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The Baker University Alumni Office and Alumni Association are excited to introduce your new alumni magazine, **Baker Proud**. We treasure sharing the stories of our graduates, faculty and staff who have made a difference in the lives of so many people. Campus news and student successes also will be an integral part of this quarterly magazine. Please enjoy this issue and eagerly await the arrival of the next.



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On the cover: A faithful servant to his alma mater since 1992, Ira DeSpain, '70, plans to retire at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.



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A Message from President Pat Long

Dear alumni,

It is my honor to introduce your new alumni magazine, *Baker Proud*. The university's Marketing and Communications Office has teamed up with the Office of Alumni to deliver this exciting publication filled with news and features dedicated to our Wildcat family, past and present.

While several of you keep tabs on your alma mater via Facebook, Twitter, and our other electronic mediums, we heard from a large group of alumni who still desire a beautifully designed printed piece. You asked and we listened! *Baker Proud* will arrive in your mailbox quarterly.

Assembling the content for this first issue was an exercise in celebratory recollection. Sometimes it becomes so easy to turn our attention to the next University event that we forget to relish the past; it always amazes me how many accomplishments Baker students, faculty and alumni realize each year. We hope reading this magazine will provide you with the same reason to pause and reflect on not just where the first university in Kansas is going, but where it's been, too.

This December issue is a bit unique in that you will find the Circle of Giving. This is a change from previous years when donors received an independent President's Report. We believe this is an excellent way to recognize our generous friends while providing more information to a larger audience. I would also like to call particular attention to our cover story on Minister to the University Ira DeSpain, who is joining me in retirement this June. Steve Rottinghaus, director of public relations, wrote a heartwarming piece that captures just how much Reverend DeSpain has meant to this University during his esteemed 22-year career in Baldwin City. Happy reading!

Proudly,

Pat Long
Dr. Pat



Campus News

Overall enrollment increases

For the first time in five years, Baker has seen its enrollment increase. The official fall figures showed a growth of 4.3 percent combined at the four schools — College of Arts and Sciences, School of Professional and Graduate Studies, School of Nursing and School of Education.

"I am encouraged by the positive trends we are beginning to see this fall," Baker President Pat Long said.

Baker's overall enrollment is at 3,348, including 942 on the Baldwin City campus (see freshman class photo on back page) and an all-time high of 176 students at the School of Nursing in Topeka, Kan.

Baker ranked as top Kansas university in Midwest Region

Baker University remained the highest-ranked Kansas university in the Midwest Regional category for the third consecutive year in the 2014 *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges.

Universities in the 12-state Midwest region were defined as schools that offer a full range of undergraduate majors and master's programs but few, if any, doctoral programs. In addition to Kansas, the region covers schools from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

"Our faculty and staff continue to create an engaging academic environment and provide a well-rounded education for our students to thrive," Baker President Pat Long said. "Baker has a reputation of offering educational programs of the highest quality. We are committed to developing leaders who are capable of enacting positive change in their organizations and communities."

Top teacher showcased in 'Heroes in the Classroom'

Josh Anderson, MASL '01, and a doctoral student at Baker, is one of 50 teachers nationwide featured in the new book *American Teacher: Heroes in the Classroom*, released in October. Anderson, the 2007 Kansas Teacher of the Year and finalist for National Teacher of the Year, has been the head debate coach at Olathe (Kan.) Northwest High School for 11 years. He was inducted into the Baker School of Education Wall of Honor in 2008.



Josh Anderson, MASL '01

American Teacher author Katrina Fried has interviewed and written the stories of the nation's most passionate, innovative and decorated teachers from kindergarten through 12th grade, selected from public and charter schools across America. The result is an inspiring collection of narratives that takes readers into the classrooms of extraordinary educators whose creative and unconventional methods are transforming the lives and futures of their students. Profiles of teachers are accompanied by heartfelt letters from students and captivating portraits by distinguished photographers from all over the country.

Theater production honors first responders, law enforcement

"New York," Baker's first theater production of the academic year, generated more than \$700 for charities, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association in honor of firefighters and the Cy Middleton Memorial Fund to help police officers across Kansas in times of need. The play was dedicated to first responders, police officers and firefighters.

School of Professional and Graduate Studies launches new programs

The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is accepting applications for two new degree programs that will provide skills that make a difference — the Bachelor of Science in Accounting and the Bachelor of Science in Mass Media.

The 58-credit-hour BSA program prepares students to enter the field of public accounting or for a career in today's business

environment with a focus on financial, managerial and tax accounting; auditing and systems; change management; ethical decision making and effective communication.

The 44-credit-hour BMM program offers students a comprehensive introduction to traditional and alternative media, including print and online journalism, publishing, Web design, social media, television and radio. The program leads to careers in traditional media, public relations, corporate communications, sales, advertising, Web content management, and mass media.

Online RN to BSN degree program coming to School of Nursing

The School of Nursing's RN to BSN degree program continues to attract interest. It is designed to help students meet the complex demands of today's patient care, develop leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of community health.

"Baker has earned the reputation as a leader in nursing education in the region," said Carol Moore, associate dean for post-licensure at Baker School of Nursing. "Professionals in health care throughout the Midwest routinely seek Baker graduates, and Baker's RN to BSN online program will build on our tradition of developing outstanding nurses and enhancing the professional nursing careers of our students. 'BSN preferred' appears more frequently in job postings for registered nurses."

Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, the curriculum is for students who are graduates of community college and hospital schools and are licensed registered nurses. The program can be completed in 18 to 24 months to allow students to work full time while completing their BSN. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be earned at Baker toward the 128 needed for the degree.

Sharing the love

Baker's School of Professional and Graduate Studies shared lots of love — and cookies — with students and faculty at its campuses. For the final week of September, Baker staff members greeted students and faculty with chocolate-chip cookies as part of an "I Heart Baker" celebration.

Faithful Servant

Assisting in the construction of a
Habitat for Humanity home in Lawrence



W edged between a collection of faith-based and inspirational books in the basement office of the Osborne Chapel, two Bibles contain special meaning and memories for longtime Minister to the University **Ira DeSpain, '70**. The first was a childhood Christmas gift from his maternal grandmother and the second was given to him by his parents as he began his career in ministry at Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Forty-two years after being ordained in the Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church and serving that small church in Edgerton not far from the Baldwin City campus, DeSpain is approaching the final six months of his ministry. He spent the first half of his career faithfully serving churches in rural, urban and suburban settings, and the second half offering spiritual support for Baker—his University.

"The Bibles will be going with me, but the cross I wear will remain with the University," said DeSpain, a third-generation minister. His retirement will mark the first time in more than 100 years in which there isn't a DeSpain clergy.

DeSpain's ties to Baker run deep. Born in nearby Ottawa, Kan., shortly before his parents, Warren and Marion, graduated from Baker in the late 1940s, he and his high school sweetheart, **Barbara, '71**, were married

before his senior year. Their children, **Jennifer, '98**, and **Daniel, '01**, along with Daniel's wife, **Alisha, '01**, are also Baker graduates.

Counting four years as a student in the late 1960s, DeSpain's time on the Baldwin City campus will have spanned 26 years by the time he officially retires on June 30. He was raised in Chicago, where his father was a Methodist minister, before arriving at Baker as a wide-eyed freshman in the fall of 1966.

"For me as an only child I needed to have some miles between me and my parents," recalled DeSpain, who majored in communication before receiving a master's degree from the St. Paul School of Theology and a doctorate from Southern Methodist's Perkins School of Theology. "Baker was a good place to achieve that. I had been in church all the time growing up, and I took time off from things religious during college. As it turns out, God's call was persistent, and I had a strong urge to be in ministry."

DeSpain recently turned 65, and his wife retired a couple of years ago as a school counselor. The couple moved earlier this year to Olathe to be closer to family.

"It is time for Barb and me to go on to the next phase of our life together," said DeSpain, who plans to spend more time with his four grandchildren.

Baker President Pat Long, who also plans to retire in June, has worked closely with DeSpain for nearly eight years.

"Ira has impacted countless lives in the churches he has pastored and here at Baker," she said. "Baker's United Methodist heritage is paramount to

this institution, and he has been a wonderful embodiment of our founders' vision and mission. For years he has filled the beautiful Osborne Chapel and entire University community with love and a faithful spirit."

DeSpain is Baker's second campus minister. His predecessor held the position for three years.

"When I arrived there were some discussions as

to why this position was necessary,"

he recalled of his return to Baker in 1992. "I don't think people question that so much any more. I think we have become part of the fabric of the school."

Before the Osborne Chapel was reconstructed on the campus in the mid-1990s, DeSpain led weekly worship services at McKibbin Recital Hall. The story behind the chapel being moved stone by stone from the village of Sproxtton, England, and the dedication ceremony in October 1996 by former British Prime Minister Margaret


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— Minister to the University Ira DeSpain, '70

Thatcher, whose father had preached in the building, are among DeSpain's fondest memories in the past two decades.

"I enjoy giving tours, and I love telling the chapel story," he said. "People always seem thankful to hear it. As unique and historic as the chapel is, a job that I hold sacred is to make sure that it never becomes a museum. It is a living, breathing place of worship, a place for students to clarify their values. It is the central core to my mission."

DeSpain remembers the chapel being a comforting place to gather in times of national tragedy, including the 9-11 attacks, the Matt Shepard beating, Columbine and Virginia Tech, and also after a Baker student had passed away.

