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Dear alumni and friends,

This issue of MacNews brings to life three of the core values of our College: Knowledge, Faith and Service. Our alumni are engaged in service in their everyday lives, and, in many cases, the line between profession and personal commitment is hard to distinguish. MacMurray’s legacy is seen in the transformational power of serving individuals and communities, both at the neighborhood level and, in some cases, around the world. But it all starts with alumni using their skills, knowledge and attitude to help others succeed and bring more meaning into their own lives. I hope you enjoy the profiles and stories of our alumni who, in the midst of their career experiences, are making a real difference in the lives of others every day.

I also want to update you on our Trustee Annual Fund Challenge. The Board of Trustees has committed to making leadership gifts and have challenged the rest of MacNation to help us raise $1 million by May 31, 2018. As of Dec. 31, we have raised $646,080 compared to $496,836 the previous year. This is a sure sign that our Mac Family is rising to the challenge to help our College continue to support our students and our mission. Together, we will surpass our goal and be part of the momentum that has returned to MacMurray College!

MacMurray’s successful MacNation Tour this past summer allowed the College to host events and reconnect with alumni and friends from all across the country. The enthusiasm and positive results from President Tierno’s ground-breaking journey are clear, and the College is planning to build on that momentum visiting towns and cities nationwide, engaging alumni and meeting prospective students. This is also where the College needs your help! At this critical juncture in MacMurray’s vitality and long-term success, it is imperative that we as alumni connect with members of our communities to spread the MacMurray name. You can directly help future generations understand and appreciate firsthand the value of a MacMurray education.

Sincerely,

Charles O’Connell ’69
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Homecoming 2017 brought the Spirit home, with the best attendance in decades, as it wrapped up the MacNation Tour. The 1846 Donor and Alumni Recognition Dinner began the homecoming weekend festivities, where four alumni were presented with awards: Tina (Arnold) Prather ’11 – Young Alumni Award; John Wakefield ’69 – Distinguished Alumni Award; Terry Osei Chandler ’68 – Distinguished Career Award; Katherine “Kitty” (Palmer) Conant ’67 – Community Service Award.

Saturday morning started off with the Michalson Monster 5K Run/Walk and then everyone gathered together for the annual Homecoming parade. This year’s parade marshal was Andrea (Gaskill) Moore ’95 who received her teaching degree from MacMurray. She currently teaches a technology class to seventh and eighth graders and, most recently, won the new title Mrs. Illinois U.S. Continental.

Saturday was filled with all kinds of fun, including the Art Exhibit featuring the works of Michael Houser ’84, student food booths, campus tours and numerous athletic events. There was also the addition of a block party held in the newly-purchased Franklin School parking lot. The evening ended with the induction of four alumni into the Hall of Fame: Stacy (Robinson) Beeley ’96 – Volleyball; Jon Jones ’00 – Football; Tony Killeen ’99 – Baseball; Laura Roberts ’98 – Softball, Volleyball & Basketball.

Join us next year for Homecoming on October 19-21!
Blackstock Time Capsule Opened

When Blackstock House was razed in 2013, a time capsule was discovered. This year marked the 60th anniversary of the Blackstock House dedication, the same year men arrived on MacMurray’s campus. To honor both of these milestones, this piece of MacMurray history was opened during the Highlander Block Party.

Earnest Wallace ’02, a former resident of Blackstock, Rev. Stan Wood ’62, who was among the second class of MacMurray men, and John Austin Tuthill ’67, who was a former resident of Blackstock celebrating his 50-year reunion, opened the time capsule to reveal many vintage items that were encapsulated 60 years ago. Within the capsule were two newspapers dated June 9, 1957 from the Jacksonville Daily Journal and the Illinois State Journal which included articles about the Blackstock cornerstone ceremony. The MacMurray College catalog for 1956-1958 and the MacMurray College Catalog for Men for 1957-1958 were among some of the literature that was placed within the time capsule as well as two vinyl records titled “Ground-Breaking Ceremonies – Blackstock House” and “Founder’s Day Dinner.”
CLASS REUNION PHOTOS

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Three MacMurray students receive Jacksonville Promise Scholarships

MacMurray College first-year students Sarah Dawdy, Margaret Doss and Savanna Long were among 19 local college students awarded the 2017 Jacksonville Promise Scholarships in August.

The 2017 award recipients received scholarships of up to $2,000 toward tuition and fees for the current academic year. The Jacksonville Promise is a locally established scholarship dedicated to promoting the educational opportunities available in Jacksonville.

MacMurray featured on Good Day Marketplace

MacMurray College was featured on Good Day Marketplace, a morning show on Fox 55/27 Illinois. Bruce Liebe, senior director of the School of Professional Studies, was interviewed about the criminal justice and homeland security on-campus program; Brandon McIntire, director of online programs, was interviewed about the three online programs – RN to BSN, business administration and criminal justice; Jerry Covell, director of the Interpreter Training Program/American Sign Language, and Susan Hall, assistant professor of interpreting, were interviewed about the ASL program; Joe Squillace, director of the social work program, was interviewed about earning a social work degree; and President Mark Tierno was interviewed about the MacNation Tour.

Mac senior named Lincoln Academy Student Laureate

Courtney Pearson ‘18, a social work major, was selected as MacMurray’s 2017 Lincoln Laureate Award winner.

The Lincoln Academy’s Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Awards honors seniors for their leadership and service in the betterment of humanity and for overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities.

As a student, Pearson was presented The Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Medallion along with a certificate of achievement and The Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award of $1,000.
MacMurray College partners with Raise.me

MacMurray College is excited to announce a new scholarship program in partnership with Raise.me, a social enterprise focused on expanding access to higher education by making scholarships more accessible and transparent for all students.

Starting as early as 9th grade, students across the country now have the opportunity to earn micro-scholarships from MacMurray for a wide range of activities including getting good grades, volunteering in the community, participating in extracurricular activities, perfect attendance and attending the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.

Together, MacMurray and Raise.me are dedicated to creating new opportunities for students by enabling them to earn scholarship dollars during their high school career and learn about the kinds of behaviors that will empower them to be successful students in high school, college and beyond.

Elliott receives IEMA certification renewal

Robert Elliott, assistant professor of criminal justice and homeland security, was re-accredited as an Illinois Professional Emergency Manager through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. With his re-accreditation in 2017, MacMurray College has been listed on the IEMA website.

Dial has research published in journal

Mary Dial, assistant professor of nursing, had her research paper, “I Do the Best I Can; Personal Hygiene Preferences of Patients of Size,” published in the journal “Applied Nursing Research.” Dial said that it is a qualitative research project based on the adaptive hygiene practices of patients with a body mass index (BMI) greater than 50.

