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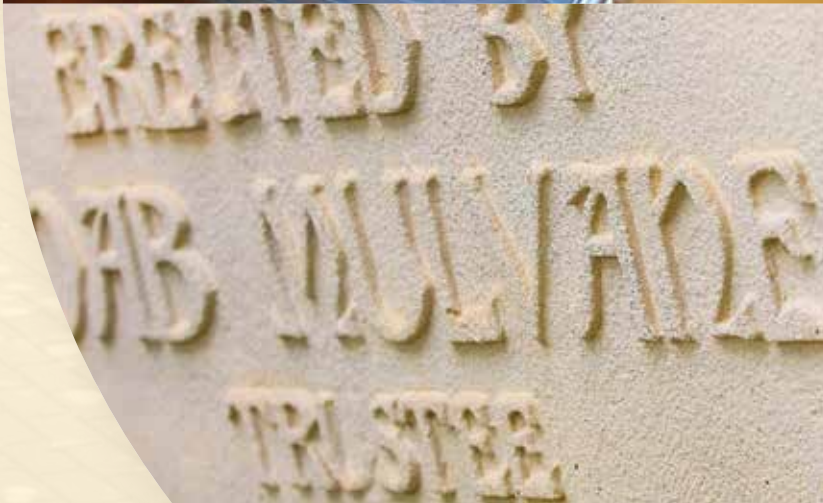
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The Baker Legacy

Highlighted by the University's largest capital campaign, we at Baker reflect fondly on one of the most successful years in our storied history, sincerely thanking each and every member of our Circle of Giving. As we continue to transform Baker, your generous gifts have strengthened the region's premier private university for the next decade and beyond.

What Baker University accomplishes annually with your gifts is limitless. We are achieving great things because of you. With a tradition of providing unique academic opportunities approaching 155 years, Baker prepares students to make a difference in their communities and world because of your support.

Through the Circle of Giving in 2012, our generous alumni, donors, friends and business partners have better positioned Baker to deliver on our promise to develop the next generation of confident, competent and responsible contributors to society.

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Never underestimate the power of your gifts, which have an impact on so many.

THE IVAN L. BOYD CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE EDUCATION



MULVANE SCIENCE HALL
1924

The original cornerstone of Mulvane Hall was laid at Baker University's 1924 Commencement ceremonies. The building, known for its Bedford limestone and collegiate Gothic style, became an iconic structure in Baldwin City, and has remained such for more than eight decades. Throughout its existence, Mulvane Hall has played host to a wealth of prolific science and mathematics students. From Rhodes Scholars to Goldwater Scholars, researchers to life-saving healthcare professionals, some of Baker University's best and brightest minds were cultivated inside these walls. After a \$10.3 million addition and renovation in 2012, Mulvane Hall combines with Ross and Christine Hartley Hall and the Baker Greenhouse to form the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education. At the time of construction, the Mulvane Transformation was the largest capital building project in the history of Baker University and was funded entirely by the generosity of donors. This wall was constructed to thank those who saw the need to match the quality of Baker's science and mathematics facility to the students and faculty who call it home. Their kindness and dedication to the Baker family is unparalleled, and that spirit will be forever displayed in every stone of this beautiful building.



NAMES THAT LIVE FOREVER

The cornerstone of Mulvane Hall, Josiah Mulvane, believed in the mind and spirit and Baker's education mission. Born on Nov. 29, 1827 in Newcomerstown, Ohio, he became a prominent Kansas banker, businessman, and philanthropist who contributed a \$100,000 gift toward construction of the original facility in 1926. At the time, it was the largest gift in University history. Mulvane served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1900 until his death on December 26, 1909, and had represented the Kansas Conference of the Methodist Church. The University is grateful for those donors who made original Mulvane Hall such a special space for generations of students and scholars. A significant renovation in 1975 preceded the major renovation of 2012. During this latest renovation, several plaques attributed to the following benefactors were removed from rooms. We honor their contributions here.

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THE BOYD CENTER DONOR WALL
The windows before you, removed from Mulvane Hall prior to renovation, provided light to generations of students and faculty. Today, these windows honor donors, generous donors, and bright future.

Mulvane Transformation

Every once in a while, when she's not racing to conduct a laboratory session or advise this generation's aspiring biologists, Dr. Darcy Russell will stop and gaze at the donor display that adorns a second-story wall of Baker's new science facility.

The Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education has been fully functioning since the first day of the fall semester, but four months later, the allure of the building still overwhelms Russell, a professor of biology and 1980 alumna.

"Sometimes I just stop and think about all those names," she said. "This project required the dedication of so many people."

