

# Circle of Giving

More than 150 years ago, Baker University's founders built their dream stone by stone, student by student, and building upon building. Now in 2010 we have crossed regional and international boundaries to continue Baker's far-reaching vision to light the lamp of knowledge in our students. Through the generous Circle of Giving in 2010 our alumni and friends help shine the lamp brightly as we continue to deliver on our promise to develop the next generation of confident, competent and responsible contributors to society.



# Faith First

Though they lived more than 40 years together in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Robert and Ellen Sadler always found a warm place in their hearts for Baker University. The affection for Baker actually predates their days as undergraduate students at Baker in the 1950s. In the 1920s, a legacy was established when Ellen's parents attended Baker, followed by her brothers. "Baker had always been a part of my family," Ellen said. "It was a foregone conclusion that I would attend Baker."

The legacy continues today. Ellen's daughter Julia graduated from Baker in 1988 and 20 years later the Robert and Ellen Sadler expendable scholarship fund was created. The scholarship was inspired by Robert's mother, the Rev. Retha L Sadler, one of the first women ordained as a Methodist minister. Robert, a business major, and Ellen, an elementary education major, were well aware of a minister's commitment to clergy members, celebrating in their greatest joys and deepest sorrows.

"I admire families who grow up in the ministry," Ellen said. "I was cognizant of the sacrifices that Bob's mother made to put both of her children in college."

In 2008, a year after Bob passed away, Ellen and her daughters, Julia and Diane, created a generous scholarship designed to give preference to active clergy or children of full-time church staff, followed by students involved in the Foundations of Church Leadership program, a business major or elementary education major.

"We put a lot of faith in the Baker staff to determine the best candidate for the scholarship based on their application," Ellen said.

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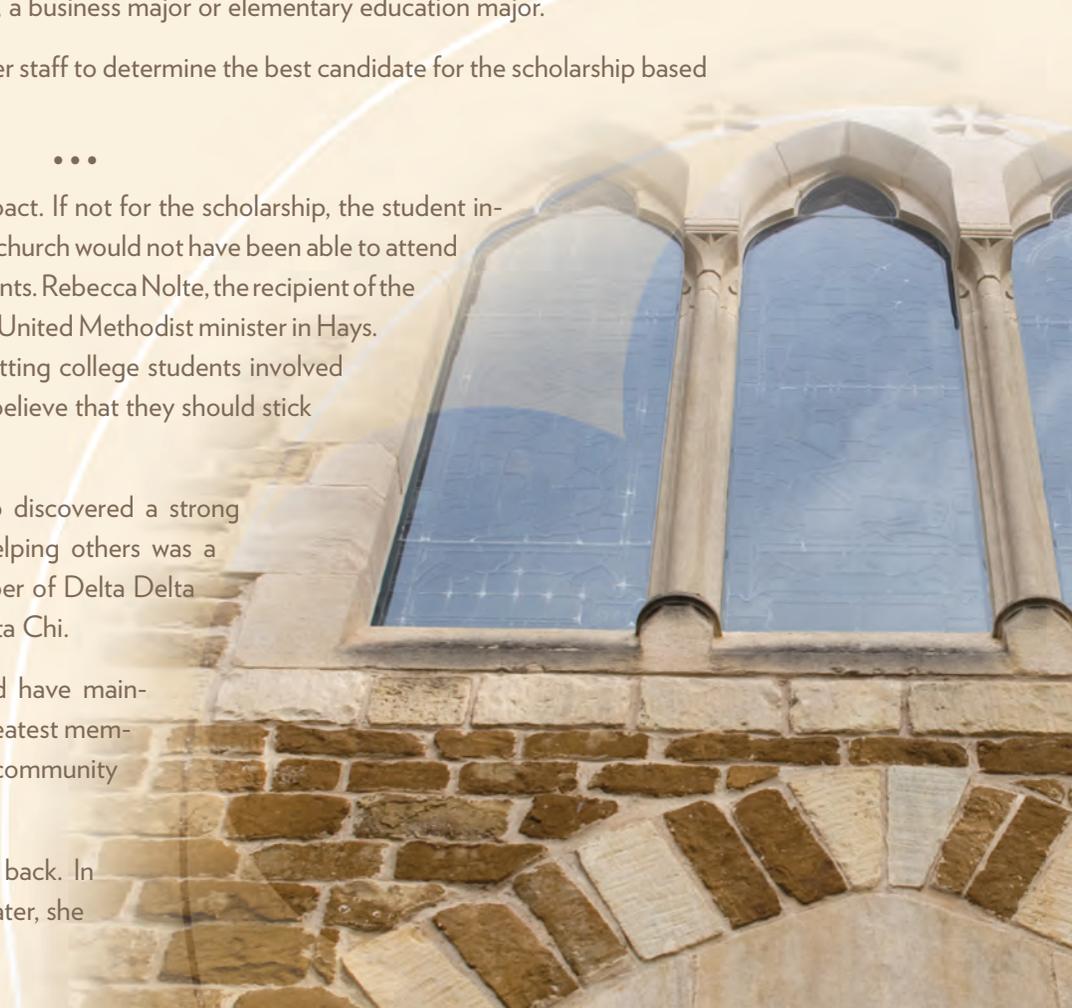
The gift has made a lasting impact. If not for the scholarship, the student involved in the United Methodist church would not have been able to attend Baker because of financial restraints. Rebecca Nolte, the recipient of the scholarship, is the daughter of a United Methodist minister in Hays.

