An Exciting New Era Begins
17th President Dr. Beverly E. Rodgers
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Dear alumni and friends,

My first semester as president of MacMurray College is in full swing and I am excited to see where this year takes us.

We have many reasons to be excited and it all starts with our faculty and staff. I saw how diligently they worked when I was provost, but it has become even clearer now that I am president. Very few of us here at MacMurray have only one job; nearly every one of us tackles multiple tasks on a daily basis and does them well. We all have more to do than we can do, but we go about our work in this dedicated way because we believe that MacMurray College has an important role to play in the education of our students and within the local community.

The role of MacMurray College goes beyond what is learned on our campus. We have more than 700 alumni in Morgan County alone and those alumni contribute to the job market, the intellectual health of the community and spend dollars in the community. The economic impact of the College is larger than most might realize. It is actually quite phenomenal when you look at how much the College spends with local vendors. With this in mind, one of my goals this year is to have an economic impact report done on the College so we can go out into our community and ask for support. When businesses realize the amount of monetary contributions MacMurray generates, they will see it is in their best interest to support us with our strategic plan and mission. Through that plan, our College will continue to educate our students and produce alumni that contribute to their society and the communities they live in.

In this edition, you will read exactly how MacMurray College impacted students by leading them to a life of faith, and how, as alumni, they are using their faith to better serve their communities and the College. Rev. Robin Whitlock ’68, Rev. Bill Eastin ’78, Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin ’78 and Rev. Beth Fender ’91 all made the most of their opportunities here at Mac. We must continue to provide these opportunities for students to understand what faith is and to explore how faith can be manifested in their lives. I think it’s the responsibility of a liberal arts college to provide that opportunity for each student to explore.

It is an incredible honor to serve as the 17th president of MacMurray College. We still have some big strides to make, but I believe in MacMurray and I am excited to work with my MacFam to continue moving the College forward.

Sincerely,

Beverly E. Rodgers
President, MacMurray College

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If you were wondering how important an internship would be for your career path, stop by the Jenkins Education Complex and take a look at the new internship display. The display highlights the experiences MacMurray College students have had interning with businesses and organizations from around the area.
Mac students study abroad in England

This fall, Dr. Joseph Squillace, director of the social work program and associate professor of social work, is accompanying nine MacMurray College students to Canterbury, England, for the semester.

This study abroad opportunity is a new cooperative program between MacMurray College and Canterbury Christ Church University.

“We know the profound impact that experiential learning has upon students long after they graduate,” Squillace said. “Having a global perspective is more important than ever and we are excited to be able to give these students the opportunity to study abroad for a full semester.”

While in Canterbury, students are living on campus with other students from across the world and taking classes at Canterbury Christ Church University. They will also have the opportunity to explore much of England and the surrounding areas.

Follow along with the students’ experiences studying abroad in Canterbury this fall by visiting the MacMurray College blog, Highland Happenings, at www.mac.edu/blog. Also, for more information, visit www.mac.edu/studyabroad.

Mac teams help with Walk to End Alzheimer's

More than 70 students assisted the local Alzheimer’s Association committee with the Jacksonville Walk to End Alzheimer's this September. Students moved tables and chairs, set up tents and banners, manned booths for registration, t-shirts, food and much more. The baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball teams and the Mac cheerleaders were all praised for their willingness to spend a Saturday morning raising funds to support Alzheimer’s research. Most of the students participated in the actual walk and then stayed to help tear down what they had set-up earlier that morning. “This event would not have been possible without the efforts of these Mac students,” said MacMurray Communications and Marketing Director Marcy Jones.

Business Club field trip

This past spring semester, students from the MacMurray College Business Club went on their annual group trip. After traveling to Chicago last year, the group decided to venture to St. Louis. The group toured the Anheuser-Busch Brewery which included the brew houses and museum. After lunch at Raising Cane’s, the students headed to the St. Louis Zoo where they took the Business Operations Tour, and then ended the day at Busch Stadium for a St. Louis Cardinal game against the Milwaukee Brewers.
Check presented by Midtown Rotary

Students from the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Club received a check from the Midtown Rotary organization for their assistance with the 2018 Springfield Marathon. Students were assigned different posts throughout the marathon that included traffic marshals, setting up runner tents for first aid/food and giving water to runners. David Wortman, president of the Rotary Club, presented Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Club board members Alex Taberski, Sarah Baily, James Montgomery and Jabril Wali-Uddin with the check during a luncheon held for volunteers of the event.

Social work students advocate at Capitol

Joe Squillace, director of the Social Work Program, took eight social work students to the Illinois State Capitol for Advocacy Day on April 4, 2019. Students engaged in conversations with their local representatives on topics ranging from youth programs in the inner city, human trafficking, sex education programming, property tax for veterans and foster care. The group also got the opportunity to observe a debate happening on the House floor.

Students visit Virginia, D.C. and Gettysburg

Last spring, Assistant Professor Mark Lahr and the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Club visited and toured the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, to observe new agents in a variety of training situations. This training included defensive tactics, firearms/range qualifications, vehicle extrications and scenarios where agents were serving arrest warrants. Students were able to directly observe new agents going through scenario-based training in Hogan’s Alley. On the way out to the academy, the club stopped in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to visit the battlefield where President Lincoln gave his famous speech. Students also visited the National Law Enforcement Museum as well as Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The group finished their trip by visiting the Virginia State Police Academy and participated in room inspections for the new cadets. Students were given Virginia State Police patches at the end of the tour.
Professor, alum have 'Serious' talk in Springfield

In April, Professor of Art Khara Koffel and Megan Luckey '15 spoke at Innovate Springfield – a social innovation and business incubator linked with the University of Illinois. While there, they spoke to a group of prospective entrepreneurs about Serious Lip Balm’s innovative marketing strategies for business.

Koffel was also asked to be a juror for the “Outliers” exhibit at the Art St. Louis gallery. The exhibit features multi-media artwork by 36 artists based around the St. Louis area, all whose art was influenced by going against the norm. “I found myself seeking out the work that challenged me in a way that I wasn’t accustomed to,” Koffel said about her selection process. “[It forced] me to question what allowed each piece to come to the forefront or recede into the background.”

