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EMILY FLEMING, MICHAEL PICKMAN AND LIZ ROBERTS, SOE • Baker University proudly claimed three of the finalists for the 2012 Kansas Teacher of the Year Award.

Emily Fleming, an elementary teacher at USD 500 in Kansas City, Michael Pickman, a high school English teacher at USD 362 in Prairie View, and Elizabeth Roberts, a high school language arts teacher at USD 259 in Wichita, were among the eight finalists. All three are graduates of Baker.



Fleming is a 2005 graduate from the Baker College of Arts and Sciences and is enrolled in Baker's Master of Science in School Leadership program in Overland Park. Pickman and Roberts are both Master of Arts in Education graduates. Roberts received her degree in 2006 and Pickman in 2010.



"I think it speaks to the quality of the students and the instructors that we can attract at Baker," said Peggy Harris, Baker vice president and dean of the School of Education and School of Professional and Graduate Studies. "But I also think that to be recognized as an outstanding teacher speaks to the relevancy of our curriculum. I believe everyone can look back and find at least one teacher who made a significant difference in their lives, and teachers do that. And to see the recognition is gratifying."

Baker graduates have had recent success with the award. Three of the Kansas Teacher of the Year winners since 2006 have been either graduates of or are currently enrolled in the doctorate program at Baker.

Harris believes Baker has the right formula for producing successful and inspiring teachers.

"We have always had a focus on hiring instructors and professors who have been very successful public school teachers," Harris said. "They know what teaching is about, and I think that shows that it's evidently the right approach." 🍁

BAKER 2012 Update



EDDIE KING, CAS • Eddie King's aha moment occurred atop a hill north of Baldwin City near Signal Oak. Through a telescope in the late 1980s, he spotted the rings of Saturn during an astronomy class at Baker University.

"I became hooked on space at that time," said King, a 1989 graduate who had declared business and psychology as his majors before deciding on physics.

After that defining moment, King followed his passion, deciding on a career in the space industry. Shortly after graduating from Baker, he

began supporting NASA's Space Shuttle Program at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, working first as a technical writer at the Rockwell Space Operations Co., later known as United Space Alliance, LLC.

King touts the one-on-one attention from Baker professors and his time as an admission assistant for developing his interpersonal skills.

"Students need to take advantage of every opportunity and find something they love to do," he said. "They shouldn't be afraid to fail. This is a pivotal time in their life. Now is the time to figure out what they want to do."

King valued his time at Baker, where he was active in his fraternity, participated in the band and was a disc jockey at KNBU.

"Baker provided a well-rounded education," he noted proudly. "If you want a project to succeed, you have to convince people and sell it to them. A liberal arts education helps develop the interpersonal skills necessary to be a team player and make a project work." 🍁

Year in Review



SAM BEECHER, CAS • Inspired after reading Michael Pollan's "Second Nature: A Gardener's Education," Baker University junior Sam Beecher believes a career working outside to make a difference is worth pursuing.

During a recent interterm between the fall and spring semesters, Beecher helped with a nonprofit community garden in Arizona. He saw firsthand the benefits of 10,000 pounds of fresh produce being donated to local residents.

"Working with food is a very real thing," the sociology major said. "I would enjoy working on a not-for-profit farm, growing sustainable food that is healthy for a community. I saw a documentary about farming being the perfect work for human beings emotionally, intelligently and overall a good bond, because you're caring for the plants that nourish you."

President and founder of Farm Hands, Beecher and 15 other Baker students are committed to building healthy, sustainable and environmentally friendly relationships between the University and Douglas county farms. They volunteer weekly at different farms to become more knowledgeable about gardening. The group strives to raise awareness of the state of the modern food system, create opportunities for students to learn about alternative growing practices, and to support local farming community through service and relationship building.

"We are passionate about learning and helping," said Beecher, who has been accepted for a Peace Corps assignment next year. "It's important to keep those two close together. That type of education is good to supplement the education we're receiving at college. We're working a lot with our minds and learning about theory. It is good for us to get outside and work with our hands and do something tangible." 🍁

Strategic Roadmap Update



LAUREN BREITHAUPT, CAS • Already part of a prestigious honorary research fellow at Huntercombe Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland, Baker University junior Lauren Breithaupt will participate in a special program this summer. She was one of 12 college students — a record 450 applied — chosen for the American Psychological Association’s Summer Science Fellowship, which begins June 16 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

At George Mason, she will partner with a professor who specializes in working with

children with medical conditions, including eating disorders and diabetes. The professor’s current research includes working with overweight teens to help them lose weight. Studying eating disorders is a perfect match for Breithaupt, who has passionately researched the topic since she was a high school student at Blue Valley Northwest.

