

BAKER SELECTS UMKC ADMINISTRATOR AS PRESIDENT



Dr. Patricia N. Long, acting executive vice chancellor at University of Missouri-Kansas City, will take the helm July 1, succeeding President Daniel Lambert who will retire after 19 years as Baker's president.

Long, also the deputy chancellor for university communications and vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment

management at UMKC, will be the first female president in the 148-year history of Kansas' oldest university. In a special meeting March 8, the Board of Trustees voted to select Long. She was among 60 candidates for the position and was one of three finalists to visit Baker campuses in late February.

"I'm honored to have been selected to lead such a fine university that is so highly regarded," Long said. "Since its founding - before Kansas was even a state - Baker has been an innovator in education. I intend to lead the University into the frontiers of this young century, to maintain its reputation for quality, and to do so with heartfelt dedication to its mission of service to the people of this region."

In tribute to Lambert, Long said she is humbled to follow such a respected and long-tenured college president.

"Dr. Lambert is a wonderful role model and has put the University in a position of strength on which we, as a University community, will build," she said.

Bob Honse, member of the university's Board of Trustees, chaired the selection committee.

"Pat is very bright and is highly-regarded in educational circles for her breadth of experience and success in managing change. She rose to the top of the candidate pool because of her great presence, her leadership qualities and her solid record of accomplishments," Honse said.

Alan Mauch, chair of the Board of Trustees, chaired the meeting in which the board unanimously elected Long.

"The board is very much behind Pat and we're excited to have a person of her caliber leading this institution," Mauch said.

In addition to 23 years as an administrator at UMKC and Johnson County Community College, Long taught in the Kansas City, Mo., School District for seven years. She and her husband, Dennis Long, live in Lenexa, Kansas.

Long, who has been an administrator at UMKC since 2000, helped drive a \$200 million capital campaign toward completion. She also developed and implemented the university's first marketing plan and first enrollment management plan. Long managed a budget of more than \$50 million, including university auxiliaries and several enterprise operations. In her career, she has led the design process, funding acquisition and construction of three new facilities.

Long began her higher education career in 1983 at Johnson County Community College where she was promoted to assistant dean of student enrollment services and eventually dean of student services from 1995 to 2000.

Doctorate students begin taking classes

Years of planning came to fruition in February, when Baker University became the first private school in Kansas to offer a Doctorate of Education (Ed. D.) in Educational Leadership.

The first classes began Feb. 2 at Baker University's School of Professional and Graduate Studies in Overland Park for 25 students. The program is part of Baker's newly-formed School of Education, officially approved in October by the University's Board of Trustees.

"The doctoral degree moves the University forward and addresses Baker's obligation to provide opportunities for thoughtful discourse about contemporary issues within a practical context," said Baker President Daniel Lambert.

Education is a popular career path for many Baker students. Of the 916 students on Baker's College of Arts and Sciences campus in Baldwin City, 165 are enrolled in the School of Education. There are 818 enrolled in graduate education programs at the University including 538 earning a Master of Arts in Education and 280 Master of Arts in School Leadership candidates.

"The establishment of a School of Education will enable all University teacher and administrator education programs to function under one school," said Bill Neuenswander, the school's acting dean.

"Previously, undergraduate teacher education licensure programs were under the authority of the College of Arts and Sciences and graduate programs were under the authority of the School of Professional and Graduate Studies," Neuenswander said. "We have been pleased with their support. However, the new School of Education will enable all education programs to move forward as one unit."

VINCE LOMBARDI, BRETT FAVRE AND ... MIKE MCCARTHY

Mike McCarthy, '87, joined an elite fraternity in January, when he was named head coach of the Green Bay Packers, one of the most storied franchises in professional sports.

"This is definitely my dream job," said McCarthy, the first Baker graduate to be head coach of a professional sports team. "This organization exudes tradition and professionalism."

McCarthy, a self-described workaholic, maintained a hectic work schedule his first two months with the Packers, assembling a coaching staff, trying to convince future Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre to return for one more year and preparing for the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

"It's been nonstop," McCarthy said from his Packers office. "I get in my office before 6 a.m. and work into the night meeting my offensive and defensive coordinators. I'm taking a proactive approach, trying to stay organized.

We have targets we want to hit each day."

McCarthy, 42 and the NFL's youngest head coach, has come a long way since playing football at Baker University in 1985 and 1986. After graduating with a business degree from Baker, the Pittsburgh native was an assistant coach at Fort Hays State and the University of Pittsburgh before embarking on an NFL coaching career. He was an assistant with the Kansas City Chiefs, Packers, New Orleans Saints and San Francisco 49ers before returning to the Packers as head coach.