Alumna talks at AWC luncheon

MacMurray College alumna and member of the Board of Trustees, Tammy Dugan Robbins ’90, spoke at the Association of Women in Communications program luncheon in Springfield at the Sangamo Club in April. The program, “Producing a National Awareness Campaign,” featured the behind-the-scenes story of the awareness campaign produced for Shriners Hospitals for Children, where Robbins serves as the senior regional director of marketing and communication for the central region of the Hospital. Robbins spoke about how it came together, how the resulting video and public service announcements were used, and their results.

Mac alum discusses the best path to medical school

Alumnus Dr. Stephen Seltzer ’70 was back on campus on April 17 to speak to a class about his journey from MacMurray to a career in the medical profession. Seltzer discussed the best ways to get into medical school during his presentation, “From MacMurray to Medical School: Moving Past the Myths.” After receiving his bachelor’s in chemistry at MacMurray, Seltzer continued his education at the University of Iowa College of Medicine where he earned his M.D. Now retired, he spent most of his career as a family physician in private practice in Albemarle, North Carolina. He also taught at the Brody School of Medicine in Greenville, North Carolina, the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and the Duke University School of Medicine. Seltzer has received honors throughout his career including Home Care of the Carolinas Home Care Physician of the Year in 1992 and MacMurray College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2000.

Alum named head football coach at Graceland University

MacMurray College alumnus and former wide receivers coach for the Highlanders, Nate Robinson ’10, was promoted to head football coach at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa. Robinson has been a part of Graceland’s staff since 2014 and has held many roles on the Yellow Jackets football staff, serving as coach for running backs, wide receivers and special teams.
Defensive lineman Javon Muhammad capped off his remarkable career at MacMurray when he tied as the top vote-getter for NCAA Division III for the Cliff Harris Award. The award is presented annually to the top defensive player among NCAA Division II, III and NAIA institutions.

Muhammad leaves MacMurray as one of the most decorated players to come through the football program. He was the two-time UMAC Defensive Player of the Year, two-time D3Football.com All-Region pick, two-time NCAA leader in tackles for loss (TFL) per game and led the NCAA in sacks per game in 2018.

Additionally, he recorded 73.5 TFLs over his four years, including 36.5 sacks – both the best marks in Highlander history.

The award is in its sixth season of existence and was named for former Dallas Cowboys legend Cliff Harris.
Squillance receives honors for recent book

Dr. Joe Squillace, associate professor and director of the social work program, received a Certificate of Excellence from the Illinois State Historical Society for his book, “A History of the Poorhouse and Farm in Morgan County, Illinois.” It is in recognition of work of exemplary quality showing considerable creativity, serious scholarship and/or an efficient utilization of resources.

Godman earns SCP certification

This summer, Anne Godman, director of career services, earned the Senior Certified Professional certification through the Society of Human Resource Management. This international certification is designed to evaluate the core competencies that contribute to effective and successful organizations. The Senior Certified Professional exam assesses competencies, including communication, training and development, leadership, critical thinking, global and cultural effectiveness, human resources as well as career development.

Amore presents at national conference

Tasha Morwell Amore ’14, assistant director of the Center for Learning Excellence, spoke at the Association for the Coaching and Tutoring Profession’s annual national conference in April in Orlando, Florida. This conference is for learning center professionals at colleges and universities across the country. The theme of the conference was “Making Magic Happen.” Amore presented on “Ten Points to Gryffindor: Psychological Magic in the Tutoring World.” She uses Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry’s point system from “Harry Potter” to move students’ motivation for success from extrinsic to intrinsic in a variety of college settings.

Berg speaks on Albert Camus at conference in Northern Ireland

Dr. Eric Berg, professor of philosophy, spoke at Queen’s University - Belfast in Northern Ireland in May at the Anti-Communism in the Twentieth Century: An International Historical Perspective conference. The conference was attended by about 100 scholars from across the globe with many from eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and South Africa. The conference focused on intellectual, artistic, political, and military intelligence movements and organizations that opposed the ideas of communism. “I was asked to speak on Albert Camus’ early involvement with communism and his eventual harsh opposition to it,” Berg said. “Camus joined the French-Algerian Communist Party as a young intellectual at age 22 and was kicked out by age 25. His early split with the party drove him to oppose their actions in France and Algeria throughout his whole life. I delivered my address to a packed house and very much enjoyed the question and answer period after my presentation.” Berg added that Queen’s University Belfast were gracious hosts and have since asked that his remarks be turned into a paper that would be published as a chapter in a book on anti-communism in the 20th century. The book should be ready for publication by the spring of 2020.

Knapp completes teaching and assessment course

This past spring, Dr. Gwen Knapp, assistant professor of biochemistry, completed The Best Practices in Curriculum Design, Teaching and Assessment course which is managed by the American Society for Microbiology. The course, which is completed online, is a five-month course which helps to prepare participants to succeed in teaching positions within the sciences through in-depth webinars, various assignments, structured mentoring and a community of practice. It’s a fast-paced and highly interactive experience which presents practical examples in microbiology education.
After 46 years, Dr. Allan Metcalf, professor of English, is retiring from MacMurray College and has been granted Professor Emeritus status.

Metcalf served the College in many capacities over the years. He came to MacMurray in 1973 as chair of the English department and two years later became chair of the journalism program. He also served as college registrar and assistant vice president of academic affairs in the early 2000s.

“Well I think the students kept me here,” said Metcalf. “If you have a class of about a dozen students, which I often did, you learn the names of everybody, and you learn some have interesting backgrounds.”

At MacMurray, he taught courses ranging from composition to structure of English to medieval literature, as well as journalism and linguistics. Metcalf was founder and faculty advisor for The Daily Other, the only small-college daily newspaper in the country at the time, publishing five four-page issues a week beginning in 1977. The paper continued for more than a decade.

“I liked the way that it was, kind of, fearless, maybe a little foolish,” Metcalf said about the Daily Other. “Students didn’t hesitate to complain about things they thought were worth complaining about or praise things that deserved to be praised. Also, the whole attitude of the staff was enthusiastic, they enjoyed themselves and had a good time.”