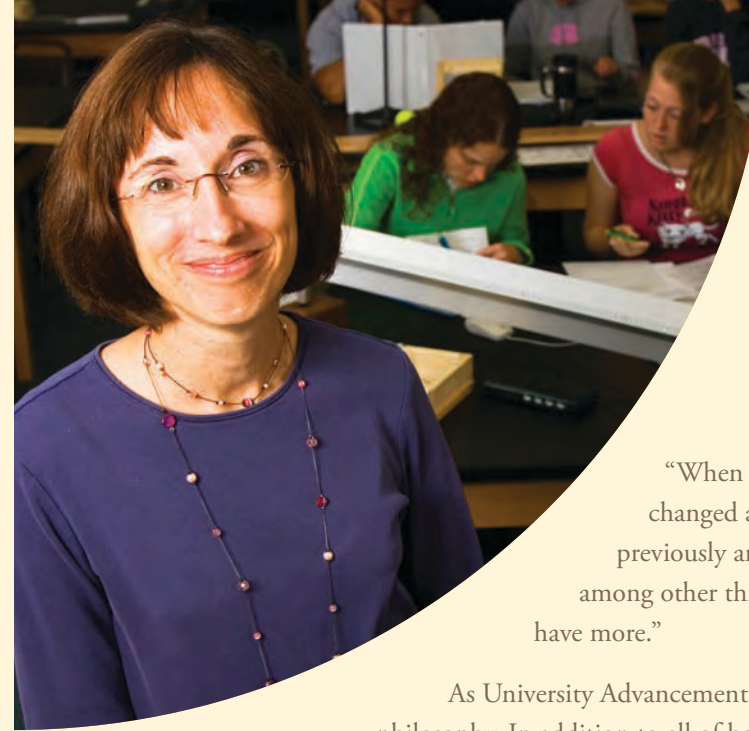
Rich wooden window frames from old Mulvane Hall display the identities of more than 200 supporters who contributed to the largest capital building project in the University's 154-year history. Panel after panel, the wall reveals the sources of an \$11.3 million collection of limestone and glass – a structural beacon on an already breathtaking campus. But more than that, it reveals an inspiring story of growth, mentorship and generosity.

It reveals a Circle of Giving.

While she is too humble to ever admit it, Russell has stood in the center of the circle – connecting past and present, givers of time and givers of money – since the Mulvane Transformation moved from a wouldn't-it-be-nice pipe dream to a where-will-the-labs-go reality. On Oct. 7, 2011, University President Pat Long invited Board of Trustees Chairman Hoot Gibson and Russell to break ground on the building she had envisioned since she joined the faculty in 1998.

"And now I want to recognize our heroine, the champion of this project," Long said at the podium. "Dr. Darcy Russell, thank you for your leadership, your passion, and your amazing commitment to our students."

Motivated by pride for her alma mater, Russell spent years working with architects, administration and faculty colleagues to develop plans for a project that was the right fit for the University. Despite a schedule packed full of instruction hours and faculty subcommittee work, Russell worked tirelessly to evaluate and prioritize the needs of the new facility, overseeing a dozen iterations before today's 9,000-square-foot addition and multimillion-dollar interior renovation was green lighted.



"I came back to teach at Baker because of the relationships I've formed here over the years, and for the promise of many more."

- Dr. Darcy Russell

"When I first walked into the building to interview, it was like it hadn't changed at all," Russell said. "I walked out as a student two decades previously and came back to see no progress. That was disconcerting. That, among other things, is why I've been so dedicated. I wanted Baker students to have more."

As University Advancement is quick to attest, Russell epitomizes the "time and treasure" philosophy. In addition to all of her work behind the scenes, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority alumna joined the prestigious President's Club giving level in 2011-2012.

"I came back to teach at Baker because of the relationships I've formed here over the years, and for the promise of many more," she said. "The faculty-student relationship is so special on this campus."

For three of her former students, Jennifer, Jeff and Tyler, each of whom tragically passed away during their time in Baldwin City, that bond has been immortalized. Russell donated \$1,000 in each of their names to honor the profound impact they left on her as a professor and person.

"They were all amazing future scientists and wonderful people," she said. "I wanted to honor the time they had spent in the building...I wanted to, somehow, have them here with us in this new facility."

"Oh my gosh, I love Darcy Russell," Laura (Driver) Peek exclaimed in an all-caps kind of way. Peek, a 2002 graduate and one of the youngest donors to the science campaign, was also driven by the relationships she made during her four years in Baldwin City. Here, she honed her skills as a chemist and realized her passion for the altruistic.

"I came to Baker knowing that I wanted to be a chemistry major, and that I wanted to develop and research new drugs," Peek said. "To be able to help people – what a motivating career."