Professor Squillace pens new book on county’s poorhouse and farm

Joseph Squillace, associate professor and director of the social work program, recently published his new book, “A History of the Poorhouse and Farm in Morgan County, Illinois.”

In the book, Dr. Squillace traces the history of the poorhouse and farm, outlines the various groups served by the institution and reveals stories that profiles the populations that the poor farm served. A product of the intellectual and religious surrounding community in Jacksonville, the book outlines the history of the three locations from 1842-1951, and how it served the various human, social and mental needs of both local and transient persons.

Walkenhorst presents at NCTE Conference

Bradley Walkenhorst, assistant professor of special education, spoke at the 2017 National Council for Teachers of English Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, last November. Dr. Walkenhorst presented as a member of the panel, “MISSOURI STRAND: Cross-Lit, Constantly Varied Functional Reading and Writing: A Systemic Approach to Literacy Instruction.” His session introduced unique strategies to teach mindfulness, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, literacy challenges and student reflection.
MSA officers attend ASGA Conference in Washington D.C.

The MSA officers attended the American Student Government Association’s annual conference in Washington D.C. from Sept. 28 - Oct. 1. They attended numerous meetings with other student government leaders from around the nation and also had the opportunity to tour the Capitol Building, meet with MacMurray Trustee Mike Royer ’91, and do a behind-the-scenes tour at the Smithsonian with Curator and former MacMurray Professor of History and Communication Claire Jerry.

Highlanders help Hurricane Harvey victims

The MacMurray College Student Athlete Advisory Committee collected clothing, food, toiletries and cash donations from fans and the College community to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The donations were sent to the Houston area and some went directly to one of MacMurray’s own, Kevin Crottie ’21. Crottie is a freshman offensive lineman for the Highlander football team from Alvin, Texas. “The Mac Fam is real,” Crottie said. “I am very thankful for all of the support from the MacMurray community.”

The Highlanders raised over $1,000 along with donated items such as toiletries, shoes, water and nonperishable foods.
In November, Beverly Johns, professional fellow, took students from the special education and deaf and hard of hearing education departments to the Chapter 99 meeting at Hamilton’s Catering in Jacksonville to present posters and parent handbooks from SPED 360.

Students gained hands-on experience in creating posters and presenting their research about special education laws and how case law has impacted and influenced special education practices today to professionals and other students.

Nadine Szczepanski ’79, Horace A. Shonle Professor of Chemistry, took her First-Year Experience class to Engrained Brewery in Springfield in November.

Mac 108 class takes trip to Springfield brewery

Brent Schwoerer, the brew master, gave the students a tour and educated them about the chemistry of brewing.

Mark Lahr, assistant professor of criminal justice and homeland security, and students from criminal justice and homeland security participated in field training exercises for the Illinois State Police in late November.

The students played a critical role in serving as violators for the ISP cadets who are learning about vehicle stops and a variety of traffic violations in their training. The roles consisted of committing minor traffic violations and other scenarios which gave the students insight into just a small portion of academy training for police officers.
MacMurray Athletics adds new weight room

The MacMurray College Athletic Department is pleased to announce the completion of the new and improved weight room located in the Jenkins Education Complex.

The purchase of new equipment for the weight room was partially funded by the Bill Wall Memorial Athletic Fund, which was established to offer financial support to the MacMurray College Athletic program. Through the fund, 10 racks, a full dumbbell and kettlebell selection, rowing machines, treadmills, bicycles and elliptical machines were purchased and installed.

“This facility is vital for the betterment of our student-athletes,” said Athletic Director Justin Fuhler. “The new area allows teams to train together and help prepare them for athletic success.”

The weight room is open and available to MacMurray students, faculty and staff during designated hours.

Wilkins makes great play, gets nominated for national award

Offensive lineman Xadrian Wilkins ’18 scored two points for MacMurray against Rockford. After a Rockford player blocked Noah Sandoval’s ’21 extra point attempt, the ball landed in Wilkins hands and he ran in for a two-point conversion. The Highlanders won 22-14.

Wilkins was later nominated for the 2017 Piesman Trophy, an award created to honor the best throw, run or catch by a lineman. Wilkins was in the running with other Division I programs like Clemson, Missouri, Miami and others. You can watch Wilkins’ play on YouTube by going to https://youtu.be/dTuYSLY_RWw.

MacMurray basketball supports Jacksonville Special Olympics

The MacMurray College men’s and women’s basketball teams raised money for the Jacksonville Saints Special Olympics program during their home games against Eureka College in December. The two Jacksonville Saints basketball teams squared-off against each other at halftime of the men’s game.
Women’s basketball does mission work in Florida

The MacMurray College women’s basketball team played in the Daytona Beach Classic College Basketball Tournament from Dec. 18-23. During their free time, they volunteered at the Homeless Prevention Shelter where they registered clients, sorted donations and cleaned the shelter. Another day was spent at the First Baptist Church of Daytona where they helped cook and package meals for homebound senior citizens that were later delivered to local shut-ins. The team also had the opportunity to work at the Women’s Resource Center, which offers free assistance to women dealing with unplanned pregnancies, where they helped clean the center and organized donations.

“This trip was about more than basketball,” said Todd Sweatman, coordinator of religious life and college chaplain. “The players had the opportunity to grow as a team and serve people who they did not know; people who are in unfortunate situations that needed our help. We realized how blessed we are and that we can make a choice to put the interest of others ahead of our own, even when it’s not convenient. We are deeply grateful to all who helped the team experience a wonderful week of service and basketball in Florida.”

Middlebrook plays in FCS Bowl in Daytona

After a standout career with the MacMurray College football team, senior running back Chazz Middlebrook ’18 took part in the 4th Annual FCS Bowl in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Dec. 10.

It was his performance on the field for MacMurray that earned him an invitation to the FCS Bowl, which is an all-star football game for college seniors in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

Wall sets new single-season kill record

Outside hitter Olivia Wall ’20 surpassed the MacMurray single-season kill record of 385 as she smacked a shot down the line for her 10th kill of the evening against Webster University. She finished the season with 438 kills.

Wall is a power house when attacking at the net, averaging 3.76 kills per set and has a total of 1,562 attacks on the season. During the 17-18 season, she was named St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week, D3 News Owner of the Net and was awarded with All-Tournament honors.
It was 50 years ago that the Madrigal Dinner tradition began. Once a one-night production that took place in McClelland Dining Hall in 1967, the popularity of its cheerful festivities and the pageantry of its grandiose ceremony brought thousands of locals and travelers to the MacMurray campus and, over time, it expanded its running to four consecutive evenings.

