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Dear Lawrentians,

The 2023-24 academic year arrived with great excitement on campus, all focused on an enhanced student experience as we prepare Lawrence to thrive long into the future.

As you will see in the pages of this magazine, that excitement includes an expansion of our campus that will build paths to mentorships, internships, and other career discernment, will add strength to our academic offerings, and will bring us greater connections with the community we call home.

We have begun work on our first new building since Warch Campus Center went up in 2009. In partnership with the Trout Museum of Art, the 120,000-square-foot building at 315 E. College Avenue will transform a downtown block on the western edge of campus. Among other features, it will provide more than 30,000 square feet—the entirety of the second floor—of state-of-the-art academic spaces.

An anonymous alumna and spouse have provided a generous \$10 million gift to kick off our fundraising.

Earlier this summer, we announced Lawrence's participation in the Fox Commons development, which will provide new experiential learning spaces integrated with apartment-style living options in downtown Appleton for up to 180 of our juniors and seniors.

Together, these projects align with our strategic objectives to strengthen our commitment to academic excellence, grow our enrollment, and build more robust paths to life after Lawrence. These are important, transformative steps. We are leaning into our mission as a leading liberal arts institution while providing new career-building opportunities for today's students, who come to us with needs and expectations different from generations past. The built-in learning, collaborating, and mentoring spaces will add layers to the student experience as we look to strengthen our draw in an increasingly competitive higher education environment.

The love of and for this community has shined bright as we prepare ourselves for the challenges and opportunities ahead. We need to move forward together—celebrating our history while fortifying

our future—to assure that current and future Lawrentians can have the transformative experience that so many of our alumni have enjoyed. We do that with a commitment to the liberal arts and to the preparation for a life well-lived, all with the nimbleness required to survive and thrive in a fast-changing world.

We celebrated those Lawrentian bonds during the recent Giving Day—the 10th annual—as we raised more than \$1.62 million to support the Lawrence Fund. We celebrated those bonds at the recent Blue & White Homecoming Celebration, bringing together students, alumni, families, and the Lawrence community for a weekend of togetherness and joy. We celebrated those enduring connections as we applauded and pledged support to our newest Lawrentians as they began their Lawrence journeys at the outset of Fall Term.

The enthusiasm is contagious. We reimagined Welcome Week and launched into a more intentional first-year experience. Seeing faculty, staff, alumni, and friends lining the sidewalks as the incoming students walked through the Lawrence Arch on their way to the President's Welcome was a sight to behold. The excitement was electric, a visible statement that we are in this together.

We are continuing to build on the first-year experience, build connections with our Career Center, focus additional attention on career preparation, and solidify our standing as an exceptional liberal arts institution. There is much work to be done. And there is much to celebrate. The Lawrentians featured in this edition of *Lawrence* magazine speak to the talent, creativity, and dedication that will allow us to thrive.

As it has been for going on 177 years, coming to Lawrence is a brilliant move. We see more brilliance ahead.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Carter
President



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CAMPUS NOTES

Welcome Week puts focus on engagement

A reimagined Welcome Week greeted Lawrence University's newest students for Fall Term.

Members of the Class of 2027 and transfer students moved into residence halls, posed for a class photo, and began a week of orientation festivities aimed at building connections and getting engaged with campus. The students—339 first-years and 28 transfers—were greeted by applause as they processed through the Lawrence Arch on their way to Memorial Chapel for the President's Welcome, a moment that signals their arrival as Lawrentians. It's part of a tradition that began a year ago when the Arch was built, one

that will have its connecting piece four years from now.

"When you graduate, you will process from the Commencement stage back through the Arch, signaling the end of one journey and the beginning of another," President Laurie A. Carter said as she addressed the incoming students from the Chapel stage.

Kristi Koshuta, the first-year dean, led a months-long planning

effort to reimagine Lawrence's Welcome Week, with a focus placed on small groups and meaningful engagement. She said those efforts will pay off not only with a more intentional Welcome Week but with lasting connections that will make for a smoother first year.

"Be open to trying new things, connecting with new people, and engaging in new opportunities and experiences," Koshuta said. "Be willing to take risks; be willing to fail; be willing to ask for help."

GIVING DAY MARKS 10 YEARS OF SUPPORTING CURRENT, FUTURE LAWRENTIANS

Lawrence University celebrated its 10th annual Giving Day in October in brilliant fashion. The day of giving to support the

Lawrence Fund brought in more than \$1.62 million from 2,505 donors, providing huge support for current and future Lawrence students.

The day-long event was a collaborative effort, with students joining with Lawrence faculty, staff, and alumni in a day of on-campus activities and social media celebrations, led by Amber Nelson, director of Alumni-Development communications and project manager for Giving Day.

"Giving Day this year was an amazing

maintenance, and much more.

Alumni who signed up as "Game Changers" matched donated funds as part of various "Game Changer Challenges" on campus and on social media throughout the day. All gifts were matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact. Also, every donation from the Classes of 2007 to 2027 was matched with \$500.

The generosity of the day wasn't lost on students.

"Giving Day is one of the Lawrence traditions that reminds us how much of a

grateful for this community generosity as donor funds have helped fund scholarships that help me attend Lawrence and provide me the opportunity to study abroad without financial stress."

LAWRENCE RANKS AS TOP LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE IN WISCONSIN

Lawrence University continues to be ranked as the No. 1 liberal arts college in Wisconsin in the latest edition of the *U.S. News & World*

Lawrence University also was recognized as one of the country's most outstanding colleges by *The Wall Street Journal*, *College Pulse*, and *Statista*. The ranking is based on learning environment, degree completion, value, and career opportunities, as well as student outcomes such as graduation rates and post-graduation earnings. The publication, *America's Best Colleges 2024*, was released in September and includes Lawrence among 400 outstanding colleges nationwide.

RETIRED U.S. DIPLOMAT GREENWALD RETURNS TO CAMPUS

Jonathan Greenwald, a former Lawrence University Scarff Distinguished Visiting Professor of Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, returned to campus in October to discuss the Russia-Ukraine war as part of the Povolny Lecture Series.

The lecture, *The War in Europe—the U.S. Stake in Ukraine's Success*, is the latest in a Povolny lecture series that was launched in 1987, honoring the late Mojmir Povolny, a longtime government professor.

Greenwald is a retired senior U.S. diplomat. He spent the 1998-99 academic year teaching courses on the origins of war and the Cold War at Lawrence under the auspices of the Scarff Professorship.



Students and staff chart Game Changer participation during Giving Day.

celebration of all things Lawrence," Nelson said. "We raised an incredible amount of money from more than 2,500 donors, and we had fun engaging with more than 200 students at campus events and more than 300 LU community members on social media."

Giving Day is one of the university's biggest community events. It celebrates Lawrence, bringing together all Lawrentians on a united mission to build and sustain student opportunities. The Lawrence Fund supports internships, athletics, arts, academic innovations, study abroad, daily campus

tight-knit community we are," said Kenneth Peñaherrera Quiroz, a senior from Quito, Ecuador, majoring in neuroscience. "Fostering a generosity culture that creates opportunities for all students regardless of their background is amazing."

Kayla Jarppi, a sophomore from Hudson, Wisconsin, majoring in gender studies and psychology, said Giving Day should never be taken for granted.

"It's meaningful to see this kind of generosity in support of students on Giving Day because it reminds me of the caring, compassionate community here at Lawrence—it's a time where faculty, staff, alumni, and students all come together to both celebrate Lawrence but also contribute to its future progress," she said. "I'm personally

Incoming students are greeted with applause as they walk to the President's Welcome.

Report's annual Best Colleges rankings. Released in September, the 2023-24 rankings place Lawrence 75th among all liberal arts colleges in the country. Lawrence is the only college in Wisconsin among the top 85. Lawrence also ranks 41st nationally among liberal arts colleges in Best Value.

The *U.S. News* rankings evaluate more than 1,450 colleges and universities, including about 200 liberal arts colleges. A year ago, Lawrence placed 63rd nationally among liberal arts colleges. Changes in *U.S. News'* methodology affected this year's rankings for many colleges on the list.



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STUDENTS



Sydney Closson '25

With an interest in space, Lawrence junior keeps her focus on the rocks

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

Lawrence University's Sydney Closson is rocking her undergraduate studies with help from a NASA Wisconsin Space Grant Scholarship.

A junior double-degree student from Rollesville, North Carolina, Closson's scholarship will help her continue studying geoscience and music at Lawrence.

The scholarship is awarded by the Congressionally funded Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC). A part of NASA, WSGC helps fund STEM education through scholarships, research grants, internships, and more.

"She's really interested in other planets," said Jeff Clark, professor of geosciences and Closson's academic advisor. "When I heard of that interest of hers, I really encouraged her to apply to this scholarship."

The competitive selection process includes applicants from across the state. Closson is proud to be supported by an organization she admires.

"I'd love to work at NASA one day," she said. "It's a well-funded program with lots of brilliant people. That's the dream; to work with brilliant people and have the funding to do research."

In addition to the scholarship award, Closson was invited to the 34th Annual Wisconsin Space Conference.

Closson's application expressed her interest in comparing the geology of the earth to geology of other rocky bodies.

Closson said one of the biggest ideas in geoscience is learning how to read the rocks. Although the rules for how to do this differ from planet to planet, she wants to read the rocks of other rocky bodies to understand where we came from and where we might end up.

"We're trying to figure out how and why things formed the way they did, and how that might play into the bigger question of life forming," Closson said.

She finds meteorites to be particularly interesting, especially in their relation to life. Recent studies have shown the building blocks of DNA and RNA present in meteorites. While abroad in London next year, Closson plans to study the extensive collection of meteorites and meteorite fragments at the Natural History Museum.

"Meteorites are the beginning of the solar system," Closson said. "They can tell us what the early solar system looked like, what that dust cloud we came out of looked like, and how fast it all happened."

Closson said she draws inspiration from the Geosciences Department at Lawrence. "It's so much fun and you learn so much," she said. "The people are incredible; the professors are incredible."

Closson said she loves the hands-on approach the department has and has cherished memories from the trips she's done with her classes.

After Lawrence, she plans to continue her education in meteoritics or planetary studies.

"She has a good intuitive feel for the geosciences," Clark said. "We deal with really long timescales ... and she has a great sense of that."

Senior Jasper Kashou draws inspiration from a jazz legend

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

When someone says *Let's Lift the Bandstand*, they usually mean it metaphorically, but the audience's standing ovation at the recent premiere of Jasper Kashou's aptly named composition just might have done the trick.

Kashou, a fifth-year Lawrence University music student from Cedarburg, Wisconsin, has been successful in both his composition and performance work. Double majoring in saxophone performance with a jazz

emphasis and instrumental music education, Kashou said he is grateful for the support of the Lawrence Conservatory and the wider community.

Kashou had two huge opportunities to showcase his work in the spring.

The Lawrence Symphonic Band, directed by Matthew Arau '97, associate professor of music education and associate director of bands, premiered Kashou's *Let's Lift the Bandstand*.

"I wasn't incredibly nervous when I came to the premiere," Kashou said. "I wrote the piece for this ensemble because of my trust in Dr. Arau and the musicians in the ensemble."

The performance of the piece drew a huge ovation.

A week later, the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra (LSO), led by Mark Dupere, associate professor of music and director of orchestral studies, performed *Let's Lift the Bandstand* at its concert, with Kashou joining as a featured soloist. He earned the LSO honor by winning the Conservatory's annual concerto competition.

Kashou said he was honored to be a featured

soloist with LSO and perform a jazz-inspired concerto with the orchestra.

"A lot of it is really a conversation between the orchestra and the soloist," Kashou said. "My posture during the performance was more aimed at being able to see Professor [Mark] Dupere and the orchestra [as opposed to facing the audience directly] because I wanted to communicate with them and make it more of a collaborative thing. I've been working on this piece for a year. It's a pretty big payoff to get to share it with so many people and to play it with so many people."

Let's Lift the Bandstand is part of a larger collection from Kashou called *Monk's 25 Tips*. Each piece takes its name from a quote from Thelonious Monk, the iconic jazz pianist and composer. These 25 pieces of advice were written down by jazz saxophonist and composer Steve Lacy early in his career as he traveled with Monk's band. The 25 tips are things Monk would often say. Kashou is taking these pieces of advice and turning them into music for a variety of ensembles, from solo saxophone to full wind ensembles. He's hoping to complete all 25 before he graduates.



Jasper Kashou '24

Internships add another layer to the study abroad experience

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

Internships provide an added layer of experience for Lawrence University students studying abroad.

London leads the way, but traditional internship programs also are available to Lawrence students studying in Taiwan, Shanghai, Spain, and Austria, among other locations.

Sydney Seeley and Emma Vasconez interned during their time at the London Centre during Spring Term, and both said the connections they made and the experiences they had will be valuable as they consider

next steps after they graduate.

"Even when you go to a different country, connections are so important," Vasconez said.

Seeley, a junior psychology major from Prescott, Wisconsin, worked remotely for an international marketing company while in London, and Vasconez, a junior government and business and entrepreneurship double major from Huntley, Illinois, worked for Member of Parliament Tulip Siddiq while at London Centre.

Lawrence partners with Florida State University to match students studying in London with internships that fit their interests, said Lezlie Weber, director of Lawrence's Off-Campus Programs.

"We work with students on preparation," Weber said. "Interning students are guided on how to apply for internships and the necessary visa."

According to Seeley and Vasconez, interning abroad is so much more than the work experience. For them, being an intern is all about culture and connections.

Vasconez appreciates now having friends in her field with valuable insight and hopes to work with them again. She connected with her co-workers, often socializing at the end of a work day.

Seeley, meanwhile, connected strongly with her co-workers even though she was working remotely.

"I'm excited to keep in touch with all these people, and maybe come

back and work here when I graduate," Seeley said. "The company has offices in the U.S. as well, so I have connections there, too."

Interns connect with more than their colleagues. The work environment helps them connect to the local culture and community as well. Vasconez said she found her time outside of the office insightful. She saw London up-close through her commute and time working in the constituency. She helped canvass and deliver annual reports in addition to her drafting work in-office.

"You see what life is really like there," Vasconez said.

Seeley and Vasconez agreed that learning about the culture was much more impactful while immersed in it.

"In the workplace, you have to know how to interact with your manager versus your coworker," Vasconez said. "They don't teach you that in a classroom."

They learned to adapt to an unfamiliar workplace culture and noted some of the differences as compared to the U.S.

"There was such a good work-life balance," Seeley said. "They were very respectful of others' time."

Seeley was part of her company's partnerships team. She scouted celebrities and influencers for marketing campaigns to present to clients, and she brainstormed social media campaigns with co-workers. Over the course of her internship, the team worked with Amazon Prime



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Sydney Seeley '25 on her London internship

Video to promote an upcoming series.

Seeley loved the experience that combined her areas of study in psychology, economics, and entrepreneurship.

"It was interesting getting that hands-on experience," Seeley said. "When you see an ad, you don't realize all the little pieces that go into it."

Seeley's internship culminated in a final day on set where she got to see the production, which she helped pitch, being shot while also meeting the celebrities the team had selected.

"It was really cool seeing the production side of things, too," she said.

For Vasconez, the internship experience in Siddiq's office assured her that she's following the right path.

"I definitely like the field I'm in, and it was interesting to see how the UK government works, too," she said.

Even in countries where internships are unavailable, there are experiential learning opportunities for Lawrentians studying abroad, Weber said. Students can be connected to job shadowing, service learning, and more.

"Our hours for our internships were coordinated around our school schedule," Seeley said. "It wasn't super challenging to work and learn at the same time."

Emma Vasconez '25 and Sydney Seeley '25 talk during a visit to Lawrence's International House. They are back on campus after a term studying at London Centre.

PHOTO BY DANNY DAMIANI

On Main Hall Green With ... Catherine Kautsky: For the love of the music

On Main Hall Green With ... is an ongoing series that features Lawrence faculty sharing insights in and out of the classroom. It's the same six questions with wonderfully varied answers. We've showcased more than 50 faculty thus far in the series, found under Profiles on the news page at Lawrence.edu. In this installment, we get to know piano professor Catherine Kautsky, one of the Conservatory's many accomplished artists.

Catherine Kautsky, the George and Marjorie Olsen Chandler Professor of Music and chair of the Keyboard Department in the Lawrence Conservatory of Music, has lived a musical life. Kautsky, who taught at Lawrence from 1987 to 2002 and then rejoined the faculty in 2008, is among the accomplished musicians that make up today's Conservatory faculty. A brilliant pianist, she has performed in major halls around the world—Alice Tully Hall, Carnegie Recital Hall, the Phillips Collection, Jordan Hall, and the Chicago Cultural Center, among others. She has soloed with numerous orchestras, including the St. Louis Symphony and Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra, and she has appeared frequently on public radio. She spent two sabbaticals in Paris and has performed abroad in France, England, Italy, Spain, Poland, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Thailand, Brazil, Australia, Russia, and South Africa. Known as both a solo and collaborative performer, Kautsky has performed chamber music at the Aspen, Tanglewood, and Grand Teton festivals, and presented masterclasses on five continents, including January 2018 appearances in Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City, and Hanoi. In 2022, she delivered a 24-part recording

in The Great Courses series, *Great Piano Works Explained*. In it, she plays works from a huge variety of composers—Bach, Haydn, and Mozart to Ruth Crawford Seeger, George Walker, and George Crumb—while discussing how the music came to be. She holds a Bachelor of Music from the New England Conservatory, a Master's of Music from the Juilliard School, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from State University of New York at Stony Brook. We caught up with Kautsky to talk about interests in and out of the classroom.

In the classroom

INSIDE INFO: *What's one thing you want every student coming into your classes to know about you?*

Maybe I'd like them all to know that despite the fact that I'm certainly older, and am supposedly wiser, I'm constantly grappling just like they are—with doubts, with

failures, with efforts to change. That I've lost plenty of competitions and had plenty of applications turned down and given plenty of performances I wasn't happy with—and that none of that overturns the incredible joy of spending your days and life doing something you totally love.

GETTING ENERGIZED: *What work have you done or will you be doing at Lawrence that gets you the most excited?*

You know, I've been doing the same thing here for many years, so you'd think I might be tired of it, but teaching my private piano students still feels to me like just about the most exciting thing I could possibly be doing. The combination of dealing every day with music that I've loved my whole life and getting to know students at a time in their lives when they're grappling so intensively with who they are feels like such a privilege.

GOING PLACES: *Is there an example*

of somewhere your career has taken you (either a physical space or something more intellectual, emotional, or spiritual) that took you by surprise?

I'd say that my trip to Vietnam a few years ago to give masterclasses was both wonderful and surprising. I grew up in the Vietnam war era, and I'd been very active as an anti-war activist. I was staggered to find when I visited that country 50 years later, that Americans were both forgiven and welcomed. The family of one of my wonderful students made sure that I had an unforgettable time there.

Out of the classroom

THIS OR THAT: *If you weren't teaching for a living, what would you be doing?*

Ooh, that's a hard one since music is something that gets inside you so young—my guess is that most likely I'd still be a college professor, maybe teaching English or history? My family is chock-full of people in academia,

so that feels very natural. And I love reading and libraries and college-age students.

RIGHT AT HOME: *Whether for work, relaxation or reflection, what's your favorite spot on campus?*

I think the library is my favorite spot. I love the library staff; they're incredibly helpful. And the first thing I always do on entering is peruse the selection of new books that's right by the circulation desk. I can never believe my luck that someone is putting all those latest books that I'd just read about right there in front of me. Another favorite, if I'm allowed two, is the Chapel. Playing music in there is such a gift—such beautiful sound in that grand space.

ONE BOOK, ONE RECORDING, ONE FILM: *Name one of each that speaks to your soul? Or you would recommend to a friend? Or both?*

Crazy to try to choose just one of each, so know that there's really no first place among many I could just as well have listed, but here are a few top choices:

Film: I loved *The King's Speech* because it grabbed so perfectly the paralysis of stage fright and the struggle of overcoming one's inner demons. How great is it that it all happened to a king?

Book: I recently read a novel called *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* by Madeleine Thien, which is about the fate of Western-style musicians during China's Cultural Revolution. It chronicles the enormous emotional power of music and all the intersections of the State with people's most private lives. I found it incredibly moving and sad—losses of personhood that could result in suicide.

Recording: I guess one of the very first recordings (and these were LPs) I loved was Artur Schnabel's recording of the Schubert Bb sonata. That piece is now a sort of iconic masterpiece that every pianist knows, but

when I was an 11-year-old kid discovering it, it was a revelation. I had no idea why I loved it, which I guess is part of the beauty and power of being a kid. Just sheer emotional impact.



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Rosa Tapia embraces national leadership role in AP Spanish

BY ED BERTHIAUME

Rosa Tapia, a professor of Spanish at Lawrence University, has begun a four-year term as the national leader in the evaluation of the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish exam.

A member of the Lawrence faculty since 2002 with a focus on Spanish and Latin American film and 20th-century Spanish literature, Tapia has been active in the AP Spanish Language & Culture program since 2007. Her appointment as the national chief academic consultant for AP Spanish—affectionately known as the “chief reader”—began July 1.

“It is an absolute honor for me to guide an exceptional group of approximately 1,500 faculty from over 1,200 colleges, universities, and secondary schools worldwide, all coming together to shape the future of Spanish language education,” Tapia said.

AP exams, offered by the College Board, are taken by high school students each spring, a culmination of year-long AP courses. AP exams can lead to college credits and assist colleges

and universities with placement decisions.

For 16 years, Tapia has been part of a team of educators working with the AP Spanish program, evaluating students' Spanish language proficiency, setting standards of evaluation, and establishing exam content. She has been invited to give talks and workshops to university educators and administrators across the country. Now she will lead that team over the next four years.

Tapia called her appointment a “significant milestone that fills me with immense pride and a profound sense of responsibility.”

That responsibility revolves around establishing robust and equitable standards that guide colleges and universities in granting AP credit and placing students in appropriate courses.

“This work holds immense significance for Lawrence and for over 2,600 institutions of higher learning across the nation,” Tapia said. “These include highly selective colleges and flagship public universities that entrust my team's expertise to make decisions that

significantly impact the academic futures of countless students.”

In the process, Tapia's role elevates Lawrence's profile and visibility on a national scale.

“As educators and students across the country become more acquainted with my representation of Lawrence's commitment to academic excellence, I hope that they consider

our campus an appealing choice for those seeking a nurturing, transformative, and forward-thinking educational environment,” she said.

Over the course of the next four years, Tapia will oversee the evaluation of Spanish language proficiency for more than 700,000 students. AP Spanish participants include students from all backgrounds who choose to immerse

themselves in the Spanish language and its cultures. The AP program draws both Latinx students who identify as heritage learners—many are growing up in multicultural environments and not automatically fluent in Spanish—and students who are second-language learners.

“For many, the AP Spanish program serves as a gateway to other AP classes, a strong

incentive to pursue a college education, and a reliable predictor of future academic success and degree completion,” Tapia said. “Through my role, I aim to contribute to increased access to higher education for underrepresented communities. The AP Spanish Language & Culture program serves as a vital pathway for these students to realize their aspirations of a college education.”

The AP leadership is an extension of the work Tapia has been doing at Lawrence for more than two decades. That includes co-founding the annual Latin American and Spanish Film Festival on campus. She helped launch the festival in 2012, bringing award-winning films from Latin America and Spain to Lawrence and connecting the community to national and international filmmakers.

Tapia, who holds a doctorate in Spanish from Penn State University, a Master of Arts in Spanish from the University of Delaware, and a Licenciatura in English philology from the University of Granada in Spain, has been a leader in academic advising at Lawrence,

receiving the Excellence in Advising Award in 2014 and serving as faculty director of advising from 2016 to 2020. She chaired a task force that developed a new guide and resource page for advising and led initiatives that improved connections between faculty advisers and students.

In 2021, she was one of three Lawrence professors featured in AP Daily, a series of video lectures aimed at supporting high school students taking AP courses during the pandemic. Her new leadership role with AP Spanish is a next step, one with national significance.

“Ultimately, my journey reflects Lawrence University's commitment to nurturing excellence, particularly in the realms of language and culture studies,” Tapia said. “Equally significant, it is about upholding values of empathy, responsible citizenship, and integrity.”

“This work holds immense significance for Lawrence and for over 2,600 institutions of higher learning across the nation.”