"Dr. Gary Giachino and the rest of the Baker faculty set high expectations for their students, and I liked that," she continued.

According to Russell, if any young scientist were to meet those elevated standards, it would be Peek. And, for anyone paying attention, the 20-year-old was already showcasing her potential to personify Baker's Circle of Giving.

"(Peek) took my cell biology course as an upperclassman," Russell explained. "By that time, she'd matured so much that she was absolutely the leader in my class. She was so generous with her time and ability to the younger students. Always helping others to understand difficult material and extend a helping hand."

"Oh, and she's absolutely brilliant. There's no two ways about it."



“The education and training I received at Baker was first class — that’s what helped get me where I am today.”

- Dr. Laura Peek

Peek currently operates a clinical laboratory at Oncimmune in De Soto, Kan., testing antibodies in response to tumors to help detect early lung cancer. This job came on the heels of the University of Kansas’ most prestigious doctoral fellowship, the Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. Open to Ph.D. candidates across all disciplines, Peek represented the Kansas University pharmaceutical chemistry program, where she obtained both her master’s and Ph.D., as one of its top students.

“The education and training I received at Baker was first class – that’s what helped get me where I am today,” Peek said. “When reflecting on it, the only thing that could have been better would be newer equipment and improved lab facilities.”

Thanks to gifts like Peek and her husband, Zach’s, the next wave of Baker science, mathematics and computer science students will finally experience both components of President Long’s high-tech, high-touch mantra.

“I wanted to do anything I could to help make Baker better, even if it was on a small scale,” Peek said. “Being a science facility, the Boyd Center is where future doctors, scientists, nurses, engineers – you name it – will receive their initial training. These are people my family will someday need. It’s comforting for me to know these people will have been trained in the best facilities, by the best people. And, of course, Baker’s always covered the latter, hands down.”

Russell and Peek believe the transition to industry-standard equipment inside modern labs will move mountains for Baker University’s recruiting of the best and the brightest.

“I sincerely hope this building will be a cornerstone on our campus,” Russell said. “I would take a dozen (Peeks) every year because she had a positive attitude, a bright mind, and a real love for science. Now students like Laura will have more of the learning opportunities and space they deserve.”

If President Long could make the Circle of Giving a tangible object – like a Christmas wreath or a piece of wall art – and hang it in the wings of the Collins House, she would do so in a heartbeat. The piece would depict the Board of Trustees and science faculty’s 100-percent giving rate. It would reveal two anonymous gifts that totaled a remarkable \$5.3 million, and it would illuminate the idea that history can be made when a connected community pools resources and love for a singular cause.

Every day Long would walk by this work of art – whatever it looks like – stop, and think about the many blessings bestowed upon the Baker family. She would fondly remember the University’s many friends who helped make her presidency the capstone of a life’s work spent in academics.

She would almost certainly become teary while absorbing all these dear friends, but there is one in particular that might bring her even greater pause. Their name would be featured right at the top, next to where the nail goes to hold the Circle of Giving high above ground:

The Hartleys.

Circle of Giving

Ross, ’70, and his wife, Christine, were among the first Baker families to become involved with the Mulvane Transformation. Like Russell, they were on board early, and supported the project during its many changes of scope and direction. The couple donated a remarkable \$1.6 million, and in doing so, was granted the naming rights to the beautiful addition to Mulvane Hall. Now, the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education comprises three facilities: Mulvane Hall, the Ross and Christine Hartley Hall and the Baker Greenhouse.

“It’s just amazing,” Ross said. “When I looked up and saw our names, it just blew me away. When I was at Baker University, I never thought I would be capable, or even want to do such a thing. And now, it’s just so exciting.”

As a mathematics major with minors in chemistry and physics, Ross spent a great deal of time in old Mulvane. After graduating from Baker in 1970, Ross went on to enjoy a wildly successful career working with his family’s independent insurance company and eventually co-founding NIC, Inc., a leading provider of electronic government services in the United States.

“One of my favorite moments from this process was watching my husband get pictures with some of the faculty and old friends in the chemistry lab,” Christine said.

The Hartleys have been generous to the University since 1976, including a \$1 million to the Collins Library for a full renovation in 2003.

“We could tell from her excitement that the building was really well received. We had students approach us unsolicited to thank us for our contribution, and it’s all just been so genuine.”

- Christine Hartley

“When the main part of the library was named for us, that was a real kick-start,” Ross said. “The technology we put in there at the time was pretty cutting edge, and that intrigued me. So when Pat (Long) and Jerry (Weakley, vice president for endowment and planned giving) approached us about the science hall, our appetite had been whetted for helping Baker University. The next project just seemed natural.”