“Research opportunities are hard to gain at small universities,” Breithaupt said. “Several graduate programs are now looking for a strong research background. These fellowship programs are perfect for students at Baker.”

Breithaupt has been interested in studying eating disorders and body image issues since high school. She and a psychologist founded REbeL, a student-led education and prevention program that addresses eating and body image concerns.

Research appeals to Breithaupt. She enjoys compiling data that can figure into decisions, especially in health care.

“Research contains the potential to help a large amount of people with every new finding,” she said. “I have been amazed at how the quality of care can change from merging clinical work and ongoing research. Conducting research in a hospital setting causes both clinicians and researcher to make sure they are conducting the most ethical and efficient care for patients through a continuous flow of questions and knowledge collaboration.” 🍁

Beyond 2012- Strategic Planning



DIANE BLACKWELDER, CAS • A longtime advocate of Alpha Chi Omega and a proud supporter of the sorority, Diane (Wilson) Blackwelder discovered as a student the difference a strong sisterhood can make. Committed to serving others, she continues to be an inspiring role model for the current members of the Omicron chapter on the Baldwin City campus.

Blackwelder, a 1970 Baker graduate, is scheduled to be named this summer the next National President of Alpha Chi Omega. She

held numerous roles in the organization leading up to the honor, including serving as the chair of the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation for four years and a trustee for eight. In 1996, Blackwelder was named to the National Council as a vice president, which she held for two terms.

“I do feel that I’ve had many years of experience in many different capacities and roles that have prepared me,” Blackwelder said. “I feel well qualified and ready to assume this awesome responsibility in leading our fraternity.”

Blackwelder will oversee all of the 132 collegiate chapters of Alpha Chi Omega. Obviously, the chapter at Baker has remained dear to her heart since she joined the sorority in 1967.

“I’m honored and feel that Baker University was the start of all of this, being in a wonderful environment where I was not only encouraged to become involved but I had a quality experience,” she said. 🍁

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 2011 | The University honors more than 700 graduates for the spring semester with four commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. Keynote speakers are Greg Case, president and chief executive officer of Aon Corporation; Hoot Gibson, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Tom VanSickle, former Trustee • Graduates Andrew Dale and Kendra Stephens are recognized as the recipients of the 2011 Fran Jabara Leadership Awards. • School of Education students Kristen Burchett and Matt Ellis are honored as Teachers of Promise. • Martha Harris, professor of business and economics, receives the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching. • The University names two Kansas high school seniors — Caroline Berblinger of Buhler High School and Abbey Elsbernd of Andover Central High School — as recipients of the 2011 Harter Scholarship. • Junior Bryce Bowers is elected to represent the Kansas East Conference at the 2012 South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Oklahoma City. • Three Baker University seniors — Sam Altman, Andrew Dale and Nick Davis — combine efforts to place first at the Midwest Decision Science Institute's annual student case competition on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. • Colleges of Distinction, a guidebook highlighting four-year institutions that are considered "hidden gems," recognizes the University for its commitment to engaging students and focusing on the students' ability to think critically and for an excellent faculty and a vibrant residential campus community. • Baker honors College of Arts and Sciences undergraduates at the annual Scholars' Symposium for their academic, artistic and athletic achievements. • The Eta Kappa Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International, the national honor society for nursing, inducts 12 members of the School of Nursing 2011 graduating class. • The College of Arts and Sciences honors its faculty award recipients — George Wiley, professor of religion, the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award; Alan Grant, associate professor of business and economics, Distinguished Scholarship Award; and Robin Liston, assistant professor of music, Distinguished Faculty Award.



JULY 2011 | Athletic Director Theresa Yetmar, '02 and '06, is announced as a 2011 Administrator of the Year award recipient by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators.