"Those have been profound experiences for me," he said. "I will never forget any of those things. There were some adjustments in transitioning to university ministry, but there will always be the similarities of experiencing human joy, human misery, helping people in the midst of crisis and leading worship." 

The Rev. Ira DeSpain leads the final chapel service for the spring 1996 semester at Osborne Chapel. Services had been held at McKibbin Recital Hall until then.



Baker Love Connections

Thousands of Baker alumni have found their lifelong companion on the Baldwin City campus, including 300 couples since the Osborne Chapel first graced the campus in 1996. Here are a few of our Baker couples. For more wedding photos, go to www.bakerU.edu/weddingsFL or at [www.bakerU.edu/weddingsFB](https://www.facebook.com/bakerU.edu/weddingsFB)



Harold Horn, '48, and Carol (Combs) Horn, '47. Aug. 10, 1947, Baldwin First United Methodist Church



Double wedding for Barbara (Boyd) Pressgrove, '67, and Martin Pressgrove, '67, and Jan (Hoch) Boyd, '69, and Roger Boyd, '69. Aug. 8, 1970, Baldwin First United Methodist Church



Doug Barth, '91, and Sara (Koup) Barth, '93. July 2, 1994, Paola, Kan.



Chandra (Lancey) Beadleston, '00, and Scott Beadleston, '99. Sept. 27, 2008, outside Osborne Chapel



Bill Dower, '03, and Kathy (Scheffler) Dower, '06, and their wedding party on Taft Bridge. Sept. 20, 2008, Baldwin First United Methodist Church



Kallie (Bechtold) Foss, '04, and Drew Foss, '05. April 14, 2009, Baldwin First United Methodist Church



Betty (Gibb) Caruthers, '70, and Gary Caruthers, '70. May 31, 1970, Baldwin First United Methodist Church



Julian Parks, '03, '09, and Jana (Rosebrook) Parks, '03 and '08. May 22, 2004, Osborne Chapel

You are cordially invited...

A wedding vow renewal ceremony

To commemorate his final month of service to Baker, Minister to the University Ira DeSpain welcomes you to a wedding vow renewal ceremony during Alumni Weekend 2014 at the Osborne Chapel on the Baldwin City campus. Couples who met their lifelong partner at Baker, were married at the chapel or had their wedding ceremony officiated by DeSpain are invited to the event at **2 p.m., Saturday, May 17.**

Since the Osborne Chapel opened in the mid-1990s, DeSpain has officiated more than 300 weddings, traveling out of state to locations as far away as Greeley, Colo., Cincinnati and San Diego to unite couples.

"To hear those vows is a really powerful, intimate experience," DeSpain says. "I can't describe the feeling of standing a foot from two people when they commit to each other for life. It's deeply moving and very spiritual for me."

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Dick Purdy, '56, and his wife, Norma, '56, were in Lawrence in October for Coach Dick Purdy's induction into the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

1950s

Kenneth Burres, BA '56, has established the website "Jews, Christians, Muslims: Common Roots, Seeds of Conflict, Rays of Hope" at www.jewschristiansmuslims.com. Its mission is "to foster greater understanding of the three monotheistic religions by persons of all faiths, to promote interfaith dialogue, to advance the resolution of conflicts, and to encourage reconciliation and peace. The site is also intended to serve the ongoing project of writing and publishing a book of the same title." Interested people can subscribe to the newsletter and receive a notification of new blog posts. Since retiring from Central Methodist University as professor of religion in 2003, Burres has lived with his wife, Carla, in Sequim, Wash. His email is kenburres.jcm@gmail.com.

Jim McDaniel, '58, was inducted as the first member of the Lyndon USD 421 Ring of Honor during homecoming ceremonies on Sept. 20. He owned McDaniel Hardware and Appliance for several years in Lyndon, Kan. He has served as president of the Lyndon Endowment Association since 1996 and was president of the Lyndon Chamber of Commerce for eight years.

Janet Thompson, '53, is retired and lives in Lakewood, Colo.

1970s

Barbara Braa, '78, vice president/trust and investment officer at CornerBank, has been elected by her peers to serve as president of the Kansas Bankers Association Trust Division.

Thomas Sutherland, CAS '72, has received the Kansas District Judges Association Judicial Outreach program, an award presented to one judge each year for exemplary professional and civic outreach at local, state and national levels.

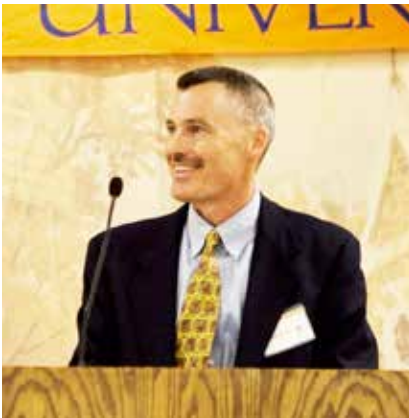
1980s

Jayne Jones, BA '81, is a teacher for the Olathe (Kan.) School District.

Marcos A. Mendoza, CAS '86, is the assistant director of legal and regulatory affairs with the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc., the third-party administrator for the TASB risk management fund. He is completing his Master of Laws degree in insurance at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Adam Skelton, CAS '86, is chief of prevention effectiveness fellowship branch for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He received his Ph.D. from St. Louis University in health services research and has worked for the CDC in Atlanta for the past 12 years. He leads the CDC's Steven M. Teutsch Prevention Effectiveness Fellowship. The fellowship is the largest post-doctoral training program in health economics and decision sciences in the world.

Jon Yingst, CAS '88, is a fifth-grade teacher at Central Elementary School in Holton, Kan. He previously taught at Wetmore (Kan.) Academic Center and served as the principal at Jackson Heights Elementary School in Holton, Kan.



1990s

Jennifer Alexander, BSN '93, is an advanced practice registered nurse and assists in the overall care and management of patients at McPherson (Kan.) Hospital.

Kevin Makalous, CAS '98, is a financial adviser for Edward Jones. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Shawnee, Kan.

Chris Marshall, BA '95, is vice president of account management for Callahan Creek, an advertising agency in Lawrence, Kan.

Ann (Brandau) Murguia, MBA '98, is the 3rd District representative on the Kansas City, Kan., Unified Government Board of Commissioners.

Eric Price, BS '97, is a managing partner at Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home in Ottawa, Kan.

Larry Snyder, MLA '92, is a Spanish teacher for USD 234 in Fort Scott, Kan. He previously taught seven years in Garnett, Kan.

Belinda Underhill, BSN '94, was recognized for Excellence in Nursing Leadership at Stormont-Vail HealthCare for leadership, compassion and skill. Underhill is a certified nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit.

2000s

Melanie Bowers, BSN '08, recently received the Excellence in Nursing Practice Award at Stormont-Vail HealthCare for leadership, compassion and skill. Bowers is a registered nurse in the cancer center.

Doogin Brown, BA '05, performed Sept. 3-15 in "Long Day's Journey Into Night" at the Kansas City Actors Theatre.

Amy (Scantlin) Burr, BSN '02, is the director of Meadowlark Hospice for Clay County Medical Center in Kansas. The program

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provides services for Clay County and the surrounding counties of Cloud, Marshall, Republic, Washington and western Riley.

Cindy (Pressgrove) Buchanan, BS '02, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Tina Bumgarner, MAEd '06, and Bryon Sturm were married July 13, 2013, at The Barns at Timber Creek outside Winfield, Kan. She teaches high school social studies and yearbook at Central High School in Burden, Kan.

Hannah Dillon, BS '05, is a fourth-grade teacher for USD 461 in Neodesha, Kan.

Jeff Edwards, MAEd '08, is a fifth-grade teacher at Garfield Elementary School in Clay Center, Kan. He has taught for 10 years and has coached basketball, cross country and track.

Nicole Edwards, MAEd '08, is a third-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Clay Center, Kan. She has taught for 14 years.

Angela Ferguson, MAEd '07, is a second-grade teacher at USD 352 in Goodland, Kan.

Jimmy Gillispie, BA '04, is the sports editor for the six-day daily *Frankfort* (Ind.) *Times*. He and Rachel Wynia were married July 6, 2013, in Tama, Iowa.

Tyler Hibler, BA '05, is an attorney for Sanders Warren & Russell, LLP.

Ivan Huntoon, BA '00, is director of growth initiatives and civic engagement at Baker University. He previously was a vice president at Baldwin (Kan.) State Bank.

Dorothy Kempf, MAEd '04, is an assistant professor of exercise science at Sterling (Kan.) College.

Kendra Knight, '04, is an assistant professor in Christopher Newport University's Department of Communication and has been awarded the 2013 Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award from the National Communication Association. The Miller Award is presented to the

most outstanding dissertations completed in the field during the previous academic year, and a maximum of three awards are given per year. Knight completed her Ph.D. at Arizona State University in 2012, where her doctoral research centered on dynamic communication systems in the context of work and family "balance." Her dissertation focused on marital division of household labor, and her research showed that the negotiation of household labor is largely a function of each spouse's response threshold, or the point at which a person is so bothered by a mess that he or she feels compelled to address it. This research helps explain why two spouses who aim for an egalitarian sharing of housework often find that one person comes to "own" some or all of the household chores. She was presented the Miller Award at the 99th NCA convention in November in Washington, D.C. The NCA advances communication as the discipline that studies all forms, modes, media and consequences of communication through humanistic, social scientific and aesthetic inquiry.

