wife Abigail Sparks Rock ’12, a senior financial analyst at Precision, Inc. After sending Karlee and her brother to school here, her parents moved to Pella also.

“Pella is great,” Schneider says. “I love Tulip Time, the bakeries, the meat markets — it’s almost like a big city in a small town. The community really rallies around high school activities and the college’s arts and athletics programs. I can see myself raising a family and sending my kids to school there,” she says.

“And the other day I saw Nicole Palenske, associate professor of biology, at the store. I only had one course with her, but she remembered me and asked how I was doing. That’s what I remember from visiting Central when I was looking at colleges. Everyone seemed so friendly and genuine. And they really are.”

See more of Karlee’s story: central.edu/rock-schneider.
THE STATE OF THE COLLEGE

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Thanks to your ongoing and enthusiastic support, it has been a banner year for Central College. Here are a few of the extraordinary successes we’ve accomplished together in 2018-19:

**WE BROKE A FUNDRAISING RECORD**

Last year was our best ever for the Journey Scholarship Fund. Collectively, you contributed more than $1.34 million — 5% more than the college’s goal and $100,000 more than the fund’s five-year average.

This academic year, 640 students received a Journey Scholarship thanks to your generosity. All donations to the Journey Scholarship Fund go directly to students.

You also helped us create 10 new endowed scholarships, bringing the total number to 270. Endowed scholarships also directly support student education and leave a sustainable, long-term legacy of generosity.

Other generous donations funded research, faculty development and more. In fact, we received 50% more in restricted funds than we did in 2017-18, including funds for such capital projects as the Peace Mall and Douwstra Auditorium renovations.

The Forever Dutch® initiative, which funds updates for athletics facilities, received nearly $1 million in additional support. Because of your generous support, renovations will begin in the spring, with a target of finishing locker room and athletic training room updates by Fall 2020.

These gifts helped us achieve all the accomplishments that follow. Please know we are more grateful for your support than we can express. The value of your gifts will continue to multiply, generation upon generation, as our students go on to do great things for Central and the world.

**WE WELCOMED A BIG CLASS**

Central welcomed with open arms its largest incoming class in five years with this fall’s group of 357 students. That’s thanks in part to the college’s strategic investments in targeted admission, financial aid and communications work — and to the extraordinary efforts of the entire Central community. That number is 21% greater than the number of Fall 2018 incoming students.

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year includes 337 first-year students and 20 transfer students, compared with 278 first-year students and 17 transfer students in Fall 2018. Of the Fall 2019 incoming students, roughly:

- 65% are from Iowa.
- 35% are residents of other states from Massachusetts to Hawaii, including 38 from Illinois and 19 from Arizona.
- 30%-plus are planning to major in a STEM field.
- 20%-plus are ethnically diverse — nearly twice the percentage of the Class of 2019.
- 16% are siblings of Central students or alumni.
- 10%-plus are children of alumni.

**WE'RE RENOVATING PEACE MALL**

The college continues its largest landscaping project since the pond was built 55 years ago. The college is completely transforming the area between the chapel and pond. A new amphitheater will host outdoor events and was dedicated in honor of Wallace Spencer Stenpeske ’64 during Homecoming festivities. A history garden will honor Central’s veterans and recalls important moments in the life of the college.

We anticipate the history garden will be complete in Spring 2020.

A breathtakingly beautiful project, RDG Planning & Design of Des Moines sketched the work with input from lead donors, college leaders and history and art faculty members. Make plans to visit this compelling new focal point in the heart of campus. The renovation is 100% donor funded. For information on how to fund one of several monuments planned for the history garden, contact Michelle Wilkie, director of development, wilkiem@central.edu or 641-628-5281.

**WE ANNOUNCED A SCORE OF NEW PROGRAMS**

For years, an overwhelming percentage of Central students have graduated on time, taken advantage of an internship, job shadowing or community service experience and graduated career ready thanks to the preparation received here.

Now we’re pledging those experiences to all Central students who meet certain criteria and offering every sophomore a free, weeklong Career Kickstarter class.

Next fall, we will tout a women’s varsity triathlon team. Triathlon will be Central’s 20th NCAA Division III sport. Central is the 31st college in the nation to offer this sport and the second in Iowa.

