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Introducing
Dr. Lynne Murray
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Dear Alumni,

I am honored to serve as the 29th president of Baker University, a wonderful place that means so much to all of you because of the impact it has had on you personally and professionally. Since I was announced as president a little more than six months ago, I have enjoyed interacting with Baker alumni and Dr. Pat to learn more about their Baker experiences. I must praise Dr. Pat for her leadership, providing a smooth transition and a strong foundation for us to move forward. The love and pride you have for your alma mater, especially your emphasis on student success, were obvious in April at the successful Scholarship Gala and Auction, an event I was fortunate to attend.

When I think of Baker University and the new chapter that awaits me, I am reminded and humbled by the responsibility to the students and how this is a moment for me to truly touch their lives in meaningful ways and to support them through this time, whether they are undergraduate, graduate or nursing students. I will support them and the distinguished faculty at Baker, for they make us who we are. They and the dedicated staff members are the reasons that my husband, Jeff, and I selected Baker. At first, I was drawn to Baker for its distinctiveness in terms of academic excellence and values. But it was after Jeff and I visited the Baldwin City campus and met the people, we just knew in our hearts that it was the place for us. This is the place where we believe we can come together with the community to create a real positive experience for the students, parents and you the alumni and for the future of this iconic Kansas institution.

First and foremost, I will strive to serve this community as president by raising funds to support scholarships for students and for academic and faculty excellence. I will strive to grow the endowment so that years from now, the foundation for Baker University is stronger, and I will work with the entire Baker University community to increase enrollment. I will support Greek life and extracurricular activities as part of the overall Baker experience, as well as athletics. I will build on the foundation of past presidents, faculty members and you as I strive to do justice to your legacy.

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That stone stair was the hunter’s legacy for future generations of “blackbird seekers.” People could not remember his name, but they would climb his stone stair. When my time is up at Baker, I hope that thousands of students will be able to climb to new heights and to dream greater dreams for themselves than we ever dared and that they, in turn, will inspire thousands more. I welcome our alumni to share in that journey.

Proudly,

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Campus News

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Munganos is going strong on the Baldwin City campus.

The student-run diversity organization celebrated its 45th anniversary in May at the Osbourne Chapel with Jesse Milan, the organization’s founder, in attendance. The group installed its officers for 2014-2015 — Lauren Allen-Brown, president; Tyler Sloan, vice president; Haley James, treasurer; Khadijah Lane, secretary; and Antonio Adgers, public relations — and led the annual candlelight vigil to honor those who shaped the civil rights movements.

Teressa Clough serves as the Munganos adviser, and Leonard Ortiz is the faculty adviser. Milan founded the group in 1969, when he was a Baker professor.

Students honored for research papers

Two of the brightest students in the Department of History, Culture and Society won the top research paper awards, sweeping the undergraduate categories in the spring semester at the Kansas Association of Historians annual conference in Wichita. John Patchen and Michael Preut became the third and fourth Baker students to win the statewide award.

In Category I (papers produced in a seminar-level course, Preut, of Baldwin City, Kan., won for “Hungary in Crisis: The Making and Breaking of Eastern Europe in the Post-War Era.” In Category II (papers produced in a class where the paper is not the focus of the course), Patchen, of Lawrence, Kan., won for “Surviving The Dirty Thirties: A Story of Kansas Farm Families and Survival in the 1930s.”

“The Kansas Association of Historians Undergraduate Writing awards are quite prestigious as our students compete against students from every college or university in Kansas,” said Leonard Ortiz, associate professor of history.

Junior receives scholarship from National Federation of the Blind

A vision impairment has not prevented Dustin Turner from excelling at Baker.

Turner, a senior-to-be from Overbrook, Kan., has 20/400 vision and suffers from congenital nystagmus. For his performance in the classroom, an essay competition and campus activities, he was awarded a scholarship from the National Federation of the Blind.

Turner, a wrestler for the Wildcats, is on the dean’s list, has served as a resident assistant, peer mentor and student representative to the Student Academic Success. Turner also has volunteered for the Numana Swipe Out Hunger event on campus and at The Big Event, an annual national one-day community service project.