Gregory Lewis, MBA '00, is regional sales manager for Boehringer Ingelheim Vet-medica, Inc. He previously was area sales manager for Land O' Lakes and spent 19 years in various sales management and marketing positions with Alpharma.

Michelle Lockhart, BS '02, and Craig Sundstrom were married June 8, 2013,



in Kansas City, Mo. Lockhart works at American University. The couple resides in Alexandria, Va.

Bret McSpadden, BA '08, is country director for the WorldTeach volunteers in Namibia, Africa. WorldTeach partners with governments in developing countries to provide volunteer teachers to meet local needs. Bret works with the African Ministry of Education and is responsible for training, placement and support as volunteers give of themselves in a developing country and model responsible global citizenship.

Shannon (Wilkinson) Miller, MAEd '05, is a high school math teacher for USD 234 in Fort Scott, Kan.

Kim Mitchell, MAEd '07, is an agriculture education instructor and the FFA adviser at Royal Valley High School in Hoyt, Kan.

Brady Pollington, MBA '08, is the economic development project manager for the Lawrence (Kan.) Chamber of Commerce. He previously was the business recruitment coordinator at the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation.

Blake Reynolds, BS '03, is the head women's soccer coach at Kansas Wesleyan in Salina, Kan. He previously was the women's soccer coach at Midland University, where he guided the Lady Warriors in 2009 to their first NAIA national tournament. Before coaching at Midland, he was a men's assistant coach for two seasons and a women's assistant coach for one year at Baker.

Heather (Raby) Robinson, BME '08, is a kindergarten through fifth-grade music teacher at Osage City (Kan.) Elementary School. She previously taught at Central Heights and South Central.

David Allen Rubenking II, MBA '07, is a SAP MM Analyst for TBC Corporation and lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Dustin Stull, MBA '01, is the vice president in Wealth Management Services at First National Bank of Hutchinson, Kan.

Lauren Breithaupt, BS '13, is studying clinical psychology at George Mason University.

Misty (Lawson) Van Boening, MAED '09, is a teacher for USD 260 and lives in Belle Plaine, Kan.

2010s

Ronald J. Atkinson II, BS '10, is the residence director at the University of Tulsa.

Brad Barnes, BS '13, is the news/sports director at KFNF radio in Oberlin, Kan. He is the station's only full-time on-air staff member and hosts a daily morning show from 7 to 10 and performs various news and sportscasts throughout the day.

Lauren Breithaupt, BS '13, studies clinical psychology at George Mason University and was one of nine students nationally awarded the prestigious American Psychological Association of Graduate Students/ Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship. The Junior Scientist Fellowship provides funding for a first- or second-year graduate-level project and provides constructive feedback to select applicants to increase their chances of achieving success on a future National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship application. It recognizes outstanding research-oriented students who are entering their first year of graduate study and helps them get their research off the ground.

Abby Burnett, BS '08, and Robert Hedrick IV were married June 8, 2013, at Queen of the Holy Rosary-Wea Catholic Church near Bucyrus, Kan. She is in her sixth year as a seventh-grade math teacher for Paola USD 368. The couple resides in rural Louisburg, Kan.

Alli (Lewis) Davis, BA '10, is an engagement controller for Cerner Corporation. She and her husband, Nick, live in Overland Park, Kan.

Chris Duderstadt, BA '13, was named Florida League Journalist of the Year after serving as an intern for the Sanford River Rats of the Florida Collegiate Summer Baseball League.

Jeremy Goeckel, MBA '10, works as manager/substation electrical for Westar Energy. He serves on the USD 509 Board of Education in South Haven, Kan.

Lindsey Graham, MAEd '12, is a first-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Clay Center, Kan.

Jared Herbert, BS '11, and Kylie White were married May 31, 2013, in Parkville,

Mo. He works as a broker for Freight Quote in Lenexa, Kan., where the couple resides.

Evie Porter, MSSL '13, is the principal of Xavier Catholic Elementary School in Leavenworth, Kan.

Cary Pressley, MBA '11, is the vice president of new business development for TFI Family Services, Inc. Her role includes developing new business ventures as well as expanding current operations.

Erin Rarig, BS '12, is in her first year teaching third grade at Central Elementary in Holton, Kan.

Shawnae Rempe, MAEd '13, is the curriculum coordinator and early childhood director for the USD 380 in Frankfort, Kan.

Brett Rinehart, MAEd '11, is an art teacher and head cross country coach at Chanute (Kan.) High School.

Tiffany Steinbacher, BS '12, is a third-grade teacher at Neosho Heights Elementary School in Oswego, Kan.

Bradley Thimmesch, BS '10, is a ranger for the U.S. Army and based at Hunter Army Air Base in Savannah, Ga. He has completed three Afghanistan deployments with the 1/75 Ranger Regiments and is a graduate of Ranger School and the Ranger Acceptance and Selection Process (RASP). Based at Hunter Army Air Base in Savannah, Ga. He married Brittany (Hall) Thimmesch on Aug. 24.

Brittany Vollenweider, BS '13, is in her first year teaching fifth grade at Central Elementary School in Holton, Kan. She is also an assistant coach for the Holton High School softball team.

In Memoriam

Forever Orange...

Through September

John Baker, 85, June 2, 2013, Great Bend, Kan. He was a former coach at Baker.

John Bancroft, 83, April 8, 2013, Kansas City, Mo. He was a former instructor for Baker's Master of Business Administration program.

William "Bill" Beck, '47, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 87, Sept. 23, 2013, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Lisa Michelle Clipsham, BS '96, MASL '06, 41, Aug. 25, 2013, Baldwin City, Kan.

Ruth (Barnett) Crawford, CAS '36, Delta Delta Delta, 99, July 16, 2013, Tuscon, Ariz.

James L. Davis, 86, former Board of Trustee member, Sept. 9, 2013, Lenexa, Kan.

Florence Dodder, 95, May 10, 2013, Lawrence, Kan. She was a former secretary at Baker.

Harold Dubach, '42, 92, Aug. 21, 2013, Wilmington, N.C.

David Eimann, MBA '94, 54, May 1, 2013, Houston.



JJ Lanning July 5, 1928-February 1, 2013

A lifelong supporter of Baker University and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1990 to 2011, JJ Lanning, '50, was awarded the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991 and received an honorary doctorate from the University in 2010. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, '49.

Gordon Forder, BBA '94, 65, July 8, 2013, Kansas City, Mo.

Linda Garber, BS '68, June 5, 2013, Hartford, Conn.

Philip Hanni, BA '54, 80, March 21, 2013, Salem, Ore.

George Hersh Sr., BA '41, 95, June 14, 2013, Topeka, Kan.

Lynn H. Holmes, BA '59, Kappa Sigma, 76, Sept. 6, 2013, Blaine, Wash.

Kathryn (Bayne) Humphreys, CAS '42, Delta Delta Delta, 92, July 4, 2013, Lenexa, Kan.



Carolyn Lambert Dec. 2, 1940-July 17, 2013

Well known on the Baldwin City campus for her kindness and helping establish the parMentors, Carolyn Faye Lambert served as first lady of Baker University from 1987 to 2006. She was recognized as an honorary alumna in 1990. The Collins House reception hall was dedicated in her honor in 2006. Her daughter, Kristian, is a 1999 graduate of Baker's School of Nursing.



The parMentors, a student organization on the Baldwin City campus, honored former Baker first lady Carolyn Lambert with a tree dedication on Sept. 29.

Donald Hymer, '63, 76, June 21, 2013, Overland Park, Kan.

M. Roberta Knabe, BS '38, 96, April 27, 2013, Edgerton, Kan.

Thomas Kolacny, CAS '59, June 29, 2013, Mesa, Ariz.

Jimmy Lightner, Jr., '03, 47, Aug. 15, 2013, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Margaret "Margi" (Wilson) Malicky, BS '56, Delta Delta Delta, 79, June 21, 2013, Lawrence, Kan. Survivors include her husband, **Neal Malicky, BA '56**, and a sister-in-law, **Georgann (Malicky) Raney**, '55.

Eunice (Philgreen) Martin, BA '50, 89, Aug. 20, 2013, Shawnee, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, **Sue Martin**, '80, and sons, **Gorby (Ray) Martin**, '73, **Steve Martin**, '75, **Alan Martin**, '77, **Philip Martin**, '82, and daughter-in-law **Deborah (Jones) Martin**, '79.

Frederick C. Miller, '70, Delta Tau Delta, 75, Sept. 16, 2013, Emporia, Kan.

Joseph Miller, '71, 70, July 27, 2013, Kansas City, Mo.

Paula (Clifford) Morgan, '51, 85, Sept. 28, 2013, Midland, Texas

Don Mueller, 87, June 24, 2013, Baldwin City, Kan. He taught speech communication at Baker from 1969 to 1983 and was director of the traveling religious drama troupe, Baker pLaymen, later known as pLaity. He was best known for the local historical musical stage production, "The Ballad of Black Jack."

Warren Nevins, BA '52, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 83, May 18, 2013, Comfort, Texas.

Kathleen Olmsted, '51, Delta Delta Delta, 83, Sept. 2, 2013, Insanti, Minn.

Mike Pryor, BS '71, 64, March 13, 2013, Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Marjorie (Nothdurft) Pryor**, '70.

Frances N. Regenfuss '37, 97, Sept. 8, 2013, Kennewick, Wash.