Even though Christine didn’t graduate from Baker, the connection she feels to the campus and the people associated with the University are as strong as that of any alumnus.

“We were able to tour the building on the night of the dedication, and the student giving us the tour was so enthused,” she said. “We could tell from her excitement that the building was really well received. We had students approach us unsolicited to thank us for our contribution, and it’s all just been so genuine.”

As they toured the new facility that bears their name, the couple said they were thrilled by the juxtaposition and blending of old and new. Thanks in large part to Baker’s lead architect, Steve Troester of PGAV, the Boyd Center elegantly flows from the rich tradition that accompanies the first University in Kansas to an upgraded, contemporary feel.

“They’ve done such a great job that you really don’t know when you’re going from Mulvane into Hartley Hall,” Ross said.

As more fresh-faced 18-year-olds file into the Boyd Center for the first time, with dreams of becoming the next beloved Darcy Russell, brilliant Laura Peek, or philanthropic Ross Hartley, the couple hopes their vision for Baker University will create a sense of togetherness and inspire others to give back to the places they hold close.

“Giving promotes giving,” Christine said. “And that brings us a lot of joy.”



Science and Technology Endowment

Preparing the next generation of scientists

Embracing the academic challenges and new perspectives presented by Baker University professors, Nancy Delgado excels as a biology and pre-med major in her pursuit of becoming a pediatric dermatologist.

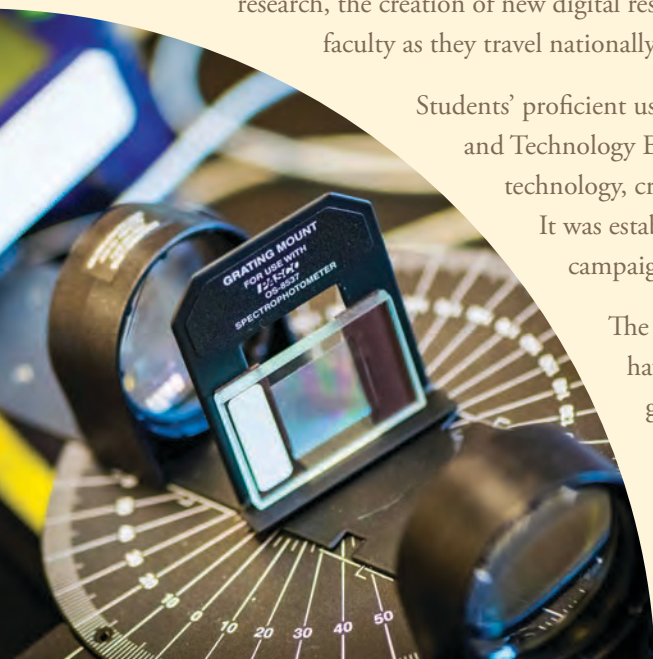
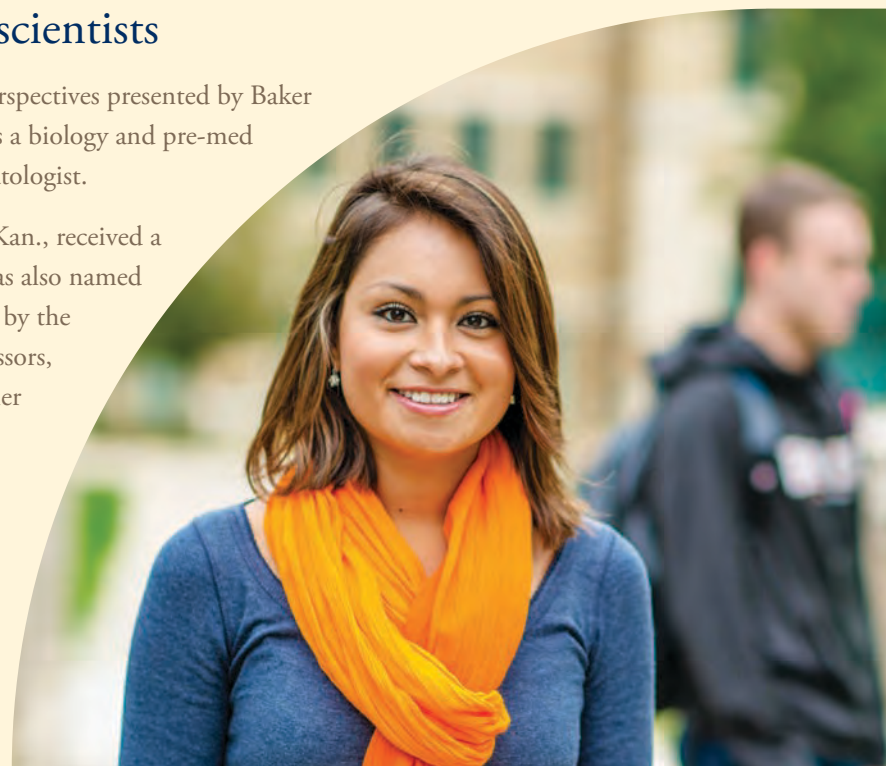
Before her junior year, the student from Emporia, Kan., received a biology research internship in a genetics lab. She was also named Baker's Outstanding Freshman in Biology. Inspired by the close interaction with the University's science professors, Delgado's decision to study at Baker has exceeded her expectations.