AUGUST 2011 | The Office of Student Life launches Serve 2 Succeed, a new program funded through AmeriCorps Kansas and Kansas Campus Compact. • The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation in Tulsa, Okla., commits \$750,000 toward the Mulvane Transformation Project.

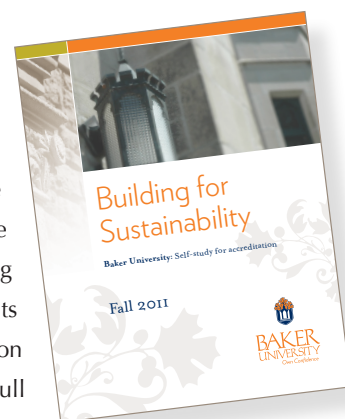
SEPTEMBER 2011 | The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is host to financial expert Dave Ramsey's "EntreLeadership: Building Leaders, Growing Businesses" at its Overland Park campus. • Susan Wade, director of career services, receives the Midwest Regional Educator of the Year honor at the INROADS Midwest Region awards banquet in Kansas City, Mo. • Developed in collaboration with the Kauffman Scholars, Baker participates in the five-week Summer Bridge Program for the first time, better preparing recent high school graduates for the college life. Sixteen students enrolled in the residential program, receiving six credit hours and academic support to jump-start their college experience. • More than \$10,000 is raised at the fourth annual Marc C. Roudebush Memorial Scholarship golf tournament, a benefit for student scholarships at the Wichita campus. • G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, awards Baker the designation of Military Friendly School. • 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. • University Advancement moves into the Alumni Center, the former Phi Mu house.



OCTOBER 2011 | Baker celebrates the groundbreaking of the addition to Mulvane Hall as part of the \$10.3 million Mulvane Transformation Project in which President Pat Long announces the naming of the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education, highlighted by an anonymous \$3.5 million gift — the largest in Baker's history. • Author and Baldwin City native James Houston Turner, a 1969 Baker graduate, returns to campus to sign latest suspense thriller, "Department Thirteen," at the Collins House. • The School of Professional and Graduate Studies in the Kansas City metro area and Topeka deliver more than \$2,000 worth of supplies to school districts in Kansas City and Topeka. • Sophomore Nancy Delgado, a pre-med and Spanish major from Emporia, Kan., is named as one of 52 Merit Award recipients from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. • Marking the 100th anniversary of U.S. President William Howard Taft's visit to the Baldwin City campus, Baker celebrates its fall convocation at Rice Auditorium. John Richards, assistant professor of history, and Leonard Ortiz, assistant professor of history, speak at the event. • Cornelia Flora, distinguished professor of agriculture and sociology at Iowa State University, discusses climate change, food security and food sovereignty as part of Baker University's participation in the Real Food Challenge National Food Day. • Six students are recognized for their involvement in The Baker Organizational Observation for Knowledge (BOOK) program, which helps enhance students' internship experience. Alex Bulk, a senior from Wamego, received the top \$1,500 award after interning at PricewaterhouseCoopers. • Four former Baker standouts — Greg Mohns, Class of 1972; Bobby Bates, '82; Carl Danzig, '87; and Patti Phillips, '88 — are inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame at the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Overland Park. The event also salutes current Baker scholar-athletes. • Baker is named one of the top 100 Best Values in Private Universities by Kiplinger's Personal Finance for combining outstanding quality with affordability. The University is the lone Kansas institution listed in the 200-school rankings and the highest ranked school in the Kansas City metropolitan area.