"It's rewarding," McCarthy said of reaching the pinnacle of his career after being an assistant for

19 years. "It's important to recognize the people who built a foundation for me. I'm very appreciative of that. So many coaches and players played a part in that. I'm thankful for my past experiences."

As a tight end and team captain for nationally ranked Baker, McCarthy had limited opportunities to catch passes.



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MIKE MCCARTHY *continued from front*

Dan Harris, Baker's current athletic director and a football assistant for the Wildcats in the 1980s, remembered McCarthy as a true team player who understood his role with the Wildcats.

"He handled that with humble confidence and a sense that he was contributing to the success of the team without regard to his own personal accomplishments," Harris said. "Mike was a tough player from Pittsburgh. He combined that toughness with intelligence and a passion to be a winner."

McCarthy enjoyed his two years in Baldwin City.

"I thought Baker was a very unique place," McCarthy said. "The people were very friendly and down to

earth. I liked the slow pace of it. Baldwin City was part of the country I had never been around."

McCarthy had fond memories playing football, especially of the 9-2 team his senior season in 1986. Before coming to Baker, McCarthy attended Salem (W. Va.) College and Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC, where he was recruited to Baker by Richard.



Mike McCarthy as a Baker Wildcat

"I wanted to get to the highest level possible. I realized as a college coach you could help shape a young man's life."

"My senior year we were a lot less talented than the team was my junior year, but as a group we played together well," he said. "The team dynamics and chemistry were so much better. That's something you see over and over in sports. It's all about team building and chemistry."

When McCarthy arrived at Baker in 1985, he envisioned a career in the NFL — not as a coach but as a player. Knee injuries dashed McCarthy's hopes of playing.

Former Baker head football coach Charlie Richard directed McCarthy to Fort Hays State in 1987 for a graduate assistant position. He acquired a master's degree in sports administration at Fort Hays State while coaching.

"After my first semester at Fort Hays State, I knew coaching was the direction I wanted to go," McCarthy said. "I wanted to get to the highest level possible. I realized as a college coach you could help shape a young man's life."

McCarthy's work ethic and commitment to football earned him promotions and better coaching opportunities, Harris said.

"He is a self-educated man in the area of computer technology as it applies to the game of football," Harris said. "At a time when computer analysis of the game was growing, Mike made himself one of the top individuals in the field and his skills became well known in the business."

LaFrance ranks No. 3 in AFL history

Former Baker University football stand-out **George LaFrance, '87**, a 2002 Baker Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, recently was chosen the third greatest player in the 20-year history of the Arena Football League.

LaFrance retired from the AFL in 2000 with six ArenaBowl championships, three ArenaBowl MVPs, two league MVPs and more than 30 AFL records. The

New Iberia, La., native was selected as an offensive specialist.

The all-time AFL team was chosen by the league's 20th Season Historical Committee.



Current Baker head coach Mike Grossner was McCarthy's teammate at Scottsdale.

"He has climbed the ladder the proper way," said Grossner, thrilled McCarthy landed an NFL head coaching job. "I think he is ready for it. He has prepared himself."

The Office of Alumni Relations will be reminding alumni about upcoming events via e-mail. If the office doesn't have your e-mail on record, please send it to alumni@bakeru.edu

Nursing Phonathon generates more than \$1,500

The School of Nursing's second annual phonathon raised more than \$1,500 and received an additional \$1,355 in pledges.

Verizon Wireless donated the use of cell-phone minutes during the phonathon. SON is located at Stormont-Vail HealthCare Medical Center in Topeka.

Alumni story contest

WE NEED YOUR STORIES!

How did your Baker experience enrich your life?

If you have a story to tell, enter the Wildcat Memories Short Story Contest.

One grand prize winner will receive two tickets to Friday's alumni parties and Saturday's luncheon during Alumni weekend. The winner also will have his or her story printed in an upcoming alumni publication.

Stories must be 250 words or less, typed or legibly written. Include your name, address, phone number and class year.

Entries must be received by May 1. Send them to the Office of Alumni Relations, Baker University, P.O. Box 65, Baldwin City, KS, 66006

Help save Kansas license plate!

Time is running out to obtain a Baker University specialty license plate. The University is required to have 500 plates registered by July 1 and must maintain at least 250 registrations and/or renewals in a two-year period. Money from the plates supports the Alumni Association Scholarship.

For more information, call the Alumni Office at 1-888-781-2586.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Four generations of the Driver family will be honored

Four generations of the Driver family will be honored during Alumni Weekend in May, when they will be recognized as Baker University's 2006 Family of the Year.