In addition, Central’s 100-plus co-curricular offerings are now even more robust with more club sports, more student organizations, more themed housing, a new honor society for first-generation students and a new membership in the nation’s largest leadership honor society. For more information on these offerings, see “Around the Pond,” page 8 and “Central Leads the Way,” page 14.

**WE REVEALED A NEW ANNUAL TUITION**

For years, colleges and universities have been trapped in a pricing model that featured ever-escalating published prices combined with ever-escalating financial aid offerings to students. The inevitable result was a published price wildly divergent from the actual cost most students paid to attend after receiving financial aid.

These artificially high published prices discouraged many students and their families from even considering a high-quality education at a private college.

So, after considerable study, Central decided to offer a new annual tuition price. Current students will pay no more in 2020-21 than they are this year, and prospective students will have a much clearer idea of the actual cost of a Central education before they apply and get their aid packages.

We hope this change encourages more qualified students to apply to Central. But even if it doesn’t, we’re proud to take this initiative. It’s honest, it’s fair and it’s just the right thing to do. And as I mentioned above, we’re offering more scholarships than ever before. Thank you for your ongoing support of Central College and our students.

For more information, see “Central Leads the Way,” page 14.

— Mark Putnam
Central College President
**TOTAL GIVING**

Total $4,677,407

- **ENDOWMENT** $1,456,884
- **CAPITAL PURPOSES** $1,068,069
- **ANNUAL SUPPORT** $2,152,454

**GIVING BY SOURCES**

Total $4,677,407

- **ALUMNI** $2,809,397
- **CORPORATIONS** $610,474
- **FOUNDATIONS** $738,375
- **NON-ALUMNI PARENTS** $203,781
- **ASSOCIATIONS/CHURCHES** $136,111
- **FRIENDS** $179,269

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Total 873

- **ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS** 262
- **JOURNEY SCHOLARSHIPS** 611

*Pre-audit information. Subject to change.*
FISCAL YEAR OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Total $48,438,601 Since 2011

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### REVENUE

Total **$44,155,671**

- **Tuition & Fees** $16,269,332
- **Endowment** $8,000,000
- **Other** $2,828,037
- **Auxiliary** $12,924,520
- **Contributions** $4,133,782

### EXPENSES

Total **$45,966,237**

- **Instruction** $17,930,976
- **Student Activities** $4,734,779
- **Admin/General** $3,872,338
- **Academic Support** $2,125,025
- **Student Services** $4,350,247
- **Institutional** $2,945,155

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ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE

Total $78,575,564 As of June 30, 2019

INVESTMENT INCOME

Total $44,259,439 Since 2011

ASSETS

Total $185,528,700

PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT NET $90,653,232

INVESTMENTS $79,160,656

RECEIVABLES $7,868,153

CASH $1,136,271

OTHER $6,710,388
SCHOLTE'S CIRCLE

$10,000 or More

$5,000 - $9,999

$1,000 - $4,999

Anonymous (2)
Bev and Bruce Anderson '70*
Sally Anderson '69*
Dave '86 and Kristi Jaarsma Balk '88*
Herb Blom '61*
Curt '88 and Mary Holden Blythe '90
Darcy and Jeff Blythe '87*
Roger and Janice Brown
Rebecca and Peter Cartwright '82*
Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust*
Noel Cover Foundation*
Joe and Sue Cunningham
JoAnn and Steve De Cook '65*
Deere and Co.
Frans De Jong '57 Estate*
Vern '71 and Diane Norman
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Tej '91 and Karen Spencer
Dhawan '91*
Helen Dielch Estate
Carl and Harriet Dinges Estate
Al '75 and Jo Fall
Dorenkamp '74
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Mike '89 and Amy Dietrich
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MidWestOne Bank - Pella, Iowa
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Moore Family Foundation*
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Frank '91 and Stacy Profit
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Mike '69 and Linda Millin
Orr '68*
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Steve '01 and Stefanie
Bresnahan Perkins '02*
Precision, Inc. - Pella, Iowa*
Mark and Tammy Putnam*
Bill Rankin '69 and Lori Nakahara*
Joyce Schipper '16H
Second Reformed Church - Pella, Iowa*
John '62 and Betty Nagel
Sikkink '61*
Dave and Kathy Smith*
Harry Smith '73 and Andrea
Joyce Kuslits*
Dave '61 and Ardie Pals
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The Alliant Energy Foundation, Inc.
Logan '55* and Jen Noordsy
Andeweg '54+
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Kronenburg Borgman '55*
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Caterpillar, Inc.
Angela and Dan De Cook '95*
Ralph and LuAnn De Haan
Warren and Vici De Haan*
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Gray '88*
Barbara and Jim Grimm '59*
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Criswell '04H*
Brenta and Mary Hackert '66*
Kelly and Tim Heerema '88*
Dixie and Will Hoeckman '87*
H.O. Stilten Educational
Foundation*
Jaarsma Bakery - Pella, Iowa*

