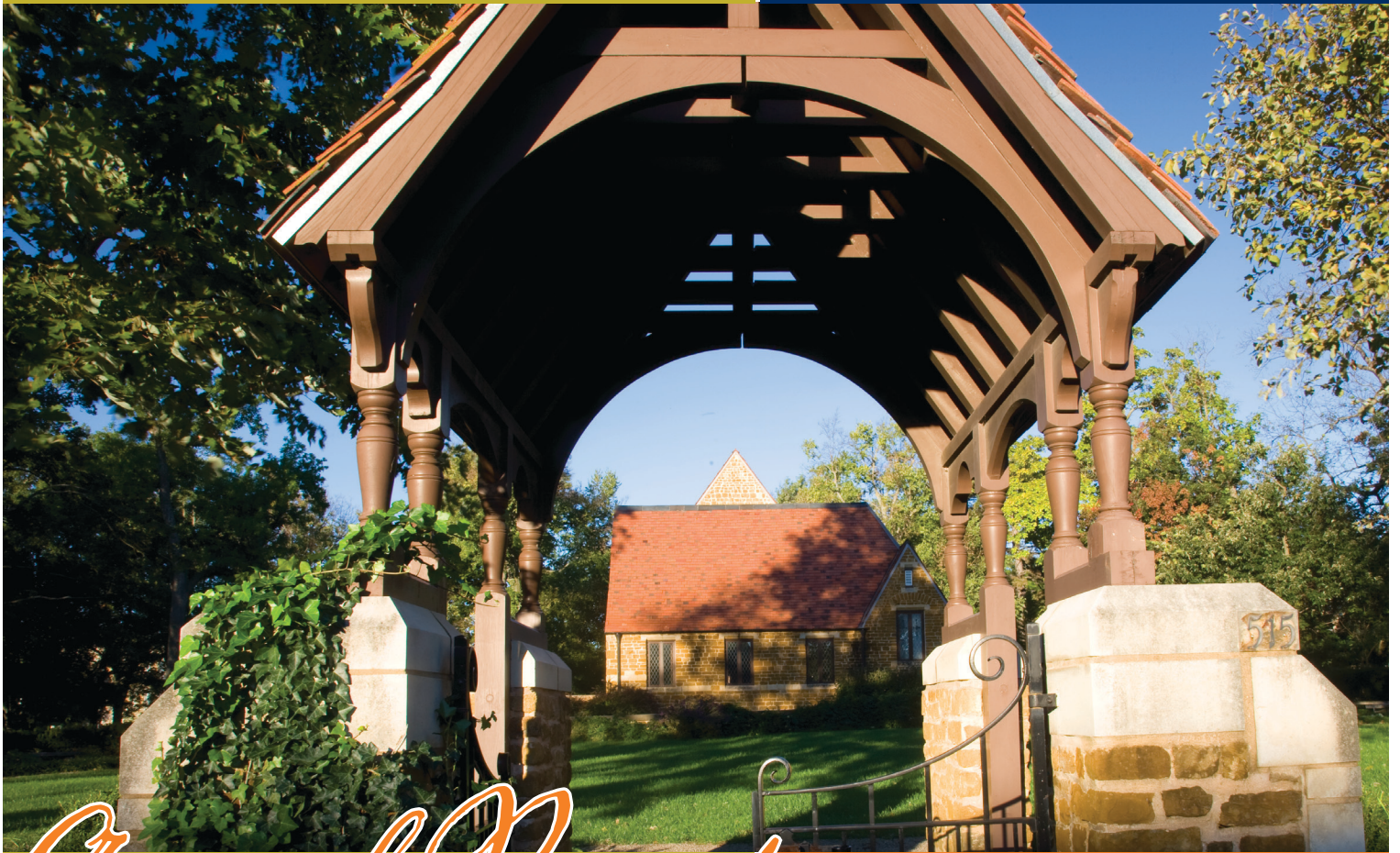


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Vision / Mission / Values



RUSTY MEIGS, SOE • With 15 years of public school teaching experience and nearly a decade working in higher education, Rusty Meigs continues to inspire the next generation of teachers, leading cutting-edge courses in the field of educational technology. Rusty, senior web architect for the Olathe Public Schools, strongly believes in the importance of technology enhancing education, serving as a mentor for high school students during their graduation requisite project.