"I am very passionate about getting college students involved in their faith," Rebecca said. "I believe that they should stick up for what they believe."

While at Baker, Ellen and Bob discovered a strong sense of community, where helping others was a part of life. She was as a member of Delta Delta Delta and Bob was active in Zeta Chi.

"The friendships we made and have maintained over the years are the greatest memories," she said. "It was really a community back in those days."

Today, Ellen continues to give back. In addition to helping her alma mater, she





Ellen Sadler

volunteers at inner-city schools and at First United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids. Ellen knows Bob would be fond of the scholarship created on their behalf.

“Bob would be totally supportive of it,” she said.

The gift will expand in the future. Ellen and her daughters have also developed the Bob and Retha L. Sadler endowed scholarship to go into effect after Ellen’s death.

“Baker made an enormous difference in my life and Bob’s life,” Ellen said. “I envision that is still true today and will continue for students.”

Rebecca Nolte, Junior



# Difference Makers

Part of the Baker family for more than 25 years, Dan and Peggy Harris have impacted the lives of educators by mentoring future coaches and teachers, and giving annually to the University to help students succeed.

“I think education and athletics have defined our lives in a certain way,” said Peggy, the dean of the School of Education and School of Professional and Graduate Studies.

The husband and wife combined both of those passions to create the Dan and Peggy Harris Endowed Scholarship. Realizing a need for students to take an extra semester or year to complete schooling because of student teaching assignments, the couple created the scholarship for fifth-year full-time students seeking teacher licensure in the College of Arts and Sciences or the School of Education. The scholarship also helps students participating in a varsity sport or having completed their athletic eligibility the previous semester.

“Teaching is more than just the work in the classroom,” said Dan, a longtime coach and athletic director at Baker before retiring in 2009. “It’s developing relationships outside the classroom and seeing our students change the lives of young children.”

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Known as a person of high integrity and character, Richie Bryant is the ideal scholarship recipient. Bryant, a former track and football standout at Baker, nearly dropped out of high school before a guidance counselor had faith in his ability to excel, encouraging him to continue his studies and go to college.

“The scholarship has allowed me to focus on following a path of being a teacher or coach,” said Bryant, who is a student teacher and assistant coach in the Baldwin school district. “The assistance provided by Dan and Peggy allows me to pursue my goal of giving back to the community.”

The couple reached out to Bryant and other students in another way. They have opened the lower level of their home, allowing adult students a quiet place to stay with free room and board. Peggy was raised in a family where it was common to have relatives stay at their house during a transitional period in their lives.



Dan and Peggy Harris

As Peggy says, "You always have enough food for another person."

Education has provided a great life for Dan and Peggy, who have experienced the satisfaction of seeing young students develop confidence because of the support from others.

"We always try to find ways to give back to Baker University," Dan said. "We wanted to create something that was lasting. We feel an obligation to provide for students when they need it the most. They are going to be the difference makers. Richie will make a difference."

Richie Bryant, Senior



*I am only one  
But still I am one  
I cannot do everything*

# Reaching Out

*But still I can do something  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something I can do*

Attributed to Edward Everett Hale, a clergyman who had a deep concern for the underserved, the aforementioned quote has been the mantra for Pat Hysko and her mother, Dorothy. At age 65, Dorothy Mae Yerkes returned to work after retirement to raise tuition money for two Zimbabwe students, Sam Kajese and his wife, Rose, so they could attend Baker in the 1970s. Continuing the legacy left by her mother, Pat Hysko and her husband, Don, currently assist a student from Ecuador receive a Baker education through the Yerkes and Kajese Endowed Scholarship Fund for International Students.

