

# The BakerPride

YOUR ALUMNI CONNECTION

SPRING 2007

## NATIONAL SPEAKER TO ADDRESS CONVOCATION



Cokie Roberts, a political analyst for ABC News and National Public Radio, will deliver the keynote address at Convocation on Sept. 18 at Rice Auditorium as part of the University's 150th celebration and as the featured speaker in the Loreine Collins Dietrich Distinguished Lecture Series.

During more than 30 years in broadcasting, Roberts has won numerous awards and honors, including two Emmy Awards, induction into the Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame and a citation from the American Women in Radio and Television as one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting. She and her husband, Steven V. Roberts, write a weekly newspaper column, are contributing editors to *USA Magazine*, and wrote *The New York Times* bestseller *From This Day Forward*. She is also the author

of the bestseller *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* and her recent book, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*.

She co-anchored ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts" from 1996 to 2002. She has been chief congressional analyst for ABC News, a reporter for "World News Tonight" and other ABC News broadcasts, NPR's congressional correspondent and president of the Radio and Television Correspondent's Association.

The Lecture Series has hosted President Gerald Ford, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, United Nations Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick and newspaper columnists William F. Buckley Jr. and George Will.

Other events this fall to commemorate Baker's 150th anniversary include a kickoff dinner Aug. 20 for faculty, staff and the community, a Hall of Fame Banquet in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 5 and a Gala Auction on April 19, 2008.



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For more information about the yearlong celebration, go to

[WWW.BAKERU.EDU/150](http://WWW.BAKERU.EDU/150)

## Baker awarded \$1.2 million in grants

Baker University has received two multiyear grants totaling more than \$1 million from the National Science Foundation and the Hall Family Foundation.

The NSF grant of \$600,000, a rarity for schools the size of Baker, over four years will assist the University's research efforts of tardigrades, a microscopic animal. The Hall Foundation grant will commit \$600,000 over three years to develop a new general education program.

Baker and three other institutions — Fresno City College, Brigham Young and the Academy of Natural Sciences — will use the NSF grant to survey, identify and analyze the DNA of tardigrades, which are about .5 millimeters in length and are known as water bears because of their lumbering movement.

"We're grateful the National Science Foundation believes in this project and values the quality of the proposed science," said Randy Miller, assistant professor of biology at Baker and the project leader.

Called the most extreme survivor on earth by the Discovery Channel because of their ability to overcome severe heat and other elements, tardigrades live in moss and lichen. The animals have a head and five body segments. Each segment has a pair of legs, terminated in claws. Tardigrades, which lack

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## BAKER GRAD LEADS GOODYEAR PLANT

As the oldest of four sons in a close-knit family, **Billy Taylor, MBA '06**, was a natural-born leader.

After his siblings stopped tagging along with their big brother in their neighborhood in Fort Worth, Texas, Taylor thrived on his own. He confidently became comfortable in leadership roles as a crew chief at a grocery store and a team captain in sports.

Taylor is now a leader of a much bigger group. Since mid-December he has been plant manager of Goodyear's North American tire plant in Lawton, Okla. The plant, which specializes in high-performance tires and has a workforce of 2,700 employees, is the largest single producer of tires in the world, turning out 65,000 tires a day.

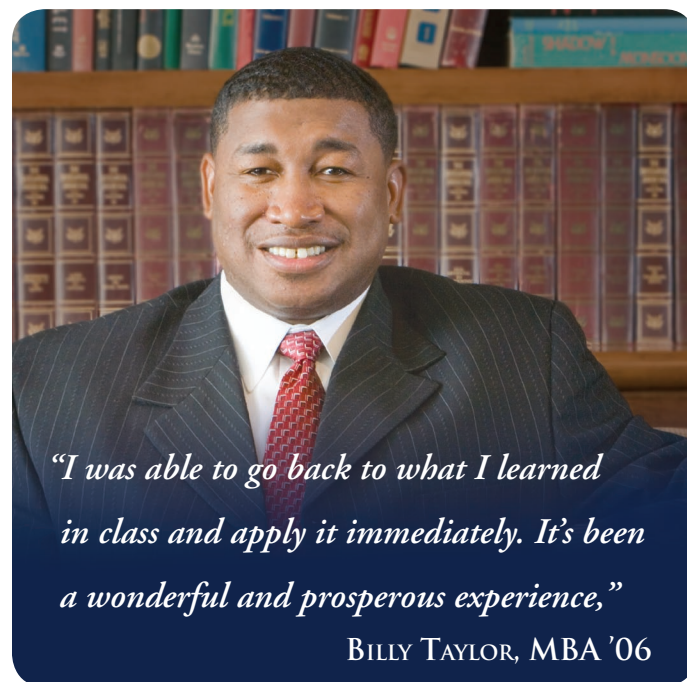
"I have always wanted to be in the forefront," Taylor said. "I think that came from being the first son in our family. My brothers followed my lead and they all went to Prairie View A&M University after me."