A year ago, Rusty proudly walked across the Collins Center stage to accept his Doctorate of Education diploma from Baker University. His dissertation, "The Development and Pilot of the Technology Integration Matrix Questionnaire," was so well received that he was honored with Kansas' 2010 Distinguished Dissertation in Teacher Education Award from the Association of Teacher Educators in Kansas. He conducted his clinical research study examining the technology practices of teachers grades Pre-K through 12, including teachers in Louisburg, his home for the past seven years. As one of the newest members of the Louisburg USD 416 school board, Rusty wants to share his knowledge in technology and is looking forward to serving as advocate for the students, teachers and community. Basing his campaign on the principals of honesty and integrity, Rusty knows he can do amazing things for the children in his school district. 🍁

Financial Update

2010-11



WILL DUNCAN, CAS • A triple major with a minor in French, Will Duncan is known to accept academic challenges. Competing against students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California-Berkley and Michigan State and other prominent research institutions, the Baker University junior was recently selected for a prestigious internship with the National Security Agency. More than 900 students applied to participate in the Director's Summer Program.

After finals in May, Will leaves for an intense 12-week program in Fort Meade, Florida, joining a select group of 15 students, touted by the national agency as "the nation's most outstanding undergraduate mathematics majors."

Will values his relationship with his professors, willing to help him apply and develop his skills. Because of the dedicated faculty, he is confident and prepared heading into the internship. His responsibilities this summer will be project-based and test his skills in modern cryptological mathematics and algorithms. Will enjoys math because of the problem solving and the satisfaction of completing a difficult proof.

In addition to fulfilling his rigorous coursework, Will allows time for music. A talented pianist, he entertained the audience at Baker's annual gala last fall. Don't be surprised if his colleagues in Florida request him to regale them with a few musical selections. "Music is just beautiful," he says. "It's so moving – I enjoy being on stage trying to convey something to an audience." 🍁

Strategic Direction



CHRISTINE JANSSENS, CAS • Remember the name Christine Janssens. Baker students, faculty and staff won't forget her. Christine, a pre-medicine major and May 2011 Baker University graduate, made the most of her college experience at the Baldwin City campus. Honored as Baker's top biology student in each of her first three years, she spent eight weeks as a 2010 Summer Scholar at the Stowers Institute in Kansas City, working in a stimulating scientific environment with state-of-the-art

laboratories equipped with the most advanced technology. Christine was placed with a mentor in a lab and conducted significant basic biomedical research utilizing cutting-edge technology and the most advanced research techniques. Outside the classroom, Christine led the Wildcats to a berth in the NAIA national women's soccer semifinals last fall in Alabama. The team captain was selected to the ESPN/College Sports Information Directors Academic All-District VII first team, the epitome of the NAIA Champions of Character that values integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership. Christine credits the bond formed with her professors and coaches for a rewarding Baker experience as she prepares for a career as an orthopedic surgeon. 🍁

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SHORT-TERM PLANNING



KELSEY HECKATHORNE, SON • A lifelong member of the Baldwin City community, Kelsey Heckathorne prepared herself for a career helping others. The May 2011 Baker School of Nursing graduate preferred to stay close to home, attending the Baldwin City campus for three years before pursuing her childhood dream to become a nurse because she loves working with people and enjoys making a difference in people's lives. She embraced the liberal arts experience, where she shined in the

classroom, track and field and as an active member of Delta Delta Delta, participating in worthwhile causes such as Up 'Til Dawn, a benefit for St. Jude Children's Hospital. At both Baker campuses, Kelsey developed skills to think critically and consider all sides of complex issues. She welcomed the challenges of each semester as the subject matter became more complex, starting with listening to heart and lung sounds before caring for four patients. The small class sizes allowed Kelsey to personally interact with instructors, who care about the students' success and will do everything they can to help you achieve that goal. Clinical rotations with real nursing experience provided her the confidence for a career as a medical-surgical nurse and eventually in pediatrics. First, she plans to work this summer as a nursing assistant at Camp Kamaji in Cass Lake, Minnesota, gaining experience in well-child nursing. 🍁

Year in Review



ELLIOTT HARVEY, CAS • One month shy of graduating from Baker's elite 3+2 engineering program, Elliott Harvey is ready to enter the professional world with a splash. Literally.