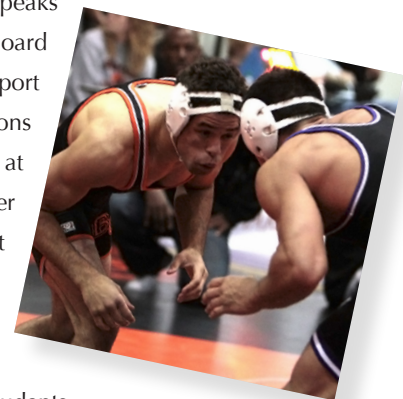
NOVEMBER 2011 | The Department of Music and Theatre presents "Impolite Comedy" at Rice Auditorium. • Mass media students placed in the top 10 in two categories at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Orlando, Fla., featuring a national competition for universities and colleges of all sizes. • The 14th annual Baker University Invitational Jazz Festival is held at Rice Auditorium. • Baker is selected by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as a Five Star Champions of Character institution, which focuses on instilling an understanding of character values in sport and provides practical tools for student-athletes, coaches and parents to use in modeling exemplary character traits. • Baker honors 26 first-year and transfer students for graduating from the 2011 Emerging Leaders Summit. • Eight 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, are also inducted. • The School of Nursing receives from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education the maximum 10-year accreditation for its Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. • The reaccreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission results in a positive review for the University and a recommended highest level of reaccreditation — 10 full years. • The Wildcat athletic program caps a successful fall season as the men's soccer team wins the conference regular-season crown and reaches the NAIA semifinals; the women's soccer team wins HAAC regular-season and conference titles and advances to the NAIA quarterfinals; the men's cross country team wins the conference and finishes 25th nationally; the volleyball team finishes undefeated in the conference; and the football team ends the season ranked 21st nationally.



DECEMBER 2011 | The Department of Music presents the 81st Annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers at First United Methodist Church with “Sounds of the Season” composed by Mark Hayes, making its world premiere. A generous donation by Susanne Teel, a member of Baker’s Board of Trustees, commissioned the work. • A King James Bible from the University’s William A. Quayle Bible Collection is highlighted on the cover of National Geographic magazine for the story “The King James Bible: Making a Masterpiece,” to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the treasured book. • Zeta Phi Beta celebrates its fifth birthday. • Baker receives approval from the Higher Learning Commission of Colleges and Schools to launch an Early Career Master of Business Administration (EcMBA) program. • Baker ranks No. 1 in the NAIA with 28 NAIA Scholar-Athletes. • Baker honors more than 700 graduates with three commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. Commencement speakers are Susan Lindahl, executive vice president of administrative services and chief operating officer at Baker; Cynthia Johnson, a consultant for the National Middle School Association and Staff Development for Educators; and Dan Harris, a former coach and athletic administrator at Baker.



JANUARY 2012 | Devan A. Taylor, senior pastor of Beyond the Four Walls Church International, speaks at Baker University’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. • Former Trustees chair and current board member Susanne Richardson Teel is recognized in Denver as the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI Conference Volunteer of the Year. • Baker’s marketing and communications office receives the sweepstakes award and two golds in the 2,000-5,000 student enrollment category at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VI Conference. • More than 20 Baker students and staff members participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, volunteering at First United Methodist Church, Lumberyard Arts Center and Vintage Park in Baldwin City and Harvesters Community Food Network in Topeka. • The Baker University 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. Baker recorded a fall 2011 enrollment of 542 MBA students.



• Baker University announces the development of a concentration in health care administration. • Baker’s wrestling team captures the Kansas Cup at the Collins Center by winning the tournament featuring all the other Kansas schools that offer collegiate wrestling.

FEBRUARY 2012 | The University unveils the Janice and David Von Riesen Welcome Center and Donald R. and Martha Hardy Mather Admission and Financial Aid Suite, which houses the admission and financial aid offices at the former Denious Hall. • The University of Kansas School of Music and Reach Out Kansas Inc. presents “The Creation of West Side Story” as part of the 2011-12 Kansas Partnership for the Arts series. • The Office of Multicultural Affairs, the student-run diversity organization Mungano and Dining Services coordinate several events for Black History Month. • The Goppert Foundation of Kansas City, Mo., awards a \$100,000 grant to benefit the Mulvane Transformation Project. • Rachel Dannen, a senior from Olathe, Kan., is selected to receive the National Association for Campus Activities Heart of America Region Scholarship for student leaders. • Roger Boyd, ’69, 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 in Salina. • 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 last weekend in Oklahoma City.



MARCH 2012 | Jim Richardson, the photographer whose image of the University's King James Bible graced the cover of the December National Geographic magazine, speaks at the Baldwin City campus.