Hannah (Windett) Driver, the wife of Roy Driver, attended Baker from 1917 to 1921. She was a career homemaker, the chairperson of the Osage County Cancer Society and the pianist at the Quenemo United Methodist Church for 35 years. They had nine children: Jim, Bill, John, Don, Joe, Peggy, Veda, Richard and Howard.

Hannah's son **Richard, '61**, married Ruth Schultze in 1964. She attended Baker from 1963 and '64. Richard has a master's degree in mathematics from Boston University and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Kansas State. He is currently a member of the Washburn University faculty.

Hannah's grandson **Roger Driver, '75** and **MAEd '04**, the son of Jim, is a science teacher at Williamsburg Junior High School and Williamsburg High School. He and his wife, Ann, have three children: Laura, Lee and Scott.

Laura (Driver) Peek, '02, is finishing her Ph.D. in pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of Kansas. She is married to Zachary Peek. **Lee, '03**, is a certified public accountant in the tax department for KPMG in Kansas City. Scott is completing his junior year at Baker majoring in molecular biosciences.

Join chapel anniversary celebration

PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLARICE OSBORNE CHAPEL ON THE BALDWIN CITY CAMPUS.

The 19th-century chapel from Sproxtton, England, was brought stone by stone across the Atlantic Ocean. Robert Osborne, an Olathe philanthropist, provided \$1 million to the university to relocate the church, which was named for his wife.



The University plans to commemorate the anniversary on Oct. 17.

If anyone has chapel photos or stories to share, please send to the Osborne Chapel, P.O. Box 65, 618 Eighth St., Baldwin City, KS 66006 or e-mail the Rev. Ira DeSpain at ira.despain@bakeru.edu



Baker Traditions

ALUMNI WEEKEND *2006*

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CELEBRATE ON MAY 19-20 WITH GRADUATES FROM 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001

FRIDAY, MAY 19

School of Professional & Graduate Studies

Graduation Reception
5:30 - 7 p.m. - The DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas
For graduates and guests, details will be mailed to all SPGS graduates.

Medallion Presentation to the Class of 1956

6 p.m. - The DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. For graduates of the class of 1956 and their guests.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Anniversary Celebration - 7 p.m.

College of Arts and Sciences Class Reunions

All Classes to Celebrate Together!
The Classes of 1936, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, 2001 - A Night to Remember!
7 - 10 p.m. - The DoubleTree Hotel at Corporate Woods, 10100 College Boulevard, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. For more information please visit the Baker University website: www.bakeru.edu, under Alumni & Friends.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include:
Dinner, dancing to live music, class photos will be taken (\$12 each).
7 - 8 p.m. Social
8 - 9 p.m. Dinner
9-10 p.m. dessert social
Truly a night to remember!
Baker University Class Reunion Photo Schedule

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.

Class of 1956, '61 7 p.m.
Class of 1966, '71 7:15 p.m.
Class of 1976, '81 7:30 p.m.
Class of 1986, '91 9:15 p.m.
Class of 1996, '01 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Harter Union Lobby Information Center

9 - 11:30 a.m. Registration
9:30 - 11 a.m.
Campus Tours, van or walking tours available

Collins House

10-10:45 a.m. Reception for Family of the Year recipients and their guests

Owens Musical Arts Building

10:30 a.m. The Alpha Delta Sigma Annual Meeting will be in McKibbin Recital Hall

Allen Dining Room - Harter Union

11:30 a.m. Seating for Alumni Luncheon.
Tickets are \$15 prepaid
11:40 a.m. Alumni Luncheon Begins
12:35 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Steps of Parmenter Hall

1:15 Class Photos Class of 1936, '41, '46, '51

Annual Alumni Association Board Meeting

2 p.m. Trustee Board Room, Mabee Hall

Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel

2 - 2:50 p.m. Memorial Service and Endowment Dedication

Co-op, Co-opperette, Independent Dinner

5 p.m. The Private Dining Room

Greek Houses

6 p.m. Stag Dinners

The Union Lobby

7 - 8 p.m. Alumni Social refreshments served

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Baccalaureate Service

9:30 a.m. • First United Methodist Church

Brunch

10:45 a.m. • Allen Dining Room, Harter Union

Class of 1956 meet to prepare for commencement march

Noon • Collins Center

Spring Commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Nursing, School of Education

1 p.m. • Collins Center, The class of 1956 will be honored.

President's Reception

following commencement

Spring Commencement for SPGS and School of Education graduate degree

4:30 p.m. • 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 am. to 8 p.m.

