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A Message from President Lynne Murray

Dear alumni,

I am honored to serve as the 29th president of Baker University, a wonderful place that means so much to all of you because of the impact it has had on you personally and professionally. Since I was announced as president a little more than six months ago, I have enjoyed interacting with Baker alumni and Dr. Pat to learn more about their Baker experiences. I must praise Dr. Pat for her leadership, providing a smooth transition and a strong foundation for us to move forward. The love and pride you have for your alma mater, especially your emphasis on student success, were obvious in April at the successful Scholarship Gala and Auction, an event I was fortunate to attend.

When I think of Baker University and the new chapter that awaits me, I am reminded and humbled by the responsibility to the students and how this is a moment for me to truly touch their lives in meaningful ways and to support them through this time, whether they are undergraduate, graduate or nursing students. I will support them and the distinguished faculty at Baker, for they make us who we are. They and the dedicated staff members are the reasons that my husband, Jeff, and I selected Baker. At first, I was drawn to Baker for its distinctiveness in terms of academic excellence and values. But it was after Jeff and I visited the Baldwin City campus and met the people, we just knew in our hearts that it was the place for us. This is the place where we believe we can come together with the community to create a real positive experience for the students, parents and you the alumni and for the future of this iconic Kansas institution.

First and foremost, I will strive to serve this community as president by raising funds to support scholarships for students and for academic and faculty excellence. I will strive to grow the endowment so that years from now, the foundation for Baker University is stronger, and I will work with the entire Baker University community to increase enrollment. I will support Greek life and extracurricular activities as part of the overall Baker experience, as well as athletics. I will build on the foundation of past presidents, faculty members and you as I strive to do justice to your legacy.

When I think of what to accomplish in my years as president at Baker, I think of a great story by Olive Schreiner. She was a South African peace and anti-apartheid campaigner who lived from 1855 to 1920. She wrote a book "The Story of an African Farm." The main character in the book is a hunter searching for the white bird of truth. After a lifetime of searching, he says these words: "...now my strength is gone. Where I lie down worn out, others will stand, young and fresh. By the steps that I have cut they will climb; by the stairs that I have built, they will mount. They will never know the name of the man who made them. At the clumsy work they will laugh; when the stones roll they will curse me. But they will mount, and on my work; they will climb, and by my stair."

That stone stair was the hunter's legacy for future generations of "white-bird seekers." People could not remember his name, but they would climb his stone stair. When my time is up at Baker, I hope that thousands of students will be able to climb to new heights and to dream greater dreams for themselves than we ever dared and that they, in turn, will inspire thousands more. I welcome our alumni to share in that journey.

Proudly,

Dr. Lynne

Campus News

Mungano celebrates 45th year at Baker

Mungano is going strong on the Baldwin City campus.

The student-run diversity organization celebrated its 45th anniversary in May at the Osborne Chapel with Jesse Milan, the organization's founder, in attendance. The group installed its officers for 2014-2015 — Lauren Allen-Brown, president; Tyler Sloan, vice president; Haley Barnes, treasurer; Khadijah Lane, secretary; and Antonio Adgers, public relations — and led the annual candlelight vigil to honor those who shaped the civil rights movement.

Teresa Clouch serves as the Mungano adviser, and Leonard Ortiz is the faculty adviser. Milan founded the group in 1969, when he was a Baker professor.

Students honored for research papers

Two of the brightest students in the Department of History, Culture and Society won the top research paper awards, sweeping the undergraduate categories in the spring semester at the Kansas Association of Historians annual conference in Wichita. John Patchen and Michael Preut became the third and fourth Baker students to win the statewide award.

In Category I (papers produced in a senior-seminar-level course), Preut, of Baldwin City, Kan., won for "Hungary in Crisis: The Making and Breaking of Eastern Europe in the Post-War Era."

In Category II (papers produced in a class where the paper is not the focus of the course), Patchen, of Lawrence, Kan., won for "Surviving The Dirty Thirties: A Story of Kansas Farm Families and Survival in the 1930s."

"The Kansas Association of Historians Undergraduate Writing awards are quite prestigious as our students compete against students from every college or university in Kansas," said Leonard Ortiz, associate professor of history.



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Junior receives scholarship from National Federation of the Blind

A vision impairment has not prevented Dustin Turner from excelling at Baker.

Turner, a senior-to-be from Overbrook, Kan., has 20/400 vision and suffers from congenital nystagmus. For his performance in the classroom, an essay competition and campus activities, he was awarded a scholarship from the National Federation of the Blind.

Turner, a wrestler for the Wildcats, is on the dean's list, has served as a resident assistant and peer tutor for Student Academic Success. Turner also has volunteered for the Numana Swipe Out Hunger event on campus and at The Big Event, an annual national one-day community service project.

"I am really glad that my work has finally paid off in a big way," said Turner, majoring in business management and computer science. "For me it is all about staying positive and focusing on what I can do rather than the things that I can't. Spending time focusing on things I cannot do leaves me feeling helpless and defeated. I work much better staying positive and doing the best I can. Everything else will take care of itself."

Baker Orange earns national, state honors

The Baker Orange newspaper and its accompanying website, thebakerorange.com, earned several national and state honors in the spring.

The print version of the Orange received a 2014 Apple Award from the College Media Association as the best newspaper among four-year schools with an enrollment under 5,000 students. Apple Award winners were announced in New York in mid-March. All colleges nationwide were eligible to enter.

At the Kansas Collegiate Media spring conference in Wichita, Kan., thebakerorange.com won the All-Kansas Award as the top collegiate news

website among all colleges in the state. This award was presented in Wichita during KCM's spring conference. One judge's feedback noted that "this is an engaging, visually attractive site that delivers on its mission to provide relevant content to keep the university community informed while giving students practical mass media experience."

The print version won the Kansas Collegiate Media's All-Kansas Award as the top private-college newspaper in the state.

Seniors Sara Bell and Tera Lyons served as the editors. In addition to the group honors, Bell received \$100 as runner-up for the four-year newspaper Journalist of the Year Award.

Colleges of Distinction recognizes University as "hidden gem"

Colleges of Distinction, a guidebook highlighting four-year institutions that are considered "hidden gems," recognized Baker University in its 2013-2014 publication.

Baker was honored for its commitment to engaging students, excellent faculty, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. Colleges of Distinction is designed to provide students, counselors, and parents with information about schools that excel in these key areas. It describes schools that take a holistic approach to admission decisions, consistently excel in providing undergraduate education, and have a truly national reputation.



Proud to be President

Lynne Murray has always been comfortable in the forefront. It started at birth, really, when she arrived three minutes before her identical twin sister, Laurie.

The twins were the second and third children, joining firstborn Bonnie, in an expanding Wise household in tiny Ridge, Md. The family was complete with the addition of Paula and Kary. All shining students in elementary school, Lynne and her four sisters took their studies seriously, oftentimes playing school at home. Lynne excelled in oratorical contests. She eventually juggled multiple jobs as a teenager and as a college student to help support her schooling, establishing a sound work ethic and a strong foundation for a career in higher education.

An essay contest sponsored by the local American Legion piqued Lynne's interest as a second-grader. She entered and placed first for her entry in "What America Means to Me" and received a government bond. Since that moment, Lynne savors those times when she can speak before a crowd.

"That started an early love for writing and oratory," she says.

Lynne's early desire to succeed was inspired by her eldest sister, Bonnie. Two-and-half years separated the two siblings, and Lynne was eager to close the gap.

"I remember when I was in the first grade my mother would brag about how smart Bonnie was and that she could skip the third grade," Lynne recalls. "The bar was set very high at a young age."

Lynne has maintained pace with her sister. An administrative leader known for raising the national and international profiles of educational and nonprofit institutions for more than two decades, Dr. Lynne Murray began her duties as Baker's 29th president on July 1, succeeding Dr. Patricia N. Long. Before being named president in December, she served as the vice president for development, international and alumni relations at Washington, D.C.-based Gallaudet University.

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— Bonnie Bowes, one of Lynne's sisters

Bonnie Bowes, director at Deloitte Consulting in Australia, takes pride in seeing her sister succeed and career develop. Bonnie knew at an early age that her sister had the desire and characteristics to lead.

"She is a well-rounded, happy, successful, risk-taking individual," Bowes proudly notes. "Her early leadership qualities emerged in elementary school. She always knew what she wanted and found a way to put a successful plan in place to make it happen. There were five of us girls growing up, all striving for attention and recognition to stand apart from the pack. We constantly tried to over-achieve to gain attention."

Raised by their mother and stepfather, Brenda and Wayne Wise Jr., the girls were encouraged to be independent, self-sufficient and responsible. In essence, they were challenged to be prepared for any situation. Lynne's mother was a secretary, and after serving in the military her stepfather was a driver and manager for Southern Maryland Oil before joining his father in the residential construction business. Neither of her parents had attended college while the children were being raised, but Brenda was adamant that her girls would continue their studies past high school.



Jeff and Lynne Murray will be joined on the Baldwin City campus by their two dogs, Kassie and Lucca.

Lynne's biological father, Robert Burns, began his career with C&P Telephone Company and went on to own his own performance boats business. He would later sell the business and begin a career with 3M. Both he and her mother put themselves through college later in life, eventually graduating. Her father also had a very successful

career racing speed boats, holding more than seven water speed records, including the Guinness World Record for speed on water set July 15, 1984, in St. Louis.

Lynne's parents and step-parents, including step-mom, Gloria Jeanne Burns, set high expectations for their children.

"Lynne excelled at making relationships and leading groups of people all throughout life," Bonnie explains. "I think it came easier for her being a twin. Lynne and Laurie always drew attention whenever they walked into a room. They made friends very easily and always had each other to fall back on. I believe that's why Lynne has had high confidence and drive. Lynne's core values include treating people as people — helping them to be their very best by giving them opportunities, working hard for the right reasons, adding value every day, and never compromising on your beliefs. These have guided her professional and personal life."

