Spring 2018 Class Notes:  
Obituaries, Marriages, Births and Updates

1937

OBITUARIES


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1939

OBITUARIES

A. Mark Call of Quincy, Wash., died Dec. 13, 2015, age 98.

Ruth (Roseth) Heimdahl of Cottonwood, Calif., died March 31, 2016, age 96.

Irma L. (Butz) Lockrem of Thompson, Iowa, died Aug. 1, 2017, age 98.

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1940

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1941

OBITUARIES


Ramona Augusta Elizabeth (Schultz) Krambeer of Monona, Iowa, died May 23, 2016, age 95.

Phyllis (Dahle) Paulson of Wausau, Wis., died Dec. 12, 2016, age 97.
Karen (Hansen) Landerud of Stoughton, Wis., died July 29, 2017, age 95.

E. Dovre “Bill” Gottschalk of Austin, Texas, died May 28, 2017, age 93.

Joyce Marilyn (Smith) Headington Erickson of Harmony, Minn., formerly of Burr Oak, Iowa, died April 1, 2017, age 95.


Pearl J. (Thorson) Enockson of West Bend, Iowa, died April 17, 2017, age 91.

Judyth Ivyle (Thoma) Hahn of Anamosa, Iowa, died June 3, 2016, age 89.

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1947

OBITUARIES

Stella Mae (Cleveland) Gilbertson of Mundelein, Ill., died May 24, 2017, age 89.

Kenneth “Kap” Howard Kastner of Rocheser, Minn., formerly of Lamberton, Minn., died Jan. 26, 2016, age 91.


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1948

OBITUARIES

Bernt I. Dahl, Jr., of Clifton, Texas, died Sept. 8, 2017, age 92.


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1949

OBITUARIES

Marian Anderlik of Cresco, Iowa, died April 24, 2017, age 89.


Donald R. Skaar of North Oaks, Minn., formerly of White Bear Lake, Minn., died April 25, 2017, age 89.

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1950

OBITUARIES

Margaret M. (Schroeder) Amo of Grinnell, Iowa, died Sept. 7, 2017, age 89.

Helen (Lund) Blekeberg of Ridgeway, Iowa, died Aug. 9, 2017, age 88.

Wayne J. Havey of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., died July 29, 2016, age 88.

Margaret Lois Herbrandson of Mounds View, Minn., formerly of Edina, Minn., and Brooten, Minn., died July 19, 2017, age 88.

Carl Oscar Myhre of Rolette, N.D., died Aug. 19, 2017, age 90.

Norbert John Nelson of Austin, Minn., died July 13, 2017, age 92.

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1951

OBITUARIES


Beatrice Marjorie (Johnsrud) Stoddard of Amery, Wis., died Aug. 6, 2017, age 88.

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1952

OBITUARIES


Mary Ellen (Grue) Iverson of Hot Springs, Ark., died Sept. 29, 2017, age 85.

Robert Knutson of Longville, Minn., died Aug. 26, 2017, age 89.

Karen Fisher White of Rochester, Minn., died June 17, 2016, age 82.


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1954

OBITUARIES

Lavonne Adeline (Hanson) Ramsay of Blaine, Minn., died Aug. 21, 2017, age 84.

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1956

OBITUARIES


Donald G. Gandrud, of Glenwood, Minn., died Aug. 4, 2016, age 85.

Edgar L. Hanson of McMinnville, Ore., died Aug. 24, 2017, age 83.

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1957

OBITUARIES


Elene N. (Hanson) Henrikson of Coon Rapids, Minn., died Oct. 19, 2017, age 82.

LaVern L. Johnson of Malden, Ill., died April 2, 2017, age 81.

Paul Lewison of Anamosa, Iowa, died Oct. 30, 2016, age 85.

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1958

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1959

OBITUARIES


Ardis Georgianne Fiskerbeck Christen of Rochester, Minn., died Sept. 15, 2017, age 79.


Glen Awalt Rosendahl of Roanoake, Va., died Sept. 7, 2017, age 85.


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1960

OBITUARIES

Adrian Ploegstra of Elkhart, Iowa, died Aug. 17, 2016, age 84.

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1961

CLASS NOTES
Tom Haugen of Decorah was awarded the Karl L. King Distinguished Award by the Iowa Bandmasters Association. He was recognized for his 38 years as a band director in Minnesota and Iowa, 19 years supervising music education student teachers for Luther, and 45 years of judging concert bands, jazz bands, marching bands, choirs, and orchestras.

Glen Huebner of Alexandria, Minn., was recognized for distinguished service and inducted into the Class of 2017 Centennial School District (Minn.) Hall of Fame.

Dick Larson of Castle Rock, Colo., was inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in Jan. 2018.

OBITUARIES

Roger Allan Enge of Vista, Calif., died July 26, 2017, age 78.

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1962

OBITUARIES

Jane (Niemeyer) Lindner of Winona, Minn., died Dec. 13, 2015, age 75.


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1965

CLASS NOTES

Paul Olsen is retiring from coaching men’s cross country and track and field at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., at the end of the 2017-18 school year. The spring 2018 track and field season will be his 50th and final season with the Augustana Vikings. Upon retirement, he will have been the head coach at Augustana for over 100 seasons: 52 in cross country and 50 in track and field. In the 101 seasons he has coached so far, his teams have competed in 118 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) championship meets; 52 in cross country, 49 in outdoor track and field, and 17 in indoor track and field. Of the 118 CCIW meets the Vikings have competed in, they have finished first or second in 94 of them, and have never placed lower than fourth place under Olsen’s leadership. In cross country, Augustana has qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships 25 times and have been in the top 10 a total of 11 times, including a second place finish in 1980, a fourth in
1979, and two fifths in 1974 and 1992. He is one of the most senior faculty members on campus in the Augustana English department. He will continue to teach part-time in retirement.

OBITUARIES

Bonnie (Sanderson) Albertson of Spirit Lake, Iowa, died Sept. 1, 2017, age 74.

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1966

CLASS NOTES

Harold Dahlstrand is executive in residence and assistant professor of business at Elmhurst (Ill.) College.

Roger Kittelson of Forest Lake, Minn., is retired.

1967

CLASS NOTES

Bruce Beck of Madison, Wis., is retired.

Phillip Johnson of Oregon, Wis., is retired.

OBITUARIES

Michael R. Conradson of Santa Ana, Calif., died May 17, 2017, age 70.

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1968

CLASS NOTES

Dennis Flatness is chairman for USI Insurance Services in St. Louis and serves on Luther’s board of regents.

Stan Kant of Raleigh, N.C., is retired.

George Kuh of Bonita Springs, Fla., is retired.
OBITUARIES

Mary (Martz) Nordstrom of Chatfield, Minn., formerly of Rochester, Minn., died July 4, 2017, age 70.

Victor Noel Olson of Van Meter, Iowa, died Aug. 18, 2017, age 71.

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1969

CLASS NOTES

Aleta (Reckling) Chossek of Shorewood, Wis., is author of A New Life: New York to Chicago, a part of Family Stories from the Attic: an anthology of essays, creative nonfiction, and poetry inspired by family letters, objects, and archives.