“I am really glad that my work has finally paid off in a big way,” said Turner, majoring in business management and computer science. “For me it is all about staying positive and focusing on what I can do rather than the things that I can’t. Spending time focusing on things I cannot do leaves me feeling helpless and defeated. I work much better staying positive and doing the best I can. Everything else will take care of itself.”

Baker Orange earns national, state honors

The Baker Orange newspaper and its accompanying website, thebakerorange.com, earned several national and state honors in the spring. The print version of the Orange received a 2014 Apple Award from the College Media Association as the best newspaper among four-year schools with an enrollment under 5,000 students. Apple Award winners were announced in New York in mid-March. All colleges nationwide were eligible to enter.

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Lynne Murray has always been comfortable in the forefront. It started at birth, really, when she arrived three minutes before her identical twin sister, Laurie.

The twins were the second and third children, joining firstborn Bonnie, in an expanding Wise household in tiny Ridge, Md. The family was complete with the addition of Paula and Kary. All shining students in elementary school, Lynne and her four sisters took their studies seriously, oftentimes playing school at home. Lynne excelled in oratorical contests. She eventually juggled multiple jobs as a teenager and as a college student to help support her schooling, establishing a strong foundation for a career in higher education.

An essay contest sponsored by the local American Legion piqued Lynne’s interest as a second-grader. She entered and placed first for her entry in “What America Means to Me” and received a government bond. Since that moment, Lynne savors those times when she can speak before a crowd.

“That started an early love for writing and oratory,” she says. Lynne’s early desire to succeed was inspired by her eldest sister, Bonnie. Two-and-half years separated the two siblings, and Lynne was eager to close the gap. “I remember when I was in the first grade my mother would brag about how smart Bonnie was and that she could skip the third grade,” Lynne recalls. “The bar was set very high at a young age.”

Lynne’s biological father, Robert Burns, began his career with C&P Telephone Company and went on to own his own performance boats business. He would later sell the business and begin a career with IBM. Both he and her mother put themselves through college later in life, eventually graduating. Her father also had a very successful career racing speed boats, holding more than seven water speed records, including the Guinness World Record for speed on water set July 15, 1984, in St. Louis.

Lynne’s parents and step-parents, including step-mom, Gloria Jeanne Burns, set high expectations for their children. “They were all instrumental in my upbringing,” she explains. “I think it came easier for her being a twin. Lynne and Laurie always drew attention whenever they walked into a room. They made friends very easily and always had each other to fall back on. I believe that’s why Lynne has had high confidence and drive. Lynne’s core values include treating people as people — helping them to be their very best by giving them opportunities, working hard for the right reasons, adding value every day, and never compromising on your beliefs. These have guided her professional and personal life.”

Patriotic pride and work ethic

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Lynne has maintained pace with her sister. An administrative leader known for raising the national and international profiles of educational and nonprofit institutions for more than two decades, Dr. Lynne Murray began her duties as Baker’s 29th president on July 1, succeeding Dr. Patricia N. Long. Before being named president in December, she served as the vice president for development, international and alumni relations at Washington, D.C.-based Gallaudet University.

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When they were 14, the twins started working as dish- washers — earning $2.65 an hour — at Scheibles, the only restaurant in Ridge. “They walked or caught rides to work with the older waitresses. Lynne remembers the feeling of complete fatigue and the gratification of a job well done at the end of a long shift.”

“I learned early to respect all people — no matter one’s position or title,” Lynne says. “My parents were hard workers, the men I worked with at Scheibles who were fishermen and fishing boat captains were hard workers, and I respected them.”

Love at first sight

A discussion with her career counselor her sophomore year at Great Mills High School led to her second job — one that would have a lifelong impact when she met rising radio star Jeff Murray — at the local radio station when she was 15. Lynne and her mother crafted a resume around Lynne’s experience as a dishwasher and baby sitter to present.

“I thought I had made it,” Lynne says of landing the job, where between 5 a.m. and noon on Sunday mornings she was responsible for reel-to-reel programming and every hour on the hour saying, “This is WPTX-WMDM, FM, Lexington Park.” Although they attended the same high school and were two years apart, Lynne and Jeff knew of each other but were never acquaintances until Jeff, the morning DJ, spotted Lynne walking into the radio station.