Metcalf also spent 37 years as chief administrator of the American Dialect Society, a scholarly association, and as a weekly blogger for the Lingua Franca blog of the Chronicle of Higher Education from its beginning in 2011 to its ending in 2018.

He is a published author as well. This September, Oxford University Press published his eighth book on language, “The Life of Guy: Guy Fawkes, the Gunpowder Plot, and the Unlikely History of an Indispensable Word.”

In retirement, Metcalf looks forward to traveling with his wife and writing more books.

CBS Sunday Morning is “OK”


The word OK was born on the second page of the Boston Morning Post on March 23, 1839, so in honor of its 175th birthday, CBS sent Rocca to Jacksonville to learn more about the word from the guy who wrote a book about it.

Metcalf wrote the book in 2010 and has even proposed celebrating OK Day every March 23.
The interim title has been removed and Dr. Beverly Rodgers is at the helm for the next two years as MacMurray College's 17th president.

The College Board of Trustees made the announcement in August. “MacMurray has undergone an expansion of its curriculum, countless infrastructure improvements, and there is an incredible energy on campus,” Charlie O’Connell, chair, MacMurray board of trustees, said. “Hers will be a seamless transition that will provide stability along with continued momentum, which is exactly what the College requires right now.”

Rodgers spent two months as acting president after President Mark Tierno retired after four years with the College. Rodgers, who previously served as provost and vice president of academic affairs and student life, agreed to serve a two-year term as president. A formal presidential search will resume in 2020.

“I believe it is very important for us to have continuity in leadership right now,” Rodgers said. “The transition between myself and Dr. Tierno was nearly seamless — and I think being able to carry that on at this juncture is very positive.”

As provost, Rodgers was instrumental in bringing back chemistry and elementary education majors as well as adding a new major – philosophy, political science and economics. Rodgers will continue to review the curriculum with faculty and work with Dr. Gina Wyant, interim provost and vice president of academic affairs and student life, to further educational offerings that provide the most opportunities for the College and its students.

Rodgers will also be on the road, visiting alumni and reaching out to friends of the College, asking them for financial support. She said, “This plays a critical role in the sustainability of the College.”

It will also give her the opportunity to build relationships.

“I am really looking forward to meeting more of our MacMurray alumni,” Rodgers said. “I have found that those who have gone to MacMurray have such special feelings about this College and it is a pleasure to visit with them and hear their stories.”

Rodgers sees this opportunity to lead MacMurray College as an “incredible honor.”

“It’s also an incredible responsibility,” Rodgers said. “But I don’t consider the presidency any more important than anyone else here – our staff, our faculty, from maintenance to administrative assistants. It doesn’t matter. We all play a tremendous role in making sure our students receive the best of everything when they are at MacMurray College.”

MacMurray is special, its legacy is historic, the MacMurray family is incredible, and I look forward to moving this College forward.
The College’s 168th annual Commencement ceremony was held on Saturday, May 19, in Annie Merner Chapel. Dorian Warren, president of the Center for Community Change and Community Change Action, gave the keynote address, encouraging the graduates to “embrace the unexpected, and find beauty in the twists and turns” of life.

The Class of 2019 included 114 graduates. This year’s senior class speaker, Clifford O’Rourke ‘19, a business major, thanked everyone who helped him through his time at MacMurray. Ashley Huels ’19, a biology major, was awarded the Gwen Livingstone Pokora Academic Excellence Award for achieving the highest standard of academic excellence in her graduating class.

Dr. Matthew Wiediger, associate professor of psychology, was awarded the United Methodist Board of Higher Education Award for Teaching Excellence for the 2018-19 academic year. Khara Koffel, professor of art, was awarded the Dewey Wilkins Teaching Award, which goes to a full-time member of the faculty who has shown excellence in teaching.
Students arrive at MacMurray College and bring with them a variety of diverse backgrounds. When it comes to faith and religion, some students have grown up in the church while others have never attended. The common thread, though, is the fact that these students will arrive on campus and be faced with challenges they have never dealt with before – from new roommates to time management to being on their own for the first time.

“These challenges often cause students to search for answers,” Todd Sweatman, coordinator of religious life and College Chaplin, said. “Exploring their faith and becoming part of a church or faith community may give students an avenue for working through their problems and challenges.”

Many students also arrive lacking confidence and are insecure with themselves and their surroundings. “This creates anxiety and causes difficulties in making decisions,” Sweatman said. “Having a strong faith – knowing what they believe and why they believe it – allows a student to have a solid foundation.”

Over time, the role of religion and faith have changed at the College but students still have many opportunities to become involved at different levels, based on their comfort level and their point in their faith journey.

“We have a weekly lunch discussion group, weekly Bible study, Fellowship of Christian Athletes huddle groups, concerts, community service projects, leadership conferences and other activities,” Sweatman said. “We also take an annual mission trip or retreat for those students that want to spend significant time in service and personal growth.”

One thing Sweatman has noticed is that this generation desires a religious experience that is meaningful, applicable and practical. “They want to see results from the time they commit to activities,” Sweatman said. “They are willing to invest their time, but they have a desire to know they are making a difference or creating a change that is beneficial.”

Each generation is different, but the basic challenges of moving away from home for the first time to attend college has stayed consistent. Ever since MacMurray College opened its doors as the Illinois Conference Female Academy in 1846, it has been associated with the Methodist Church, giving its students a pathway to a religious experience.

In this edition, you will read how four MacMurray College alumni (and one current senior) utilized their time here at the College, setting the foundation of a life dedicated to a higher power.
Senior Judah Renfro, a business administration and marketing major from Blue Mound, Illinois, was led by his faith to attend MacMurray College. “During my senior year of high school, I was praying about it, and I just believed that God spoke to me and told me I needed to be at MacMurray College,” Renfro said. “I was like, ‘ok, cool,’ and I haven’t looked back. It has been a great experience.”

Renfro has been a big part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club on campus and has helped build it to “give it some more momentum,” Renfro said. “I started my own bible studies in Norris Hall which is the freshmen dormitory here on campus, and it has been a great experience to preach the gospel while being here.”