James Hockings passed away in Feb. 2013. His book Zen Slaps from a Cancer Warrior: a Pissant’s Perspective, was launched in London, Ontario, where he was a portrait and artistic photographer for over 30 years before becoming a writer. The book chronicles his year-long fight with bladder cancer. The book’s promotional description: Welcome to an irreverent memoir of a passionate photographer/writer fighting cancer on his own terms, while living a love story. James Hockings is a witty and sometimes profound companion for anyone facing a life-threatening disease. He was written a soulful answer to Hitchens’ Mortality. The book is available in paperback by order from Barnes & Noble, Chapters/Indigo, a wide range of bookstores, and in paperback or eBook through Amazon. The book was edited and published by Eric Hustvedt ’69 of Mill Village, Nova Scotia, Canada, through his communications company Talent Bank Communications.

1970

CLASS NOTES

Lee Kidd lives in London, England. He received a Mansfield College bachelor of the arts degree from Oxford University. He is a senior associate at the Royal Society of Medicine and a psychoanalytic psychotherapist for the United Kingdom Council of Psychotherapy.

OBITUARIES

Joan C. (Biondahl) Jenkins of Sioux City, Iowa, died Sept. 4, 2017, age 69.

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1971
CLASS NOTES

Roger Bang is a consultant with First Insurance in Mason City, Iowa, a 96-year-old firm that he has been with for 39 years—20 as president. He retired from local political office after 20 years—16 as council member at-large and four as mayor. He never lost an election. His campaign committee was his spouse Peggy and himself; he never solicited campaign funds and never had a yard sign. Roger and Peggy are residents of the historically significant Melson House which you may google if interested. He tries to live a life of gratitude.

Donald Erickson is senior counsel at Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith, and Frederick, P.A. in Duluth, Minn.

1972

CLASS NOTES

Rick Fromm is managing editor at Decorah Newspapers. He was named the “best sports columnist” in the weekly division (class III) of the Iowa Newspaper Association’s annual better newspaper contest for the second consecutive year.

Lee Olson is the reinsurance manager for CUNA Mutual Group in Madison, Wis.

John Whitham is staff physician at Wellmed at Wooldridge in Corpus Christi, Texas.

OBITUARIES


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1973

CLASS NOTES

Ranae (Keoppel) Gipp of Decorah is retired.

Jerry Roppe is principal biologist for Permitting and Environmental Group at Avangrid Renewables in Portland, Ore. He has been named International Ambassador to the International Organizing Committee for the 4th Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife Impacts to be held in Estoril, Portugal. He will also be co-authoring several presentations and posters at the meeting, which expects 300-400 attendees from around the world.

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1974

CLASS NOTES

W.D. Foster-Graham of Mounds View, Minn., is retired.

Martha Preus is a project team leader for GFA consulting Group in Hamburg, Germany.

Carl Schultz of Fort Myers, Fla., is a retired emergency room physician. He works part time at an internal medicine clinic, is a licensed yacht captain and Commodore of St. Charles Yacht Club, and volunteers with the Admissions Department of the U.S. Naval Academy.

1976

OBITUARIES


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1975

CLASS NOTES

Tom Hellie concluded his term as chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges in January 2018, and will retire from his position as president of Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., in June.

Steve Lovick is director of IT at Rheem Manufacturing in Fort Smith, Ark.

1977

CLASS NOTES

Cora Leland is an accountant in the tax department of Avitus Group in Billings, Mont.

Gregory Nicoll is financial advisor at Financial Decisions Group in Waterloo, Iowa.
Janice Rambow Beatty is a sickle cell/thalassemia nurse specialist at Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago.

OBITUARIES


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1978

CLASS NOTES

Ron Evans is chief executive officer of White’s Residential and Family Services in Wabash, Ind.

Karen (Thulin) and Brian Rude ’77 live in Coon Valley, Wis. They were selected as festmaster and frau for the 2017 La Crosse (Wis.) Oktoberfest.

OBITUARIES

Ian Divertie of Rochester, Minn., died Nov. 14, 2017, age 61.

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1979

CLASS NOTES

Keith Ellingson of Indianola, Iowa, is retired.

Mary (Hamilton) Schultz of Waseca, Minn., is retired.

Steven Stricker of Berwyn, Ill., is retired.

1981

CLASS NOTES

Steve Demorest is a professor of music education at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. His article “Stop Obsessing over Talent—Everyone Can Sing” was published online on theconversation.com.
Gregg Hemish is a senior app developer for Blue Cross Blues Shield in Eagan, Minn.

Curt Tryggestad was named executive director of Perpich Center for Arts Education in Golden Valley, Minn.

David Vohsman is senior site reliability engineer for Agilent Technologies in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1982

CLASS NOTES

Pam Helgerson-Dome of La Crosse, Wis., is retired.

Julie (Jensen) McGowan is a manager of compliance and audit at Michael Coglianese CPA in Bloomingdale, Ill.

1983

CLASS NOTES

Dennis Flodeen of San Diego is retired.

1984

CLASS NOTES

Tim Selbo is senior pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D.

1985

CLASS NOTES

Ginger (Felland) Brudos is a clinical psychologist and pediatric neuropsychologist at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford Children’s Health in Palo Alto, Calif., and in private practice.

Kris (Thomas) Dreifuerst is tenured associate professor of nursing at Marquette University in Milwaukee, and serves as President of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning.

Charlie Hoven is director of sales at Inspired Catering and Events by Karen and Gina Stefani in Chicago.

Brad Lewis of Las Vegas, was appointed executive director of the Nevada Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission.

Di (Reque) and Eric Storvick live in Mankato, Minn. Di is community liaison at Educare Foundation and Eric is a physician and department chair at Mankato Clinic.
1986

OBITUARIES

Janet Kay (Strong) Helgerson of West Union, Iowa, died Oct. 27, 2017, age 55.

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1987

CLASS NOTES

Patty Beech owns Patty Beech Consulting in Duluth, Minn. She is a senior instructor in the social work program at the University of Wisconsin Superior.

Kristi (Sprague) Glesne is senior learning and development coordinator for Lands’ End Business Outfitters in Dodgeville, Wis.

Matthew Teslow is a sales associate at Bieber Insurance and Real Estate in Waukon, Iowa.

1988

CLASS NOTES

DeeAnne (Schultz) Marlow of Dublin, Ohio, is senior vice president in the Chief Human Resources Office at Greif, Inc. She had the opportunity to ring the bell on the New York Stock Exchange in June 2017 in honor of Greif’s 140th anniversary.

Sandro Raniolo is president of retail and vertical e-commerce EMEA at Ralph Lauren in London, United Kingdom.

1989

CLASS NOTES

Brent Benrud is senior associate general counsel at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Tim Jacobsen is co-founder and executive producer of FuseFX in Burbank, Calif. He received the 2017 David L. Wolper Award for Outstanding Producer of Long-Form Television at the Producers Guild Awards for his work in "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story."

Jennifer (Munn) Saner teaches music at Onalaska (Wis.) High School.