“He had convinced the general manager to hire me,” Lynne remembers of Jeff’s influence in helping her land that first job in media. “The only way I will do it is if you agree to train her.”

Jeff jumped at the opportunity to train the young applicant.

“All week for a week I begged the general manager to hire Lynne, and then he finally relented,” Jeff remembers. Once Lynne was hired, Jeff, being the dedicated worker, logged extra hours at the radio station. He would ride his bike to work at 5 a.m. on Sunday to teach Lynne how to read the towers and change the tapes.

“When I found out when she was working I would be at the station regardless if I was scheduled or not,” he says. “I finally got up the nerve to ask her out on our first date to see the movie ‘E.T.’”

Jeff and Lynne went their separate ways after Jeff graduated from high school and his family moved to western Maryland when his father accepted a position as chair of the computer science department at Frostburg State. The two did not reunite until 12 years later in their hometown before marrying on June 8, 1986. In addition to a husband, Lynne gained also gained a son, Christopher, who now lives in Aberdeen, Md., and is studying to be a chef. “We consider ourselves very blessed to be together and end of the line to God for bringing us into each other’s lives,” Lynne says.

During their time apart, Jeff served in the Air Force for more than five years and was a sergeant and military broadcaster for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services. He was stationed in Colorado, Greenland, Greece and Texas. He worked at Gallaudet from 1988 to 2014, most recently as the manager of video services.

Meanwhile, Lynne continued to follow her aspirations of starting a full-time career in media and becoming an anchorwoman. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in English from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, she began working in public television as a producer and on-air personality, winning three national public television awards for individual giving, on-air fundraising and overall development in 1992 for WPBT in Miami before returning to her home state to work for Maryland Public Television. Lynne’s passion for education has impressed Jeff. He witnessed her commitment in 2002 in earning a master’s in marketing from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate in 2005.

“During her graduate and doctoral work she would often be in class three nights a week and do endless hours of homework on the weekends,” Jeff remembers. “Her dedication and drive toward her education were awe-inspiring.”

They support each other in their educational endeavors. Jeff, who has worked in higher education for the past 26 years, had convinced his wife to become a potential of a private institution. He plans to support his wife in her new role, attend several Baker events and meet the University and Baldwin City community.

“It was a wonderful advocate for my continuing education,” Lynne says. “Early in our marriage, we both worked full-time and part-time jobs, and I started going to trade and get my master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University. I had realized by this point that while I loved mass media, I had a greater calling. The background after college in radio and television provided a great entry to my position at Johns Hopkins as the associate director of corporate giving. My role was to produce the annual radio- tions and telethons.”

Calling to higher education

In her advancement role at Johns Hopkins, Lynne and her team raised millions of dollars through the Children’s Miracle Network to support the children at Johns Hopkins Hospital. There she met Dr. Marguerite “Peg” Hall, vice president of development and alumni relations at Gallaudet. She convinced Lynne to leave Johns Hopkins and join her development team at Gallaudet.

When she arrived at Gallaudet, a federally charted private university for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing, Lynne did not know any sign language. She had two workers in her office who were deaf, which served as an impetus for her to learn the language. “I immersed myself in daily classes, and Jeff and I paid privately for tutoring lessons for me so that the language barrier wouldn’t interfere with the job I was hired to do,” she explains.

One of her greatest personal moments at Gallaudet was getting her first gift — a $3,000 check — from a corporate donor. She proudly framed it.

“Dr. Peg Hall was an amazing supervisor who learned of my dreams to continue growing in education and eventually become a vice president,” Lynne says. “She provided opportunities for me to meet with faculty members, including deans and even the president in the early days of my career.”

It was also the first time Lynne met Gallaudet President Dr. Irving King Jordan, a person she admires as a leader, mentor and dear friend. One of her most cherished memories is when she had secured her first $1 million gift to Gallaudet. Unbeknownst to her, King and his wife, Linda, called a special meeting of the development office and uncorked a bottle of champagne to celebrate the occasion.

King, who became Gallaudet’s first deaf president in 1988, has known Lynne for nearly 20 years. He is confident in the new president’s ability to lead and is impressed by the focus Lynne has maintained since the time they met.