Elizabeth "Betty" Harvey Rhodes, '41, Delta Delta Delta, 93, March 20, 2013, Mesa, Ariz. Survivors include daughter **Elizabeth (Rhodes) Reich**, '75.

Linda (Lancey) Ridley, friend of the University, 62, May 7, 2013, Fort Collins, Colo. Several family members were connected to Baker, including Milford White, chemistry professor; Hannah White, Zeta Chi housemother, grandmother of Linda; BU grads **Roger**, '65, and **Anita (Patrick) White**, '64 aunt and uncle of Linda; her daughters, **Andrea (Lancey) Flake**, '98; **Chandra (Lancey) Beadleston**, '00; sons-in-law **Zach Flake**, '98, and **Scott Beadleston**, '00. A brick along the Zeta Tau Alpha walkway bears her name.

Laverne Riley, BS '48, Phi Mu, 86, April 15, 2013, Independence, Kan.

Patricia "Pat" Robinson, MLA '96, 66, June 17, 2013, Lawrence, Kan.

The Rev. Ralph L. Ruhlen, '42, 92, April 9, 2013, Lawrence, Kan.

Florence Schadt, BA '41, 98, July 17, 2013, Emporia, Kan.

Mary Catherine Signor Simpson, '51, 83, May 18, 2013, Topeka, Kan.

Jon Stouppe, '61, Delta Tau Delta, 75, March 16, 2013, Highland Village, Texas.



Larry Parkin Sept. 21, 1934-Sept. 10, 2013

Connected to the University since the 1950s, Larry Parkin, '56, was a Baker Trustee from 1989 to 1997, serving as board chair from 1993 to 1995, and from 2007 to 2013. He was a member of Zeta Chi. His wife, Kay, '55, and daughters, Karin, '79, and Peggy, '84, are Baker graduates. The University hosted a Celebration of Life in his honor on Sept. 17 at Rice Auditorium.

Lawrence R. Timmons '43, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Athletic Hall of Fame member for football and track, 94, Sept. 10, 2013, Bella Vista, Ark.

Pat (Scott) Tucker, '56, 79, Delta Delta Delta, Sept. 8, 2013, Phoenix, Ariz.

Douglas Wahl, MBA '92, 56, July 30, 2013, Lawrence, Kan.

Heather (Wood) Watgen, MAEd '09, 50, May 2, 2013, Lawrence, Kan.

Ardith Adelle (Felton) Wininger, '49, 87, April, 2003, Nebraska City, Neb.

We also honor our veterans who are no longer with us.



Cynthia Appl, professor of German, serves as the secretary of the Kansas Association of Teachers of German.

Cynthia Appl, professor of German, administered oral proficiency interviews on March 2 at the annual Kansas Association of Teachers of German's Schuelerkongress at the University of Kansas. The event draws hundreds of high school students of German from across the state to compete in categories such as poetry, prose, cultural knowledge, oral proficiency, poster design and spelling. Appl is in her second year as secretary of the Kansas Association of Teachers of German.

Inge Balch, professor of art, was part of a panel critiquing portfolios from students at the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference in March in Houston. Approximately 5,000 people attended the lectures, workshops, panel discussions and shows.

Tim Buzzell, professor of sociology, received in September the Darcy Russell Faculty Service Award, which recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates outstanding University service evidenced by active and effective participating in the University community to enhance the Baker, student and faculty experience.



Brandon Haefke, a senior from Holton, Kan., participated in a research experience funded by the National Science Foundation. William Miller, assistant professor and director of student research in biology, coordinated the project.

Harold Frye, department chair of the School of Education graduate program, was honored in October as the recipient of the Johnson County Library Foundation's Pinnacle Award.

Martha Harris, BS '79, assistant dean for academic affairs at the College of Arts and Sciences, professor of business and economics, served as a judge at the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America 2013 State Leadership Conference in Topeka. Harris partnered with Baker student **Paige Rockers** to judge the Partnership with Business Project and American Enterprise Project.

Donald Hatcher, professor of philosophy, presented his paper "Is Critical Thinking Across the Curriculum a Plausible Goal?" in May at the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation Conference at the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario.

Tammy Heine, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, was approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and selected by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to participate on the NCLEX item development panel of subject matter experts in August in Chicago. She was one of 10 nurses from across the nation to be selected for the assignment.

Baker University's dedicated faculty and staff are active in their professional organizations and communities.

Charmaine Henry, associate professor of biology, presented a poster at Experimental Biology 2013 in April in Boston. The poster "Disruption of catenin-cadherin interaction decreases tail regeneration in *Lumbricus variegatus*" was based on research in collaboration with **Megan Reid, BA '12**.

Lowell Jacobsen, Elizabeth Rhodes Professor of International Business, presented his paper "On Robinson, Robertson, and the Industrial Organization View" at the History of Economics Society's annual conference in June in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ray James, assistant professor of music and director of bands, served as a guest conductor and lecturer March 11-15 at Dundalk Institute of Technology in Ireland. James worked with its jazz ensemble, presented master classes on the history of jazz, and advised its music education program. This residency is part of an ongoing partnership that began during his sabbatical in the fall of 2012.

Susan Ludwick, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, presented a poster at the Kansas Public Health Association Conference in September in Wichita.

William R. Miller, assistant professor and director of student research in biology, collaborated with students **Logan Gallardo** and **Tiffany Clark** to publish a chapter, "Do Water Bears Climb Trees Too?" in *Treetops at Risk: Challenges of Global Canopy Ecology and Conservation*. Also, Miller and Margaret D. Lowman, director of the Nature Research Center at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and research professor at North Carolina State

University, and Elzie McCord, professor of biology at New College of Florida, have published a chapter in the book *Treetops at Risk*, edited by Lowman. The chapter "In the Canopy with Wheel Chairs: a Model for Teaching Field Biology" describes how the team will collect tardigrades from more than 100 trees at different levels on the Baldwin City campus and surrounding area in the summer of 2013. Their research experience for undergraduates, funded by the National Science Foundation, hosted eight students from across the country. Two of those student-interns used wheelchairs and ascended into the trees and collected the habitats from which they extracted the tardigrades in the laboratories of the new Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education.

J.D. Parr, professor of music, taught and performed for six weeks at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp near Muskegon, Mich. He joined the opera orchestra with eight performances of Bizet's "Dr. Miracle" and was the principal clarinetist in the faculty band, orchestra and woodwind quintet. He also served as an adjudicator at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Solo and Small Ensemble Music Festival on April 13 at Andover Central High School and was the principal clarinetist in the last concert of the Topeka Symphony Orchestra's 2012-13 season at White Concert Hall in Topeka, Kan.

Ruth Sarna, director of student health services, joined 2,000 college health professionals in May at the annual American College Health Association meeting in Boston. She conducted an orientation for more than 300 first-time attendees at the conference. In September, Sarna



and **Tim Hodges**, director of the counseling center, and **Ira DeSpain**, minister to the University, were honored with the Piper Rainen Outstanding Staff Awards for their extraordinary efforts in dealing with students at Baker.

Thomas Peard, associate professor of philosophy, presented a paper on the philosophy of language, "A Defense of Scott Soames's Arguments for Millianism" in the main program of the 2013 Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

Steve Rottinghaus, director of public relations, was recognized as a business person of the year at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kan.

Sandra J. Schumm, professor of Spanish, presented a paper, "The Power of Narrative in Rosa Montero's *El corazón del Tártaro*," on April 5 at the Carolina Conference on Romance Literatures at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C. Also, her article "Transformational Alchemy in *Contra el viento* and *El tiempo entre costuras*" was published in the book *Performing Transformations*, editors Khalid Amine and George F. Roberson, by Collaborative Media International, 2013.

Ran Sivron, associate professor of physics, and physics students **Bryce Manker**, **Alex Zuzelski** and **Chris Tackett** presented the paper "Lunar Ashen Light Variations by Observatory Latitude" on April 6 at the Mid America Regional Astrophysics Conference at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Also contributing to the research were students **Val Schirmer**, **Ben Seybert**, **Nick Wolfe** and **Ryan Gleue**. The research focused on helping determine the earth's reflectivity, an important component in understanding global warming. Sivron presented "The Summer Science Program" and "Palladius and Roman Sundials and Other Unexpected Adventures"

in February to the physics department of Montana State University in Bozeman. The second presentation, in collaboration with **John Richards, BA '82**, assistant professor of history, and student **Mason Bruza**, discussed how 36 numbers help us understand the history of science and the ancient world.

Joe Watson, associate professor of mass media, had a review published of the book *Broadcasting Empire: The BBC and the British World, 1922 - 1970* by Simon J. Potter. The book explores ways in which the British Broadcasting Corporation tried to influence the evolution and structure of broadcasting among British Commonwealth nations. The review was published on H-Net, the global online consortium of scholars from the social sciences and humanities.

Kathy Wilson, BS '13, academic success coordinator, and four international students — **Odaine Sinclair**, **Donny George**, **Jose Baquerizo** and **Richard Klein** — attended the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award Foundation annual luncheon in May in Kansas City, Mo.



Joe Watson, associate professor of mass media, received unlimited access to the BBC newsroom in London while working on a research project.



Wildcats capture first conference title since 1993, advance to NAIA playoffs

Capping the regular season with an eight-game winning streak, Baker University entered the NAIA playoffs with its first Heart of America Athletic Conference title and 10-win season since 1993. The Wildcats (10-1) soared to No. 4 in the final NAIA top 25 poll—their highest ranking in **Mike Grossner's** 10 years as head coach—and finished with an 8-1 mark in the HAAC.