Rosa Tapia

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Center for Teaching Excellence gives faculty opportunities to hone skills

BY ALEX FREEMAN '23

The Center for Teaching Excellence's new interactive classroom in Briggs Hall is up and running, giving Lawrence University faculty an opportunity to hone their teaching skills.

The Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), established in the spring of 2022 as part of Lawrence's Strategic Investment Plan, opened its new classroom space in Briggs Hall in time for the start of Fall Term. It's built on the premise that professors must be able to learn and grow alongside their students.

"That's really the point of the Center for Teaching Excellence," said Stephanie Burdick-Shepherd, director of CTE and associate professor of education. "It's asking what we could do better with our teaching. Our students change, our content area changes, what we know about the young adult brain changes. And, so, as the world changes, our teaching needs to adapt and be responsive."

The new classroom in Briggs builds on the existing CTE space in Sampson House—renovated last year to better host conversations among faculty about their teaching—as well as a peer observation program in which faculty can opt to visit each other's classrooms to learn

and give feedback, and a digital library for teaching resources that is being developed. All are designed for professors to connect, learn from each other, and access educational resources.

"I think [the CTE] is a structure that helps us mold our behavior so we're putting thought and effort into teaching specifically," said Linnea Ng, assistant professor of psychology. "This helps you reprioritize teaching as a practice and learning process."

With help from a \$50,000 grant from the Ruth St. John and John Dunham West Foundation Inc., the CTE built the interactive learning and teaching space in Briggs 127. The room holds a ceiling-mounted projector, two whiteboard-mounted projectors, three video cameras, two whiteboard cameras, options for wireless display, and a height-adjustable lectern, in addition to desks, tables, and other low-tech teaching tools. Director of Instructional Technology David Berk and instructional designer Jedidiah Rex offer training on how to use the room's technology.

Although faculty are welcome to utilize as much or as little of the room's resources as they would like, the room is designed primarily to provide a space for professors to reflect on their teaching. They can simultaneously project multiple images on different whiteboards, lead a class lecture, engage in various kinds of active learning, and hold class discussions all while being recorded from a variety of angles. From

there, faculty can go back to the recording to reflect on what they could improve.

"The tech is just one aspect of what's going on in here," Berk said. "We also want faculty to experiment with teaching."

Facilities Operations played a large role in preparing the room for renovation, and Berk finished the technology installation.

Lawrence faculty members can book the room for specific activities and exercises.

It's a next step in the evolution of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

"Faculty members here at Lawrence really care about their teaching and want their teaching to be effective," Burdick-Shepherd said. "... At the end of the day, faculty members who reflect on their teaching and work to continually grow as instructors are faculty members who become increasingly effective teachers, and then we have students who are enabled to be more successful doing the things they want to do academically."



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Stephanie Burdick-Shepherd (right) leads a group of Lawrence faculty in a teaching session in the Center for Teaching Excellence classroom.

Meet Lawrence's newest faculty members

Lawrence University welcomed nine new tenure-track faculty for the 2023-24 academic year. Another three have joined the faculty on long-term contracts. Two of the new tenure-track faculty have been hired into endowed positions.

"I'm thrilled to welcome this group of new faculty, among the largest for Lawrence in many years," said Peter Blitstein, provost and dean of faculty. "Dedicated teachers, scholars, and artists, their talents will enrich our university in the classrooms, laboratories, and studios."

NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY INCLUDE:

MICHAEL GESINSKI, associate professor of chemistry. He joins the Lawrence faculty after spending a decade on the faculty at Southwestern University, chairing the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry from 2019 to 2022.



PETRA WATZKE, assistant professor of German studies. Watzke joins Lawrence after serving three years as an assistant professor of German studies at Kalamazoo College, four years as a visiting assistant professor at Skidmore College, and two years as a visiting lecturer at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



MEGHAN SULLIVAN, assistant professor of art. Sullivan returns after serving as a Uihlein Fellow in Studio Art at Lawrence from 2015 to 2022. She spent the past year as a visiting assistant professor of art at Pacific University.



KATE RENNEBOHM, Jill Beck Assistant Professor of Film Studies. Rennebohm comes to Lawrence from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada, where she has served as a postdoctoral fellow at the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema.



CHUNYUE TENG, Dennis and Charlot Singleton Assistant Professor in Cognitive Neuroscience. Teng arrives at Lawrence after four years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



ACACIA ACKLES, assistant professor of computer science. Ackles spent last year as a visiting assistant professor at Lawrence after receiving a dual Ph.D. in Integrative Biology and Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior at Michigan State University.



ANDY HUDSON, associate professor of music (clarinet). Hudson joins the clarinet studio following five years of teaching at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. He previously taught at Lake Forest College.



AARON SHERKOW '04, assistant professor of theatre arts. Sherkow has played a prominent role in Lawrence's theatre arts program for a decade, first as a technical director and lecturer and more recently as an adjunct assistant professor. He has focused on production management, design guidance, and curricular development.



JEAN CARLO UREÑA GONZÁLEZ, assistant professor of music (percussion). Ureña González worked as a graduate student instructor at the University of Michigan and director of the Michigan Youth Percussion Ensemble as he progressed toward his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Michigan.

NEW FACULTY AWARDED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS INCLUDE:



JOE CONNOR '16, instructor of music (saxophone). Connor returns to his alma mater after serving most recently as a lecturer of music at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He also has worked as a lecturer at Lawrence in recent years.



BRIGIT FITZGERALD, instructor of music (bassoon). Fitzgerald has most recently been working as a bassoon teaching assistant at the University of Texas at Austin as she progresses toward her Doctor of Musical Arts. She also works as a private bassoon instructor.



KAREN BUSSONE, professor of practice in entrepreneurship. Bussone comes to Lawrence with a deep history of business management and development as well as teaching. She most recently served as director of the Small Business Development Center at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Building for the Future



Faculty prepare new academic avenues as Lawrence launches transformative building projects

BY ED BERTHIAUME

Constance Kassor can't help but smile as she talks about the state-of-the-art academic spaces being planned for the new building that's about to rise in the 300 block of E. College Avenue.

The Lawrence University associate professor of religious studies points to the Humanities Center that will be part of the building's 30,000-square-foot second floor as an opportunity to bring additional vigor to the humanities at Lawrence—more collaboration, more innovative teaching tools, and more opportunities to partner with outside scholars.

"We do things in different ways, we do things more collaboratively, we do things digitally," Kassor said. "We do a lot more than read books and write papers. This is really highlighting and supporting ways that the

humanities are changing and growing and innovating."

Kassor is among the Lawrence faculty providing leadership as academic spaces are mapped out for the coming 315 E. College Avenue building and the nearby Fox Commons development, two transformational capital projects that will add layers to the student experience, bring new pathways to career discernment, and build long-sustaining partnerships within the Fox Cities community.

Scott Corry, the Patricia Hamar Boldt

Professor of Liberal Studies and professor of mathematics, is at the table for planning spaces in the 315 building for the growing Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science Department; Beth De Stasio '83, the Raymond H. Herzog Professor of Science and professor of biology, is working to develop collaborative spaces for pre-health students on the third floor of Fox Commons; and Adam Galambos, the Dwight and Marjorie Peterson Professor of Innovation and associate professor of economics, is leading a group of

faculty members who are helping to design a Business and Entrepreneurship Center and Finance Lab on the second floor of Fox Commons to foster student-community collaborations. Brian Pertl '86, dean of the Conservatory, is leading design plans in the 315 building to enhance Conservatory offerings.

"We can design the classrooms to foster active learning and create the type of rich learning environments that we want on campus," said Corry, whose department of 10 faculty members will be moving their

Design work on the building at 315 E. College Avenue continues to evolve. (Design by Frederick Fisher and Partners and Boldt Technical Services)

offices and classrooms onto the second floor of the 315 building. "Another exciting thing is creating the common space to build community among math-stats-computer science students, and really all the students who take those classes. I'm excited that we're building that in at the outset as part of the design."

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Fox Commons is being developed by Dark Horse Development and Boldt.

Two major developments build momentum

Fox Commons and the 315 building, both in public-private partnerships and both announced in summer 2023, will strengthen academic programs while enhancing career discernment for students across campus. In addition, they provide avenues for Lawrence to grow its enrollment in coming years, a key piece of the college's strategic planning.

The Fox Commons development, to house nearly 180 Lawrence students in modern living-learning communities in the heart of downtown Appleton, is expected to open in two phases—the second floor by fall of 2024 and the third floor a year later. And the new four-story mixed-use building at 315 E. College Avenue, in partnership with Trout Museum of Art, is expected to open in fall of 2025, transforming the west edge of campus. Both capital projects will bring career-focused collaborations woven through

multiple disciplines.

Excitement for what this will bring to Lawrence students—in conjunction with other strategic investments—is building on and off campus.

“The student experience includes what happens inside the classroom as well as outside the classroom,” President Laurie A. Carter said. “These projects speak to the future. Our faculty and students will have state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces, our students will have modern living environments, they’ll have partners who can connect them with careers. And all of this will be done within the context of a deepening relationship with the community.”

The mix of built-in learning, collaborating, and mentoring spaces and new housing options is a powerful combination that adds important layers to the student experience as Lawrence strengthens its draw in an increasingly competitive higher education environment. As the enrollment cliff arrives—a reference to the dramatic drop in the number of high school graduates nationwide set to peak between 2025 and 2029—it is paramount that Lawrence positions itself to attract the best and brightest students while continuing to lean into the lifelong benefits of a liberal arts education, Carter said. That

means embracing the university’s 176-year history and its commitment to the liberal arts while evolving the student experience to meet the needs of today’s students—needs that are different than those of past generations.

“We’re looking at what today’s students need from us as they’re coming through this post-pandemic world,” Carter said.

The draw of these projects comes not in the buildings themselves but in what those new spaces bring to Lawrence’s students and faculty—stronger academic programming in areas ranging from the arts and humanities to pre-health and business and entrepreneurship, modern teaching tools, and built-in mentorship opportunities aimed at building life-after-Lawrence career paths.

Peter Blitstein, provost and dean of the faculty, has been holding planning sessions with faculty on what academic investments within Fox Commons and 315 E. College Avenue might look like.

“It’s really exciting to have opportunities to plan new academic programming, new academic spaces that are designed to take Lawrence’s tradition of the liberal arts and sciences, and the fine arts and music, and really move it forward in ways that benefit contemporary students,” Blitstein said.

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“We can design the classrooms to foster active learning and create the type of rich learning environments that we want on campus.”

Scott Corry, mathematics

\$10M gift leads building development

BY ED BERTHIAUME

Lawrence University is the recipient of a \$10 million gift from an alumna and her spouse to support the construction of a building on the west edge of campus that will add more than 30,000 square feet of innovative academic space and provide flexibility for future enrollment growth.

The 315 E. College Avenue development, unveiled in August in partnership with the Trout Museum of Art, will bolster Lawrence’s offerings in the humanities, its growing mathematics, statistics, and computer science programs, and the Conservatory of Music, all while building paths to greater community and career collaborations.

The \$10 million gift is the third largest in Lawrence’s history. The donors have asked to remain anonymous.

“The generosity of the donors is deeply appreciated,” President Laurie A. Carter said. “It speaks to their belief in the transformative power of a Lawrence education. And it speaks to the lifelong connections our alumni have with this institution and their willingness to pay it forward for the benefit of current and future Lawrence students.”

The gift comes as Lawrence and the Trout Museum of Art prepare to begin construction on the four-story, 120,000-square-foot building at the

intersection of College Avenue and Drew Street in downtown Appleton.

The donors called the 315 building a key piece of a “really strong strategic plan to position Lawrence for the future.”

The donors said they planned to leave a legacy gift to Lawrence in their will. They decided to accelerate their giving because they are strong believers in the strategic plan developed by Carter and her administration in conjunction with the Board of Trustees.

“Our message is that the time is now,” the alumna said. “Lawrence will benefit more, and the gift will have more impact, if we give it now.”



Two building projects will bring greater connections between Lawrence University and downtown Appleton.

“As we’re looking at top talent coming out of Lawrence University, we want to retain those folks in our community. I think this gives us a leg up to do that, to introduce them to how great our community can be and hope they become a part of it early on and want to stay.”

Jennifer Stephany, executive director of Appleton Downtown Inc. (ADI)



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE *continued*

will have new opportunities to innovate. Humanities faculty have outgrown Main Hall, many with offices located in other buildings across campus.

While the humanities faculty offices will remain where they are—including in Main Hall—the new space in the 315 building will allow faculty to work more in unison. That will include work on digital projects—podcasting, video editing, virtual reality, and more—and collaborations across disciplines in deeper ways than is now available.

“The idea is it will allow for more interdisciplinary work between faculty, between departments, and between faculty

and students,” Kassor said.

There also will be several designated offices for visiting scholars, providing new opportunities to bring scholars-in-residence into the curriculum, add new punch to traditional programs such as the Main Hall Forum, and facilitate connections to the community so humanities faculty and

students can spotlight the work they’re doing.

“Because this space on the corner of College and Drew is going to be so accessible and right there downtown, it will be a place we can invite community members to,” Kassor said. “We can really work to highlight the real-world skills our students gain in humanities classes. And this is where we’re going to lean into creating internship opportunities and set up community partnerships.”

Meanwhile, in the halls of the Conservatory, there is growing excitement over the possibilities that will come with the new space—a huge upgrade from office and studio space formerly housed in the Con West building.

“This will be an enormous addition to our commitment to giving our students the tools they need for a successful musical life in the rapidly changing world of today, tomorrow, and far into the future,” Pertl said.

Lawrence senior Anders Hanhan, an environmental studies and government double major who serves as president of the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC), said he loves the investment in the arts and humanities and the expected collaborations with the Trout Museum of Art.

“I see a lot of potential for emphasizing the Conservatory, the humanities, different intersectional programs such as environmental studies and ethnic studies,” Hanhan said. “It puts an emphasis on some of the programs that are really driving students to come here.” *continues on page 22*

“We always hear about the Lawrence bubble. This is not exactly popping the bubble but rather expanding it.”

Addison Littlefield, senior

The 315 E. College Avenue building will be built in the southwest corner of the College Avenue and Drew Street intersection, adjacent to Brokaw Hall.

varying disciplines. And it will be home to the Humanities Center, an intellectual collaborative for faculty, students, and scholars-in-residence.

The mathematics, statistics, and computer science faculty have outgrown their space in Briggs Hall as the department has expanded to accommodate growing student interest, including in the statistics and data science minor that was introduced in 2020. The opportunity for the department’s faculty to have offices together and share innovative teaching spaces is a game-changer, Corry said. A bonus is the alignment with the Conservatory.

“There has always been a lot of overlap between mathematics and computer science

The upper floors will feature market-rate apartments, space that could one day be converted to student housing to meet future needs. It will be built by Boldt and jointly owned by Lawrence and the Trout Museum of Art, with Lawrence controlling the upper three floors and the art museum the ground floor.

Lawrence and the Trout Museum will make payments over the coming 30 years, eventually owning the building outright, said Samir Datta, vice president for finance and administration. Fund-raising efforts could shorten that timeframe.

A \$10 million gift from an anonymous alumna and spouse is a huge initial step.

Lawrence’s academic space on the second floor will include soundproof offices for Conservatory faculty and offices for the Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science Department. It will include an innovative teaching and co-curricular commons, where students will engage in both formal and experiential learning in

The 315 partnership

The new building at 315 E. College Ave., at the southwest corner of College Avenue and Drew Street (adjacent to Brokaw Hall), will be Lawrence’s first new major building project since construction of Warch Campus Center in 2009. Using public-private partnership (P3) financing, it will feature about 30,000 square feet of space on each floor.

The nonprofit art museum will be on the first floor, with state-of-the-art academic spaces for Lawrence on the second floor.

AT A GLANCE: 315 E. COLLEGE AVENUE

WHERE: The new building will go up at the southwest corner of College Avenue and Drew Street. Boldt is the builder.

SCOPE: It will feature 120,000 square feet over four floors. The first floor will house the nonprofit Trout Museum of Art. The second floor will house state-of-the-art academic spaces for the humanities, the Conservatory, and mathematics,

computer science, and statistics/data science, including a Humanities Center, and experiential learning spaces. The upper two floors will feature market-rate apartments, with the option of converting some of that space to student housing in the future.

GIFT: An anonymous alumna and spouse have gifted Lawrence with \$10 million to support the project.

OWNERSHIP: Using public-private partnership (P3) financing, the 30,000 square feet of the first floor will be owned by Trout Museum of Art. The upper three floors—roughly 30,000 square feet each—will be owned and controlled by Lawrence.

TIMELINE: Construction will begin in early 2024. The building is expected to open by fall of 2025.

Fox Commons: Atrium

AT A GLANCE: FOX COMMONS

WHERE: The mixed-use rebuild of City Center Plaza by Dark Horse Development is at 10 E. College Avenue in the heart of downtown Appleton, three blocks west of the Lawrence campus.

HOUSING: Lawrence will be a tenant in the building, with housing available for about 180 students in two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors.

ACADEMIC SPACES: In addition to the apartments, there will be learning and teaching spaces focused on business and entrepreneurship (second

floor) and pre-health (third floor) careers—a Business and Entrepreneurship Center, a Finance Lab, a Pre-Health Commons, and lecture and meeting rooms.

COLLABORATIONS: The space is designed to allow mentorship and collaboration with other tenants, including Mosaic Family Health, Prevea Health, and gener8tor, all geared toward career discernment and preparation.

TIMELINE: The second-floor apartments and learning spaces are expected to open in fall of 2024. The third floor would open in fall of 2025.

“There are a lot of students who are seeking more independence, and this absolutely does that in a way that Lawrence hasn’t done before.”

Anders Hanhan, senior

Expanding campus with Fox Commons

Fox Commons, located three blocks to the west, will give Lawrence new academic and student life avenues as a living-learning community that blends apartment-style student housing with built-in mentoring partnerships.

The renovation of City Center Plaza into Fox Commons began this summer. Located at 10 E. College Avenue, Fox Commons will be a 180,000-square-foot health care, housing, retail, and mixed-use community hub. It’s a project of Dark Horse Development and Boldt. Besides Lawrence, other prominent tenants include Mosaic Family Health, Prevea Health, and gener8tor, a business incubator focused on sustainability.

Built-in academic and collaboration spaces include a Business and Entrepreneurship Center, a Finance Lab equipped with specialized financial industry software, a pre-health commons, a community kitchen, and lecture and meeting rooms. The living-learning spaces will allow for Lawrence students interested in business and

entrepreneurship and pre-health careers to collaborate regularly with professionals from Mosaic, Prevea, gener8tor, and other nearby finance and business entities.

The business and entrepreneurship piece will come first, with those spaces and the second-floor apartments opening in time for the start of the 2024-25 academic year. The pre-health spaces and third-floor apartments will open the following year.

De Stasio has been working with designers to incorporate collaborative spaces into the third floor that will facilitate partnerships with the health-focused tenants. She envisions at least two speaker series tied to “The Future of Medicine” and to career pathways within the broader field of health care as well as more casual mingling of students and health care

professionals. There will be a lending library for health-related materials, and there will be robust mentorship activities ranging from internships and shadowing experiences to mock interviews.

“In addition, the inclusion of a demonstration kitchen will allow us to provide chef-led demonstrations of healthy cooking for these students living with full kitchens in their apartments for the first time, as well as for other students on campus,” De Stasio said.

There also will be room to invite alumni who are Fox Valley-based health care practitioners to come in for catered meals with Lawrence students.

“We want to provide space for those interactions with health professionals,” De Stasio said.

On the floor below will be spaces catering to business and entrepreneurship; spaces that Galambos sees as a momentum-builder following this year’s launch of the business and entrepreneurship major and the recent growth of the innovation and entrepreneurship program.

“We will work together with gener8tor, another key tenant in the Fox Commons development, to cultivate and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Fox Cities,” Galambos said. “Lawrence’s innovation and entrepreneurship program has engaged with the business and entrepreneurship community for a number of years, but our new business and entrepreneurship major and the new center in Fox Commons will open the door to a lot more opportunities,

and we are excited to build those new collaborations.”

The Business and Entrepreneurship Center will become a hub for everything from workshops and guest speakers to community events and pitch contests. And the Finance Lab will bring experiential learning opportunities for students interested in business.

“All students will have access to the programming,” Galambos said, “but those who will live at Fox Commons will benefit from being part of a residential community organized around their academic and career interests.”

Lawrence juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to live in two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments on the second and third floors.

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Beth De Stasio '83,
biology

Fox Commons: Pre Health Commons



Fox Commons: Business & Entrepreneurship Center

New Housing options

While the focus in the Fox Commons development has been mostly on business and entrepreneurship, pre-health, and related disciplines, the apartments will also be a draw for a wide range of upper-year

students. A lottery system is being developed for students wanting to live in Fox Commons.

Hanhan, of St. Paul, Minnesota, said the apartment-style living option is something students have been asking for.

“One thousand percent,” he said of students wanting that option in their junior and senior years. “There are a lot of students who are seeking more independence, and this absolutely does that in a way that Lawrence hasn’t done before.”

Addison Littlefield, a senior from Sidney, Maine, called the Fox Commons option a huge win because it gives upper-year students who want to explore life outside of residence halls an opportunity to do so while

remaining closely connected with campus.

“We always hear about the Lawrence bubble,” she said. “This is not exactly popping the bubble but rather expanding it.”

The design of Fox Commons is intentional in that students will still be part of the campus environment while also having the opportunity to explore what life after Lawrence might look like—personally and professionally.

“We’re not really viewing this as off-campus housing but rather an extension of our campus in a way that allows students to develop those transitional skills while still being very connected to the campus community,” Carter said.

Bolstering the student experience

Lawrence leadership has been actively building on the student experience. That includes new and enhanced academic programs, a stronger and more engaged Career Center, additional support staff in Student Life, new investments in athletics—nearly a quarter of Lawrence’s students are student-athletes—and now new opportunities in academics, residential life, and community partnerships.

In addition to the partnerships with Trout Museum of Art and Fox Commons, the university has in the past year:

- Strengthened the first-year experience, beginning with a reimagined Welcome Week and the hiring of a first-year dean.
- Introduced a new business and entrepreneurship major, built through the lens of the liberal arts.
- Introduced the Lawrence Advantage to

improve accessibility to a Lawrence education for all academically qualified students from Wisconsin and Illinois.

- Introduced a new dance minor.
- Upgraded facilities with more than 50 separate projects, many focused on residence halls.
- Began a new facilities master planning process to assess facilities across campus.
- Built a new outdoor track and field complex at Whiting Field and a new locker room facility at Banta Bowl.
- Announced plans to fund-raise for the building of a new recreation center. The recreation center, open to all students, would include fitness spaces and indoor competition and/or training facilities for track, baseball, softball, tennis, and more. More details are expected to be released soon.

The strategic initiatives, supported by the Board of Trustees, puts a focus on enhancing the student experience in academics, student life, and career exploration. And they position Lawrence to be able to transition, when the time is right, from an enrollment of about 1,500 to something closer to 1,900 while remaining a residential liberal arts campus.

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Fox Commons: Finance Lab

“This is really highlighting and supporting ways that the humanities are changing and growing and innovating.”

Constance Kassor,
religious studies



New focus on career discernment seen in building projects

BY ED BERTHIAUME

Career discernment is being built into the 315 E. College Avenue and Fox Commons projects as Lawrence University puts new emphasis on career preparation.

Kevin Gaw, who arrived in June as the Riaz Waraich Dean of the Career Center and Center for Community Engagement & Social Change (CCE), has made discernment a key piece of career counseling, facilitating conversations with students that encompass strengths, passions, values, and skill-development as they prepare for life after Lawrence.

“It’s understanding your work values, your personal values, your social values, understanding your interests, what’s important to you,” Gaw said. “What do you get excited about doing? It’s about knowing you have skills but also knowing you can develop skills.”

That focus can be seen in the Fox Commons development, where partnerships are being forged with health care and business organizations to give Lawrence’s pre-health and business and entrepreneurship students avenues to mentorships, internships, and other collaborative experiences. And it can be seen in the 315 E. College Avenue development, where, among other things, a Humanities Center is being designed to foster experiential learning and internship

opportunities in the Fox Cities and beyond. “It’s not just sitting here and reflecting on your interests,” Gaw said. “It’s getting out there and having experiences. We’re trying to develop more of that, and these projects will help us do that.”