The 30-year tradition ended in 1997 but was recently revived for one more evening on Dec. 2, 2017. Dedicated alumni such as Katie (Richardson) Petrikin ’77, Gene Schmittgens ’79, Rikki (Jenkins) Langan ’11, Marie Whaley ’11 and Christine (Wallace) Smith ’92 organized the spectacle, and many alumni came back to perform the
songs they sang when they were students. “They’re from all over. … there are a lot of Chicago people, some St. Louis people. Some (came) in from the Carolinas,” Petrikin said, herself having made the trip from Oklahoma.

This Madrigal Dinner Reunion was reminiscent of those dinners past. The choir dressed up in velvet and silk Elizabethan garb and sang traditional songs such as “Here We Come a Caroling,” “Wassail,” “Boar’s Head,” “Our Host and His Plum Pudding,” “Masters In This Hall” and many others. Dr. Robert Seufert, professional fellow, narrated the event and J. Warren Mitchell, choral music director and opera singer, directed the music and performed “O Holy Night.” The Madrigal Reunion ended with the choir and guests joining together to sing “Joy to the World,” as an air of hope arose that this Madrigal Dinner might once again become a beloved MacMurray tradition.

“We had a choir of at least 30 people when I was here,” Christine (Wallace) Smith ’92 remembers of her time at MacMurray. “We did a choir tour every year. We rehearsed in the chapel every day and had Madrigal Dinners. There was quite a bit we were able to do with 30 people, and I have no doubt that I can get it back to that point.” Smith was hired on as the director of performing arts in fall of 2017, over two years since the Music program was discontinued at the College.

In her first semester, she was hard at work building a choir of 11 students and organizing on- and off-campus events as they held a fall concert, sang at Lessons and Carols, and took two trips to the Jacksonville Convalescent Center, a local nursing home where former MacMurray choir member Esta Lou (McCullough) Hubbert ’39 resides.

This spring, Smith and Jeannie Zeck, professor of English, have taken on the musical “Spitfire Grill” which is set to take place during the weekend of March 9, 10 and 11. She also has her choir scheduled to perform a spring concert on April 11 and sing at Commencement on May 19.

In the future, she hopes to continue to grow the choir and bring back former traditions, such as the Madrigal Dinner and annual choir tours, which have been lost over time. She also aspires to hold musical events, including recitals and competitions, to bring people to campus. “I would love to get back to where we have community people coming here to watch an event or come to Lessons and Carols because they know it’s special,” Smith said. “That’s something I am very interested in working on. Just having MacMurray back in the spotlight.”
The MacMurray College social work program has been busy. From building stronger ties with local organizations to expanding student perspectives through cultural immersion trips, interactions with current social work professionals and project-based learning, they have been enhancing their program and preparing their students to become successful practitioners.

“We are most excited about the growing and continuing partnerships with local agencies, the international service course trips, the outstanding research the students are engaged in, and the success of our alumni practicing in the field,” said Dr. Joseph Squillace, associate professor and director of the social work program.

This past semester, Squillace has connected his research class and junior field course with local agencies to work on projects that benefit both his students and the community. These projects include assisting businesses in becoming more deaf-friendly and working with the Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living to develop a communications and marketing strategic plan, as well as working with the Jacksonville Regional and Economic Development Corporation using a survey of employee’s choice of residence.

Squillace has also established a partnership with the Jacksonville Public Library for an internship opportunity for students.

“Libraries used to be just about books, but today we acknowledge a whole continuum of expanded services at libraries,” Squillace said. “We know that people with various types of needs go to the library — whether it’s a homeless person seeking aid, the unemployed filling out a job application online or senior citizens seeking socialization. Thus, the library today is a natural location to find social workers.”

Social work on the road
In January, students from the social work program went on a trip to Southwest Florida for J-Term. The course, “Cultural Plunge,” was more liberal arts focused – learning to write through travel, how to be observant of cultural differences in people and places, and how to apply the three tenets of a MacMurray education (Knowledge, Faith and Service).

While there, students visited two social service agencies, an agency that decreases global poverty and two nature reserves while learning about important environmental issues. Senior Lexi Mitchell ’18 stated, “It was so much fun. I’ve gained so many new friendships, I’ve learned about different agencies, and I’ve also learned about myself and what I want in my future.”

Learning from alumni
Even in the classroom, students are getting a taste of the real world. Christina Anozie, assistant professor
of social work, has partnered with alumni to guest speak and bridge connections of textbook and lecture content with real-life applications.

“We pride ourselves in taking a practical approach to learning,” Anozie said. “When our students leave our program, they leave confident that they have the skills to serve as a social worker in any environment. Part of that confidence comes directly from front-line staff about the work they do, the skills they need and the demand for the profession.”

Students can obtain real-world experience through practicum internships, immersion trips, learning from alumni, or working on projects such as strategic marketing planning, program evaluation and legislative lobbying. “The benefits of this are two-fold,” Jodi Pupillo ’09, director of field education and clinical assistant professor, said. “As the practice opportunities afford real-life organizations with concrete services, it also provides students with service and practice opportunities. This aspect of service learning, enfolded in the curriculum, aids the students with practice opportunities as well as provides needed resources to the local community.”

Social work going international

An international immersion study tour will happen this spring. Squillace is teaching the International Social Work course and the class will be traveling to Ireland. They could use your support. “We are making every attempt at keeping the cost affordable for students, which has resulted in 12 signed up for the course,” Squillace said. “Fundraising efforts will help supplement the expenses and activities. I’m asking you to #GiveBackToMac through a donation to the social work program.”

If you want to give your support, go to www.mac.edu/giveback or use the business reply envelope in this magazine to send in your gift. You can designate your donation to go toward the social work program. If you have questions, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@mac.edu or call 217-479-7030.
A Giant Step Forward

MacMurray College should feel encouraged with the final report filed by the visiting team of the Higher Learning Commission. On Dec. 4, 2017, four of our peers from other similar institutions came to the College to confirm the information our Assurance Team had provided in the Assurance Argument and to meet with faculty, staff, students and Trustees. The report of the visiting team of the HLC was incredibly positive and we are now confident that MacMurray College will have its sanction lifted.

We were all tremendously excited and relieved to receive the news that the College has met all five criteria and the recommendation of the visiting team was for us to be removed from probation. However, the process is not complete, and we will not receive the final answer from the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees until they meet in June. We are currently preparing our required formal institutional response to the report and President Mark Tierno and others will appear before the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission on March 5, 2018 to answer questions and provide any clarification necessary.

We remain confident that we have addressed all concerns expressed by the Higher Learning Commission and will be more than ready to celebrate having the sanction lifted!