"I chose Baker because of its renowned science program," Delgado said. "I wanted an encouraging environment where I could major in biology and prepare for my career in medicine. Receiving guidance from a kind, caring faculty who focus on students achieving their goals with the latest technology helps us succeed."

Upgraded technology at the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education delivers on Baker's promise to students as Delgado and her classmates in biology, chemistry, physics, math and computer science experience the sensation of scientific discovery. Funding for the new Science and Technology Endowment strengthens and expands a wide range of projects, including collaborative research, the creation of new digital research tools and professional development opportunities for students and faculty as they travel nationally and internationally.

Students' proficient use of technology is vital for success in college and beyond. The Science and Technology Endowment improves and maintains state-of-the-art equipment and technology, creates innovative programs and maintains current science curriculum. It was established by an anonymous donor during the Mulvane Transformation campaign, and is still welcoming new gifts.

The lessons learned by Delgado at Baker, both in and out of the classroom, have helped prepare her for a rewarding professional career and life after graduation. Maintaining proper technological resources creates more opportunities for her and the next generation of Baker scientists to gather critical information and adapt to unique circumstances.



Annual Giving

Mike and Shannon Spangler

Passionate about a liberal arts education, Mike and Shannon Spangler depend daily on the education gained at Baker University to achieve their personal and professional goals.

Longtime annual contributors to The Baker Fund, the Spanglers believe strongly in supporting more opportunities for students to attend their alma mater, and understand that annual giving builds a foundation for Baker's sustainability. The Baker Fund benefits students, faculty, program development, and general infrastructure and operational expenses. If not for generous financial aid packages funded by donors to the Annual Fund in the late 1970s, Mike and Shannon might not have been able to attend Baker.

"We contribute to the university because we were both fortunate to receive a quality education that served us well," said Mike, a 1980 Baker graduate, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a certified public accountant who has enjoyed a successful accounting career. "Scholarships and work-study programs were major factors in helping us to continue at Baker. That is why we give back to the university."

Mike, originally from Kansas City, Kan., and his wife, Shannon, a Salina native, valued the relationships built and sustained at Baker. The smaller class sizes allowed them to receive more personal attention from their professors.

"We benefited tremendously from the overall environment and it helped us with our careers," Mike said. "That success has had a lot to do with a Baker education. We think it has been valuable to the both of us."

Shannon, '82, majored in English, was active in Alpha Chi Omega and was a member of the marching band. She eventually went on to law school and has specialized in litigation, working in the Midwest and on both coasts.

Reflecting on Baker, Shannon remembers the difference the professors made in providing her confidence to become a better student.

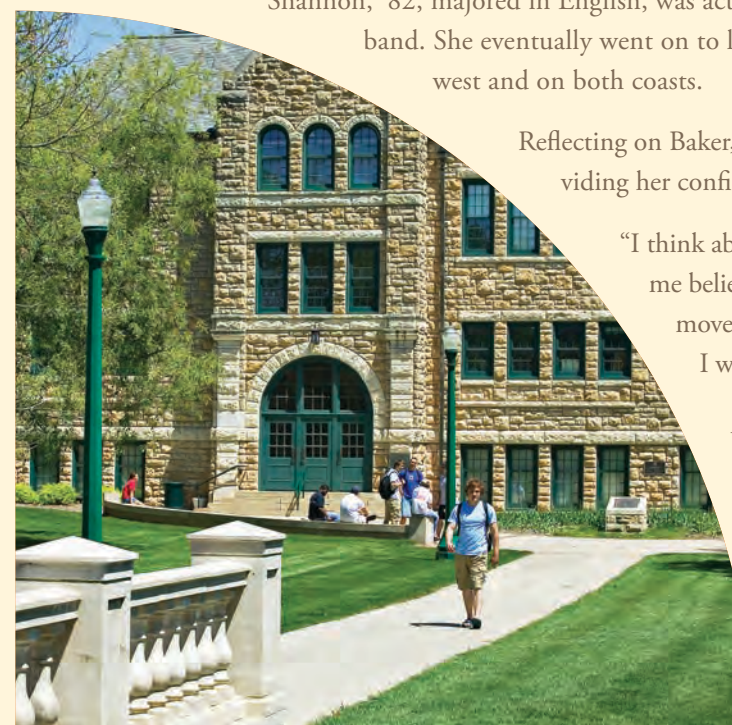
"I think about the interest they took in me and the positive feedback, making me believe I could be doing many worthwhile things," she said. "When I moved on to law school I was grateful for the broad liberal arts program. I was better prepared than if I had a specific area of study at Baker."