Mike '86 and Dawn De Boer
Klein '86*
Martin Klem '75*
Artis Vand Voot Leabo '47
Susan and Lanny Little '74*
Bryson '73 and Cindy
Grootvold Loomans '73
Robin Martin
Mathematical Association of
America*
Monticello College Foundation
Marsha and Russ Nieland '87
RDG Planning and Design -
Des Moines, Iowa
Reformed Church in America -
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Emily and Larry Beymen '71
Rick '70 and Sarah Drexler
Ryan '71*
Joel Shields '87
Kathleen Sikkema '84 and
Michael Merson*

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NEWSNOTES

THE '50s

Len Kalkwarf ’50 of Springfield, Virginia, was presented the RCA 1784 Legacy Award at the New Brunswick Seminary commencement in May.

THE '60s

For information about Dave Sutphen ’61, see the '70s. For information about Linda Bevan Bridie ’67, see the '10s.

Charles Stickley ’61 and wife, Esther, live in Hurley, New York. June 30, he celebrated 55 years since he was ordained as minister by returning to the pulpit at Hurley Reformed Church, where he served as pastor for 33 years before retiring in 2006.

Lynn Haines ’66 and wife, Sylvia, retired Jan. 1, after 43 years in ministry. They served 17 of those years in Indonesia, eight in Vietnam and the balance working with immigrants coming to the United States. They continue to serve as chaplains. When they are not deployed on disaster relief missions, they serve in their local church in Waxhaw, North Carolina.

THE '70s

For information about Donald Koenes ’78, see the ‘80s. For information about Kenneth Holmes ’78, see the ‘10s.

Susan Dickinson Mulholland ’70 enjoyed a 30-year federal government career in Washington, D.C. After attending seminary, she is now working toward ordination through the Ministerial Formation Certification Agency of the Reformed Church in America. Susan and husband, Mark, live in Leesburg, Virginia.

Dan Martinez ’73 was inducted into the Red Oak Hall of Fame Oct. 4. During his 42 years in education, Dan coached several sports at Red Oak High School. He is best remembered for the tremendous success his teams and players achieved in tennis and basketball. Dan and wife, Nita Wade Martinez ’73, live in Red Oak, Iowa.

Kathy Brown Gervasi ’75 is chair of the board, Tillamook Bay Community College. She is state STEM chair, American Association of University Women. Kathy and husband, Mark Gervasi, are retired in Tillamook, Oregon.

Mark Miller ’75 retired in May after 40 years serving Presbyterian congregations in the Midwest. Mark lives in Davenport, Florida.

Earl Cater ’77 published “Preventing Essay Writing from Causing a Williwaw” in the fall issue of The Old Schoolhouse Magazine.

Hollis O’Hare Skaife ’79 is professor and academic director, master of professional accountancy program, University of California-Davis. She has published in the Journal.

Bob Parrott ’70 helped gather his fellow Beakes for a reunion June 6-8 in Ankeny, Iowa. The group participated in a Ryder Cup-style golf tournament in which the “young guys” won the bragging rights and a trophy. The group also attended an Iowa Cubs game and toured a car museum. Participants in the golf tournament included (left to right): Alan Jamison ’73, Dennis Ashby ’71, Scott Parfrey ’70, John Burt ’72, Jim Keegan ’70, Craig Cochran ’71, Dave Kissinger ’70, Don Ferneau ’72, Dave Sutphen ’61 and Jim Hopkins ’74. Second row: Warren Poldberg ’74, Terry Garvin ’72, Neal Rusher ’73, Steve Bancroft ’70, Del Miller ’72, Scott Gonzales ’71, Ken Borgman ’71 and John Halma ’77. Back row: Mark Patterson ’77, Kent Johnson ’74, Don Orris ’74, Thom Summitt ’74, Gale Zellweger ’74, Don Robinette ’74, Bill Rollison ’74, Dave Swanson ’74 and Tom Swanson ’77.