Gaw and others in the Career Center are working closely with Constance Kassor, associate professor of religious studies, who has taken on a two-year role as special

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Kevin Gaw

assistant to the president, focused in part on institutionalizing programs that ensure students are prepared for the next steps when they graduate. Funded by a grant from the Mellon Foundation, Kassor is collaborating with faculty and staff to develop programs that will support students in career exploration and vocational discernment.

That includes leading the planning for the Humanities Center in 315 E. College Avenue. Building connections to the Trout

Museum of Art, which will be housed on the building’s first floor, is just one piece of the puzzle. Creating space within the second floor to facilitate community partnerships and build avenues to experiential learning for humanities students is another big piece.

That is part of the enhanced attention being placed on career planning across campus.

“It’s something we owe to our students as an institution,” Kassor said. “We need to be setting them up for success after they leave this place. I think we do a really nice job of supporting students while they’re here. And we can and we will be better in the future at supporting them as they make the transition into what’s next.”

Some of that work by faculty is already happening at a high level, Kassor said. The 315 E. College Avenue and Fox Commons projects will make that work more robust and more visible, in

part because of the community engagement that’s built in.

“It’s not always explicit to students, and it’s definitely not always explicit to the broader community,” she said. “And it may not be explicit to parents of students or prospective students. Part of this work is trying to lift up things that we’re already doing and that we actually do really well. This space is going to support that work a little bit more and hopefully help showcase that work.”



Constance Kassor



Kevin Gaw

Growing a stronger community

The enthusiasm surrounding these investments is palpable, in part because of the prospect of building a tighter, more connected community in downtown Appleton. That’s not lost on students.

“It helps open up Lawrence to the Appleton community,” Littlefield, a music performance major, said of both the Fox Commons and 315 E. College developments. “I think the living-learning communities provide a great chance for students to interact with businesses downtown, kind of further fostering the Lawrence connections to Appleton.”

Those growing interactions speak to what Appleton has to offer in terms of culture, education, and career opportunities.

“For our students, it’s additional chances to get involved, to find their passion, find opportunities, get ready for life after Lawrence,” said Chris Clarke, vice president for Student Life. “I think Appleton will

benefit from us being more in the community, and I think our students will benefit from these opportunities with our partners.”

Carter calls it an important next step in the campus-community relationship, one that dates to the founding of Lawrence in 1847 and the development of Appleton as a municipality in the years to follow.

“This is an opportunity to deepen that relationship in a very meaningful way,” she said. “It’s about having our students be part of the community in a way that allows them to understand what it means to be good neighbors, to really interact with the College Avenue population a little more deeply, particularly as the downtown becomes more residential. We’re preparing them for life after Lawrence while still providing them with that piece of the Lawrence bubble they’re looking for.”



“We will work together with gener8tor, another key tenant in the Fox Commons development, to cultivate and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Fox Cities.”

Adam Galambos, economics

COMMUNITY VOICES

WHAT: Lawrence’s partners in the community share the excitement of the Fox Commons and 315 E. College developments. They point to deepening relationships as Lawrence students both live downtown and collaborate with other downtown tenants.

ON LAWRENCE PARTNERING WITH TROUT MUSEUM OF ART: Appleton Mayor Jake Woodford ’13: “Seeing two great institutions come together to provide innovative and exciting new educational, cultural, and community

programming is a win for Appletonians and people across the Fox Cities.”

ON INCREASED LAWRENCE INTERACTIONS WITH DOWNTOWN: Jennifer Stephany, executive director of Appleton Downtown Inc. (ADI), a nonprofit community coalition: “There is this wave of diversity, culture, creativity, energy that comes from the campus that we’re hoping to further embrace to really make us stronger both as a destination and a neighborhood.”

ON BENEFITS TO THE DOWNTOWN THAT WILL BE LONG-LASTING:

“It really has an opportunity to bring with it this talent traction piece,” Stephany said. “As we’re looking at top talent coming out of Lawrence University, we want to retain those folks in our community. I think this gives us a leg up to do that, to introduce them to how great our community can be and hope they become a part of it early on and want to stay.”

Noemi Delgado unifies accessibility efforts across campus



Meet Noemi Delgado, Lawrence University's director of Accessibility Services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator.

"I'm providing accommodations for students, whether it be housing, academics, or any meal exemptions related to a disability and/or medical condition," Delgado said.

Delgado's role unifies many responsibilities that were previously split across the Center for Academic Success (CAS), making it easier for a student's accommodation needs to be quickly and effectively addressed.

"We want the new process to be consistent and create an equitable opportunity for all students to have access to the accommodations they need," Delgado said.

Accessibility Services is now part of the I.D.E.A.S. (inclusion, diversity, equity, anti-racism, and support services) office.

Students can find additional information on Lawrence's Accessibility Services webpage, including a link to request accommodations.

Delgado, who joined the Lawrence team a year ago, walked us through the process. First, students submit a request for accommodations by uploading documentation and completing an eligibility form. Answers to these questions are private and confidential, viewed by Delgado so she can better understand the impact of the student's situation. She reviews the form and does external research if necessary, and then schedules a one-on-one meeting with the student.

"We want to keep and create safe spaces where all students can go and have the same accessibility they have here in the Center for Academic Success."

"I think that's what is really good about this process," Delgado said. "I'm not just seeing this student on paper; I'm getting an opportunity to meet with them."

This process helps Delgado gain a better sense of each student's needs, which allows her to make highly informed choices to best accommodate Lawrentians with disabilities.

"Accommodations are provided to give students with disabilities equal access to the residential and academic opportunities as their peers," Delgado said. "If a request does not demonstrate a connection between their functional limitation due to their disability or diagnosis and their need for the accommodation, it might not be approved."

Accessibility Services works to accommodate students with visible and invisible disabilities. Delgado said she appreciates how growing awareness of disabilities and mental health has helped destigmatize them.

In addition to her role as director of Accessibility Services, Delgado said she's excited to be serving as Lawrence's ADA coordinator.

"Campus is beautiful; we want to keep and create safe spaces where all students can go and have the same accessibility they have here in the Center for Academic Success," Delgado said, pointing to the wider, wheelchair-accessible hallways and doors on the second floor of the Seeley G. Mudd Library. "We want to make sure we're working with everyone, whether it be Facility Services or building designers, so we're meeting those regulations and being an accessible campus."

Delgado is thrilled to be part of the Lawrence community and loves the college town vibe of Appleton.

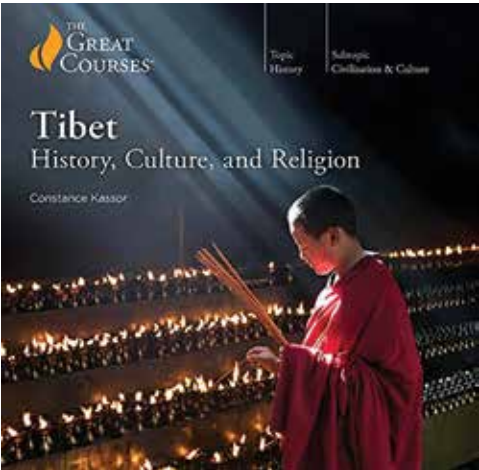
"I went to school in Boulder, Colorado," Delgado said. "My best friend from college lives here. When I would come visit, I was like, 'This feels like Boulder.'"

After working with a behavioral company in California, Delgado moved to Appleton. She worked with the local school district before coming to Lawrence. Delgado loves how her position combines her passions for accessibility and education, and she is excited to help make Lawrence a place for everyone.

CONSTANCE KASSOR, associate professor of religious studies, has debuted an online lecture series on Tibet with Wondrium. *Tibet: History, Culture, and Religion*, a 24-part series that teaches about the Tibetan plateau, was two years in the making for the religious studies scholar.

ROOMFUL OF TEETH, a contemporary octet that includes Lawrence assistant professor of music **Estelí Gomez**, has been nominated for two Grammy Awards: Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance for the album, *Rough Magic*, and Best Contemporary Classical Composition for "Psychedelics."

EDWARD LANGER '76 was awarded the Czech town of Lanškroun's Town Medal in recognition of his 50 years of research on the emigration of Czechs and Germans from the Lanškroun area to Wisconsin in the 19th century. He was presented the medal by the mayor. "Although, I had a career as a



the School of English, Drama & Film at University College Dublin.

DANIELLE KOLMAN and **JENNY ZIEGLER**, both Lawrence staff members, have been selected to the 2023-24 class of Leadership Fox Cities, a program of the

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lawyer, I always used my Lawrence liberal arts training in following my history passion," Langer said.

Timothy X. Troy '85

TIMOTHY X. TROY '85, professor of theatre arts and the J. Thomas and Julie E. Hurvis Professor of Theatre and Drama at Lawrence, premiered his new play, *Run with the Hare (...and hunt with the hound)*, in Kilkenny, Ireland, while on a year-long Fulbright fellowship. The play is based on his research as a Fulbright Scholar at



Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce. Kolman is an assistant director in the Career Center and Ziegler is executive director of development analytics and operations in the Office of Advancement.

LISSETTE CRUZ-JIMÉNEZ, director of the Lawrence Diversity and Intercultural Center, was recognized by Madison365 as one of the 40 most influential Latino leaders in Wisconsin.

BETSY SCHLABACH, associate professor of history, followed the publication of her book, *Dream Books and Gamblers: Black Women's Work in Chicago's Policy Game*, with news that she received a travel grant to extend her research, including a visit to the John Hope Franklin Research Center at Duke University, an archive housing more than 1,000 oral history recordings about life in the Jim Crow South.

MATTHEW ARAU '97, associate professor of music and conductor of the Symphonic Band, was selected as the keynote speaker

at the Wisconsin State Music Teachers Conference in Madison in October.

He presented twice to educators: *Making JOY Your Tonal Center: The 6 Keys to Fulfillment and Wellbeing in Teaching, Music Making, and Life* and *Inclusive Student Leadership: Lead from Any Chair*; and he followed that with a presentation to high school students at the conference's Aspiring Music Major Day.

MARTHA HELEN SCHMIDT '79 recently composed a song cycle that is featured in a PBS documentary filmed in Minnesota and Iceland. The documentary, *Playing Haydn for the Angel of Death*, focuses on Icelandic-American writer, poet, and teacher Bill Holm. The documentary won an Upper Midwest Emmy Award in October.

Martha Helen Schmidt '79

JONATHAN BASS, a fifth-year senior, was named the winner in the Young Artist Performance Piano division in a statewide competition of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). He advances to the division level with a chance to compete nationally at the annual MTNA Conference in March 2024. Four other Lawrence piano students also were honored: **HENRY GILES** (Young Artist Performance Alternate), **HAZEL MUSTO** (Young Artist Performance Piano Honorable Mention), **RINAKO KISHI** (Young Artist Performance Piano Honorable Mention), and **ELLA DORSEY** (Senior Performance Piano Honorable Mention).

Cellists **ANNIKA SCHMIDT**, a sophomore, and **DAVID SMITH**, a first-year, are co-winners of the 2023-24 LSO Concerto Competition. Schmidt will perform Saint-Saëns' *Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor* and Smith will perform Ernest Bloch's *Schelomo* with the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra in 2024.



Parent to parent:

Tips for exploring campus, Appleton on your visits

BY TAYLOR HUGHES '25

Lawrence University students are constantly discovering new places to explore on campus and throughout the Appleton area. Same goes for Lawrentian parents, who are frequently on the lookout for fun activities on their visits. I caught up with some Lawrence parents—including my own—and asked them to share favorite things to do when visiting campus.

Lizzie Angemi '24, an environmental studies major from Hesperia, California: Her mom, Karen Angemi, said she likes to explore on and off campus: “Ask your student to show you their favorite campus hangouts, which for my children are Main Hall Green, Kaplan’s Café (favorite flavor of ice cream for post-move-in day is Exhausted Parent), and the Environmental Studies lounge. Sporting events are always a highlight of my visit whether it be the tennis courts or the softball field. If you want to venture off campus, there are lots of fun activities including walks along the Fox River, painting at The Fire, visiting the History Museum at the Castle, and our family favorite – a visit to Mulberry Lane Farm.”

Taylor Hughes '25, an English-creative writing major from Wausau, Wisconsin: Her mom, Jaime Hughes, said the entertainment options in Appleton are robust: “I like to go out to eat, maybe somewhere new, eat Cookie Doughlicious, see a show, and the downtown

coffee shop and boba tea places. We also enjoy seeing a Lawrence concert or show at the Fox Cities PAC, watching our daughter play during softball or volleyball seasons, and walking down the nature trails by the river.”

Callista Lo '26, a computer science major from Appleton: Her mom, Yer Lo, said the family loves to spend time on campus. “The sights at Lawrence are gorgeous, particularly the Chapel and the view of the Fox River from Warch Campus Center and Hiett Hall.”



Explore downtown Appleton on your visits to campus.

Mallory Meyer '25, a Bachelor of Musical Arts student from Battle Ground, Washington: Her parents, Dean and Julie Meyer, said they love the activity along College Avenue: “We have enjoyed the coffee spots, restaurants,

and shops, the farmers' market in the nice weather, and the Christmas decorations in the winter. We were even able to attend *Hamilton* last spring at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, which was so fun. On campus, my favorite activities have been watching basketball games at Alexander Gymnasium, attending jazz concerts at the Chapel, and taking walks along the Fox River trails.”

Bailey Nez '26, an environmental science major from Tocito, New Mexico: Her mom, Bobbi Nez, said she always finds something new to explore on her visits to campus: “I enjoy browsing the unique shops on College Avenue. Attending athletic or other events at Lawrence is always part of my visits. One of the best parts about visiting Appleton is finding new restaurants to try. I have also been fortunate to experience a night parade, a 5K, and the Turkey Trot.”

Nathan Wall '25, a Spanish and global studies double major from Seattle: His mom, Amy Gray, likes to get outdoors on her visits to Appleton: “I love exploring the city by visiting all the city parks. I also like shopping at the local stores and cafes on College Avenue.”

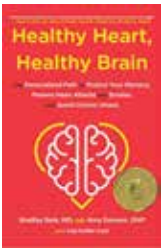
BOOKS & WORKS

-FROM FACULTY AND ALUMNI-



Risky Teaching:
Harnessing the power of uncertainty in higher education
Jay Roberts '92

Risky Teaching examines the role of risk and uncertainty in teaching and learning in higher education. Discussing the current landscape of higher education and the challenges and opportunities we face, this book synthesizes a range of evidence-based and high-impact practices both in and out of the classroom, offering practical strategies and thought-provoking ideas on educational innovation for students and faculty. This important text is for faculty and instructors in higher education who want to help their students thrive in a complex, unscripted, and disruptive world. Published by Routledge.



Healthy Heart, Healthy Brain:
The Personalized Path to Protect Your Memory, Prevent Heart Attacks, and Strokes, and Avoid Chronic Illness
Dr. Bradley Bale '70

Bale and Dr. Amy Doneen, along with co-author Lisa Collier Cool, present an evidence-based program to prevent, treat, and cure cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death globally. The two doctors have pioneered a new medical specialty called “arteriology,” which is designed to optimize the health of the more than 60,000 miles of blood vessels in our bodies. The book earned a gold award in the 2023 Nautilus Book Awards and won the American Society for Journalists and Authors (ASJA)

2023 June Roth Memorial Award for Outstanding Medical Book. Published by Little Brown, Spark.



Becoming an Effective Teacher in America:
Reflections on Teaching and Learning
Anthony Berman '70

A guide to assist potential educators in making the reflections necessary to decide if they should consider becoming teachers, and, if so, how they can become the best possible resources for their future students. Among the topics addressed are characteristics making a teacher effective; delivery of curriculum; motivation of learners; assessment of learning; classroom management; and challenges facing today’s teachers. Published by Cambridge Scholars.



Museums and Societal Collapse:
The Museum as Lifeboat
Robert R. Janes '70
Museums and Societal Collapse explores the implications of societal collapse

from a multidisciplinary perspective and considers the potential that museums may have to contribute to the reimagining and transitioning of a new society. Arguing that societal collapse is under way, but that total collapse is not inevitable, Janes maintains that museums are well-positioned to mitigate and adapt to the disruptions of societal collapse. Janes is the editor-in-chief emeritus of the journal *Museum Management and Curatorship*. Published by Routledge.

VIKING VOICES

JESÚS GREGORIO SMITH
Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies

“I tried to hide myself from pain, but when I bravely faced it, I overcame it. It isn’t easy, but I think we deserve to see a different world. Determining your own path, despite what others say, can help you break out of molds that confine you.”

— “Home is Here,” a series from Wisconsin Life, a joint project of Wisconsin Public Radio and PBS Wisconsin

CLAUDENA SKRAN
Edwin and Ruth West Professor of Economics and Social Science and Professor of Government

“We really define entrepreneurship as about seeking solutions to important problems, whether they’re in business, social, or environmental. We really take a broader vision; an entrepreneur is someone who innovates in whatever area they’re in, and then tries to create institutional solutions to particular problems.”

— “Pitch Perfect: Region’s colleges and universities bolster entrepreneurial programs,” *Insight*

BRIGETTA MILLER
Associate Professor of Music Education and advisor to Lawrence University Native Alliance (LUNA)

“I am extremely proud of the LUNA alumni who are modeling such a huge force for good in the world by sharing their Indigenous leadership with others. There is a positive rippling effect that we hope will have a lasting rippling effect for generations.”

— Empowerment and support for Indigenous students: A Q&A, *Fox Cities Magazine*

CAMPUS SCENES



- 1 First-year students are all smiles as they head to the President's Welcome.
- 2 Students play games to win prizes during Welcome Week.
- 3 Lawrence's fencing team celebrates a win at the Lawrence Duals in the Buchanan Kiewit Wellness Center.
- 4 Sophomore Cormac Billick uses the new rock-climbing wall in the Buchanan Kiewit Wellness Center.
- 5 Seniors Ben Campbell on violin and Qiaochuhan Li on piano perform as part of a string chamber music recital in Harper Hall.
- 6 Sophomore Nicolas Manzanera leads cheers during the Blue & White Homecoming football game.

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American Prize honors speak to Lawrence's lofty opera success

BY ED BERTHIAUME

Copeland Woodruff, director of opera studies, and Kristin Roach, assistant professor of opera, were honored by The American Prize in 2023, the latest national honors bestowed on Lawrence University's Opera Theatre program. Roach won the 2023 American Prize in Conducting in the Opera and Music Theater Division, a nod to her work conducting four 2022 performances of Lawrence's *Suor Angelica*. It followed Woodruff being selected as a 2023 Honored Artist for "sustained excellence."

Suor Angelica was Lawrence's first full, in-person opera production following the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. That, Roach said, added to the moment as two talented casts presented a double billing of one-acts, *Suor Angelica* and *Curlew River*.

"There was high energy and a lot of emotions," Roach said.

Lawrence's opera program also was selected as a semifinalist in the Collegiate Opera Performance Division for two Opera Theatre productions, *Suor Angelica/Curlew River* and *The Nefarious, Immoral, but Highly Profitable Enterprise of Mr. Burke & Mr. Hare*, and Woodruff was named a semifinalist for the Charles Nelson Reilly Prize for Stage Directors. The American Prize annually hands out awards of excellence in the performing arts among nonprofit arts organizations and schools across the country.

"As much as it's nice to win prizes, that's not why we do what we do," Roach said. "I really appreciate the growth that happens with our



Copeland Woodruff

Kristin Roach

students—the singers, the players, the people behind the scenes. Opera is a giant team sport. And it's really gratifying to know that what we're doing here at Lawrence is on the level of what's being done by the best programs all over the country. I find that really rewarding, and it's a wonderful gift we can give to our students, who will be going on to whatever the next phase of their careers might be. I love that they can take this award-winning experience with them."

A champion of contemporary opera, Roach joined the Lawrence faculty in 2020, drawn in part by the opportunity to work with Woodruff. "I'm so grateful for the program he's built and the work that he does," she said.

The latest American Prize honors are a testament to talent and commitment among

Lawrence students. The production of *Suor Angelica* involved not only cast members and the behind-the-scenes crews but also 26 members of the Lawrence Symphony Orchestra.

Each opera production spans two terms. The work begins in Fall Term with the cast and crew working on the music, story, costumes, and staging. Come Winter Term, it moves into the theater and the production begins to come to life.

Lawrence's Opera Theatre program has had a history of success with The American Prize. In 2017-18, two Lawrence productions tied for first place: *The Beggar's Opera* and *Hydrogen Jukebox*; and Woodruff won the first Charles Nelson Reilly Prize in Stage Directing. In 2018-19, *Count Ory* won a Special Judges' Citation. Woodruff's selection this year as a 2023 Honored Artist speaks to the program's consistent success.

"I count myself a very lucky man to have worked with the artists I have over the years and been involved in the education of primarily young artists," Woodruff said. "I hope I have empowered them as much as my mentors did me and I hope that I've encouraged audiences to engage personally with their own theater experiences."

Woodruff has been teaching in Lawrence's Conservatory of Music since 2014.



Lawrence University Opera Theatre presented *Suor Angelica* in 2022.

Gender inclusivity in jazz celebrated with new student group

BY ALEX ALDEN '25

Lawrence University senior Reese Pike and sophomore Vivian Shanley recall countless times when they were the only women in their jazz ensembles.

So, when they led the newly formed Jazz and Gender Equity Initiative (JGEI) to the stage at the Conservatory of Music's recent Fred Sturm Jazz Celebration Weekend, it was a satisfying moment. They performed Alice Coltrane's *Blue Nile* at Memorial Chapel with an all-female and non-binary ensemble in front of hundreds of high school and middle school music students attending the annual jazz festival.

"We really wanted to perform at Jazz Weekend because we want high schoolers to see there can be a group with a ton of women performing at the college level," Pike said.

The forming of JGEI—a new iteration following in the footsteps of the earlier Women in Jazz Initiative—is all about changing the narrative in jazz.

"When jazz was being created, there was a lot of forcing women instrumentalists out of groups, or women not being allowed to tour," Pike said. "This has always been a thing in jazz, and people are gradually starting to combat it, more and more."

Among those combatants are students of the recently founded JGEI. More than 30 Lawrence students are involved in the group, which

endeavors to broaden jazz inclusivity in the Conservatory and beyond by highlighting the contributions of women and non-binary jazz artists. The group meets weekly.

Pike, a double major in music performance (piano-jazz emphasis) and Spanish from Omaha, Nebraska, and her co-president, Shanley, a music performance (double bass) and music education major from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have noted the marginalization of women in the genre for many years. When the group conducted demographic research two years ago, they found that only about 10% of Lawrence's jazz students identified as a gender other than cisgender male.

Shanley has noticed that the more advanced the musical setting, the less women are present. "Young women ... see their band director is a man and there's no women in the high school jazz band [and conclude] 'I don't think this is really something for me,'" Shanley said.

The female jazz musicians most people

Sarah Pedlar, Yv Radaza, Kate Stenson, and Elizabeth Williams.

The musical guests at this year's Jazz Celebration Weekend evening concerts were two woman-led ensembles: the Alicia Olatuja Quintet and the Magos Herrera Quartet.

Blue Nile was the song of choice for the JGEI because composer Alice Coltrane is often overshadowed by her husband, John Coltrane. The group found this work in *The New Standards*, a book of 101 jazz songs by women composers, prepared by Terri Lyne Carrington.

The JGEI ensemble was invited to perform by Patty Darling, instructor of music, and José Encarnación, associate professor of music and director of jazz studies.

"Patty and José have been really supportive since the beginning," Shanley said.

"The outreach that JGEI is doing on our LU campus is so important," Darling said. "They are working to create an inclusive and nurturing environment for all students in our



JGEI performs at Fred Sturm Jazz Celebration Weekend.

know are the singers—Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, for instance. Historically, women have been pushed out of instrumental pursuits, leading to perceptions they are not serious musicians, but merely entertainers.

"[Singers] also had to deal with a lot of sexualization and different kinds of treatment," Pike said.

At the Nov. 3-4 Jazz Celebration Weekend, Pike and Shanley took part in the JGEI combo group, joined by fellow Lawrence students Jozelle Filippi, Mallory Meyer, Taylor Nordeng,

jazz program and are raising awareness of the amazing contributions of women composers and performers, past and present. The activities they are organizing—concerts, movie nights, listening parties, meetings—all of these events help to support and expand the growing movement in the jazz world toward gender equality."