Patriotic pride and work ethic

Lynne's family has strong military ties. Her stepfather, grandfather, Wayne Wise Sr.; and maternal great uncle Jim Travers, all served in the Navy. Her biological father was in the Coast Guard. That connection helped her provide a personal touch in several of her early speeches.

"They were all instrumental in my upbringing," she recalls. "These men and their backgrounds played a huge role in my life because we grew up with a strong sense of patriotism and respect for the men and women who serve our country."

Travers especially has been an inspiration to Lynne. He survived the bombing of Pearl Harbor when he served in the engine room on the USS Maryland. He rarely spoke to the family about the experience. Her grandfather, another WWII survivor and man who rose above his humble beginnings to found his own construction company, Wayne Wise & Sons, also avoided talking about his military career. She learned a lot about work ethic and respect by observing her relatives.

“I learned early to respect all people — no matter one’s position or title. My parents were hard workers; the men I worked with at Scheibles who were fishermen and fishing boat captains were hard workers, and I respected them.”

“These men taught me that success is not measured by the titles one has achieved in life, but rather by the obstacles one has overcome while trying to achieve, as aptly surmised by Booker T. Washington,” Lynne says. “Greatness is determined by one’s values and one’s generosity of spirit and what is beautifully gained simply because these individuals have played a role in your life. It is no surprise then that I value hard work, and because it opened doors for me I highly value education. From an early day, I knew that college meant for me a way out, up or simply a different way than the generations before me.”

Lynne attended St. Michael’s School in Ridge, Md., where the teachers challenged students to reach their potential. A town with 1,000 residents and popular for its seafood restaurant, Ridge is near the southernmost tip of the western shore of Maryland, known as Point Lookout, with bodies of water on both sides. Her school was small and the students were like family. The same group of classmates — all 20 of them — started together in the first grade and remained together through the eighth grade. After graduating from the eighth grade, Lynne headed to Great Mills (Md.) High School, where she graduated with close to 200 students.

Ridge is so remote, that the nearest city in all directions was 30 minutes away. It took two hours to travel to Washington, D.C. Lynne and her sisters learned about responsibility at an early age when both of their parents left early every morning for their jobs near D.C.

“It was up to my older sister and all of us to get ourselves up and make breakfast and our lunches,” Lynne recalls.

When they were 14, the twins started working as dishwashers — earning \$2.65 an hour — at Scheibles, the only restaurant in Ridge. They walked or caught rides to work with the older waitresses. Lynne remembers the feeling of complete fatigue and the gratification of a job well done at the end of a long shift.

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Love at first sight

A discussion with her career counselor her sophomore year at Great Mills High School led to her second job — one that would have a lifelong impact when she met rising radio star

Jeff Murray — at the local radio station when she was 15. Lynne and her mother crafted a resume around Lynne’s experience as a dishwasher and baby sitter to present.

“I thought I had made it,” Lynne says of landing the job, where between 5 a.m. and noon on Sunday mornings she was responsible for reel-to-reel religious programming and every hour on the hour saying, “This is WPTX-WMDM, FM, Lexington Park.”

Although they attended the same high school and were two years apart, Lynne and Jeff knew of each other but were not acquaintances until Jeff, the morning DJ, spotted Lynne walking into the radio station.

“He had convinced the general manager to hire me,” Lynne remembers of Jeff’s influence in helping her land that first job in media. “The GM said to him, ‘The only way I will do it is if you agree to train her.’”

Jeff jumped at the opportunity to train the young applicant.

“Every day for a week I begged the general manager to hire Lynne, and then he finally relented,” Jeff remembers.

Once Lynne was hired, Jeff, being the dedicated worker, logged extra hours at the radio station. He would ride his bike to work 5 a.m. on Sunday to teach Lynne how to read the towers and change the tapes.

“When I found out when she was working I would be at the station regardless if I was scheduled or not,” he says. “I finally got up the nerve to ask her out on our first date to see the movie ‘E.T.’ ”

Jeff and Lynne went their separate ways after Jeff graduated from high school and his family moved to western Maryland when his father accepted a position as chair of the computer science department at Frostburg

State. The two did not reunite until 12 years later in their hometown before marrying on June 8, 1996. In addition to a husband, Lynne also gained a son, Christopher, who now lives in Aberdeen, Md., and is studying to be a chef.

“We consider ourselves very blessed to be together and are grateful to God for bringing us into each other’s lives,” Lynne says.

During their time apart, Jeff served in the Air Force for more than five years and was a sergeant and military broadcaster for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Services. He was stationed in Colorado, Greenland, Greece and Texas. He worked at Gallaudet from 1988 to 2014, most recently as the manager of video services.

Meanwhile, Lynne continued to follow her aspirations of starting a full-time career in media and becoming an anchorwoman. After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in English from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, she began working in public television as a producer and on-air personality, winning three national public television awards for individual giving, on-air fundraising and overall development in 1992 for WPBT in Miami before returning to her home state to work for Maryland Public Television.

Lynne’s passion for education has impressed Jeff. He witnessed her commitment in 2002 in earning a master’s in marketing from Johns Hopkins University and a doctorate from Gallaudet in 2008.

“During her graduate and doctoral work she would often be in class three nights a week and do endless hours of homework on the weekends,” Jeff remembers. “Her dedication and drive toward her education were awe inspiring.”

They support each other in their educational endeavors. Jeff, who has worked in higher education for the past 26 years, is familiar with the demands of a being a president of a private institution. He plans to support his wife in her new role, attend several Baker events and meet the University and Baldwin City community.

“Jeff was a wonderful advocate for my continuing education,” Lynne says. “Early in our marriage, we both worked full-time and part-time jobs, and I started going to school to get my master’s degree at Johns Hopkins University. I had realized by this point that while I loved mass media, I had a greater calling. The background after college in radio and television provided a great entry to my position at Johns Hopkins as the associate director of corporate giving. My role was to produce the annual radiothons and telethons.”

Calling to higher education

In her advancement role at Johns Hopkins, Lynne and her team raised millions of dollars through the Children’s Miracle Network to support the children at Johns Hopkins Hospital. There she met Dr. Marguerite “Peg” Hall, vice

president of development and alumni relations at Gallaudet. She convinced Lynne to leave Johns Hopkins and join her development team at Gallaudet.

When she arrived at Gallaudet, a federally chartered private university for the education of the deaf and hard of



Jeff and Lynne Murray visit with Baker Trustee Gene Meyer during a holiday reception at the Collins House.

hearing, Lynne did not know any sign language. She had two workers in her office who were deaf, which served as an impetus for her to learn the language.

“I immersed myself in daily classes, and Jeff and I paid privately for tutoring lessons for me so that the language barrier wouldn’t interfere with the job I was hired to do,” she explains.

One of her greatest personal moments at Gallaudet was getting her first gift — a \$3,000 check — from a corporate donor. She proudly framed it.

“Dr. Peg Hall was an amazing supervisor who learned of my dreams to continue growing in education and eventually become a vice president,” Lynne says. “She provided opportunities for me to meet with faculty members, including deans and even the president in the early days of my career.”

It was also the first time Lynne met Gallaudet President Dr. Irving King Jordan, a person she admires as a leader, mentor and dear friend. One of her most cherished memories is when she had secured her first \$1 million gift to Gallaudet. Unbeknownst to her, King and his wife, Linda, called a special meeting of the development office and uncorked a bottle of champagne to celebrate the occasion.

King, who became Gallaudet’s first deaf president in 1988, has known Lynne for nearly 20 years. He is confident in the new president’s ability to lead and is impressed by the focus Lynne has maintained since the time they met.

“It was as if she hung on every word that others were saying, and I could see how she was processing and stor-

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Dr. Murray with Baker students Luke Miltz and Ben Sobek on the day she was announced as Baker president.

ing the information she was picking up,” Jordan notes in an email. “The first impression is still an accurate one. She is a lovely person and very easy to know, but when she is on the job, she is on the job with 100 percent focus.”

Establishing and maintaining friendships has served Lynne well in her role as a fundraiser, Jordan observes.

“She knows that people give to people, and that by making a good connection and establishing a personal relationship, she will have success,” he explains. “I am very sure she will be a highly successful president. She has advanced quickly in university administration, but during that time she has been very attentive to others. She is a good manager, and people will enjoy working with and for her. I would venture to guess that among her early days on campus she will spend a lot of time out and about in order to get the pulse of the University and to meet as many people as possible.”

Another important milestone for Lynne came in the early 2000s when she began working toward her Ph.D. from Gallaudet University, leading to the defense of her dissertation in American Sign Language. Dr. William “Bill” Marshall, her Ph.D. professor and chairman of the department of administration and supervision, challenged her to aim high in her career after she told him her life ambition was to become a vice president of development. He was the first to ask her, “Why not president?”

“It was the first time in my life that I dared to think it,” she recalls.

Marshall believes Lynne has prepared well for this moment.


“Dr. Lynne Murray is a true leader who has the dreams, vision, and managerial wherewithal to assist Baker in bringing about future levels of continued accomplishments,” Marshall notes in an open letter to Baker. “She has consummate mastery when it comes to involving people and suggesting future directions for the University to consider. Shared governance acquires a new champion

and will thrive on the qualities she brings to Baker University. Dr. Murray not only communicates and listens exceptionally well, but she walks the talk. She puts others first — herself last.”

During one of the first classes with Dr. Marshall for the doctoral students, Lynne and the others were all asked privately to answer, “Where do you see yourself in 10 years?” Lynne put her answers in a self-addressed envelope and returned them to Dr. Marshall. For six years, Lynne studied the successes and failures of several university presidents, gaining a better understanding of how to best approach different leadership situations. The day she graduated in 2008 and walked across the stage, she went to shake Dr. Marshall’s hand and receive her diploma. As she did, Marshall slipped an envelope into her hand. She sat down and curiously turned it over to find out that it was her handwriting on the back, and the self-addressed letter from six years before was once again in her hands. When she opened it, she was reminded that in 10 years, she would like to be a university president.

