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The University is refreshing and strengthening its brand, drawing on the strong heritage of the past and the opportunities of the future.

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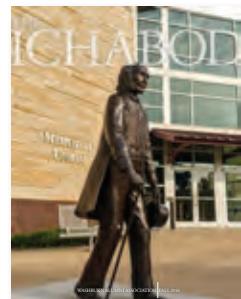
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From the President

During our sesquicentennial celebration we launched a new strategic plan, Vision 2022. This plan reflects our organizational mission, vision and values to identify key strategic activities for the next six years. I am pleased to report we are successfully achieving many of the goals of this plan and are hard at work at achieving others.

At the same time, Washburn began exploring how others view us. Our Vision 2022 plan clearly states who we want to be, and we needed to understand if our public persona matched what we believe to be the essence of the University.

We hired a new marketing firm, The frank Agency, to help us accomplish that goal and “rediscover our brand essence.” We knew it was important that the perception of Washburn in the communities we serve match our own vision. Not only does that make it easier to recruit students, but it also helps us better align our resources to successfully meet expectations and fulfill our mission and vision.

The frank Agency met with our Washburn community – students, faculty, staff, prospective students and their families, business leaders and community partners to understand their perceptions of the University. Our trademarks, publications and website were assessed. All of this information was analyzed to determine how we are perceived by those who matter to us.

I am happy to report we found great agreement as to our vision and positioning both inside and outside the University. In fact, we found nearly everyone was using the exact same words to describe us.

The frank Agency helped us take all of the information and find a way to express it succinctly. That became our brand essence: *Washburn University exists solely to help you become your best self.* I am proud to tell you this feels just right to us.

Empowered with this knowledge, we are excited going forward. We are launching a new logo, while retaining important historical marks that tie the past to the future. Soon we will update our website with the new look and feel of our brand. We hope you see the positive changes and share in our excitement as we grow and succeed.

Washburn University did not become the institution it is today by standing still. Washburn is and will always be a university on the move, evolving and growing to serve our students and our community. We are proud of our heritage, we look forward to our future and we are proud to state that we are here to help you become your best self.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Farley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" at the beginning.



Become your best self

Polishing Washburn University's brand

By Patrick Early • [patrick.early@washburn.edu](mailto:patrik.early@washburn.edu)

Note: In his letter on page 2, Dr. Farley delves into the “why” of Washburn’s branding initiative. Here, we will take a close look at the “how” and what you can expect to see in the coming months.

Just as Washburn University has grown and matured through its 150-year history, so has its reputation. With all of the University’s success – and the future in mind – this is the perfect opportunity to clearly define, to polish Washburn’s “brand” – that basic description, that visual representation of Washburn.

So, the University decided to embark on a campaign to reaffirm Washburn’s brand, to ensure that our public persona matches what we believe to be Washburn’s essence.

“We didn’t enter into the process lightly,” said Cindy Hornberger, retired special assistant to the president, who supervised the project. “Rebranding requires you to take a step back, do a thorough assessment of public perceptions and maybe even make changes in your approach if you don’t like what you’re hearing.”

Done well, she noted, rebranding can clarify an organization’s public perception.

Washburn hired The frank Agency, Overland Park, Kansas, as the University’s advertising agency. They expanded existing marketing research to clarify the University’s perception among students, prospective students, faculty and staff and the community at large.

The agency quickly discovered perceptions were overwhelmingly positive, and prospective students, faculty, staff and alumni were using the same words to describe Washburn.

“In the end, a good brand helps form a relationship between the brand itself and those it wishes to attract,” Tom Stofac, executive vice president and executive creative director said, “and the relationship between Washburn and its constituencies was in great shape. All that was left for us was to help the university describe that relationship in a way that was clear, memorable and unique.”

The result was boiled down to a basic statement – the brand essence.

“That essence is simple, but powerful,” Stofac said. “Washburn University exists solely to help you become your best self.”

That essence plays out in a promise to not only encourage students but to prepare them to take that best self into post-collegiate life, to make a unique mark on this world. That's an essential mission because at Washburn University, it isn't about us. It's about you.

With that basic essence captured, the next step was to simplify and clarify the visual presence of the University.

"More than anything, we saw the need for consistency," Stofac said. "When people see a logo, it serves as a reminder of everything the organization represents. But if they have to work to recognize a mark as a Washburn logo, you've lost the opportunity."

The result was an updated and subtly modernized version of the University's logo, dropping the "torch" which was added for the 140th anniversary. Athletics will continue to use their "W," now christened the "spirit mark." Likewise, the law school will continue to use the scales of justice, now referred to as a "heritage mark."

In the end, Stofac said, this was actually one of the least challenging rebranding efforts the agency has encountered.

"We often find some basic problems that need to be cleaned up before we relaunch a brand," he said. "With Washburn, we found a strong, consistent perception. Our role was to help create some consistent rules." 



Brand values

Integrity

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Fairness

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Collaboration

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Respect

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Accountability

Brand promise

At Washburn, you will be encouraged to find your best self.

Not only encouraged, but equipped, enabled, and prepared to take your best self into post-collegiate life, ready to make your unique mark in this world.

Because at
Washburn University
it isn't about us.
It's about you.



Photo by Doug Stremel

Debate brings home ‘granddaddy of them all’

By Sarah Towle • stowle@wufoundation.org

The first tournament of the season often sets the stage for what’s to come in collegiate debate, and this year was no exception for the Washburn University team.

Kaitlyn Bull, junior from Paris, Texas, and Ryan Kelly, junior from Topeka, Kansas, came into the season full of energy and had their first perfect tournament. Not only did they win the championship round, but they were named the top two individual speakers.

“It started off the season really well, and we knew if we kept working hard, we could do this,” said Kelly.

There are no divisions in collegiate parliamentary debate, so Washburn regularly goes up against schools such as the University of California-Berkley or the

University of Oregon. Washburn's biggest competition this year was no stranger – the University of Texas-Tyler, as Bull transferred to Washburn from there two years ago.

"When I competed for the University of Texas-Tyler we were a great team, but the coach left, so I was worried about the future of the program," said Bull, "I looked to Washburn because they are so well known on the parliamentary debate circuit. Washburn was the school that always won the team award."

Since transferring two years ago, she and Kelly have seen great success at tournaments across the country, particularly at national tournaments. This year, they took second place at the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence.

The entire team came together a week later to win the second national tournament of the season, the National Parliamentary Debate Association tournament, or "the granddaddy of them all," as head coach Kevin O'Leary put it. Washburn won the team award for having the most wins in the tournament, as it has three times since 2010. Bull and Kelly also finished third as an individual team with Kelly being recognized as the 10th best individual speaker and Bull being recognized as the fourth best speaker out of more than 300 competitors.

O'Leary said it's difficult to field a strong team without institutional support, which he is thankful the team receives at Washburn.

"We feel the squad championships are the most worthwhile in pursuing because the entire team either wins together or they lose together," said O'Leary. "There weren't any seniors on the squad this year, so everyone had to overperform. We really push them to act as a squad first and individual success comes second."

O'Leary said next year's goal is to go back to nationals and not only win it as a team again, but to win the championship round as well.

"I'm really grateful to our coaches," said Kelly. "Washburn is seen as a highly competitive and very elite university in debate because of the work everyone puts in." 

Knoth receives prestigious Fulbright Award

Lauren Knoth, bs '12, ba '12, and 2012 national championship debater at Washburn, has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to Finland in criminology from the U.S. Department of State and the

J. William Fulbright

Foreign Scholarship Board. She is currently completing her doctorate studies at Penn State University and continues to mentor the Washburn Debate team.

Knoth will conduct research at The University of Helsinki – Institute of Criminology and Legal Policy as part of a project to develop a sentencing risk assessment instrument, which is a tool to identify the likelihood of recidivism among offenders convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"Much of the research about DUI offending exists on populations in the United States," said Knoth. "We do not know much about patterns of drinking and driving in other parts of the world."

Knoth said she is thrilled to receive the Fulbright scholarship, and it's an opportunity to do something unique with her dissertation that could have policy implications. This will also be her first time abroad.

"Debate influenced my interest in policy research, and it gave me a unique research perspective. In debate, you are role playing as a policy maker and at the same time doing research specifically to support policy decisions," she said.