Lynda (Hedrick) and Dave Satre ’90 live in Mount Airy, Md. Lynda, mother of 10 children, published a book. Parenting Sensibly: Turning Messes into Successes provides an honest look at the parenting
journey and lays a firm foundation to help navigate the daily struggles of parenting. More information can be found on her website, parentingsensibly.com.

1990

CLASS NOTES

Brent Asplin of Cincinnati is chief operating officer at VillageMD.

Vanessa (Grima Baldacchino) Frazier received the prize Pigna d'Argento given annually by the Academia di Sicilia and the mayor of Palermo to personalities who have excelled in their field while focusing on Sicily.

Jennifer (Graham) Ness is director of client output management at Ameriprise Financial in Minneapolis.

Craig Yarde is pastor of Canton (Ill.) Assembly of God Church.

1991

CLASS NOTES

Reynolds Cramer was presented the Iowa Egg Council Partner Award. He is chief executive officer of Fareway Stores, Inc., in Ames, Iowa.

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Koester of West Union, Iowa, died Nov. 4, 2017, age 70.

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1992

CLASS NOTES

Shari (McCallister) Bruck teaches at Zion Lutheran School in Denison, Iowa.

Dirk Buettner of Glendora, Calif., is a home services specialist II at Bank of America.

Kate (Spencer) Klimesh works in business development at Aase Haugen Homes, Inc., in Decorah.

Jon Kohnen is a Q-comp peer evaluator at Anoka-Hennepin (Minn.) School District 11.

Cathy (Severson) Sedacca is principal and EVP director of sales and marketing at Sage Business Credit LLC in Minneapolis. She was named a 2017 Finance and Commerce Top Women in Finance honoree.
MARRIAGES

LISA BLATTI and Charlie Ratgen, July 2, 2016

ALI HOUSE and Jeff Tuttle, Jan. 6, 2017

ANDREW MANGION and Adrianna Zammit, June 4, 2016

BIRTHS

Adrianna and ANDREW MANGION welcomed a son, Miles, in October 2017.

Yuki Ip and ERIC MONSON welcomed a son, Lars, in May, 2017.

OBITUARIES

Valerie Kay (Sandman) Sanders of Spring, Texas, died Aug. 27, 2017, age 49.

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1993

CLASS NOTES

Mark Bjerke is regional sales manager of LogRhythm in Decorah.

Jose Carballo of Pella, Iowa, is an international customer service manager for IPP, Inc.

Brent Hill is a professor and chair of biology at University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.

Tim Nybroten is evangelism pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley, Ariz.

Nathan Potter is senior product strategist at Underwriters Laboratories in Laramie, Wyo.

Anjie Shutts is a partner and attorney at Whitfield and Eddy, PLC in Des Moines, Iowa. She received the Polk County Bar Association Award of Merit at the group’s annual meeting and law clerk luncheon on June 13, 2017. The award is given by the PCBA Board of Directors and is the highest honor in the organization. Anjie achieved Board Certification in family trial law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Board certification is the highest honor an attorney can achieve.

BIRTHS

Rachel and NATHAN POTTER welcomed a daughter, Levy, in July 2016.

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1994

CLASS NOTES

Sarah (Ruble) Sladek is author of Talent Generation: How Visionary Organizations Are Redefining Work and Achieving Greater Success, released by ASAE.

Sarah Tobiason is district director of special education and elementary principal at Decorah Community School District.

1995

CLASS NOTES

Cynthia Farrell is senior vice president of human resources at ABILITY Network in Minneapolis.

Bethany (Bierman) Krepela is a major gifts officer for Fraser, Inc., in Minneapolis.

Steve Smith is information technology director for Winneshiek County in Decorah.

1996

CLASS NOTES

Kari (Gjerde) Kempf is a behavior consultant at Grant Wood Area Education Agency in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Derek Lee is owner of Bear Creek Archeology, Inc., in Cresco, Iowa.

1997

CLASS NOTES

Brian Berg of Mission Viejo, Calif., is director of sales technology for Pacific Life.

Jesse Boeding is director product marketing at Blackboard in Washington, D.C.

Jean (Nietz) Ciola is a chiropractor at Agada Chiropractic and Integrative Health Center in Minnetonka, Minn.

Kirsten Alworth is the community support agent for PerBlue in Madison, Wis.
Jared Johnson is director of worship, music, communications, technology, and children’s ministries at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Kristi (Carlsen) McConnell is an ESL specialist at Dauphin County Technical High School in Harrisburg, Pa.

Chris Mitchell teaches eighth grade science at Oregon (Wis.) Middle School.

Jill (Monis) Schwanz is senior quality manager, CPD, at Clearwater Paper in Shelby, N.C.

MARRIAGES

JULIE BUSH and Brian Buerman, Nov. 22, 2014

CURTISS HELLA and Jennifer Dragich, Aug. 4, 2017

KEVIN ROISELAND and Tiffany Roiseland, June 16, 2012

1998

CLASS NOTES

Jeff Driver is a business analyst for VGM Homelink in Waterloo, Iowa.

Pawan Sharma of Keller, Texas, is the senior clinical report development specialist for Medtronic Core Clinical Solutions in Minneapolis. She is in charge of global clinical data solutions.

Carolyn (Johnson) Vreeman is executive president of Vreeman Consulting LLC and consultant for Public Works Water in Minneapolis.

MARRIAGES

JOHN RANEY and Devonne Fisher, Sept. 15, 2017

1999

CLASS NOTES

Andy Eley teaches vocal music at Anamosa (Iowa) High School.

Rebecca (Olson) Sjöwall lives in Los Angeles. She was featured on the band Sparks’ album HIPPOPOTAMUS. It debuted on the United Kingdom album charts at #7.

MARRIAGES

RACHEL VOHS and Eric Nead, Oct. 20, 2017

2000
CLASS NOTES

Katie (Aarestad) Fergus is owner and president of Medical Billing Services Iowa in Des Moines.

Kim (Turner) and Kevin Frantz own Twin Cities Escape Rooms in Burnsville, Minn. Kevin is co-owner of Gulliford Sales.

Elisabeth (Marvin) Sandersfeld is senior vice president and chief financial officer of GuideOne Insurance in West Des Moines, Iowa.

BIRTHS

JODI (WENNER) and Dave Nixon welcomed a son, Bennett Keith, in May 2017.

2001

Shelly (Harried) Barness is regional planner for Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission in Decorah.

Kim Eversman is an instructional coach at Rochester (Minn.) Public Schools.

Rebekah Gilmore is director of the Cathedral Choir School in Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle.

Jenny (Lindemann) Hoefer is senior organization development and learning consultant at Children’s Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Tara Kuckkan is payroll coordinator at Staffco in Minneapolis.

Meghann Ovre-Kriesel is a senior contract analyst for Medtronic, Inc., in St. Paul, Minn.

Heather (Mills) Palermo of Zimmerman, Minn., is a case management assistant for Hennepin County Child Protection.

Mark Potvin is visiting instructor of music at Luther. He is conductor of Norsemen and Cathedral Choirs.

Sara Scholtes is chair of Krannert School of Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis.

Mike Speck is loading dock coordinator at Winona (Minn.) Volunteer Services.