“That moment has come, and I’m excited and as prepared as I think I can be, thanks to the teachings, indeed the life lessons, I’ve learned from Dr. Marshall, Dr. Hall, Dr. Jordan and my parents and family.”

Before arriving in Baldwin in late June and moving into the Collins House with their two standard poodles, Kassie and Lucca, the Murrys spent three weeks traveling in Greece, one of their favorite travel destinations. After relaxing last month, Lynne is eager to start her new position.

“That moment has come, and I’m excited and as prepared as I think I can be, thanks to the teachings, indeed the life lessons, I’ve learned from Dr. Marshall, Dr. Hall, Dr. Jordan and my parents, and family,” Lynne says. “And, I will not forget, either, one of the lessons they taught me which is titles come and go, so don’t get too attached to them. Instead, be who you are every day and look for ways to touch other people’s lives in meaningful ways. After all, isn’t that how we’d all like to be remembered? For people will not remember us for the titles we have, the cars we drive or the houses we own but for how we left them in that one moment when we had the opportunity to touch, perhaps even change, their lives like when a stern-looking professor looks across his desk and asks, ‘... why not president?’ ” 

October 30, 2014

Inaugural Celebration



You are invited to join us in October on the Baldwin City campus as we celebrate our rich history at the inauguration of Baker University’s 29th president, Dr. Lynne Murray.

Please mark the date on your calendar!



A full schedule of Inaugural Week activities will be posted at www.bakerU.edu/inauguration.



1950s

Bill Bunten, AB '53, recently received the prestigious Garvey Award for his support and participation in Washburn University affairs. He was president of INTRUST Bank of Wichita from 1982 until his retirement in 1996. His previous banking positions were as executive vice president of United Central Bank, Des Moines, Iowa (1979-1982); Merchants National Bank as president from (1967-79); and vice president of National Bank of Detroit (1957-67).



Howard Haynes, BA '57, (above center) received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Baker at his home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. He was recognized for his many years of service and support to Baker and to the greater Kansas City community for his philanthropic work. After graduating from Baker, he served as his alma mater's director of admissions. He later served as director of admissions, housing and financial aid at the University of Akron in Ohio. He was the second headmaster of the Grafton School in Berryville, Va., a cutting-edge co-ed boarding school that deals specifically with learning disabilities in young children. It was at that point that he co-founded North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, serving as its president for the first three years.

1960s

Bob Henry, BS '67, has been elected vice president of the American Soybean Association by the ASA board of directors. Henry is one of nine soybean growers who make up the ASA Executive Committee.

Larry Poore, BA '63, is a management consultant and lives in Olathe, Kan.

Richard Simpson, BA '67, is a professor of special education at the University of Kansas, where he has directed numerous demonstration programs for students with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities and coordinated a variety of federal grant programs related to students with autism spectrum disorders and other disabilities. He recently was honored as a 2014 Icon of Education in Ingram's Magazine.

1970s

Ethel Phillips, BA '71, and her husband, Richard L. Phillips, live in Colorado. Richard was a professor and administrator at Baker from 1966 to 1975. He was a member of the United Methodist Church clergy and president and executive director of the American Youth Foundation and dean of Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University from 1981 to 1998. Richard recently wrote a biography of influential theologian Harvey H. Potthoff. The couple has had two stints living abroad and have hiked the Grand Canyon.

1980s

Kerrie Bacon, '82, has been appointed as a KanCare ombudsman by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services. Bacon is a quality management specialist in KDADS' Community Services and Programs Commission, overseeing the federal Money Follows the Person program. Before joining the state last year, she served as interim executive director of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities from 2011 to 2012 and as state coordinator, research analyst and liaison at the Kansas Commission on Disability from 2003 through 2011.

Doug Smith, BS '81, is a board operator for Bott Radio Network. He lives in Overland Park, Kan.

1990s

Jeremy Armstrong, BS '94, is the administrator of Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems. He previously served at St. Luke Hospital and Living Center in Marion, Kan.

Jeffrey Gossard, BA '97, is an attorney in Coffeyville, Kan. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Kansas City School

of Law. Gossard is the chairman of the Coffeyville Recreation Commission and serves on the board of directors for the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Foundation, the Coffeyville Housing Authority and the Coffeyville Public School Foundation.

Sarah Hanson, BS '89, is a sports medicine instructor for the Olathe (Kan.) District Schools.

David Jackson, MLA '92, received a doctoral degree at age 83 from Trinity Bible College and Theological Seminary in Newburgh, Ind., and specialized in Biblical counseling. He is a registered social worker, a certified therapist and instructor.

William Lively, MBA '93, is a program director for Xerox. He received in 2013 a Ph.D. in organization and management from Capella University. Lively and his wife, Cecilia, live in Dallas.

Bill Miller, BA '90, is the director of facilities at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Mo. The concert hall was recently recognized as one of the world's most spectacular halls by Hamburg-based Emporis, a building data company.

Shawn Whitcomb, MSM '94, is senior vice president and chief information officer at Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories in Spokane, Wash.

Brent Widick, MSM '99, is superintendent of the Kansas Neurological Institute in Topeka, Kan. He served as KNI's program director from 2007 through 2013.

Dan Wooge, BME '97, the band director at Spring Hill (Kan.) Middle School and Spring Hill High School, was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for the school district.

2000s

Jenifer (Koelzer) Bahner, BS '07, is the head volleyball coach at Drury University in Springfield, Mo. She previously coached at Cowley Community College in Kansas.

Kyle Deterding, BS '00, is a math teacher and the head boys basketball coach at Eudora (Kan.) High School. He coached the Cardinals to the Class 4A-II state championship in March.



Kyle Deterding, BS '00, with his parents, Cheryl and Kermit.

Jason Filbeck, BA '02, MAEd '07, has been named head football coach at Augusta (Kan.) High School. He previously was an assistant at Shawnee Mission East High School, which advanced to the Kansas Class 6A state championship in 2013.

Brooke Fischer, BBA '02, MSM '05, has been hired as operator of Prairie Wind Senior Living in Berryton, Kan.

James Fox, BME '03, is the band director for Fort Scott (Kan.) High School and Fort Scott Middle School.

Kenneth E. Gagnon, BBA '00, works for Honeywell FM&T and lives in Spring Hill, Kan., with his wife, Debra.



Blake Glover, BA '04, is an attorney at the Law Office of Blake Glover in Baldwin City, Kan.

Doreen Hansen, MSM '03, is a vice president of residential lending at Metcalf Bank. She and her husband live with their two sons in Overland Park, Kan.

David Herndon, BBA '00, is the executive vice president of Community First Bank in Shawnee, Kan. He celebrated his 43rd year in banking in May and is chairman of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce board.

Lance Hinson, MLA '00, is the head football coach at McMurray University in Abilene, Texas. He is a former Wildcat assistant coach.

Constance Johnson-Cage, MSM '02, has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the Air Force Reserve. She will become the deputy mission support group commander of the 442nd Fighter Wing at Whiteman Air Base. She previously was commander of the 908th Force Support Squadron.

Erol Kinkaid, BS '05, is vice president of commercial lending with United Republic Bank. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Bankers Association Leadership Class of 2014 and lives in Omaha, Neb.

Chris Lowe, MASL '08, is the principal at Horizon Elementary School in Shawnee, Kan. He previously was the assistant principal at Monticello Trails and the school improvement specialist at Clear Creek Elementary.

Kristina (Ansbaugh) Manion, BS '03, recently completed her residency with Michigan State University for Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery. She has accepted a position as an ear, nose and throat surgeon at Via Christi in Wichita. She and her husband, Michael, have two sons, Isaac, 5, and Luke, 3.

Sara Matthews, BS '09, has been named the head women's soccer coach at Avila University in Kansas City, Mo.

Kristopher McDonald, BS '08, is the social media manager at MMGY Global.

Paul McQuiston, BA '05, is a development assistant at Cambridge in America. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Phillip Oliver, BBM '05, is president and general contractor of Oliver Construction in Wichita, Kan.

Valerie Oltman, MAEd '07, retired at the end of the spring semester as a vocal music teacher at Marysville (Kan.) High School, where she began teaching in 1982. Former MHS students surprised her with a special song at the end of the junior-senior high winter concert in December. She also coached girls tennis and was named the Class 4A coach of the year in 1994.

Robert Reed, MSSL '04, has been named superintendent and high school principal for USD 332 in Cunningham, Kan., for the 2014-2015 year.

Jose Salcido, MBA '04, has been promoted from Wichita (Kan.) police lieutenant to captain. Salcido joined the department in 1995. He was named the department's Officer of the Year in 2003. He is also a major in the Kansas Air National Guard.

Philip Smetak, BSN '08, started on March 1 as the director of clinical excellence and magnet development for the Via Christie Health System in Wichita, Kan.

Megan (Lamb) Smith, BS '07, has joined the North Newton (Kan.) office of Everence as a financial representative. She previously led fundraising efforts for Wichita State's College of Engineering.

Orrin Smith, BA '03, is a full-time freelance writer, focusing primarily on search engine optimization and web content writing for various marketing firms and corporations. He has published short stories, including most recently "Never Bet the Devil and Other Warnings." He recently co-edited an anthology of fungus-themed stories titled "Fungie" for Innsmouth Free Press. A couple of his latest publications include short stories in "Tales of Jack the Ripper" from Word Horde and "Handsome Devil" from Prime Books.

Michelle (Lockhart) Sundstrom, BS '02, is associate director of client development for RuffaloCODY, a leader in providing strategic fundraising and enrollment management services. She and her husband, Craig Sundstrom, live in Oklahoma City.

Stacey Weil, BSN '05, earned a Master of Nursing from Pittsburg State University. An APRN-FNP-C, she is employed by Bluestem Emergency Medicine, working in an emergency department at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, Okla.