Photo submitted

W A S H B U R N U N I V E R S I T Y

Connor England, senior,
Kennedy White, bba '16,
and Mark Feuerborn,
junior, recently won the
Network of International
Business Schools
Worldwide Business
Plan Competition.

Photo by Lisa Hecker



World Champions

Three entrepreneurs join forces to win international business competition

By Sarah Towle • stowle@wufoundation.org

Kennedy White, bba '16, Connor England, senior business major, and Mark Feuerborn, junior mass media major, sat in the School of Business conference room on May 19, 2016, and joined people from all over the world via Skype.

The trio was eagerly awaiting the results of the Network of International Business Schools Worldwide Business Plan Competition. They were not only representing Washburn University as one of the three schools in the finals, but they were also representing the United States against schools in Finland and Ireland.

"The judges talked a lot about the three finalists before finally announcing D18 was the winner," White said. "It was just shocking, and so many memories flooded back – getting the first client, experiencing failure, and it was just unbelievable to have gotten to that point."

D18 was just an idea in the summer of 2014. A 20-year-old White consulted Rick LeJuerrne, lecturer, School of Business, in the Washburn University Small Business Development Center on some business ideas, a free service for Washburn students. LeJuerrne brought up the Consumed in Production Tax Exemption that many small businesses in the area were not taking advantage of to reduce their taxes. Not knowing much about energy efficiency or tax law, White spent his entire summer consulting with Westar Energy and the Kansas Department of Revenue about the tax exemption.

Armed with an idea to help businesses, LeJuerrne connected him with a local business, Iwig Dairy, to complete his first energy study. He identified areas where the company could save money through the tax exemption, and he was able not only to get the company a refund but also future savings. White earned a portion of the refund and his customers received the rest, plus future savings. So far, he's saved eight business locations in northeast Kansas approximately \$17,000.

While taking classes, White met many other entrepreneurial-minded students through Washburn's entrepreneur and innovation program. England, who won Washburn's first business plan competition in spring 2016 with his business, Portfolio, that provides a better outlet for artists to sell their work, and Feuerborn, who creates and sells custom cigar box guitars through his company Feuerborn Guitars, were two that stood out.

All three Washburn students had received funding for their business ideas through the Student Business Accelerator Fund, and all three rushed to join forces in March 2016 when they heard about the NIBS competition. After seeing White's early success with D18, England said they decided the company would be a good fit for the climate because internationally there is a big push for energy conservation. They proceeded with putting together a pitch video and strong business plan and submitted it.

"We were competing against 14 countries throughout Europe and Asia," Feuerborn said. "International

business is a whole new level, so we knew we were playing with the big boys."

After becoming one of three finalists, the students put together an in-depth video about the business to be presented to an audience of international business professionals. The three also completed a live question-and-answer session about their business plan.

"We worked with professors on the question and answer session, so we were well prepared," England said. "We had confidence in our defense of the business. This wasn't a class project, it was something we were truly passionate about, and I think that stood out."

Feuerborn said getting the news they received first place was incredible, and he was elated that the many hours and weeks of work had paid off. All three students credited many business school professors including David Price, associate professor, marketing, and Dmitri Nizovtsev, professor, economics and international studies, for helping them through the process. The team received a cash reward to further the business plan, and they hope not only to rebrand D18 in the future but also to continue making it a viable business and venture out on their own ideas as well.

"Bringing creativity to life at this age creates so much potential about where a business could go," Feuerborn said. "There are so many resources available at this university, that if you are willing to do the groundwork, you can confidently know that it will go somewhere, thanks to Washburn." 

Mark Feuerborn, Connor England and Kennedy White. Photo by Doug Stremel



Born to be an Ichabod

By Shalyn Murphy

For alumnus Stephen Cagle, Washburn University is more than the college where he earned his first degree. It was also his first home, and if family legend is believed, his place of birth.

Cagle, bsw '73, was born Aug. 25, 1951, while his parents, Louis and Winifred, b ed '66, Boone Cagle served as dorm parents for Benton Hall, which was a girls' dormitory at the time.

"My mother always said that I was born at Benton Hall and that the drive to the hospital was terrifying. As a first-time mother, she didn't know what to expect and her labor progressed quickly. My parents were both in a panic as they tried to get to the hospital as quickly as possible," Cagle said.

Cagle's father had just begun a teaching job at Topeka High School while Winifred worked as a dorm mother.

"Taking care of the college kids was a full-time job for mom," Cagle said. "She was a great cook, a good homemaker, just busy all the time. Mom said all of the girls wanted to hold me and babysit me and that I didn't want anything to do with it."

Memories of walking up the stone steps and of the green paisley wallpaper in the apartment dot Cagle's recollections of his early life in Benton. His family lived there two more years, moving to a house north of Topeka after Cagle's family grew by two when Winifred gave birth to twins.

"It was a chaotic time, but my parents both loved working with students and being a part of life at Washburn," Cagle said.

When Cagle graduated from Seamen High School, he was eager to attend Washburn where he could live at home half of the year, work and save money for his education.

"Going to school anywhere back in the late 60s and 70s was a pretty exciting time to be a college student," said Cagle. "There was so much excitement and discussion in class and on campus as social change happened all around us. I worked 25-30 hours a week at the Butter Krust Bakery dumping bread out of the oven. It was hot, nasty and difficult work. Every time I wanted to sleep in or skip a class, I thought, without an education, I might work this type of job the rest of my life."

A love of education seems to be a Cagle family inheritance. Cagle said there were 14 generations of teachers documented on his mother's side of the family. Cagle's grandparents both taught for 45 years in high schools throughout Kansas and his great-grandmother taught from a covered wagon. Although his career path led him to mental health and social work, Cagle's wife and daughter have carried on the family tradition of teaching while earning degrees from Washburn in the process.

Judy Cagle, his wife, taught in Dodge City Community College's nursing program for 16 years while completing a master's degree from the University



Judy Cagle, Stephen Cagle and Tamra Radohl Sigley. Photo by Mindy Waldron

of Kansas in the process. Seeing the growing importance of health and medical law, Judy entered the Washburn University School of Law in 1988.

"Washburn had progressive classes that fit my career perfectly like medical malpractice law and mental health law," said Judy. "There was a whole course on psychiatrists, patients and lawyers with input from the Menninger Clinic. Many other law schools weren't offering these types of courses at the time."

After completing her law degree, Judy worked as a county district attorney where her background in nursing gave her valuable experience in cases related

to mental health. She eventually returned to teaching at DCCC.

Tamra Radohl Sigley, Cagle's daughter, earned a master's in social work at Washburn and her doctorate in social work at KU. She is now an assistant professor at Park University, Parkville, Missouri.

As a family of Washburn graduates, the Cagles encourage their grandchildren, ages 12 and 8, to attend Washburn as well.

"We all have at least one degree from Washburn and one from KU, so we tell the kids we expect them to earn one from each," Judy said. 

Inspiring students, enriching lives

By Kara Mazachek

When Steve Holloman, b music '75, started his teaching career 41 years ago at Boswell Jr. High School in Topeka, Kansas, he was unaware he would leave a lasting impact on his students and the community. Recently at a Washburn jazz band concert in the spring, more than half of the students in the ensemble were graduates of his band program.

"That made me feel good. Almost half the jazz band was Topeka High," Holloman said. "It gave me a warm, fuzzy feeling."

As he wrapped up his 35th and final year as the Topeka High School band director in May, Holloman said the experiences provided by the Washburn University music education program shaped the way he taught students.

"The education program is excellent," Holloman said. "Immediately, you get in the public schools and observe classes. It prepared me well."

Since he began teaching in 1975, Holloman focused on using music to enrich students' lives. In his classes, he concentrated on collaboration and teamwork among the students. His focus was to make it something fun for students and for music to be rewarding.

Holloman enriched his students' lives with a non-core subject, whether that was through taking trips, performing in parades or at various games.

"It's important for kids to see the community and give back to the public," Holloman said. "We are always helping, whether it is playing at nursing homes or other events in the community."

Holloman believed it was his job to help with the transition from high school to college for his students, which always included his allegiance to Washburn.