Dr. Beverly Rodgers
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs & Student Life

Transformational Efforts

This is a transformational year in both our recruiting and fundraising efforts. Our admissions team has worked hard to achieve a 34 percent increase in applications compared to last year, and financial aid awards are already in the hands of our accepted students. Now is the time for all our alumni to reach out to students in your neighborhood, church, community center, local high school or anywhere you encounter college-bound high school students (note: they are everywhere once you start looking!) and recommend they check out MacMurray College. The link to the “Student Referral Form” is https://admissions.mac.edu/register/referral.

Our advancement efforts are also showing clear progress. Last summer’s MacNation Tour started the momentum by reconnecting the College with alumni and friends across the United States. This momentum has translated into building a schedule for this coming spring and summer to head back out and visit those we may have missed the first time, and also bring the Mac story to prospective students in your hometown. Look for us on the road in 2018!

The Mac Family also raised over $1.5 million in annual fund, estate gifts and endowed scholarships compared to $952,000 last year. This is just another measure of the enthusiasm and commitment to building a stronger MacMurray and building a bright future for our students.

David Hawsey
Vice President of Institutional Advancement & Enrollment Management
At MacMurray College, we pride ourselves on preparing students for productive lives as leaders and servants in their communities. Unrestricted by traditional obstacles, our graduates are equipped with the tools to solve problems creatively and to think critically - making it possible for them to achieve their career goals. Our excellent faculty and academic programs continue to lay the foundation for our students to be successful and your gift to the Annual Fund makes it possible.

With your continued support, there is no limit to what MacMurray College can achieve!
One of the core values that define and guide the philosophy and curriculum at MacMurray College is service, and within the School of Professional Studies, you will find service front and center.

“The College prides itself on preparing students to serve people and their communities,” said Bruce Liebe, senior director of the School of Professional Studies and assistant professor of homeland security.

Look no further than the stories in this magazine, as it is filled with MacMurray alumni who have dedicated their lives to making a difference in communities nationwide.

“Whether it is nursing, social work or criminal justice, there is an obvious element of public service,” Liebe noted. “Even with accounting, business, marketing and sport management, it’s not so much public service but a needed service all the same.”

A key component of service learning occurs outside of the classroom, and MacMurray College understands and embraces the importance of real-world experience. Each student in the School of Professional Studies is required to have an internship – it might be with the local police department or working with a nonprofit organization. Whatever it might be, students will walk away with a better understanding of their professional trajectory.

“We allow students to experience and realize, and perhaps find their niche, to determine what they actually want to do once they graduate from MacMurray,” Liebe said. “These internships also allow our students to build community contacts as they look to begin or advance their careers.”

As important as that real-world experience is, the foundation to help graduates transition to their professional careers is still built on a solid liberal arts education.

“We still stress the importance of securing a broad general education,” Liebe said. “We push general education for that foundation that gives our students the critical thinking skills needed to be successful in any given circumstance. We have to sometimes remind students that these aren’t just the courses you have to take for your degree requirements, there is a purpose and there is a value to them.”
When Rosanne (Peters) Hartley ’90 was in sixth grade, she had the unfortunate opportunity to see firsthand the work that nurses do in a hospital.

“My 10-year-old brother was burned over 33 percent of his body and in critical condition, and when I went to the hospital to visit him, I was in awe of all the care the nurses delivered,” Hartley said. “From that point on, I knew I wanted to be a nurse.”

As the oldest of seven children growing up in New Berlin, Illinois, Hartley would be the first to go to college. “MacMurray had a nursing program and it was close to home,” Hartley said. “I was able to commute, and since clinicals were in Springfield and Jacksonville, it was nice being halfway between the two.”

Not only did Hartley graduate from MacMurray’s nursing program, she also became a captain in the United States Navy. “I knew I wanted to get my education first and come in as an officer,” Hartley said. It was mere moments after the nursing pinning ceremony at the College when Hartley was sworn in outside of Annie Merner Chapel.

Hartley was commissioned as an Ensign and completed Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island. Her first duty station was Naval Medical Center San Diego, working as a staff nurse on the cardio-thoracic step-down unit.
The Navy was always an option in the back of her mind but it was the physical fitness aspect that drew Hartley in at first. “Something made me think that in the Navy, or any branch of the military for that matter, they will pay you to stay in shape,” she said.

However, it also gave her a chance to do her own thing. “I was from the farm, and I loved it, but I had five brothers, which meant much of my work was inside while they worked outside. So I wanted to go off and do something on my own and prove my independence.”

Hartley certainly proved that, and then some, in the Navy. Throughout the years, she has had five sets of orders to San Diego, three sets of orders to Japan and two orders to Guam.

She also was assigned to a Fleet Surgical Team in 1997 where she gained experience with the Navy-Marine Corps team and completed two Western Pacific deployments onboard the U.S.S. Peleliu (LHAS) amphibious ship for U.S. Marine Corps transport.

In 2003, then Lt. Commander Hartley was assigned to the Kitty Hawk (CV63), an aircraft carrier stationed in Yokosuka, Japan.

“It’s hard to describe what carrier life is like until you’ve lived it,” Hartley said. “There are only 12 carriers in the Navy, so there are only 12 nurses in the Navy doing what you do. It can be scary, but it can be fun. You’re the only critical care nurse on the ship and on the fleet surgical team with the amphibious readiness groups. You have to be competent in your skills and be ready to handle whatever comes to you at sea.”

Hartley’s dedication and hard work led to what she calls “the pinnacle of her career” as the Senior Nurse Executive and Director for Nursing during her second tour at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam.

“Going back to Guam the second time was a great experience,” Hartley said. “I lead over 100 nurses in a 33-bed facility that admits an average of 130 patients, delivers 35 babies and performs 10 resuscitations on a monthly basis. It’s the Navy’s only hospital that accepts direct trauma.”

It might have been the pinnacle of her career, but it was not without its sacrifices.

“I had to leave my husband and two daughters in San Diego, so that was the hardest part,” Hartley said. “My oldest daughter, Amelia, went to college three weeks before I had to head to Guam, and my youngest, Christina, was in a great parochial school so we really didn’t want to move her from that. And my husband, Derek, had a good job with the Boy Scouts that we didn’t want him to give up. Therefore, it made more sense for me to go to Guam unaccompanied.”
After 37 months in Guam, Hartley is now in what she calls her “twilight tour.” She got her final orders to return to the Naval Medical Center San Diego as nursing supervisor. “I’ll retire on June 1, 2020,” Hartley said.