Karen Bunn Stott ’78 gathered classmates in Lake View, Iowa, to celebrate 45 years of friendship and the retirement of Lynnette Ziskovsky Fevold ’78. They are (left to right): Denise Baustian ’78 and Fevold. Second row: Connis Rhinehart Dayton ’78 and Bunn Stott. Back row: Chris Weaver Gaunt ’78, Rebecca Muhs Blair ’78 and Jo Muzingo Lear ’78.

**THE ‘80s**

For information about Jane Kristensen Murphy ’89, see the ’10s.

Denise Mc Govern Koenes ’80 is consultant, Corcoran Consulting Group, San Bernardino, California. Denise and husband, Donald Koenes ’78, live in Roseville, California.

Bradley Eggers ’87 is BUMA leader, coach, vice president, Eurofins, Des Moines, Iowa. Brad and wife, Janice, live in Ankeny, Iowa.

Brian Miller ’88 is group vice president, SMB direct sales, Spectrum, Stamford, Connecticut.

Jody Harris ’89 teaches eighth grade math, Dubai American Academy, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where wife, Angela Brower Harris ’90, teaches second grade at American School of Dubai. Jody and Angela are parents of Seth Harris ’12 and Makenzie Harris Schouten ’17.

Susan Mertens Morris ’89 is a teacher, Snowline Joint Unified School District, Phelan, California. Susan and husband, Edward, live in Phelan. They have two daughters.

**THE ‘90s**

For information about Angela Brower Harris ’90, see the ’80s. For information about April Shirkey Six ’96 and Kevin Stittsworth ’95, see the ’10s.

Brad Thomas ’90 is employment services bureau chief of human services, State of Iowa Department of Administrative Services, Des Moines, Iowa. Brad and wife, Lisa Kappelmann Thomas ’90, live in Knoxville, Iowa. Lisa teaches at Knoxville Community Schools.

Pip Fisher ’92 is technical initiative support coordinator, Wells Fargo, West Des Moines, Iowa, and vice president, Iowa Ornithologists Union. Pip and wife, Carol, live in Madrid, Iowa, with their son.

Joe Bock ’93 is executive vice president, account management, Havit Advertising, Arlington, Virginia. Joe and wife, Kim, live in Vienna, Virginia, with their daughter.

Jason Reynolds ’93 is deputy superintendent, Peoria Unified School District, Phoenix, Arizona. Jason and wife, Mara, live in Phoenix with their two children.

Maximilian Kogler ’94 of New York is founder and CEO, Kognico, New York.

Jana Daberkow Rieker ’94 is BUMA leader, coach, vice president, Iowa Ornithologists Union. Pip and wife, Theresa Fontana Chivers ’97, live in Des Moines, Iowa, with their two children.

Kevin Stittsworth ’95 of Knoxville, Iowa, is director of foundation and public relations, Knoxville Hospital and Clinics.

Christopher Erickson ’97 of Lone Tree, Colorado, is executive vice president, regional manager, commercial real estate banking, Pacific Western Bank. He has one child.

David Chivers ’98 is global publisher, AspenCore and vice president and general manager, Arrow Electronics. David and wife, Theresa Fontana Chivers ’97, live in Des Moines, Iowa, with their two children.

**THE ‘00s**

For information about Liz Sieren Roe ’03, Laura Bade ’09 and Aaron Burk ’09, see the ’10s.

Jed Eichhorn ’00 is owner, Eichhorn Recreation, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He wrote a series of books, Little Sports Torts, to teach sports fundamentals to preschoolers. Jed and wife, Liz, live in Marion, Iowa, with their two children.

Julie Lawrence Fiedler ’00 is marketing coordinator, Laiderman Law Firm, St. Louis, Missouri. Julie and husband, Travis, live in Wentworth, Missouri, with their two sons.

Jill Hendricks Kienzle ’01 is athletic trainer, South Tama High School, Tama, Iowa. In July, Jill was presented the Exceptional Leadership Award from the Iowa Concussion Consortium in Iowa City, Iowa. Jill and husband, Derek, live in Garwin, Iowa.

Sara Richardson Perez ’02 is education program coordinator of curriculum, Des Moines Performing Arts, Des Moines, Iowa. Sara and husband, David, live in West Des Moines, Iowa, with their daughter.
Kristin Sullivan Intelisano '03 of Malden, Massachusetts, is trade sales manager, Pella Windows and Doors of Boston, New Hampshire and Maine.