Holloman would reach out to Washburn faculty as he focused on making the next step in life as smooth as possible for his students and their parents. With a growingly competitive job market and cost of attending college, he also encouraged parents to prepare for college when their children were young.

"I did everything I could for the students," he said. "I want to be their advocate."

That advocacy has paid off. Recently, he has received letters from former students about his teaching and how music has made a difference in their life.

"I've seen a lot of my former students go on to help students and become teachers," Holloman said. "I'm really proud of that."

Kristina Hernandez, one of Holloman's former students and now a Washburn student, said he always encouraged her to try new things and become a better player.

"That's why I want to teach. I want to inspire students like he has inspired me," Hernandez said. "His outlook on life and music is different than most band directors and I want to carry that on."

Craig Treinen, assistant professor, music, Washburn University, said Holloman brought his students to Washburn's clinics and festivals and encouraged private lessons from Washburn faculty. Treinen could always ask for advice, and Holloman would provide insight and wisdom.

"The people and kids of this community are truly going to miss him," Treinen said. "He is one of our state's most outstanding teachers and individuals."

Even with the completion of Holloman's time as the Topeka High School band director, he will not be far away from Washburn and the Topeka community. He still tries to catch his former students' recitals.

"I want my kids to know I still support them even though they are gone," Holloman said. "I want to show my students I still care about them." 



Steve Holloman, retired band director at Topeka High School, is a longtime supporter of the Washburn Music Department.
Photo by Doug Stremel

Washburn alumnae team up to empower young children

By Sarah Towle • stowle@wufoundation.org

A conversation on the subway in New York City changed everything for Washburn graduates, Macy Tanking, mba '04, and Beth Lenherr, ba '02. That night, the two friends who grew up together confided in each other that despite success in the classroom and on Washburn's volleyball court, Tanking as an assistant coach and Lenherr as a player, they still lacked confidence in themselves.

"Neither of us knew the other struggled with confidence," said Lenherr, who teaches in the intensive English program at Washburn and is the learning and development specialist for employees at Advisors Excel. "We were so confident on the court, but when we graduated college and got out into the working world, we realized we struggled with identity. Who were we without the title of athlete?"

That conversation on the subway sparked Tanking to have similar conversations with other successful women she had met. What she learned was a real need existed for women to recognize their talents and develop confidence in themselves and others. She started GRIT, or Girls Realizing Impact Together, in 2012 to address these needs.

The GRIT program is a hands-on workshop that encourages participants to love themselves, connect with others and be involved in their community through a series of confidence-building activities with young girls. Lenherr received her master's degree in English education in linguistics and she holds a professional certificate in NeuroLeadership. They use her knowledge of neuro-linguistic exercises to focus on mindfulness and reflection of goals and successful events in these girls' lives. The exercises help the girls recognize their gifts and talents and celebrate the greatness of others. While the program has been mostly concentrated in Kansas and South Africa, Tanking has also introduced



Macy Tanking, Beth Lenherr. Photo by Ryan Bishop

it in New York City where she is a sales learning consultant for Facebook.

"In one of the exercises, we get together in one room to think and talk about the things that unite us," Tanking said. "The girls write down the five things they love most about themselves. Young girls are eager to share their list, but junior high and older really struggle. They are so quick to give out compliments, but they are hard on themselves."

Tanking and Lenherr traveled to the Hope Prep School in East London, South Africa, in the winter of 2015-16 to work with the children Tanking has been visiting and working with for the past five years. This time, they focused on goal setting and worked with both boys and girls after learning that boys needed this kind of program as well.

"GRIT has been a passion project that has come out of my own struggles," said Tanking. "This is what I want my mark on the world to be, and working with young girls is so rewarding. I'm hoping we can continue to make it a recognized organization and an international program. There are many pockets of the world where women and girls could use a voice." 

Delta Gamma cook initiated as alumna sister

By Ally Burr • aburr@wufoundation.org

Washburn University looked completely different in 1961, but in a house at the end of sorority row, Mattie Johnson began a nearly 40-year career as cook for Alpha Kappa chapter of Delta Gamma.

As the women of Alpha Kappa learned, she was more than they could want in a house cook as her meals were beyond compare. Her cinnamon rolls were famous amongst all of the Washburn Greek chapters since she had been a substitute cook for nearly all of them throughout the mid to late 1950s before Delta Gamma hired her full time in the early 1960s.

She wasn't just a cook. She was secret-keeper, adviser and friend.

"She was, for many of us, our mother away from our mother, our confidante, and often, our guardian angel and conscience," said Heather Hay Huscher, ba '93. "More than once she called me out for conduct that she felt was beneath me and had no problem making sure I knew she expected better of 'her girls.'"

As the one they always turned to, Johnson knew everything that went on around the house.

"Monday mornings, my kitchen was the gossip room," said Johnson. "They would have to tell me everything that happened over the weekend."

She can recall times she threatened to tell their parents on them just so they would shape up. Another time, she remembered seeing a young man trying to sneak upstairs with beer in hand, and she called him out. Her kitchen was a disciplined place, and Johnson didn't put up with any nonsense. Needless to say, he didn't make it upstairs.

Throughout her career with Delta Gamma, Johnson met more than 600 young women and cooked thousands of lunches and dinners for them all.

In January 2016, Susie Hoffmann, bba '87, director, Washburn Alumni Association, and co-president of the Topeka Alumnae Chapter of Delta Gamma, first inquired with Delta Gamma Executive Offices about the possibility of initiating Johnson into the Alpha Kappa chapter. Formal application and letters of support

were submitted on Johnson's behalf. Within days after receiving the information, the Delta Gamma Council notified Hoffmann of its approval for her to become an alumna initiate.

"I was just shocked," said Johnson. "I couldn't believe it."

Finally, she would have another role for the women she had served for so many years: sister.

On June 4, 2016, more than 80 women from California to Pennsylvania and states in between came to the Delta Gamma house to witness the initiation of their beloved cook.

"[Mattie's] standards, values and core are everything a Delta Gamma stands for and everything we hope for in recruitment," said Jenifer Dreiling Holderman, '82 initiate and Washburn attendee. "Sometimes I forget Mattie isn't already a Delta Gamma. She has proven herself to be the best of us over and over again." 



Mattie Johnson stands in front of the Delta Gamma house at Washburn University with a pan of her renowned cinnamon rolls. She is also wearing two necklaces gifted to her from Alpha Kappa chapter: a handcrafted necklace of the Delta Gamma house she received on retiring in 1995 and a golden anchor received when she was initiated in June.

Photo by Ally Burr



Bob Davis had a 48-year broadcasting career after graduating from Washburn in 1966. He spent 32 years as the voice of the University of Kansas Jayhawks. *Photo by Jeff Jacobsen*

Final Call

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wufoundation.org

Bob Davis retired from broadcasting on one of the biggest stages in sports – the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

His memories covering small college sports early in his career are just as vivid as the ones broadcasting the University of Kansas and Kansas City Royals.

Davis, ba '66, grew up in Independence, Kansas, where his father wrote for the local paper. Mickey Mantle came through town as a Minor Leaguer one season.

"I thought that was pretty cool to sit in the press box and go to ball games," Davis said.

His interest grew as the family moved to Topeka and Davis went to Washburn University. Davis took the only

two broadcasting classes Washburn offered and found other ways to get his foot in the door.

Local radio icon Merle Blair, ba '57, was managing KTOP. Davis' dad covered Blair as a high school athlete and they stayed in touch. Blair helped Davis get his first broadcasting job in Hays, Kansas, in 1968.

Blair told the station manager, "He has no experience, but I would vouch for his character."

After 16 years in Hays, the opportunity came to move to Lawrence. Davis broadcasted Jayhawk football and men's basketball games from 1984-2016 and Royals games from 1997-2012. He called eight Final Fours and two national championships with the Jayhawks.

Shortly after his final call on March 26 this year, Davis took time to look at his roots with Washburn and small college sports in Kansas.

Who are some of your early broadcasting influences?

I remember, as a student, going to a Washburn basketball game. Dev Nelson – who was one of my heroes who did K-State for many years – worked at WIBW and would do an occasional Washburn game. They were playing Rockhurst and Bill Grigsby was their announcer. Bill did KU for a couple years and was one of the Chiefs announcers. I was looking at those two guys, thinking, God, I wish I could go down there and sit between them and listen.