- President Pat Long announces at the Scholarship Gala and Auction a \$1.6 million gift from Baker University alumnus Ross Hartley and his wife, Christine Hartley, toward the Ivan Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education. It was also proclaimed that the 9,000-square-foot addition will be known as Hartley Hall.
- The Scholarship Gala and Auction raises a University record \$250,000 for student scholarships.
- Baker celebrates the official launch of Quest, the new liberal studies program on the Baldwin City campus. The development of the program was funded by a generous gift from the Hall Family Foundation.
- Dr. Jared Grantham, a member of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Carol, provided a \$1,000 cash prize for the naming of the program. Cheryl McCrary, '87, administrative assistant, and her daughter, Baker student Kaylin McCrary, won the naming contest with their Quest entry.
- Baker's wrestling program places 11th at the NAIA national championship and produces four All-Americans — Brandon Gebhardt, Jarell Price, Robert Shadrach and Jarid Price.
- Senior Will Duncan is accepted to Oxford University in England.
- Following a national search, Brian Posler, associate provost for academic affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, is named the University's executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The Wildcat men's basketball team, runner-up at the Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament, qualifies for the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, Mo., for the first time since 1941.
- More than 300 people attend the 11th annual Community Wellness Festival, sponsored by the Baldwin City Recreation Commission and Baker, is held at the Collins Center.
- Baker is ranked No. 18 nationally in the NAIA Learfield Sports Directors' Cup through the winter athletic season. The honor ranks schools based on their performances at national events.
- Baker University sophomores Stephanie Nelson places seventh in the shot put and Katie Thurbon eighth in the pole vault to receive All-America honors at the 2012 NAIA indoor track and field national championships.



APRIL 2012 | Baker hosts the third annual undergraduate art history conference, featuring students from across the country.

- Baker announces plans to expand its Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program with a concentration focusing on preparing higher education administrators.
- The Baker Orange, the student newspaper, receives the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press' All-Kansas Award for four-year, private-college newspapers. It marked the 13th time since 1998 that the Orange had received the All-Kansas newspaper award. Rachel Hawkins, Olathe, served as the newspaper's editor in the fall and was the first runner-up in the Four-Year Newspaper Journalist of the Year competition at the conference.
- The Baker University small dance team claims its second consecutive National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics/National Dance Alliance Small Dance National Championship during the weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 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.
- Baker's student-led radio and television stations received 10 awards, including four first-place honors from the 2012 Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the annual student broadcast awards competition.
- For the second consecutive year, The Arbor Day Foundation names Baker University a 2011 Tree Campus USA in honor of its commitment to effective community forestry management.
- Junior Lauren Breithaupt, of Overland Park, Kan., is selected to participate in the American Psychological Association's Summer Science Fellowship, which begins on June 16 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.
- Faculty have their works published in more than 20 scholarly publications for the year and more than 50 students are honored for their regional and national presentations.
- Joyce Moore-Stovall, a medical doctor and entrepreneur, is the keynote speaker at Baker's 32nd annual candlelight vigil, which honors those who fought for justice and equality during the Civil Rights Movement.





VISION AND PURPOSE

Baker University is a premier private university with a tradition of academic excellence and student engagement in a respectful, inviting and values-based learning community. The faculty provides creative, student-focused learning experiences challenging students to analyze issues with depth and clarity. Students fully engage in their learning; connect with peers, faculty and staff; and develop lifelong relationships with diverse groups of people. Graduates realize their potential to become confident, competent contributors to society.

Focused Vision: Building on its heritage, Baker University will expand its academic presence as a first-choice institution by inspiring students to gain knowledge, perspective and compassion so they may contribute meaningfully to an increasingly complex, interdependent and global society.

MISSION

Baker University is committed to assuring student learning, and developing confident, competent and responsible contributors to society.

VALUES

In the tradition of our United Methodist heritage, Baker University values:

- **STUDENT LEARNING AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.**
We provide quality learning environments promoting intellectual, professional and personal development resulting in lifelong learning.
- **CRITICAL THINKING, INQUIRY AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.**
We challenge all participants to think critically using open inquiry and freedom of expression.
- **INTEGRATING LEARNING WITH FAITH AND VALUES.**
We expect all participants to be open to questions of faith and values as part of intellectual inquiry in the United Methodist tradition. In particular, we expect personal and professional responsibility that is based on high standards of ethical conduct.
- **CONNECTIONS.**
We promote a community of belonging and Baker family connections, which result in lifelong associations.
- **INCLUSIVENESS.**
We embrace diversity of community, thought and expression.
- **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.**
We address the civic, social, health and environmental needs of our global community.