The Jazz Celebration Weekend experience is building momentum, the students said.

"It's a really powerful thing to play in a band of all women," Pike said. Shanley added, "Just to see how it can be different is really exciting."

‘A continuous journey’

LAWRENCE’S NEW DANCE MINOR PUTS EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATION

BY ALEX ALDEN '25

A new dance minor has been introduced at Lawrence University, the culmination of years of effort to build a comprehensive dance program.

In full, Dance: Embodied Collaborative Practice minor and interdisciplinary area is a lofty name.

“All of the words are important,” said Mauriah Donegan Kraker, visiting assistant professor of dance. “The minor values every body, practice as research, and kinetic intelligence. Collaborative practice is the foundation of our study. Each dance class, rehearsal space, or performance at Lawrence supports the individual with tools for strengthening their own artistic voice and deepening their collaborative skills.”

Margaret S. Paek, also a visiting assistant professor of dance, said the goal is not to teach mimicry but to discover an individualized understanding of one’s body.

“Embodiment denotes a relationship to the senses and experiences, rather than the look of a move or any (jazz hands) presentation,” she said.

The title’s emphasis on collaboration reflects a hallmark of dance at Lawrence. Kraker and Paek said they resist an authoritarian, hierarchical classroom structure, and instead embrace critical pedagogy and hope to collaborate with students.

“The goal for me is to support their dance inquiries and for students to grow into artistic peers to be creating within the room,” Paek said. “... We can’t collaborate unless we all have agency.”

The idea of practice is equally central in the degree’s scope. There is no endpoint for dance at Lawrence—the faculty view it as “a continuous journey.”

Dance programs did not always exist at Lawrence. Paek was recruited by Brian Pertl, dean of the Conservatory of Music, in 2015. Since then, Paek and Kraker—hired in 2021 through the theater program—have gradually built the department.

“For me, music and dance are all part of the same expressive/creative continuum,” Pertl said. “I want all our Lawrence musicians, and really all our Lawrence students, to have the opportunity to explore their creative birthright through embodied practice. For our musicians, dance deepens expressive musicality.

Students participate in an *Ensemble Thinking* class.

Right: Students **Tori Schneider (left)** and **Madeleine Tevonian** take part in a *Dance Collective Ensemble* class.

It deepens creativity and provides yet another artistic path to experience the magic and joy of artmaking. The dance minor is a beautiful leap forward for all Lawrentians.”

The dance minor incorporates classes that have already been developed.

“The goal for me is to support their dance inquiries and for students to grow into artistic peers to be creating within the room.” Margaret S. Paek, visiting assistant professor of dance



capstone on.

“[Although] they may seem very different on the surface level ... dance is a form of art,” she said.

Paek elaborated: “The way that we think about dance is dance through a lens that you can engage with anything. So, in one aspect, you can bring whatever you’re majoring in and whatever your interests are and use it as a lens to research.”

The interdisciplinary nature of the minor allows for course connections all around the university. Students seeking the dance minor will take classes related to kinesiology, musicology, musical performance, stagecraft, and theater.

Kraker cautions not to consider dance “supplemental”: “Our lineage [of dance here]”, she said, “is an organization of movement, in solo and ensemble ways.”

Students have a long history of organized dance groups, including a competitive team, swing club, and studio. In addition, guest dance artists visit Lawrence every term, often working directly with students.

“We’re teaching tactics that are about how you are stepping into the next site of performance,” Kraker said.

That could mean preparing for an interview, or how to gracefully navigate holding power in a room, or “how your body is in relationship to a community,” she said.

The minor aims to foster individualized and liberating dance experiences. Awareness and reflection are placed above perfection and competition.

“The environment is just really warm,” Schneider said. “They’re encouraging people—no judgment at all.”

“That has been done informally, structurally through our years together,” Kraker said.

Tori Schneider, a senior art history major from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, is among the first students to pursue the dance minor. She said she’s thrilled to see the growth in dance at Lawrence. When she first took *Contact Improvisation*, she was in a class of 15 students. A year later—she was working as the course’s teaching assistant—there were more than 30 signups.

“Dance has exploded here,” Schneider said.

That’s part of the momentum that’s building, Paek said. Establishing the dance minor is the

next step, providing increased visibility for the program. Students who have been committed to dance now have a more tangible path.

Among those students is Schneider, who has been taking dance classes since her first year on campus.

“I think that the ability to actually achieve a minor really gives the students who put a lot of effort into dance ... something to show for it,” she said.

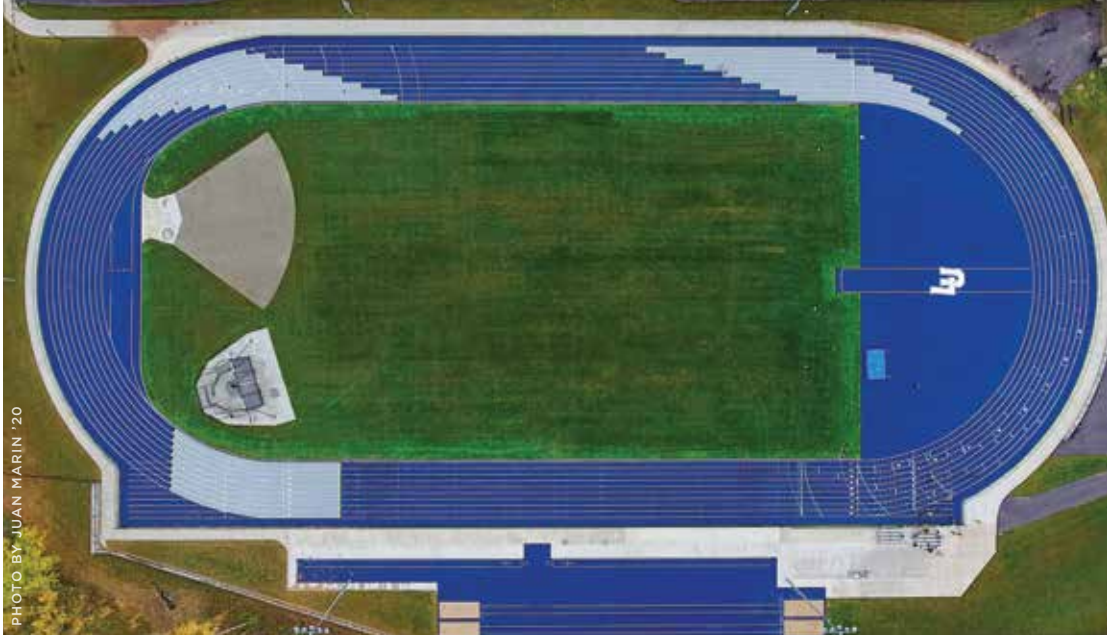
Schneider finds strong connections between her art history major and her dance minor. The topics often collide in performance art, which Schneider plans to center her senior



New track and field facility at Whiting Field opens to huge applause



Lawrence athletes work out on the new track at Whiting Field.



The new track and field complex will be used for home meets beginning in April.

BY JOE VANDEN ACKER

All that is old is new again. The home of Lawrence University track and field remains George A. Whiting Field, the same place Lawrence runners, jumpers, and throwers have been competing since 1925, but there's nothing about the new track and field complex that is the same as the old Whiting Field. "I think it will be a huge impact," Lawrence track and field and cross country coach Jason Fast said of the new home for his teams. "The biggest one is to have a facility and a surface that's world class. It's not only great for training but also for competing. We've completed a great venue for track and field." Work began on the \$4.3 million project in fall 2022 with the razing of the old track, installation of new drainage and grading for the oval. Work resumed in the spring as asphalt went down, lights were erected, and the track surface was put in place. The track was completed in October. The facility, designed by Rettler Corporation,

has a nine-lane track and uses the space both inside and outside of the track for competition. The new track is a Beynon BSS1000 full-pour polyurethane surface and is in the dark blue color of Lawrence Athletics. "With the new track facility complete, we now have a premier space for student-athletes to train and compete," Lawrence Director of Athletics Jason Imperati said. "This space will allow us to host various home meets throughout the spring, and we are also back in the rotation to host our Midwest Conference Championship in 2025. The response from our student-athletes has been amazing, and I know they are so excited to get out there and get to work." The grass infield houses the throws area with four separate spaces. On the east side of the complex, the large throws cage is for discus and hammer throw and another area features two circles for shot put. On the west end of the track is the runway for the javelin throw and the high jump area. The area north of the track

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is for long jump, triple jump and pole vault. The area for long and triple jump features two runways with pits on each end for a total of four sand pits. The pole vault area features two runways with the pits in the center.

Jumper and sprinter Irene Yank '25 said it was a challenge during the past season with no facility for training.

"These past two years we've been scattered throughout the campus. Having one central space we can call home and call our home track is super exciting," said Yank, a native of Franklin, Wis. "To finally see the track done, after all we went through last season, is great. It makes everything we did last year worth it."

Whiting Field figures to see plenty of action in upcoming seasons. The Vikings have two home meets scheduled for the spring of 2024 and will host the Midwest Conference Championships in May 2025.

The Musco lighting system also gives Lawrence a leg up on the competition.

"The flexibility that the lights give is to be able to practice in the evening and to schedule

nighttime meets," Fast said. "That will be a great experience for all of our student-athletes because it's something we've never had."

The world-class competition surface, combined with lights and the future completion of grandstands and a press box, also opens the possibility of hosting prep meets, including Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regional or sectional championships.

"This will be a great venue for not only local meets but for regional meets at all levels," Fast said.

That would also allow potential recruits to see themselves competing at Whiting Field in the future with Lawrence emblazoned across their chests.

"Showing recruits the new facility has definitely given us a huge wow factor," Fast said. "It reinforces everything we tell our recruits and our current student-athletes about how much the administration values athletics. We want to give the student-athletes the same type of quality experience they get in the classroom."

Team Complex enhances offerings at Banta Bowl

A big addition to Ron Roberts Field at the Banta Bowl immediately diversifies this iconic facility.

The new Team Complex covers nearly 4,700 square feet to accommodate multiple Lawrence teams and visiting teams.

"To see this space in late spring when we broke ground to now is something extraordinary," Lawrence Director of Athletics Jason Imperati said. "Our soccer and lacrosse programs have a space that they can be proud of. This facility will get tremendous use and will only help to enhance our programs and future success."

The Team Complex was built into the hillside on the west side of the Banta Bowl, across the plaza from the Gilboy Athletic Center. The project manager was Rettler Corporation with design work done by Kahler Slater. J.H. Findorff and Son Inc. handled the construction.

"This is an exciting day for Lawrence as we continue our efforts to update and expand our athletics facilities," Lawrence President Laurie A. Carter said. "The construction of these beautiful locker rooms at Banta Bowl — and the adjoining patio to gather and build team spirit — comes as we rebuilt our track and field facilities, updated our tennis courts and are preparing to launch men's and women's lacrosse."

The Team Complex houses locker rooms for Lawrence men's and women's soccer during the fall season. Both home locker rooms have 42 wooden lockers, and both spaces have restrooms and shower rooms. Those locker room spaces also serve as the home to Lawrence men's and women's

lacrosse, which begin play in the winter/spring of 2025.

Adjacent to the home locker rooms are two multi-purpose rooms separated by a movable partition. That space provides flexible meeting space for the Vikings, can be opened to house a visiting football team or separated into two spaces when the Vikings host men's and women's soccer or men's and women's lacrosse on the same day. The Team Complex has an officials' room, storage spaces, and a mechanical room.

The Team Complex also features an outdoor component with the President's Plaza, a 32x38-foot covered area with a large television so fans can see a live feed of the game or serve as a site for teams to watch game film.

The exterior of the Team Complex features finishes that complement the Gilboy Center by incorporating the same masonry,



wood, and translucent panels.

"We hope to be able to host larger outside community events with our eye on WIAA football or soccer playoffs or other state championships," Imperati said. "I know I speak for all our student-athletes and staff when I say we are so thankful to receive this support from the administration."

Lawrence inducts seven into Hall of Fame

BY JOE VANDEN ACKER

Lawrence inducted seven individuals into its Intercollegiate Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 13.

Steve Wereley '89 was the dominant jumper in the Midwest Conference during his three years at Lawrence. A seven-time Midwest Conference champion, Wereley set the school record in indoors in the long jump and triple jump. The Menasha, Wisconsin, native established Lawrence's indoor record in the long jump at 22 feet, 7.25 inches and in the triple jump at 45-3.75.

A three-time winner of the A.C. Denney Trophy for compiling the most points on the team in a season, Wereley was part of the 3-2 engineering program at Lawrence and earned a bachelor's degree in physics. He earned a master's degree in engineering at WashU, a master of science, master of engineering, and a doctorate from Northwestern University. Wereley is a professor of mechanical engineering at Purdue University and lives in West Lafayette, Indiana.

Betsy Blahnik-Kuhn '93 broke new ground for Lawrence track and field during her career. A native of Fish Creek, Wisconsin, Blahnik was the school's first NCAA Division III All-American in women's track and would go on to be a 10-time Midwest Conference champion. She continues to hold four school records—the 400 indoors; the 400 outdoors; the 4x200 relay; and the 4x100 relay.

Blahnik is a teacher of American history and AP psychology at Wrightstown High School and lives in Hilbert, Wis.

Justin Berrens '04, with his powerhouse running style, devastated opposing defenses for Lawrence football in the

Lauren Kost-Smith '05 was a dominating pitcher for Lawrence softball in the early 2000s. The native of Carol Stream, Illinois, was the Midwest Conference Pitcher of the Year and earned All-Great Lakes Region honors in a stellar career. Kost compiled a career record of 50-27, and her 50 victories ranks second in Lawrence history. She posted a career earned run average of 1.59, which also ranks second in school history. She also ranks second with 314 strikeouts, second with 15 shutouts and second with 544.1 innings pitched.

Kost earned a bachelor's degree in physics at Lawrence and has a doctorate in physics from the University of Colorado-Boulder. A stay-at-home mom to her two children in Schaumburg, Illinois, Kost also has a master's degree in education from Northwestern University.



2023 Hall of Fame inductees pose with Blu. The inductees include (from left) Lauren Kost-Smith, Betsy Blahnik-Kuhn, Beth Larson, Ben Dictus, Steve Wereley, Mallory Koula and Justin Berrens.

early 2000s. A native of Waupaca, Wisconsin, Berrens played three seasons for the Vikings and piled up 3,659 yards on 744 attempts for an average of 4.9 yards per carry. He ranks third in Lawrence history in rushing yards and second in attempts. He averaged 122.0 rushing yards per game, good for third in school history, and his 19 career touchdowns ranks fourth.

Berrens, who earned a degree in geology at Lawrence, also collected the Ralph V. Landis Award for outstanding contributions to Lawrence athletics as a senior. He is the director of public works in his hometown of Waupaca.

Ben Dictus '06

is a rarity in the history of Lawrence wrestling—a three-time NCAA Division III Championships qualifier and a Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion. The Kimberly, Wisconsin, native put together an impressive career as he compiled a record of 107-48. Dictus ranks third in Lawrence history in victories and is one of just seven wrestlers in school history to top the 100-win plateau. His 22 career pins tie him with NCAA champion Andy Kazik

for eighth in Lawrence history.

Dictus earned a degree in biology at Lawrence and earned a pair of master's degrees in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University and North Carolina State University. He serves as chief culture officer and principal beekeeper at Bee Downtown and lives in Carrboro, N.C.

Mallory Koula '12, with a booming left foot and blazing speed, became the most prolific scorer in Lawrence women's soccer history and a player feared by opposing defenses. A native of Kimberly, Wisconsin, Koula was the 2011 Midwest Conference

Player of the Year and a three-time first-team all-conference selection at forward. Koula piled up 63 goals and 16 assists for 142 points over her three seasons at Lawrence. She ranks first in career goals and points and ranks sixth in career assists.

Koula, who earned a degree in biochemistry at Lawrence, went on to graduate from medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Koula is a physician and works at Grant Creek Family Medicine. She lives in Missoula, Mont.

Beth Larson '12, with powerful ground strokes and a stellar all-around game, staked her claim as the best women's tennis player in Lawrence history. A native of Maplewood, Minnesota, Larson compiled a stunning 70-14 record at No. 1 singles over her four seasons and won a pair of Midwest Conference singles titles. She teamed with multiple partners at No. 1 doubles and posted an impressive 64-20 mark. Larson won a pair of Midwest Conference No. 1 doubles titles with Jenni Roesch. Larson's 70 singles wins and .833 winning percentage are both school records.

Larson, who earned a bachelor's degree in French at Lawrence, is set to be a post-doctoral applied gender and global health fellow at the Agency For All Project at the Center For Gender Equity and Health at the University of California-San Diego. Larson has a master of science in public health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and she is finishing her doctorate at Johns Hopkins as well. She lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Third number retired for Lawrence football

There are now three numbers retired for the Lawrence football program.

The late Joe Patterson '69 had his number 71 retired prior to the Homecoming game in October. An All-American lineman who was drafted into the NFL by Vince Lombardi (then of Washington), Patterson joins Chuck McKee '68 (No. 22) and Scott Reppert '83 (No. 35) as the only Vikings to have their numbers retired. Former teammates and classmates gathered with Patterson's family on the field and then watched as the number was unveiled on the wall at Banta Bowl.

See more on Patterson on page 44.



New coaches lead tennis, lacrosse programs

Three new coaches joined the Lawrence University Department of Athletics in recent months.

Eric Schacht '90 is the new leader of the Lawrence men's and women's tennis programs, **Mikey Zadroga** is the first coach of the new men's lacrosse team, and **Ben Morhac** is the first coach for the new women's lacrosse team.

Schacht, who also serves as university counsel, brought more than a decade of coaching experience to Lawrence. Schacht had a distinguished career at Lawrence while earning a bachelor's degree in government. He was the first Lawrence player to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships and tied Lawrence Hall of Famer Pat Kenney '68 for the top spot on the school's career singles wins list with 36 victories.

Schacht, who earned his law degree from the University of Illinois in 2006, was also an All-Midwest Conference performer in doubles, earned a regional ranking and was the top-ranked NCAA Division III player in Wisconsin.

"I have been a part of Lawrence University tennis for 35 years," Schacht said. "My experience as a student-athlete at LU was transformative and has impacted so much of my life and accomplishments. I can't wait to impart my love of the game and my love for this incredible institution upon the Viking tennis teams. We will work, grow, learn, improve, and achieve together."

Zadroga came to Lawrence from Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, where he had served as the head coach of the men's lacrosse team since 2022. His first season was one of rebuilding for Zadroga, but the Senators notched three wins and had three All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference selections.

A native of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Zadroga has ties to Wisconsin as he earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Marquette University in 2019. Zadroga played in 13 games over five seasons with the Golden Eagles.

"As someone who had the pleasure of being a part of a new program as a player, I am excited about the unique opportunity to build something special from the ground up," Zadroga said. "Lawrence is a special place, and it felt like home from the moment I arrived on campus, which is what I have been searching for."

Morhac, meanwhile, comes to Lawrence from Notre Dame College, an NCAA Division II institution in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. He became the Notre Dame head coach in 2019 and led the Falcons to the Mountain East Conference Tournament title in 2021 and 2022.

During his tenure at Notre Dame, Morhac was named Mountain East Conference Coach of the Year in 2021. He compiled an overall record of 34-21 with the Falcons over four seasons, including an abbreviated COVID season in 2020. Morhac also served as the head coach at Morningside College in 2019 and at Clarke University in 2018.

A graduate of St. Norbert College, Morhac earned a bachelor's degree in graphic design. He played four years of lacrosse at St. Norbert and was a four-time All-Great Lakes Lacrosse League selection at goalie.

Lawrence announced in February 2023 it would be adding men's and women's lacrosse to its offering of varsity sports. Both teams are set to begin play in the 2024-25 academic year.

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Below Left: Family and friends gather on the Banta Bowl field as Joe Patterson's No. 71 is retired during a Homecoming ceremony in October.



Joe Patterson '69

Endowed scholarship honors legacy of Joe Patterson

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

The legacy of Joe Patterson '69 will live on at Lawrence University through an endowed scholarship in his name, funded by classmates, teammates, family, and friends who witnessed his generosity and strength during and after his time on campus.

Contributors rallied to raise more than \$100,000 to endow the scholarship following Patterson's death in August 2022 at age 74.

The scholarship was celebrated when Patterson was honored prior to the

Homecoming football game at Banta Bowl. An All-American football player at Lawrence, Patterson's No. 71 was retired.

"When Joe passed away, I knew how important Lawrence was to him, but also how important he was to Lawrence, past and present," said Patterson's wife, Mary Mattke '71. "I really wanted to make sure that he had a legacy there that honors what he did to make Lawrence what it is today."

Patterson was much more than a star

football player. He was an influential student who became an influential alumnus—supporting and advocating for students of color at every opportunity. He stayed closely connected to Lawrence—he was a frequent mentor and donor and served a term on the Board of Trustees—while finding great success as a New York real estate entrepreneur.

Throughout his life, Patterson would always credit Lawrence as a foundation and a force that shaped him; he was grateful for the

opportunities he had and the challenges he overcame, Mattke said.

"He would want others to have that experience he had, an experience that you couldn't get anywhere else," she said.

Friends and family said Patterson's legacy is defined by his unrelenting humanity. He listened compassionately to others, and he lives on in the countless lives in which he made a difference. The scholarship is both a celebration and continuation of that legacy.

Mark Breseman '78, a senior principal gift officer in Lawrence's Office of Advancement, has long worked with donors interested in establishing endowed funds. He called the speed for which this one came together—\$100,000 contributed within about six months—nearly unprecedented. The final \$40,000 was raised in less than a week when friends came together to push it over the goal line.

"People were so passionate about Joe and what he meant to them that they were willing to get out there and do it themselves," Breseman said.

Tim Young '70, a lifelong friend and close teammate of Patterson's on the field, said he was driven to help because of Patterson's influence throughout his life. It's about paying it forward.

"We want to inspire people to do the same for other Lawrentians," Young said.

While the scholarship will begin in Fall 2024, providing \$5,000 annually for deserving students, Mattke contributed an additional \$5,000 for a one-time scholarship this year. The recipient of that scholarship was introduced at the Homecoming football game.

For Mattke and Patterson's legion of Lawrentian friends, the endowed scholarship marks the culmination of an emotional journey.

"When this started, it was just a dream and a prayer, and now it's a reality," Mattke said. "It really is all these other people; it wouldn't have happened without them. It just moves me to know there are so many people who love him."



Joseph Y. Ahmad '84



Rick Moser '83



Abir Sen '97



David R. Shepard '85

Four distinguished alumni join Lawrence University's Board of Trustees

Lawrence University has welcomed four alumni as new members of the Board of Trustees. The new trustees include Joseph Y. Ahmad '84, Rick Moser '83, Abir Sen '97, and David R. Shepard '85. All four are term trustees serving three-year terms and eligible for re-election for four consecutive terms.

Joseph Y. Ahmad is a founding partner at the Houston law firm Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing, a litigation firm with an emphasis in business and intellectual property litigation. The firm handles litigation for multinational corporations as well as mid-sized businesses and represents individuals. Ahmad is a litigation attorney in labor and employment law.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence in economics in 1984 and a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. He was a member of the President's Advisory Council and currently co-chairs the Mind the Gap (scholarship fundraising) Committee.

Rick Moser built his career in journalism and communications on the foundation of his English degree from Lawrence and his work on *The Lawrentian*. He is currently divisional vice president in corporate communications at Abbott, a global healthcare manufacturer headquartered near Chicago, which he joined in 1992 after earning his MBA at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Moser has served on the boards of The AIDS Foundation of Chicago, The Ragdale Foundation in Lake Forest, Illinois, and is a trustee of the Village of Old Mill Creek, Illinois. At Lawrence, he previously served on the President's Advisory Council.

Moser and his wife, Lisa Miller Moser '84, met at Lawrence, and two of their three children are Lawrence alums (classes of '11 and '14).

Abir Sen returns to the Board of Trustees after serving from 2013 to 2021. He is co-founder, chairman, and CEO at Gravie, an innovative health benefits company. Prior to founding Gravie, Abir was co-founder and CEO of Bloom Health, where he led the team that pioneered the private exchange model of financing health benefits. Prior to founding Bloom Health, he was co-founder and president of RedBrick Health. Under his leadership, RedBrick Health launched an industry-leading health earnings system and created innovative products. Before founding RedBrick Health, he co-founded Definity Health, where he was involved in the creation of the personal care account, the predecessor to the health savings account.