Taylor previously served as manager of the Goodyear plant in Tyler, Texas, where he was instrumental in making the facility the most efficient in the country.

"Billy has proven his leadership abilities in all of his assignments within Goodyear, and he is an excellent choice to oversee our largest tire facility," said Craig Kellogg, director of consumer tire manufacturing.

Taylor joined Goodyear in 1989 at the Freeport, Ill., plant, where he held several production management positions, including area manager, production specialist, manufacturing team leader and business center manager.

In 2001, he transferred to Kingman, Ariz., as plant manager, becoming the first African-American to work at the



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BILLY TAYLOR, MBA '06

plant. In 2003, he was named a business center manager in Topeka, where he began taking graduate courses at Baker.

The Taylors moved to Texas in March 2005, when Billy was named production manager of the Tyler plant before becoming interim plant manager and eventually the plant manager. After relocating to Texas, he took Baker courses online and flew back to Kansas every six weeks to attend weekend classes at the School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

The Baker experience has been positive for Taylor, who lives in Lawton with his wife, Rachel, and two children, Alexis, 11, and Alexander, 6.

"I evaluated several programs before making my decision," Taylor said. "I had the opportunity to monitor some class-

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## Olathe Northwest instructor named state's teacher of the year

**Josh Anderson, MASL '01**, a teacher at Olathe Northwest High School, has been named the 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Anderson has been a member of Olathe Northwest's English department since 2003. Three years ago, he formed the debate and forensics program there. His teams are ranked first in the state and second in the nation.

"Mr. Anderson's intelligence, willingness to take risks and a global view of the potential that exists within the staff and students at Olathe Northwest has enabled him to embrace the opportunities that were offered here and to nurture the potential that other members of the staff possess," said Northwest principal Gwen Poss in a letter of nomination. "Josh's work ethic and capacity to challenge colleagues to better themselves have been a major factor in the development of the culture of success that exists at Olathe Northwest High School."

## Foundation pledges support to archives

The Ethel and Raymond F. Rice Foundation, of Lawrence, has pledged \$15,000 in support to the Baker University Archives.

Historic items from the archives of the Kansas West United Methodist Conference and documents highlighting Baker's history are scheduled to become a part of the University Archives in the upcoming year.

## Ziegler, Harris named deans of schools

President Pat Long has announced the appointment of Rand Ziegler as Vice President and Dean of Baker's College of Arts and Sciences and Peggy Harris as Interim Dean of the School of Education.

Ziegler and Harris are longtime Baker employees and have served in various leadership roles at the University.

Ziegler, who has served as interim Vice President and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for almost two years, started working at the University in 1981 as an assistant professor and earned full professor status in 1994. In addition to chairing the psychology department for several years, he has been Associate Academic Dean and Registrar, Director of Assessment and Institutional Research and Associate Dean for Faculty and Administrative Services. In 2001, he received the Kopke Award for Teaching Excellence.

Harris will serve as Interim Dean of the School of Education for the 2007-2008 academic year, succeeding Bill Neuenswander. Harris came to Baker in 1984, serving as coordinator of the academic skills center and a part-time instructor in the education department. In 1987, she became Assistant Professor of Education before becoming Professor and Education Department Chair. She was the first woman to receive Baker's Distinguished Faculty Award in 1988 and was named winner of the national Esther Edwards Graduate Scholarship Award in 1995. In 2002-2003, she was honored with the Exemplary Teaching Award.

## Baker athletic director Dan Harris inducted into NAIA Hall

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics recently inducted Baker University athletic director Dan Harris into the NAIA Hall of Fame. He was honored for his meritorious service to the NAIA on a conference, regional and national level.

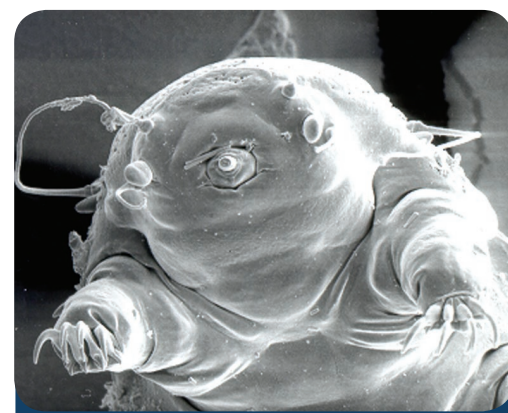
Harris, who has worked at Baker since 1983, has been the Wildcats' athletic director since 1995.