Matt Titus is a portfolio manager for Invesco in Houston.

MARRIAGES

REBEKAH GILMORE and Tyler Morse, Oct. 7, 2017

2002

CLASS NOTES
Lynn Dalhed is associate director of training at Optum in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Molly Goodwin of Davenport, Iowa, is touring Singapore, the Philippines, China, Japan, and South Korea as the production stage manager on the international tour of *Sister Act: The Musical*.

Becky (Wedekind) Hanson is principal clinical quality and compliance specialist at Medtronic in St. Paul, Minn. She is also a breastfeeding counselor through Breastfeeding USA, serving the north metro area of the Twin Cities.

Jenn (Smith) and Pete Hoesing live in Sioux Falls, S.D. Jenn has been working with Stockyards Ag Experience for over a year now, and has opened a museum at the Falls Park horse barn as of February 2017. Peter is director of sponsored programs for Dakota State University and maintains an active scholarly profile in ethnomusicology and African studies. He is also has two articles forthcoming in two journals, *Nova Religio* and *History of Africa*, as well as a book due out soon with the University of Illinois Press.

Ross Larson is a software developer for WTS Paradigm in Middleton, Wis. He was an invited speaker at That Conference, 2017, on the topic of Imposter Syndrome.

Molly (Krol) Sandgren is an advanced practice nurse practitioner in family medicine at Gundersen Health System in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

Jen (Strum) Schuller is a broker associate at Iowa Realty in Ankeny, Iowa.

Jonathon Struve earned a Ph.D. in music with an emphasis in vocal literature from the University of Iowa in May 2017. He is an adjunct voice instructor and Paideia professor at Luther in Decorah.

Esther Washington of Rochester, Minn., earned a master’s degree in holistic health from St. Catherine’s University.

Courtney Wooge is president of FCIS Insurance in Forest City, Iowa.

MARRIAGES

COURTNEY WOOGE and Shannon Wooge, May 12, 2012

BIRTHS

EMMA (OTIS) and MATT CZECHOWICZ welcomed a son, Andrew Matthew, in March 2017.

JANE (HOOVER) and Viren D'silva welcomed a son, Jonathan, born July 16, 2016, adopted Nov. 30, 2016.

BECKY (WEDEKIND) and Jon Hanson welcomed a son, Isaac William, in July 2017.

MISSY (KNOTT) and Shane Huff welcomed a son, Sawyer Gregory, in August 2017.

AMY (KENNEDY) and ALEX JUNK welcomed a daughter, Louise Alice in September 2016.

EMILY (FRALEY) ’03 and ROSS LARSON welcomed daughter, Maya, in September 2012.
Suma and ARIJIT MAZUMDAR welcomed a son, Aaditya Sreekanta, in November 2014.

Shannon and COURTNEY WOOGE welcomed a daughter, Evelyn (Evie), in January 2013.

SARAH (SAWYER) and Mike Zahradnik welcomed a daughter, Megan Kathryn in December 2015.

2003

CLASS NOTES

Amber (Rislow) Harder is a communications specialist at enCompass Church in St. Paul, Minn.

Angie (Demmer) Hietala is an instructional support coordinator with the Department of Instruction for Learning for the Kodiak (Alaska) Island Borough School District.

Lena Johnson is a social worker at CHI Franciscan in Tacoma, Wash.

Ed Martin of Denver completed the level 4 WSET Diploma through the Wine and Spirits Educational Trust. It is among the most sought after qualifications in the global wine trade, and is universally accepted as the pre-requisite to the Master of Wine.

Carrie (Walling) and Jake Nimrod ’01 live in Decorah. Carrie is an associate at West Side Early Childhood Center and Jake is associate principal and activities director at Decorah Middle School.

Lindsay (Lehmann) Reiten earned a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction (math education) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is an assistant professor of math education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Andrea (Dunker) Tiwari is an applications engineer at TSI, Inc., in Shoreview, Minn.

Jason Trost is an educational facilitator at Blueprint Software Systems in Chicago.

MARRIAGES

THOMAS BERG and Paula Berg, Nov. 18, 2012

ELIZABETH DREIER and Martin Nicchetta, April 9, 2016

MAGDALENA JOHNSON and Aaron Pulver, July 7, 2006

BIRTHS

Paula and TOM BERG welcomed a son, Jackson Thomas, in October 2016.

EMILY (FRALEY) and ROSS LARSON ’02 welcomed daughter, Maya, in September 2012.

AUNY (KERNDT) and Ethan Pole welcomed a daughter, Ingrid Doris, in November 2017.

LENA (JOHNSON) and Aaron Pulver welcomed a son, Otis, in March 2016.
2004

**Meredith (Eilertson) Azeem** is a pharmacist at the Mayo Clinic St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, Minn.

**Lauren Christel** is an elementary school principal for the International School of the Peninsula in Palo Alto, Calif.

**Kendra (McGill) Evans** teaches preschool at Riceville (Iowa) Community Schools.

**Joel Hollenbeck** is project manager of Specpro Environmental Services in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

**Carrie (Morris) Miller** is associate director of the Academic Advising Center at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

**Aubrey (Connolly) Nelson** is youth and family programs coordinator for Bloomington (Minn.) Public Schools.

**Susan Olson** of Ames, Iowa, was named a member of the 2017 Class of the AARP Iowa Executive Council, a team of volunteers from across Iowa who provide leadership to support accomplishments of AARP state and national priorities.

**Amy (Hoodjer) Updegraff** earned a master’s degree in curriculum and instructional technology from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, and is a graduate assistant and Ph.D. student in curriculum and instructional technology at the university.

**MARRIAGES**

AUBREY CONNOLLY and Christopher Nelson, Oct. 8, 2016

**BIRTHS**

RACHEL (MILLER) and DAVE BLEICH welcomed Annika JeLaine in October 2017.

SARA (GOUDSCHAAL) and TERRY BLESSING ’05 welcomed twin daughters, Ada Marilyn and Edith Jean, in March 2017.

KENDRA (MCGILL) and Nacy Evans welcomed a daughter, Presley, in June 2015.

LINDSEY (PALMER) ’10 and TIM LUND welcomed a daughter, Ella Renee, in August 2017.

Elizabeth and CODY TIGGES welcomed a daughter, Eleanor Claire, in October 2016.

2005

**CLASS NOTES**

**Ross Kurth** is general manager of ARCH Motorcycle in Los Angeles.
Megan (Hillesland) and Paul Mackie ’06 live in Chicago. Megan is author of The Finder of the Lucky Devil and Paul is a senior business consultant at John Galt Solutions.

Danielle Schmidt is a recover resolution consultant at Optum in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Cara Stone is an instruction librarian at Iowa State University in Ames.

MARriages

MAREN HADLEY and Dylan Kioga, July 7, 2017

ELLIE VALETA and Nicholas Wiltgen, Oct. 7, 2017

ERIN WALDING and Russell Heitman, Oct. 15, 2016

Births

SARA (GOUDSCHAAL) ’04 and TERRY BLESSING welcomed twin daughters, Ada Marilyn and Edith Jean, in March 2017.