Dorothy, who never attended college, saw value in helping support an ambitious student from another country. She noticed his work ethic helping a Sunday school class in Washington, D.C. Sam's father sold cattle and his mother grew more vegetables to buy him a ticket to reach the United States.

"My mother realized early on that there were limited resources available to bring international students to the United States," said Pat, a retired nurse who lives in Wichita, Kansas, where she devotes a room to honor the African heritage. "Awareness needs to be raised. The families have less than nothing. The future of nations rests with educating their children. She made a commitment to help Sam and Rose through school."

Sam is now an ambassador for his home country, serving as the Chief of Protocol — a role similar to the Secretary of State in the United States — for Zimbabwe's president. "Sam has said an education did not just change his family but changed a nation," said Pat, who remains in touch with the Kajese family and helped support their children in their studies at the University of Kansas. "He was able to give back to his country."

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Jose Baquerizo, a sophomore from Ecuador and soccer player, is on the scholarship for international students at Baker. If not for the assistance, he would not be able to attend the small private school in the Midwest.

"There is something so grounding about Kansas," Pat explained. "Sam and Rose found people in the state who were willing to help and we believe that reaching out still continues today."

Pat believes an international emphasis truly enhances diversity at a college. "The international students have a focus on education like no other students I know," she said. "They



Pat and Don Hysko

leave everything behind to make a better life for themselves and help their families.”

For 38 years, Pat has had an extended family in Africa. Pat and her husband continue to support two schools in Zimbabwe, supplying money every month for mid-day meals and supplementing a teacher fee. Their humanitarian efforts also include helping bring water pumps to rural areas in Kenya, hoping to inspire young students. “International students are the future of their developing homelands,” she noted. “They come here to get the best possible education.”

Jose Baquierzo, Sophomore



# Solid Foundation

The generosity of Baker University graduates Don and Dona Johnson provides momentum to drive a building campaign, inspiring others to support plans to renovate a longtime fixture on the Baldwin City campus, where lifesaving cures and new treatments could emerge.

A tour of Mulvane Hall during the 2010 Alumni Weekend stirred memories for the Johnsons and rekindled their interest in the science building. The husband and wife have fond reflections of their days at Baker. Most of those memories are linked to their professors – names such as Milford White, William Graziano and William Arnold – and the personal connections made with students in small classrooms.

“We were so amazed by their dedication to teaching,” Don said. “The classes had between six to 10 students, so we were able to approach and interact with our professors, who would work with us for hours after class.”

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Familiar with the Baldwin City campus after attending the United Methodist Youth Institute in high school, the Johnsons met their freshman year in 1966 and developed a relationship as classmates in multiple science courses as biology majors. During their recent campus visit, they had flashbacks to their days as students. They noticed a need for expanded laboratory space and updated equipment to prepare future doctors, nurses and researchers.

Don, whose lifelong ambition to be a doctor was deepened at Baker, and Dona received their undergraduate degrees in 1970. Two years later they were married and have donated to their alma mater annually since then to help provide a quality education for students such as Christine Janssens, who has formed a strong bond with her professors as she prepares for a career in medicine.

“After seeing the building, we were determined to give more,” said Don, believing that excellent resources combined with dedicated professors are the core of every great university. “If we are going to attract students to science, we need a facility to meet their needs.”

A liberal arts education at a small university has served Don and Dona well. Don is a retired Navy physician and is now a civilian pediatrician working for the Department of Army at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. Dona is a community volunteer, helping at the medical center, local food bank and church. The Johnsons have traveled across the world because of Don’s Navy experiences. They realize the difference a Baker education can make. “Medical schools will teach the science,” Don said. “You have to receive a



Don and Dona Johnson

strong academic base to get into those schools. Critical thinking is important both inside and outside the field of medicine. A liberal arts education at Baker will give them that foundation.”

The Johnsons view their gift as more than a responsibility. “We feel a sense of gratitude for what Baker gave us,” Don reflected. “There is a sense of debt to the people who contributed to Baker and shaped the quality of education we received. We have a sense of obligation to insure that the students now and in the future have that same opportunity.”