What was it like working at the station in Hays?

Hays was a small market operation, but a really good one because we had radio and TV. The first year I was there was an election year, so I helped with the coverage on television. It was Richard Nixon against Hubert Humphrey. It was Bob Dole's (ba '52, jd '52) first run at the Senate, and Keith Sebelius ran for his house seat. Those guys would come through, and it was really an exciting time.

I got to know a lot of the small college people. I didn't know them from Arbuckles' Coffee when I was starting out, but they were so nice. Chuck Brehm (ba '54) was the Fort Hays basketball coach, and he was a Washburn grad. He was great to me as a young broadcaster.

KU basketball plays Washburn in exhibitions.

What are those experiences like? I think (Washburn Head Coach) Bob Chipman would say it's been helpful to his program and a great thrill for the kids. Gary Woodland played freshman basketball at Washburn and then went on to golf at KU. He's a huge Jayhawk now and in the PGA tour. He told me one time, 'I came out on that court, and I got booed!'

Many associate your voice with great moments in KU and Royals history. How do you feel about that?

It's very flattering because we're not the story. The story is the game. But to be part of that is very flattering. Everybody in the last couple of months has been asking, 'What's your favorite broadcast you ever

did?' Well, out of the 5,000, let me think... I could give you a list.

The State Legislature declared April 28, 2016, Bob Davis Day, and

you were named to the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame. What has the recognition been like?

I'm not on Twitter, but everybody else in the world is. I've heard from people all over. At the Statehouse, the speaker was going to introduce me, and I said, 'Do I have to talk or anything?' He told me only the representatives could talk. That's great. I talk enough.



You and your wife, Linda, have a son, Steven, who's in broadcasting. He did Washburn games for a year and does University of Missouri-Kansas City basketball and KU baseball now. It looks like a future in sports broadcasting is strong in the Davis family line.

Television has really exploded and changed broadcasting capabilities a lot with all the local and regional networks. Steven cannot imagine growing up without ESPN, and now there are even more options. We had three TV stations when I was younger, and there would be a Big 8 game of the week on Saturdays.

We have three grandchildren who we're enjoying. We finally got a little girl now. The three-year-old said the other day, 'I want to be a renouncer like Daddy and Grandpa.'

READ MORE ABOUT BOB DAVIS

Read the complete interview with Bob Davis as he discusses his experiences at Washburn and during his 48-year career at bit.ly/BobDavisWashburn.



Logan Stutz was MVP of the National Basketball League of Canada last year, his fifth season playing professional basketball since finishing at Washburn in 2011. *Photo submitted*

Trotting the globe and winning awards, Stutz keeping family first

By Jeremy Wangler • jwangler@wufoundation.org

Germany, Austria, Sweden, Bulgaria and Canada. Living in those five locations has allowed former Ichabod Logan Stutz to play professional basketball since finishing at Washburn in 2011.

Between marriage, a child and an education, priorities continue to shift. He finishes each season thinking it might be his last – either by his choice to focus on family and career, or by not securing a roster spot the next season.

“If you’re not in the NBA, it’s a one-year deal,” said Stutz, bis ’13.

Stutz has been playing well enough to secure a spot each season. He wrapped up his most successful

campaign this spring as MVP of the National Basketball League of Canada, an eight-team league where he played forward for the Niagara River Lions. He has offers to play all over the world, but at 28 years old, whatever he does this winter, he’ll make sure it’s the right fit for his family.

Stutz grew up in Blue Springs, Missouri. After a year of junior college, he came to Washburn in 2008. He shot 66 percent from the field his senior year, the third-best

single-season performance in Washburn history, and earned first team all-MIAA and all-region honors. A 38-point game that year started getting people's attention.

"Agents started sending me messages and I thought, wow, maybe I can get a job out of this," Stutz said.

Washburn assistant coach Dave Brown watched Stutz improve each year and has followed his career since then.

"He was so effective around the basket. He could score with either hand. He could dunk it, step out and shoot it," Brown said.

With his Washburn playing career over and now married to Rachel (Moore), bis '14, Stutz began his professional career in Germany. He quickly learned he would have to stand out in order to keep playing. Language barriers, different rules and coaching styles made it tough. Another factor added to the pressure.

"I didn't have my degree yet," he said. "For the first two years, it was basketball or bust. One thing Coach (Bob) Chipman said when I first got to Washburn is he wanted to see me graduate."

Chipman helped Stutz find scholarships and he and Rachel graduated through online classes. This gave his family some security, but things changed in 2015 when, playing for his sixth European team in five years, their daughter, Zeva was born.

"You sleep a lot less, but you have more to fight for," he said. "I still wanted to play, but I had to find a way to fight with less energy."

To make things easier last year, they moved closer to home to Canada, but his team cut him during training camp. Stutz figured it was time to quit, but the River Lions, in their inaugural season in the NBLC, gave him a chance. He didn't let them down. He finished last year second in the league with 21.1 points and 9.0 rebounds a game.

"I'm really happy for him," Brown said. "To continue playing professional basketball for five years and win an MVP award, that shows dedication and hard work."

Stutz spent this summer developing an outside game, something his Niagara coach challenged him to do. He's also working on ball handling skills and court vision.

The fans hope the reigning MVP will return this year. Other leagues want him too. If he finds the right fit for his family, he'll be back on the court.

"Everything is year by year," Stutz said. "If you have a bad year, nobody wants you. If you have a good year, everybody wants you." 

All superheroes wear capes. Some wear goggles.



Photo submitted

Logan Stutz was a fan favorite last year playing for the Niagara River Lions. He wore sports goggles to correct an eye problem and developed the friendly moniker of Cyclops among fans. A team advertisement said, 'All superheroes wear capes. Some wear goggles.'

"I think superheroes are awesome," Stutz said. "Anytime fans can boost players, they're doing their job, and the player turns it into energy."

Honorary Degrees

By Kathy Busch • kbusch@wufoundation.org

Four Washburn alumni had honorary degrees conferred on them during graduation on May 14, 2016.



JOHN HAMILTON Honorary Doctor of Law

John Hamilton graduated from the Washburn University School of Law in 1965. He received his bachelor of science in economics from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, in 1962.

Hamilton, a senior partner with Hamilton Laughlin Barker Johnson & Jones, is widely recognized as a leading expert in the areas of eminent domain and condemnation. Prior to 2011, his specialty areas also included personal injury and trial practice.

A noted authority and national expert, Hamilton authored the chapter, "Eminent Domain Practice and Procedure," in the Kansas Real Estate Practice and Procedure Handbook published by the Kansas Bar Association in 2009. He also co-authored the Kansas chapter on "Law and Procedure of Eminent Domain in the 50 States" for the Litigation Section of the Condemnation Land Use and Zoning Committee of the American Bar Association. He is also listed in Ingram's "Best Lawyers in America" in the field of eminent domain.

He is currently a member of the Topeka, Kansas and American Bar Associations and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Hamilton has served on the Washburn University School of Law Board of Governors since 2011 and is a long-standing member of the Dean's Circle. Through the years, he has shared his experience with countless students, most recently in the role of counselor in a mock trial of the Wright v. Hawk boundary dispute.

He and his late wife, Louise, are longtime donors to Washburn and Washburn Law, supporting scholarships, the renovation of White Concert Hall, and the Mulvane Art Museum as well as the new school of law facility and many other Washburn initiatives.



ALONZO HARRISON

Honorary Doctor of Public Service

Alonzo Harrison earned a bachelor of arts in communications from Washburn in 1974. He also earned a master's in public administration from the University of Kansas and attended the Wharton School of Business, Philadelphia, where he

studied economics. In addition, Harrison attended the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College pursuing Advance Executive Management training. He also attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he completed a public administration program, and he attended Washburn University School of Law for two years.

Harrison's career began at IBM as a computer systems engineer but transitioned to public service by taking a job with the Topeka/Shawnee County Department of Labor Services. His next step took him to the former Menninger Foundation where he managed a national network of seven private corporations that supported impaired, abused, abandoned and delinquent children. In 1984, he moved to HDB Construction, a company started by his father in

1959. As president and chief executive officer, he has grown the company to one of the leading contractors in the region. In 2000, HDB Construction was named Kansas Minority-Owned Business of the Year.