Former Baker football players join Wildcat athletic director Dan Harris, standing third from right, on Oct. 29 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. The Baker group visited with Green Bay head coach Mike McCarthy, '87, during the weekend trip.

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respiratory and circulatory systems, breathe through their skin or cuticle and the whole body acts as a pump to circulate fluids. Baker students Henry Dawson and Trey Ammons helped discover a new species of tardigrades on the College of Arts and Sciences campus in Baldwin City.



A new species of tardigrade, also known as water bear, were discovered on Baker's Baldwin City campus.

Baker's immediate plans for the grant include offering two students full-time summer positions that will include a two-week training session in California for students and scientists, and a plan to travel to five sites during the summer. The grant also provides two to three part-time jobs during the school year to process the samples collected during the summer.

"The program includes independent student learning and experience in field work, laboratory protocols and data handling," said Miller, who has studied tardigrades for 40 years. "Students will learn to extract and sequence DNA."

The grant from the Hall Family Foundation continues a longstanding relationship with Baker.

"It will enable us to develop a program of general education that will provide a unique and valuable learning experience for all Baker students," said Rob Flaherty, Acting Associate Dean of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences. "It provides important resources to assist our faculty in their innovative development efforts."

In previous years, the Hall Family Foundation has funded the University's critical thinking program.

"We appreciate the continued support the foundation provides us," said Pat Long, President. "This will continue our vision to invest in a wide range of innovative and creative projects."

## Alumni Office seeks nominations

The Alumni Office is looking for 150 Baker alumni who have excelled in their professional, personal and civic lives to be featured in a special commemorative publication in 2008.

To nominate an alumnus, go to [www.bakeru.edu/150](http://www.bakeru.edu/150) and click on the "nominate a graduate link". All nomination forms should be submitted to [alumni@bakeru.edu](mailto:alumni@bakeru.edu).



## BILLY TAYLOR *continued from the front*

rooms in Topeka. I thought it was the best choice for me from an educational standpoint and practical standpoint. They present information in a way that you absorb and retain it. At Goodyear I've had to have extensive understanding of financials, how they work and interconnect. I was able to go back to what I learned in class and apply it immediately. It's been a wonderful and prosperous experience."

Flourishing in management his entire professional career is due to more than crunching numbers. Taylor credits much of his success to relating to co-workers.

"You must have integrity when you're dealing with people," he said. "You have to live up to your word as a leader, establish clear expectations of an objective and what you're trying to accomplish."

Pete Stobie, assistant dean of administration at the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, worked closely with Taylor in a managerial finance and executive leadership course. Taylor's management background benefited Stobie's class.

"Billy made our class better because of his experiences," Stobie said. "Our program is about real-life work experience."

In keeping with his desire for professional growth, Taylor someday hopes to pursue a career in international business.

"The world is moving to globalization and I think I need that tool, a better understanding of globalization and how international businesses function," he said. "Baker has provided me with the tools that are very much needed to achieve my personal and professional goals."

# Alumni Weekend

MAY 18-19, 2007

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO CELEBRATE WITH  
GRADUATES FROM  
*1937, 1942, 1947, 1952,  
1957, 1962, 1967, 1972,  
1977, 1982, 1987, 1992,  
1997, 2002*

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

### Medallion Presentation to the Class of 1957 • 5:30 p.m.

For graduates of the class of 1957 and their guests.  
Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan.

### College of Arts and Sciences Class Reunions • 7-10 p.m.

All Classes to Celebrate Together!  
Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan.  
Registration 6:30 p.m.  
Social 7 p.m.  
Dinner 8 p.m.  
Dessert social 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, go to [www.bakeru.edu](http://www.bakeru.edu), under Alumni & Friends.

### Please don't miss being part of your Class Photo!

Come to the photo area adjacent to the main registration desk at the time designated for your class photo. If you have not ordered a class photo, you may do so at that time. (\$12 each)

Class of 1957, '62..... 7 p.m.  
Class of 1967, '72..... 7:15 p.m.  
Class of 1977, '82..... 7:30 p.m.  
Class of 1987, '92..... 9:15 p.m.  
Class of 1997, '02..... 9:30 p.m.

### Alumni Golf Tournament "Tee" Party & Auction • 7 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Blvd. Overland Park, Kan.  
8 p.m. Dinner  
8:30 p.m. Auction closes  
9:30 p.m. Auction item checkout

### School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony • 7:30 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 SW 8th Ave., Topeka, Kan.