As she is finishing her extensive career in the Navy, Hartley said it was at MacMurray where she learned the necessary tools to be successful. “The small classes gave me the opportunity to lead and to speak,” Hartley said. “It’s small enough that you know most of the students in your class which gives you more confidence when you speak in public. So, for me, it was fairly easy to teach health promotion classes while deployed on the Fleet Surgical Team and the aircraft carrier. I also had the confidence to speak up and make sure they ordered and obtained all the equipment and supplies I needed to deliver care successfully.”

MacMurray also gave Hartley a chance to play sports which helped her build a fitness routine that benefited her throughout her career.

“I played basketball and softball all four years at Mac and I acquired a physical fitness attitude and the ability to exercise and push myself to the limit,” Hartley said.

Her coach, Karen Sweitzer ’79, would not let the athletes say “I can’t” when it came to physical fitness. “Because of that, in the Navy I’ve always been able to get outstanding marks on all my physical fitness tests.”

In the Navy, not maintaining physical fitness standards can be a reason you are asked to leave.

“Thankfully, physical fitness was instilled in me at Mac and it has never been a pitfall for me in the Navy,” Hartley said. “I’ve always been able to meet and exceed the standards and that all started by playing sports at MacMurray.”

When Hartley finishes her “twilight tour” and retires from the Navy, she looks forward to spending more time with family, which includes coming back to visit her Illinois family.

Photo captions: (pg. 19) Hartley with one of her young patients at the Multinational Medical Unit in Kandahar, Afghanistan. (pg. 20) Hartley, with Hospitalman Master Chief David Lally, on board the U.S.S. George Washington in Japan for a medical readiness inspection. (left) Hartley, with Lt. Commander Marilyn Simms and Lt. Christina Wynn, leaving Afghanistan. (above) At the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Hartley is speaking at the 109th birthday celebration of the Navy Nurse Corps.
MacMurray inspired me to serve other people, to make a difference,” John Austin Tuthill ’67 said. Through talking with his professors and taking their classes, he figured out, “It’s not money I’m interested in. I’m interested in making a difference. I’m interested in doing something good in my community.”

While at MacMurray College, Tuthill found mentors in Dr. Vernon Schaefer, former associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Gerald Royce, former associate professor of economics. “When I was in grad school, I was communicating with Dr. Shaefer, and he was encouraging me. Dr. Royce was a personal friend. I consider myself lucky that I had a lot of support from a lot of people, and it was kind of an incubation of my desire to go into the social services.”

Tuthill’s time at MacMurray was the beginning of his desire to help others, and MacMurray instilled within him “The Four Rules for Service: (One) Always treat other people the way you would like to be treated; (Two) Always do the best job you can; (Three) Never accept mediocrity in anything you do; (Four) Always do the right thing,” a philosophy that has and continues to guide him.

Tuthill received his Honors Baccalaureate in psychology from MacMurray in 1967. He chose to continue his education, earning a master’s degree in social psychology and psychometrics from the University of Manitoba, Canada, in 1970 as well as doing further graduate work in counseling at the University of Maine. While in Maine, he took a job at a training center where he was eventually promoted to manpower services manager.

“A lot of the clients in the program were people who had just gotten out of jail or who had substance abuse problems,” Tuthill said. “I became fascinated by it and I thought, ‘There’s got to be a better way of dealing with these people.’”

Tuthill moved to Oregon and took the beginning steps in his career as a first responder with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office. He then moved on to work at the Oregon Board of Parole as a chief parole analyst, and was later promoted to director.
and chief probation officer of Linn County Community Corrections where, along with 37 employees, he was responsible for supervising 2,000 offenders.

Throughout his career, Tuthill has continued to make a name for himself as an innovator. “I think I had a reputation for trying new ideas and implementing new concepts. I was chairman of the Oregon Association of Community Corrections Director’s Research Committee and that’s kind of my thing.” One of these new ideas was Electronic Home Detention which would swap signals from an ankle bracelet through a home phone and share the location of the offender – now accomplished via GPS. “I read an article in one of our journals that it was being implemented in Florida,” Tuthill noted. “So I flew to Florida, I looked at the system, I liked it and I brought it back to Oregon.”

Tuthill’s biggest accomplishment was implementing the use of cognitive restructuring which involves taking the offender and exposing that person to an extended educational format to help them get re-socialized. To get the ball rolling, he used grant money to bring trainers down from Canada to train his staff in cognitive restructuring which would be used in conjunction with alcohol and drug counseling.

“I tried to bring in a mosaic of programs that would optimize our treatment protocols, and we found this to be very effective,” Tuthill shared. “Again, I was always looking for the best mechanism that I could craft that would improve the outcome equation of the offenders.”

During his career, Tuthill also became very familiar with administrative law. He became the person called on when someone was in need of an expert, and he ultimately traveled around Oregon to implement training for topics such as the use of force continuum and search and seizure. After publishing his essay titled “The Neurobiological Basis of Violence,” he was asked to teach a course at Western Oregon University as well as to participate in a panel at the American Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Tuthill has always had a passion for teaching. He taught as an adjunct professor for 33 years at the Oregon Police Academy and Western Oregon University. He has also voluntarily taught ethics classes at public service agencies. He was named Oregon Manager of the Year and received the Criminal Justice Distinguished Service Award in 1999 along with being named to “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” in 2002 and 2003.

Tuthill retired as director and chief probation officer in 2001 and continued to teach until 2011 when he decided to fully retire and use his free time to hike, backpack and go mountaineering, taking his camera along to snap pictures of the wildlife. He also enjoys traveling, especially when he takes the Queen Mary II from New York to Southampton, England, where he can enjoy hiking in the lake country.

This past Homecoming, Austin, as his friends call him, returned to campus to help open the Blackstock Time Capsule and celebrate his 50th reunion with the friends he made so many years ago. He and members of The Association, an unsanctioned fraternity, gather together yearly to reminisce and share their many favorite MacMurray memories.
Whenever 27-year veteran of social services and author Katrina (Todd) Boldin ’91 has a chance to speak in front of a classroom of potential social workers, she usually spends a few minutes trying to scare the “hell” out of them.

“I tell these kids if you have an inkling that you can’t do this, pick another field, any field,” Boldin said. “And don’t even consider working with children in this field because they need somebody who will be there for them and who cares about them. They already have a world of people that come and go in their life that hurt them.”

She also tells students to think long and hard about what life might look like when paying back their student loans. “It’s a lot easier to pay them back when you enjoy what you are doing, and enjoyment comes in different ways,” Boldin said. “I’m not saying that choosing social work as a profession is going to be unicorns and rainbows because it’s not, but if you want to make a difference and if you want to be the difference in someone’s life, whether it’s a child, an adult, the elderly, substance abuse, if you want to make a difference in this world, then you should become a social worker or a teacher or work in criminal justice.”