Sen earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Lawrence and his MBA from Harvard Business School.

David R. Shepard is chief operating officer and board member of Marki Microwave, a RF semiconductor and component company. He has been in the semiconductor industry for his entire 37-year career, holding executive leadership positions for more than 20 of those years. After almost 20 years at Texas Instruments, he went on to be president and CEO of Sequoia Communications, a startup developing RF transceivers for mobile handsets. He then held positions at Peregrine Semiconductor and Integrated Device Technology. He joined Marki Microwave as COO in 2019.

Prior to joining Lawrence's Board of Trustees, Shepard served on the President's Advisory Council for more than six years, including more than four years as co-chair.

An Appleton native, Shepard received a bachelor's degree in physics from Lawrence before earning his MS degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ALUMNI

Award-winning composer Brooke Joyce leans into foundation built at Lawrence

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

For Brooke Joyce '95, music has been much more than an overture to a career—it encompasses his passion for community and advocacy.

Joyce reflected upon his journey as a musician and composer after earning two awards from the American Guild of Organists (AGO)—awards given to musicians who present an idea for a commissioned piece along with their portfolio. Winning composers are then commissioned to write the piece.

Joyce, Luther College's composer-in-residence, submitted proposals in two

categories: the Publishing Award in Choral Composition and the Marilyn Mason Award in Organ Composition. He received both awards, and he's now composing two pieces that will be performed at the 2024 AGO Conference in San Francisco.

"It was a validation of the work I've done," Joyce said.

He credits Lawrence with creating a strong foundation for his musicianship. He honed his ability to hear music in his head—a skill vital for composition—during his time as a student. Joyce said piano professors Allen Gimbel and

Catherine Kautsky and organ professor George Damp always pushed him to explore his own capabilities and ideas.

"Every once in a while, I'll pull out music I worked on in college and I'll see their handwriting in that music," Joyce said. "There's something that's just so special about it ... those lessons I learned from them I think about all the time."

While at Lawrence, Joyce made close connections with other musicians, which allowed him to create a portfolio full of fantastic recordings. His path since then is decorated with notable honors.

After Lawrence, Joyce began studying at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he earned his master's. While there, he received the Darius Milhaud Award in recognition of his composition work.

He also received the Joseph Bearns Prize from Columbia University. The award was key to his acceptance to Princeton University, where he earned his doctorate.

Joyce later received the Wayne Peterson Prize, which awarded him with a performance of his piece by the San Francisco Youth Symphony. The orchestra performance was a great networking opportunity, he said.

Joyce has been at Luther College since 2005, teaching composition and musicianship. He said he has loved working with another liberal arts institution.

"I feel that for most students, a liberal arts education is a great way to do college," Joyce said.

Joyce teaches theory courses in music that has been historically marginalized.

"Ultimately, musicians and artists do have the power to change the world...in the way we make people feel and make people think," he said.

In addition to writing the commissioned AGO pieces, Joyce is working on two concert pieces using air quality data from Madison, Wisconsin. One is a commission from the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association, facilitated in part by Michael Mizrahi, Lawrence's Frank C. Shattuck Professor of Music. Joyce said he is looking forward to giving a sound to environmental issues.

Joyce's advice to current and future Lawrentians: "Don't be afraid to change your mind," he said. "Listen to your instructors and take all of the creative and intellectual risks that you possibly can."

Brooke Joyce '95: "Every once in a while, I'll pull out music I worked on in college and I'll see their handwriting in that music."



Hung Nguyen '23 and Alec Nguyen '23 are co-founders of Afforai.

From Launch LU to \$100K investment: Lawrence duo finds traction with business startup

BY ED BERTHIAUME

In April, Alec Nguyen '23 and Hung Nguyen '23 pitched a business startup idea at Lawrence University's annual Launch LU competition—an idea centered on an AI tool that would help people summarize research findings on any topic, from any discipline, in any language.

Four months later, the two recent graduates took that startup concept—Afforai—to a new level, securing an investment of \$100,000 from Sputnik ATX, an Austin, Texas-based venture capital fund.

Afforai is one of four companies selected to be part of Sputnik ATX's newest cohort. The venture capital fund, which backs early-stage, high-growth startups, announced in August that Afforai would join its portfolio of more than 60 investments.

"Being chosen as one of four companies out of the thousands that applied to join this summer '23 cohort is an amazing honor," Alec said. "Knowing we're now part of Sputnik ATX's family, alongside their 63 other portfolio companies, makes this all the more special."

Alec was born in Vietnam and spent much of his life in Japan before coming to the United States to study economics and data science at Lawrence. He and Hung, a student from Vietnam who was studying economics and computer science, met during their first year on campus.

"We both have backgrounds in economics, data science, and software engineering," Alec said.

Alec and Hung were both involved in

Lawrence's Innovation & Entrepreneurship program, which now features a business and entrepreneurship major. They began developing Afforai during their senior years in advance of the annual Launch LU competition. Alec would place first in Launch LU but for a different startup, one focused on creating a better food container for college food services. The Afforai pitch, meanwhile, was chosen as a wild card selection to advance to The Pitch, a regional competition featuring startup pitches from students at multiple universities in northeast Wisconsin.

They didn't win The Pitch, but the idea was planted. Alec and Hung then set out to pursue the startup following graduation in June.

His experiences as an undergraduate at Lawrence played a big role in building the confidence to take that next step, Alec said. In addition to his studies, he worked for four years as an international admissions ambassador and served as a tutor in both economics and data science.

"Having the opportunity to present my startup at the Launch LU pitch competition, and then advancing to the regional The Pitch competition, has been an invaluable experience," Alec said. "I've learned so much about business, networking, and finance. I'm deeply grateful to Lawrence for providing me the stage to hone my skills and work toward success."

Hung served as a tutor in economics and computer science and worked for three years as a community advisor in Student Life. He called his journey through Lawrence empowering.

"If I have to choose one thing to highlight, it would be that Lawrence University created an environment that encouraged independent thinking and learning autonomy," Hung said. "The professors at Lawrence, in various ways, encouraged me to pursue my passion and apply myself in many independent projects."

ALUMNI

Three recent grads awarded NSF fellowships to support graduate school research

BY KAITLIN BUELOW '26

Three recent Lawrence University graduates pursuing doctorate degrees—in social psychology, mathematics, and electrical engineering—are recipients of grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Anmol Gupta '18, Ada Stelzer '21, and Sarabeth Brandt '21 have been selected for the prestigious fellowships in the NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), which provides high-achieving Ph.D. students with three years of significant funding to support their research.

We caught up with them to learn about their respective journeys after Lawrence.



Anmol Gupta '18

Gupta received his fellowship in social psychology. Working toward his Ph.D. at Stanford University, Gupta is looking to apply social psychological insights to social problems through theory-driven research related to issues of

discrimination, bias, and prejudice.

Gupta's work after graduating from Lawrence has focused on developing and evaluating evidence-based intervention programs for young people, particularly in 6th through 12th grade. These programs use community engagement opportunities and curriculum to encourage marginalized and/or disadvantaged children to find their voice and use it within their communities. Gupta is continuing this work as he develops the theory behind it.

Gupta focused on honing his research skills

in the years between Lawrence and Stanford. After Lawrence, he began work at the Center for Social Development and Education at UMass-Boston as a research assistant. He then worked as a research coordinator for the Lifting the Bar Project at Stanford.

Gupta traces the building of this foundation to his time at Lawrence. The two-class Research Methods series with psychology professors Peter Glick and Matt Ansfield gave him the tools to put his questions about the world into research. Gupta developed strong relationships with his professors: Glick would later mentor him through his honors thesis and act as a reference for his NSF application.

"I feel like that's really unique about Lawrence ... not just working in a lab but building a solid relationship with a professor and working closely with them to answer questions that are important to you," he said.

Ada Stelzer '21

Stelzer received her fellowship in mathematics. As she works toward her Ph.D. at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, she's working to answer questions about complex polynomial equations.

She is studying Schubert calculus, which aims to find points of intersection between surfaces in large numbers of dimensions. Because these surfaces are so abstract, she's using something called Groebner geometry to relate them to simpler coordinate planes. The process is similar to polynomial long division.

Stelzer's work as an undergrad at Lawrence, particularly her independent study in Groebner



geometry, led her to Schubert calculus in graduate school.

"There was a lot of room to do what you wanted," Stelzer said of her time at Lawrence. "My senior year, my friend Travis (Dillon '21) and I organized a math colloquium series where we and others took turns giving talks on our favorite subjects. At a big school, we wouldn't have been able to do that."

Sarabeth Brandt '21

Brandt received her grant in electrical engineering. Currently a Ph.D. student at Pennsylvania State University, Brandt is working to develop a tool to monitor and study ground-nesting bees.

She is studying ground-piercing radar to develop this tool. Typically, these radar systems are used for larger surveys, such as finding pipes underground.

"My goal is to take that idea and push it a bit further by looking for these small nest cells," Brandt said. "The idea is to use the electromagnetic properties of the nest cells ... to identify them against their environment."

Brandt is trying to pinpoint squash bee nests. Squash bees, which have evolved along Pennsylvania squash plants, are especially effective pollinators of squash. Unlike honeybees, they nest individually and are inactive for most of the year, making it difficult to research them or track their population.

Brandt said a tool like the one she's developing would allow researchers to assess the bees' state of population decline and make it easier to answer questions about the bees' impact on squash plants.

Brandt, a physics major, found her passion for this project through a research program at Penn State called Drawdown while an undergrad at Lawrence. The program, taking place remotely in the summer of 2020, was focused on research toward climate solutions. Brandt worked with electrical engineers and etymologists to predict insects' reactions to electromagnetic waves.



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Reunion a celebration of legacy, generosity

Lawrence University alumni walked in the Parade of Classes, attended Alumni College sessions, shared meals, played games, celebrated the university's jazz program, presented class gifts, and talked of their shared love for Lawrence in a busy and festive four-day Reunion celebration in June.

Reunion 2023 brought nearly 800 alumni and friends to campus. More than 100 of those alumni were with the Class of 1973, the largest turnout ever for a 50th year reunion at Lawrence. The alumni came from 37 states and 16 countries, representing five continents.

"As Lawrentians, we are fortunate to be part of a diverse, intellectual, and supportive community, and Reunion is a celebration of that community," said Matt Murphy '06, president of the Lawrence University Alumni Association (LUAA).

In a Convocation address, President Laurie Carter welcomed alumni home and thanked them for their ongoing commitment to Lawrence.

"We have become fond of the phrase *Forever a Lawrentian*," she said. "You have probably heard it often this weekend, and you'll hear it in the weeks and months to come. *Forever a Lawrentian* speaks not only to our shared

love of Lawrence, which will, indeed, last a lifetime, but also to our collective responsibility to keep the Lawrence we love healthy and strong for current and future generations of Lawrentians."

The presenting of class gifts is a tradition that's part of Reunion Convocation. Led by a gift of \$6.5 million from the Class of 1973, current and future pledges totaled \$8.9 million. Those gifts help pay it forward to future generations.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of my role is thanking Lawrentians for their investment in this university," Carter said. "Your time, talent, and resources make this university truly extraordinary. Lawrence thrives because of your leadership and support."

The gift from the Class of '73 included the endowing of a special fund to assist and support Native American and other Indigenous students at Lawrence.

The Class of '73 also honored the late Fred Sturm '73, a composer and leader of Lawrence's jazz program until his death in 2014. Kurt Dietrich '73 took the lead in recruiting Conservatory faculty and alumni to perform the music of Sturm in a big band concert in Memorial Chapel.

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50th Reunion: Class of 1974

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Above Left: Sam Bader '18 greets a former classmate during Reunion.

Above Right: Alaina Leisten '17 looks over *The Ariel* during Reunion festivities.



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MILWAUKEE-DOWNER

Mary Van Gorden M-D'51: At 93, I'm still active and enjoying life. I continue to be grateful for the liberal arts education I received at Downer which introduced me to numerous life-enriching interests and activities.

Patricia Leszkiewicz Brinkman M-D'56: On the move, I just got home from Connecticut and New York and now planning my trip to Malaysia. Gardening is much more difficult with the heat; it can't be my age.

Elizabeth Sharpe Steinhilber M-D'56 and Dr. E. John Steinhilber III: I downsized to a small one-bedroom apartment in April 2021. It has a screened-in porch, which I LOVE. Have spent several visits with my daughter and family at their lake house on Lake Chatuge in Hayesville, NC. Kate retired as a CNN in June, and John retired at the end of August as a Federal Probation Officer in Miami. So many activities here at St. George Village including my favorite, which is line dancing. Bus trips for residents encompass everything from museums to concerts, dining out, fall trips to apple orchards, and so forth. Almost too busy! Hi to y'all. Hope you're well.

Ruth Theine Suh M-D'56 and John T. Suh, Ph.D.: I am now living with my daughter and family in Chicago. During the COVID-19 isolation, which occurred during my living transition, I confirmed unexpectedly that my retirement would be spent in furtherance of my education! I thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed the Zoom sessions offered through Lawrence University as well as those offered by Greenwich Library and the Universities from which my children graduated. I particularly enjoyed those at Lawrence as they presented the early history of the settling of the region, early indigenous life, etc. I was hoping these offerings would continue. I am very thankful for my MDC education and the career it prepared for me and my classmate, Desrae Berg Lee.

Nancy Holmes Swanberg Johnson M-D'62: Mark and I are square and round dance instructors for Central Ohio, teaching out of our basement studio in Delaware and the local Eagles Lodge. Sure, I have the expected age-related aches and pains, but dancing is also my "occupational therapy". We no longer crave foreign travel, but toured 11 states on our delayed honeymoon in 2022, visiting extended families and national parks. Sadly, I've learned that Susan Meeks and Nancy Feely passed away 10 years ago, and Audre Ganske, just last year. We visited Joan Macomber in Brownsburg, Ind., last October and I continue to exchange greetings with Carol Nelson every Christmas. Best wishes to the Red Class of '62.

Diane Rosedale Odegard M-D'64: Hello to MD friends. Thinking back on our Downer days continues to delight me. Recently, I was thrilled to hear from Laina Donker Falchini, a close friend during our freshman year. She lives in Italy but was in the States on family business. It's always wonderful to talk to Julie Juan Keller, Bev Krause Ehlinger, and Brenda Kounovsky Corbett. We are all close. A sincere invitation to all ... come and visit beautiful North Dakota! But not in the winter, of course. I am still in Grand Forks, a lovely university city much like Appleton. Winters are a bit warmer for me in Scottsdale, however. Sending the best to all.

Eileen Paulson Johnson M-D'66: Connecting: That's what life is all about. I was able to connect with Vanessa Weller '09 recently to celebrate the completion of the first year of her Ph.D. program at Michigan State. My PEO chapter had submitted her for a Scholar Award this past year. She was one of my students in elementary music in Green Bay Schools several years ago. What a joyful experience it's been to reconnect. I also spent two afternoons with Gail Cordry (M-D) attending the commencement and reunion. Gail was awarded the Jupp Award this year. She now lives in Atlanta. We were especially happy to see three women faculty members win awards. Another connection, another enjoyable experience.

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Jane Shonts Horstman: I have been in Perth, Western Australia for 53 years, more than half my life. My husband, Elwood, died, but I love the Australian way of life and decided to stay here. My daughter and two grandchildren live near Chicago. I live alone and drive to my activities and dinner with friends. I love my solitude & freedom. My interest in art started at LU and an important part of my life is visiting art museums. I have bought many paintings (mainly Aboriginal) and have over 300 paintings & artifacts. I travel a lot, especially in the southern hemisphere, Indonesia, PNG, and recently French Polynesia. This takes me away from winter in July and August. Aging isn't easy and I see it as a privilege, and welcome a new day!

Ann Lapham (Rennacker) Kramer P'84: I'm still here and still fairly sane. I live in CCRC (continuing care community) in Portland, Oregon. I am recovering from a stroke and am very glad I live where there's health care available. My family of kids and grandkids are a great support and comfort ... nice to have when so many are gone. I'm very impressed with what LU has become in the last 70 years. We desperately need liberally, well-educated thinkers now more than ever before.

Kenneth J. Krueger: Although age has taken its toll on my stamina, I am happy to report that I am still able to live in my own home and manage the day-to-day chores including a little yard work. I still drive to Los Angeles occasionally, especially if there is something of interest on stage there. I continue serving as secretary for my church group, a position I have held for over 25 years. While I live at a slower pace now I am happy and life is good despite awful daily news and political absurdities. Unfortunately, my circle of friends and classmates continues to shrink, an inevitability at our age. Greetings to all!

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Jack Nilles: I am in a documentary about the history of telework. Its title is: *Ctrl + Shift/Travailler Autrement* or *Ctrl + Shift/Work Different*. Its French version is now being shown in Canada and elsewhere at film festivals. The Director is Julien Capraro. Other than that, I am continually trying to get people's attention to DO something to slow climate change. I hope my fellow alums will do the same. I am also working on a memoir, tentatively titled: "Here's the plan!" and why it never works out that way.

1956

Shirley Cox Seefeld: I don't remember when I last submitted news so this may be a repeat. Ken passed away on Oct. 18, 2022, but we had 10 months together in our new home, Ovations, a senior living community. It was a good move, and I am glad we had that time together. I keep busy with activities here, and still love the warm weather!

1958

Susanna Fortney Walby P'00 '99 '97 and Peter A. Walby P'00 '99 '97: This fall I will begin my 65th year of giving piano lessons. Thanks to James Ming and Clyde Duncan whose skilled teaching made this possible. It will also be my 65th year of having the privilege of being a church organist. Thank you, Miriam Duncan. I serve as Director of Music/Choir Director/Organist at the First Presbyterian Church in La Crosse, where I play an excellent Cassavant pipe organ. Peter and I are on the Lawrence campus from time to time because our daughter Catherine lives in Neenah and teaches at Lawrence. Our son is a field geologist in Montana and our daughter and husband have an organic farm in Minnesota (Prairie Drifter Farm).

CLASS NOTES

Bill R. Blask: Bill Blask lets no grass grow under his feet as he is a board member and active participant in the Greenville Running Club, a group of about 1,200 members. Presently, Bill holds the state record for the 8-kilometer road race for the 85 age group. He expects it to be broken soon as faster runners turn 85. Bill says his best winning strategy is just showing up. Bill and another board member are the volunteer producers of the Club's quarterly newsletter. Bill also volunteers at a nearby hospital directing people to their desired destinations within the hospital.

David C. Wiese: Happily, relocated from cool and wet Port Angeles, WA to warm Gainesville, FL. His dispersed family is a bit farther away, but flights are fairly direct. Dave can now provide a winter break location.

Dr. Elisabeth S.Wilton: Elisabeth has been involved in celebrating women's progress. During August, she was asked to be one of the speakers and went to ChatGPT for some information. Ten seconds later, she had a number of talking points which she fleshed out with some of her own experiences. Elisabeth was going to go on an archeological tour of the west coast of Turkey, however, she canceled after Turkey's terrible earthquake as she felt Turkey did not need tourists at this time.

Lee E. Wolf: Retiring after many years in the apartment rental business. He is selling his house of 38 years but will continue to live in Colorado Springs in a rental unit.

J. Robert Martin (Bob) and Pat Twohig Martin '60: I had grudgingly admitted that as an octogenarian homeowner, I must make some concessions. It is normal to lose some degree of strength and stamina at our age. Routine tasks take a bit longer to do. Fortunately, for most of them such as cutting grass, bagging leaves, and clearing snow off porches and driveways there is no urgent completion time. It does not matter if you cut the front yard one day and the back yard the next day. There is positive reinforcement and a degree of satisfaction in completing these tasks even though they will have to be done again in the future. Pat and I plan to stay in our house as long as we can. We both feel blessed to still have continued good health.

G. Russell Clapp: Russ Clapp is very happy with the retirement home his children found for him in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. His lodging space is comfortable, the food is good and he has met some interesting fellow residents. Russ has pretty much forsaken email as a means of communication. You can reach him at 865-719-7828.

James B. Davis: Jim Davis is enjoying retirement in Edgewater, FL. He plays pickleball as often as possible and deals with younger opponents with deception and guile. Jim reminds us that we are at an age where some of the new developments in medicine deserve a closer look. He has had an Axonic battery surgically implanted recently, and it is performing its designed task. We are all now in an age where something in our body is probably not working as it should.

Ulrike Scharmer Duchrow and **Ulrich Duchrow:** Ulrike and her husband, Ulrich, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their three children and their families at a ski resort in Switzerland. She says she and Ulrich are blessed to be in pretty good health. Recently they took their two youngest grandchildren to eastern Germany to see places of Luther’s reform.

Frank R. Gaylord: Frank’s pandemic-postponed cruise on the Columbia and Snake rivers finally became a reality. The scenery was extremely impressive. Frank was able to stand in the shadow of Mount St. Helen’s and reflect on the eruption 40 years ago. Next is a Rhine River cruise in June 2024. Frank reports he is in good health and walks five miles a day.

Janice Krause Gunlogson: Jan Krause Gunlogson has left Alaska to live permanently in the Lower 48, specifically in New Hampshire near her daughter, Liz, who is a professor of music at the University of New Hampshire. Jan says that three months of a cold, chilly, rainy, and mosquito-filled Alaskan summer spent clearing out 60 years of accumulated “stuff” has left her ready for a rest. Future travel plans are yet undetermined.

Kim Hiett Jordan: Kim is now living in Santa Fe, NM, full-time. She does not miss city life and the mountains and cloud formations are enough. All are invited to stop by and say “hi”.

Dave L. Mann and **Marjorie Lynn Mann:** David and his wife, Margie, have avoided the Texas heat by taking a cruise from Lisbon to New York City. Stops along the way included France, England, Ireland, Iceland, and Greenland. Dave and Margie had never been to the latter two. They enjoyed the Titanic Museum in Belfast, Ireland which gave a view into the design construction, and operation of the vessel. They rode in a zodiac boat for the first time and looked for puffins and other sea creatures. Dave and Margie say the trip has exceeded their expectations.

Dorothy Hur Reilly: Dorothy has been dealing with a series of problems. She fell and broke her hip. After six weeks of rehab, she went to a board and care facility where she fell and had a compression of the spine and was back in the



Sally Schlein Millman ’65, and Judy Kron Meyer, M-D’65.

hospital for two or three weeks. She returned to rehab and was diagnosed with sepsis. She went back to the hospital for a week, then a week of rehab. Dorothy is back home and receiving care there. She is determined to recover and be able to live independently again.

Walter J. Scott and **Lynn Walter Scott:** Walter Scott and Bob Nelson, longtime friends from their days at the DTD house, and their wives, Lynn (Walter) and Eileen (Bob), recently enjoyed a Wisconsin summer evening at Timmer’s Resort in West Bend. The nation’s problems were discussed civilly, something rarely done these days. There was agreement that the four of them have been blessed with long life and lasting friendships. This time of life and aging has become one of less travel and more appreciation for lasting friendships and opportunities at home.

Ruthann Boucher Stolzman: Ruthann Boucher Stolzman’s goal is to be able to replace herself. She has numerous “small business customers” for whom she prints programs and fliers at a cost Office Depot cannot match. Ruthann would love to find someone to succeed her. She is pleased to say that her family is grown and doing well.

1960

John J. Beck: Barbara and I married on September 23, 1962, and celebrated our 60th last year. Barbara passed away on March 20, 2023. I grew up on the water sailing. A few of my Lawrence friends sailed with me in my dad’s Seagull during our years at Lawrence. We sailed while our two sons were of the ages when they were interested, and again when our two daughters were those ages. Beyond that, Barbara had no interest in boating of any kind, so no sailing. At 85, I figured if I’m going to get back on the water I’d better get started. I bought a 1978 Dickerson 41 ketch and plan to sail Lake Michigan. Our kids are all in Wisconsin and are well. Six grandkids, no great grandkids. Hi to my classmates and friends!