As for his future plans, Renfro really enjoys serving and preaching the gospel to junior high and high school students, a path that, he’s realized, is leading him towards youth ministry. “It really didn’t hit me until earlier this summer on what I really want to do with my life, but I believe that youth ministry is where I need to be,” Renfro said. “It’s where my heart is and that’s what I’m going to push forward for; that’s what I’m going to strive to accomplish.”

His experience mentoring young students at MacMurray has helped him grow and encouraged him to follow his call. “Working as an RA in the freshmen dorm has really helped prepare me for my future in youth ministry,” Renfro said. “Because, let’s be real, freshmen first get out of high school and get some freedom, they tend to do silly things and being that mentor for them has been a good experience.”

Renfro also points to the bible study programs he leads as great learning experiences for him to practice his vocation. “Those have been awesome. I think that has really prepared me to be a youth pastor somewhere, and then also just kind of building our FCA program a little bit and giving it some more headwind and some momentum has been a great experience.”

Another learning experience for Renfro was his internship with The Vineyard Church of Central Illinois in Urbana. “It was incredible, I served as an intern in the revolution ministry which is the youth ministry there,” Renfro said. “It was just awesome. The youth pastor Samuel Warden really taught me a lot and I was able to do so many different things.”

Renfro had the opportunity to set up a conference in June that more than 200 students attended. “This was the first conference like this that the church has ever had, so to have this good of a turnout was awesome,” Renfro said. “It was a fantastic experience.”

Renfro added, “This internship was life changing, I had a lot of good experiences there. I couldn’t imagine where I would be if I wasn’t able to have this type of real-world experience.”

JUDAH RENFRO

An answered prayer led to campus
Rev. Beth Gallegly Fender ’91 first heard of MacMurray College when she attended the Gifted Program on campus between 1981 and 1986.

“From my experience with that program, I got to know some of the faculty and the students who served as counselors, and I fell in love with the welcoming ‘Mac Fam’ – even if we didn’t quite use that term yet,” Fender said. “The fact that MacMurray was affiliated with the United Methodist Church helped to confirm Mac as my first choice.”

It was at MacMurray where she started to put together the plan that God had for her, which has led her to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United Methodist Church where she is Coordinator of Discipleship and New Streams. “I serve as a resource person for over 850 churches,” Fender said.

As an elementary education major at Mac, Fender said she appreciated the preparation that would have allowed her to teach right away, but it was not until she started seminary that she fully realized the value of a liberal arts-based education.

Fender completed a Master of Arts in Christian Education in 2009, was ordained in The United Methodist Church in 2011 and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spiritual Formation in 2019. “It is hard to fully express how grateful I am for all those response papers in Core, and for the experience of writing clearly and concisely in response to both lectures and primary sources,” Fender said.

She continues to use her skills in teaching and learning every day in her current role with the United Methodist Church, and Fender says she even gets to lead an annual camp for children entering kindergarten through fourth grade.

Life at Mac also played a role. She was a member of the Religious Life Committee for her first two years at Mac and an active member of the Holy Fools clown ministry all four years, serving as “Head Fool” (president) of the Holy Fools her senior year.

“These groups provided a supportive community in which I could continue to express and grow in my faith,” Fender said. “I especially appreciated the prayer circles at the end of Holy Fools meetings as we shared prayer requests and prayed for one another – and I also appreciated the hugs that followed!”

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“While my life is infinitely richer because of my faith and my connection with the church, even those who can’t find that sort of connection through a church should seek out some sort of opportunity to learn to listen to others and to share their perspective with humility, realizing that your firmly held convictions may be wrong – or only partially correct.”

Fender adds that some churches sponsor discussion opportunities at neutral sites such as restaurants, coffee houses, people’s living rooms and even bars. She suggests that people seek one of these out, even if they never attend worship services in a church building.

“It’s important to find ways to engage in service to your community which also opens up opportunities to interact with people with whom you may not always agree.

“Your Mac education equips you to be a critical thinker and an informed citizen,” Fender said. “Continue to sharpen those skills throughout your lifetime, and don’t give in to our culture’s demands for loyalty to an ideology at the expense of relationships and respectful discourse.”
Bill Eastin and Carol Lakota-Eastin, both 1978 graduates of MacMurray College, have dedicated their lives to the ministry – having 45 years under their belts as United Methodist pastors.

This calling was felt at an early age. “We are both from Peoria, Illinois, and grew up in the same neighborhood and attended Grace United Methodist Church on the southside,” Carol said. “Both active in our church, we felt the call to ministry as teenagers and came to MacMurray already planning to attend seminary after graduation.”

Bill and Carol recall Bishop Lance Webb holding convocation for young people who were considering church careers at MacMurray College. “We attended those,” Bill said. “And in addition to experiencing a deeper certainty of our Call, we also fell in love with Mac, its campus and its smaller, more intimate college setting.”

In July of 1974, Bill and Carol married, moved to Jacksonville and began their four-year journey at MacMurray College. During their time at the College, “Chaplain Jim Goulding became a dear friend and advocate,” Carol said. “And I remember weekly chapel services were grounding, which, back then, chapel was required of all freshmen and it became a part of our life together.”

Their dedication did not go unnoticed. The district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, Joe Mason, met with Bill and Carol and wanted them to begin preaching at local United Methodist churches.

That type of real-world experience along with their MacMurray education, helped them as they continued to the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. “At Mac, we received a solid liberal arts education that gave us the study skills and the higher thinking processes necessary for a theological education,” Bill said. “We have always cherished our formative years at MacMurray.”

Today, Bill is retired, and Carol is superintendent of Kaskaskia River District in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for the United Methodist Church and is heavily involved in Native American ministries. “A huge thing for my ministry, as a Native American person, is working in the area of native ministries,” Carol said. “I was the founding pastor of Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria. It is one of my greatest joys that this ministry is present in our conference.”

She recently led a volunteer team to Dayspring to work on their log cabin church building which she says is still needing more volunteer teams to come and help.