KELLY (RIES) and CHRIS DAHL welcomed a son, Eli Joseph, in October 2015.

ERIN (RADKE) and MIKE FLAHERTY welcomed a son, Silas Timothy, in May 2017.

LAUREN MAYFIELD and Mitch Gerads welcomed a son, West, in September 2017.

BRENDA (RIHA) and Jason Mueterthies welcomed a son, Walker Bradley, in June 2017.

2006

Class Notes

Chris Bellinder is a sales professional at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Charleston, S.C.

Sarah (Olson) Cutcliffe is a business systems analyst and specialist for University of Chicago Medicine in Darien, Ill.

Kristen (Strandell) Kesslar is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital in Minneapolis.

Courtney Kupfer is education director of CenterPoint Massage and Shiatsu Therapy School and Clinic in Minneapolis. She is pursuing a master of the arts degree in Adlerian counseling and psychotherapy with an emphasis in clinical mental health counseling at Adler Graduate School in Richfield, Minn.

Mike Lopez is a senior financial accountant at Manitou America in West Bend, Wis.

Aaron Murphy is the owner and principal designer of Aaron Murphy Interiors in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He specializes in residential and commercial interior design consulting.

Erika Strandjord is a lecturer at the University of California, Davis.
Lyndsey (Ludwig) Wedll is an accounting specialist at Twin Cities and Western Railroad in Glencoe, Minn.

MARRIAGES

LYNDSEY LUDWIG and Jeremiah Wedll, Nov. 19, 2011

HELISSA STEVENS and Timothy Bell, Aug. 11, 2017

BIRTHS

Lynn and RYAN AHLERS welcomed a daughter, Wynnifred, in July 2017.

Sara and JONATHON CURRY welcomed a daughter, Amzie Elizabeth, in March 2015.

ELIZABETH (SPENCER) and HANS FINANGER welcomed a son, Ruben Hans, in October 2017.

KRISTEN (STRANDELL) and James Kesslar welcomed a son, Nolan, in August 2017.

LYNDSEY (LUDWIG) and Jeremiah Wedll welcomed daughter, Kaylie Ann, in June 2012, and another daughter, Keira Josephine, in September 2014.

2007

CLASS NOTES

Kristin (Maiers) Eide, is an assistant professor in the department of family medicine and community at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis.

Elena Geiger-Simpson earned a doctor of nursing practice degree with a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner specialty from the University of Minnesota, and a certificate in integrative therapies and healing practices from the Center for Spirituality and Healing at the University of Minnesota. She is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in Minneapolis.

Matthew Hagen is vice president of Finance Operations at Monster in Weston, Mass.

Kimmie Hall is a registered respiratory therapist at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, Minn.

Zach Klobnak earned a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Daniel Le Guen-Schmidt is executive assistant to the associate vice chancellor of human resources at West Valley-Mission Community College District in Saratoga, Calif.

Tom Lindsley is a senior interaction designer at Workiva in Ames, Iowa.

Amanda (Schmall) Lorentz is a shareholder of Fredrikson and Byron, P.A., in Minneapolis.

Adam Loy is an assistant professor of statistics at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.
Amanda (Ellson) and Leif Madsen ’08 live in Bloomington, Ind. Amanda is an assistant athletic trainer for Indiana University, working with the volleyball team. Leif earned a Ph.D. in human performance at Indiana University in Aug. 2017. He is a clinical assistant professor and the clinical coordinator of the athletic training program at Indiana University.

Kelsey (Cochrane) Martinez of Phoenix, Ariz., earned a master’s degree in literacy curriculum and instruction from Arizona State University.

Beth Pfotenhauer is the head virologist at the Milwaukee Public Health Department and founder of Traveling Microbiologist and Friends, a nonprofit that provides developing community water quality testing and training.

Jason Rude was selected to be a part of the Fords Theater National Oratory Fellowship, which focuses on bringing oratory to classroom. Fellows work with teaching artists throughout the year and attend workshops in Washington, D.C., twice a year to plan and share work. Jason teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies at New Hampton (Iowa) Middle School.

Amy (May) Teigland earned a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. She teaches pre-kindergarten at MSUM Early Education Center in Moorhead, Minn.

MARRIAGES

ANNA BINGHAM and Michael Yearous, Aug. 12, 2017

JOHANNA CROCK and Tyler Warner, Sept. 9, 2017

CARLY GREENWOOD and Cory Bauer, Sept. 3, 2017

DENISE KIRCHHOFF and Kevin McCarty, July 15, 2017

AMY MAY and James Teigland, Aug. 19, 2017

EMILY QUEALY and Ryan Heath, Aug. 22, 2015

BIRTHS

CHRISTINA (GAARD) and Jamie Baumgart welcomed a son, Andrew James, in June 2017.

MEGAN (ANDERSON) and JOSEPH BEATTY welcomed a daughter, Hannah Marie, in July 2017.

LISA (SAVRE) ’08 and MATTHEW BUSCHE welcomed a son, Micah Savre, in October 2017.

AMANDA (POHLMAN) and Michael Janke welcomed a daughter, Hallie Jane, in May 30, 2016.

AMANDA (SCHMALL) and Brian Lorentz welcomed a son, Luke, in June 2017.

CAROL (REECE) ’08 and MIKE LUDEKING welcomed a daughter, Emily Louise, in February 2017.

Rachel and MATT PYLE welcomed a son, Finnigan, in November 2016.
KATIE (KRUSE) and John Rather welcomed a son, Jack, in May 2017.

Anne and BRETT SCHEETZ welcomed a daughter, Luka Rose, in October 2017.

RACHEL (LITTLE) and Sam Schmidt welcomed a daughter, Abigail Gladys, in July 2017.

2008

CLASS NOTES

Nicole (Egan) Aloia is director of urgent care and general pediatrics at University of Wisconsin Health in Madison, Wis.

Denise Clark is development director for Two Rivers YMCA in Moline, Ill.

Ryan Fordice is campaign and engagement manager for the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Katherine (Kennon) Gales instructs English and Latin at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Heather (Elwood) Gierut is communications director of Lepic-Kroeger Realtors in Iowa City, Iowa.

Katie (Curran) Hallman is executive director of Theatre Cedar Rapids in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Scott Jennings is a patrol officer for the City of Decorah Police Department.

Danny Lee is the major gifts director at Be The Match in Minneapolis.

David Quam is operations manager of Wells Fargo Bank in Des Moines, Iowa.

Kelly (Wood) Robertson earned a master’s degree in literacy education from Graceland University. She teaches third grade at Lisbon (Iowa) Elementary School.

Jennifer (Lambrecht) Silverman is a senior R and D scientist at MilliporeSigma in St. Louis.

Jordan Stracke is associate research scientist at DOW Chemical Company in Collegeville, Pa.

MARRIAGES

JESSICA ANDERSON and COLIN STOERZINGER, Oct. 13, 2017

ERIN CLAUSSEN and Nick Cincotta, Oct. 19, 2017

NICOLE EGAN and Anthony Aloia, May 28, 2016

JORDAN JENSEN and Deja Dircks, Feb. 4, 2017

KATHERINE KENNON and Jacob Gales, June 12, 2015

TARYN KLOSTER and Kyle Cramer, June 7, 2012
BIRTHS

LISA (SAVRE) and MATTHEW BUSCHE '07 welcomed a son, Micah Savre, in October 2017.