Christine Janssens, Senior



# My Sincerest Thanks,

A Message from Baker President Pat Long



Baker University's founders, more than 150 years ago, believed that a comprehensive education would open minds and hearts to a compassionate understanding of the world. The legacy of Kansas' first university sustains us today as we address the challenges of an increasingly complex, interdependent and global society.

Through a Circle of Giving we continue in 2010 to witness the thoughtful contributions of our alumni and friends as they foster the next generation of Baker graduates. They are a living example of our mission to inspire students to contribute meaningfully to our world.

At Baker University, we value the commitment of our alumni and friends who help us maintain and strengthen institutional excellence. As donors and supporters, you can take pride in knowing that your gifts are helping to continue the legacy of excellence. You have supported scholarships and worthwhile projects and have made a difference for our students, our faculty and the future of Baker University.

The stories behind this year's President's Report ripple out into widening circles of inspired philanthropy encompassing global understanding, education, science and faith. At the widest point of the circle, a Wichita couple carries on a familial legacy of cultural exchange by endowing a scholarship for international students. The commitment of our donors ensures that a determined student may follow his or her aspirations of being a teacher and coach. Through an enduring respect for their science education, two alumni play a significant role in enhancing opportunities for scientific discovery on the Baldwin City campus. Faith, the foundation of our institution, forms the basis for a benefactor's scholarship to guarantee that children of active clergy members thrive academically. I am in awe at the scope and foresight of these considerate gifts designed to nurture Baker's future.

The Honor Roll of Donors recognizes your generous contributions and others like you who have helped to fulfill our vision and complete the Circle of Giving. Because of you, we look to the future with optimism as we support the next generation of future leaders.

On behalf of the entire University community, I express my gratitude to you, our friends of Baker, for your spirit of giving and caring for the future of this historic institution.

May each of you be truly blessed,

*Pat Long*  
Pat Long, President



# Year in Review

**SEPTEMBER 2009** | Baker University's sustainability efforts are showcased at the University's opening convocation at Rice Auditorium. The featured speakers are Steve Troester, of PGAV Architects; Roger Boyd, director of natural areas at Baker; Randy Miller, assistant professor of biology; and Rep. Tony Brown. • University fall enrollment is reported at 3,853 students, including 308 new students on Baldwin City campus, the highest total of newcomers at Baker since that number was first tracked in 1986.

**OCTOBER 2009** | Baker inducts four alumni — Charlotte Lewis Piper, '43; Jerry Steele, '53; Clarence Hawk, '63; David Johnson, '85 — and former athletic director Dan Harris into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame. • Kay Thomas, a student in the Master of Business Administration program at the Lee's Summit, Mo., campus, receives a prestigious scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. • Supported by a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council, the documentary "Bauer, Baker and Baldwin City: Electrifying a Small Town's Identity" premieres at the Lodge in Baldwin City. • Wrestling and women's bowling, the newest additions to the Wildcat athletics program, begin their seasons.

**NOVEMBER 2009** | Highlighted by a challenge gift of \$50,000 from Panda Restaurant Group owners Andrew Cherng, '70, and Peggy Cherng, '68, the University raises more than \$135,000 for general scholarships at "The Baker Magic" annual gala and auction at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo. • The Wildcat volleyball team sets a school record for victories in a season, finishing 32-4. • Wildcat junior outside hitter Brooke Pryor is honored as the Heart of America Athletic Conference volleyball player of the year, and sophomore Brooke Allen is selected as the conference libero of the year.

**DECEMBER 2009** | Matthew Potterton, Baker's new director of choral activities, leads the 79th annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers at First United Methodist Church. • Nearly 600 graduates — 321 graduate students and 275 undergraduate students — are honored at fall commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. • Rick Weaver, the Wildcats' men's basketball coach for 25 years, announces his plans to retire from coaching at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year.

**JANUARY 2010** | With 641 students, the Master of Business Administration program is ranked No. 1 in fall enrollment for Kansas City area universities, according to a survey released by the Kansas City Business Journal. • Theater students Bob Linebarger and Denver Little advance to the semifinals of the Region V Irene Ryan acting competition. • Baker University contributes \$1,770 to the United Nations Foundation's Nothing But Nets campaign to assist in distributing lifesaving bed nets in African countries. • School of Nursing instructor Libby Rosen is honored as the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Clementine Prim Martin Community Service Award winner. • Soccer standout Matt Griffin is named to the Adidas-National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics third team. • The University holds a ribbon cutting to celebrate the renovations, including padded flooring and new equipment, at the Fitness Center at Mabee Hall.