Harvey, set to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Baker and an engineering degree from the University of Kansas in May, has already been offered a full-time job designing water slides at Splashtacular Inc.

A firm believer in Baker's liberal arts education, Harvey thinks the interpersonal skills he developed during his time in Baldwin City was – in addition to his knack for hydraulic calculations and structural analysis – what helped land him a position at the most prominent aquatic entertainment company in the United States.

"You hear all the time about Baker's small class sizes," Harvey said. "But it's actually about a lot more than that. It's about the relationships you develop with the faculty. I was offered so much more individual help at Baker during my first three years than any of my friends who spent their undergraduate years at big schools."

Baker's pre-engineering program has articulation agreements with the University of Kansas, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Washington University in St. Louis, which is one of the top 10 engineering institutions in the nation. Professor of Physics Ran Sivron said his associates from those colleague schools consistently provide him with glowing reviews of his students, indicating that scholars who impress industry leaders like Harvey are hardly a rarity at Baker University. 🍁

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 2010 • University honors more than 700 graduates for the spring semester with four commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. President Pat Long addresses undergraduates in the School of Professional and Graduate Studies, the College Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing and School of Education to recognize the students who started with her at the University in the fall of 2006. • Executive Vice President and Provost Randy Pembroke is the keynote speaker for the SPGS graduate degree ceremony and Susanne Richardson Teel, chairwoman of Baker's Board of Trustees, addresses the School of Education graduate students. • The baseball program teams up with the National Negro Leagues Baseball Museum for the traveling exhibit, "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of the Negro Baseball Leagues," on display at Holt-Russell Gallery at Parmenter Hall. • Baker University's Eta Kappa chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the honor society for nursing, inducts 16 new members — Amy Adams, Joleen Bacon, Terri Baker, BreAnna Barker, Rachelle Brown, Angela Cronister, Lauren Divine, Marriann Dugan, Brooke Faria daCunha, Laurie Gomel, Moshe Kincade, Celeste Leech, Kelly Lindemeyer, Lauren Miller, Jade Mosier and Sonja Tornedan. • The University recognizes the academic and artistic achievements of scholarship winners and other outstanding students during the annual Undergraduate Research, Performance and Honors Symposium. • Two School of Education alumni, Abby Burnett, BS '08, and Bradley Nicks, MASL, '04, are inducted into the Wall of Honor. • Jacob Bucher, assistant professor of sociology, receives the Jennie Howell Kopke and Verda R. Kopke Award for Distinguished Teaching. • The School of Education achieves accreditation under the performance-oriented standards of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. • The University recognizes JJ Lanning, '50, Board of Trustees member; Susanne Richardson Teel, chairwoman of Baker's Board of Trustees; and Charles Kopke, former member of the Board of Trustees, with honorary doctorates. • Graduates Stephanie Brockmann and Jeff Skillman are recognized as recipients of the 2010 Fran Jabara Leadership Award.



JUNE 2010 • Kansas high school seniors Katelin Colby, of Spring Hill, and Michael Preut, of Nortonville, receive the University's prestigious Harter Scholarship.

JULY 2010 • Rusty Meigs, who earned a Doctorate of Education degree from Baker University in 2010, receives the Outstanding Dissertation Award from the Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas for "The Development and Pilot of the Technology Integration Matrix Questionnaire." • Baker's Alpha Chi Omega Omicron chapter is named the National Housing Corporation Board of the Year and awarded the National Council Trophy, which recognizes the chapter that best exemplifies the ideals and mission of Alpha Chi Omega. • University Trustees, students, faculty and staff participate in the second annual campus-wide clean-up in Baldwin City. • Hoot Gibson, '73, president of Midwest Builders' Casualty, becomes chair of the Board of Trustees.



AUGUST 2010 • The University is one of two Kansas universities to be ranked among the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges in 2011 edition of Best Colleges by U.S. News Media Group. • Baker receives approval from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in Omaha, Neb., to offer programs in Nebraska for the first time in the University's 152-year history. • JoAnne Fluke, '00, is featured on The Learning Channel's one-hour documentary titled "Dancer with Tiny Legs." • G.I. Jobs announces that Baker is among military friendly schools for 2011 for doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students. • The Princeton Review names Baker 'A Best in the Midwest' University in "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region." • The College of Arts and Sciences begins executing the liberal studies program.