The outstanding 2013 season featured a 37-20 homecoming victory over Mid-America Nazarene, a hard-fought 13-10 overtime win over No. 7 Missouri Valley and a 25-24 thriller over No. 15 Ottawa in the season opener.

The Wildcats hosted Sterling, the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference champion, in the first round of the 16-team NAIA Football Championship Series.

Sports Highlights

The Wildcat athletic program enjoyed another successful fall season with three teams advancing to national competition in November



Alumnus guides men's team to HAAC soccer title, No. 3 ranking

Head soccer coach **Nate Houser, '94**, guided Baker men's soccer team to the Heart of America Athletic Conference tournament championship with a 1-0 victory over MidAmerica Nazarene on Nov. 15 in Olathe, Kan. With the win, the Wildcats secured an automatic berth in the NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship Opening Round. Baker took a 14-5-2 record and No. 3 ranking, the second highest in program history, into the national playoffs in a season in which Houser was named HAAC Co-Coach of the Year.

The women's team, also coached by Houser, finished with a 7-5-7 record, falling 3-2 on penalty kicks to MidAmerica Nazarene in the first round of the HAAC tournament. The Baker women were ranked as high as 23rd nationally in early October.

Senior runner shines

Lauren Jaqua of Lansing, Kan., closed her stellar collegiate career as a three-time Heart of America Athletic Conference champion, cruising to the individual title in 18 minutes, 54 seconds to lead Baker to the team crown on Nov. 9 in Marshall, Mo. Four other Wildcats —**Megan Rosa** (third), **Jillian Benson** (fourth), **Ashley McBride** (sixth) and **Kerry Kurta** (10th) — finished in the top 10 as Baker claimed its first HAAC title since 2010. It marked Jaqua's third victory of the year and was Baker's third team title of the 2013 season. Earlier in the year, Jaqua broke the school's 4K record, finishing in 14:49. Baker was ranked No. 25 heading into the NAIA National Championships on Nov. 23 in Lawrence, Kan.



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Conference team titles won by Baker University in fall 2013.



Baker's women's cross country team hoists the Heart of America Athletic Conference championship banner. (L-R) Amanda Moody, Rachel Ash, Shelby Stephens, Jillian Benson, Lauren Jaqua, Megan Rosa, Ashley McBride, Kerry Kurta, Aadrian McCollum and Jenna Stansbrough

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University recognizes scholar-athletes

Baker students continue to thrive in the classroom and in athletics.

At the Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on Oct. 4 in Overland Park, Kan., Baker honored 44 Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes for their performances during the 2012-13 academic year. To be recognized, the athlete must be a junior or above in academic standing; have been in attendance at the nominating institution two full academic years as a non-transfer student or minimum of one academic year as a transfer student; and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.50 at the time of nomination deadline.

In addition to the number of scholar-athletes, the academic year featured 67 All-Heart of America Athletic Conference performers, 27 NAIA All-Americans, eight Capital One Academic All-District selections, four Capital One Academic All-Americans and three HAAC Coaches of the Year.

For performances in national events last year, Baker finished No. 20 in the Learfield Cup standings for the highest ranking among all schools in Kansas and the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION & STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARDS



Meghan Lewis Houtsma, '02



Bob Peters, '70



Jim Dick, '63



Jerry Jones, '64



Johnie Seals Jr., '80

2013 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and other Hall of Fame members



Back row (L-R): Nate Houser, '94; Phil Hannon, '86; Tim Burkindine, '71; Teresa (Watts) Young, '81; Tom Young, '81; Dick Hedges, '60; Charles Mansfield, '61; John "Spook" Jacobs, '63. **Front row (L-R):** Deb Cowin, '81; Meghan Lewis Houtsma, '02; Jim Dick, '63; Johnie Seals Jr., '80; Jerry Jones, '64; Bob Peters, '70; Palmer Mai, '56.

2012-13 student-athlete award winners





CIRCLE of GIVING

As we reflect on another successful year and prepare for a year of transition, Baker University proudly celebrates every member of our Circle of Giving for the 2012-2013 academic year. Our success, attributed in large part to your generosity and devotion, has positioned your university to continue delivering on its promise to develop confident, competent and responsible contributors to society.

On the evening of Oct. 4, 2012, as bright orange lights beamed up the corners of the newly renovated Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education, Dr. Pat Long approached the podium to address the gathered donors in neighboring Mabee Hall.

The anticipated message was one of simple gratitude—a thank you to the dinner guests who provided the major gifts required to construct this glowing beacon of a facility at the north end of campus. At \$11.3 million, the Mulvane Transformation represents the largest capital campaign in Baker's 155-year history, and it was time to celebrate.

But the University's 28th President had more to say than a litany of effusive

Pat and Dennis Long

thanks; she had a powerful story to tell about giving, and it was one that left more than a few guests teary as they later strolled past the grape arbor toward the Boyd Center's grand opening. She spoke about why she and her husband, Dennis, gave to the Mulvane Transformation in honor of her parents, and why giving had made such a difference in her life.

“It's part of the president's duties to raise funds to ensure the sustainability of this one great University.”

“I was very blessed to grow up in Wheatland, Mo., a very small town, with a wonderful and supportive family,” Long began. “But we didn't have a lot of money, so attending college was going to be a challenge. No one else in my family had graduated from college.”

So one can imagine the thrill when the 18-year-old future mathematics major walked out of Southwest Baptist



Dennis and Dr. Pat Long have been among the University's No. 1 fans since joining the Baker family in 2006.


University's financial aid office with a generous scholarship to study and play basketball for the Bearcats.

“When we got back to the car my mom started crying,”

Long recalled. “At the time, I didn't realize the magnitude of what had happened. To this day, I still remember our financial aid director's name—Felix Goodson. He changed my life.”

An important chapter of Baker University's history was written that day in Bolivar, Mo. From there, Long quickly developed what would prove to be a lifelong love for education during her undergraduate years – a passion that would impact tens of thousands of students throughout her 35-year career. Long has established scholarship funds, built multimillion-dollar facilities, grown innovative academic programs and raised the profile of an already esteemed Kansas institution.

But it all started with a single gift.

“That's why I give,” Long, one of the University's major donors, said. “It's part of the president's duties to raise funds to ensure the sustainability of this one great university. But my husband Dennis and I give because it is more personal than that. My career—my whole life—was a product of that first scholarship.” 



Susanne Teel

Trustee, Friend of Baker...

ble getting students out of the dining hall after meals—they just want to stay and enjoy each other. As a donor, that is so rewarding!”

During her tenure on Baker University’s Board of Trustees—she has served as both chair of the entire board and the Student Affairs committee—Teel has proven herself to be one of Baker’s most wonderful ambassadors. Some would call her, and perhaps this is equally accurate, one-half of the institution’s most prestigious cheerleading partnership with dear friend Pat Long.

It was difficult for **Susanne Teel**, ‘69, to put into words what she felt walking through the Student Union’s new dining hall at this year’s opening dinner celebration.

Of course it was not her first time touring the gorgeous new space. As the lead donor for the campaign, which is entering its second phase this spring, Teel had taken hard hat-only tours and routinely made the drive from her home in St. Joseph, Mo., to monitor the construction progress.

But this time was different. This time, more than 700 students, faculty and staff were packed into the orange-walled wonder, enjoying what President Pat Long fondly calls Baker’s new “dining experience.” Calling the \$1 million-plus renovation a cafeteria simply does not do the culture-changing space justice, she says.

“That’s why I give. I didn’t want to be a board member who just came to a meeting and left. I am doing what I love.”

“I really couldn’t believe it,” Teel said of the opening dinner. “To see all of those people smiling and socializing, well, it just warmed my heart.”


The social aspect of the new Student Union is what sold Teel on the project in the first place.

“From my experience in talking with students over the years, I had always heard they wanted a place to call their own,” she said. “Baker’s Union had not been that place in the past. Now, I understand we are having trou-



“Susanne is one of the most generous people I have ever met,” Long said. “She truly is a trustee for the students. She visits campus so frequently that many students know her by name, especially our athletes who so frequently see her in the stands at their games. The University is so lucky to have a friend like Susanne.”

That care for students is evident in all of Teel’s University endeavors. Whether she is giving her time or her treasure, Teel’s No. 1 priority is to fulfill Baker’s mission by putting students above all else.

“That’s why I give,” she said. “I didn’t want to be a board member who just came to a meeting and left. I am doing what I love. It is an honor to do my part in helping those young people receive the best possible education.” 

The stars of this year’s materials promoting the Baker Fund for Scholarships


Your gifts matter

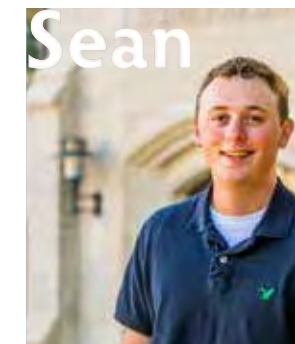


By now, most of you are familiar with the success stories of the three Baker University students showcased on this page—Zach Aldrich, Katie Thurbon and Sean Webb. The stars of this year’s materials promoting the Baker Fund for Scholarships, all three have greatly benefited from our generous donors and are on track to follow their dreams, leading to rewarding careers in economic development, medicine and finance.

Because of your steadfast support, Sean was able to reach his potential as a pre-med and biology major, becoming Baker’s first student selected to the prestigious Scholars in Rural Health Program as he prepares for a profession practicing medicine in a small Kansas town.