“It was as if she hung on every word that others were saying, and I could see how she was processing and stor-
ing the information she was picking up,” Jordan notes in an email. “The first impression is still an accurate one. She is a lovely person and very easy to know, but when she is on the job, she is on the job with 100 percent focus.”

Establishing and maintaining friendships has served Lynne well in her role as a fundraiser, Jordan observes. “She knows that people give to people, and that by making a good connection and establishing a personal relationship, she will have success,” he explains. “I am very sure she will be a highly successful president. She has advanced quickly in university administration, but during that time she has been very attentive to others. She is a good manager, and people will enjoy working with and for her. I would venture to guess that among her early days on campus she will spend a lot of time out and about in order to get the pulse of the University and to meet as many people as possible.”

Another important milestone for Lynne came in the early 2000s when she began working toward her Ph.D. from Gallaudet University, leading to the defense of her dissertation in American Sign Language. Dr. William “Bill” Marshall, her Ph.D. professor and chairman of the department of administration and supervision, challenged her to aim high in her career after she told him her life ambition was to become a vice president of development. He was the first to ask her, “Why not president?”

“It was the first time in my life that I dared to think it,” she recalls. Marshall believes Lynne has prepared well for this moment.

“Dr. Murray with Baker students Luke Miltz and Ben Sobek on the day she was announced as Baker president. ”

and will thrive on the qualities she brings to Baker University. Dr. Murray not only communicates and listens exceptionally well, but she walks the talk. She puts others first — herself last.”

During one of the first classes with Dr. Marshall for the doctoral students, Lynne and the others were all asked privately to answer, “Where do you see yourself in 10 years?” Lynne put her answers in a self-addressed envelope and returned them to Dr. Marshall. For six years, Lynne studied the successes and failures of several university presidents, gaining a better understanding of how to best approach different leadership situations. The day she graduated in 2008 and walked across the stage, she went to shake Dr. Marshall’s hand and receive her diploma. As she did, Marshall slipped an envelope into her hand. She sat down and curiously turned it over to find out that it was her handwriting on the back, and the self-addressed letter from six years before was once again in her hands. When she opened it, she was reminded that in 10 years, she would like to be a university president.

Before arriving in Baldwin in late June and moving into the Collins House with their two standard poodles, Kassie and Lucca, the Murrays spent three weeks traveling in Greece, one of their favorite travel destinations. After relaxing last month, Lynne is eager to start her new position.

“That moment has come, and I’m excited and as prepared as I think I can be, thanks to the teachings, indeed the life lessons, I’ve learned from Dr. Marshall, Dr. Hall, Dr. Jordan and my parents and family.”

You are invited to join us in October on the Baldwin City campus as we celebrate our rich history at the inauguration of Baker University’s 29th president, Dr. Lynne Murray.

Please mark the date on your calendar!

A full schedule of Inaugural Week activities will be posted at www.bakerU.edu/inauguration.
Recent graduate awarded prestigious research grant

Lauren Breithaupt, BS '13, was among two George Mason Ph.D. students award
ed the National Science Foundation's 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship, one of the most prestigious grants for graduate researchers. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program supports students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and social and behavioral science. In 2014, 2,000 fellows nationwide were selected from 14,000 applications.

Robyn Meldehein, director of the Center for Psychological Services at George Mason, has been impressed by Breithaupt's work.

“It’s incredible and very rare for a first-year clinical student to win a grant,” Meldehein says.

Breithaupt's list of accolades and community involvement include working with local nonprofit eating disorders support program Rock-Recovery and lobbying Capitol Hill to promote treatment and research with the National Eating Disorders Association and Eating Disorders Coalition. She was also selected as the first American to receive an honorarium research fellowship at Huntercombe Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she worked on the Flavell Project, a major study about the neuropsychological underpinnings of anorexia nervosa. She has presented work at the 2014 National Conference for Child and Adolescent Psychology.

Breithaupt has studied eating disorders and body image issues since she was a high school student at Blue Valley North-west. In 2009, Breithaupt co-founded RBelba, a nonprofit that educates students about body image issues and creates mentorship programs that attempt to have whole communities of high school students build healthier relationships with their bodies, their food and their peers. The group is based in Kansas City, and was featured earlier this year on “The Today Show.”