Kathleen Karst Larson and Roger Larson: Roger and I continue to live in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. We have lived here for 56 years. Recently, we moved to an independent living facility, Brook Ridge, in Pharr, TX. We enjoy all the amenities, and I am now a competitive bingo player. Each resident has an interesting life story. Sounds like a possible book. All our children, grands, and great-grands are now in TX. I am still an avid Brewers, Packers, and Bucks fan. Reality check: The oldest son is planning to retire at the end of the year. Helpful hint: When you move and downsize and do not have a vase in which to put flowers, a blender works really well. Cheers!

Diane Thate Martin and **Paul J. Martin:** I’m still able to play bass clarinet in the DePere City Band and the All-Volunteer Band 80-piece band in the winter. I enjoy my four grandchildren. I’ve been married 58 years, to my wonderful husband Paul. I love to knit, read, do word searches and puzzles, and work out at the Y four times a week.

Tad B. Pinkerton and **Hannah Gale Pinkerton:** Tad and I are the same ... absolutely the same except for additional years and losses. We still live in our house in Madison. I tend the garden, go to painting class, book club, lunch, etc. Tad has given up some “toys” like roller blades, cross county skis but not the bike. He makes and sells bowls from neighbors’ trees, but I am trying to insist on “no more wood comes in ... only goes out.” Our kids are moving targets in CA, CO, MI, etc. Our adopted one is in an apartment here and keeps us busy with her issues. We are glad for the Lawrence contacts we still have.

Rev. R. Scott Sherman: After nearly two years of single life after Heidi’s passing, I went on Match, as had my brother and sister. Both of them found wonderful new partners so I gave it a try. I was fortunate too. Sally is just four years younger, plays golf, and loves to travel. I don’t know if it’s a “Match made in Heaven,” but we are having a great time together. Mostly we enjoy cruising and many itineraries depart from Ft. Lauderdale only 90 minutes away. At home, it’s a golf community so I am actively trying to remember something about the game. At least my putting is still OK. Some “patch, patch, patch” but mostly healthy and having fun. I wish the same for all my Lawrence friends.

Arthur E. von Plachecki P’84 and **Margot von Plachecki P’84:** Not much to report other than things are fine here in Sherman, CT. Margot and I celebrated our 62nd wedding anniversary in June. Try to stay active in local politics and help get the approval for a much-needed elementary school building renovation. Take care, everyone.

1962

Gordon A. Becker and **Anne Becker:** Anne and I moved to Petoskey four years ago. We are very active in our church. I am a hearing officer for the Attorney Discipline Board and do pro bono legal work in the church and community. Anne is also busy with hospice quilting and several book clubs. We enjoy relatively good health and enjoy reading and traveling south in April to towns that are relatively free of tourists. Golf is also front and center.

Sharon Nustad Carlton: I have been enjoying life the past four years living in a senior co-op building in Apple Valley, Minnesota, near family and very good friends. I am taking several vacations a year and enjoying the company of my 3-month-old twin great-granddaughters, Hazel and Grace. I am still working part-time, which I thoroughly enjoy. I broke my arm in June but I am doing well because it has not stopped me from going about with my activities. My life is really good. I miss my husband and my life six months ago in Florida but Minnesota has been great too. I hope everyone is doing well. Lawrence is a past good memory. My greetings to you all.

John A. Harvey P’93 and **HyonSuk Harvey P’93:** As written in my resumé, I worked 22 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force conducting radar operations and managing a major surveillance aircraft DoD buy. Most important is marrying and raising a family with the love of my life, Suk. I also worked 12 years with Digital Equipment Corporation and another 12 years of working in Suk’s IT business building servers for Northrop Grumman. In parallel, I was running my hometown conservation commission in Amherst, NH for 25 years. I now try to keep mentally above water building GIS maps to improve on wildlife habitats. Suk and I keep in touch with a rat pack of Phi Tau brothers from ’61 and ’62. I owe all this diversity and more to my Lawrence experience.

Elizabeth Morgan Heath: Greetings from the beautiful Pacific Northwest! We’ve had a coolish summer and not too many days of wildfire smoke (any such days are too many!). I continue to do consulting work in the nonprofit sector, mostly working with boards who want to build their abilities to lead well in challenging times. It would be great to connect with Lawrentians from my era who happen to be in this area.

Rev. Barbara Stroud-Borth: I enjoy being near my family. We get together to play new games when all schedules can coordinate. I love growing vegetables and flowers in my small yard. Total knee replacement in January has opened a lot of renewed activity for me. I am preaching once a month in my home congregation. I meet with a local writers’ group once a month. I write most often about my family and my life. My daughter, a friend, and I make day trips to explore historic places in Illinois when we can. Blessings to all of you as we enjoy these later years.



Dick Woy ’64 and his wife in Portloe, a small fishing village, while walking the Cornwall Coast Path in England in April 2023.

Gwendolyn Law Lane: I remain in the super over-55 community of Trilogy at the Vineyards, an hour east of San Francisco. This fall I will tutor a Mexican woman in ESL at our local library and am looking forward to helping her improve her speaking skills. My sister and I took a wonderful small ship cruise through Alaska’s Inside Passage in July and saw many glaciers, whales, bald eagles, and a gorgeous tree-filled landscape. Sadly, the glaciers are melting much more quickly now. I do mourn the loss of my dear friend and fellow Lawrentian, Bonnie Laird. We spoke by phone several times a week during the final months of her life, and she remained very positive until the end.

Karen O’Keeffee McDonald and **Robert W. McDonald:** Bob and I had a busy summer with various family members around at different times. My greatest accomplishment was managing to organize a lovely dinner party to celebrate Bob’s 80th birthday with our four children, their spouses, and all seven grandchildren present. It was a wonderful evening and fun for all! I’m still active in our town and am especially involved with the Centerville Public Library as President of the Board of Trustees.

J. Norman Paulk and **Vicki K. Paulk:** Still standing; although not as often. Our 11th grandchild will be born in October. We will be able to field a full male baseball team with twin girls doing the coaching. In July 2021 we had one grandson be born and one grandson get married. Never have retired. In 2015, Vicki and I invented the CPAP Comfort Covers. Our website, dealer, and Amazon keep things going for us. It would be good to hear from you: demoy@aol.com; [360-834-2687](tel:360-834-2687); cpapcomforcover.com.

Susan M. Swinehart: I am still enjoying working with SOF Army soldiers and am saying I'm going to retire in 2025 but will know when I get there. My kids are doing well; daughter is in first year of APNP graduate school and my son waiting for news of Navy NCO school. Exciting life. I bought an '81 VW camper and am taking it on an adventure.

J. Richard Woy and **Jean Lampert Woy '65:** It's been a busy year. We still live in Brookline, MA, but spent winter weekends and about half of this summer at our place in Vermont. Jeannie (L'65) volunteers with the Brookline Historical Society and archaeological digs for the City of Boston while I still do some consulting work on substance use-related projects and play a lot of tennis. Perhaps the highlight of the year so far was the completion of a decades-long project to walk the entire 295-mile Cornwall Coast Path in England—walking the final rolling and beautiful 75-mile section from Falmouth to Plymouth during a week in April of this year. At this point we're in the midst of planning a celebration of Jeannie's 80th birthday in October and hoping for many more.

1966

J. B. deRosset and **Dr. Nancy M. Eklund:** I am officially a snowbird, spending the winters in suburban Miami and as much time as possible in Asheville, NC. I completed my last legal deal on 1/31/23 and am now officially retired. My wife Nancy (family doctor) is still seeing patients, 99% virtually. We hope to do a lot more traveling in 2024 with Nancy perhaps slowing down. I am in my third year as the coach for the Asheville Middle School. Could be my last year since September and October are great months for traveling. I keep up with a few fellow Lawrentians including Curt Buchholtz. We mainly talk about his growing up in Poy Sippi, WI (Look it up—it does exist).

Kirk W. Elliott and **Jane A. Smith:** Life for me at Lawrence was being an ascetic scholar, like the four young men in *Love's Labours Lost*, who were persuaded to promise that they would do nothing but study for three years, with little food or sleep, and no consorting with women. The four in Shakespeare's play weren't able to keep their pledge, but I was—without ever having pledged. I was a slow learner. Maybe I turned out to be a better person, for my Lawrence experience—do you suppose?

Henry M. Kaiser: With my PsyD MBA, I am engaged in several projects. As an advisor, I am in the early phases of a vaccine submission to the FDA for Obesity while advising a Korean group. As chairman *emeritus* of Thomsen's Inc., we continue to develop technology and clients for our globally unique approach to solving the public health hazard of high-touch high-traffic surfaces that transmit pathogens. We clean and sanitize escalator handrails in airports, transit systems, shopping malls, etc. I continue my pro bono advisory work on the Neurofeedback Advocacy

project. The results and cost-benefit tabs show our excellent outcomes. Socially, I sing and play my 12 string in open mics.

Patrick R. Kroos and **Pamela P. Kroos:** Pamela and I continue to enjoy summers in Colorado, a huge relief from the hot and humid weather at our home in Hong Kong. The future highlights will be to welcome in a fourth grandchild in October, followed by a family reunion in Aruba in January. Our prayers continue for those suffering throughout the world.

Dr. Edward Rath and **Lois Beck Rath '67:** Edward and I enjoyed a mini-Liszt Pilgrimage in April and May 2023, starting in Germany. In Nürnberg, we visited the keyboard instrument section of the German National Museum; in Bayreuth, we visited the Liszt Museum, Wagner House, Festspielhaus, Liszt's mausoleum, and the Steingraeber Piano Company. In Weimar, we visited the Liszt Collection of the Goethe-Schiller Archive and the Liszt Haus, and in Leipzig, we attended a service in the Thomaskirche, Bach's church. In Vienna, we heard a solo recital by Igor Levit; the *Bartók Concerto No. 3*, performed by Sir András Schiff and the Budapest Festival Orchestra; and concerts by the Vienna Symphony and Vienna Academy Orchestra.

Robert H. Schoenwetter and **Kathryn Wilson Schoenwetter:** Kathy Wilson Schoenwetter and I continue our highly enjoyable Tucson and Glenview, Illinois “snowbird” life. We spend six months living and playing in each location, and it has been even more enjoyable than we could have expected of our retirement years. Our older son, Ned, lives in Santa Barbara with his family where he's an elementary school principal. Younger son, Dave, is the head football coach and a history teacher at his alma mater, Glenbrook South High School, in Glenview. He and his wife live in Chicago. We have enjoyed staying in contact with several of our good LU friends. Interestingly, Lawrence continues to influence our lives 57 years later.

1968

Ann J. Biersteker P'89: My grandson, Otto Duensing, is a member of the class of 2027. He is on campus with the cross-country team. He will also run track specializing in the 800 meters and mile.

Richard L. Crandall and **Emi T. Crandall:** My spouse Emi and I enjoyed revisiting campus in June to join other members of the Class of '68 (as well as '67 and '69) who attended. It was nice to renew friendships, but also interesting to “meet” classmates whom I never really knew either during school years or from prior reunions. For me (Rich), that included Bob Suettinger and Char Petri this time. As for Emi, everyone she met was “new” as this was her first time attending a reunion with me. Thus, I testify on behalf of the university's new slogan, “Forever a Lawrentian.” I concur.

Lesley Mentgen Delmenico: Despite being semi-retired from teaching theatre at Grinnell College, I find that I'm still creating in other places. Funded by Grinnell to teach, but also to make “passion projects,” I've been able to rediscover my hometown, Evanston IL. With project partners from Columbia College, DePaul, and Northwestern, we've created a theatre/film project drawn from interviews with seven diverse Evanstonians. At Home in Evanston asks, “How did we come to Evanston? Why do we stay? What unites us? What divides us?” at a time when our city leads the nation in instituting reparations.

Shaun E. Donnelly and **Kathryn Hauser:** From his base in Thurmont, Maryland (home of the Camp David Presidential retreat), Shaun Donnelly continues as an occasional consultant/senior advisor to his former employer, the U.S. Council for International Business. Shaun is also serving as a member of the International Advisory Council to the U.S. Semiquicentennial Commission, the congressionally established board to coordinate the celebration of America's 250th birthday in 2026.

Christine Gregory: Dear classmates, the happiness these days is family, friends, feasting, and making music! My favorite (one and only) son, Ben, and his wife Audrey live just over the Mississippi in Minneapolis, both working hard. Ben's a Delta pilot and Audrey's a youth therapist all while raising two children, 11 and 8 years old. I missed our reunion this year but enjoyed two different adventures last month: a choir camp at Madeleine Island, (Lake Superior) Wisconsin, and a week-long visit with longtime friends on the Old Peninsula (Traverse City) on Lake Michigan. For the first time in years got to take in the Milky Way. Best wishes. If you'd like to catch up, please contact me at chrisgregory4668@gmail.com.

Ann Godfrey Goss Holmes and **Ephraim Paul Holmes Jr.:** I am so glad that we came back to Lawrence for reunion weekend in June. I enjoyed reconnecting with classmates, and I am definitely planning on returning for our 60th!

Dr. Barry Perlman: Sandy and I continue to try to age gracefully, and some days we are more graceful than others. Less travel and more time with friends in the area. Nothing monumental is going on. We still can take care of our home and yard, which is nice. A shout-out to all my classmates. I was unable to attend our 55th and missed seeing people.

Dr. Jean Bragg Schumaker: I've had a super fun summer visiting with my children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Attending my 55th reunion at LU with classmates was the highlight! The most memorable moments were seeing Shaun and Louie receive their awards, listening to Shaun and Bob's presentation, enjoying Rich and Mary Lee's tributes at the memorial service, and watching John's movie *Easter Mysteries*. All of these events were very



Ned Sahar '72, Joe Lipari '72, David Arakawa '72, John Stroemer '72, and John Moeller '71 at a Brewers baseball game.

special! The summer has been capped off by **Research.com** naming me on two lists: the World's Best Scientists and the World's Best Social Sciences and Humanities Scientists. The ranking is determined by analyzing the number of writers who have cited my work.

1970

Paul B. Bauck and **Jean H. Sullivan:** We celebrated our 35th anniversary this summer. We spent a month on the shores of the Salish Sea on Vancouver Island and then another week on the shore of Birch Bay in northern Washington. Our celebrations often entail leaving the city and going to the ocean. Paul continues to perform in a duo called Home Cookin'. Walking around our neighborhood and reading mysteries occupy a good deal of our time. We also enjoy visits from fellow alums Norman and Janet Baxter when they venture to Washington.

Chris A. Bowers and **Joan Bowers:** Joan and I are catching up on COVID-delayed travel. Just returned from a trip to Iceland, back-to-back with a cruise to mostly Scandinavian ports. Planning to head to Australia and New Zealand early next year, then national parks in Utah next fall. When we're home, the six grandchildren keep us busy attending sports, plays, and musicals. We squeeze in some golf, pickleball, and biking for fun and to keep active. I read quite a bit, too, but Joan more than doubles my reading output. Hoping our class might pull off a gathering at Björklunden in October 2024. Details coming soon.

Kristin Jensen Bryan P'12 and **Michael J. Bryan P'12:** We still live in Appleton but sold our big house and moved to a condo last December. We finally were able to go on our COVID-delayed river cruise on the Danube and the Rhine last summer and enjoyed visiting places we had only read about. I am playing regularly with a recorder

consort and still do a small amount of horn playing at church and with the Appleton City Band. I also volunteer at the Hearthstone Historic House Museum as a docent and behind-the-scenes helper alongside of the two daughters of the late Professor Ken Sager. My husband and I look forward to becoming grandparents in January.

Dr. Peter R. Burzynski and **M. Sue Burzynski:** Still thinking of those halcyon days at Lawrence in the '60s, when I can recall: lying on the lawn on the Student Union hill with our psych professor teaching us how to meditate, or seeing/hearing Ted Kennedy, Richard Nixon, George Romney, Bishop Pike, the We Five, Allen Ginsberg, George Lincoln Rockwell, the Fugs, Julian Bond (among lots of other notables) at LU or in Appleton, or pulling all-nighters with the Trivia Contest, doing sports updates for WLFM, writing columns for *The Lawrentian*, filling our Brokaw R.A.'s dorm room neck-high in crumpled newspaper, protesting the Vietnam War by staging a sit-down on College Avenue, and other things. Now, I'm luxuriating in those memories.

Dr. Gregory J. Exarhos P'12 '07 and **Dr. Catherine Ann Exarhos P'12 '07:** A Lab Fellow, *emeritus*, at PNNL, Greg is the treasurer of an AIP-affiliated Physics Society and serves as the U.S. Councilor for an international physics organization. Greg, Cathy, daughter Annemarie, and son-in-law (both physicists) spent two weeks in Belgium sampling beers and visiting colleagues in Brussels, Ghent, and Bruges. We attended weddings on Avery Island, LA, and in Cleveland, MS where a New Orleans polka band played music and where my “dancing skills” were on display. A family tent camping trip to Deception Pass was most enjoyable. Cathy and I remain active on piano and clarinet for church masses and other functions. We enjoy regular visits with our new grandson (Liam) in Seattle.

John B. Laing, Jr.: My partner Bonnie and I continue to live in Chicago and Naples. In summer, we sail out of Belmont Harbor three or four times a week on Azulita, our little custom-designed and built sailboat. In winter, we are in Naples where we try hard not to think about Florida politics. We also spend time on the water there, on a little runabout, mostly scooting down the Intracoastal. I still teach at Northwestern, though these days it is all online. Bonnie was a former art dealer (glass), and we've spent a lot of time with related activities. We still travel, but less, and only to places or to see people we love. Frankly, I feel incredibly lucky and try to remind myself of that each day.

Juliana Cheng Lord and **Bert Lord:** Juliana and Bert are alive and well in Troy, Michigan. We are both still actively engaged in our duties. Bert serves as choir director and organist at St. Clement of Rome in Romeo. Weddings, funerals, and weekend Masses keep him musically active. Juliana is a seasonal tax pro at H&R Block and a volunteer

counselor for Medicare and Medicaid programs through the Michigan Area Agency on Aging. We enjoy our koi pond and taking care of our gardens. Bert enjoys photography and orchestrating music in his synthesizer studio. Juliana enjoys reading novels and, on average, finishes one every four days. Wishing all our Lawrence friends good health and much happiness.

Jonathan R. Tittle and **Susan Grote Tittle '69:** Susan and I continue to enjoy life in San Diego. We especially like living five minutes from our two grandsons and having an opportunity to be part of their lives. The highlight of the summer was a family trip to the Canadian Rockies. It was a reminder that California does not have all the mountains in North America.

1972

Dr. Bruce W. Colwell '72: Enjoying my 35th year in Minnesota (first Northfield—now Cannon Falls). Life is full, with long visits with my two daughters and four grandchildren in Virginia Beach, VA, and the completion of my eighth book, *Great Purpose: The Life of John W. Nason Philosopher President and Champion of Liberal Learning*. Hope you have seen our Class of '72 50th Reunion video, *All You Need is LUve* (on the Lawrence web site at: www.lawrence.edu/alumni/reunion/50th-reunion)—it will take you back to the sights and sounds of our Lawrence years.

Jacob P. Gostisha and **Colleen Gostisha:** Since COVID, my wife, Kelly, and I have been doing a bit of traveling. Alaska and San Diego in the States and two trips to Europe. We spent a week in Slovenia and took a small boat cruise along the Croatian coast last September. This past July, I got to check off a major bucket list item. After a few days in Slovenia visiting family, we flew to Geneva for several days and then to Annecy, France. While in France we took in two stages of the Tour De France. Since we visit relatives in Slovenia whenever we go to Europe, I started taking Slovenian language lessons. At home, we volunteer and spend leisure time with outdoor pursuits. I'm finishing a wooden kayak that should be in the water soon.

Andrew M. Hanson and **Paula Pavey Hanson:** Our daughter Laurel is joining the State Department as a Humanitarian Advisor interfacing with the UN and other multinational organizations. She is leaving the UN where she worked on disaster risk reduction. Our son Forrest has entered film. He left Resolve to Save Lives where he wrote content and produced documentaries about American and African public health practices to control epidemics.

Christine Luedeman Fenner '72: Life in Waukesha, WI is good! The past year has been busy with: family (a new grandchild brings the total to four!); friends (a mini-reunion in June brought together Cheryl Wilson Kopecky, Deb Buesing, Karen Rigotti, Kerstin Lanser, Nancy Hodges and Jan Foreman); church (serving as Property Chair for

the fourth year); misc groups (Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae, and P.E.O.); travel (Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Nashville, Door County, Amish country, and visiting with other LU friends), and playing (almost daily) America's fastest growing sport—pickleball! In January, I signed on to help LU as a Class Leader Team member, and I'd invite anyone interested to volunteer to help in this way, too.

Dr. Cheryl Wilson Kopecky and **Rob Kopecky**: Rob and I may be in Elmhurst, IL, or Door Co., WI, but the highlights are always shared meals, coffee dates, and overnights with family and friends. Those times seem more and more precious each year. Other highlights: Living in the middle of history when we arrived in London the day Queen Elizabeth died (our Airbnb was a big step up from the Arden); enjoying family, LU friends, and theater in NYC; time at Björklunden*; serving local non-profit organizations with local and global impact, e.g., raising funds for a cargo container of medical supplies for Malawi; and serving on a variety of Björklunden and Lawrence committees.
*Check the Lawrence website in early winter for upcoming seminars!

Thomas J. Nathan and **Colleen Nathan**: I still think we should have annual gatherings for our class! I find the reunions to be uplifting and a ton of fun. Having said that, Colleen and I have just moved into a smaller, ONE-FLOOR condo. The years of horse-related injuries have put us into limps equal to Chester's (*GunsSmoke*). Our son got married to a wonderful woman last November, and our daughter's two kids, 5 and 3, entertain us with daily stories and shows via Zoom. I am still practicing law and preparing others for my eventual senior status. When do we become “seniors”? The “juniors” don't have much humor in them, and shake their heads at me AND my pleated Jos. Banks clothing. Let's do 52!

William J. Porter: From class of '72, didn't finish, graduated UW–Milwaukee 1974, spent 20+ years as a bookseller/manager, 18 months as a “traveling salesman,” 15 years at a Best Buy store. Retired 10 years. Wife Wendy taught at UW–Stout. Daughter Laura works at the U. of Minnesota and has two of our grandboys. We now live about a mile away from them in Minneapolis, about a mile from Washburn High (Larry Nowlin, Anne Ludcke Greer.)

Ned Sahar P'o8 'o6 and **Raida Sahar P'o8 'o6**: I retired from the Wisconsin Department of Justice 10 years ago. Trying to travel while the heart is still ticking and the legs are still walking. Last year Raida and I traveled to Switzerland and the lake district of Italy. This September we will be traveling to Portugal and Morocco. One of our favorite trips was to South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe where we visited Victoria Falls and had twice daily game drives. We are fortunate to have our two daughters Serene (Lawrence class of 2006) and Leila (Lawrence class of 2008) living near us and are also blessed to have four wonderful grandkids. Annual baseball games with Joe Lipari, David Arakawa, John Stroemer, and John Moeller.

Marilyn Schwinn Smith and **Sean O. Smith**: I am halfway through two weeks of grandchild care in Woodbury, MN, keeping an eye out should a classmate cross my path. I continue to work as an independent researcher. Thanks to Zoom, I recently participated in two international conferences: one out of Moscow and one out of Marburg, Germany. I will finally participate in person—in late November in Philadelphia. Should anyone pass through Western MA, I'd love a visit.

Mariana Stuckert Solares: I retired in 2018 after teaching Spanish at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for 18 years. I am still living in Edwardsville, IL, but dreaming of a more stimulating place I could afford to live. I continue to play violin in the SIUE orchestra and attend concerts, mostly in St. Louis. This semester I am teaching two courses, by request, and probably will teach next semester as well. I have been surprised that I actually enjoy being back at work.

Richard C. Spain and **Nancy M. Spain**: Still practicing law full-time; since July of 2022 as a partner in the Chicago office of the multi-state law firm of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP. In early July, my wife and I were able to get away to Italy with the entire family (including our 7- and 9-year-old grandchildren), where we rented a villa in Tuscany, toured Florence and Sienna, and ended our trip with three days in Rome. I am still involved in a number of organizations, serving on the Committee of European Painting & Sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago, board president of Chikaming Open Lands in Sawyer, MI, and chancellor of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Illinois. Happy and grateful to still be plugging along.