In 2012, the United Methodist Church participated in an Act of Repentance with Indigenous People at its General Conference Gathering. “I was very involved in the preparation for that including several listening sessions,” Carol said.

More recently, Carol helped lead a Why Water Matters Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which gathered native people and United Methodist leaders from several states. “My current and ongoing project that I’m on the design team for is a Native American youth program that occurs about every 18 months,” Carol said. “This fall we will be gathering 30 native youth and adults from several states including Ohio.”

This sense of purpose and direction blossomed at MacMurray and Bill and Carol hope current students absorb everything they can while at Mac. “Soak up the whole experience – the lovely campus, the faculty who know you by name and who are ready to help you cross whatever barriers you face,” Carol said. “And do not be afraid to ask for advice and direction.”

Bill added, “The wisdom you glean from your years at MacMurray will always be with you.”
Growing up, Robin Whitlock ’68 was considered a “shy child,” so having a small liberal arts campus close to home made MacMurray College a perfect fit. “My sister graduated from Mac and it was small enough and manageable for a shy guy like me,” Whitlock recalls. “And it was an easy drive from Rockford (Illinois) where I grew up.”

Whitlock arrived at MacMurray in 1964 and at that time the College required a core humanities curriculum designed to give students a well-rounded education – a staple of the liberal arts. This proved invaluable to Whitlock as he followed up with graduate education through seminary and into the world beyond.

“The exposure to the liberal arts added up to me understanding a lot of things well, examining them and being able to teach about them,” Whitlock said. “MacMurray taught us the micro view of being human as well as the impact on others. Because of MacMurray, I have accomplished things I would have never thought I would do.”

And what he thought he was going to do when he first got to Mac, turned out to be, as he learned, a mistake.

What was fascinating for me in high school was that I loved labs, and especially biology, so when Mac asked me to declare a major, I chose pre-med,” Whitlock said. Later he noticed pre-med students around campus carrying a dead cat in a plastic bag. “They had to dissect cats, and identify every nerve, muscle, and every artery and vein in this cat,” Whitlock said. “You really had to memorize a lot and memory had never been my strength. So, the reality of it all hit.”

Whitlock went back to the course catalog and wanted to find an academic program which would allow him to take a good number of classes in the humanities, which he had always enjoyed. He found a major more suited for his interests: philosophy and religion.

“I signed up for philosophy and religion before the first year was over, and I discovered I can more easily remember things if they are in context...
and there is a rational, analytical reason for them to be what they are,” Whitlock said. “The major of philosophy and religion was perfect for me in a lot of ways.”

To this day, Whitlock finds he still quotes from textbooks he had as a student as well as words he heard at some of the Chapel presentations. “We had a variety of books that really made the right connections,” Whitlock said. “I didn’t know at the time why some of those professors chose those books, but I later found they were pretty smart about it.”

As he was studying at Mac, Whitlock was also attending Trinity Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. “I formed a great friendship with the Rector, Reginald Harris,” Whitlock said. “I was an acolyte at home and soon became one at Trinity and, later, the church actually ended up sponsoring me to seminary.”

After graduating from MacMurray, Whitlock drove to Berkeley, California, to attend seminary at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. “When I got to graduate school at Berkeley, I expected to learn from some really wise sages but, just sitting with others at meals talking philosophy, I found most of my classmates were two years behind me academically,” Whitlock said. “That was because of the outstanding formative education at MacMurray. We covered history, we covered art, music and great literature. Mac gave me a broad education that has, to this day, been helpful in my preaching, teaching, and just being able to talk with people.”

With the seminary not being exactly what Whitlock was expecting, or as challenging, he was questioning his vocation. “After two years, I met with a volunteer psychiatrist who was associated with the seminary for counseling. He asked me if I ever thought about taking a year off and doing something else.”

Whitlock loved the idea. He was feeling conflicted about his career path and told the psychiatrist that he wouldn’t mind spending a year in England studying Church History. “Looking back, that was a little crazy in England studying Church History. But it was perfect.”

After getting permission, he packed-up and moved to England for a year. “I studied Church History and Ethics at Kings College, University of London,” Whitlock said. “Ethics became my favored topic because I already had an excellent foundation at MacMurray.”

The time away was just what was needed and confirmed the original commitment, a journey enhanced by the wonderful diversity at Mac. Once Whitlock got back from England, he finished his final year of seminary and started work as a curate in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

After several years working within a church environment in Wisconsin and then at a church in Tennessee as well as a Chaplin at a university, Whitlock pivoted back to a topic that had always been important to him – professional ethics. This led him to accept a position teaching in a medical school.

“I ended up spending 12 years at the University of Maryland School of Medicine teaching medical ethics.” Whitlock, who also was the Episcopal Chaplain at the campus, said, “Simply put, ethics is prioritizing those things which require us to behave in certain ways. For example, if you are a physician, you have explicit and some implicit requirements for the way you treat patients, for the way you treat information. Many professions have ethics codes.”

In between the church positions and academic appointments, Whitlock started his own photography business. “I was interested in photography during high school and I thought I could make a living while waiting to get my next job. The exposure to art at Mac helped me take my hobby of photography to a new level as a professional.”

Whitlock had the good fortune of going out west in the winter of 1976 to study photography at an Ansel Adams workshop, “which was really terrific,” he said. This skill helped him survive since he was able to do professional photography, not only industrial and landscape photography under his own company, but he also worked at a newspaper for a while in Johnson City, Tennessee. “It was a wonderful job,” Whitlock said. “I was able to use my creativity that was enhanced by my MacMurray education.”

After leaving Maryland, Whitlock spent time studying at Loyola of Chicago before teaching ethics at The Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans and later at The Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge.

Today, Whitlock is actively retired and spends his time between Michigan and Florida. From 2005-2017, he was the priest in charge at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, and still calls that area home. In retirement, he and his wife, Ann, focus much of their time on their small non-profit, The Spafford Foundation, which mainly focuses on supporting children’s health and education, especially for the overseas, under-served.

“I’ve done a lot of teaching and a lot of learning and I’ve been able to adapt to different settings, and it is primarily because my years at MacMurray taught me to understand the big picture about society and human interactions, and how to search for solid foundations and principles in our behavior and our choices” Whitlock said.