Scholarships enabled Zach to continue his academic interests in economics, math and finance while being one of 15 student-athletes nationally selected to travel to Washington, D.C., to attend a leadership program.

Your gifts matter as we continue to attract promising students such as Katie, who shines as a leader in the classroom and in athletics. Twice a national pole vault runner-up, Thurbon last year became the first Baker athlete named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team. The Baker Fund for Scholarships allowed her to study abroad in Granada, Spain, for the fall 2013 semester, enhancing her interest in helping women in developing countries get a better chance at a bright future. 



**Baker Fund for
Scholarships** 



Longtime student health services director felt pulse of university since late 1980s



When she arrived at Baker University in August of 1989, Ruth Sarna, RN, did not expect to work at the school as the director of student health services for very long. Twenty-four years later after approximately 15,000 students have graduated from Baker, the longtime registered nurse

is hanging up her stethoscope. The fall semester will be Sarna's last on the Baldwin City campus before she retires in December. President Pat Long broke the news via an email to the campus in which she stated, "I really cannot imagine Baker University without Nurse Ruth's smile, words of encouragement, and pure love for our students." Sentiments were strong as Baker students, staff and alumni who have come to know Ruth also find it hard to see the University without the compassionate care she has provided for many years. "My daughter kept asking me, 'Mother, when are you going to retire?'" Sarna said. "I always told her I couldn't. I just love the students too much. Which is true; I will miss them all terribly."

"If a student has a bad day, a bad test, or anything has happened in their life, I like to think that I have helped them get through that time," she said. While she will be remembered for her kindheartedness, Sarna is also known to be a fiery competitor. Rarely does she miss an opportunity cheer on the Wildcat teams.

"Follow your dream and always be positive about what may come."

"I don't know what the refs will do without me," she joked. During retirement, Sarna plans to visit Baker and attend the school's sporting events as much as she can. She looks forward to staying busy by following her 14 grandchildren as they participate in their own events, including dance recitals and volleyball, baseball and soccer games. Ruth is excited to spend time travelling with her husband, **Bob, '63**, and remain an active member in her church. As she finishes her career at Baker, Sarna wants to leave students and alumni with one final message: "Follow your dream and always be positive about what may come. You may hit some bumpy roads, but don't let them get you down. Always know good things will happen."

Alumnae Greek Council strengthens community

Six Baker University graduates interested in educating incoming students about sorority opportunities have formed the Alumnae Greek Council to strengthen the Baker Panhellenic community and help boost recruitment numbers. The six members representing the sororities are **Diane Blackwelder, '70**, and **Janice Simpson, '70** (Alpha Chi Omega); **Susanne Teel, '69**, and **Carol Farmer, '69** (Delta Delta Delta); and **Anita Hempy, '72**, and **Pat Wooster-Jackson, '71** (Zeta Tau Alpha). The women have been national members of their respective organizations and hold advisory positions.

"We are thrilled by the results of this fall's recruitment effort with our new member numbers almost doubling over last year," said Farmer, president of the council. "We are so grateful for the support we have received from the University leadership and administrators to meet this goal. This collaborative effort benefits both the Greek community and the University and ensures a bright future for all." The council improved communication efforts by having additional recruiting publications printed along with handwritten notecards to incoming female students before they arrived on the Baldwin City campus.

The volunteers recruited other alumnae to attend the summer orientation and enrollment registration to share their sorority experiences. They also hosted four sorority mixers at the end of those days. "They were instrumental in encouraging the administration to allow an extra day of Wildcat Welcome, which created time for sorority recruitment to be completed before classes started and major athletic obligations began," said **Jennifer Letner, '93**, fraternity and sorority life coordinator. A group of fraternity alumni are developing a similar council to be launched in the coming year.

Hedrick reaches 25th year as Voice of the Wildcats

It was a phone call from one Baker University legend that brought another back to Baker's Baldwin City campus. **Tom Hedrick, CAS '56**, was sitting in his office at the University of Kansas, where he taught sports broadcasting, when he received a call from Baker Hall of Fame football coach Charlie Richard. The coach had a favor to ask. It was 1988 and Baker was heading into a playoff game at Bethany and Coach Richard wanted Hedrick to call the game on radio. Hedrick believed in Richard and said helping the coach get the Baker football job in 1980 was "one of the best things I did for Baker University." So there was only one



answer he could give. Hedrick said he would be honored, and 25 years later, he is still the Voice of the Wildcats. Baker has been a part of Hedrick's life nearly every step of the way. Long before he enrolled as a freshman in 1952, Tom was on campus with his father, a Methodist preacher who began teaching at Baker University in 1943. Even after moving back east for high school, Hedrick returned to Baldwin City for college. Hedrick knew he wanted to broadcast KU football and basketball games, and he accomplished that in his 20s. His dream was to become a Major League Baseball announcer, and that came true in 1971. He has called World Series, Cotton Bowl and Super Bowl games and witnessed countless historic sports moments firsthand. Hedrick's resume is impressive. He was wearing a headset in 1966 when KU faced the original "Cinderella" Texas Western basketball team in the NCAA Tournament. He was the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1969 and has a Super Bowl ring to show for it. He needs two hands to count the number of times he's been named Kansas Sportscaster of the Year. Hedrick was at the center of the national sports world.



Tom Hedrick, '56, who has called World Series games and a Super Bowl, recently completed his 25th year broadcasting Wildcat football on the radio. Yet Baker has something special, which is why Hedrick answered the phone when Coach Richard called 25 years ago and why he has come back year after year. "It's marvelous because of the people," Hedrick said. "I can go to Baldwin City and all of a sudden my life is better. It's always been like that."

"I come to Baker and teach class to the best people I've been around. For me, it's a great time."

Through the years Hedrick has believed in working for love and not money, and for him, there is no greater love than Baker. He insists that the University keeps him young. Now 78, he still teaches sports broadcasting on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is in the radio booth on Saturdays for football and basketball games. "I come to Baker and teach class to the best people I've been around," he said. "For me, it's a great time." Baker lost that playoff game against Bethany in 1988. Yet Hedrick still remembers what he said to himself after the game, "I loved that."

Alaskan Adventure



Andy Bertapelle, BSN '00, is in his first year as director of nursing at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital (hospital logo below left) in Barrow, Alaska.

In the far reaches

of the United States, in the land of the Midnight Sun, Andy Bertapelle's nursing career continues to shine.

Always looking for an adventure, Bertapelle, BSN '00, has been a registered nurse for 13 years, serving the past seven months as the director of nursing at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital in Barrow, Alaska, the United States' northernmost city. Surrounded on three sides by the Arctic Ocean, Barrow (population 4,346) is a place where the roads are unpaved because of permafrost, and no roads connect the city to the rest of Alaska.

"This location was able to provide me with the adventure and challenge that were missing in my life," said Bertapelle, bracing for sub-zero temperatures in January with no protection from the frigid Arctic air. "We are the only hospital providing services to an area the size of Washington state. We make do with what we have because getting supplies delivered is a challenge. During the summer, when the ice has moved away from shore, we get a few barges with supplies, but once the ice comes back, the only way in or out is by plane."

Bertapelle steadily has climbed the career ranks. Soon after completing his studies at Baker's School of Nursing in Topeka, Kan., Bertapelle was commissioned in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and served at the Naval Hospital in Rota, Spain, for three years before moving to the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. While in the Navy, he worked as a medical/surgery RN and emergency/trauma

RN. He served the country as a nurse in Djibouti, Africa, for six months and in northern Kuwait for another six months to support American troops. After leaving active duty service, he moved closer to family in Denver, where he was the assistant director of patient care, and eventually the director, for two 20-bed inpatient units at a Level I trauma center.

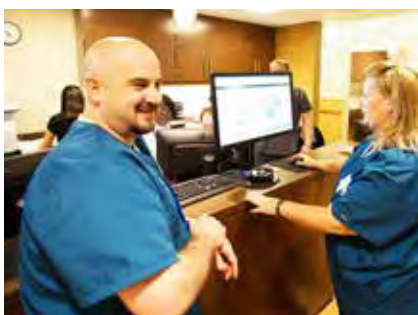
In Barrow, Bertapelle oversees a team of one assistant director of nursing, 18 nurses, two certified nursing assistants, a unit clerk and five case managers. The inpatient unit in Barrow features 12 beds for medical/surgical patients of all ages and two beds for low-risk labor and delivery patients. The outpatient unit features a six-room clinic, a two-bed emergency room and a case management department.

"My career and nursing education have prepared me to handle just about anything thrown at me."

"We are a critical access hospital and see everything imaginable," he said. "For our critical and trauma patients, we work to stabilize them while coordinating air medical evacuation services for transport to Fairbanks or Anchorage."

Bertapelle reflects proudly on his two years at Baker and how the program helped him develop professionally.

"I often look back and have joked with Dean Kathy Harr that I wasn't the best student who went through nursing school at Baker, but the instructors, staff and dean believed in me and kept me on track," he recalled. "I am grateful for that and realize that level of individual attention and commitment is unique to Baker's nursing program. They invested themselves in my success. I am proud to wear my Baker nursing pin as I truly credit Baker with getting me to where I am today."