CAROL (REECE) and MIKE LUDEKING '07 welcomed a daughter, Emily Louise, in February 2017.

Allison and DAVID QUAM welcomed a son, Bennett Matthews, in October 2017.

KELLY (WOOD) and Chris Robertson welcomed a son, Noah Patrick, in September 2017.

KRISTEN (LEARMAN) and Thomas Stengl welcomed a daughter, Audrey Leigh, in April 2016.

AMY (EKLAND) '09 and PHIL WORDEN welcomed a son, Baer, in May 2017.

2009

CLASS NOTES

Natalie (Schultz) Barria is director of human services and payroll for G.O. Fresh in Minneapolis.

Erin (Torkelson) and Jesse Bunge ’11 live in Gypsum, Colo. Erin teaches K-5 music at Gypsum Elementary School. Jesse earned a master’s degree in music education from the University of Kansas and is the 9-12 vocal director at Eagle Valley High School.

Ashlee (Wicks) Carpenedo earned a master's degree in ESL from Hamline University. She teaches ESL at South Washington County Schools in Cottage Grove, Minn.

Andrea (Schenk) Dye teaches fifth grade for the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Kyle Lilly of Minneapolis received certification as a professional soil scientist by the Soil Science Society of America Soils Certification Board.

Andrea (Johnson) Mierau is the lead physical therapist at National Dizzy and Balance Center in Blaine, Minn.

Matt Myers earned a master’s degree in choral conducting from Northern Arizona University. He is a doctoral student in choral conducting at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La.

Danielle (Armbruster) Walters is the accounts manager at Maxim Healthcare Services in Madison, Wis.

Mandy (Wubben) Weister is a career counselor in the Career Development Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato.
Kristin Youngmeyer is a city manager fellow for the City of Hamilton, Ohio, and a program compliance intern at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency in Columbus.

MARRIAGES

ROBBIE COE and Amber Svoboda, July 22, 2017

ANDREA SCHENK and James Dye, July 27, 2013

ASHLEE WICKS and Tom Carpenedo, April 8, 2017

MANDY WUBBEN and Joshua Weister, Oct. 8, 2016

BIRTHS

ASHLIE PATTEN ’12 and CORY LEE welcomed a son, Bode, in August 2016.

ANDREA (JOHNSON) and ALEX MIERAU welcomed a daughter, Madelyn Mae, in May 2017.

MANDY (WUBBEN) and Joshua Weister welcomed a son, Oliver James, in September 2017.

AMY (EKLAND) and PHIL WORDEN ’08 welcomed a son, Baer, in May 2017.

2010

CLASS NOTES

Meghan (Mathison) Byrnes is an immigrant paralegal at Anderson and Anderson Law, LLC, in Minneapolis.

Sky Macklay of Chicago composed “Dissolving Bands,” an orchestra piece which won the Leo Kaplan Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). Her string quartet piece, “Many Many Cadences,” also received an ASCAP award. (PHOTO)

Ben Schori is pastor at Nativity Lutheran Church in St. Anthony, Minn.

Meg (McCormick) Slindee is business development manager at LinkUp Job Search Engine in Minneapolis.

Robbie (Kjelland) Wanderman is resident physician of anesthesiology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Liz Winter is grant accountant and executive assistant to the CFO at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. She is also a master’s student in business administration with an emphasis in organizational development at the university.

MARRIAGES

CARRIE ALBRECHT and Travis Tachen, June 25, 2016
MALLORY MARLATT and Tim Hanson, Sept. 16, 2017
MEGHAN MATHISON and Patrick Byrnes, Sept. 17, 2016
ALLYSON NILSEN and Eric Smalley, Dec. 22, 2012

BIRTHS

LINDSEY (PALMER) and TIM LUND '04 welcomed a daughter, Ella Renee, in August 2017.
KRISTEN LINDHOLM and TAYLOR NELSON welcomed a son, Charles Eugene, in August 2017.

2011

CLASS NOTES

Aleesa Baakko is the Allamakee County victim-witness coordinator in Waukon, Iowa.

Katie Deaver earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). She is associate director of admissions at LSTC.

Emily Ellson teaches first and second grade at Riverside Central Elementary School in Rochester, Minn.

Sylvie Hall earned a master of public health degree from the University of Iowa College of Public Health, and a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. She is a clinical pharmacy resident at Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic Health System.

Ellie (Neubauer) Kuennen is a registered labor delivery nurse at Northfield (Minn.) Hospital.

Paul Meyer received a doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and is in the second year of his orthodontic residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Ufra Mir is a peace psychologist in the Kashmir region of India, and works with women and children through her non-govermental organization Paigaam: A Message for Peace, and as a counselor at a private school.

Jaclyn Ohnemus is the vocal music director at Linn-Mar Community Schools in Marion, Iowa.

Kelly (Schneider) Sheldon is an elementary teacher in Frankfort, Ind.

Vaughn Tackmann is a track and field coach graduate assistant at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.
Marybeth (Cannon) Wheeler is a nurse practitioner at Yakima (Wash.) Neighborhood Health.

Kelsey (Anderson) Wilson of North Liberty, Iowa, is an account manager at Dartlet.

MARRIAGES

MARYBETH CANNON and STUART WHEELER, Sept. 12, 2015
AMBER HENDRICKS and Junichi Takano, March 25, 2017
WILL LAYTON and Hannah Simpson, June 24, 2017
PAUL MEYER and Rachel Gerber, Oct. 14, 2017
KELLY SCHNEIDER and Addison Sheldon, June 24, 2017
RACHEL SCHUTTER and Matthew Nielsen, Sept. 24, 2016
KATELIN WILSON and PETER FERRELL, July 2015

BIRTHS

MICHELLE (VOIGTS) and RYAN BOUSLOG welcomed twins, a daughter, Sophie Joy, and a son, Charles Jeffrey, in July 2017.

2012

CLASS NOTES

Allison Alpers is a speech-language pathologist and voice specialist at Fairview Rehabilitation Services in Edina and Maple Grove, Minn.

Nick Barkve is a data reporting analyst at SPS Commerce in Minneapolis.

Amy Behrman is pricing and receiving coordinator at Walt Churchill’s Market in Maumee, Ohio.

Joe Berg earned a master’s degree in mathematics from University of Houston, and a master’s degree in physics from University of California Los Angeles. He works in R&D and S&E computer science at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.

Erin Brown is a school social worker at Osseo School District in Maple Grove, Minn.

Rachel Conway is a clinical psychology postdoctoral resident and fellow at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Maggie (Michenfelder) Erikson is a senior associate consultant at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City.

Nicholas Fisher of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, won the International Business for a Better World Case Competition in Davos, Switzerland, (held alongside the World Economic Forum), with his team of
three other Middlebury Institute MBA students, taking home $6,000 and a crystal trophy. Nicholas earned a master of business administration degree from Middlebury College in 2017. (PHOTO)

Jonathan Grieder earned a master’s degree in political science from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. He teaches social studies at Waterloo (Iowa) West High School.