Breithaupt is interested in studying and finding “the neurobiological underpinnings of what could be altered by cognitive dis-
sonance,” she says. The study is poten-
tially groundbreaking. As her grant application says, the study to date has examined whether or not a dissonance-based behav-
ioral intervention actually produces chang-
es at the neurobiological level that are associated with changes in attitude.” Her work may show that dissonance-based intervention can create permanent attitude changes.

While an undergraduate at Baker, where she was an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Breithaupt was selected to participate in the American Psychological Association’s Summer Science Fellowship at George Mason.

“George Mason provides me the opportunity to focus on research and get clinical experience,” she says. “I’m definitely excited because I know this is what I want to do. Baker has prepared me well.”
In March, the choir presented four concerts titled "Of Saints and Angels" in Kansas City, Lawrence and Leavenworth. Louis A. Levy, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke at Taber College’s fifth annual Brennan Lecture Series on April 3 in Hillsboro, Kan. He presented "Not All Infinities are Created Equal" for a general audience and “Exploring the Basics of Lie Algebras” for an audience of math majors and faculty.

Kevin McCarthy, professor of business and economics, presented "The Brand-Territory Matrix Applied to North American Domestic Brands" on April 12 at the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute’s annual meeting in Chicago. In March, McCarthy partnered with Michael Hobbs ’14, to judge Partnerships with Business Project and American Enterprise Conference at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan. William R. Miller, coordinator of student research in biology, gave an oral presentation on “Tardigrades, a Microscopic Animal in a Visual World” at the California Academy of Sciences. He is helping the College of Arts and Sciences develop a significant tardigrade collection by updating the taxonomy and imaging its small existing collection and adding specimens from the current Research Experiences for Undergraduates work. Miller and his wife, Judy, also participated in the Eighth Annual National Park Service and National Geographic Society BioBlitz of Golden Gate National Park. During the public part of the festival, Miller found five species, including marine tardigrades, which are new to the bay area. In addition, a team from Humboldt State University in California, collected moss and lichen on vertical transects up the tallest redwood and Douglas fir in the park. They collected samples in more than 250 feet above the ground and are sharing the samples for analysis. The results will extend the pioneer canopy work done on the Baldwin City campus by the REU team last summer.

J.D. Parr, professor of music, served as an adjudicator for the Kansas State High School Activities Association’s Class 6A Regional Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at Blue Valley High School on April 5 in Olathe, Kan. He judged clarinet, sax and flute solos, and woodwind ensembles. In March, Parr was the principal clarinetist for the Topeka Symphony Orchestra’s annual School Days Concert at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. The orchestra performed a pops concert with an “Old West” theme for approximately 4,000 young students from schools across northeastern Kansas, including the Baldwin Intermediate Center.

Tyler Price, assistant director of athletics—communications, was voted an at-large member on the NCAA-Sports Information Directors of America Board of Directors in June during the organization’s annual convention in Orlando, Fla. He will serve on the board for one year.

Steve Rottinghaus, MSM ’14, director of public relations, served as a judge of the business ethics category at the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference on March 25-26 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan.

Sandra Schumm, professor of Spanish, presented her paper “El Camino in the Narrative of Cristina Gonzalez,” at the Kentukoke Foreign Language Conference April 10-12 in Lexington, Ky.

Kathryn Schaetz, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, in March attended a test development meeting in Silver Spring, Md., serving as a member of the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Content Expert Panel for Pediatrics. Schaetz also attended the ANCC Board Certification Nursing Conference March 19-21 and presented a poster, “The Evolving Role of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.”

Joe Watson, associate professor of mass media, attended the Central States Communication Association conference April 2-6 in Minn., where he collected the Top Paper Award from the Media Studies Division for “Her Ringtone is Lilliburlero: The Shadow of History at the British Broadcasting Corporation.” The paper was the first generated from his sabbatical trip to the BBC last spring. Watson also was elected to serve as the division’s secretary next year. The following year he will be vice-chair and in three years the chair.

A member of Baker University’s faculty since 2005, Joe Watson, associate professor of mass media at Baker University, received the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during May commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. The award recognizes a faculty member, without regard to rank or years of service, who has a record of excellence in teaching and in transforming students into scholars, who brings honor to the University and who exhibits good moral character. Watson also received a $6,000 cash award for being selected.