Campus Tours

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.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 (sold-out)

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

Lawrence (sold-out)

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

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION 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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Address _____

Phone _____

FORM OF PAYMENT: Personal check enclosed (*payable to Baker University*)
Please charge my: Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Account# _____ Expiration Date _____

Friday Events	Cost	No.	\$Total
SPGS Reception	\$5 per person*		
CAS Class Reunion Party	\$30 per person		
8"x10" Class Photo	\$12 each (reunion classes only)		
Reunion Class Booklet	\$5 each		
Saturday Events	Cost	No.	\$Total
Lunch	\$15		
Co-op/Co-opperette, Independent Dinner	\$10 per person		
Sunday Events	Cost	No.	\$Total
Brunch	\$6 per person		
Total Enclosed \$			

* SPGS graduates are our guests. Graduates' family members/guests are \$5 per person, not to exceed \$20 per family

** Price includes entrance to the CAS Class Reunion Party.

**BAKER IS PREPARING TO PUBLISH
150TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

Photos needed...

*...former students, faculty
members and staff.*



Those picturing Baker students in or around buildings would be particularly useful. Please bring them to Alumni Weekend or mail them to the Marketing Office, P.O. Box 65, 618 Eighth St., Baldwin City, KS 66006.

All photos will be returned upon publication.



DEAR FRIENDS,

With the prospect of retirement only a few weeks away, there has been a bit of melancholy around Collins House, the lovely structure Carolyn and I have called home for 19 years. It will remain, for life, the scene of some of our most cherished memories.

Few labors of love pass without regret, and we do have some — things not done or poorly so. Or more sadly, things that will need undoing when our time here has ended. But in all, there is a deep reservoir of pride and satisfaction in Baker's ability to expand its mission and extend its influence in necessary but always appropriate ways. Both in form and function our University is a place changed. Its buildings and its programs have changed dramatically over the past two decades. Many of those whom we have

called colleagues no longer ornament our days. But make no mistake, the things which count most and which have altered the lives of Baker students for almost 150 years remain the glue that holds us fast as a community of faith and learning.

It is not an easy one nor one done well without sacrifice, but the job of University president is the best in the world. As your president I have been but a temporary steward of a precious heritage. You have been gracious in granting me license to leave a modest mark on it as it now passes to those who follow. The University's finest years are just ahead under new and enthusiastic leadership that will take it into a new century and even greater spheres of influence.

Carolyn and I will remember throughout life Baker's alumni and friends whose generosity and encouragement have inspired the University's progress and assured its future.

Thank you and Godspeed.

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Message from
PRESIDENT LAMBERT

Alumni Weekend information enclosed...



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ALUMNI CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday, April 21

7:05 p.m. Take Me Out to the Ball Game at Coors Field! Colorado Rockies vs. San Francisco Giants Tickets through the Alumni Office, \$28 per person

Saturday, April 22

11:30 a.m. City of Weston Lunch and Shopping. Meet at O'Malleys. Pay for your lunch and shopping. Reservations required by April 17.

Saturday, April 22

11:30 a.m. Enjoy the Taste of Italy at DiCicco's Italian Restaurant. Appetizers on Baker. Lunch \$15 per person 5660 Olde Wadsworth Blvd., Old Town Arvada

Sunday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Fine Dining at McKenzie's Chop House, Appetizers on Baker, Dinner \$15 per person. 128 S. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs

MAY

Friday, May 19 – Sunday, May 21

Alumni Weekend.
See page 3 for details.

JUNE

Sunday, June 25

5:05 p.m. T-Bones Game \$10 per person. Limited ticket block, reservations required by June 5.

Saturday, June 10

4:30 p.m. Jazz in the Park Corporate Woods (free - bring your own dinner). Look for the orange Baker flag! Bring the whole family!

JULY

Friday, July 14

6 p.m. Fiddler on the Roof New Theatre (\$40 couple, \$20 per person includes dinner, show, tax, gratuity, free refills on coffee, tea, and soft drinks - everything except alcoholic drinks and desserts). Limited ticket block, reservations required by June 12.

* Reservations can be made by calling the Alumni Relations Office at 1-888-781-2586 or by e-mail at alumni@bakeru.edu.

October 12-20, 2006

*Join Baker this fall
in Switzerland*

Discover towering mountains and serene lakes in two of Europe's most picturesque areas.

Baker's New Generations Travel program is offering a trip to Switzerland and Northern Italy Oct. 12-20.

The trip features four nights in Lucerne, Switzerland, and three nights on Italy's Lake Como in first-class hotels.

Don't miss an opportunity to travel with Baker alumni and friends. Contact the Alumni Relations Office (1-888-781-2586) if you are interested.

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