Carley (Mason) Wells, BS '07, is a teacher for USD 428 in Great Bend, Kan.

Wes Wilson, BA '03, has been promoted from captain to major in the U.S. Army.

Nick Wood, BS '01, recently accepted a position to teach physical education classes and coach boys basketball at the American International School of Muscat in Muscat, Oman. He previously coached girls basketball at Lawrence (Kan.) High School.

Monte Zillinger, MSM '00, is the director of police training at BNSF Railway. He and his wife, Linda, live in North Richlands, Texas.

2010s

Samantha (Webster) Glover, MASL '03, is an assistant principal at Haysville (Kan.) Middle School. In February, she was selected as a Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators Exemplary Middle School Assistant Principal. She has been at Haysville Middle School for 15 years as an eighth-grade elective teacher, sixth-grade science teacher and assistant principal. She also has coached cross country, track and cheerleading.

Jeremiah Gress, BS '07, is the territory sales representative at Overhead Door Company of Kansas City.

Monica Hein, MBA '07, and Daniel Donatelli were married March 8, 2014, in Newton, Kan. She is an insurance management associate in Overland Park, Kan.

Patrick Howell, BS '13, is director of marketing at RepQue Inc.

Donald Hughes, BBA '13, is the maintenance superintendent for Kansas City Power and Light.

Lisa Janeway, EdD '13, is the curriculum specialist for Lee's Summit (Mo.) R-7 School District.

Sofia Javier, BSN '10, is a travel nurse. She was recently assigned to Tarzana, Calif. Her first assignment was in Houston.



Jacqueline Koch, BSN '11, (left) is a charge nurse at Stormont-Vail Regional Health-Care in Topeka, Kan.

Justin Lane, BS '13, is an audit associate for KPMG.

Leah Lowell, MAEd '12, is a second-grade teacher for Park Hill School District in Kansas City, Mo.

Kathy Mosher, MBA '10, is the executive director for Central Kansas Mental Health Center. The licensed community mental health center, founded in 1964, provides mental health care and treatment for children, adults and families in a five-county area that includes Saline, Dickinson, Ottawa, Lincoln and Ellsworth. She has 18 years of community health center experience and is the former assistant director of mental health for Kansas.



Darcey Nance, BA '10, (left) is the director of graduate recruitment and outreach for the University of Kansas School of Engineering.

Davy Phillips, BA '06, MLA '12, was recently promoted to head women's soccer coach at Baker University.

Dawn (King) Ramirez, '13, is the human resources coordinator at GraceMed Health Clinic in Wichita, Kan.

Danelle Shaw, BSN '02, provides primary health care at the F.W. Huston Medical Clinic in Valley Falls, Kan. She is an advanced practice registered nurse. Shaw previously worked at the Midwest Rehabilitation in Topeka, treating neurological and orthopedic injuries and illnesses. She and her husband, Ryan, live in Holton, Kan., and have two children, Katereina, 8, and Cale, 6.

Don Sherman, BBA '13, has been named Westar Energy Inc.'s vice president, community relations and strategic partnerships. In his new role, Sherman will enhance community relationships, develop strategic partnerships and continue to oversee economic development in the Wichita metropolitan statistical area.

Savannah Smith, BS '13, is an admissions counselor for Baker University.

Britton Streck, BSN '10, is a staff nurse in pediatrics at University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kan. He recently was awarded the DAISY Award, a national recognition for excellence in nursing. (see page 20)

Army Spec. **Hakeem K. Young, BS '12**, recently graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

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Recent graduate awarded prestigious research grant

Lauren Breithaupt, BS '13, was among two George Mason Ph.D. students awarded the National Science Foundation's 2014 Graduate Research Fellowship, one of the most prestigious grants for graduate researchers.

The Graduate Research Fellowship Program supports students in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and social and behavioral science. In 2014, 2,000 fellows nationwide were selected from 14,000 applications.

Robyn Mehlenbeck, director of the Center for Psychological Services at George Mason, has been impressed by Breithaupt's work.



Lauren Breithaupt presenting at the 2013 Honors Symposium.

"It's incredible and very rare for a first-year clinical student to win a grant," Mehlenbeck says.

Breithaupt's list of accolades and community involvement include working with local nonprofit eating disorder treatment program Rock Recovery and lobbying Capitol Hill to promote treatment and research with the National Eating Disorders Association and Eating Disorders Coalition. She was also selected as the first American to receive an honorary research fellowship at Huntercombe Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she worked on the Ravello Project, a major study about the neuropsychological underpinnings of anorexia nervosa. She has presented work at the National Conference for Child and Adolescent Psychology.

Breithaupt has studied eating disorders and body image issues since she was a high school student at Blue Valley Northwest. In 2009, Breithaupt co-founded REbeL, a nonprofit that educates students about body image issues and creates mentorship programs that attempt to have whole communities of high school students build healthier relationships with their bodies, their food and their peers. The group is based in Kansas City, and was featured earlier this year on "The Today Show."

Breithaupt is interested in studying and finding "the neurobiological underpinnings of attitude change evoked by cognitive dissonance," she says. The study is potentially groundbreaking. As her grant application says, "no study to date has examined whether or not a dissonance-based behavioral intervention actually produces changes at the neurobiological level that are associated with changes in attitude." Her work may show that dissonance-based intervention can create permanent attitude changes.

While an undergraduate at Baker, where she was an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Breithaupt was selected to participate in the American Psychological Association's Summer Science Fellowship at George Mason.

"George Mason provides me the opportunity to focus on research and get clinical experience," she says. "I'm definitely excited because I know this is what I want to do. Baker has prepared me well."

In Memoriam

Forever Orange...

Betty J. Baer, 85, Jan. 29, 2014, Ottawa, Kan. She was a cook at Baker sorority houses in the 1980s.

Dr. Thaine E. Billingsley, '49, 88, February 7, 2014, Harrisonburg, Va. Survivors include: wife, **Anita M. (Moore) Billingsley '47**, **William A. Bucher, Jr.**, '49, 89, Sigma Phi Epsilon, May 8, 2014, Overland Park, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy (Kessler) Bucher**, '49.

Frank L. Callahan Sr., '50, 86, Delta Tau Delta, Feb. 14, 2014, Cave Creek, Ariz. He served on Baker's Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1988.

Patricia L. Castens, '49, 87, Feb. 14, 2014, Pittsburg, Kan.

Kathryn 'Kathy' L. (Simmons) Coe, '53, 84, Phi Mu, Feb. 9, 2014, Carrollton, Ga.

Wayne T. Ebberts, '49, 87, Delta Tau Delta, April 12, 2012, Kansas City, Mo.

Robert C. Harder, '51, 84, Zeta Chi, April 12, 2014, Topeka, Kan. He served on Baker's Board of Trustees from 1973 to 1976 and was a Presidential Advisory Board member in 2012. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy Lou (Welty) Harder**, '52; a daughter, **Anne (Harder) Marley**, '81; and a son-in-law, **Dennis G. Marley**, '79.

Gregory M. Haskin, '72, 63, Delta Tau Delta, Sept. 17, 2013, Kansas City, Mo.

David M. Hill, '68, 67, Jan. 28, 2014, Plano, Texas.

Mildred (Whitley) Hollister, '35, 101, Delta Delta Delta, April 24, 2014, Mission, Kan.

Carol B. (Combs) Horn, '47, 89, Delta Delta Delta, Jan. 28, 2014, Lacey, Wash. Survivors include her husband, **Harold E. "Hank" Horn**, '48; a daughter, **Cynthia "Cindy" (Horn) Rogers**, '70; a son-in-law, **Donald E. Rogers**, '69; and a son, **Steven Horn**, '73.

Jennifer R. (Mortell) Jeffries, BBA '04, 37, April 2, 2014, Shawnee, Kan.

Nancy (Stevens) Kelly, '68, 68, Zeta Tau Alpha, March 24, 2014, Lincoln, Neb. Survivors include her husband, **Jeffrey W. Kelly**, '68.

Sandy (Vinka) Kelly, '72, 63, Zeta Tau Alpha, March 30, 2014, Overland Park, Kan.

Cody L. Kitzke, MAEd '13, 30, Jan. 30, 2014, Haysville, Kan.

Jean M. (Thompson) Larson, '32, 104, Delta Delta Delta, May 21, 2014, Garden City, Kan.

Craig Leitnaker, '79, 56, Delta Tau Delta, Feb. 5, 2014, Olathe, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Vicki (Hayes) Leitnaker**, '79.

Lois M. (Schlaegel) Levering, '36, 100, Zeta Tau Alpha, April 10, 2014, Peoria, Ariz.

Lynda (Mauch) Hayden McCray, '58, 77, Zeta Tau Alpha, March 19, 2014, Liberty, Mo. Survivors include a brother, **C. Alan Mauch**, '72; and a sister, **Pam (Mauch) Kane**, '70.

Allen Miller, '73, 68, March 1, 2014, Fort Pierce, Fla. Survivors include his wife, **Judy (Christy) Miller**, '70.

J. Gale (Hieronymus) Mullis, 84, March 18, 2014, Mesquite, Nev.

Barbara "Janis" (Whitley) Nichols, '63, 83, Dec. 26, 2013, San Diego.

Carol (Getman) O'Dell, '55, 78, Delta Delta Delta, March 24, 2014, Richardson, Texas.

Patrick A. O'Malley, MSM '98, 72, April 5, 2014, Overland Park, Kan.

Dorothy J. (Filley) Rockers, '42, 93, Alpha Chi Omega, April 15, 2014, Independence, Kan.

The Rev. Ralph A. Rosenblad, '45, 92, March 3, 2014, Hutchinson, Kan. Survivors include his wife, **Helen (Streeter) Rosenblad**, '45.

Marvel L. (Rogers) Sandon, '56, 79, April 14, 2014, Tallahassee, Fla. Survivors include her husband, **Leo Sandon**, '57.