Dr. C. Stratton Warden and **Sonja M. Warden**: Just returned from Europe: London with our son, Chas, to buy him a Savile Row suit for graduation from UVA Law, then a tour of Burgundy and way too much wine. Back home in Kentucky, before returning to Florida in October. Thrilled about our daughter, Rachel, an investment wizard in Chicago, and her wedding in the Malibu hills next June. Life is sweet!

Cynthia White and **Dan Kremer**: I haven't been back to Europe since our Eningen adventure in 1970! On a whim, to push me toward a visit within the next year, I'm auditing German at UVA College at Wise where daughter Kate and her husband teach and where I'm spending the fall with them and granddaughter Imogen. (Okay, relearning German began with wanting to be able to say more than “Das ist schöne Scheisse!”) Husband Dan will join us later in the fall from our home in Seattle. I haven't directed since last fall's Seattle production of *GHOST-WRITER*. I'm spending my time quilting, editing a novel, playing the piano, hanging out with Imogen, and learning German. Wise, VA, is in the beautiful heart of Appalachia—come visit!



Robert Currie '74, Neil Brier '74, and Currie's son, Warren Currie, visit in Brooklyn, N.Y. Reunited after 50 years.

George C. Whitely and **Patricia K. Whitely**: Finally able to do lots of traveling the past year, which is important when you're “running out of runway”. Completed our 55th annual 500 baseball game with Tom Andrew and Johnny Davis in Cedarburg without injury. To think it all started back in 1969 with a tennis racket and tennis ball near the Chapel across from Plantz Hall. Also had Mike Rossmeier join us the following day for Cedarburg's strawberry festival. Who thought a strawberry brat would actually taste good? Other highlights of the past year were our son's wedding, two trips to Europe, as well as trips to New York, Seattle, Florida, Austin, Dallas, Michigan, and the ever-popular Door County. A moving target is always harder to hit!

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Robert Currie and **Jackie Currie**: I semi-retired in January 2019 after 44 years of healthcare service. Shortly thereafter, I was appointed to a four-year term on the Cook County Health and Hospital System Board of Directors. I also joined ZipCare Urgent Care LLC as a consultant and we have successfully opened several urgent care centers in Harlem, NYC; a community that is underserved in many health and medical resources. I joined the LUAA Board of Directors in 2020 and am currently serving as Co-Chairman of the Connecting Alumni committee through 2024. I was reunited with one of my alum favorites, Neil Brier, in Brooklyn, NYC, last year and he, my son Warren and I dined on great Chinatown cuisine.

Robert C. Davis III: Unfortunately, I will miss the reunion fun next June, so here's a quick snapshot: I've lived a single life since 2011 when my lovely wife died from breast cancer and I haven't found another partner. But my life is good. I retired in 2014 and moved to Ephraim, Door County the following year. I love my “new job”—being



Mary Niebling '74, Lisa Reese Hendrickson '74, P. Susan Prohaska '74, and dog Elkie in Chicago.

redeployed in the non-profit world in Door County serving on boards and committees. No golf, but I do hike a lot. One of those non-profits is Lawrence's Björklunden where I take classes, hike, and serve on an advisory committee. And please don't ask “What do you do all winter?” My father used to say: “We're not allowed to tell.”

Carol Stoneman Dibble and **Leonard J. Dibble**: We moved to a condo in Aurora, Ohio, in July—same size; fewer steps. Our neighborhood is known as the “social cove”. I've used more frilled toothpicks in 2 months than I did in the last 5 years. Wonderful neighbors! I participated in a 2-year RSV clinical trial. My research company did not win the anti-virus race but I learned a lot along the way. Synchronized swimming continues as my major commitment. As an example, when you can take a 6-year-old non-swimmer from crying in fear of the water to smiling while participating in the show, I believe I'm contributing. I even performed a short solo underwater at our March show. At my age!

Judy Frater: I have a book on design education for artisans in India in publication with Schiffer Publishing. I am curating a textile exhibition at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg, WI, which opens in December 2023 and runs through February 2024. And there are still a few places on my December–January 2023 tour to India to visit and do workshops with textile artisans! judyf@textileslive.com

Barbara Braun Griffith and **Jeffrey Griffith, Ph.D.:** 2023 started with travel to 6 continents: Antarctica, New Zealand/Australia, India/Asia, North and South America, and Europe (Slovenia. Croatia, Albania, Montenegro, Greece). Seeing 15 of 17 penguin species in the wild, seeing the Ross Ice Shelf, sailing on the Sea Cloud, and photographing tigers in the wild were highlights. We are most blessed and grateful.

Lisa Reese Hendrickson and **Andy Hendrickson**: My husband Andy Hendrickson and I are still in Monroe, WI. I've been retired from teaching high school Spanish since 2011. I continue to volunteer for AFS Intercultural Student Exchanges and a

local grassroots organization, the Multicultural Outreach Program. Andy and I enjoy river and ocean cruises with Viking. We travel from Bergen, Norway to Barcelona, Spain this year with the Trade Routes of the Middle Ages Cruise.

Catherine Roth Holcomb and **Roger M. Holcomb**: Enjoying the quiet life in Wilmington, DE most of the time. We made our longest stay ever at the cottage in Shell Lake, WI and were able to share it with both daughters. Our younger daughter traveled from Sweden and introduced her husband and the bonus granddaughters to “Up North” and lots of American cousins. Looking at travel that keeps us connected to family and friends. Planning to attend the 50th reunion in 2024.

Barbara Goodman Holtz and **Peter Holtz**: It's been a busy few years for myself and my family! We have four wonderful kids but have added 10 grandchildren—eight in the past seven years! My husband Pete and I moved last year to a new condo in Brookfield, WI, moving from the Wauwatosa house we had lived in for 45 years! Pete and I retired just prior to COVID—Pete from ATC and me from 35 years of creating and providing child development and Child Abuse and Neglect training throughout the greater Milwaukee area and around the state. The past two years have been spent traveling quite a bit—making up for trips postponed by COVID. We have been on two European River cruises, to Hawaii, Ireland, France, and a month-long trip to Africa.

Amy Hoffmann Jarvis and **Paul S. Jarvis**: After several years of little travel, my husband, Paul, and I made trips touring in London, Japan, and Santa Fe this past spring and summer. In London, we spent a week with our son, Edward, and daughter-in-law, Lindsay, who live in France. While there, we also spent a few great days with Larry Topp '74 and his wife, Kathy. In Santa Fe we met our daughter, Laura, and son-in-law, Jesse, who live in Boston, and attended the Santa Fe Opera (their wedding officiant last year had the lead role in *The Flying Dutchman*). I recently organized hundreds of letters my father wrote during WWII, and am now organizing genealogy documents and old photos. Can't believe our 50th reunion is next year!

Ann Carpenter Kay: Living passionately into old age, I love van camping and biking with my life partner Bill, spending time with Mom (96) and Stepdad (95), my adult children, and two granddaughters who all live in the Minneapolis area. I sing with a community chorus I helped to start recently, and work for the Rock 'n Read Project, a nonprofit that Bill and I co-founded that uses singing, moving, and basic music skills to enable children's auditory processing, memory, and beat synchronization—essential for proficient reading. Excited to see others from '74 at our 50th reunion!

Heidi Jacobson Knudsen P'07 and **Tommy G. Knudsen P'07**: After a 3-year hiatus we traveled to Denmark last September for a reunion with the Danish side of our family, flying via Iceland where we spent a few days exploring Reykjavik. As part of the recent centennial celebration at our church in Shorewood, I collaborated on the writing of the church's history. I also serve in other roles within the church. I recently agreed to serve on the fundraising committee at our local Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UW–Milwaukee. With daily visits with my 96-year-old father who is now in assisted living, time spent with our three young granddaughters, a return to lap swimming, my vegetable garden and the aforementioned commitments, my life is full.

Deborah Maclean: Life is good! I direct and perform with my comedy group (now in its 27th season), teach writing, and work in politics. I'm also acting more than I ever imagined I would at this age, and this summer I had the great honor to be cast in a workshop production of a new play by John Patrick Shanley. I have two sons, one of whom got married recently. No grandchildren yet, but I'm assured they are in the works. Recently, I found some wonderful old things from my days at Lawrence, including mementoes from the London Program (all of my playbills) and the Slavic Trip (the key to our VW van.) I am forever grateful for the opportunity to go on those trips.

Gaye Griffith Otto and **Dr. William J. Otto**: As we begin our 36th year in Springfield, MO, Bill & I are enjoying retirement with trips to AZ (Gaye's home state), WI (Bill's home state) & CO (home for our daughter, Ginny, Adam, husband, & grandchildren, Tom & Katelyn). After missing the Show Me State, our son, Kevin, recently moved back to Springfield. We would enjoy reconnecting with old LU classmates, especially if any of your travels bring you to our area in southwest MO. We are only a 45-minute drive from Branson, MO, which gets more name recognition than Springfield and offers lots of fun entertainment! However, we do have the Bass Pro original store with its amazing aquarium and wildlife museum right here in Springfield.

Bradford D. Powers and **Gail Powers**: My wife, Gail, and I have been enjoying retirement. We've been spending our summers at our home in Northern Wisconsin and then head west in the

winter to ski. The last 10 years we have volunteered for the men’s World Cup Ski races in Beaver Creek, CO. When not traveling we still live in West Bend, WI. We are active in our local YMCA where we both volunteer and work out regularly. We try and volunteer for different organizations whenever we can. I still have fond memories of my years at Lawrence. I would like to express my appreciation and best wishes to my close friends from those years, and to all the members of our class of ’74, an active and healthy life.

Hope Davis Preston and **Norman W. Preston:** Norm and I have been in our ‘forever’ home for two years now. We’ve figured out all the electronic connections that keep a house operating these days. Now our focus is turning the wildness of the yard into a slightly more cultivated garden. We are going for a Japanese feel with mostly natives. Our sons both married in the last year and we couldn’t be happier with our daughters-in-law. They are a wonderful addition to the family. This spring we traveled to Lisbon, Barcelona, and Madrid for a great trip while the weather was still pleasant. Besides my garden, I am keeping busy with the Master Gardeners and my kidney donation advocacy group.

Francine Rudesill and **Thomas Meyer:** Not having new news at this stage of life is probably a good thing! Life has been great for my husband, Tom Meyer, and myself. We’ve been able to enjoy plenty of traveling (except during the pandemic) especially active trips like biking in Europe or hiking in Patagonia and New Zealand. We keep busy dividing our time between two homes: in Marin County, CA and in western Wisconsin, on my family’s farm. We have so many great friends in both places as well as in other parts of the country—several Lawrence alumni. We greatly cherish all these friendships. I enjoy lots of outdoor physical activities and my work as a (part-time) massage therapist and teacher of watercolor painting in San Francisco.

Ruth Sherwood Sadasivan: This past year I’ve enjoyed fabulous trips to Iceland and to northern Italy with Joel Rosenberg. I continue to teach private violin and viola lessons at my studio in the Kansas City area. Now, many students are children of former students! Fortunately, I’m able to keep playing violin, with opportunities for orchestra, chamber music, and solo performances, including a program for The Amazing EarthFest in Kanab, UT. My recent hobby is cooking and creating new recipes.

Dr. Margaret E. Schmidt: Margaret E. Schmidt retired in June 2022, after 48 years in education, most recently 21 years at Arizona State University, and also at St. Cloud State University, Naperville, IL, Public Schools, Albuquerque Public Schools, and Austin Minnesota Public Schools. I’m enjoying the more leisurely pace of retired life, playing my violin with a string quartet of three other retired teachers, going to the gym every day, singing in

my church choir, and getting enough sleep for a change! This past summer, I volunteered to teach violin with Daraja Music Initiative in Tanzania, which included a wonderful three-day safari with some other volunteers. What a different world from Phoenix—it was an amazing experience!

Thomas J. Stewart III and **Lori A. Stewart:** Just finished watching Hurricane Idalia go by. Here on the Space Coast, we really received no impacts except for rain and wind like we normally get during a moderate thunderstorm. What a blessing. We travel whenever we get the chance (when our oldest grandson is out of school). Lori and I have been married for 35 years as of June 26. My primary occupation these days is making my own ammunition. That and taking care of this place keeps me occupied, if not gainfully employed. The kids are all doing well, and grandson Andy is a precocious joy. Life remains good!

W. Lawrence Topp and **Kathy Topp:** Greetings from Southern California! Kathy and I are approaching our 44th wedding anniversary (Sept. 22) of a happy marriage. I retired about 18 months ago. Kathy is finally contemplating retirement. We await our first grandchild (finally), Tanner William Topp, around the end of November. Our son Taylor and wife Sarah live close by. Our daughter Allyson has been in Chicago about 5 years being successful in her position with a corporate event planning firm. Prayers for all. We connected in London this spring with Amy Hoffman (Jarvis) ’74 and her husband Paul while gallivanting in Europe. Please look us up if you ever get to Oceanside: it’s great to connect with old friends!

James Cowen and **Leslie Cowen:** Still hiking and climbing. Currently on the Haute Route from Chamonix to Zermatt. It is a real challenge as we have been hit with 2 feet of snow.

Susanne Fusso and **Joseph M. Siry:** Susanne Fusso is still teaching Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at Wesleyan University, where her husband Joe Siry also teaches (architectural history). Her translation of stories by Fyodor Sologub, To the Stars and Other Stories, was published by Columbia University Press in February 2023. She is now working on a translation of Dostoevsky’s novel *The Adolescent*. She enjoys weekly Zoom meetings with Duffie Adelson ’73, Stan Day ’73, and Dave Larson ’76.

Dr. Robert G. Gillio and **Beth R. Gillio:** This has been a year of catching up on personal health issues after putting some things off during COVID-19. I had a fall and needed a fusion of my spine and a repair of a rotator cuff. My wife, Beth, has been my hero this year as my caregiver, chef, and great companion, her mother’s daily caregiver and super grandmother. It allowed me to focus on my passion to take knowledge from our generation and try to create a health-literate next generation and senior generation helping fill the massive

gaps in our healthcare system for themselves and others. Please accept a gift from me and go to **www.theforceforhealth.com** and join for free for you and your extended family.

David A. Guzik and **Joyce C. Smith:** During the gray days of the pandemic, I completed a Kane County Forest Preserve program and became a Certified Naturalist. Most of my classmates may attest that I am/was indeed certifiable. But, if I had only realized how amazing nature could be, I might not have been so Youngchild Hall averse and might have enjoyed a Bio course or two from Doc Maravolo.

Dr. David L. Kirchman and **Dr. Ana I. Dittel:** I’m now a professor emeritus at the University of Delaware, trying to figure out this retirement thing. In the meantime, I wrote one book about dead zones in lakes, coastal waters, and seas, and am finishing another about microbes and climate change, which will come out early next year.

C. Anne Laskaya: After teaching at the University of Oregon as a professor (English literature and medieval studies) for 40 years, I just entered part-time retirement teaching. Having lost my beloved long-time life partner, Suzanne, in 2000, and living alone for over 20 years, I met and married Linda, my now-legal spouse, in 2022. We have two step-daughters in their mid-twenties, and our little family also has two dogs. I cherish what I learned from so many fabulous teachers and how I was influenced in such positive ways as a human being during my time at Lawrence, 1971–76. The world might benefit if more people could have a rounded and challenging liberal arts education like we received at Lawrence.

Blane D. Lewis: I am working as a professor of economics at the Australian National University in Canberra and a part-time consultant to the World Bank in Jakarta. My oldest daughter, Kay, is finishing up her last year of university at ANU, and my youngest, Violet, is about to complete grade 9. My wife, Marga is busy managing our minimalist finances. We are moving back to Indonesia (Bali, probably) late next year. Hi to Monty, Jim, Bill, Jill, and Nancy. Hope you are all well.

Margi Lofton and **Michael J. Lofton:** We have just a few finishing touches to make to our new place in Montpellier. We’re very happy. It is a joy getting to know our new neighbors, who are lovely and patient with our French. We’re becoming locals at our corner bistro and local markets, and we continue to discover the many gastronomic pleasures of our region. After the scale, hustle, and anonymity of New York, Montpellier feels remarkably right-sized for us. It’s easy and intimate. We bump into acquaintances all the time and enjoy the ensuing chit-chat. Plus, if we ever need a dose of English, there are plenty of other retired Americans about. We are excited to keep settling in and continue the adventure

Dr. John R. Ranck II and **Andrew Mills Hardacker ’73:** I continue to work on my dissertation rewrite, which began as a COVID project in Sept. 2020 and has now blossomed (ballooned?) to 600+ pages. Andy has used his time to teach himself the finer points of picture matting and framing, making beautiful boxes and other containers for fragile/valuable books, and refurbishing furniture. He’s set up his workshop in the front hallway (though since I’ve commandeered the dining room table for my project lo these many years I can hardly complain). We enjoy relatively good health and, with fingers crossed that COVID continues to recede as an existential threat, I look forward to increased travel possibilities to see friends and family. Best wishes to you all.

Deanne L. Amaden and **Ibrahim J. Uckung:** My husband and I are now both retired and able to travel. In the past year, we have visited family in England, as well as traveled to the Champagne, Burgundy, and Dordogne regions of France, plus Northern Italy and Hawaii. We are blessed to live where visits to Napa Valley (where our son lives), Monterey, and the coast are a breeze, and the Sierra Nevada is within easy reach. In between trips, we enjoy much about the San Francisco Bay Area, including plenty of Giants baseball. I enjoy keeping active and especially volunteering at Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park (please come visit!). I’m looking forward to our upcoming reunion!

Mark D. Breseman P’14 and **Jane Hillstrom P’14:** I left Björklunden after 26 fabulous years but still work full-time for LU in the Advancement Office. I work remotely from our home near Dodgeville in the rolling hills of SW WI. My wife, Jane, is retired, working on her memoir and playing with our three dogs. Our daughter, Abby, pursuing a career in marketing, lives in Madison and got married this fall. Our son, Adam ’14, doing some writing and working for a start-up, lives in LA and also got married this fall. I look forward to seeing classmates as well as those folks from ’79 and ’80 at our 45th(!) Cluster Reunion in June!

Christine Siewert Edgecomb: I have been a Floridian for nearly two years now. And I’m writing this while waiting for Hurricane Idalia to hit Florida. Thoroughly enjoying retirement. Keeping busy with work at the church office 2x per month. And all the fun stuff—music nightly on the squares here in the Villages, line dancing, ukelele, aqua aerobics, and many crafting opportunities. Mary Jo Johnson ’79 also lives here for part of the year. And much joy this year seeing John and Heidi O’Connor as well as a bit of time with Janet Hersh ’78 at her FL home and Disney! Last July I rescued Fox. He’s part chihuahua and part Jack Russell—and 100% love. Life is GOOD! Visitors are welcome!

Cynthia L. Estlund and **Samuel Issacharoff:** My Husband Sam and I are still enjoying teaching at NYU Law School, where I write and teach mainly about the law of work. (My latest book is on automation.) We have a delightful 2-year-old grandson, JJ, who lives with his parents one block from us in NYC. We couldn’t be luckier!

Janet Aronberg Hersh and **Stuart P. Hersh:** Excited that we are coming up to another reunion year for our class of 1978! Stuart and I are spending most of the year in Longboat Key, Florida, enjoying all that the Sarasota area has to offer. A major benefit of being in Florida is getting to spend time with Chris Edgecomb, Heidi O’Connor, and various other Lawrentians who have migrated to a warmer climate! Summers are spent on Whitewater Lake in WI enjoying various lake activities! We have three adult children, living in Manhattan, Indianapolis, and Brooklyn. Only the oldest is married, and no grandkids yet. Looking forward to seeing many of you in June 2024!

Michael K. Powers and **Teri Spires:** Love retirement but miss 35 years of hospital life. Have been blessed with three children and six grandkids. Teri and I continue to travel to American backroads and historic river systems. Have recently connected with dear friends Mary Reed Spencer, Jeff Heimerman, Dino Matic, Mike Knipp, Robin Fondow, Rob Stevens, Howie Hughes, and Jim Brooks. Back home in Fairbanks, Alaska, we spend most of our retired life supporting arts organizations, largely influenced by my Lawrence friends and professors ... and music, theater, athletics, and study-abroad opportunities of so long ago. We also catch an annual Packers game at Lambeau Field and enjoy a Sheboygan brat or two ... with relish.

Linda J. Sheffler P’12 and **John D. Thompson ’77 P’12:** Still studying Spanish (off to a week of immersion at Concordia Language Village in a few days). Still working with immigrants learning English (8th year volunteering). Still play Gamelan with Gamelan Sekar Kemuda, the Lawrence community gamelan group. And spending a lot of time with our new grandbaby (Paul, son of Lauren Thompson Ringeisen ’12 and Morgan Ringeisen).

Lea Sitton: Still in Philadelphia and still full-time employed, writing and editing for the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). My youngest daughter, Sally, started Tulane Law this fall after three years as a paralegal for Duane Morris in Bangor, ME. Daughter Jeanne is the Clinical Director of the education/workforce program in NYC, son-in-law is the executive chef for Tiffany employee dining room, and Tux, the German shepherd, is somewhere around 11 years old. I see classmates Peggy (Zola) and Paul (Schmidt) in Philadelphia when they visit their daughter’s family and last visit we broke bread with Brian DuVall.

Mary Reed Spencer and **Andrew C. Spencer:** It has been a busy few years with lots of life events. Moved to Greensboro, NC, Andy and I retired from being education administrators during the pandemic and moved my mother from Florida to live near us. We lost my dad this past year and gained a son-in-law. We traveled to Italy, Colombia, and San Francisco, have bought a house, and are very proud parents of two incredible people. George is a social worker in San Francisco and S.E. works in a non-profit support organization in Atlanta where she lives with her husband Kevin. We are looking forward to the 45th reunion and catching up with many of you. We have enjoyed exploring our new hometown, and we stay busy exploring.

Julie A. Stoneman and **Paul M. Jurczak:** Wrapped up my conservation career in 2022 and am proud to have helped build thriving, nonprofit land trusts that are protecting thousands of acres of natural lands throughout Michigan. Thoroughly enjoying retirement while exploring whole new worlds through volunteer gigs at the regional hospital and performing arts center. Overseas adventures continue but Paul and I are also collecting stickers for the cargo carrier as we explore closer to home, although the (much) taller tent seems to be pitched a lot closer to the car than on backpacking and canoe-tripping days. It’s wonderful to have more time for friends, and family, and get outside in nature! Hope to see folks at the Reunion!

Irene Strohbeen and **Dr. David T. Strohbeen:** I’m still here in the Appleton area, and I love being so involved with LU these days! I’m Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the Innovation & Entrepreneurship program, which includes being an adjunct professor for the introductory course in the Fall. I’m also a Trustee—a real honor! I’m also involved with DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) work in the northeast WI region plus advocacy work for women and entrepreneurs: we still need the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) and paid family and medical leave! I was also honored by the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce with the Exceptional Mentor award last year, and I continue to mentor friends and acquaintances as well as students. It just comes naturally to me!

Nancy Patton Wood and **Graham Wood:** In other news (post-COVID), we bought a house and five acres in England’s South Downs National Park days before Lockdown 1 in 2020. Movers stopped work halfway done, so we had an air mattress by the fireplace, skiwear, some kitchen and garden stuff, and a million books for the first five months. Kinda romantic. We’re retirement clichés: gardening, projects, travel, busy with church, some choruses, (step) grandchildren, mom turns 100 in October, all joyous. Son William begins barrister training this autumn so he’s on his path. Whew. I’ve presided at both of Jo Noonan’s sons’ weddings now in Atlanta and Seattle—an honor I treasure. She was present in every moment, as she is in every day.

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Jane W. Curran-Meuli and **Michael G. Meuli '76:** I just took on additional responsibilities so am now President of SSM Health: Monroe Hospital, Monroe Clinic Medical Group, and St. Mary's Hospital in Janesville. Michael ('76) and I continue to travel and spend time with family.

Susan K. Davies and **William E. Beagle:** I had good intentions, but you know what they say about good intentions ... I was planning to retire on January 1, 2024. Instead, will stay on as Executive Director of the Trails and Open Space Coalition for the Pike Peaks region for one more year. 15 years is a good round number and there are projects I want to complete. My already retired husband is not pleased but gracious. I spent two glorious weeks in Nepal last April with my sister, who is on assignment from our Justice Department. She's been there 18 months. I saw tigers, rhinos, elephants, and monkeys. I met some wonderful people and was reminded that we all need to slow down and appreciate what other cultures can teach us about what's important.