SEPTEMBER 2010 • Green Bay Packers head coach Mike McCarthy, '87, and the Packers organization partner for their third annual \$100,000 donation to the athletic program. • University fall enrollment is reported at 3,868 students, an increase of 15 students from the previous year. • The exhibit "400 Years of the King James Bible" opens at the Quayle Bible Collection. • Elizabeth Ann Sanders, associate professor and director of continuing education, is named the recipient of the 2010 M. Claradine Johnson Award for her leadership roles in public schools, higher education and professional organizations. • The music and theatre department presents "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." • The School of Nursing celebrates its 20th anniversary with a reception and open house at Stormont-Vail HealthCare. • Men's and women's soccer coach Nate Houser, '94, signs a one-year contract to play professionally with the Comets Major Indoor League Soccer Team.



OCTOBER 2010 • Six former Wildcat standouts — Bob Courtney, '57; Bill White, '59; Fred Purvis, '70; Brad Roepke, '83; Terry Roepke, '85; and Jessica Walters Ohlde, '01 — are inducted into the Baker University Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, Kan. • Dolan Ellis, '57, known as Arizona's official state balladeer, returns to the Baldwin City to perform a concert at Rice Auditorium. • The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is host to a career expo and networking event at its Overland Park campus.



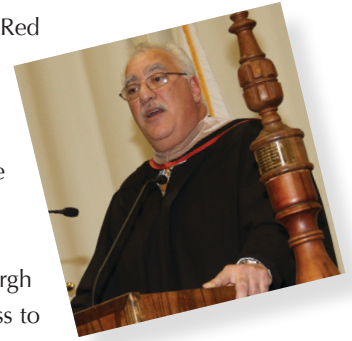
NOVEMBER 2010 • The University reports that for the current academic year 69 assistant principals in Kansas have received a master's degree from Baker. That figure ranks second among all schools in the state. There are also 58 principals in Kansas with a master's degree from Baker. That figure is the highest among the state's private universities. • The Kansas Association of College and Employers honors Susan Wade and Kelly Burns, of Baker University's Career Development Center, with the 2010 KACE Career Services Director of the Year Award and 2010 KACE Career Services Member of the Year Award, respectively. • The Multicultural Affairs Office coordinates several events to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. • The Delta Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, an honor society dedicated to recognizing international scholars, inducts students Tiffany Clark, William Duncan, Hillary Jones, Lauren Miller, Justin Morello, Megan Reid, Erin Riggs and Lena Sweyko, and faculty member Carolyn Doolittle, assistant professor of education. • Baker honors 41 first-year and transfer students for graduating from the 2010 Emerging Leaders Summit, where they learn about leadership styles, enabling others to act, team development and creating an inclusive leadership environment. • Seniors Katy Kendrick and Eli Jones are recognized as Teachers of Promise during the Kansas Teacher of the Year 2011 State Awards Banquet in Wichita. • Twenty students are named 2010 Daktronics NAIA Scholar Athletes, including eight Wildcat football players, tying Baker for first nationally for most players honored from one program. • The women's cross country team captures the 2010 Heart of America Athletic Conference title. • "Live from the Orange Carpet," the annual gala and auction, raises \$174,115 for the annual scholarship fund. Panda Restaurant Group owners Andrew Cherng, '70, and Peggy Cherng, '68, issued a challenge gift, resulting in an \$86,000 contribution. • The game-winning shot in Brett Ballard's coaching debut generates more than 1 millions hits on YouTube.



DECEMBER 2010 • The Department of Music celebrates the 80th Annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers with two performances at First United Methodist Church. • Former associate athletic director Theresa Yetmar, '02 and '06, is promoted to director of athletics at Baker University. • The women's soccer team reaches the national semifinals for the first time in program history and finishes with a 14-6-4 record, capped by a spirit rally at the Collins Center. • More than 500 graduates — 299 graduate students and 226 undergraduates — are honored at three fall commencement ceremonies at the Collins Center. Jeff Magee, '86, of Jeff Magee International Inc., addresses the graduate students; and Charles Agro, '79, manager of resources and grants for the Office of Emergency Management, a division of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, is the keynote speaker for the undergraduates. • The University mourns the passing of former Trustee Susan Perry, who established the Susan L. Perry Chair in Western American History. • An anonymous gift establishes the Bill Neuenswander Award for Outstanding Dissertation.