Throughout his career, Harrison has been influential in mentoring young men and encouraging them to achieve their dreams. He has been involved in Living the Dream Foundation of Kansas, African American Male Leadership Council, Topeka Housing Authority and Go Topeka Board of Directors. In 2000, Alonzo received the Topeka Community Service Award. In 2003, he was named Kansas African American Advisory Commission Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2008, he was inducted in the Junior Achievement Topeka Business Hall of Fame.



BARBARA WATERMAN-PETERS

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts

Barbara Waterman-Peters earned a bachelor of fine arts from Washburn University in 1973, followed by a master of fine arts from Kansas State University. She was an instructor at

both institutions and taught drawing, painting, design, mixed media and watercolor at Washburn.

Waterman-Peters is a celebrated artist and writer. Her work has been shown regionally, nationally and internationally in more than 250 exhibitions and is included in museum and corporate collections. Her work includes her well-known series of paintings on women, a collection of hundreds of paintings featuring masked figures, totemic animals and dark themes.

She was a founding member of Topeka's Collective Art Gallery in 1987 and is actively involved in the development and renovation of the NOTO arts district in north Topeka. She was the first artist to open a studio, Studio 831, in NOTO and serves on the board of directors. She was

commissioned by Washburn to create a portrait of Ichabod Washburn, which hangs in the Washburn president's residence.

Waterman-Peters is also a longtime contributor to Topeka Magazine. Her latest endeavor includes forming Pen & Brush Press with Glendyn Buckley and their publication of "The Fish's Wishes," a children's book.

As a student at Washburn, she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. As an alumna, she has supported the arts at Washburn through her involvement with the Mulvane Art Museum, the Sunflower Music Festival, the theatre department and much more. She is a member of Nonoso, and in 2009, she received the Lilla Day Monroe Award from the Alumni Association.



MAYO SCHMIDT

Honorary Doctor of Commerce

Mayo Schmidt graduated from Washburn University School of Business in 1980 with a bachelor in business administration. Following graduation, he signed a three-year contract to play football for the Miami

Dolphins, departing during the first year to pursue a business career with General Mills, Inc., a Fortune 50 Corporation.

Mayo held key management positions at General Mills, Inc., ConAgra Grain, Canada and ConAgra's global KBC Trading and Processing Company before being appointed president and chief executive officer of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. He led the organization to become a listed public corporation in 2005 and in 2007, led the successful acquisition of Agricore United, forming Viterra, Inc., Canada's largest agri-business further building Viterra's global presence to 14 countries, on four continents with 7,000 employees and a position as a leading global food ingredients business.

In 2015, Mayo joined Hydro One, Inc., Ontario's public electric utility, as president & chief executive officer and board member taking the government Crown Agency public with one of the largest IPOs in Canadian history with an enterprise value of \$24 billion.

He was listed by the Financial Post as a Top 10 CEO in 2011 rankings, Canadian Business Magazine's CEO of the Year in 2009, and awarded Global Expansion Deal of the Year in 2009.

In 2003, Mayo was named an Alumni Fellow and was an Oscar S. Stauffer Executive in Residence in 2008. He has served as a Washburn University Foundation trustee since 2008 and supports scholarships and projects at the University, including the Mayo Schmidt Finance Laboratory in the School of Business. 

Recognizing excellence, commitment

This year marks 128 years that Washburn University has bestowed honorary degrees on outstanding individuals who have demonstrated in their life and in their work high standards of excellence in scholarship or achievement. This includes public service, commitment to the development of Washburn University, excellence in their individual occupation or calling and serving as a role model for current and future generations.

These individuals have been nominated by faculty, students, Foundation staff, members of the Board of Regents and alumni. Historically, honorary degrees are bestowed at the spring commencement ceremonies.

This year's recipients join 243 other individuals who hold honorary degrees. Throughout its history, Washburn University has been fortunate to have had so many talented, dedicated men and women who have made significant contributions to their fields, their communities and to the University. For a complete list of recipients, go to bit.ly/WUHonoraryDegrees.



Foundation Board adds four Trustees

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Four new members of the Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees took office at the April 30 board meeting. The board is the governing body responsible for implementing the strategic mission of the Foundation to develop and invest private support for Washburn University.



Mark Beffort, bba '85

Beffort currently serves as chief executive officer of Newmark Grubb Levy Strange Beffort, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Under his leadership, the company now manages more than 7.6 million square feet of commercial real estate in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rogers, Arkansas, and McKinney, Texas, markets.

Beffort began his career in real estate at CB Richard Ellis in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, immediately after graduating from Washburn. After several years as a successful commercial real estate broker, he began adding office investments to his personal portfolio and holds a vested interest in multiple properties in downtown

Oklahoma City through his ownership interest in Leadership Square, Oklahoma Tower, Corporate Tower, City Place and the City Center East Garage.

In 1966, Beffort led the establishment of Grubb & Ellis-Beffort Brooks Hogan and in 1998 affiliated with Grubb & Ellis, a global full-service real estate company.

At Washburn, Beffort was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Interfraternity Council and the football team.

Today, Beffort pursues the development of young entrepreneurs through various avenues including his recent financial contribution and direct involvement in the development of an entrepreneurial business program at Washburn University.

He and his wife, Julie, reside in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Lynn McCreary, jd '94

McCreary is chief legal officer, chief ethics and compliance officer and corporate secretary of Fiserv, Inc., an S&P 500 company headquartered in Brookfield, Wisconsin. McCreary joined Fiserv as deputy general counsel in 2010 and became chief legal officer in 2013.

Prior to joining Fiserv, McCreary was a partner at Bryan Cave LLP, a global law firm with more than 1,200 lawyers and was the charter member and managing partner of the firm's San Francisco office. While in private practice, she focused on business litigation, representing companies in the financial, insurance and retail sectors. McCreary began her professional career in financial services with Citicorp Person-to-Person

and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's mortgage subsidiary, Metmor Financial.

McCreary graduated with honors from Washburn University School of Law and received her bachelors in social marketing from Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts. She is licensed to practice law in Kansas, Missouri, California and Wisconsin and

is also admitted to the United States Supreme Court.

McCreary has served on the Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors since 2010.

She and her husband, Terry, live in Elm Grove, Wisconsin. Their son and daughter-in-law are lawyers in Kansas City, Missouri.



Fred Palenske, bba '83, mba '88

Palenske currently serves as senior vice president of provider and government affairs for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. In his role, he has oversight of professional relations, institutional relations, provider reimbursement and the BCBSKS claims clearinghouse. He also leads the government affairs activities including federal administration and congressional relations, state administration and legislative relations and regulatory relations involving the Kansas Insurance Department. In addition, he has executive oversight of the medical affairs division that is responsible for quality management, disease and case management, precertification, medical review, health analytics and pharmacy programs.

Palenske joined Blue Cross in 1988 after working four years at the Kansas Insurance Department.

While at Washburn, Palenske started on the Washburn University football team for three seasons and was elected the offensive team captain his senior year.

Palenske is a 2002 graduate of Leadership Greater Topeka and a 2006 graduate of Leadership Kansas. He serves on the Ichabod Athletic Fund Board and has served on the board of several other professional and non-profit associations including the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Kansas CASA Association, Kansas Association of Health Plans, Kansas Health Insurance Association and the Kansas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

He and his wife, Pam, reside in Auburn, Kansas. They have two children.



Deborah S. Rose, bsn '82, Brigadier General, USAF, Ret.

Rose, a non-traditional student, returned to college after a 10-year absence. Following graduation, she was employed at the Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center where she served in numerous positions including critical care and nurse manager. Concurrent with her nursing career, she received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF Nurse Corps. She later became a line officer leading at all levels of the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard. Rose became the highest-ranking female to serve in the Kansas National Guard when she was promoted to Brigadier General in 2007.

In 2011, she retired after more than 28 years of service.

Rose is an active member of the community, having served as president of the Topeka YWCA Board of Directors, a member of the Stormont Vail Foundation Board of Directors and the Kansas STARBASE Board of Directors.

Rose is a longtime supporter of the School of Nursing, as well as the Washburn Women's Alliance by providing an annual scholarship in her mother's honor. She is also a member of Washburn Women's Venture Partners.