Mildred (Dahlstrom) Sellmeyer, '50, 85, Zeta Tau Alpha, Jan. 30, 2014, Houston. Survivors include her husband, **Ralph Sellmeyer**, '49.

Harold Siegrist, '50, 89, Alpha Delta Sigma, March 10, 2014, Malden, Mo.

Ruth E. (Mangels) Williams, '41, 93, Zeta Tau Alpha, May 4, 2014, Centralia, Kan. Survivors include a daughter, **Sharon (Williams) Lowry**, '77.



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

Let Thy Praises



Inge Balch, professor of art, and her Ceramics I wheel-throwing class

in the spring created and sold bowls at an Oxfam event to benefit the food pantry in Baldwin City. In March at the National Council on the Education for Ceramic Art conference, Balch served on a panel critiquing work of students ready to enter Master of Fine Arts programs. More than 4,000 artists, teachers, museum and gallery owners, scientists and students attended the international conference, including Baker student Travis Shadrach.

Teresa L. Clouch, associate dean of students, was a co-presenter in the spring at the Collaborating for Student Success: Student Development and Academics Day Conference at Bethany College. She presented "Supporting Students of Color from Orientation to Graduation."

Randy Flowers, director of student life, was recognized as the March national adviser of the month by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Three faculty members — **Donald Hatcher**, **Kevin McCarthy** and **Marti Mihalyi** — were honored at Baker's annual year-end awards banquet in May. Hatcher, professor of philosophy, was recognized with the Distinguished Scholar Award. McCarthy, professor of business and economics, received the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award. Mihalyi, assistant professor of English, was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Nanette Kraus, staff accompanist and Osborne Chapel musician, sang alto in March with the Te Deum Chamber Choir, a semi-professional choral ensemble in Kansas City that performs diverse sacred choral repertoire in a uniquely relevant context.

Eli Jones, '10, also sang in the ensemble. In November 2013 the choir presented

four concerts titled "Of Saints and Angels" in Kansas City, Lawrence and Leavenworth.

Louis A. Levy, assistant professor of mathematics, spoke at Tabor College's fifth annual Brenneman Lecture Series on April 3 in Hillsboro, Kan. He presented "Not All Infinities are Created Equal" for a general audience and "Exploring the Basics of Lie Algebras" for an audience of math majors and faculty.

Kevin McCarthy, professor of business and economics, presented "The Brand-Territory Matrix Applied to North American Domestic Brands" on April 12 at the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute's annual meeting in Chicago. In March, McCarthy partnered with **Michael Hobbs**, '14, to judge Partnerships with Business Project and American Enterprise Conference at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan.

William R. Miller, coordinator of student research in biology, gave an oral presentation on "Tardigrades, a Microscopic Animal in a Visual World" at the California Academy of Sciences. He is helping the College of Arts and Sciences develop a significant tardigrade collection by updating the taxonomy and adding specimens from the current Research Experiences for Undergraduates work. Miller and his wife, Judy, also participated in the Eighth Annual National Park Service and National Geographic Society BioBlitz of Golden Gate National Park. During the public part of the festival, Miller found five species, including marine tardigrades, which are new to the bay area. In addition, a team from Humboldt State University in California, collected moss and lichen on vertical transects up the tallest redwood and Douglas fir in the park. They collected samples at more than 250 feet above the ground and are sharing the samples for analysis. The results will extend the pioneer canopy work done on the Baldwin City campus by the REU team last summer.



J.D. Parr, professor of music, served as an adjudicator for the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Class 6A Regional Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at Blue Valley High School on April 5 in Overland Park, Kan. He judged clarinet, sax and flute solos, and woodwind ensembles. In March, Parr was the principal clarinetist for the Topeka Symphony Orchestra's annual School Days Concert at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. The orchestra performed a pops concert with an "Old West" theme for approximately 4,000 young students from schools across northeastern Kansas, including the Baldwin Intermediate Center.

Tyler Price, assistant director of athletics — communications, was voted an at-large member on the NAIA-Sports Information Directors of America Board of Directors in June during the organization's annual convention in Orlando, Fla. He will serve on the board for one year.

Steve Rottinghaus, MSM '14, director of public relations, served as a judge of the business ethics category at the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference on March 25-26 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kan.

Sandra Schumm, professor of Spanish, presented her paper "El Camino in the Narrative of Cristina Cereales," at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference on April 10-12 in Lexington, Ky.

Kathryn Schartz, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, in March attended a test development meeting in Silver Spring, Md.,

serving as a member of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Content Expert Panel for Pediatrics. Schartz also attended the ANCC Board Certification Nursing Conference March 19-21 and presented a poster, "The Evolving Role of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner."

Joe Watson, associate professor of mass media, attended the Central States Communication Association conference April 2-6 in Minn., where he collected the Top Paper Award from the Media Studies Division for "Her Ringtone is Lilliburlero: The Shadow of History at the British Broadcasting Corporation." The paper was the first generated from his sabbatical trip to the BBC last spring. Watson also was elected to serve as the division's secretary next year. The following year he will be vice-chair and in three years the chair.



Charles Kopke, right, presents the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching to Joe Watson.

Mass media professor receives distinguished teaching award

A member of Baker University's faculty since 2005, **Joe Watson**, associate professor of mass media at Baker University, received the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching during May commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center.

The award recognizes a faculty member, without regard to rank or years of service, who has a record of excellence in teaching and in transforming students into scholars, who brings honor to the University and who exhibits good moral character. Watson also received a \$5,000 cash award for being selected.

"We have so many outstanding faculty at Baker," Watson said. "It's a humbling honor to be singled out among my peers. I'm grateful to Dr. Pat (Long) for selecting me and to Charles Kopke for creating a way to honor the incredible teachers we have at Baker."

Watson teaches courses in broadcasting, public relations, media law and media theory. He has also taught courses about media in popular culture, including a "Star Trek" Interterm course and a recent Quest 212 class called The Hunger Games as Allegory of American Pop Culture.

Charles Kopke, a longtime supporter of higher education, established the distinguished award in 1998 to honor his late mother and late wife.

Previous winners of the award are Karen Exon (1998), Anthony Brown (1999), Lee Green (2000), Rand Ziegler (2001), Inge Balch (2002), Darcy Russell (2003), Tracy Floreani (2004), John Richards (2005), Ryan Beasley (2006), J.D. Parr (2007), Cynthia Appl (2008), Cal Cink (2009), Jacob Bucher (2010), Martha Harris (2011), Susan Emel (2012) and Sara Crump (2013).

Sports Highlights



Wildcats finish year with nine conference titles

Baker University’s athletic program capped another outstanding year with three conference team championships in the spring. The Wildcats hoisted Heart of America Athletic Conference banners in men’s outdoor track and field, women’s outdoor track and field and women’s golf to finish with nine overall HAAC titles in 2013-2014.

In the fall, Baker claimed team titles in football, women’s cross country and men’s soccer. The men’s indoor track and field and women’s indoor track and field teams joined women’s basketball as the conference champions during the winter season.

Golfers defend tourney championship

The Baker women’s golf team claimed its second consecutive HAAC title, cruising to a 13-stroke victory over Graceland. Led by top 10 finishers Kaci Dillingham, Lindsey Mateer and Emma Tinsley, the Wildcats posted a two-round total of 705 strokes. Dillingham placed third overall with a two-day total of 170 strokes. Mateer finished fourth (173) and Tinsley seventh (179). For the second consecutive season, Karen Exon was named the 2014 HAAC women’s golf coach of the year.

Track and field team post five All-America performances

The women’s track and field team closed the season in style with five All-America performances at the 2014 NAIA Outdoor National Championships in May in Gulf Shores, Ala.

On the final day of the national meet, junior 100-meter hurdler Tyler Sloan finished fourth in 13.98 seconds. The 4x100-meter relay team of Billi Pipes, Kiana Turner, Lauren Allen-Brown and Diamond Griffith placed sixth in 47.27 seconds.

On the first day of nationals, seniors Katie Thurbon and Stephanie Nelson capped their outstanding collegiate careers with All-America finishes. Thurbon, a two-time national runner-up in the pole vault, placed seventh in the event with a 3.55-meter mark. Nelson, a national javelin champion in 2012, placed fifth in the javelin with 41.49 meters. Senior Katelyn Wolken also earned All-America status in the javelin, throwing 40.63 meters to finish sixth.

Cooper top freshman

Baker newcomer Katt Cooper, a first-team All-HAAC softball performer, was named the conference freshman player of the year after recording a team-high 11 victories. She struck out 145 batters and led the conference in opponent batting average at .193.

Garza named to third team

Heart of America Athletic Conference Player of the Year BriAnna Garza, who led the Baker women’s basketball team in points (14.9 per game), assists (4.4) and steals (1.4), earned third-team All-America honors after leading the Wildcats to the national tournament. Garza scored 25 points in a 78-72 loss to Bethel (Tenn.) in the second round of the NAIA Div. I national tournament as the Wildcats finished 27-7.

Yetmar Named HAAC AD of the Year

For the second time since she was named Baker’s director of athletics in 2009, Theresa Yetmar, BS ’02, MBA ’06, has been recognized as the Heart of America Athletic Conference Athletic Director of the Year. She was honored at the 2014 NAIA National Convention Awards luncheon in April in Kansas City, Mo., for her leadership during the 2012-2013 year. During that season, the Wildcats won six conference team titles and had 44 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes, eight Capital One Academic All-District award winners and four Capital One Academic All-Americans. Baker finished with the highest overall grade-point average of all 10 institutions in the HAAC that year.



Shoemaker captures first national wrestling title

Bryce Shoemaker grew up cheering for Baker. Participating in kids wrestling in grade school before becoming a two-time state wrestling champion from Baldwin High School, Shoemaker closely followed the Wildcats, especially after Baker launched wrestling — a sport he loves — his eighth-grade year. The Baker family cheered for the hometown star in March as the freshman won the 133-pound weight class at the NAIA national tournament at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kan., becoming the program’s first champion.