“We have so many outstanding faculty at Baker,” Watson said. “It’s a humbling honor to be singled out among my peers. I’m grateful to Dr. Pat (Long) for selecting me and to Charles Kopke for creating a way to honor the incredible teachers we have at Baker.”

Watson teaches courses in broadcasting, public relations, media law and media theory. He has also taught courses about media in popular culture, including a “Star Trek” interterm course and a recent Quest 212 class called The Hunger Games as Allegory of American Pop Culture.

Charles Kopke, right, presents the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching to Joe Watson.

Mass media professor receives distinguished teaching award
Wildcats finish year with nine conference titles

Baker University’s athletic program capped another outstanding year with three conference championships in the spring. The Wildcats hoisted Heart of America Athletic Conference banners in men’s outdoor track and field, women’s outdoor track and field and women’s golf to finish with nine overall HAAC titles in 2013-14.

In the fall, Baker claimed team titles in football, women’s cross country and men’s soccer. The men’s indoor track and field and women’s indoor track and field teams joined women’s basketball as the conference champions during the winter season.

Golfers defend tourney championship

The Baker women’s golf team claimed its second consecutive HAAC title, cruising to a 13-stroke victory over Graceland. Led by top 10 finishers Kaci Dillingham, Lindsay Matare and Emma Tinsley, the Wildcats posted a two-round total of 705 strokes. Mateer and Emma Tinsley, the Wildcats’ conference champions during the winter season.

Shoemaker captures first national wrestling title

Bryce Shoemaker grew up cheering for Baker.

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Some of the children she taught in kindergarten at Nike Elementary School seven years ago are now in their final year of middle school. "I can’t wait to see them again when they report this fall," Hughes said. "I am eager to see how they have developed personally and academically." Hughes enjoys working in a school with students eager to learn. The one year in Atchison provided Hughes an opportunity to connect with a diverse group of students. "When you are able to find something you love, it is an awesome feeling to go to work knowing you are making a difference," Hughes said. "I thought when I graduated from Baker I would always be a teacher because I loved teaching so much. When I began working more closely with my mentors in Baker’s master’s program and with my colleagues at work, I thought going into administration was a strong possibility." Hughes became familiar with Baker in the late 1990s when her brother Bryan Brutto, BA ’00, MASL ’06, played football for the Wildcats. As a pre-teen, she and her family traveled from their home in Olathe to watch games at Liston Stadium. On game days, Hughes would wander through the Baldwin City campus. "I knew when I was 10 years old that Baker was going through at work," she said.

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In the classroom, Hughes absorbed as much information as she could from School of Education professors, including Carolyn Doolittle, Verneda Edwards, Harold Frye, Peggy Harris and Karla Wiscombe. "I met so many great people, professors and students, in the undergraduate and graduate programs," Hughes said. "How could I not be a part of it and continue to work on my doctorate? There are so many people with different backgrounds in the cohorts and you build a connection with them."

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"I showed me the importance of building relationships," Hughes said. "When I realized how central relationships are to your growth and development, that is when doors began to open for me. Everybody has certain areas they excel in. As a teacher and administrator, it's up to us to get the staff on the right bus and right seat. You can’t understand their areas of expertise until you have a relationship with them. That works the same way with students.”
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Lance Brumley, ‘94, heard his phone ring as he stood at the starting line of a seventh-grade boys cross country race hosted by Nixa Junior High in September of 2013. Brumley, a high school science teacher and varsity cross country and track coach at Nixa High School in Nixa, Mo., was working the junior high meet with some of his high school athletes. Brumley rarely hears his phone and says his wife, Chris (Billups) Brumley, ‘97, gets on him for not answering. But he heard it ring this time, and it saved a boy’s life.

“I think God’s hand was in that deal,” Brumley said.

“It’s a pretty humbling experience to think that could happen to one of your athletes and you just have to step in and take over. I look at them as an extension of my family. Their parents trust me to take care of them. I don’t take that responsibility lightly.”

It was a series of “happened to’s” that saved Logan Young. Brumley happened to hear his phone. His high school students who followed runners through the course in case of injury or an emergency happened to have his number. They told Brumley something was wrong. One of the runners had collapsed.