In 2007, Rose was honored as an Alumni Fellow, and in 2012, Washburn University conferred an honorary doctor of public service degree on her.

She and her husband, Joe, live in Overbrook, Kansas. They have two children and six grandchildren. 

Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi to celebrate centennial anniversary

Washburn University Greek Life was expanded 100 years ago this year with the colonization of the Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi.

Aside from being a big birthday, the Upsilon chapter sees this 100-year anniversary as a milestone in its journey as a chapter and for its international organization as well. Upsilon is one of the oldest Alpha Phi chapters in the nation.

"It's really important since we are one of the only single letter chapters left," said Upsilon chapter president, senior Jennifer Wessel.

Not only does this anniversary make the chapter stand out, it also signifies it has overcome many challenges throughout the years.

"At one point, we almost lost our charter," said Wessel. "We were down to 12 members. So, it is a huge deal that we've made it to the 100th anniversary and overcome those difficulties. I'm really excited to be a part of it because my grandma was initiated in 1940, so to see it come this far is exciting."

The Upsilon chapter will be celebrating its centennial anniversary the weekend of Sept. 23, 2016, with a cocktail hour on Friday evening. House tours and campus tours will be given on Saturday, and a collegiate and alumnae dinner will be held Saturday as well. For more information and to purchase tickets to events, visit www.topekaaphialumnae.weebly.com.

Bow Tie Run to take new spin this year

The annual Bow Tie Run will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, with some new features to appeal to more runners.

"The event is a fun run, but we also want to appeal to the competitive runner. So we are contemplating organizing a chip-timed race," said Bow Tie Run committee chair John Haverty, ba '99.

The idea is for participants to have the option of a walk, fun run or competitive race. With the competitive option, the committee is looking at making it a sanctioned race so it would qualify runners for other races.

"We recognize the fact we have runners who do the event every year for fun, and then the idea that we want to attract serious runners to the event, too," said Haverty.

Washburn nursing students will staff an on-site mobile health clinic the day of the event and provide blood pressure readings before and after the race.

Net proceeds from the Bow Tie Run benefit the Washburn University Alumni Association scholarship fund. For the 2016-17 academic year, the Alumni Association awarded more than \$34,000 to 65 legacy students.



Miami Marlins draft Washburn player

David Gauntt, bba '16, 2016 MIAA Player of the Year, two-time All-American and former Washburn catcher, was selected by the Miami Marlins in the 18th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft on June 11, 2016.

Gauntt is from Topeka, Kansas, and the first Ichabod to be drafted in the MLB First-Year Player Draft since Kyle Peter was taken in the 34th round by the Detroit Tigers in 2007.

"We couldn't be more excited for David and his future in baseball," Washburn Head Coach Harley Douglas, ba '02, said. "Being drafted is a fitting end to his historic career in a Washburn uniform, and it's a great statement for the Ichabod program and what we want to accomplish here."

He is the eighth player from Washburn all-time to be picked in the MLB Draft.

"It's really exciting," Gauntt said. "I'm so blessed to have this opportunity and thankful for my teammates and coaches and everything they've done for me."

Gauntt's draft weekend was full of excitement, hearing from the Marlins scouting department on Friday before receiving a phone call the following day with information to be ready.

"It's pretty cool to hear that," Gauntt said. "I'm excited to be a Marlin and get to work."

Gauntt signed a contract with the Marlins on June 21 and began playing with the Class A Batavia (N.Y.) Muckdogs.



David Gauntt. Photo submitted

School of Law receives high national ratings

The Washburn University School of Law has again received high marks, as shown with the recent release of U.S. News & World Report's 2017 rankings of Best Law Schools. The School of Law's Legal Analysis, Research and Writing Program was ranked at No. 13 in the nation.

One of the factors that set Washburn Law's Legal Writing Program apart from the rest is the professors who focus on preparing students for real-world practice.

"We are pleased Washburn Law has received this recognition for our outstanding legal writing program, which prepares our graduates to succeed in today's

legal environment," said Washburn Law Dean Thomas Romig. "This honor is a reflection of our dedicated faculty and the strength of our academic programs."

Legal writing was not the only School of Law program to receive recognition.

The Trial Advocacy program also received an "A" by preLaw magazine in their spring 2016 publication. To earn this rating, a program must have several parts: a concentration, a clinic, an externship and a center. Washburn's Advocacy program encompasses all of those, plus a certificate.

CLASS NOTES

Submit your news online at washburn.edu/alumni-notes, post it on Facebook at [facebook.com/washburnalumni](https://www.facebook.com/washburnalumni), or email wualumni@washburn.edu. The deadline for the winter 2017 edition of the magazine is Friday, Oct. 21. Any class notes received after the deadline will be published in a later edition.

1950s

Joan Diehl, ba '56, Madison, Alabama, has published her third book entitled "KANTU – Unsafe in Africa." While at Washburn, Diehl was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, the Washburn Review, Young Republicans and Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities.

Ralph Larson, jd '54, Lindsborg, Kansas, received the French Legion of Honor award for his service during World War II. He practiced law in Topeka until 2010 and was recognized as the oldest practicing attorney in Kansas.

1960s

Jon Bingesser, b ed '62, Beloit, Kansas, was elected to the Kansas State High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2016. While at Washburn, Bingesser was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Sagamore, Who's Who of American Colleges and Universities and a member of the football, basketball and baseball teams.

Bob Davis, ba '67, Lawrence, Kansas, was named a 2016 inductee into the Shawnee County baseball hall of fame. He was a part of the Kansas City Royals broadcast team for 16 years and broadcasted play-by-play for the University of Kansas Jayhawks for 32 years.

1970s

Andrew Wachter, jd '69, Pittsburg, Kansas, was reappointed as the chief judge of the 11th Judicial District, which includes Labette, Cherokee and Crawford counties.

Brock J. Winans, m ed '62, and **Sharon (Heidner) Winans**, m ed '73, Williamstown, New Jersey, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5, 2016. They both retired from the Shawnee Heights school district in Topeka, Kansas.

1980s

Bruce Gatterman, jd '78, Larned, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge of the 24th Judicial District.

Steve Holloman, b music '75, Topeka, Kansas, retired from his position as Topeka High School band director after 41 years of teaching music in USD 501.

Jeannine Jordan, b music '75, Lincoln City, Oregon, and her husband, David Jordan, are the creators and performers of three organ and multi-media concert experiences: "From Sea to Shining Sea," "Bach and Sons" and "Around the World in 80 Minutes." They have been performing throughout the United States, as well as in Austria and Germany.

Tyra Manning, b ed '72, Boerne, Texas, has published a new book entitled "Where the Water Meets the Sand."

Jake Marshall, ba '70, Overland Park, Kansas, has retired from Hallmark after working as an art director and illustrator. He has also worked for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. His watercolors have been in several recent national exhibitions.

Otis Morrow, jd '73, Arkansas City, Kansas, received the Outstanding Tiger Alumni Award from the Cowley College Foundation. Morrow graduated from Cowley in 1968 before earning a business administration and political science/history degree from Southwestern College, and later his law degree from Washburn University.

James Patton, jd '75, Hiawatha, Kansas, was reappointed as the chief judge of the 22nd Judicial District, which includes Doniphan, Brown, Nemaha and Marshall counties.

Mark Rondeau, ba '76, jd '79, Great Bend, Kansas, was selected to be on the Farmers Mutual Insurance Board of Directors.

Douglas Roth, jd '78, Wichita, Kansas, has announced his retirement as Sedgwick County District Court Judge, a position he has held since 2000. Roth has had a 38-year career in legal services.

1980s

Arnold Beavers, bba '87, Wichita, Kansas, was named senior vice president of asset management at CornerBank in Wichita.

James Fleetwood, jd '89, Wichita, Kansas, was reappointed as the chief judge for the 18th Judicial District, which includes Sedgwick County.

Tamara Gigstad, b music '81, Valley Falls, Kansas, and her husband, Craig, were named 2015 Kansas Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers from Kansas State University Research and Extension and Kansas Farmer magazine. Gigstad has been a music teacher for 34 years and continues teaching at Jefferson County North, Winchester and Nortonville.