“Before the season, nobody really predicted me being a national champion, and neither did I,” said Shoemaker, who posted a 3-0 victory in the final over his competitor from Indiana Tech. “It was an overwhelming moment and an unbelievable experience for me and my family.”

As a newcomer, Shoemaker didn’t know what to expect his first year. He just wanted to make the Wildcats’ team, have a chance to compete and finish with a .500 record. Once Shoemaker started to succeed and win a couple of weekly conference honors, he raised the bar.

“Coming into the program I wanted to make a name for myself,” he said. “As the season progressed, I wanted to qualify for nationals, become an All-American and then a national champion.”

Shoemaker, a biology major with aspirations of becoming a park ranger at a national reserve, finished with a 34-7 record to set a school record for victories in a season. His last loss came in the regional final.

In the final national match, Shoemaker recorded two points in the second period with a reversal and added another point in the final period for riding time.

“My goal was to stay in good positioning, let things come to me and not to force anything,” said Shoemaker, the sixth seed in his weight class at nationals. “I knew I had a chance going into regionals to make a run at nationals. After my setback at regionals, I pushed myself and became more motivated to win a championship.”

University to induct five into Hall of Fame

Five former Baker University standouts — **Robert (Bob) London, ’79; Rayburn Moore, ’94; Janet Moore Nickel, ’78; Jimmie Rose, ’94; and Michael (Mike) Stouffer, ’70** — will be inducted homecoming weekend into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

The five members will be honored on Friday, Sept. 26 at the Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet at 6 p.m. inside the DoubleTree by Hilton at 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kan.

The event will take place the day before the Wildcat football team takes on Graceland at 2 p.m. in the annual homecoming game.

Here’s a look at the 2014 Hall of Fame Class:



Bob London

London started at right guard for the Wildcats and in his two seasons at Baker became a first-team All-Conference performer. He was a key contributor to the Wildcats’ first appearance in a Bowl game, the 1978 Boot Hill Bowl. After Baker, London began a career in coaching. He was the offensive line coach at Arizona Western and University of New Mexico. After a stint as an assistant coach at the University of Georgia, he returned to his home state of Arizona to serve as Blue Ridge High School’s assistant head coach. While at Blue Ridge, London helped lead the squad to 13 state titles.



Rayburn Moore

Moore was one of the most prolific scorers in Baker men’s soccer history. He holds the record for most goals scored in a career with 86 and was a four-time All-Conference winner. He earned NAIA honorable mention All-America honors his freshman season and NAIA third-team All-America his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. After graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average from Baker, he earned his Doctor of Medicine in 2003 from University of Texas Southwestern. He now is a private practice gastroenterologist in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Janet Moore Nickel

Nickel lettered in softball, basketball, volleyball and bowling while at Baker and was an All-HAAC first-team softball player and MVP of her softball team. In 1978, she helped lead the Wildcats to an HAAC volleyball title. She then began a career at Hallmark in Kansas City, Mo., and coached high school basketball and volleyball. She led St. Pius X High School as the junior varsity and assistant varsity basketball coach. Nickel also was the assistant varsity volleyball and assistant varsity basketball coach at Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kan.



Jimmie Rose

Rose was one of the best receivers in the history of the Baker football program, earning first team All-HAAC honors in 1992 and 1993 and was named the NAIA National Player of the Week in 1993. He also earned NAIA first-team All-America honors in 1992 and 1993. At the time, he set Baker records with most receptions in a game with 14 and most receptions in a career with 168.



Mike Stouffer

Stouffer lettered all four years in football and baseball for the Wildcats. He started at left tackle and at left guard and played at defensive end at times, playing as a two-way starter. He was an honorable mention All-America offensive lineman his senior season and hit a career .344 for the Wildcat baseball program. The first baseman was twice selected an All-Conference and All-District player. He taught elementary physical education for 19 years and has been an elementary principal for 22 years. His schools have earned such honors as the National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in 2001.



Administrative Duty Calls

Two-time Baker graduate soars to leadership position

Known for her high energy, determination and willingness to try something new, **Brooke (Brutto) Hughes, BS '07, MSSL '10**, isn't one to sit still for long.

Since graduating from Baker University with an undergraduate degree seven years ago, Hughes has taught kindergarten, third grade and the fifth grade and served as a student support coordinator — all for the Gardner Edgerton (Kan.) School District — before becoming the intermediate principal of Atchison (Kan.) Elementary School in 2013-2014. She recently returned to Gardner as the assistant principal at Wheatridge Middle School.

"I love new opportunities," said Hughes, who has completed her first year toward a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership at Baker. "Any time something opens up, I take it if I know I can grow and become a better professional and better serve the students."

Hughes returned to Gardner this summer to begin her new administrative role at Wheatridge, home to 600 students in the fifth through eighth grades. She has gained experience in special education, staff development, behavior management, educational technology, and curriculum management and design. In her new position, she will be involved directly with discipline, hiring, positive behavior and athletics.

Some of the children she taught in kindergarten at Nike Elementary School seven years ago are now in their final year of middle school.

"I can't wait to see them again when they report this fall," Hughes said. "I am eager to see how they have developed personally and academically."

Hughes enjoys working in a school with students eager to learn. The one year in Atchison provided Hughes an opportunity to connect with a diverse group of students.

"When you are able to find something you love, it is an awesome feeling to go to work knowing you are making a difference," Hughes said. "I thought when I graduated from

Baker I would always be a teacher because I loved teaching so much. When I began working more closely with my mentors in Baker's master's program and with my colleagues at work, I thought going into administration was a strong possibility."

Hughes became familiar with Baker in the late 1990s when her brother **Bryan Brutto, BA '00, MASL '06**, played football for the Wildcats. As a pre-teen, she and her family traveled from their home in Olathe to watch games at Liston Stadium. On game days, Hughes would wander through the Baldwin City campus.

"I knew when I was 10 years old that Baker was going to be the perfect place for me," she recalled.

While an undergraduate at Baker, Hughes was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and student council. She was the student representative on the presidential search committee that selected Pat Long as the Baker president in 2006. Hughes also met her future husband, **Shaun Hughes, BS '07**, on the first day of her freshman year when the two attended a magic show sponsored by the Student Activities Council.

"I love what Baker stands for and I love the professors," Hughes said. "I loved the opportunities Baker allowed me to have. It was small enough that you could try so many things and see what you are great at."

In the classroom, Hughes absorbed as much information as she could from School of Education professors, including Carolyn Doolittle, Verneda Edwards, Harold Frye, Peggy Harris and Karla Wiscombe.

"I met so many great people, professors and students, in the undergraduate and graduate programs," Hughes said. "How could I not be a part of it and continue to work on my doctorate? There are so many people with different backgrounds in the cohorts and you build a connection with them."

The mentorship provided by the Baker professors is something she will always remember.

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When she is not receiving guidance from her former professors, Hughes cherishes those moments when her colleagues take the time to pass along their wisdom. While teaching at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner, she welcomed an important piece of advice from administrator Dave Webb.

"He showed me the importance of building relationships," Hughes said. "When I realized how central relationships are to your growth and development, that is when doors began to open for me. Everybody has certain areas they excel in. As a teacher and administrator, it's up to us to get the staff on the right bus and right seat. You can't understand their areas of expertise until you have a relationship with them. That works the same way with students." 📱



Making People Feel Better

Young patient's nomination leads to national honor for nurse

Diagnosed with cardiomyopathy when he was 16 years old, **Britton Streck, BSN '10**, remembers communicating regularly with nurses during his regular trips to the hospital as a teenager. During the visits he admired the nurses for their ability to ease his concerns and keep him positive, especially after being told he could not participate in athletics because of the condition.

Four years after graduating from the Baker University School of Nursing, Streck relates to his patients the same way, helping children through tough times, as a staff nurse in pediatrics at The University of Kansas Hospital. Cristabell, a 9-year-old patient battling cystic fibrosis, took note of his compassion and recommended him for the prestigious DAISY award, a national recognition for excellence in nursing that he received earlier this year.

"As a teen, I think my condition gave me insight to know what it is like to be a patient and that you might not know what will happen or the outcome will be," said Streck, who lives with his wife and year-old twin daughters in Gladstone, Mo. "It helps me deal with the kids and know what they are going through just a little bit. As a nurse you work every day to make people better. Making people feel better is a big deal."

The DAISY award, an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system, is designed to thank nurses for their education, training, brainpower and skills and the care they put into their work.

Calling it the highlight of his young career, Streck was honored to receive the award. He keeps Cristabell's letter in his locker at work. During the award ceremony, Cristabell leaped into his arms.

"She wrote the sweetest nomination letter for me," Streck said. "She talked about how she met me, how I told her how brave she was and that when I left I always gave her a hug."

Streck always has enjoyed working with children. He has spent years coaching and assisting with camps.

"I love taking care of children so much, and I'm a big kid myself," he noted. "You become a part of their life and love it."

Being a parent to infant daughters who needed medical attention also has helped Streck relate better to patients. Streck and his wife, Stephanie, also a nurse, are parents of Savanna and Madelynn, who were born two months prematurely. The twins, who spent 2 ½ months in a neonatal intensive care unit, turned one on July 6.

"Their journey into this world helped me be a good nurse as well," she said. "It helped give me insight as to what the parents feel. You never know what that is like until you have your own children."

Streck is becoming so popular with his patients that they often request him, Allison Malicoat told the *KC Nursing News*.

"He is an outstanding nurse on our unit," said Malicoat, the nursing manager of pediatrics at KU Hospital. "He really touches the lives of our pediatrics patients."

Streck believes his two years at the Baker School of Nursing in Topeka helped prepare him for a successful career and developed his ability to connect with the patients.