JANUARY 2011 • Junior Kayla Anderson is recognized as the recipient of the \$2,000 American Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership scholarship for actively organizing blood drives on the Baldwin City campus. • Forty-seven students are recognized by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 2011. • Melvin L. Jenkins, an Omaha, Neb., attorney specializing in civil rights, speaks at the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at the Osborne Chapel. • Jack Bowerman, '70, joins the Board of Trustees. • More than 600 Baker students participated in Interterm classes.



FEBRUARY 2011 • Mike McCarthy, '87, coaches the Green Bay Packers to a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers at Super Bowl XLV. • The world renowned choral ensemble Chanticleer presents a master class to the Baker University choirs at Rice Auditorium. • The University mourns the passing of Harold Kolling, former Baker historian. • The University earns Tree Campus USA recognition for 2010 for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship, the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation announces. • Nine students — Barbara Bickner, Joylin Hall, Katherine Niehues, Bryce Lathrop, Brian Lamoreux, William Showalter, Matthew Ingram, Eric Loux and Kyle Detrick — perform with the Kansas Intercollegiate Band at the Kansas Music Educators In-service Workshop at Century II in Wichita. • Timothy Buzzell, professor of sociology at Baker University, co-authors the textbook "Power, Politics and Society: An Introduction to Political Sociology," which focuses on shifting global politics, historic elections, politics in everyday life, and terrorism. • The University announces the promotion of three faculty members at the College of Arts and Sciences: Alan Grant to full professor; Joe Watson to associate professor; and Sandra Schumm to full professor. • Jamele Adams, associate dean of student life at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., is the guest speaker as part of Founders Week activities at Baldwin City. • The University receives nearly \$200,000 from the estate of Janice von Riesen, '46, to begin renovating the lower floor of Denious Hall into a welcome center for students.



MARCH 2011 • Students Bryce Lathrop, Brittany Hines and Scott Ireland perform with the College Band Directors National Association Small College Intercollegiate Band at the association's convention in Seattle. • Jarell Price and Levi Calhoun become Baker's first wrestling All-Americans after their performance at the NAIA Championship. • Baker University's radio and television stations receives seven awards, including a first place by Michael Wissman in the Best DeeJay Personality category, from the 2011 Kansas Association of Broadcasters in the annual student broadcast awards competition. • Ralph Tanner, Emeritus President, opens the King James Bible Lectures at the Quayle Bible Collection. The lectures are held in conjunction with the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, which was completed in 1611. • Junior Will Duncan is accepted in the prestigious Director's Summer Program at the National Security Agency. • Two wrestlers and one women's basketball player are named NAIA Academic All-Americans, increasing Baker's total to 23 for the 2010-12 academic year.



APRIL 2011 • The 10th annual Community Wellness Festival, sponsored by Baker and the Baldwin City Recreation Commission, is held at the Collins Center. • The School of Professional and Graduate Studies is host to a free career expo and networking event at its Topeka and Overland Park campuses. • Students Tracie Babbitt, Mariah Barnett, Tonia Karpowicz, Chelsea Pennock and Caleb Watts represent Baker at the Leadership Challenge Event at Washburn University in Topeka. • Cheryl Brown Henderson, '72 and president of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, is the keynote speaker at Baker's 31st annual candlelight vigil, which honors those who fought for justice and equality during the Civil Rights Movement. • The University commemorates its designation as a Tree Campus USA University by planting an American hornbeam south of the Harter Union plaza. • The Baker Orange, the student newspaper at Baker University, and its online site received top honors at the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press' annual conference. The Orange received the KACP's All-Kansas Award for four-year, private-college newspapers and bakerorange.com won the All-Kansas Award for all four-year newspaper websites. In addition, Kyle Davis was named Journalist of the Year in the four-year newspaper competition. • Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta are honored as 5-Star Chapter Awards. • Adam Taylor, of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Kylie Campbell, of Zeta Tau Alpha, are named Greek Man and Woman of the Year. • The University continues yearlong self-study process for the Higher Learning Commission. • A total of 36 Baker students studied abroad during the 2010-11 academic year. • The on-site accreditation for the School of Nursing is completed by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Kansas State Board of Nursing. • Baker University captured the 2011 NAIA National Dance Association Small Dance National Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.





VISION AND PURPOSE

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

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

MISSION

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

VALUES

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

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