Kelsey Hunerdosse earned a master of arts degree in education and an education specialist graduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa. She is a school psychologist at Heartland AEA in Johnston, Iowa.

Trevor Ketterling is a certified personal trainer at Lifetime Fitness in Fort Washington, Pa.

Meghan McCall is executive assistant to the president and policy advocate at Ploughshare Fun in Washington, D.C.

Kaitlin (Maas) and Sam Meyers live in Brooklyn Park, Minn. Kaitlin teaches special education in the St. Paul Public Schools. Sam earned a master’s degree in education—school counseling from University of Wisconsin—River Falls, and is a school counselor at Robbinsdale (Minn.) Middle School.

Therese (Thompson) Nelson is an abstracter at Home Title in Andover, Minn.

Andrew Ratekin is in the 3rd Battalion 4th Marines in the U.S. Military in Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Ryan Vinzant is football coach at La Crescent (Minn.) High School.

Jaci Wilkinson is an assistant professor and web services librarian at the University of Montana in Missoula.

MARRIAGES

ALLYSON BATIS and AARON SCHMALTZ, Aug. 16, 2014

COURTNEY BERGEY and JAMES SWANSON, Oct. 21, 2017

MATTHEW CHRISTOFFERSEN and Rebekah Carlson, June 17, 2017

SETH DUIN and CATE ANDERSON ’14, July 29, 2017

DANIELLE GIBBS and Drew Frees, Sept. 30, 2017

MAGGIE MICHENFELDER and CHRISTOPHER ERIKSON ’13, June 13, 2015

KATE SCHLETTY and Nik Barkve, Oct. 28, 2017

EMMA SPOON and SHANE STEELE, Sept. 3, 2017

ELISSA STEVENS and Zachary Edwards, June 17, 2017

HANNAH SWANSON and Matthew Booth, July 29, 2017

ABBY SWITZER and CHRIS REYNOLDS, Sept. 24, 2016
BIRTHS

MIKAELA (BELLAND) and NICK DEVINE welcomed a son, Quincy Thomas, in September, 2017.

HILARY (GARRINGER) and ALEX KLYN ‘14 welcomed a son, Griffin Alexander, in November 2017.

PAIGE (OFSTEDAHL) and ANDREW KNIGHT welcomed twins, a daughter, Page Munya, and a son, Andrew William, in March 2016.

ASHLIE (PATTEN) and CORY LEE ’09 welcomed a son, Bode, in August 2016.

KAITLIN (MAAS) and SAMUEL MEYERS welcomed a son, Marc, in May 2015.

2013

CLASS NOTES

Emily Banitt is a psychometrist at Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology.

Tyler Hagy earned a master’s degree in choral conducting from the University of Cincinnati, College Conservatory of Music. He teaches vocal music at Linn-Mar High School in Marion, Iowa.

Leah Hanson earned a master’s degree in forensic psychology from the University of Denver and is a doctoral trainee in clinical psychology at the university.

Bridget (Rouse) Johnson of Decorah is a registered nurse for the Mayo Clinic Hospitals.

Kaylee (Helgemoe) and Trent Kerrigan live in Rochester, Minn., Kaylee is an RN at the Mayo Clinic Hospitals. Trent is a prosthetic and orthotic practitioner at Limb Lab.

Evin Lantz is a financial planner at Renovo Financial Partners in Rochester, Minn.

Kelsey (Brown) Legore is co-director of choirs at Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Prairie High School.

Jevita Poer is new business developer at Philips Research in the Netherlands.

Hannah Ranum is a customer relationship manager at Forte Research Systems in Madison, Wis.

Denise Richter earned a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Iowa. She is an internal auditor for Deere and Company in Moline, Ill.

Rachel (Jungwirth) Rigdon is account executive of Holmes Murphy and Associates in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Peter Sandstedt earned a master’s degree in communication from Northwestern University in Evanston Ill., and is a vendor project specialist at the University.
Katie (Schwartz) Vogel of Maplewood, Minn., is a staff accountant at Northern Tool + Equipment.

Isaac (van Bruggen) Warner is an assistant property manager at Zeller Realty Group in Minneapolis.

MARRIAGES

KARLA DIETMEYER and GAVIN COLAHAN, June 3, 2017

KAYLEE HELGEMOE and TRENT KERRIGAN, Aug. 12, 2017

GINNY MORRELL and Cody Miller, Sept. 2, 2017

BRIDGET ROUSE and Scott Johnson, May 24, 2014

ALYSSA SCHUTTER and JORDAN JACKSON, Aug. 19, 2017

KATIE SCHWARTZ and Ethan Vogel, July 22, 2017

CAITLIN SHOEMAKER and SIPHAMANDLA SIMELANE ’14, July 8, 2017

ISAAC VAN BRUGGEN and Nate Warner, Sept. 10, 2017

BIRTHS

McKenzee and ALEX BYOM welcomed a daughter, Larkyn Lee, in June 2017.

OBITUARIES


- Full obituaries can be found on the Luther College website at: www.luther.edu/in-memoriam/

2014

CLASS NOTES

David Baxter is associate vocal music director at Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Kelsey Bies teaches fourth grade for the Waverly-Shell Rock (Iowa) Community School District.

Skylar (Carney) Bohr is a reading resource teacher for grades 4-6 at Notre Dame Elementary in Cresco, Iowa.

Lauren (Meintsma) Dosland is a communications associate at Jones Lang LaSalle in Minneapolis.

Marisa (Johnson) Faas teaches K-3 special education at Westside Elementary School in the Reedsburg (Wis.) School District.
William Foley is a substitute teacher in the Dallas-Center Grimes School District and Johnston School District in the Des Moines, Iowa, area. He also works at the Waukee YMCA and is an assistant site supervisor at After School Care.

Logan Hjerleid teaches kindergarten for the Solon (Iowa) Community School District.

Jordan Jensen is director of retreat ministries at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Bible Camp in Hillside, Colo.

Jess Landgraf is assistant service manager at Erik’s Bike Shop, Inc., in Roseville, Minn.

Brittney Leemon earned a master’s degree in arts management and nonprofit management at the University of Oregon, and is marketing and development manager of the National Lutheran Choir in Minneapolis.

John Melzarek is senior accountant at CliftonLarsonAllen in Minneapolis.

Aaron Mertzenich is a web user experience designer and developer at Promega in Madison, Wis.

Samuel Molzahn earned a master’s degree in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. He is an adult reference librarian at the North Shore Public Library in Glendale, Wis.

Brita Moore is public relations director of Minnesota Farmers Union in St. Paul, Minn.

Kayla Nelson teaches multi-categorical special education at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Ty Pharaoh earned a master’s degree in K-12 special education and teaching from the University of St. Thomas, and is a student teacher and SUTR resident at SPPS in Minneapolis.

Chase Racek teaches first grade at the American School of Kuwait in Hawalli, Kuwait.

Sara (Pecinovsky) Richert is the 5-12 band director for the Cochrane-Fountain City (Wis.) Schools.