"I loved each and every one of my teachers at Baker," Streck said. "They become friends more than teachers. I felt I received a great education there. It set me up for being a good nurse today." 🐾



Homecoming Weekend September 26-27

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Student-Athlete Awards Banquet Friday, Sept. 26 — 6 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton

10100 College Blvd., Overland Park

The University will honor the Class of 2014 inductees with a special celebration at the annual Baker Athletic Hall of Fame Induction and Student-Athlete Awards Banquet.

The newest class features **Robert (Bob) London, '79**; **Rayburn Moore, '94**; **Janet Moore Nickel, '78**; **Jimmie Rose, '94**; and **Michael (Mike) Stouffer, '70**. The induction ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. as the former Baker standouts share their experiences from their days as a Wildcat. For the fourth consecutive year, Baker will recognize the current NAIA All-Americans, All-America Scholar-Athletes and All-Heart of America Athletic Conference performers who played a key role in the Wildcats' success in 2013-2014.

The cost to attend the banquet is \$40 per person. For more information about the evening event, contact the Baker Alumni Relations Office at **888.781.2586** or alumni@bakerU.edu

Alumni Tailgate Luncheon Saturday, Sept. 27 — Noon

Tent outside Liston Stadium

Before the homecoming game kicks off, you and your family are welcome to join other Baker alumni and friends at the Alumni Association's FREE tailgate luncheon across from Liston Stadium. Stay after the meal to cheer on the Wildcats to victory.

Wildcat KidZone Saturday, Sept. 27 — Noon

Northeast corner of Liston Stadium

Back by popular demand for our young Wildcat fans, the KidZone features a variety of entertainment. A bounce house, slides and moonwalks — free for children under 12 years old — will provide hours of fun for the kids. Supervised by Baker students and staff, the area is open two hours before kickoff and will continue throughout the game.

Baker University vs. Graceland Saturday, Sept. 27 — 2 p.m.

Liston Stadium

Watch the defending Heart of America Athletic Conference champion and NAIA national quarterfinalist Wildcats, coming off a record-breaking season, take on Graceland in a key contest.

**Share your Baker pride
with us in September!**



To the rescue

Coach's quick response helps save life

Lance Brumley, '94, heard his phone ring as he stood at the starting line of a seventh-grade boys cross country race hosted by Nixa Junior High in September of 2013. Brumley, a high school science teacher and varsity cross country and track coach at Nixa High School in Nixa, Mo., was working the junior high meet with some of his high school athletes.

Brumley rarely hears his phone and says his wife, **Chris (Billups) Brumley, '97**, gets on him for not answering. But he heard it ring this time, and it saved a boy's life.

"I think God's hand was in that deal," Brumley said.

"It's a pretty humbling experience to think that could happen to one of your athletes and you just have to step in and take over. I look at them as an extension of my family. Their parents trust me to take care of them. I don't take that responsibility lightly."

It was a series of "happened to's" that saved Logan Young. Brumley happened to hear his phone. His high school students who followed runners through the course in case of injury or an emergency happened to have his number.

They told Brumley something was wrong. One of the runners had collapsed.

By the time Brumley reached a clearing in the woods where Logan laid, someone else was on the phone with 911 who happened to be an off-duty EMT. A parent who came over to help happened to be an ER doctor.

It all fell into place and every advantage that could have helped Logan happened.

Brumley began administering CPR. It might have only been for a minute before the sirens from the ambulance could be heard in the background. Logan's heart hadn't started yet, but it was a minute that kept Logan alive. EMTs continued CPR in the ambulance and were able to get Logan's heart started on the way to the hospital.

"A lot of medical people say it could have saved his life," Brumley said. "I don't know. If anything, I was able to get some oxygen to his brain and lessen the effects. (The ambulance) may have been there in record time to save his life."

Logan, a seventh-grader from Lebanon, Mo., spent two nights in the ICU in Springfield, Mo., before being transferred to Kansas City. He had open-heart surgery,

repairing a valve from an undetected, pre-existing heart condition. That emergency on a September afternoon kept Logan in the hospital until December.

Caring for athletes has been on Brumley's mind since he attended Baker. Wanting to become an athletic trainer, Brumley majored in biology and played on the Baker football team. After graduating in 1994, he earned a spot on Charlie Richard's coaching staff for the fall of '94. Brumley

comes from a family of educators. His mother was a teacher and his father was his high school football coach. When he realized athletic training wasn't the right path for him, he went back and got a degree in education.


Brumley took a course in CPR after college and, although he wasn't certified, learned more about it and other medical procedures just by being around athletics. Four or five years ago, CPR training and certification became mandatory for all coaches in Missouri.

The investment and connection between a coach and his players is strong. Brumley spends every afternoon with his cross country and track athletes for 28 of the 36 weeks of the school year. He wants them to succeed, but he also wants to keep them safe.

"It's a pretty humbling experience to think that could happen to one of your athletes and you just have to step in and take over," Brumley said. "I look at them as an extension of my family. Their parents trust me to take care of them. I don't take that responsibility lightly."

Logan and Brumley reunited at a banquet on March 19 in Springfield as Brumley received an Everyday Heroes Award sponsored by the American Red Cross.

It is a situation that Brumley says you train for and think will never happen until it does. He just hopes someone will be present and ready the next time something like this happens. That there will be another set of "happened to's" that will save another life.

"I have a third-grade daughter and I'm thinking this could be my kid," Brumley said. "I hope someone else will be there for her." 



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Anatomy of a Student

Creative writing

Berblinger recently served as editor of *Watershed*, Baker's literature and arts magazine. As a creative writing major, she loves to work closely with student artists and writers to create a publication that promotes student work.

A sociology and English major from Hesston, Kan., Carly Berblinger is passionate about a liberal arts education.

She will enter her senior year this fall with plans to attend graduate school and pursue her love of poetry and education. As an admissions assistant, she shares her enthusiasm for Baker with prospective students and their families. Berblinger has learned to embrace opportunities outside the classroom, participating twice in the Inside-Out Program, a class that brings together Baker students with incarcerated women at the Topeka Correctional Facility for a three-credit-hour course in sociology. She also studied abroad in spring 2013 at Harlaxton University.

This fall she will work with freshmen as a Student Salon leader.

"This opportunity allows me to make deeper connections with incoming students, and challenge them to grow as students and community members," she said.

Faithful student

As a Baker Ambassador, Berblinger depends on laughter and silliness paired with an important discussion on how to live a Christian life as students. Through the program, she has met students from various backgrounds and perspectives, connecting Baker students to chapel and religious life on campus.

Student mentor

An orientation leader for two years, Berblinger is the current Wildcat Welcome Orientation Executive. She has a passion for new students and loves to see them find their place within the campus community. She thinks orientation is an excellent opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zones, begin long-term friendships, and familiarize themselves with all of the experiences available to them.



Alumnus nominated for Academy Award

Visual Effectiveness

Make way on the red carpet for **Patrick Tubach, '96**. Tubach and his wife, Tavis, rubbed shoulders with the brightest Hollywood stars in early March at the 86th Academy Awards outside Dolby Theater in Los Angeles. The Baker graduate participated in the annual celebration, joining three other members of his Industrial Light and Magic team for their stellar work on J.J. Abrams' "Star Trek Into Darkness," an Oscar nominee in the best visual effects category. An associate visual effects supervisor at ILM, a motion picture visual effects company, Tubach served as the co-visual effects supervisor in the production of the science action film.

"It was an honor to be in the company of such talented filmmakers and craftspeople and to represent the VFX artists who worked so hard on 'Star Trek Into Darkness,'" Tubach said. "We had the luck of getting stuck at the red carpet entrance for quite a while waiting for the rest of our group to arrive and were able to exchange head nods with A-list stars as they paraded by. When we finally did get our chance to walk onto the carpet, we were asked politely if we could wait one moment as Brad and Angelina saddled

up next to us. They then waded casually out into the throng of eager photographers, creating a frenzy on the carpet in their wake, which we happily followed in."

Tubach was thrilled to be part of a team competing against "Gravity," "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug," "Iron Man 3," and the "Lone Ranger" for the iconic gold statue. "Gravity" eventually was awarded the Oscar for best visual effects.

"There is no losing once you are nominated," said Tubach, originally from Simsbury, Conn., and the son of **Paul Tubach, '64**. "I work with a tremendously talented group of artists in San Francisco and Singapore and it is the daily back and forth with the artists about how to improve shots, solve problems and come up with mind-blowing images that makes the work truly special. J.J. Abrams creates these amazing films, and I had lot of faith J.J. was making another great movie. We weren't really thinking about the Academy Awards when we worked on this movie.

"The thing I will take away is that there are a great many nominees at the awards who, like myself, are not particularly well known. There are many regular working

professionals who either managed to strike lightning in a bottle or perhaps have been grinding for decades to make an impact in their profession, and I feel like the best part of the experience was getting to speak with those people and share our experiences, because most people don't do this with awards in mind — they are simply film fans who are trying to make the best films they can."

In his supervisory role on the film, Tubach worked with the director, producers and other department heads to create the visual effects. On the set, he analyzed what was being shot to help create the best possible visual result once the film went into post-production. Tubach, who has worked 15 years with ILM, spent about half the shoot time on set in Los Angeles and the other half back at his San Francisco office "getting prepped and ramped up" for post-production. Once the shooting wrapped, the team took on all the primary design duties for the film and worked on modeling and texturing all the assets — ships, buildings, weapons and digital character and prepping effects techniques, including creating fire, lava and explosions. Then they started rigging the assets to move by animating, lighting, rendering and compositing them into shots.

Tubach personally spent most of his time helping out on the look of red jungle planet Nibiru, the interior of the Nibiru volcano, the black ship Vengeance and future San Francisco.

"Working with our art director to conceptualize future San Francisco was a real thrill given that I am a resident of the area," he said.

Tubach has served in various artistic and management roles at ILM since 1999. He started as a compositor, combining visual elements from separate sources in single images to create the illusion that all these elements are parts of the same scene. Then he transitioned to lead compositor, compositing supervisor and 2D department supervisor before his current role.