Anatomy of a Student

A pre-med and Spanish major from Emporia, Kan., Nancy Delgado is receiving the proper guidance and tools to follow her aspirations of becoming a pediatric dermatologist. Now a senior and five months shy of graduating, Delgado wasted no time in making an impact in the classroom. Named Baker University's outstanding freshman biology student in 2010, she later earned an opportunity to secure a biology research internship in a genetics lab.

"A kind and caring faculty who focus on the students achieving their goals with the latest technology helps me succeed," she noted.

Outside of the Ivan L. Boyd Center for Collaborative Science Education on the Baldwin City campus, Delgado has shined as president of the junior class and president of the Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. She previously served as president of the sophomore class and vice-president of the freshman class at Baker. A finalist for a Merit Award by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Delgado strives for academic excellence and being engaged in the campus community.

Protect the eyes

With an emphasis on safety in the lab, Delgado makes sure to wear goggles when there is potential for splash from a hazardous material. The goggles are impact resistant and must be worn for lab sessions when students are working with chemicals or equipment.

Dressed for success

With a personalized lab coat, Delgado is dressed to protect her skin and clothing from chemical spills and splatters. In case of that rare mishap, she knows it is easier to remove the coat to limit the skin's contact with hazardous material.

Book of knowledge

Armed with her textbook in immunology, Delgado is well prepared to study all aspects of the biomedical science. Autoimmune diseases? Hypersensitivities? Immune deficiency? Transplant rejection? Yes, she has the answers for explaining malfunctions in the immune system.

Experimental equipment

Delgado has an array of glassware at her disposal. Essential pieces of laboratory equipment, the glass is used to experiment with chemical reactions and heating solutions.



Year in Review

A look back at another special year worth celebrating with our alumni and friends.



Dr. Brian Posler, executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College Arts and Sciences, is selected to participate in the Executive Leadership Academy.

JULY 2012 | Thirteen high school graduates participate in the Summer Bridge Program on the Baldwin City campus, a collaborative effort with the Kauffman Scholars. • Dr. Brian Posler, the former associate provost for academic affairs at the University of Southern Indiana, officially begins his role as executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. • Longtime Baker administrator and faculty member Dr. Rand Ziegler begins his role as vice president for institutional and faculty development.

AUGUST 2012 | Sean Webb, a junior from Wamego, Kan., becomes the first Baker student

accepted into the Scholars in Rural Health Program. • For the second consecutive year, Baker University's Office of Student Life participates in Serve 2 Succeed, a mentoring program funded through AmeriCorps Kansas and Kansas Campus Compact. • The University reports an overall fall enrollment of 3,208 students.

Teaching Award competition for his presentation, "Using Game Theory & Collective Action Experiments to Teach Economics of Social Issues." • Author Warren St. John discusses his book "Outcasts United," selected as the University's common book, and signs copies of the bestseller at Rice Auditorium. • An exhibition of original artwork, "Out of Fifty: Walt Bailey Retrospective 1962-2012," opens at Holt-Russell Gallery at Parmenter Hall. • Two former Baker standouts, a former Wildcat coach and current coach who starred in football and baseball are inducted into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame at Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Student-Athlete Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center. Honorees are Taylor Gill, '83; Phil Hannon, '86; Liesel Kirk-Fink, '02 and former football coach Joe Girardi, inducted posthumously. Also at the event, more than 80 student-athletes are recognized, including 56 NAIA Scholar-Athletes for excelling in the classroom and in athletics.

NOVEMBER 2012 | Jesse Green, a biology education major from Baldwin City, Kan., and Tiffany Steinbacher, an elementary education major from Erie, Kan., are honored as Teachers of Promise at the Kansas Teacher of the Year banquet in Wichita. • Leigh Anne Neal, a student in the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership program, is named an American Association of School Administrators Educational Administration Scholarship winner. • Baker celebrates International Education Week, focusing on the theme "Striving for a Healthier Future Worldwide." • Ten Baker students and three Baker faculty members are inducted into the Delta Pi chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an honor society for international scholars.

• *Baker Orange Online* is recognized with its first national Pacemaker Award at the Associated Collegiate Press and National College Media Convention in Chicago. thebakerorange.com, is one of five sites to be recognized in the category for schools with an enrollment of 5,000 or



fewer students. The Pacemaker is regarded as the Pulitzer Prize in student journalism. • Baker honors 22 first-year and transfer students for graduating from the 2012 Emerging Leaders Summit, which challenges students to develop their leadership skills by learning styles to enable others to act, develop teamwork and establish values and respect. • Jeanne Mott, director of financial aid, is honored with her induction into the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Hall of Fame. The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant difference for the profession, students and colleagues. Also at the conference of the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Mott receives a regional leadership award—one of six presented nationally—from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. • The University receives accreditation from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

DECEMBER 2012 | The Eta Kappa Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nursing, inducts 16 Baker University School of Nursing students and two Baker alumni during a ceremony at the Pozez Education Center. • Dr. Lowell Jacobsen, the Rhodes Professor of International Business, receives the Mike Wood Presidential Citation of Merit at the 2012 Eliot S. Berkley Lecture. • Baker recognizes 350 undergraduate students and 330 graduate students during fall commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. Keynote speakers are Dr. Brian Posler, executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Rusty Meigs, Ed.D. '10, the senior Web architect for the Olathe (Kan.) School District; and Trustee Richard Howell, a 1974 Baker graduate and 30-year veteran of the oil and chemical industry. Howell receives an honorary doctorate. • Rice Auditorium is filled to capacity for the two performances at the 82nd annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers.

JANUARY 2013 | Senior Lauren Amrein, a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, is honored as the St. Jude Collegiate Ambassador of the Year at the Tri Delta's St. Jude Leadership Weekend for her involvement with the Up 'Til Dawn campaign, a benefit for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and to a Tri Delta who "goes above and beyond philanthropy events to support St. Jude." • The Associated General Contractors honors Baker's Mulvane Transformation in the Kansas State Building Awards Program during its annual convention at the Marriott Wichita. • Wallace Hartsfield, Pastor Emeritus of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., is the keynote speaker during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the Osborne

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Chapel. • Led by Lee Green, professor of business and economics, six students visit Washington, D.C., for a 16-day trip, including the inaugural ceremony for President Obama as part of the interterm titled "Washington, D.C.: The History of Our Nation's Capital City." • Seven Baker students are

studying at Harlaxton College for the spring semester and other students abroad are in Ireland, Mexico and Italy.

FEBRUARY 2013 | The Arbor Day Foundation honors Baker as a Tree Campus USA, a national program created in 2008 to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Baker is the first university in Kansas recognized. • Prospective students attend Celebrating Science Day on the Baldwin City campus to learn more about biology, chemistry, math, physics and computer science. • The Board of Trustees announce that University President Dr. Pat Long will retire on June 30, 2014 at the completion of her eighth year leading Baker. • Senior Kattera Shackelford, a Kansas City, Kan., senior majoring in business, is a presenter at the 36th annual Big XII Conference on Black Student Government at Kansas State University. • Baker announces on Founders Day plans to renovate Harter Union. • The Delta Tau Delta fraternity wins the Hugh Shields Award at the Western Plains Division Conference in Oklahoma City for being one of the top 10 chapters nationally. • The University announces the following faculty promotions: Mr. Dave Bostwick, assistant professor of mass media, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Jacob Bucher, assistant professor of sociology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Sara Crump, assistant professor of psychology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Brett Knappe, assistant professor of art history, was granted tenure; Dr. Erin Morris, assistant professor of biology, was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor; Dr. Leonard Ortiz, assistant professor of history, was promoted to the rank of associate professor; and Dr. Anne Daugherty, associate professor of education, was promoted to



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the rank of professor. The following professors received emeritus status: Ms. Judy Ackeret, Dr. Preston Fambrough, Dr. Gary Giachino and Dr. George Wiley.

MARCH 2013 | Baker's student-led radio and television stations, KNBU-FM and KNBU-TV, receive five second-place awards from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the annual student broadcast awards competition. • Baker's history is featured in The Way We Worked Kansas tour as part of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program at the Lumbeyard Arts Center. • Baker's Speech Choir receives a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council to make four presentations on the Civil War in locations along the Kansas and Missouri border. • Two School of Education students—Mariah Barnett, a music education major from Lawrence, Kan., and Haley Epperson, an elementary education major from Eudora, Kan.—are recognized by the Kansas State Department of Education in Topeka as Teachers of Promise. • Colleges of Distinction, a guidebook highlighting four-year institutions that are considered "hidden gems" recognizes Baker in its 2012-2013 publication for its commitment to engaging students, excellent faculty, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. • Baker student Billy Wicks, a senior from Princeton, Kan., is elected to the position of State Collegiate President for the Kansas Music Educators Association. • The "Live from the Orange Carpet" gala and auction raises a record \$306,000 for student scholarships, including a matching gift of \$150,000 from Andrew Cherng, '68, and Peggy Cherng, '70. • Former Baker baseball standout Vidal Nuño receives the James P. Dawson Award, given annually to the outstanding New York Yankee rookie in spring training. He was the opening day pitcher for New York's AAA team before appearing in five games and making three starts for the Yankees.