Tamra Swailes Roberts '03 is district court judge, 7th Judicial District, State of Iowa. Tamra and husband, Daniel Roberts '02, live in Tipton, Iowa. Dan is superintendent of construction, Miron Construction, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Angela Grey Klein '05 is security engineer, Federated Insurance, Owatonna, Minnesota. Angela and husband, Brad, live in Owatonna with their two children.

Ashley Wendt McFarland '05 is executive director, Dovetail Partners, Duluth, Minnesota. Ashley and husband, James, live in Hermantown, Minnesota, with their two children.

Justin Van Soelen '05 is manufacturing engineer, Vermeer Corp., Pella, Iowa. Justin and wife, Jill Williams Van Soelen '06, live in Sully, Iowa, with their five children.

Kyle Halfpop '06 is head women’s soccer coach, University of Minnesota

Katie Petty ‘08 and Cody DeWitt married June 15. Katie is a stylist, Expressions by Design, Pella, Iowa. They live in New Sharon, Iowa, with their two sons.

Angela Long Hall '06 is childbirth educator, Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa. Angela and husband, Joel, live in Ankeny, Iowa.

Jaime Lyon '06 and Peter West '03 of Cedar Falls, Iowa, married May 18.

Ann Rankin '06 is classroom instructional coach, Berg Middle School, Newton, Iowa. Ann lives in Knoxville, Iowa.

Tyler Cobb '07 is digital marketing campaign coordinator, Alltech, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Tyler and wife, Christine, live in Winchester, Kentucky, with their daughter.

Ashley Van Zee Reif '07 is librarian for pre-school through 12th grade, Montezuma Community Schools, Ashlyn and husband, Michael, live in Grinnell, Iowa, with their two sons.

Allison Klett Cooke '08 is account specialist, State Farm Insurance, Sheldon, Iowa. Allison and husband, Adam Cooke, live in Sheldon with their two children.

Bonnie Merkley '08 and Jason Joyce of Des Moines, Iowa, married Aug. 18. Bonnie is suitability and compliance analyst, Fidelity & Guaranty Life, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Jeremy Sieben '08 is senior associate director, leadership development, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, Chicago, Illinois.

Zachary Stockton '08 of Naperville, Illinois, is engineering section manager, Burns and McDonnell, Chicago, Illinois.

Garra Williams Wilmes '08 is branch office administrator, Edward Jones, Lincoln, Nebraska. Garra and husband, Tim, live in Lincoln with their daughter.

Erinn Lauterbach '09 of Riverside, California, is a fifth year Ph.D. student, University of California, Riverside. Her research team recently published an article in the American Journal of Political Science.

Colin Van Kooten '09 is production control manager, Vermeer Corp., Pella, Iowa. Colin and wife, Auburn, live in Pella with their two sons.

Amanda Higgins '14 and Mitchel Giesking of Titonka, Iowa, married May 19, 2018. Amanda is a radiologic technologist, United Hospital District, Blue Earth, Minnesota; works for Buffalo Center and Titonka Ambulance Services and is an athletic trainer. Participants in the wedding included, (left to right): Blaize Van Rheenen '14, Amanda Higgins Giesking '14, Emily Hutchison '14 and Emily Thuerauf '15.
Kyle Michel ’10 of Van Meter, Iowa, is city administrator, Van Meter. He was presented the Iowa City and County Management Association 2019 Emerging Leader Award.


Brittney Hubers Davis ’11 is physical therapist and clinic manager, Rock Valley Physical Therapy, North Liberty, Iowa. Brittney and husband, Emery Davis ’13, live in Solon, Iowa, with their son. Emery is watershed coordinator, Linn County Conservation, Marion, Iowa.


Donnie McMahan ’12 is manufacturing data analyst, Pella Corp., Pella, Iowa. Donnie and wife, Maria Chickering McMahan ’14, live in Pella. Maria is engineering specialist, Pella Corp.

Cory Nikkel ’12 is director of spiritual life and middle school assistant, Des Moines Christian Schools, Urbandale, Iowa. Cory and wife, Courtney, live in Johnston, Iowa.

Ivy Paul ’12 and Kevin Van Os ’13 married Oct. 6, 2012. Kevin is production manager, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

Rachel Shaffer ’12 of Puyallup, Washington, is extraction technician, Cordant Health Solutions, Tacoma, Washington.