The groundwork for Tubach's development in visual effects was laid more than 20 years ago as an undergraduate at Baker. He remembered the difference Baker communi-

cation professors Richard Bayha and Harold Cordry made during his four years on the Baldwin City campus, where he worked as a disc jockey for KNBU and was a writer for the Baker Orange newspaper.

"He was very encouraging," Tubach recalled of Bayha. "He wanted to know what we were doing with the resources we had to create cool projects like music videos and how to create a linear story, cutting things together to make a good presentation package."

Cordry helped develop Tubach's writing style.

"He helped me understand the journalism side and what it meant to write for a particular audience," Tubach said. "Writing skills never go out of style."


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Tubach thought he was headed for a career in journalism before connecting with Cinesite in Los Angeles at a time when the digital effects industry was exploding.

"I enjoy writing and I feel have a penchant for it," Tubach said. "Studying mass communications at Baker exposed me to a lot of different things. My interest in film and movies never waned. You take that first job out of college and see where that leads. Once you get that foot in the door, you have to keep it there. I am glad I stayed with that career path."

He recently completed work on "Transformers 4: Age of Extinction," which was released in late June. Tubach takes pride in enhancing a movie through creative visual effects.

"It was a thrill ride working on the Transformers film," he said. "One of the best things about working on this franchise is that it is constantly pushes our people, tools and technology to top ourselves in ways we previously never thought possible." 

Alumni Weekend

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Golden Alumni (Left to Right) 1st Row: Carole (Curless) Hawk, Sandy (Crockett) Lewis, Lynne (Harrison) Wilson, Anita (Patrick) White, Lana Rae (Shaw) Higgins, Linda (Volz) Amyx, Becky (Price) Stanley 2nd Row: Chris (Mears) Haynes, Jean (Eimas) Sinchak, Donna (Garrett) Kelley, Suzanne (Stoskopf) Sedgwick, Suzanne (Farmer) Craig, Bill Foley, Bill Hall, Ted Goode, Ken Snow 3rd Row: Jerry Jones, Mike Amyx, Steve Dudley, Jim Larson 4th Row: Tim Dorr, Jon Vannerson, Bill Sedgwick, Jim Craig, Don Kimble, Pete Clark, Don Crow, Bill Speer 5th Row: Robert Blaine, Bill Scott, Bill Soper, Bob Irby, Norman Samuelson 6th Row: Raymond Hulse, Bob Keefe, Steve Daeschner



Family of the Year: The Breithaupt — Spencer, Joann, Carter, Lauren, Carolyn and J.C.



Dean Desmarteau, Ryan Seager, Nathan Ourada and Chris Costello



Connor Bechard, '12

More than 600 alumni reconnected with classmates to share memorable stories during Alumni Weekend.

The fun filled weekend opened with the annual Wildcat Classic at Alvarado Golf Course in Lawrence, Kan. More than 200 golfers teed it up on Friday to raise \$31,000 for scholarships to benefit student-athletes. Meanwhile inside the Alvarado clubhouse, nearly 30 women attended the inaugural Girls Just Wanna Have Fun event, featuring wine and cocktail tasting, as well as a massage and shopping with local vendors. Guest speaker **Jennifer (Kinard) Johnson, '94**, shared her story as a young survivor of breast cancer.

Later that night at Indian Hills Country Club in Mission Hills, Kan., members of the Class of 1964 received their golden medallions and alumni award recipients were honored at a recognition dinner. Other alumni gathered for a casual evening at the Sports Cave Bar & Grill in Overland Park, Kan.

Alumni and their families returned to the Baldwin City campus on Saturday to enjoy a lunch at the new dining hall while welcoming the Class of 2014 to the Alumni Association. In the afternoon outside Osborne Chapel, more than 40 couples renewed their wedding vows in a special ceremony officiated by retiring Minister to the University **Ira DeSpain, '70**.

For more photos from Alumni Weekend, go to www.flickr.com/photos/bakeru.

MEMORIES

Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony



University dedicates student center

Before an overflowing crowd of alumni and friends, Baker University officials dedicated the \$7 million Dr. Patricia (McCaslin) Long Student Center during Alumni Weekend.

Inspired by a lead gift from Baker Trustee Susanne Richardson Teel, the center was completed a couple of days before the ceremony on May 17.

"When students walk into this building, why wouldn't they want to come to Baker?" Dr. Long asked the crowd.

Teel will always think of the center as Dr. Pat's Place. Orange coffee mugs with a special Dr. Pat's Place logo commemorated the occasion.

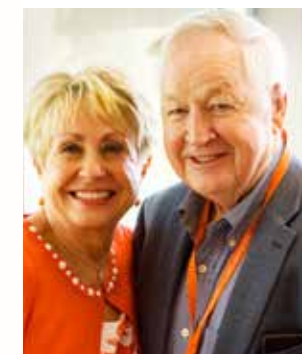
and Circle of Women displays. The Pillars highlight donors who contributed at least \$500,000 to the project, and the Circle of Women celebrates those who gave at least \$25,000. **Mather, '49**, provided "Marty Bread," a recipe she has perfected over the years, for the coffee bar at the dedication.

"We built the project around what students requested," said Susan Lindahl, executive vice president for administrative services and chief operating officer. 🇺🇸

"When students walk into this building, why wouldn't they want to come to Baker?"
Dr. Long asked the crowd.

"She's left her mark on the past, present and future of Baker University," Teel said of Long.

The center features the Susanne Richardson Teel Dining Hall, the Marty Mather Student Lounge and Harter Union. Donor contributions are recognized on the Pillars



Dr. Long with Cecil Miller, '53



Dr. Long with Marty Mather, '49

ALUMNI WEEKEND SPREAD: PHOTOS BY ALYSSA PETRIK AND MARK HUTCHINSON



Greek Success...

Baker University's fraternities and sororities capped another successful year of philanthropy and activities.

Here is the list of the award winners for the 2013-2014 academic year:

Greek Week 2014

Sorority: Alpha Chi Omega and Zeta Phi Beta

Fraternity: Zeta Chi

Five-Star Chapters

Sorority: Delta Delta Delta

Fraternity: Zeta Chi

Greek Man of the Year

Timothy Laughlin, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Greek Woman of the Year

Sara Bell, Alpha Chi Omega

Greek New Member of the Year

Sorority: Lauren Freking, Zeta Tau Alpha

Fraternity: Luke Miltz, Zeta Chi

Chapter President of the Year

Sorority: Sierra Wallace, Delta Delta Delta

Fraternity: Benjamin Sobek, Zeta Chi

Spirit of Service Award

Nurse Emerita Ruth Sarna, nominated by Delta Tau Delta and Delta Delta Delta

Adviser of the Year

Jennifer Bruce and Katie Glasscock, Delta Delta Delta

House Director of the Year

Kathleen Thomas, Alpha Chi Omega



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Alumni Calendar

July
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Independence Day
campus closed

August

20-23

Wildcat Welcome

25

First day of classes

28

"Capturing Neptune's Realm"
4:30-6 p.m., Exhibit opening
Holt-Russell Gallery

September

1

Labor Day
campus closed

5-6

"The Kingfish,"
7:30 p.m., Theater production
Rice Auditorium

13

Family Weekend

25-27

"The God Committee"
7:30 p.m., Theater production
Rice Auditorium

26

Athletic Hall of Fame
Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

DoubleTree by Hilton
6 p.m. social
7 p.m. dinner

27

Homecoming
Tailgate luncheon, noon,
tent outside Liston Stadium
KidZone, noon
Baker v. Graceland, 2 p.m.

28

"The God Committee"
2 p.m., Theater production
Rice Auditorium

October

5

Symphonic Winds Concert
3:30 p.m., Rice Auditorium

9-10

Fall break

15

Marching Festival
Liston Stadium

18-19

Maple Leaf Festival

For Wildcat sports schedules
www.bakerU.edu/athletics



Weekly chapel services are held in the Clarice L. Osborne Memorial Chapel Thursdays at 11 a.m. throughout the academic year.

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Fall choral concert
7:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

25

BU Visit Day

30

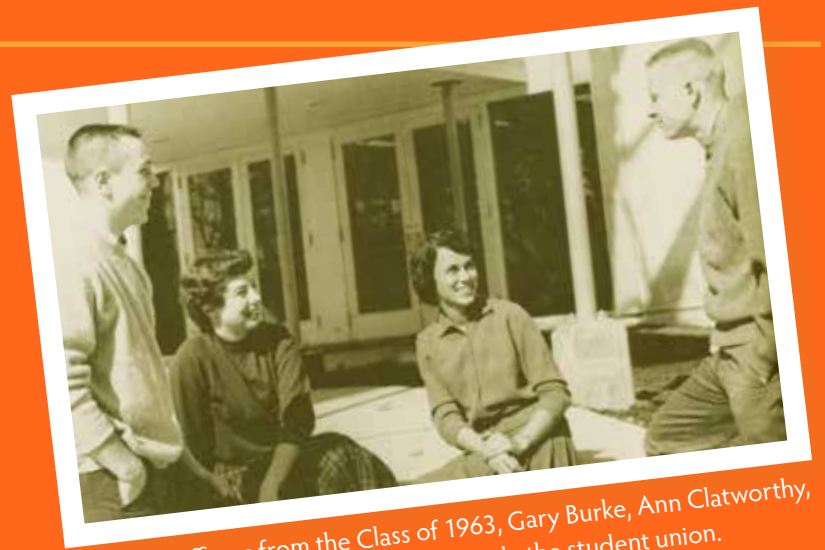
Inauguration of President Dr. Lynne Murray



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THEN & NOW



Freshman officers from the Class of 1963, Gary Burke, Ann Clatworthy, Sharrie Farrar and Mike Elder, visit outside the student union.



Baker University students and alumni enjoy the Marty Mather Student Lounge, part of the new Dr. Patricia (McCaslin) Long Student Center.