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

### Baker University will honor six Alumni Award recipients at Harter Union.

Four Baker alumni will receive the Alumni Citation Awards: **Mel Hawk, '58**, and **Alice Hawk, '61**; **Mary Kay Brooks, '69**; and **John Bennett, '69**. **Norma Sconce, '55**, will be honored with the Grace Irwin Service Award. Jan Shore will receive the Honorary Alumni Award.

### Alumni Golf Tournament • 7:30 a.m.

Alvamar Golf Club, Lawrence, Kan.  
Pre-registration required. Reservations can be made by contacting Reggie Thorpe, tournament director, at (314) 965-6782 or [comsnr@swbell.net](mailto:comsnr@swbell.net).

### Alumni Weekend Registration 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Harter Union Lobby Information Center

### Campus Tours • 9:30 - 11 a.m.

Harter Union Lobby Information Center  
*Van or walking tours are available*

### The Alpha Delta Sigma Annual Meeting • 10:30 a.m.

McKibbin Recital Hall  
Owens Musical Arts Building

### Reception for Award recipients • 11 a.m.

Collins House

### Alumni Luncheon • 12:30 p.m.

Allen Dining Room, Harter Union  
Seating begins at 12:15.  
Tickets are \$15 prepaid

### Annual Alumni Association Board Meeting • 2 p.m.

Trustee Board Room, Mabee Hall

### Memorial Service and Endowment Dedication • 2 p.m.

Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

### Class Photos for 1937, '42, '47, '52, 2:15 p.m.

Steps of Parmenter

### Co-op, Co-opperette, Independent Dinner • 5:30 p.m.

Wildcat Café

### Stag Dinners • 6 p.m.

Greek Houses

## SUNDAY, MAY 20

### Baccalaureate Service • 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

### Brunch • 10:45 a.m.

Allen Dining Room, Harter Union

### Class of 1957 prepare for commencement march • Noon

Collins Center

### Commencement • 1 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing,  
and School of Education Undergraduate Degrees  
Collins Center

### President's Reception • 2:30 p.m.

For all undergraduates, graduates,  
family members and friends.  
Harter Union

### Commencement • 4:30 p.m.

School of Professional and Graduates Studies and  
School of Education graduate degrees  
Collins Center

## THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

### Founders Bookstore

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### The Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Art Affair

Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Old Castle Museum

Sunday, 10 a.m. to Noon

## LODGING INFORMATION

### Baldwin City

The Lodge, 785-594-3900  
Three Sisters Inn Bed and Breakfast,  
785-594-3244

### Lawrence

Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800-528-1234  
Days Inn, 800-325-2525  
Hampton Inn, 800-426-7866  
Holiday Inn Express, 785-749-7555  
Holiday Inn Holidome, 800-465-4329  
Ramada Inn, 800-272-6232  
Springhill Suites by Marriott, 888-287-9400  
Travelodge, 800-578-7878  
Virginia Inn, 800-468-8979  
Westminister Inn, 785-841-8410

### Overland Park

The Doubletree Hotel at Corporate Woods,  
913-451-6100  
Best Western Hallmark Inn, 800-528-1234  
Courtyard by Marriott, 800-321-2211  
Hampton Inn, 800-426-7866  
Holiday Inn Holidome, 800-465-4329  
Marriott, 800-228-9290  
Sheraton Overland Park, 866-837-4214

## RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE GUARANTEED WITHOUT THIS FORM.

Detach and return this form with payment by **MAY 8** to: Office of Alumni Relations, Baker University, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0065. If you have questions, contact Alumni Relations at 1-888-781-2586.

Please print your name and names of your guests and class years, if applicable, as they should appear on name tags.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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FORM OF PAYMENT:  Personal check enclosed (payable to Baker University)

Please charge my:  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  American Express

Account# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

FRIDAY EVENTS	No.	\$Total
<b>CAS Class Reunion Party*</b> \$30 per person		
<b>Class Photo 8 x10"</b> \$12 each (reunion classes only)		
<b>"Tee" Party &amp; Auction**</b> \$30 per person		
SATURDAY EVENTS	No.	\$Total
<b>Alumni Luncheon</b> \$15 per person		
<b>Co-op/Co-opperette, Independent Dinner</b> \$10 per person		
SUNDAY EVENTS	No.	\$Total
<b>Brunch</b> \$6 per person		
<b>Total Enclosed \$</b>		

\* Price includes entrance into the "Tee" Party and Auction.

\*\* Price includes entrance into the CAS Class Reunion Party.