A campus visit her senior year of high school convinced Shannon that Baker was the place to be.

"I met so many friendly people before coming to Baker," she said. "I've never been a real linear decision maker and often go with what feels right. Baker felt right to me."

"We contribute to the university because we were both fortunate to receive a quality education that served us well."

- Mike Spangler





My Dearest Thanks

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAT LONG

As I sat down to write this letter, it dawned on me how difficult it is to put my gratitude for Baker University's alumni and friends into words. During the course of the last year, our institution has been the beneficiary of an unprecedented level of generosity. Your contributions have produced a promising future for hundreds of bright young people in the form of scholarship, academic program growth and, of course, one marvelous new science and mathematics facility.

On Oct. 7, 2011, Baker University broke ground on the \$11.3 million Mulvane Transformation, the largest capital building project in the 154-year history of the one great University in Kansas. Remarkably, despite our nation working hard to rebound from a recessed economy, the project was entirely donor funded – a first for our institution. Today, the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education stands tall on the northeast corner of the Baldwin City campus as an inspiring reminder of what the Baker family can do when it bands together for a cause.

The Honor Roll of Donors on the following pages illustrates our Circle of Giving and sheds light on the many wonderful people committed to fulfilling Baker's vision for excellence. With that spirit in mind, it brings me great joy to announce Baker University has obtained a lead gift for an addition and full renovation to the Harter Union!

Ms. Susanne Teel, a member of the Baker Board of Trustees and dear friend of the University, has agreed to fund the project in the form of a matching challenge. This generous contribution exemplifies Susanne's "student-first" mentality, and we are so grateful for her donation of both time and treasure.

On behalf of the entire University community, I express my sincerest thanks to every one of you for your altruism and care for this blessed institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Long".

Pat Long, President



Circle of Giving

Year in Review

AUGUST 2011 | The Office of Student Life launches Serve 2 Succeed, a mentoring program that matches peer mentors with first-year students focusing on retention, community engagement and volunteer services. • The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation commits \$750,000 toward the Mulvane Transformation Project on the Baldwin City campus • Susan Wade, director of career services, receives the Midwest Regional Educator of the Year honor at the INROADS Midwest Region awards banquet. • Developed in collaboration with the Kauffman Scholars, Baker participates in the Summer Bridge Program for the first time to prepare recent high school graduates for college life.

SEPTEMBER 2011 | *G.I. Jobs*, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, designates Baker as a Military Friendly School for embracing America's military service members and veterans as students. • Baker is the highest-ranked Kansas university in the Midwest Regional category of the 2012 edition of the *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges. • The School of Professional and Graduate Studies hosts Dave Ramsey's "EntreLeadership: Building Leaders, Growing Businesses" at its Overland Park campus. • Marking the 100th anniversary of U.S. President William Howard Taft's visit to the Baldwin City campus, Baker celebrates its fall convocation. • Cornelia Flora, distinguished professor of agriculture and sociology at Iowa State University, discusses climate change, food security and food sovereignty as part of Baker's participation in the Real Food Challenge National Food Day.

OCTOBER 2011 | The School of Professional and Graduate Studies in the Kansas City metro area and Topeka delivers more than \$2,000 worth of supplies to school districts. • Author James Houston Turner, a 1969 Baker graduate, signs his latest suspense thrill-

er, "Department Thirteen," at the Collins House. • Sophomore Nancy Delgado, a pre-med and Spanish major from Emporia, Kan., is named one of 52 Merit Award recipients from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. • Baker recognizes six students for their involvement in the Baker Organizational Observation for Knowledge (BOOK) program, which helps intensify students' internship experience. Alex Bulk, a senior from Wamego, Kan., receives the top \$1,500 award after interning at PricewaterhouseCoopers. • Four former Baker University standouts — Greg Mohns, Class of '72; Bobby Bates, '82; Carl Danzig, '87; and Patti Phillips, '88 — are inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame at the Baker University Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Overland Park. • Baker is named one of the Top 100 Best Values in Private Universities by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and the highest-ranked school in the Kansas City metropolitan area for combining outstanding quality with affordability. • Baker celebrates the groundbreaking of the addition to Mulvane Hall on the Baldwin City campus as part of the Mulvane Transformation Project.