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Caring for athletes has been on Brumley’s mind since he attended Baker. Wanting to become an athletic trainer, Brumley majored in biology and played on the Baker football team. After graduating in 1994, he earned a spot on Charlie Richard’s coaching staff for the fall of ‘94. Brumley comes from a family of educators. His mother was a teacher and his father was his high school football coach. When he realized athletic training wasn’t the right path for him, he went back and got a degree in education.

Brumley took a course in CPR after college and, although he wasn’t certified, learned more about it and other medical procedures just by being around athletics. Four or five years ago, CPR training and certification became mandatory for all coaches in Missouri.

By the time Brumley reached Logan, the boy was already in an ambulance. The EMTs continued CPR in the ambulance and were able to get Logan’s heart started on the way to the hospital. By the time Brumley reached a clearing in the woods where Logan laid, someone else was on the phone with Charlie Richard’s coaching staff for the fall of ‘94. Brumley happened to be an ER doctor.

It is a situation that Brumley says you train for and think will never happen until it does. He just hopes someone will be present and ready the next time something like this happens. That there will be another set of “happened to’s” that will save another life.

“I have a third-grade daughter and I’m thinking this could be my kid,” Brumley said. "I hope someone else will be there for her.”

To the rescue
Coach’s quick response helps save life

A sociology and English major from Hesston, Kan., Carly Berblinger is passionate about a liberal arts education. She will enter her senior year this fall with plans to attend graduate school and pursue her love of poetry and education. As an admissions assistant, she shares her enthusiasm for Baker with prospective students and their families. Berblinger has learned to embrace opportunities outside the classroom, participating twice in the Inside-Out Program, a class that brings together Baker students with incarcerated women at the Topeka Correctional Facility for a three-credit-hour course in sociology. She also studied abroad in spring 2013 at Harlaxton University. This fall she will work with freshmen as a Student Salon leader.

“This opportunity allows me to make deeper connections with incoming students, and challenge them to grow as students and community members,” she said.
We could wait one moment as Brad and Angelina saddled A-list stars as they paraded by. When we finally did get our group to arrive and were able to exchange head nods with Tubach said. “We had the luck of getting stuck at the red carpet in their wake, which we happily followed in.”

Tubach was thrilled to be part of a team competing against “Gravity,” “The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug,” “Iron Man 3,” and the “Lone Ranger” for the iconic gold statue. “Gravity” eventually was awarded the Oscar for best visual effects.

“There is no losing once you are nominated,” said Tubach, originally from Simsbury, Conn., and the son of Paul Tubach, ’64. “I work with a tremendously talented group of artists in San Francisco and Singapore and it is the daily back and forth with the artists about how to improve shots, solve problems and come up with mind-blowing images that makes the work truly special. J.J. Abrams creates these amazing films, and I had lot of faith J.J. was making another great movie. We weren’t really thinking about the Academy Awards when we worked on this movie. “The thing I will take away is that there are a great many nominees at the awards who, like myself, are not particularly well known. There are many regular working professionals who either managed to strike lightning in a bottle or perhaps have been grinding for decades to make an impact in their profession, and I feel like the best part of the experience was getting to speak with those people and share our experiences, because most people don’t do this with awards in mind — they are simply film fans who are trying to make the best films they can.”

In his supervisory role on the film, Tubach worked with the director, producers and other department heads to create the visual effects. On the set, he analyzed what was being shot to help create the best possible visual result once the film went into post-production. Tubach, who has worked 15 years with ILM, spent about half the shoot time on set in Los Angeles and the other half back at his San Francisco office “getting prepped and ramped up” for post-production. Once the shooting wrapped, the team took on all the primary design duties for the film and worked on modeling and texturing all the assets — ships, buildings, weapons and digital character and prepping effects techniques, including creating fire, lava and explosions. Then they started rigging the assets to move by animating, lighting, rendering and compositing them into shots.

Tubach personally spent most of his time helping out on the look of red jungle planet Nibiru, the interior of the Nibiru volcano, the black ship Vengeance and future San Francisco.

“Working with our art director to conceptualize future San Francisco was a real thrill given that I am a resident of the area,” he said.