Tyler Wentworth ’12 is director of social media, Manscaped, San Diego, California.


Brandon Clough ’13 is trails and natural resources technician, Story County, Ames, Iowa. Brandon and wife, Jessica Riebkes Clough ’14, live in Newton, Iowa. Jessica is land projects assistant, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa.

Drew Readel ’13 of Pella, Iowa, is assistant director, admission, Central College.

Angela Tinker ’16 and Dustin Smith ’16 of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, married June 22. Angela teaches special education, Cedar Rapids Community School District, Cedar Rapids.
Tessa Reinig ‘13 is financial analyst, John Deere, Ottumwa Works. Tessa and husband, Allen Mann ‘13, live in Pella, Iowa. Allen is head strength and conditioning coach and physical education teacher, Marshalltown High School, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Katlyn Alves ‘14 of North Andover, Massachusetts, is working toward a master’s degree, community engagement, concentration in higher learning, Merrimack College. Katlyn received a full-tuition scholarship and is service-learning fellow at North Shore Community College.

Mycaela Crouse ‘14 and Kyle Freischlag ‘14 of North Liberty, Iowa, married June 1. Kyle is resident physician, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. He is recipient of the Excellence in Research Award, American College of Surgeons; Mycaela works for the American Red Cross.

Will Folkerts ‘14 teaches sixth-grade, Chariton Community School, Chariton, Iowa. Will and wife, Sarah Rankin Folkerts ‘13, live in Chariton with their two daughters.

Emily Hutchison ‘14 is assistant drama director, South Middle School, Waukee, Iowa.

Trevor Koolmees ‘14 is corporate account representative, Vermeer Corp., Pella, Iowa.

Rachel Lehr ‘14 of Chicago, Illinois, is therapist, Revive Relationship Therapy, Lincoln Park, Illinois.

Paige Myers ‘14 and Andrew Parsons of Ankeny, Iowa, married May 18. Paige teaches special education, North Polk High School, Alleman, Iowa.


Cody Wiederin ‘14 of Urbandale, Iowa, is senior accountant, financial analyst, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Urbandale.

Grace Hirl Sereg ‘15 is director, brand and communications, Mahaska Health Hospital, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Grace and husband, Preston, live in Ankeny, Iowa.

Dana Van Renterghem ‘15 of West Des Moines, Iowa, is GSA coordinator, Iowa Safe Schools, Des Moines, Iowa.

Riley Burkart ‘16 of Monument, Colorado, is test and systems integration engineer, commercial satellites, Lockheed Martin.

Tiffany Nguyen ‘16 of Bellevue, Nebraska, is undergraduate medical education program coordinator, Office of Education, Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska.
Cody Bock ’17 taught math in Guinea, West Africa in the Peace Corps. She is pursuing a master’s degree in philosophy, development studies program, Oxford University, U.K.

AJ McBroom ’17 of Des Moines, Iowa, is ortho technician, Des Moines Orthopaedic Surgeons.

Jordan Sanders ’17 of Ankeny, Iowa, is staff accountant II, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Urbandale, Iowa.

Emma Simmons-Curtis ’17 and husband, Josh Curtis ’16 are in Aberdeen, Scotland, while Emma pursues a master’s degree, University of Aberdeen.

Thomas Slaney ’17 is apprentice, Academy Roofing, Des Moines, Iowa.

Noah Stochl ’17 was commissioned Second Lieutenant, Iowa National Guard, July 27. Noah was presented the Commandant’s Honor Graduate and The Peer Nominated 1st Battalion 168th Infantry Punch Gallop Award for Small Unit Leadership and Tactics. He plans to apply for the JAG Corp and will complete his juris doctorate from the University of Iowa School of Law in December. Noah and wife, EmmaGrace Walter Stochl ’19, live in Johnston, Iowa. EmmaGrace is physician assistant graduate student, Des Moines University.

Calvin Bill ’18 is attending Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri.

Melissa Charlton Carpenter ’18 is retirement specialist, Principal Financial Group, Des Moines, Iowa. Melissa and husband, Joshua Carpenter ’17, live in West Des Moines, Iowa. Josh is law student, Drake University Law School, Des Moines and interned as law clerk, Duff Law Firm, West Des Moines.