NOVEMBER 2011 | Baker mass media students place in the top 10 in two categories at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Orlando, Fla., featuring a national competition for universities and colleges of all sizes. Current students Meagan Thomas, Florissant, Colo., and Xiomara Nunez, Dallas, along with alumna Genevieve Des Marteau, Lawrence, Kan., place fifth in the multimedia story of the year contest for their coverage of the Baldwin City schools consolidation. The *Baker Orange's* website, www.thebakerorange.com, places ninth in Best of Show award. • Baker is selected by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as a Five Star Champions of Character institution. • Baker honors 26 first-year and transfer students for



graduating from the 2011 Emerging Leaders Summit, designed to challenge students to develop their skills by learning leadership styles, enabling others to act, developing teamwork and establishing values and respect. • Two teams of Baker University students place first and second at the North Central North American Regional site in Emporia, Kan., part of the 36th annual Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest. Daniel Davis, De Soto, Kan., Brant Elliott, Baldwin City, and Josh Paquette, Lawrence, placed first. Eric Loux, Lawrence, Marshall Sumwalt, Mequon, Wis., and Dustin Turner, Overbrook, Kan., finished second. • The King James Bible from the University's William A. Quayle Bible Collection is highlighted in *National Geographic's* cover story, "The King James Bible: Making a Masterpiece," to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the treasured book. • Eight Baker students, a faculty member and administrator are inducted into Baker University's Delta Pi chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars. Students inducted are Kayla Anderson, Sydney Doster, Parker Duncan, Kathryn Fritz, Mejalli Al-Kofahi, Sarah Pembroke, Blake Stanwood and Warren Swenson. Brett Knappe, assistant professor of art history, and Rand Ziegler, vice president and dean of the College of the Arts and Sciences, join the student inductees. • The School of Nursing receives the maximum 10-year accreditation for its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program by the

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. • The Higher Learning Commission announces that Baker should receive continuing accreditation for a period of 10 years.

DECEMBER 2011 | The Department of Music presents the 81st Annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers at Baldwin First United Methodist Church. • Baker honors more than 700 graduates with three commencement ceremonies. Susan Lindahl, executive vice president of administrative services and chief operating officer, Cynthia Johnson, a consultant for the National Middle School Association and Staff Development for Educators, and Dan Harris, a former coach and administrator at Baker, deliver the keynote addresses.

JANUARY 2012 | Former Baker University Board of Trustees chair and current board member Susanne Richardson Teel is recognized as the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI Conference Volunteer of the Year at the Denver City Center Marriott. • Baker's Master of Business Administration program is ranked No. 1 in fall enrollment for Kansas City area universities, according to a survey conducted by the *Kansas City Business Journal*.

FEBRUARY 2012 | Baker develops courses designed for full-time working adults interested in acquiring knowledge, skills and abilities in health care administration. • The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts



several events for Black History Month in February. • The Goppert Foundation of Kansas City, Mo., awards a \$100,000 grant to benefit Baker's Mulvane Transformation Project. • Rachel Dannen, a senior from Olathe, Kan., receives the National Association for Campus Activities Heart of America Region Scholarship for student leaders. • Roger Boyd, director of natural areas and professor emeritus of biology, is honored as the Conservationist of the Year at the Kansas Wildlife Federation's 2012 Conservation Achievement Program awards banquet. • The Office of Student Life wins the Innovative Program Award for the Serve 2 Succeed mentoring program at the National Orientation Directors Association Region IV Conference.

MARCH 2012 | Jim Richardson, the photographer whose image of Baker's King James Bible graced the cover of the December *National Geographic* magazine, speaks at the Baldwin City campus. • President Pat Long announces a \$1.6 million gift toward the Mulvane Transformation from longtime supporters of Baker, alumnus Ross Hartley and his wife, Christine Hartley, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., at the annual Scholarship Gala and Auction. It also is proclaimed that the 9,000-square-foot addition to Mulvane Hall will be named Ross and Christine Hartley Hall. • Brian Posler, associate provost for academic affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, is named Baker's executive vice president for academic affairs and

dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. • Baker celebrates the official launch of Quest, the new liberal studies program on the Baldwin City campus. The development of the program is funded by a generous gift from the Hall Family Foundation. Dr. Jared Grantham, a member of the Baker Board of Trustees, and his wife, Carol, provide a \$1,000 cash prize for the naming of the program. • The 11th annual Community Wellness Festival, sponsored by the Baldwin City Recreation Commission and Baker University, is held at the Collins Center. • Out of 450 applicants, junior Lauren Breithaupt, of Overland Park, Kan., is one of 12 college students selected to participate in the American Psychological Association's Summer Science Fellowship.