Boldin was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and grew up in Gary, Indiana. She started at MacMurray College in 1986 and graduated in 1991 with a major in social work.

“As an alum of MacMurray, I firmly believe that it was the professors and staff that supported me so much,” Boldin said. “They pushed me to want to be the difference in somebody else’s life like the way they made a difference in my life.”

One defining moment at MacMurray was when Boldin found out her mother had cancer – a day after the drop date for classes. “I went into Dean Muriel Smith’s office crying, explaining the situation,” Boldin said. “Dean Smith put her arm around my shoulder and walked me to the registrar’s office and told them to drop me from every class with zero penalty.”

Boldin then spent a couple more hours talking with the dean. “Dean Smith made an impact on my life and she’s not the only one. There are many more at Mac that do it every single day. They make a difference.”

Making a difference in someone’s life is the reason Boldin spent nearly 30 years in the social service field. As a military spouse, she did so in several locations across the country from California to Texas to Washington as her husband received new orders.

It was in Texas where Boldin found her passion for social work when she worked for the Texas Department of Family Protective Services (TDFPS), Child Protective Services. There she served hundreds of children suffering from abuse and neglect. Boldin assisted the biological parents with services in an effort to have their children returned to their care. She worked hand in hand with court appointed special advocates, court systems and service providers. Boldin was an active supporter and voice for the children in foster care, insuring that their best interest was always the priority. During her tenure with TDFPS, Boldin was promoted to supervisor and was instrumental in developing and motivating her staff to have the same passion for the permanency of all children.

When her husband received another set of orders, this time to Illinois, Boldin began putting that passion on paper and wrote her book, “Can Someone Help Carry My Baggage.” In the book, Boldin tells the story of a handful of children she worked with who had been abused and neglected and deemed “unadoptable.”

“I wanted to tell their story of how unconditional love can make a difference,” Boldin said.

The story is told not only from the views of children, but also from
the experiences of the social worker and adoptive families. You can find Boldin’s book, under the author name of K.A. Cory, on Amazon.com.

Today, both Boldin and her husband, Robert, are retired living in Virginia, close to their daughter and granddaughters. “I’m technically retired from the field, but I go around to colleges and speak to classes,” Boldin said. “I get invited back to MacMurray every year and when I was told my book was on the mandatory reading list, it brought me to tears.”

Growing up on the south side of Chicago in Englewood, Earnest Wallace ’02 learned firsthand the importance of a mentor.

“There was always something to get into and I got into a little trouble myself,” Wallace said.

Luckily for Wallace, he had his parents and his high school football coach, who took the time to be a part of his player’s lives.

Wallace learned that if you get into trouble, you still have an opportunity to better yourself, and that is the message he tries to convey as a probation officer in DuPage County, Illinois, in the Chicagoland area.

“When you get into trouble, most people feel like their life is over,” Wallace said. “I want to show these kids that they still have a chance to turn their life around.”

Wallace works with kids from age 13 to 21 years old. “We see ourselves as the eyes and the ears of the judge, and we make sure the juveniles are doing what the judge ordered them to do.”

It has always been about helping kids find their way for Wallace. At MacMurray College, Wallace was a psychology major and physical education minor and was “hell-bent” on teaching and coaching. “That’s what I wanted to do and I actually did just that for two years after I graduated, but I felt like I needed to do more.”
Wallace then worked five years at Lutheran Child and Family Services, a residential treatment facility in Addison, Illinois. Even though he was directly helping children, he still felt like he could do more. As a probation officer, he feels like he can directly affect troubled kids in a positive way.

Wallace credits MacMurray for showing him a different perspective. “Coming from the south side of Chicago, we only really knew what went on in our community,” Wallace said. “When I got to MacMurray, it broadened my horizon and gave me the opportunity to meet and relate to people with different backgrounds.”

Wallace said coming from a bigger city was a bit of a shock. “You don’t have all the hustle and bustle. When you come down to Jacksonville it’s tiny, it’s quiet and you can see the whole town within 20 minutes.”

For those first-year students coming to MacMurray, especially from a bigger city, Wallace would tell them to come in with an open mind, focused on bettering themselves. “Don’t let much of the outside stuff distract you because it can be easy,” Wallace said. “Know your goals, work hard and find something to do. Once you find something to do, it’s easy. That’s when it starts to be fun.”

Thinking back on his time at MacMurray, Wallace’s favorite memories were being a charter member of the Epsilon Kappa chapter of Iota Phi Theta fraternity and forming lasting bonds with his friends on the football team.

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MacMurray College junior Kiersten Hann ’19 spent last summer working for the United States Coast Guard in New London, Connecticut, as an intern at the Research and Development Center.

The opportunity for this internship was conceived by Board of Trustee member Karen (Lando) DiRenzo ’84 and her husband Joe DiRenzo. Karen DiRenzo, who earned her nursing degree from MacMurray in 1984, spent over 30 years in the U.S. Navy and then joined the College’s governing board in 2015. “When I was asked to serve on the board it was right as I was retiring from the Navy,” she said. “The timing was perfect.”

Joe DiRenzo works for the U.S. Coast Guard as the Director of Research Partnerships collaborating with schools around the country supporting the command’s internship program. Karen DiRenzo’s active support and passion for her alma mater along with her husband’s work with the U.S. Coast Guard built the connection between the Coast Guard and the College.

The RDC has had a vibrant program bringing interns into the center for a decade. Hann joined interns from other schools including the University of Notre Dame, Tiffin University and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

“This internship gave Kiersten the opportunity to gain experience outside of Jacksonville,” Karen DiRenzo said. “It gave her the ability to see what is out in front of her as she prepares to graduate.”

In the two months Hann spent with the Coast Guard, she helped develop the framework for the Coast Guard Research and Development Doctrine as well as assisted in conducting research on voice forensics.

“I would read as many articles and papers on the designated project as I could and help assist with the final outcome,” Hann said. “And then, once every few weeks we would get to go on ‘field trips’ and do really cool things like taking a tour of Sector Long Island Sound and driving a Coast Guard small boat in the harbor.”

One highlight of the internship was when she met Stephen Flynn, professor of political science at Northeastern University and the founding director of the Global Resilience Institute. Dr. Flynn is recognized as one of the world’s leading experts on critical infrastructure and supply chain security and resilience.

“I was able to use my homeland security and criminal justice knowledge to discuss critical infrastructure with him,” Hann said. “It was really awesome!”

Internships like the one Hann experienced with the Coast Guard are what the DiRenzo’s are looking to establish with MacMurray on a regular basis. They have been working with Bruce Liebe, senior director of the School of Professional Studies and assistant professor of homeland security, to identify internship opportunities that might be useful for the College’s homeland security program – many of which are in MacMurray’s backyard.