Evelyn Kammeyer ’18 is assistant cross-country and track and field coach, Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

McKenna Kilburg ’18 and Connor Woodward of Lisbon, Iowa, married July 13.

Catherine Pearce ’18 and Brady Vande Voort of Knoxville, Iowa, married June 15. Catherine is admission representative, Central College.

Evelyn Kammeyer ’18 is assistant cross-country and track and field coach, Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Keri Murphy '17 and Lance Van Polen of Oskaloosa, Iowa, married June 1. Keri teaches third grade, Oskaloosa Community School District. Wedding participants included (left to right): Linda Bevan Bridie '67, Jenna Conn '17, Kjerstin Grindberg Brandt '17, Laura Bade '09, Carly Shelman Moeller '18, Jane Kristensen Murphy '89, Keri Murphy Van Polen '17, Ashton Lawson '17, Ashley Hulsing Kriegel '15, Madi Gause Wiese '16, Abby Warren Herring '17 and Haley Wilcox '17. Back row: Coy Moore '19, Aimee Moberly Forgie '15, April Shirkey Six '96, Kevin Stittsworth '95, Aron Burk '09, Liz Sieren Roe '03, Betsy Van Haaften '17, Tristan Miedema '18, Nelson Wiese '16, Jake Webb '17, Samantha Ferry '18 and Micaela Sciarrotta '17.

Andrew and Jennifer Steger Ignash '98, son Everett William, June 18, 2019.
Michielsen and Rebecca Linacre Tenckinck '04, son Hashbrouck Ryan, Oct. 21, 2018.
Laurie and Paul Markowski '05, daughter Lucy Eleanor, Aug. 19, 2019.
Trent '07 and Allison Fegley Johnson '08, daughter Lucy Eleanor, Aug. 19, 2019.
Adam and Allison Klett Cooke '08, son Bentley Donald, April 16, 2018.
Michael and Amanda Hadley Ross '08, daughter Adalynn Ann, March 18, 2019.

BJ '09 and Alyssa Tanis Pilling '08, daughter Piper Mae, May 20, 2019.
Brandon and Sarah Glendingen Henman '12, daughter Kylie Leighton, July 9, 2019.
Will '14 and Sarah Rankin Folkerts '13, daughter Lucille Pearl, May 16, 2019.
Nathan and Savanna Hornung Coram '14, son Sebastian James, Feb. 5, 2019.
Ethan '15 and Lyndi Van Maaren Brandt '15, daughter Everly June, June 30, 2019.

Leona Hiemstra Ter Louw '37, Pella, Iowa, Aug. 24, 2018.
Howard Borgman '49, Fort Gratiot, Michigan, April 20, 2019.
Betty Mae Rosenberg Basler '52, Oregon, July 16, 2019.
Logan Andeweg '55, Pella, Iowa, June 20, 2019.
David Dannen '60, Chapin, Iowa, April 19, 2019.
Paul Dirksen '64, Cleveland, Ohio, May 16, 2019.
Dennis J. Herrema '69, Monroe, Iowa, June 16, 2019.
Dennis Dornink '70, Des Moines, Iowa, June 16, 2019.
Gary Lewis Reed '82, Osceola, Iowa, June 6, 2019.
Danelle Hysell Rus '05, Pella, Iowa, Aug. 12, 2019.
This year's Homecoming is one we won't forget.
1 ALUMNI
Reuniting never felt so good! Homecoming 2019 reunited 14 classes of Central College alumni. All were invited to the post-game party to reminisce and celebrate being Forever Dutch.®

2 HOO-RAH
Central spirit was everywhere as Central students, alumni, friends, and faculty and staff came together to honor the college’s past and look toward a bright future.

6 TENNIS
Central’s women’s tennis team took home wins against both Nebraska Wesleyan University and Buena Vista University during the weekend.

7 LEMMING RACE
Homecoming wouldn’t be the same without Central’s famous 42-year tradition.

8 ROYALTY
Central’s Homecoming royalty, Jack Sysma ’20 and Erin Dilger ’20, were crowned at the coronation ceremony.
3 MUSIC
Central’s A Cappella Choir took the Hoekstra Family Stage in Douwstra Auditorium for a special Homecoming performance.

4 PEACE MALL
The newly renovated Wallace Spencer Stephenske ’64 Amphitheater in Peace Mall was dedicated during Homecoming.