Natalie Haag, jd '85, Topeka, Kansas, was selected by Ingram's magazine as one of "50 Kansans You Should Know."

Janet Hormberg, jd '80, Belleville, Illinois, was chosen to be an associate judge of St. Clair County in Illinois.

John Jurcyk, jd '84, Fairway, Kansas, was selected by Ingram's magazine as one of "50 Kansans You Should Know."

Mike Keeley, bba '79, jd '82, Great Bend, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge of the 20th Judicial District.

Jerry Nall, ba '87, Clayton, Illinois, was promoted to assistant warden of operations at Jacksonville Correctional Center in Jacksonville, Illinois. JCC is a 1,000-bed minimum security facility. He has been employed at the facility for 28 years.

Nicholas St. Peter, jd '85, Winfield, Kansas, was reappointed as the chief judge of the 19th Judicial District, which includes Cowley County.

John Rundle, m ed '81, Hoyt, Kansas, has retired from his position as superintendent of schools at Royal Valley USD 377.

Scott Wingerson, bs '89, Gladstone, Missouri, took the position of Gladstone city manager. He worked as Gladstone assistant city manager for 14 years.

Rene Young, jd '86, Salina, Kansas, was reappointed as chief judge of the 28th Judicial District, which includes Saline and Ottawa counties.

1990s

Bradley Ambrosier, jd '90, Elkhart, Kansas was reappointed as chief judge of the 26th Judicial District, which includes Grant, Haskell, Morton, Seward, Stanton and Stevens counties.

Wayne Chipman, jd '91, Columbia, Missouri, accepted a position as vice president for advancement at Drury University. Chipman was a member of Phi Alpha Delta fraternity and was an intern in the law clinic at the Washburn University School of Law.

Stephanie Dawkins, jd '96, Geneva, Illinois, has been appointed to assistant city administrator for the City of Geneva. Dawkins joined the staff in 2008, previously

working as chief negotiator for labor contracts.

Chris Hill, ba '94, Topeka, Kansas, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He has served in the military for 26 years.

Tonya Ricklefs, aas '98, bas '00, msw '11, Manhattan, Kansas, received her Ph.D. from Kansas State University in conflict resolution. She is a state-approved mediator and works at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, in the Conflict Resolution program in the School of Family Studies.

Michael Robinson, bs '89, jd '92, Hutchinson, Kansas, has opened up a new office of the firm in which he is a partner: Forker, Suter, Robinson & Bell LLC. The new office is located in St. John, Kansas.

Tamra (Radohl) Sigley, msw '99, Parkville, Missouri, is being published in the National Journal of Social Work. She has been invited to present her work at the National Social Work Conference in Washington, D.C.

Douglas Shima, jd '94, Topeka, Kansas, was named the clerk of Kansas appellate courts. He has worked as the interim appellate clerk since January.

Christina Trocheck, jd '95, Solomon, Kansas, has been named the city prosecutor for the City of Salina.

Ernie Webb, ba '98, Overland Park, Kansas, received the Staff Extra Mile Award from the faculty and staff at Metropolitan Community College, where he is employed.

Jenny Wilcox, b ed '96, m ed '01, Topeka, Kansas, was named to the 2016 Master Teacher award class by Emporia State University. She currently teaches at Washburn Rural

Middle School. While at Washburn, Wilcox was involved with the Washburn University Education Association, Gamma Sigma Alpha honor society, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Blue Key, Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, GAMMA and the Student Alumni Association.

2000s

Luke Bell, jd '06, Springfield, Illinois, has been named executive vice president of the Illinois REALTORS®, a real estate trade association.

Tom Beall, jd '00, Topeka, Kansas, was named acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Kansas.

Miki Esposito, jd '02, Lincoln, Nebraska, has taken the position of Director of City Public Works and Utilities for the City of Lincoln.

April Hanely, bsn '08, Stephenson, Virginia, has joined the International Nurses Association and will be published in the Worldwide Leaders of Healthcare. She currently works as polytrauma and pain management registered nurse case manager at Martinsburg Virginia Medical Center.

Keri Lauxman, ba '05, Lawrence, Kansas, was named to the 2016 Master Teacher Award class by Emporia State University. Lauxman began teaching at Lawrence High School in 2007, where she currently teaches English.

2010s

Michael Glass, bs '12, Mission, Kansas, is a medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine and was matched to a radiology residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Chance Joost, ba '15, Tecumseh, Kansas, was named head men and women's tennis coach at Hesston College in Hesston, Kansas. He played tennis for Washburn, as well as being involved with Young Life and Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Kara Mazachek, ba '16, New York City, New York, has accepted a position at the San Francisco-based firm of Eastwick, a technology focused public relations agency. She will work out of the New York City office.

Michael McClure, jd '10, Eagle, Idaho, has joined Brian Webb Legal as an attorney with a focus on immigration, criminal defense, business and real estate. McClure was an intern in the law clinic at the Washburn University School of Law.

Logan Stutz, b is '13, Kansas City, Missouri, was recently named Most Valuable Player for the National Basketball League of Canada. Stutz played basketball at Washburn and was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Michael Wilhoite, ba '10, Topeka, Kansas, recently signed a one-year contract to continue as linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers. Wilhoite played football at Washburn. 

IN MEMORY

1930s

Benjamin Glusing, ba '37, 100, Kingsville, Texas, on May 3, 2016

1940s

Harold Blanck, bba '49, 92, Dallas, Texas, on Jan. 31, 2012

Marion Brown, b music '49, m ed '64, 87, Kansas City, Kansas, on Jan. 29, 2015

Robert Duffens, ba '47, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 23, 2016

James Lewis, bba '49, 92, Topeka, Kansas, on May 10, 2016

Charles Martin, Jr., bba '49, Topeka, Kansas, on April 4, 2016

Elvin Perkins, jd '48, 93, Olathe, Kansas, on Feb. 20, 2016

Jeanne (Moore) Wales, ba '45, 92, Eugene, Oregon, on May 17, 2015

1950s

Theodore (Ted) Coleman, ba '52, 94, Altamonte Springs, Florida, on May 16, 2016

Frank Galbraith, bba '50, 96, Topeka, Kansas, on May 20, 2016

Charles Gordon, ba '51, 86, Tampa, Florida, on May 16, 2016

Geraldine (Folck) Hawley, ba '50, 86, Boulder, Colorado, on Feb. 11, 2015

George Henton, bs '55, 81, San Diego, California, on March 13, 2016

William Holloman, ba '51, 88, Topeka, Kansas, on March 18, 2016

Georgia (Brown) Hornbaker, b ed '57, 88, Wichita, Kansas, on May 17, 2016

Clifford Jones, ba '49, jd '51, 93, on April 13, 2016

Wilma McGinnis, ba '51, 86, Dundywood, Georgia, on April 26, 2016

John McIntosh, bba '56, 82, Rancho Cordova, California, on Feb. 11, 2016

Phillip Menninger, bba '56, 87, Topeka, Kansas, on May 10, 2016

Margaret (Emrick) Miller, ba '53, 87, Urbana, Illinois, on Feb. 16, 2016

Gerald (Jerry) Olson, jd '53, 90, Pocatello, Idaho, on Jan. 20, 2016

Bill Reinhardt, bba '58, 80, Wichita, Kansas, on March 8, 2016

Robert Richards, bba '55, 86, Kansas City, Missouri, on Jan. 19, 2016

Robert Roth, jd '55, 87, Wichita, Kansas, on March 8, 2016

Roy Saunders, bba '57, 85, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on April 14, 2016

Nancy (Owsley) Toedman, ba '58, 79, Topeka, Kansas, on April 13, 2016

John Tomanek, jd '57, 87, Phoenix, Arizona, on April 27, 2016

Norris Walter, jd '59, 85, Chandler, Arizona, on May 12, 2016

1960s

Clyde Andrews, ba '66, 72, Springfield, Virginia, on Nov. 12, 2015

Curt Cochran, m ed '87, 64, Topeka, Kansas, on May 9, 2016

Adrian Farver, bba '57, jd '63, 81, Little River, Kansas, on May 3, 2016

Iona Faulk, ba '65, 102, Topeka, Kansas, on March 16, 2016

Thomas Fraizer, bba '67, 77, on March 30, 2015

Phyllis (Wilson/Prisock) Gester, m ed '66, 83, Birmingham, Alabama, on Feb. 5, 2016