“MacMurray has a relationship with the department of homeland security center of excellence at the University of Illinois (Critical Infrastructure Resilience Institute - CIRI) and
Ben Perkins ’18 lived with his father in Greely, Colorado, after his parents divorced. As an 18-year-old high school graduate, Perkins was not interested in attending college. He had one interest – following his father’s footsteps and joining the military with the goal of becoming a paratrooper. Despite his father’s attempts to keep him from enlisting, Perkins joined the Army in 1985 and was stationed as an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

After serving three years in Vicenza, Italy, and doing a tour in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Perkins retired from the military and moved to Springfield, Illinois, where he took classes and became an EMT in 1994. At the same time, he began his law enforcement career as a patrol officer at Sangamon State University, now University of Illinois – Springfield. Perkins worked at the university until 1996 when he joined the Springfield Police Department.

Despite his budding career and civilian life, Perkins missed the comradery of the military and, in 1999, enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard where he was assigned as a combat medic with the Forward Support Medical Company at Camp Lincoln in Springfield. He worked several assignments and eventually became the Evacuation Platoon Sergeant.

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These roles led to two separate deployments overseas. In 2004-2005, Perkins served in Iraq as an advisor to Iraqi security forces and from 2009-2010 he served as a senior medic for all the police mentoring teams in southern Afghanistan. After injuries resulted in two separate spinal fusions, Perkins was medically retired from the Army after 19 years of service.

Throughout his second stint in the military, Perkins continued working with the Springfield Police Department. In 2000, he became a detective in the Crime Scene Services unit, describing his crime scene investigation career as “rewarding and haunting at the same time.”

Perkins and his wife, Tiffany, have been married since 2010, and they are the proud parents of a five year-old son, Brody, and 12-year-old daughter, Madelyn. Perkins also has another daughter, Elizabeth, who is now a 22-year-old pediatric nurse in Davenport, Iowa. Before Perkins had retired from the military, he intended to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to Elizabeth so she could attend college for free. Due to a clerical error by the VA, which was not discovered until after Perkins had retired, Elizabeth was unable to take advantage of Perkins’ hard-earned benefits.

As a result, Perkins realized he was sitting on essentially a full-ride scholarship courtesy of his time served in the military. After looking at many online criminal justice programs, he decided to take advantage of his benefits and chose MacMurray College because the criminal justice major focuses on homeland security. In January 2014, Ben Perkins, 47 year-old military veteran of three combat tours, police detective, husband and father of three, was in the classroom for the first time in nearly 30 years.

Although Perkins felt he possessed superb time management skills, it took him a fair amount of time to balance school with his personal life. Describing the task of being a good father and husband, he said: “When the kids have to be at dance and the wife is at work, sometimes I have to sit in my truck using my laptop trying to get discussion posts completed.” It hasn’t always been easy on his children, especially Brody. “It’s hard to explain to your five year old why you can’t play with him as much because you have lots of homework.”

Adding his professional life into the equation compounded the challenge. “The difficulty is turning in quality work when I’m called in to work a homicide on Sunday and pushed hard on it until Tuesday morning,” Perkins observed. “Then I have to go home on little to no sleep and read two to three chapters before I can do my discussion posts by midnight Wednesday.”

Perhaps the biggest challenge was his decision to switch careers while working toward his bachelor’s degree. Perkins retired from the Springfield Police Department in 2017 after 21 years served and almost immediately became the security manager for HSHS St. John’s Hospital in Springfield. “I thought it was the perfect position to use my education from MacMurray College,” Perkins said. “Plus, changing careers at 50 seemed like the thing to do!”

Perkins embodies the modern online student – a working professional with years of career experience willing to make personal sacrifices to earn a degree. He is most thankful to have had supportive faculty who made his academic experience memorable. “I am appreciative of the instructors at Mac. They have challenged me. It has been a wonderful yet taxing experience. I am glad that I have taken it on, and I’m glad I did it with MacMurray!”
After a record setting summer of alumni gatherings, this fall’s gatherings were centered around our athletic alumni. Many alums returned to the court and field to enjoy the competition and comradery of their former teammates.

Alumnae Volleyball Game: August 25

Alumni Soccer Game: August 26

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Alumni Basketball Game: January 27
**DOWN THE AISLE**

1. **ANNA (DICKHUT) FRAZEE ’11,** of Camp Point, Illinois, and Rev. Joshua Frazee of Shobonier, Illinois, were united in marriage on July 1, 2017. After a honeymoon in Colorado and Utah, the Frazees now reside in Shobonier, Illinois.

2. **JILLIAN (STALEY) MANSFIELD ’05** and husband Tim welcomed their second daughter, Adeline Sloane Mansfield, born May 10, 2017. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Jillian writes, “Her big sister, Scarlett Paige (3) enjoys having a little sister and is quite the helper. It has been such a joy having Adeline in our family!”

3. **ELAINE (KONTOMINAS) ALQUIST ’66** of Santa Clara, California, has published a book titled “When You Lose Your Soulmate, Do You Lose Yourself?” In this poignant memoir, Elaine pours her heart out while sharing her intimate journey. It is a message of hope, love, grief and joy. Elaine discovers that in losing her soulmate, she does not lose herself, but in fact finds her stronger, more vibrant self in the process. Her book can be purchased on Amazon.

4. Three of the original 12 members of The Association, an unsanctioned Mac fraternity, last convened at the home of DR. CHRIS ’67 and MARY (PEARCE) BARKER ’67 in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Pictured from left to right are: J. AUSTIN TUTHILL ’67, Sheila Tuthill, MARY (PEARCE) BARKER ’67, DR. CHRIS BARKER ’67, architect RICHARD BIEG ’67 and ROSEMARY (DIPAOLA) BIEG ’70. Austin writes, “We recalled our deep philosophical discussions with our professors over beers at the Island Lounge, and wondered if this zeitgeist still prevails. We learned more about economics while pheasant hunting with Dr. Royce than we ever did in his classroom.” He continues, “We recalled our days in Harker House, aka ‘Animal House’ or ‘The Zoo.’ These pejoratives transcend the metaphorical as we encountered chickens, ducks, geese, a goat and a sheep domiciled therein; a cacophony of barnyard utterances permeating the hallowed halls of Harker House was the ineluctable corollary of these scenarios.” He recalls being awakened one morning by the sound of a rooster crowing outside his door, and upon opening the door, observing the regal bird strutting down the hallway. He concludes, “This writer would be remiss should he fail to proffer the highest of accolades to the MacMurray alumni relations staff for their outstanding job in orchestrating the 2017 Reunion. Thank you! Our tenure on this island earth is finite so we treasure the memories, as fleeting as they may be.”