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Don't miss an opportunity to travel with Baker alumni and friends. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-888-781-2586.

## Showing Baker Pride ... ALUMNI CALENDAR

### APRIL

**Monday, April 9**  
3:30 p.m. Retirement reception for SON faculty member Clede Meyer Second floor, Pozez Education Center, Topeka, Kan.

**Friday, April 13**  
Noon Network luncheon KC Masterpiece Barbeque 10985 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kan. Speaker: John Frazier, Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Development \$15 per person\*

**Saturday, April 21**  
2 p.m. Alumni Soccer Game Liston Stadium, Baldwin City \$15 per person to play

### MAY

**Saturday, May 5**  
1 p.m. Alumni Football Game Liston Stadium, Baldwin City Pre-registration required \$50 per person to play

**Thursday, May 17**  
11:30 a.m. SON Alumni Luncheon Pozez Education Center Centennial Rooms B and C Stormont-Vail HealthCare Topeka, Kan.

**May 18-20**  
Alumni Weekend *See inside for details.*

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7 p.m. "Tee" Party Doubletree Hotel 10100 College Blvd. Overland Park, Kan.

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7:30 a.m. Alumni Golf Tournament Alvamar Golf Club, Lawrence Pre-registration required *For reservations contact Reggie Thorpe, tournament director, at (314) 965-6782 & comsnr@swbell.net.*

### SEPTEMBER

**September 14-22**  
Alumni trip to Italy

### OCTOBER

**Saturday, October 6**  
10:30 a.m. Hall of Fame Reception Collins Gym, Baldwin City  
Noon Homecoming Alumni and Friends Pre-Game Tailgate Liston Stadium  
2 p.m. Homecoming v. William Jewell Liston Stadium

**October 12-20**  
Alumni trip to Prague, Czech Republic

\* Reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Relations Office at 1-888-781-2568

Save the date  
OCT. 5, 2007  
Save the date

## HALL OF FAME BANQUET & 150TH BAKER ATHLETICS CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 5, 2007

6 P.M. SOCIAL • 7 P.M. DINNER

ARROWHEAD CLUB, ARROWHEAD STADIUM  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

Baker University will honor its 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and celebrate its rich athletics history in conjunction with the University's 150th anniversary.

\$30 PER PERSON

Space is limited, so early reservations are recommended.

Please indicate any dietary restrictions when making your reservation.

*For reservations, contact Lindsay Ferrell at alumni@bakeru.edu or (785) 594-4526.*

## Italy

SEPT. 14-22, 2007

Italy, a land of lush landscapes and timeless architecture, evokes a sense of history, culture and romance. Enjoy some of its ancient and classical cities as well as the glorious vistas of its rural countryside, as each picturesque region delivers a special moment to treasure. From the charming town of Chianciano, immerse yourself amid the unspoiled beauty of Tuscany as you visit magnificent Florence and the picturesque hilltop town of Assisi. The

ancient Veneto region offers romantic Venice and the historic city of Padua to explore, while staying in the delightful seaside resort town of Lido di Jesolo.



## Prague

OCT. 12-20, 2007

Experience diverse cultural traditions and stunning natural beauty in the heart of Europe, a majestic and historic region dotted with fairytale castles and picturesque villages. From Bad Kissingen, Germany's premier spa town near Frankfurt, discover the magnificent scenery and medieval storybook towns of the Romantic Road and the delights of historical Nuremberg. Travel to Dresden, the "Florence of the North," and the Czech republic's once-upon-a-time Kingdom of Bohemia and the golden city of Prague.



### DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Greetings and Happy Spring!

It has been eight months since I began my position here at Baker, and the time has just flown. I have learned a great deal about the institution and have listened to wonderful stories from our alumni. One thing I know for sure – there is something magical about Baker University.

It is a privilege to work here. Each morning I arrive on campus smiling because I know that our efforts on behalf of our exceptional students, faculty and staff are making a difference. The University Advancement Team is committed to bringing alumni such as you this same level of excitement.

Recently we met many members of the Baker family at events in Kansas City, Arizona and California. Trips to Texas, Colorado, and

Washington, D.C., are in the planning stages as well. We are looking forward to seeing old and new Baker friends there. This spring Baker students will be calling many of you during the phonathon. Please take a few minutes and share your Baker story as they update you on Baker today.

I hope you are marking your calendar and plan to come for Alumni Weekend. I have heard many, many stories about "Stag" and look forward to participating in the variety of events.

Baker has long been a part of your family. The members of the University Advancement Team and I enjoy sharing that Baker Pride with you!

Lyn Lakin  
Vice President of University Advancement



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