5 BIG RED
Big Red paused to get a caricature drawn by Scott Van Den Berg ’79.

9 FOOTBALL
The Dutch football team celebrated a victory over Loras College with a score of 52-33.

10 TAILGATE
The pre-football game tailgate gave the Central community a place to fuel up to cheer the Dutch to a victory.


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— KIMBERLY S. WATTS ’88

Growing up near Boston I’d not initially heard of Central College but was impressed by its strong study abroad program,” Kimberly Watts ’88 says. “I fell in love with Central’s campus and the warm reception. I had lots of great choices for college near my hometown, but I knew Central was the right fit.”

“I had such great experiences at Central, engaging with other students, faculty and administrators on a level I could have never achieved at large school,” she says. “I was able to explore different classes and activities that really helped me grow and overcome some shyness and become a more extroverted introvert! Working as a student ambassador and on the Phonathon foreshadowed my career as a nonprofit fundraiser.”

In addition to her day job, Watts founded Owen & Abbey, a social enterprise focused on creating jobs by making furniture and home goods using materials salvaged from abandoned homes. Owen & Abbey was recognized in the 2014 Michigan Social Entrepreneur Challenge as the Jaffe Right Start Prize winner and as a Michigan Economic Development Corporation Community Ventures Honor Roll company. In 2017, Owen & Abbey was the second prize winner of the Michigan Women’s Foundation Dolphin Tank Pitch Competition in the lifestyle category and is a 2019 Finalist in the launch category of MWF’s Empower Change MI competition.

Watts brings her successes back to Central.

“I have supported Central since I graduated and am happy to extend that to my estate plans,” she says. “The liberal arts education and experience I had at Central prepared me to succeed as a result of the skills and mindsets I developed — including curiosity, resiliency, a broad range of interests and knowledge that instilled a lifelong love of learning and the ability to communicate well.”
For many college students, summer means beach balls, bonfires and calypso rhythms, but for me, the school year’s biggest break looked a lot more like sketchbooks, art museums and classical music.

I’m an art minor at Central College, and I’ve been teaching myself to paint since I was 13. This summer, I decided to throw myself fully into studying the masters.

First, I requested some art books and instructional DVDs by Scott Christensen and Rose Frantzen through the Geisler Library’s InterLibrary Loan program. ILL is great because I can get almost any item from anywhere in the world, usually within a couple weeks, for free.

Not long after, I headed to Wisconsin to take a workshop with living master Daniel Gerhartz. Gerhartz is one of my favorite artists and also a fellow Christian. I spent five eight-hour days studying masterworks, watching demonstrations and painting portraits of live models in his beautiful home studio.

It’s amazing what Gerhartz can do not only on his canvas, but on ours. We students made a mess for 20 minutes, then he’d come over and put two strokes on our paintings and suddenly they’d look like the sitter.

It was truly a historical experience. Gerhartz has a personal connection to masters like Spanish landscape and portrait painter Joaquín Sorolla and Nicolai Fechin, a Russian-American painter known for his paintings of the American West. Now I feel like I’m part of this tradition.

Once home, I couldn’t shake the networking bug. Just like Central’s Career and Professional Development Office teaches, I reached out to award-winning artist Andrew Peters of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He not only agreed to meet and give me a tour of his studio, but also gave me a drawing lesson and let me email him pictures of paintings I’m especially proud of.

On a spontaneous trip to Fairfield, Iowa, I met the proprietor and featured artist of Americus Gallery, Christopher Kufner. Kufner was incredibly hospitable. He told me about his techniques and shared the stories behind the paintings on display—many of which had never been shown before.

I also tried my best to get to museums to see the works of the masters in person. There is nothing like seeing a painting in real life. I can get an idea of how a picture was painted just from looking at the brushstrokes.

I visited the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art in Iowa; the Joslyn Museum in Omaha, Nebraska; the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City, Missouri; and both Newfields and the Eiteljorg Museum of Native Americans and Western Art in Indianapolis, Indiana.

I got plenty of hands-on experience making art, too. Besides completing 10 paintings, I made a glass ornament at Bloom and Bark Studios in Keosauqua, Iowa. I was intrigued by the glassblowing class offered at Central, and thought I had to give it a try.

After a long summer of artistic adventures, I was ready to return to campus for a year of academic pursuits.
BAT CRAZY

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Professor of Biology Russ Benedict holds a bat netted for study. The flash from a student’s camera renders the animal’s wings translucent.