**FUTURE HIGHLANDERS**

3. **ERIC JAMES “JIM” BURTON ’68,** Murfreesboro, Tennessee, received Dean Emeritus designation for the department of accounting at Middle Tennessee State University.

4. **CORDELL STRUG ’68,** McHenry, Illinois, has published a novel about rural Minnesota life in the 1980s. The title is “If You Lived Here, You’d Be Home Already.”

**NEWS NOTES**

1940s


1960s

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DEBORAH (ROSENKRANTZ) CURTIS ’72 was appointed as the 12th president of Indiana State University. Curtis, who was provost and chief learning officer at the University of Central Missouri, began her duties on Jan. 3. She succeeds President Dan Bradley, who retired the same day after more than nine years at Indiana State. Curtis was selected following a national search which drew more than 70 candidates. She will be the second Indiana State graduate and the first woman to serve as president of Indiana State. She earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Indiana State after completing a master’s degree in music education from the University of Illinois and a bachelor’s in music education from MacMurray College. She also taught at University School, Indiana State’s laboratory school, for one year to fill-in for a teacher on maternity leave, a role that led to her decision to pursue her doctorate and a career in higher education. She has been the provost and chief learning officer at the University of Central Missouri since 2012. In that role her responsibilities have included overseeing all academic programs and support services, including the university’s four academic colleges, the library and extended studies, as well as enrollment management, information technology and student affairs. Prior to becoming provost at Central Missouri, Curtis served as dean of the College of Education at Illinois State University from 2006 to 2012, interim dean from 2005 to 2006 and as director of the Cecilia J. Lauby Teacher Education Center and Clinical Experiences and Certification Processes from 2001 to 2005. She served on the faculty of Illinois State for 26 years, advancing to the rank of full professor.

ANTHONY LICATA ’76 of Highland Park, Illinois, has published a book titled “Hannibal’s Niece.” This epic story is a riveting tale of love and war, alliance and betrayal, political machinations and intrigue, bringing history to life with unforgettable grandeur. The book can be purchased on Amazon.

LEITHA WALLING ’78 of Winfield, Illinois, retired in May 2012 as a teacher for the hearing impaired for two years and learning disabled for 20 years as well as art for 11 years. She just adopted her second child — an eight year old daughter from China. Her 12 year old son is from Haiti.

JOHN SCHUETTE ’81, a double major in chemistry and math, came back to visit NADINE SZCZEPANSKI’S ’79 Mac 108 class on Nov. 17 to talk about challenges with sugar reduction in food and beverages. Schuette is now the director of research and development at Quaker, a division of PepsiCo.

MARLA (MONTGOMERY) HERNANDEZ ’97, JEN CURRAN ’97 and HEATHER (HARRELL) GIBSON ’97 gathered this past summer at the Hernandez home and enjoyed each other’s company as well as the Miami view.

DERVON FRANCIS ’16 recently received the Gary Sailes North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Graduate Diversity Scholarship. Sailes is an award-winning professor at Indiana University, and is widely recognized for his research and advocacy on collegiate sport access and Critical Race Theory. The purpose of this scholarship is to create a mechanism to identify racial and/or ethnic “minority” graduate students who are doing research in the area of sport sociology, and to provide a means of supporting their work and association with NASSS. The award is for $500 and to be applied toward expenses associated with attendance at the NASSS annual conference.
In Memoriam

BY CLASS YEAR

DOROTHY (MAGLARIS) AMOS ’34, Newburgh, IN, October 31, 2017 at the age of 104.
AGATHA (WARD) SIGMOND ’35, Bowie, MD, December 4, 2017, at the age of 103.
YVONNE (BOST) PICKETT ’37, Bozeman, MT, August 14, 2017 at the age of 101.
MARSHA (MORGAN) SVOB ’38, Chandler, AZ, June 2, 2017 at the age of 100.
JEANE (MERRILL) RUHLE ’42, Kansas City, MO, December 9, 2017.
DORIS (ARNOLD) DIAL ’43, Virginia Beach, VA, December 2, 2017.
JUNE (SISSEM) HUBBARD ’43, Colville, WA, May 6, 2017.
MARY (COPE) SLOAN ’44, Newport, OR, September 1, 2017.
JEAN (MOORE) ANDERSON ’45, Sebastopol, CA, June 19, 2017.
HELEN (COX) KILLAM ’45, Jacksonville, IL, July 17, 2017.
CORRINE "CONNIE" (HINTERBERG) WESTBY ’45, Phoenix, AZ, November 4, 2017.
RUTH (PLATT) FLINN ’46, Maquon, IL, September 14, 2017.
BETTE (BRUCE) BUSCH ’47, St. Louis, MO, in 2017.
KATHRYN (DOUVAS) KOFOS ’47, Marlborough, MA, September 19, 2017.
ELIZABETH (PLATT) WANDELL ’48, Elgin, IL, December 2, 2017.
VIRGINIA (STEWART) BEERP ’49, Jacksonville, IL, September 17, 2017.
CHARLOTTE ERB ’49, Sun City, AZ, May 16, 2017.
RUTH (HADRABA) LAVA ’50, Chicago, IL, June 6, 2017.
EVELYN (HAAS) HECK ’51, Waynesboro, VA, October 8, 2017.
MARY ARMSTRONG ’52, Denver, CO, August 4, 2017.
MARY (Blumer) Dauer ’52, Alton, IL, September 8, 2017.
Susan (Lapiere) Venable ’52, Jackson, MO, September 17, 2017.
Mary (Carlyon) Faires ’54, Cherryville, NC, July 7, 2017.
Judith (Loveless) Battles ’57, Yucca Valley, CA, February 24, 2017.
Linda (Smithey) Ellinwood ’59, Montgomery Village, MD, August 28, 2017.
Laurel (Crawford) Hawkins ’59, Brazil, IN, July 14, 2017.
Mary Klattenhoff ’60, Charlotte, NC, September 29, 2017.
Thomas Jones, Jr. ’64, Chicago, IL, September 7, 2017.
Betti (Merris) Major ’67, Bloomsburg, PA, May 6, 2017.
Paul Davock ’70, Livonia, MI, in 2017.
Mike Haliburton ’71, Aurora, IL, in June 2017.
Phil Noteboom ’75, Wausau, WI, September 23, 2017.
Kyle Caskey ’86, Key West, FL, August 18, 2017.
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- Spread the word about the great education that MacMurray has to offer
- Attend gatherings in your area to share your Mac experience with prospective students

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