Richard Heeney, jd '69, 84, Marysville, Kansas, on April 29, 2016

Frank Holtz, ba '62, 75, Abilene, Kansas, on Dec. 17

Margaret Hughes-Towle, bs '66, bsn '79, 72, Topeka, Kansas, on April 15, 2016

Delphia (Conder) Koepsel, b ed '65, 73, Topeka, Kansas, on May 21, 2016

Dale Kuhlman, ba '61, 85, Olathe, Kansas, on March 25, 2016

Robert McCall, ba '69, 80, Lenexa, Kansas, on April 12, 2016

Bruce Myers, bba '66, 73, Topeka, Kansas, on April 25, 2016

Donald Peterson, bba '66, 72, on April 5, 2016

Jack Shutt, bba '61, 77, Topeka, Kansas, on April 4, 2016

1970s

Bryan Bevis, ba '76, 62, Lakewood, Colorado, on April 18, 2016

Michael Carter Davis, ba '72, 73, Leawood, Kansas, on May 7, 2016

Michael DeBacker, jd '73, 69, Toledo, Ohio, on April 28, 2016

Leonard Dix, ba '66, jd '72, 72, on July 25, 2015

Stuart Douthett, bba '78, 60, Topeka, Kansas, on March 1, 2016

Paul Handy, jd '75, 69, Bend, Oregon, on Nov. 23, 2015

Alan Henderson, bba '73, 69, Lenexa, Kansas, on March 4, 2016

Lyle Howard, ba '67, jd '70, 70, Jenks, Oklahoma, on Feb. 17, 2016

Larry Myers, jd '78, 67, Wichita, Kansas, on June 21, 2015

Rebecca Reiderer, bba '78, 61, Topeka, Kansas, on March 4, 2016

Martha Steincamp, jd '71, 68, Kansas City, Missouri, on Feb. 19, 2016

Robert Stephens, ba '76, 65, Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 1, 2016

Debra (Trimble) Thornton, bsw '75, 63, Germantown, Maryland, on March 30, 2016

William "Bill" Vincent, jd '71, 70, Topeka, Kansas, on May 26, 2016

Steven Wehmeier, bba '71, 71, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, on Nov. 1, 2015

1980s

Keith Alberding, bsn '87, 67, Lawrence, Kansas, on March 18, 2016

Rollo Axtom, ba '84, 60, Clifton, Virginia, on April 18, 2016

Steven Condon, ba '88, 65, on March 6, 2016

Larry Ellis, aa '89, 72, Havensville, Kansas, on May 13, 2016

Ronald Fields, ba '83, 55, Leavenworth, Kansas, on Feb. 6, 2016

Thelma (Hill) Goins, b ed '83, 80, Topeka, Kansas, on April 27, 2016

Gayle (Trigg) Hoshour, b ed '80, 67, Orange Park, Florida, on April 23, 2016

Lloyd Huber, bs '82, 86, Topeka, Kansas, on April 2, 2016

Leonard (Lenny) Meier, bba '81, 66, Topeka, Kansas, on March 30, 2016

Larry Oakley, ba '84, 60, Wichita, Kansas, on Nov. 5, 2012

Mary (Scidmore) Pittenger, ba '84, 92, Pasadena, California, on Feb. 2, 2016

Bissessarnath Ramcharan-Maharajh, jd '87, 86, Topeka, Kansas, on March 3, 2015

Constance (Connie) Williams, b ed '81, 87, Topeka, Kansas, on April 8, 2016

1990s

Penny Helmick, ba '90, 48, Topeka, Kansas, on April 29, 2016

Paul Kilgore, ba '98, 41, Olathe, Kansas, on April 11, 2016

Nancy (Hendrikx) Kindling, ba '91, 81, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 19, 2016

John Johannes, certificate in respiratory therapy '91, as '92, 52, Lawrence, Kansas, on Feb. 15, 2016

Craig Spomer, jd '91, 63, Florence, Oregon, on Feb. 29, 2016

2000s

Karlene Lindenmuth, aas '03, 47, Wamego, Kansas, on April 21, 2016

Margaret "Peggy" Probst, msw '00, 54, Fayetteville, Arkansas, on Feb. 24, 2016

Francie (Forrest) Riley, ba '06, 67, Topeka, Kansas, on April 24, 2016

2010s

Ashlie Hundertfund, Stand Alone

Parent Program (Washburn Tech)
'13, 21, Topeka, Kansas, on
Feb. 29, 2016

Jenna (Crockett) Lindsten, msw

'14, 30, Manhattan, Kansas, on
Feb. 14, 2016

Jordan Norris, bs '13, 25,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
on Nov. 21, 2015

Patrick Stringfield, Washburn

Tech Certificate '14, 39, Topeka,
Kansas, on April 7, 2016

FRIENDS

Richard Brown, 62, Topeka,
Kansas, on May 28, 2016

Brandon Bourbon, student and
former athlete, 24, Potosi, Missouri,
on April 8, 2016

Paul Cain, grounds crew at
Washburn University, 78, Topeka,
Kansas, on April 29, 2016

Barbara Enoch, 75, Olathe,
Kansas, on Feb. 17, 2016

Anne (Podmore) Fund, History
Department secretary, 70, Topeka,
Kansas, on April 9, 2016

Edwin Johnson, 91, Topeka,
Kansas, on March 31, 2016

Beverly (Efaw) Probasco, 84,
Castle Rock, Colorado, on
Feb. 15, 2016

Leland Roberts, 83, Colorado
Springs, Colorado, on Feb. 14, 2016

Donna (Deck) Sellen, 84, Atlanta,
Georgia, on April 23, 2016

Bill Schultz, electrician and cable
technician, 69, Topeka, Kansas, on
March 24, 2016

Julius Slover, Assistant Dean of
the School of Law ('78), 94, Kansas
City, Missouri, on April 25, 2016

Carol A. Jory, great-granddaughter of Joab Mulvane, friend of Washburn University, 83, on March 31, 2016

Carol A. Jory moved from her native Los Angeles to Kansas in 1980 to operate the Mulvane family farm and pastures after the death of her parents. She was named Washburn University Person of the Year in 2004. She served on the Friends of the Mulvane Art Museum board for many years, as well as the boards of the Historic Ward Meade Park, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, and Topeka Cemetery. She contributed anonymously to Washburn University Foundation, the Mulvane Art Museum, the Welcome Center, Baker University, KTWU Public Television, Topeka Rescue Mission, Topeka Zoo, performing arts organizations, and the public libraries in Topeka and Rossville. Her father's grandparents and their siblings were Topeka entrepreneurs: Joab Mulvane paid for the construction of the Mulvane Art Museum, and Joab's daughter, Mary Morgan, and her husband, Harrison Morgan, funded the construction of Morgan Hall.



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Save the dates

Alumni and friends are invited to campus for Family Day and Homecoming weekend this fall. Family Day will include fun activities for kids. Homecoming weekend will include After Hours, a bonfire, pancake feed, tailgate party, football game and after-game party. Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information at www.washburn.edu.



Family Day 2016
Saturday, September 17



Homecoming Weekend 2016

Friday, October 28 - Saturday, October 29



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RHINE RIVER CRUISE: JUNE 6-14, 2017

Fly to Amsterdam and board Viking River Cruise's Longship Kvasir and experience the highlights of the legendary Rhine River. In Germany, sail past castles commanding the riverbanks. Admire Cologne, the jewel of the Rhine, with its awe-inspiring Dom, and witness the lush landscape of the Black Forest region. Explore Holland's famous windmills and waterworks, and encounter multicultural Strasbourg in France. Disembark in Basel and return home. Various cabin categories available; pricing begins at \$3,499 per person double occupancy and includes round trip

airfare from Kansas City to Amsterdam (other departure cities available, price may vary), eight-day cruise, all meals, guided tours with audio headset, onboard gratuities and ground transportation. Time is of the essence. Don't delay; make your reservation soon.

MORE INFORMATION ON OUR TRIPS

For additional information about these trips, contact Susie Hoffmann at susie@washburn.edu or visit washburn.edu/alumni-travel.