APRIL 2012 | The Arbor Day Foundation names Baker University a Tree Campus USA in honor of its commitment to effective community forestry management. • Lauren Williams, a sophomore from Olathe, Kan., is named a 2012 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,200 college and university presidents committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. • The Baker small dance team claims its second consecutive National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics/National Dance Alliance Small Dance National Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla. • *The Baker Orange*, the student newspaper at Baker University, receives

top honors at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press' annual conference. The Orange receives the KACP's All-Kansas Award for four-year, private-college newspapers. • Baker University's student-led radio and television stations receives 10 awards, including four first-place honors from the 2012 Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the annual student broadcast awards competition. KNBU-FM and KNBU-TV students place first in public affairs programming, research paper, 30-second commercial/public service announcement and documentary. • Baker announces plans to expand its Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program with a concentration focusing on preparing higher education administrators. • Joyce Moore-Stovall, a medical doctor and entrepreneur, is the keynote speaker at Mungano's 32nd annual candlelight vigil at the Osborne Chapel. Rachel Lusk, a junior from Overland Park, Kan., is honored with the annual Milan-Harris Award. The award recognizes a current Baker student who actively promotes and enhances the cultural, racial, ethnic, lifestyle and generational diversity at Baker and within its regional communities. • Students from across the country present academic papers on the history of art at the third annual Undergraduate Art History Conference at the Owens Musical Arts Building.

MAY 2012 | Partnering with the Kansas State Department of Education, the School of Education hosts the fourth annual Practitioners Conference, featuring keynote speakers Tim Elmore and Kenneth Wesson. • The University hosts a ribbon cutting for the Janice and David von Riesen Welcome Center and Donald R. and Martha Hardy Mather Admission and Financial Aid Suite. • The University honors nearly 700 graduates with four commencement ceremonies. Ivan Fenwick, product manager for the Sprint Nextel Corporation in Overland Park, Kan., delivers the commencement address to SPGS

students. • Randy Pembroke, vice president for academic affairs at Washburn University, addresses CAS graduates and Brad Neuenswander, the Kansas State Department of Education deputy commissioner for learning services addresses SOE graduate students. • Mark Kabban, '08, is selected as a CNN Hero for providing free tutoring and soccer training to 200 young refugees through his YALLA program in the San Diego area. • Four Baker School of Education alumni — Chris Crawford, Lachelle Sigg, Pam Tate and Mike Wolgast — are inducted into Baker's Wall of Honor. • The student-run www.thebakerorange.com is selected as the Great Plains Student Website of the Year. • Trustee Brandon Scarborough, '02, a worksite benefits consultant for PowerGroup in Overland Park, Kan., is named the 2012 Broker of the Year by *Benefits Selling* magazine. • Joe Barnhill, an economics and finance instructor at SPGS, receives the 2012 Paul E. Hoffner Outstanding Service Award from the Consortium for the Advancement of Adult Higher Education. • Susan Emel, professor of communication, receives the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during Baker's commencement ceremonies. • May graduates Alex Bulk and Lee Ann Michel are recognized as the 2012 Fran Jabara Leadership Award recipients during spring commencement. • Will Duncan, a math, music and international studies major, from Baldwin City, Kan., is accepted into Oxford University.

JUNE 2012 | Enjoying the best overall athletics year in program history, Baker is the top-ranked Kansas and Heart of America Athletic Conference school in the final 2011-2012 NAIA Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings for its performances at national events. • Sophomore Courtney Boedeker, Lee's Summit, Mo., is selected as a Chapter Award Recipient by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in recognition of her scholarship and integrity.

Baker Facts

Founding | 1858, the first four-year university in Kansas
Church Affiliation | United Methodist

Enrolling nearly 3,300 students in four schools and online, Baker is a comprehensive university ranked atop U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges Midwest Regional category for universities in Kansas. The College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education at the Baldwin City campus serve students pursuing undergraduate degrees in 40 areas of study. The School of Professional and Graduate Studies and School of Education offer undergraduate, graduate doctoral degree programs to working adults at campuses in Lee's Summit and Kansas City, Mo., and Overland Park, Topeka and Wichita, Kan. The School of Nursing, which Baker operates in partnership with Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka, offers a bachelor's degree in nursing.

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