Becca Rudquist teaches high school English for the Dover-Eyota (Minn.) Public Schools.

Seth Rumage is an intern pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spokane, Wash.

Anna Showers teaches second grade for the Faribault (Minn.) Public School District.

Cydney (Roelands) Weitzel is employed by Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in the Rock Island, Ill.

Emily Wilson teaches fourth grade for the Muskego-Norway (Wis.) School District.

MARRIAGES

CATE ANDERSON and SETH DUIN ’12, July 29, 2017

**2015**

**CLASS NOTES**

* Caitlin Almer teaches fifth grade for the Littleton ( Colo.) Public Schools.
* Alex Barker is account executive of membership sales for the Minnesota Timberwolves in Minneapolis.
* Emily Betts is a project manager at Anytime Fitness in Woodbury, Minn.
* Brianna Blum teaches first grade at Archibald Alexander Elementary School in Iowa City, Iowa.
* Jenny Bonnell is a long term substitute teacher in the Edina (Minn.) Public Schools.
* Leah Broderick of Brighton, Mass., is a regional admissions recruiter for the University of Alabama.
* Tyler Crowe of Davenport, Iowa, earned a master’s degree in biomedical sciences from Iowa State University.
* Jenna Darsee teaches K-5 art for the Indianola (Iowa) Community School District.
* Jessica Dobson teaches eighth grade physical science at Freeport ( Ill.) Middle School.
* Gabriel Dorn is a research assistant at Washington University in St. Louis.
Conner Goetz teaches eighth grade global studies at Minnetonka (Minn.) Middle School.

Alex Hain teaches English at Stewartville (Minn.) Middle School.

Marlon Henriquez teaches kindergarten at Pilsen Community Academy in Chicago.

Madison (Norell) Jaeger is an academic interventionist at CAL Community Schools in Latimer, Iowa.

Amanda Johnson teaches K-2 special education for the Byron (Minn.) Public Schools.

Michael Kaiser is a financial analyst at HNI Corporation in Muscatine, Iowa.

Karly Karst is staffing coordinator for Park Nicollet Health Services at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, Minn., and is a nursing student at Herzing University. She received the Nurse Corps scholarship.

Krista (Konrad) Liveringhouse teaches fourth grade in Hillsborough County School District in Tampa, Florida.

Abby Lobdell teaches fifth grade at Merrill School in Rock Falls, Ill.

Ann (Okoneski) Lund is executive consultant at Rodan + Fields Dermatologists in Edina, Minn.

Ellie Magner teaches sixth grade at Robert J. Elkington Middle School in Grand Rapids, Minn.

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Jessica Mara is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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Sara Maronde is clinical assistant and medical scribe at Twin Cities Orthopedics in Burnsville, Minn.

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Katie Mathis teaches K-6 art for the West Branch (Iowa) Community School District.

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Michaleen Melby is a substitute teacher for the Portage (Wis.) Community School District.

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Alise Miller is senior demand forecast analyst at Best Buy in Minneapolis.

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Bailey Mulholland is publications specialist at the Kent (Ohio) Historical Society.

Elsie Muronzie is assurance staff at Ernst and Young in Minneapolis.

Kayla Naber teaches first grade at Ekstrand Elementary in Dewitt, Iowa.

Jessica O’Brien is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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Hiliary Pennington is a teacher assistant at Van Meter (Iowa) Elementary School.

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Mavis Phiri is a financial services representative at University of Iowa Credit Union in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Jake Putnam is a fine art consultant at Iowa Artisans Gallery in Iowa City.

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Allison Richman is a neighborhood services coordinator at Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity in Waterloo, Iowa.

Annika Ring teaches English, literature, and writing at Hutchinson (Minn.) High School.

Kaia Sand is an oboe graduate teaching assistant at the University of Oklahoma School of Music in Edmond, Okla.

Mary Schmidt is a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

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Greg Scott is project manager at UnitedHealth Group in Plymouth, Minn.

Emily Sena is a business and legal associate at Khalifeh and Partners Lawyers in Amman, Jordan.
Andrew Sharot is data analytics senior consultant at Deloitte in Minneapolis.

Joe Simonelli is an artist at Spectrum Screenprinting and Embroidery in Plymouth, Minn.

Aime (Karam) Smith is account executive of iHeartMedia in Minneapolis.

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Kasey Thorson teaches seventh and eighth grade social studies and language arts in the Austin (Minn.) Public School District.

Emily Tope is a world language production editor at EMC Publishing in St. Paul. Two of her short documentaries have been official selections in 11 film festivals since 2015. One documentary won the Best Student Film award at the World Arts Film Festival in May 2017.

Danielle Uhlenhake teaches first grade at St. John’s Elementary School in Independence, Iowa.

Ellie Van Der Griend teaches kindergarten at John F. Kennedy Community School in Berlin, Germany.

Blake Wragge teaches fourth grade at Bayview Elementary in Waconia, Minn.

Kari Ylvisaker teaches kindergarten for the Grundy Center (Iowa) Community Schools.

MARRIAGES

ASHLEY BROWN and JOSHUA SWANSON, Aug. 12, 2017

AIME KARAM and CeDric Smith, Sept. 1, 2017

STEPHANIE LAKE and Nicholas Eliason, Oct. 21, 2017

LIBBY MARCUS and Grant Bell, Jan. 7, 2017

MADDI NORELL and Tanner Jaeger, Sept. 10, 2016

CAITY NOWOSATKA and CALEB SANDER, Oct. 8, 2016

HAYLEY PIRSIG and BLANE MAHER ’14, July 29, 2016

SOPHIA RISTAU and HENRY JUNGBAUER, May 19, 2017

JENNIFER SCHMIDT and ALEX LUNDELL, July 1, 2017

HANNAH SELMON and Max Luetkemeier, July 18, 2015

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Kai Hedstrom is executive director of the Northeast Iowa Peace and Justice Center in Decorah.

Hailey Johnson teaches social studies and coaches girls tennis at Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, Colo.

Jenna Johnson is an M.D./Ph.D. graduate student the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Peter Lillibridge is a footwear sales leader at Dick’s Sporting Goods in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Ervin Liz Andela is the founder of Colombian Coffee Connection, LLC, in Hutchinson, Minn.

Jake Martin played in the Midwest Basketball League for the Twin Cities Elite, and in the Australian semi-pro BigV league for the Bulleen Boomers. He has been signed by the Goldfield Giants and will join them in Kalgoolie, Western Australia, in January for their pre-season campaign.


Hannah Sackett is a Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer serving on behalf of the ELCA in Kibungo, Rwanda.

Clare Slagel is a doctoral student at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ames, Iowa.

Alanna Spencer teaches middle and high school math at Lower Kuskokwim School District in Bethel, Alaska.

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Janna Akkerman teaches English as a second language for the Austin (Minn.) Public School District.

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Matthew Chlebek is account executive of Midwest Insurance Group, LLC, in Delafield, Wis.

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Erin Ellefsen is a teaching fellow and master’s degree student in mathematics at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Laura Johnson is a community engagement coordinator at the Greater Milwaukee (Wis.) Foundation.

Justin Kreiter is a doctoral student in physical therapy at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.
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