“This, in short, is what I was able to learn at Mac.”

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My family became proud members of the “Mac Fam” one century ago when two of my great grandmothers attended the school, became fast, lifelong friends, and literally forged a lasting family connection through their children and offspring. I choose to remain part of the Mac Fam because of the College’s rich legacy and its ongoing commitment to its students and the Jacksonville area community. MacMurray is far more than an institution of higher learning; it is the dedicated people – faculty, students, staff and community – who make Mac the unique and extraordinary place that it is. This was true one hundred years ago, and it remains true today. While Mac continues to evolve to meet the needs of the students it serves today, it has preserved its rich traditions and culture through the personal attention and mentoring that professors provide their students, the many ways in which staff supports daily life on campus, and high level of regard alumni hold for their alma mater. And, with the installation of Dr. Beverly Rodgers as Mac’s new president (the 17th in 173 years) and the return of students in late August, energy and enthusiasm for our beloved Mac abound.

But we cannot rest on the successes of today. We must invest in the future of Mac to ensure that it continues to thrive and adapt to serve students and the Jacksonville area for years to come. Your financial support – at any amount – is vital to this effort. I invite you to be part of this momentum and securing a bright and prosperous future for MacMurray by investing in one or more of our four categories of support:

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On behalf of the MacMurray College community, I also offer my sincere thanks to all those donors who are recognized on the following pages. Together, we can make a huge and lasting impact.

Sincerely,

Katie Thomson

Katie Thomson
Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee, Board of Trustees
Honorary Doctorate Recipient 2017
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MacMurray College – established in 1846 by the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church as Illinois Female Academy, later named Illinois Women’s College, and finally renamed in 1931 to honor the College’s generous benefactor and Illinois Senator James E. MacMurray – has always depended on gifts from supporters like you.

Cartwright Society | $25,000 to $49,999
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Akers Society | $10,000 to $24,999
Peter Akers (1790-1886) – a principal founder of the College and president of the board of trustees – was instrumental in overseeing the College’s early financial, academic and physical development. After a major fire in 1872, Akers rallied financial support to sustain and grow the College.

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Clarence P. McClelland (1883-1974) – the College’s 8th president – was a progressive educator who carried out campus expansion projects, increased the endowment and saw enrollment double during his 27 years at the College.
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### 1940s

#### 1846 Society
- *Mrs. Dorothy Barnhardt Bunevich '40*
- *Dr. Charlotte Erb '49*
- *Mrs. Dorothy Lippincott '45*

#### Cartwright Society
- Mrs. June Baulos Moore '47

#### President’s Council
- Col. Eleanor Garvin Skinner '43

#### Michelson Associates
- *Ms. Patricia Miller '45*

#### Harker Associates
- Dr. Betty Lowell Cottle '45
- Mrs. Avis Fleming Sexton '47

#### McClelland Gold Level
- Mrs. Mary Flora Grojean '49

#### McClelland Silver Level
- Mrs. Barbara Wells Borrowman '46
- Mrs. Jean Stevens Myers '47

#### McClelland Bronze Level
- Mrs. Dorothy Frazier Anderson '48
- Mrs. Nancy Williams Bovee '48
- Mrs. Rosanna Shanks Caridad '46
- Mrs. June Clark Cheney '46
- Mrs. Lucia Jones Erkert '46
- Mrs. Joan Lukeman Fry '44
- Mrs. Bernice Grunig '48
- Mrs. Martha Hughes '48
- Mrs. Freda Sanders Johnson '48
- Mrs. Joan Essley Lawson '44
- Mrs. Beatrice Wong Lau '40
- Mrs. Joan Casisley Fields '44
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- Mrs. Carolyn Craver Potter '48
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- Mrs. Velma Snyder Wise '47

### 1950s

#### Akers Society
- Dr. Dolores Buchler '57
- Mrs. Joan Carlson Long '58
- Mrs. Joan Shaw Williams '58

#### President’s Council
- Mrs. Shirley Chang '59
- Mrs. Catherine Frugoli '56

#### Michelson Associates
- Mrs. Louise Krussell Bone '56
- Mrs. Merritt Norvell Florence '54
- Mrs. Carolyn Jokisch Wilson '56

#### Harker Associates
- Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell Aldridge '53
- Dr. Joan Sampson Anderson '57
- Mrs. Carol Fosdick Hubbard '51
- Mrs. Alice Post '53
- Mrs. Laura Combs Pratt '59 and Mr. Richard Pratt
- Mrs. Marilyn Menchhoff Wurzburger '53

#### McClelland Gold Level
- Mrs. Josephine Krussell Bennington '58 and Dr. James Bennington
- Mrs. Patricia Bauer Burnette '58 and Dr. Rand Burnette
- Mrs. Gail Burdick Dahlquist '58 and Mr. Ronald Dahlquist
- Mrs. Peggy Sornes Frank '58 and Mr. Russell Frank
- Mrs. Charlotte Sunderland Heaton '58 and Mr. F. Heaton
- Mrs. Barbara Wilson Kittle '58 and Mr. Paul Kittle

#### McClelland Silver Level
- Mrs. Judith Martin Bergmann '57
- Mrs. Joan Shade Caldwell '50
- Mrs. Elizabeth Dinius Gray '55
- Mrs. Marlaina Eckstaedt Krause '58 and Mr. Daniel Krause
- Mrs. Mary Haager McConnell '55
- Mrs. Joan Lint McLees '50
- Mrs. Marina Chiames Phelps '58
- Mrs. Edna Jones Reinhold '58 and Mr. James Reinhold