APRIL 2013 | For the 12th consecutive year, Baker and the Baldwin City Recreation Commission partner for the Community Wellness Festival, a free health fair at the Collins Center, with more than 70 exhibitors and 300 attendees. • Two Baker students — Teresa Morse, a junior from Gardner, Kan., and Parker

Roth, a senior from Minneapolis, Kan. — place first and second, respectively, in original poetry competition at the Sigma Tau Delta International convention in Portland, Ore. • CNN Hero Mark Kaban, who has gained national attention for developing a program in California that uses soccer to motivate young immigrants and



Pacemaker Award recipients (from left to right): Rachel Hawkins, '12; Chris Duderstadt, '13; Marlee Johnson, '12; Sara Bell, '14; Meagan Thomas, '13

survivors of war to help transition to a better life, is announced as the speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences commencement ceremony. • Commencement speakers for the School of Professional and Graduate Studies ceremonies are Dr. Jackie Snyder, Chancellor Emeritus of Metropolitan Community College, and Dr. Anne Daugherty, Associate Professor and Chair of Liberal Arts at SPGS. • The University announces that Andrea Cooper will receive an honorary doctorate at the May commencement. • The *Baker Orange*, the student newspaper at Baker University, claims Kansas Associated Collegiate Press' All-Kansas Award for four-year private colleges at the Kansas Collegiate Media Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kan. It marked the 14th time since 1998 that the Orange received the All-Kansas honor. Chris Duderstadt, a senior from Overland Park, Kan., and the editor of the Orange, is the first runner-up for Four-Year College Newspaper Journalist of the Year. • Kyle Baum, a senior biology major from St. Louis, places first in the undergraduate oral presentations at the annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science at Johnson County Community College. His presentation, "Characterizing the Function of DAWDLE Interactors," summarizes some of his plant genetics research with Dr. Erin Morris, assistant professor of biology. • Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity are recognized as five-Star Chapters during

the annual Greek Awards ceremony. • Sponsored by the Greek organizations and the Health Center, 150 Baker students signed up as donors for the bone marrow drive • Renowned jazz vocalist Kevin Mahogany, a 1981 Baker graduate, participates in a week-long artist-in-residence program, capped by performances at the Chris Grubb Memorial Jazz Concert and Spring Choral Concert at Rice Auditorium. • *The Chronicle of Higher Education's* College Completion survey lists Baker as the top university—private or public—in the state for four-year graduation rate at 59.1 percent. • Dr. Brian Posler, executive vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is one of 21 senior-level administrators in higher education nationwide selected by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute to participate in a year-long Executive Leadership Academy.

MAY 2013 | Dr. Brian Messer, who most recently served as vice president for online studies at Ottawa University, is named vice president and dean of School of Professional and Graduate Studies. • Spring commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center honored 340 undergraduate students and 230 graduate students. • Baker students Tera Lyons, Strasburg, Colo., and Xiomara Nunez, Dallas are recognized as national Mark of Excellence winners in the small school division by the Society of Professional Journalists. • Sydney Doster, a senior from Gardner, Kan., receives a Fulbright Scholarship for the 2013-2014 academic year to Nepal, where she will teach English. • Two Kansas high school seniors—Rebecca Simkins of Merriam and Madison Wendt of Chanute—are the recipients of the Harter Scholarships, the University's most prestigious academic scholarship. • Carrie Coward Bucher is appointed chair of the Quest program at the College of Arts and Sciences. She had served as director of



Members of the Summer Bridge Program

honors for the past year and will retain those duties in addition to teaching courses within the Quest program. • Two May 2013 graduates — Josh Rydberg of Olathe, Kan., and Rachel Strecker of Ellinwood, Kan. — are recognized as Fran Jabara Leadership Award recipients during spring commencement ceremonies. • The School of Education celebrates its 100th cohort of Master of Arts in Education students. Baker's first MAEd cohort met in 2000 at Leavenworth, Kan. Since then, more than 1,800 students have earned MAEd degrees from the University.

JUNE 2013 | Baker launches a new Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership degree program, designed to develop leadership skills in social justice, global citizenship and entrepreneurial spirit. • The School of Professional and Graduate Studies hosts a career enhancement workshop at its Overland Park, Kan. campus. • Junior pole vaulter Katie Thurbon is the first athlete from Baker to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team. For her effort both on the track and in the classroom, Thurbon was named one of 15 athletes from around the country to the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America College Division men's and women's cross country/track and field first team. • Twenty-five recent high school graduates complete the Summer Bridge Program, designed for students to develop a better understanding of college life. Five university professors and six Baker students serving as peer mentors assisted, ensuring that the students begin the fall semester with effective study habits and time management skills. The students lived on campus for five weeks.

More than 340 undergraduate students and 230 graduate students received degrees from Baker University in May at the Collins Center.

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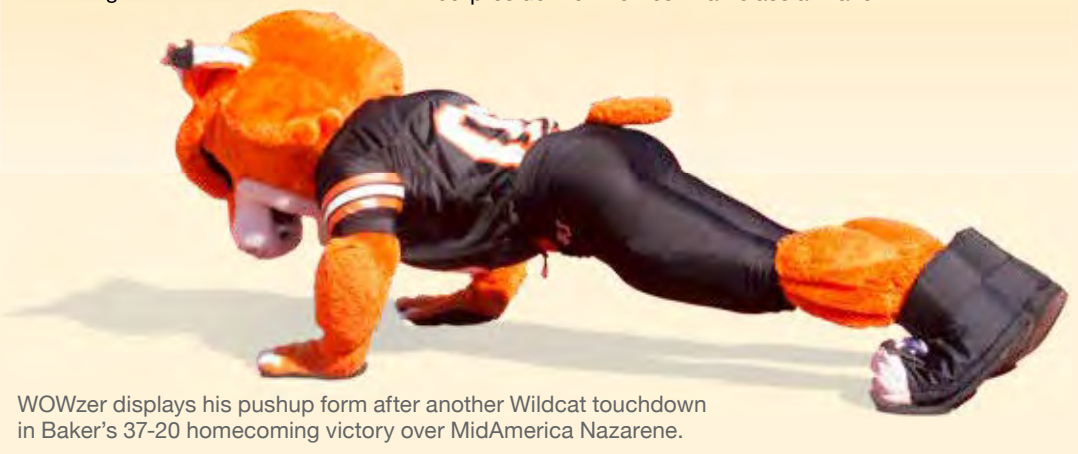
Homecoming king, queen crowned

Ben Sobek, a junior from Lee's Summit, Mo., and Nancy Delgado, a senior from Emporia, Kan., were crowned Baker University's homecoming king and queen during halftime ceremonies on Oct. 5 at Liston Stadium.

Sobek, a Spanish and French major, is president of Zeta Chi fraternity, Interfraternity Council, Baker Rallies against Violence, and Alpha Mu Gamma, an honor society for students. He represented Baker Rallies Against Violence.



Delgado, majoring in biology, pre-medicine and Spanish, represented Sigma Delta Pi, a national collegiate Hispanic honor society. A member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, she served as president of the junior class and of Sigma Delta Pi. She previously was president of the sophomore class and vice-president of the freshman class at Baker.



WOWzer displays his pushup form after another Wildcat touchdown in Baker's 37-20 homecoming victory over MidAmerica Nazarene.

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Alumni Calendar



December

- 14** School of Professional and Graduate Studies commencement ceremony, undergraduate degrees, 1 p.m., and School of Education, School of Professional and Graduate Studies, graduate degree ceremony, 4 p.m. Collins Center



- 15** College of Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Education, undergraduate degree ceremony, 1 p.m., Collins Center

Dec. 23 - Jan. 1,
Christmas break

January

- 23** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

- 27** Spring classes begin

- 30** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

February

- 6** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

- 8** KSHSAA Piano Festival

- 12** Founders Day

- 13** Honor Band Festival, Rice Auditorium

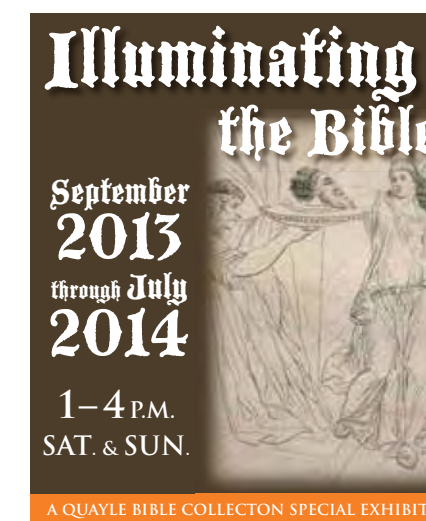
- 13** Honor Band Concert, 7 p.m., Rice Auditorium

- 17** Celebrate Science Day

- 20** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

- 27** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

- 27-28** Theater production, "Six Characters in Search of an Author," 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium



March

- 1** Theater production, "Six Characters in Search of an Author," 7:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium

- 5** **Alumni Dinner**
The Grill on the Green at Canoa Ranch Golf Club, 5 p.m., 5800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley, Ariz.

- 6** **Alumni Luncheon**
Briarwood Country Club, noon, 20800 N. 135th Ave., Sun City West, Ariz.
Alumni After-Hours
Stone & Vine
5:30-7:30 p.m.
9343 E. Shea Blvd., Suite 100, Scottsdale, Ariz.

- 6** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

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- 17-21** Spring break, Baldwin City campus

- 27** Alumni After-Hours
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Dallas, TX, Location **TBD**

- 27** University worship, 11 a.m., Osborne Chapel

- 31** Greek Week begins

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THEN & NOW

Since the 1860s, the steps of Parmenter Hall traditionally have been a popular location for class photos. Below is Baker's freshman class of 235 students for the fall 2013 semester, an increase of 16.9 percent from the previous year and the University's highest total in five years. At right is an all-school photo from the late 1880s.