Tubach, as the co-visual effects supervisor in the production of the science action film laid more than 20 years ago as an undergraduate at Baker. He remembered the difference Baker communication professors Richard Bayha and Harold Cordry made during his four years on the Baldwin City campus, where he worked as a disc jockey for KBNU and was a writer for the Baker Orange newspaper.

“She was very encouraging,” Tubach recalled of Bayha. “He wanted to know what we were doing with the resources we had to create cool projects like music videos and how to create a linear story, cutting things together to make a good presentation package.”

Cordry helped develop Tubach’s writing style. “He helped me understand the journalism side and what it meant to write for a particular audience,” Tubach said. “Writing skills never go out of style.”

“Tubach thought he was headed for a career in journalism before connecting with Cinesite in Los Angeles at a time when the digital effects industry was exploding. “I enjoy writing and I feel have a penchant for it,” Tubach said. “Studying mass communications at Baker exposed me to a lot of different things. My interest in film and movies never waned. You take that first job out of college and see where that leads. Once you get that foot in the door, you have to keep it there. I am glad I stayed with that career path.”

He recently completed work on “Transformers 4: Age of Extinction,” which was released in late June. “Tubach takes pride in enhancing a movie through creative visual effects. “It was a thrill ride working on the Transformers film,” he said. “One of the best things about working on this franchise is that it is constantly pushes our people, tools and technology to top ourselves in ways we previously never thought possible.”
Before an overflowing crowd of alumni and friends, Baker University officials dedicated the $7 million Dr. Patricia (McCaslin) Long Student Center during Alumni Weekend. Inspired by a lead gift from Baker Trustee Susanne Richardson Teel, the center was completed a couple of days before the ceremony on May 17. "When students walk into this building, why wouldn't they want to come to Baker?" Dr. Long asked the crowd. Teel will always think of the center as Dr. Pat's Place. Orange coffee mugs with a special Dr. Pat's Place logo commemorated the occasion.

"She's left her mark on the past, present and future of Baker University," Teel said of Long. The center features the Susanne Richardson Teel Dining Hall, the Marty Mather Student Lounge and Harter Union. Donor contributions are recognized on the Pillars and Circle of Women displays. The Pillars highlight donors who contributed at least $500,000 to the project, and the Circle of Women celebrates those who gave at least $25,000. Mather, '49, provided "Marty Bread," a recipe she has perfected over the years, for the coffee bar at the dedication. "We built the project around what students requested," said Susan Lindahl, executive vice president for administrative services and chief operating officer.

For more photos from Alumni Weekend, go to www.flickr.com/photos/bakeru.
Baker University’s fraternities and sororities capped another successful year of philanthropy and activities. Here is the list of the award winners for the 2013-2014 academic year:

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- Timothy Laughter, Sigma Phi Epsilon

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- Sara Bal, Alpha Chi Omega

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- Fraternity: Luke Mitz, Zeta Chi

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- Sorority: Sierra Wallace, Delta Delta Delta
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- 28 “Capturing Neptune’s Realm” 4:30-6 p.m., Exhibit opening
  Holt-Russell Gallery

**September**
- 1 Labor Day
- campus closed
- 5-6 “The Kingfish,” 7:30 p.m., Theater production
  Rice Auditorium
- 13 Family Weekend
- 25-27 “The God Committee” 7:30 p.m., Theater production
  Rice Auditorium

**October**
- 5 Symphonic Winds Concert 3:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium
- 9-10 Fall break
- 15 Marching Festival
  Liston Stadium
- 18-19 Maple Leaf Festival

**November**
- 26 Athletic Hall of Fame Student-Athlete Awards Banquet
  DoubleTree by Hilton
  6 p.m. social
  7 p.m. dinner

**December**
- 27 Homecoming Tailgate luncheon, noon, tent outside Liston Stadium
  KidZone, noon
  Baker v. Graceland, 2 p.m.

**February**
- 24 Fall choral concert 7:30 p.m.
  First United Methodist Church

**March**
- 25 BU Visit Day

**April**
- 30 Inauguration of President Dr. Lynne Murray
Then & Now

Freshman officers from the Class of 1963, Gary Burke, Ann Clatworthy, Sharrie Farrar and Mike Elder, visit outside the student union.

Baker University students and alumni enjoy the Marty Mather Student Lounge, part of the new Dr. Patricia (McCaslin) Long Student Center.