#### McClelland Bronze Level
- Mrs. Barbara Griffith Boehm '50
- Mrs. Janet Pires Bolland '56 and Mr. Thomas Bolland
- Mrs. Barbara Rockwell Calhoun '59
- Mrs. Anabel Burgh Crane '58 and Mr. Bradford Crane
- Mrs. JoAnne Williams Foster '56 and Mr. Robert Foster
- Mrs. Marie Hicks Hamly '53 and Mr. Charles Hamly
- Mrs. Marilyn Mansfield Henry '57
- Mrs. Ann Mellinger Kirkwood '50 and Mr. Kenneth Kirkwood
- Mrs. Alice Anne Hoff Lacquaement '59 and Mr. Richard Lacquaement
- Mrs. Constance Brand Lacquaement '55 and Mr. Hubert Lacquaement
- Mrs. Ruth Knetzer Landrath '51 and Mr. James Landrath
- Mrs. Carolyn Kimble Lanker '51
- Mrs. Joan Van Horn Linsley '56 and Mr. William Linsley
- Mrs. Olive Chen Liu '58 and Mr. Thomas Liu
- Mrs. Roberta Middendorf McKee '55
- Mrs. Virginia Nielsen McRae '58
- Mrs. Vivian Lynch Mussatto '50
- Mrs. Jane Johnston Perry '59 and Mr. Donald Perry
- Mrs. Lois Cohnen Potter '59
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The Blairs are pictured on the left in this photo.

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Provost Emeritus Dr. John Cox, current member of the Board of Trustees and retired faculty who was granted Emeritus Professorship in 2012, established this scholarship in 2016. Dr. Cox continues to be an important figure on campus through the legacy of this annual scholarship to a social work student as well as serving in several leadership roles. 2019 Phonathon callers also want Dr. Cox to know he makes a delicious taco dip!
The Alumni Association Board funded a new pathway on south campus from Jenkins Education Complex to Julian Hall.

The Alumni Association Board funded a new gazebo next to Rutledge Lawn.

VOLUNTEERS | FY 2018-19

MacMurray College is grateful for all who have helped support the College through their time and efforts. Thank you for helping advance MacMurray College!

Alumni Association Board

From participation in campus beautification day, planning for Homecoming, supplying freshly baked cinnamon rolls delivered to residence halls, or dining with current students, MacMurray has come to count on the Alumni Association Board. This dedicated group of alumni oversees projects that are chosen for the Frances "Betsy" Swigart Memorial Fund for Campus Improvements. This year the Alumni Board partnered with the Classes of 1962 and 1968 to complete a sidewalk connecting South Campus to Julian Hall. In addition, a beautiful gazebo south of Rutledge Hall was funded by the Alumni Association Board. We are truly grateful for their donations of time, talent, and treasure.

Interested in supporting a fund such as this? Make a contribution to the Frances "Betsey" Swigart Memorial Fund by going online or by sending a check in the mail.

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At the culmination of the 2018-19 school year, the MacMurray College athletic department, with the help of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), held the inaugural Scotty Awards. The Scotty Awards are an ESPY-like award program recognizing the accomplishments of our student-athletes, while paying tribute to the College’s Scottish heritage.

“This was such a great way to showcase the accomplishments of our student-athletes and the success of our teams,” Athletic Director Justin Fuhler said. “Our teams really support each other and this event is a great way to acknowledge all of our team’s success during their seasons.”

Past awards were revived for the Scotty Awards, including the Dan Unruh Award given to a senior male, Betty Hartman Award given to a senior female, Victor H. Sheppard Award given to one male and one female athlete, Elizabeth Rearick Sportsmanship Award given to a...
senior male and a senior female athlete, Rookie of the Year given to one freshman male and one freshman female athlete, and the MacMurray College Athletic Department Award given to a senior male and a senior female athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. These awards were decided by a committee within the athletics staff. In addition to the traditional awards, SAAC voted on other “fun” awards such as Play of the Year and Top Performance in a Game. Spearheaded by Athletic Director Justin Fuhler and Director of Athletic Communications Marissa Smego, with the help of SAAC, the Scotty Awards will continue to be a tradition celebrating the Highlanders success at the end of each school year.

**EVENT PHOTOS**

Javon Muhammad – Victor H. Sheppard Award, NCAA Awards with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler and Football Head Coach Chris Douglas

Kamryn Flesner – Victor H. Sheppard Award, Rookie of the Year with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler

Derek Bourke – Bill Wall Award with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler

Logan Dorethy – Rookie of the Year with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler

Nathan Randall – Dan Unruh Award, MacMurray College Athletic Department Award with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler

Laura Dudley – Elizabeth Rearick Sportsmanship Award with Women’s Soccer Head Coach Gabe Attanasio (left) and Men’s Soccer Head Coach John Mansholt (right)

Kamryn Flesner – Victor H. Sheppard Award, Rookie of the Year

Omar Martinez – Elizabeth Rearick Sportsmanship Award with Women’s Soccer Head Coach Gabe Attanasio (right) and Men’s Soccer Head Coach John Mansholt (left)

Reagan Witherell – Betty Hartman Award, Bill Wall Award with Athletic Director Justin Fuhler

Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society
The Highlander Club is the driving force for MacMurray College Athletics. Supported by individuals and businesses alike, the Highlander Club provides funds that enhance program operations and facility upgrades for more than 300 student-athletes. Gifts to the Highlander Club assist athletic programs in the following ways:

- Enhancement of athletic budgets for 14 sports programs
- Equipment, uniforms and supplies
- Improvements and repairs of fields and facilities

The Highlander Club is dedicated to providing an exceptional athletic experience for the student-athletes at MacMurray College through annual contributions. The support that the Highlander Club and its members provide MacMurray Athletics is essential to student-athletes being able to maintain the highest standards of excellence, both academically and athletically.

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Alumni Gathering: Springfield Muni Wizard of Oz performance, August 9

Alumni Soccer Game: August 24

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FUTURE HIGHLANDERS

Mindy (Hay) Rushford ’07 and Matt Rushford ’05 welcomed identical twin boys, Max and Milo, on July 2, 2019.

NEWS NOTES

1970s

BARBARA (JURACO) SLENTZ ’73 and her husband Ed. While back in Central Illinois, they were on campus to visit Barb’s former residence hall, Rutledge, and tour her room from her time spent at MacMurray.