**FEBRUARY 2010** | Seventy-five Baker University students are recognized by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 2010. • Baker University's Delta Tau Delta fraternity is awarded the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence, recognizing the top 10 chapters in the nation. • The largest crowd of the season at the Collins Center pays tribute to Rick Weaver, who finished with 358 career victories as Wildcat men's basketball coach. • Junior Christine Janssens, a pre-medicine major and Wildcat soccer standout, is selected to represent the Heart of America

Athletic Conference for the prestigious A.O. Duer national award.

- Baker ranks third among all Kansas universities and colleges — No. 1 among private universities in the state — for the number of graduates with master's degrees serving as assistant principals in Kansas, according to the Kansas State Department of Education.
- The University announces the promotion of four faculty members, effective for the 2010-2011 academic year: Wendi Born to associate professor of psychology; Erin Joyce to professor of French and the first assistant dean of Liberal Studies; Libby Rosen to associate professor at the School of Nursing; and Jeanne Mann to assistant professor at the School of Nursing.

**MARCH 2010** | The University is one of the 50 best undergraduate institutions in the U.S. and Canada to study game design, according to The Princeton Review, one of America's most widely known education services and test preparation companies.

- Mark Bandré, a 1989 Baker graduate, is named vice president of enrollment management and student development at Baker University.
- Brett Ballard, director of basketball operations at the University of Kansas, is selected as the new head men's basketball coach at Baker.
- Jake Bucher, assistant professor of sociology, is presented with the SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences at the ACJS annual meeting. The award is presented to promising young faculty who bring innovation and challenges to the criminal justice classroom.
- Ruth Sarna, director of student health services, is selected as the 2010 recipient of the Ollie B. Moten Award, which recognizes American College Health Association members who have made a significant impact at their university.

**APRIL 2010** | The Faculty Senate endorses the new liberal studies program.

- A new FieldTurf, used for football and soccer, is installed at Liston Stadium.
- Emily Gibson, a junior standout, received honorable mention for the NAIA All-America team.
- Junior Aaron Hannon became the first Wildcat athlete to win an event at the Kansas Relays since 1951, capturing the decathlon title with a career-best 6,948 points.
- Baker football team is ranked No. 24 in the preseason NAIA poll.
- The Baker Orange wins the All-Kansas Award for four-year private colleges newspapers during the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press annual conference and former editor Chris Smith is named journalist of the year.

**MAY 2010** | Baker University May graduates Stephanie Brockmann and Jeff Skillman are recognized as the 2010 Fran Jabara Leadership Award recipients during spring commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center.

- The School of Education achieves accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the organization responsible for professional accreditation of teacher education.
- Jacob Bucher, an assistant professor of sociology, receives the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching.
- Two School of Education alumni — Abby Burnett, BS '08, and Bradley Nicks, MASL '04 — are inducted into the Wall of Honor.
- The Baker baseball program teams up with the National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum to showcase the traveling exhibit, "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of the Negro Baseball Leagues," at Holt-Russell Gallery at Parmenter Hall on the Baldwin City campus.
- The University honors 430 undergraduates and 530 graduate students during Spring Commencement.

**JUNE 2010** | Baker University names Kansas high school seniors Katelin Colby and Michael Preut as recipients of the Harter Scholarship, the university's most prestigious academic scholarship.

**JULY 2010** | The University announces rent-a-text program, offering savings of 50 percent or more to students.

- The Alpha Chi Omega Omicron chapter is named the National Housing Corporation Board of the Year for best exemplifying the ideals and mission of Alpha Chi Omega.

# Quick Facts



**Founding** | 1858, the first four-year university in Kansas

**Church Affiliation** | United Methodist

Baker University enrolls nearly 4,000 students in four schools. The College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education at the Baldwin City campus serves students pursuing undergraduate degrees in any of 40 areas of study. The School of Professional and Graduate Studies and School of Education serve working adults at campuses in Lee's Summit and Kansas City, Missouri, and Overland Park, Topeka and Wichita, Kansas. The University recently announced plans to open a campus in Omaha, Nebraska. The School of Nursing, which Baker operates in partnership with Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka, offers a bachelor's degree in nursing.

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