JIM SORENSEN ’70, of San Francisco, Calif., was awarded a Fulbright grant for international study for the 2018-19 academic year. He was awarded a Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Child and Youth Mental Health at the University of Calgary. Sorensen’s project is entitled “Linking Addiction Treatments and Research: Focus on Ethics.” He spent four months at the University of Calgary in Calgary, Alberta.

HERB KASUBE ’71, of Peoria, Ill., writes, “In the Fall of 2018, I was presented with a pin and watch in recognition of my 40 years teaching at Bradley University. It has been a great run and not over yet.”

1980s

JAMES MAUCK, MD ’80, of Elkhart, Ind., has been elected as chief of surgery at Elkhart General Hospital to serve from January 2019 through December 2020.

1990s

ELIZABETH “BETH” GALLEGLY FENDER ’91, Decatur, Ill., graduated with a doctor of ministry degree in Spring 2019. Her thesis, entitled, “For the Transformation of the World: Spiritually-Formative Small Groups in the Wesleyan Tradition,” was approved with distinction. She writes, “I am grateful for the foundation in reading, writing, and research which I received at MacMurray, which helped to make all of this possible. I continue to serve on the staff of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church, equipping church leaders in the areas of discipleship and leader development.”

TRAVELING TO THE ORIGINAL HIGHLANDS

Ann Freiburg Opferman ’73 & Gil Opferman ’74 recently visited the land of the original Highlanders, beautiful Scotland. Gil stated, "It was a most interesting and enjoyable trip. The perfect place to get a kilt!"
In Memoriam

Dr. Frances Leland
Jacksonville, IL, July 3, 2019.
Dr. Leland began teaching chemistry at MacMurray in 1962 and retired in 1994–32 years of service to MacMurray College.

Estal Lou McCullough Hubbet ’39
Winchester, IL, July 15, 2019

Billie Weber Peters-Anderson ’43
Ursa, IL, November 20, 2016

Helen Frances ‘Fran’ Shaw Blesse ’43
Jacksonville, IL, April 28, 2019

Marian Ioder Adams ’44
Atlanta, IL, July 14, 2019

Amy Cargill Brainerd Mitchell ’44
Godfrey, IL, June 28, 2019

Joan Lukeman Fry ’44
Jacksonville, IL, July 27, 2019

Betty Jean Brewbaker Mitchell ’44
San Rafael, CA, July 20, 2018

Edith Barrett Hansen ’45
Sacramento, CA, May 19, 2019

Mary Bradley Knox ’45
Ambler, PA, June 26, 2018

Virginia Curran Wesner ’45
Peoria, AZ, March 4, 2019

Margaret Francisco Davidson ’46
Alexandria, VA, June 19, 2019

Wanda King Kinscherff ’46
Green Valley, AZ, July 8, 2019

Sara “Betty” Lonergan Dietrich ’48
Jacksonville, IL, April 15, 2019

Lois Isringhausen Landon ’48
Fort Worth, TX, January 16, 2019

Ferol Vaughn Henry ’49
Meridian, ID, February 3, 2019

Verabelle Webb Hollingshead ’49
Webster City, IA, February 28, 2019

Frances Whisler Nathanson ’49
Cedar Rapids, IA, October 8, 2018

Bonnie Weidman Nugent ’49
Naples, FL, March 17, 2019

Margaret “Peggy” Smith Sudbrink ’49
Dallas, TX, May 11, 2019

Joan Watts Huffman ’50
Carbondale, IL, April 4, 2019

Phyllis Larson ’50
Belvidere, IL, April 30, 2019

Rosemary Hess Sharp ’50
Towanda, PA, November 27, 2018

Anna Johnson Hoag ’51
Wataga, IL, March 15, 2019

Jean Reberg Seitz ’52
Grand Rapids, MI, July 20, 2019

Julie Hamill Wise ’52
Fort Collins, CO, July 2, 2019

Beverly Swanson Cordes ’53
Hillman, MI, April 5, 2019

Mary Diane Fletcher ’54
Charlottesville, VA, April 11, 2019

Evelyn Kelman Goldberg ’54
Nashville, TN, April 22, 2019

Robert Patterson Kurth ’54
Green Bay, WI, October 13, 2018

Shirley Verrall Mckinney ’54
Cypress, CA, December 2018

Lynne Schaps Haydn ’55
Chatham, NY, May 23, 2018

Martha Jane Mercer Miller ’55
Vermont, IL, April 19, 2019

Artis Simonson Bernard ’56
South Portland, ME, February 26, 2019

Lillie Canterbury Mayfield ’56
Cantrall, IL, June 1, 2018

Margaret Orr Bjorback ’57
Minneapolis, MN, April 15, 2019

Bettie Frings Laier ’57
Pekin, IL, June 16, 2019

Marjorie Williamson Coombs ’60
Salt Lake City, UT, March 28, 2019

Joan Evatt Schade ’61
West Falls, NY, January 11, 2019

Maryan Williams Salmi ’63
Aberdeen, SD, October 11, 2018

Carol Jean Strache ’63
Franklin, WI, September 10, 2014

David Linney ’64
Cape Nedick, ME, December 23, 2018

Margaret “Margy” Hale Ferguson ’65
Clarkston, WA, November 13, 2013

Judith Lowell ’66
Portland, ME, June 15, 2019

Bill Mickey ’67
Norwalk, CT, January 7, 2019

Kathleen Brown Bloomstrand ’68
Hoffman Estates, IL, February 18, 2019

Juliet “Jill” Wherry Onderdonk ’69
Westwood, MA, March 23, 2019

Jack Hedden ’70
Chillicothe, IL, March 19, 2019

Linda Lenhardt Bryant ’71
Oldsmar, FL, January 27, 2019

James Cole ’72
Rockford, IL, October 13, 2018

Leland “Van” Reincke, Jr ’72
Glendale, AZ, January 24, 2019

Margaret Gardner Robertson ’72
Rapids City, IL, March 3, 2019

Gary Haberl ’74
Coldwater, MI, June 13, 2019

Jeanine Jesberg ’86
Quincy, IL, May 8, 2019

Randi Jackson ’91
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Sean Abbadusky ’95
East Moline, IL, April 15, 2019

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Wichita, KS, January 17, 2019
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