Dr. Kathryn A. Krohn-Gill and **Dr. Gregory L. Gill:** I never thought I'd be trading in my doctor job for a teaching gig. My husband Greg and I staff at a nearby Family Medicine Residency, part-time. It's a lot of fun, probably because it's by choice. Perhaps my very grey hair gives me some credibility. Four grandchildren keep us otherwise occupied. Our cottage is getting an expansion to accommodate their needs. They keep us active, biking, hiking, and skiing. So far, we can still keep up, but the oldest is just 5 years old. This spring we did a great road trip to the southeast U.S. with Sara Krohn Rezin '82 and her husband Scott. The views, food, and southern hospitality were amazing.

Dr. Todd A. Mahr P'og and **Debra R. Mahr P'og:** It has been wonderful to get more active at LU by being on the Alumni Board. I would encourage anyone interested to reach out to LU alumni staff. The campus under new leadership is stellar. I am still practicing Pediatric Allergy/Immunology at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, WI. However, I indeed have reached the point where I can leave any day, but I like patient care and am active with our medical foundation in Philanthropy and Research. I still travel and lecture regularly, which keeps us busy.

Astrid Strasburger Manoli and **Dr. Yiannakis Manoli '78:** Life with a retired engineer (Yiannos, LU '78) has been busier than expected with frequent trips to his home country of Cyprus where his dear wife learns that the Greek vocabulary lessons of Duolingo do not adequately prepare for the renovation of an apartment. Neither is this the case when it comes to trips to China where the aforementioned alumnus is in a consulting position for a German-Chinese research company. Language problems may also occur when it comes to communicating with the two

youngest grandchildren of the family who grow up multilingual. But friends tell me that this keeps me “young,” which your old German friend doubts. When we are not on the road, we still live in cozy Freiburg where the local dialect, at times, “sounds Greek to me.”

William H. Pearce, Jr. and **Lee Delsasso Pearce:** Met Josh Farber for four days in Ithaca, NY. The Finger Lakes are beautiful. I will be visiting Stephen Ouellette and David Lowe in Rockport, MA, in mid-September. I hope to see Merrick Wells in South Carolina in mid-October. But I need to get back to Appleton also!

John S. Rowland: I am still working in my family business—Insurance Agency. I will probably keep at it for a few more years because I still enjoy it. All my five grandkids live in town and get to enjoy their company often. I also stay active with Platform or paddle tennis and some pickleball in the warmer weather. Riding my road and gravel bicycles also helps keep me fit and in shape. I stopped soccer refereeing and instructing a couple of years ago. Our family home in the Bahamas was sold last year. I really miss the beach getaway destination. I enjoyed seeing folks at the last reunion.

Professor Thomas C. Spear: In September, I published *Les Mascarades du Wisconsin* in the principal collection of contemporary fiction and autofiction at Éditions Hamac. The Lawrence community might recognize a few fictionalized people and places from a period when the protagonist was coming of age (and into the French language) at LU. With a few secrets, the narrator addresses his father, revealing the dark sides of the latter and of a small town (“Bulle”) during the baby boom years. My enthusiastic editor finds it of contemporary relevance; I'd love to hear from LU readers! The fall agenda is busy with teaching and the book launch (please see online for updated press; the release date is after the *LU Magazine* deadline).

1980
Bernhard Asher and **Julie Carr:** I still work in Info Security at U.S. Bank and just accepted a part-time position directing music at Bethel Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. I earned my Master of Sacred Music degree from Luther Seminary in 2016 and was Guest Music director at Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains in 2019. My wife, Julie Carr, just retired as an Early Childhood Special Education Assistant. We visited our oldest kid in Portland, OR, this spring. Our adult son with special needs lives in a nearby group home, and we see him weekly. The last LU alumni I saw were Beth Jenkins Limpert and Scott Limpert pre-pandemic. I hope to see a bunch of you in 2024. Please look me up if you're coming to the Twin Cities.

Adam M. Gottesman: I hope everyone's summer went well! Mine was highlighted by my (reasonably) well-thought-out retirement! I had enough in the commercial healthcare and reinsurance space for 40+ years. I am off to Africa and Dubai as a bucket list journey. My son, who happily left Minnesota, is living in D.C. and enjoying his chosen consulting career. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming reunion.

Sheri L. Greenberger: Greetings from West Michigan. After 20 years of helping people train their dogs, I just sold my territory! Bittersweet, it was definitely the best job/career. Not sure what I will do with myself; but I will figure something out. I extend my peace to you all.

Dr. Robert L. Heilbronner and **Diane Heilbronner:** Hello, classmates! I am still living in Chicago, near Wrigley Field, for almost 30 years. I have not converted to be a Chicago sports fan because I am a proud Green Bay Packers season ticket holder! I continue to practice as a clinical neuropsychologist, but I am “dialing it back” to 2–3 days per week. I have started to do artwork again after a 30-year layoff and am enjoying it immensely. My wife and our 3 children are doing well by all accounts. My youngest son works in a sensory isolation tank studio in Chicago: I try to “float” as much as possible. Life has truly come full circle! (although maybe a need to move back into Ormsby Hall to fully complete the circle?!). I hope everyone is living their best life! Greetings from Bobbo.

Serene T. Karplus: After a two-decade career in banking in the Chicago area, I moved to a tiny town in the mountains above Boulder, Colorado, where I served as the Director of the Chamber of Commerce for four years, then nearly 13 as the director of a nonprofit serving seniors. I retired just before the pandemic and cared for my dying sweetheart during his battle with cancer. I celebrate life with many friends by hiking, dancing, writing, and snapshotting the wildflowers and scenic beauty around me. My new name is Serene.

Virginia Merrifield: In May, classmate and pal Mike Kortenhof and I traveled to Vermont to attend the celebration of life for our friend and classmate David Liebtog. Having experienced the event, Mike and I both decided it was so great to reconnect that we should make it a priority to do so with other friends and classmates while we still have the opportunity. I've also been busy as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor, working as a member of the Support Services 245 team at the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, studying for my commercial drone pilot's license, and in April was delighted to accept an invitation to join the LUAA Board of Directors.

James I. Scheuer and **Jennifer L. Scheuer:** I have been retired from the classroom for 10 years but have found many ways to stay involved in music



education. My involvement with state music ed organizations (WMEA, WSMA) includes advocacy work to support music ed, music judging, and creating original music content for State Honors (Wisconsin's All-State) auditions. I have been self-publishing compositions and arrangements for all types of bands and ensembles, which are available through J.W. Pepper's MyScore service at www.jwpepper.com/myscore/JimScheuer. I am also active in our Lions Club and volunteer at a food pantry. Jeffer and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary in June, and in retirement have become dedicated “pickle ballers.”

Jane Thessin: I continue to enjoy seeing the world from a ship. I credit my love for travel to the wonderful experiences at Lawrence. I will be completing my second crossing of the equator on a ship this coming year and will have to get that Sea Turtle tattoo done before then!

Katherine van Beuningen-Newkirk: I have been designing and building one-of-a-kind multi-media pieces from popular culture themes. I have presented over three dozen free exhibitions of my works in libraries and museums since 2002. My third exhibition this year was in October 2023, at the Joliet Public Library in Joliet, IL. Nearly all of the materials I use to create these pieces are repurposed. Inspired by stories retold in many different cultures, my most recent “Storybook Collection” celebrates the magic found within the human spirit. I hope my creations will inspire the magic of creativity and wonder. Keep up with all of my latest creations on Facebook [@galaxiesinfabric](https://www.facebook.com/galaxiesinfabric) and Pinterest at [Kathy van Beuningen \(kvanb\)](https://www.pinterest.com/kathyvanbeuningen) - [Profile](#) | [Pinterest](#).

Stephanie H. Vrabec and **Dr. Michael Vrabec:** I'm still living in Menasha, WI, and looking forward to welcoming many classmates to the Fox Valley for our cluster reunion next June! It's been an exciting few months for our family. One daughter got married and the other got engaged—finally! We also enjoyed lots of fun travel this year. Since COVID began, we have been on a mission to see all the National Parks. It's been wonderful to explore these natural treasures! My summer has been full of pickleball, tennis, and golf. I am loving retirement!

Lizz Read Loder '82, Bruce Loder '82, Sarah Flom Kiecker '82, Linda Berger Hellmich '82, Tom Quill '82, and Karen Malm DiMario '82.

Deborah Jervis Fabritz and **Dean C. Fabritz:** For the past 12 years, I've served as the Director of Professional Registration & Compliance for the WI Division of Securities. I'm thinking about retirement, but am enjoying the work so have not yet set the date. On a national level, I'm involved with the new continuing education program for investment adviser representatives. I'm also on the board of the Securities & Insurance Licensing Association (SILA) as their Securities Regulatory Advisor. This summer, my husband and I went on our first cruise to Alaska, and this fall, we looked forward to celebrating our 33rd anniversary in Asheville, NC. I recently enjoyed catching up with Beetle Rank over coffee in Cedarburg, WI.

Marilyn J. Fisher: Dear LU mates, I always look forward to reading everyone's submissions to the LU publications. After spending 10+ years at office work, I ventured into the life of a full-time musician, teaching voice and piano and performing in the Madison area (jazz, primarily) for 25+ years. Thankfully, I had taken a job with Exact Sciences a year before COVID (when gigs and lessons dried up) and stayed there for four years until they laid off 250 of us in November '22. With severance in hand, I drove to Boston with my kitty riding shotgun, to see old friends and drive around the NE states (wow, VT!). Great jazz in Cambridge, and great art in Boston. Started new job 9/5. Light! More light! (new meaning, eh?) Hugs.

Sarah Flom Kiecker: I've enjoyed a “road tripping” summer. In late May, a friend and I did a two-week trip to the South, traveling through 13 states. Highlights included tours of bourbon distilleries with Jim Cheng and the Chicago River Architectural Boat Tour with Karen Malm DiMario. In July, I drove to Waupaca WI, to spend time at the family cabin. And my latest road trip was to Chicago for a mini-reunion with LU Class of 1982 buddies. The weekend highlight was seeing Kenny Loggins in concert at Ravinia Festival. It's your turn to regale us with your latest adventures and milestones!

Timothy B. Frigo and **Doreen M. Frigo:** Today, I'm sitting in a meeting of “Scaling Up and Meeting Oligonucleotide Demand” in Boston. I also started playing trumpet in the American Legion Marching Band. Otherwise, with kids out of college and working, I feel very blessed.

Amanda Hanson Gambony: Following the death of my husband, Randy, in 1982, I moved from the western suburbs of Chicago to Franklin, PA, a town in which my parents were enjoying their retirement years and where my mother did a good job integrating me into several of Franklin's volunteer activities. I have enjoyed especially for the last 10 years being involved in the Big Brother, Big Sister Program, and Beth's boyfriend now comes with us on all of our outings. I work as a church secretary in town and keep in touch with my great freshman-year roommate, Lisa Woellner Corcoran, as well as Sara Krohn Rezin, who makes and sells lovely jewelry pieces.

Dr. Linda Berger Hellmich: Greetings classmates! I am celebrating nine months of retirement as I write and must say I am enjoying the flexibility, spending a lot of time traveling, visiting family and friends, and enjoying my various gardens in a leisurely manner. Dave and I had the chance to hang out with fellow Lawrentians in August and had a wonderful time. Dave and I attended a Cubs game with Jim Acri and his wife Amy in June. It was so great to reconnect. I continue to be impressed by the lasting legacy of our years at Lawrence, both the friendships we made and the development of our professional selves. Hope your year has also been great.

Karen B. King: I left the pharmaceutical company I worked for as a patent attorney at the end of last year and started my own solo intellectual property law practice (KBKING IP LAW) at the beginning of this year. I have continued to be active as a musician. I played trombone with the Westfield Community Concert Band at Carnegie Hall this June. That was a treat! I also played alto and tenor horn at two events at Gettysburg this summer with a Civil War reenactment military brass band, the 46th PA Regiment Band. My brass quintet has also been active. I have also kept busy with other activities, including biking, kayaking, and helping an instructor teach scuba diving (I'm a divemaster).

Kimberly Peterson Krueger and **Thomas J. Krueger:** Greetings from beautiful Sturgeon Bay, WI, where we live with our buddy Dexter, a Jack Russell mix, tireless fetcher, and Goodwill Ambassador to neighbors on our rural road. Tom has been drawn into the national obsession with pickleball. I cheer from the sidelines, babying my second fake knee, acquired last year. Grateful for titanium and ortho docs. We both volunteer for various worthy endeavors, and visit and host our kids, Anna and Ben, who live in Chicago and Madison. This summer, I had fun with fellow LU Pi Phis Cindy Carlson Dobberke, Barb Kloehn Gresik, Andrea Schauer Hamm, and Carol Johnson Polivka at our annual lakeside get-together. Friends for 40+ years! Peace to all.

Elizabeth Lutton Luscher and **Jeffrey M. Luscher:** I can't believe it's been a year since our reunion! My husband and I are still enjoying retirement, and getting ready to leave for Hawaii to celebrate our 30th anniversary and my sister and husband's 50th! Other than that, we travel here and there when we can—Ashland, OR, San Diego and Santa Barbara most recently. Also, we find ourselves volunteering at our local duck sanctuary! Never thought that would happen, but it's fun and rewarding. I still walk dogs at the local animal shelter, and Jeff enjoys cooking and woodworking—he made a Little Free Library for me, and it's getting pretty good traffic! It's great being able to try to give people what they like to read. Until next time!



Kathy van Beuningen '84 exhibit.

Michael E. Mol and **Joyce E. Mol:** My two-year update! Just celebrated my 2-year-old grandson Henry's birthday—he is jumping into the “Terrible Two's” with both feet! His soon-to-be 5-year-old sister Julia acts like she is 15. Joyce has two more years to go in the classroom before we can really have fun! Our second child Ben gets married in November in San Antonio so we hope it cools down a bit by then! The other two children—Alyssa and Josh—have both started FULL-TIME jobs recently so that makes our pocketbook happier. And I'm still working part-time at Feed My Starving Children and still loving it! If you live in the Twin Cities, in the Chicago Land area, Mesa, AZ, or Richardson, TX, find some time to come in and pack at one of our eight permanent sites! We'd love to have you!!

Janet L. Place and **Gerald C. Williams:** I am back in Chapel Hill, NC, and UNC after eight years at the U of SC. I am working on a project to create more equitable maternal health in the face of rising maternal mortality. It is such important work that I am proud to be a part of. We are so happy to be back. I am now a fused glass artist, so it is so great to live in a vibrant artist community. I have a few years until retirement, but I am easing into it, and hope for the time that I can be an artist (and musician) full-time.

Thomas R. Quill and **J. Albert Guillama:** After pandemic-related travel delays, 2023 allowed us to get back on the road! We thoroughly enjoyed Portugal (Lisbon, Sintra, and Porto) with dreams of returning. Visiting Córdoba and Sevilla, España more than 40 years after the Fall 1980 Spain Term brought back fond memories along with new discoveries! A quick trip to Chicago in August was a treat to connect with some LU '82 classmates (see Sarah Flom Kiecker's update). We're closing out the year with a week in Oaxaca over Thanksgiving! Hope everyone is well—and the best to all in 2024!

Anne Jochimsen Saenz: Jorge and I have enjoyed the summer with golf and craft classes as well as attending many events throughout the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Weekly concerts in the park, performances at the Historic Ironwood theater, pow wows, fireworks, festivals, car shows,

rodeo, circus, and many movies, with *Sound of Freedom* winning best picture in my opinion (they handled a god-awful subject with style and grace somehow!). I'm also keeping my letter-writing skills fine-tuned as well by renewing old friendships from last year's reunion with Caroline Campbell McCarthy and Cathy Torresani Geppert! It was also great purchasing some wildlife art sculptures from LU juried artist Michael Updike this past year!

Janet L. Salzwedel and **James D. Bretz:** After teaching Plant Biology, Microbiology, Molecular Cell Biology, and several other courses over the past 30 years at Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan, I decided to retire. Not one to go quietly, I have been volunteering in a research lab in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Toledo.

1984

Bradford P. Aspgren and **April K. Aspgren:** Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion in June! My wife, April, and I already have our flight and Airbnb reservations. I recently had my 31st work anniversary with American Airlines as I lead the Operations Team for the American Airlines Federal Credit Union. April and I are very involved in our church, Northwest Bible Church in Dallas, TX, and enjoy traveling in our free time, including hiking Patagonia in Argentina over the 2022–23 year-end holidays and scuba in the Caribbean in March.

David W. Bolgrien P'15 and **Kelly Sharp Bolgrien '85 P'15:** My wife, Kelly, and I retired in 2022 and continue to live in Duluth, MN. I began as a research limnologist with Sub Richman on Green Bay. I ended my career with the US EPA, again, in Green Bay. With Sub's passing, I have reflected on this wonderful voyage. Substitute teaching is now keeping me busy. I also volunteer with an excursion railroad in Duluth. Working from home during COVID-19 taught me to share time and space with Kelly's quilting. Watching her create was better than any Zoom meeting. Our daughter, Anna (2015), and her husband, Bjorn Gowdy-Jaehnig (2016) live in Minneapolis. Our daughter, Mindy, is appearing in her 16th performance of the *Nutcracker Ballet* this year.

Dr. Thomas D. Brucker and **Debra M. Brucker:** I have been working as a pathologist at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee since November 2014. I had been in practice with Aurora Health Care for 20 years prior—29 years total! I'm actually still enjoying it a lot and am still having fun, so there are no plans to retire soon. My wife Debbie and I will be celebrating 31 years of marriage in October 2023. We are actually enjoying the empty nest thing! We spent two weeks in Ecuador (a wedding) and the Galapagos Islands in February. Both daughters are in Boulder, CO. Elizabeth is 26 and has been working since graduating from U. of Colorado-Boulder, and plans to attend law school next year. Margaret, 23, is a senior at Boulder.

Patrick J. Grogan and **Betty Grogan:** I have been living in the Birmingham, AL area for over 8 years with my wife Betty. We will be celebrating our 24th year of marriage in October! I am still working in technical sales, selling lab equipment for the aerospace (rocket builders, guess who?), automotive, and steel-making industries. The skills I learned at L.U. as a geologist are directly applicable to my position in preparing specimens for Materialographic examination. For fun, my wife and I have been involved as a foster family for dog rescue (over 300 pups) for over 22 years. I am also involved with flying WWII aircraft. If you are heading to the Gulf Shores, stop by and say hello! GO LU Football! Roll Tide!!

Jill Manuel and **Katherine DeLaPena:** I still live in Sacramento, California, where the climate is, without a doubt, the best in the country. We love exploring the mountains, ocean, and Bay Area by bike and hiking. I cycled off the LUAA board this year and feel so optimistic about the future of Lawrence. While on the board, I loved reconnecting with Lawrence and getting to know alumni from all classes. While contemplating transitioning out of the news business, I am proud of the quality of journalism produced by my team. This past year we won a Peabody nomination, a national Edward R. Murrow Award, two national Emmy nominations, a national Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) long-form video award, and were awarded the Northern California Emmy for Overall Excellence/News Excellence.

Katherine Moore Lauderbaugh and **Gregg D. Lauderbaugh:** Retired after 30+ years at The Northern Trust Company. Traveling with my husband Gregg in our tiny camper, seeing LU friends, and touring the country when not at home in Chicago

Laurie Hovell McMillin and **Tracy Scott McMillin:** I am a professor of writing and communication at Oberlin College—I've been here 25 years. My husband TS just retired from the English Department. We have two adult sons, Liam and Jack—Liam is a lawyer and Jack is an artist/carpenter. I have continued to travel to and study South Asia, an interest that drew me to LU and the ACM India Program 40+ years ago. When I look at

my life, I see so many threads that connect back to LU: a lifelong connection to Iyengar yoga, first suggested by Jack Stanley, the doing and teaching of writing connecting back to Profs. Fritzell, Tjossem and Dintenfass. I feel grateful for the small classes and faculty connections afforded to us at LU.

Laurence P. Minsky and **Rhonda Present:** I have a new book: *Voice Marketing: Harnessing the Power of Conversational AI to Drive Customer Engagement*—my seventh commercially available book from an established traditional publisher. It was academically single-blind peer-reviewed. It details how marketers should best approach voice and conversational AI to ensure an optimal return on their investments. It explores the legal and ethical issues that marketers need to address. And it is filled with real-world examples and behind-the-scenes stories. The Marketing AI Institute called it one of “the very best books on AI in 2023.” Finally, I was promoted to the rank of professor in August 2022.

Charles D. Saunders and **Kazuko U. Saunders:** I'm on my third iteration of living in Wisconsin, counting Lawrence as my first. I really love the state. After post-LU stints in New York and Japan as a student and finance geek, I spent 25 years as a Stock Portfolio Manager, first at the State Pension Fund in Madison and then building a company in NYC that was purchased by a company from, you guessed it, Wisconsin. After winding that up, I entered the final act of my professional life here in Madison as the Chief Investment Officer for the University of Wisconsin. I am greatly enjoying my pre-retirement life here, Kazuko and I have been traveling abroad a lot, and both our daughters got married this year. See you at reunion.

Katherine van Beuningen-Newkirk and **Vincent J. Newkirk, Jr.:** I have been designing and building one-of-a-kind multi-media pieces from popular culture themes. I have presented over 3 dozen free exhibitions of my works in libraries and museums since 2002. My third exhibition this year was in October 2023, at the Joliet Public Library in Joliet, IL. Nearly all of the materials I use to create these pieces are repurposed. Inspired by stories retold in many different cultures, my most recent *Storybook Collection* celebrates the magic found within the human spirit. I hope my creations will inspire the magic of creativity and wonder. Keep up with all of my latest creations on Facebook [@galaxiesinfabric](#) and Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/kvanb](#)

1986

John K. Hellermann '86 and **Cornelia Wagner:** Greetings dear LU alum! I am looking forward to the end of the summer season and the beginning of plum harvest, grape harvest and rain. We have had a lovely summer, though, little smoke and tolerable heat. The liberal arts is diminishing in influence at my institution as is the case around the country at public universities. My department (linguistics) hopes to reorganize with World

Languages to make a more holistic languages/linguistics program that will more closely follow the charge of the university: ‘Let knowledge serve the city’. I am lucky to have colleagues who are open to change as an opportunity for growth and am energized by the spirit of Cornel West's presidential run. Cheers!

Colleen M. McVeigh-Buist '86 P'23 and **Robert S. Buist P'23:** I still live, work and play in Chicago. After 6 years, I left the position at the Field Museum and took a long break to travel. I also work part-time at a local remnant prairie. In October, I will take the prairie seeds I recently collected and the botanical knowledge I acquired over the last 7 years to my new position as greenhouse manager and horticultural director at a private high school affiliated with my ‘other’ alma mater, DePaul University. I am looking forward to helping students to grow organic plants for the school's culinary arts program and native species for distribution to community and school gardens. Check out the prairie [@jameswoodworthprairie](#) on Instagram or Facebook.

Kevin A. Walch '86 and **Cathy M. Walch:** My wife Cathy and I have been settled in the Atlanta, GA area since 2019. We've been enjoying the Georgia outdoors through golfing, hiking and boating on a nearby lake. We've been going back to the Midwest throughout the year to visit our daughter in the Milwaukee area, stay at our condo in Door County, and visit extended family during Christmas time in Chicago area.

Dr. Jeffrey A. Walker: A new professional adventure began on August 9: I joined the Advancement team at Simmons University, in Boston, as their fully remote Senior Strategic Research Officer. (Yes, I still reside in Wisconsin.)

1988

Ireta L. Gasner: I was excited this summer to visit Switzerland, spending time in the area my family emigrated from and meeting a distant cousin doing genealogical research. Last fall, it was good to spend time with Peter Kelly, Susan Crawford and Jennifer (Rock) D'Amico (all '87) as friends and family gathered in New York City to celebrate the life of Jennifer Johnson (also '87).

Corinne Marohl Salerno and **Thomas Salerno:** My family and I have been back in Wisconsin for a little over nine years. I am currently teaching kindergarten at Bonduel Elementary School. I have four wonderful adult children and two amazing granddaughters.

Louis J. Wool: My high school basketball team at Evanston High School was inducted into the school's hall of fame after we went undefeated and lost the state championship game in 1983–84. It was really great seeing my old teammates and coach. I am going to retire from teaching at the end of school year 2025 at Wheeling High School. I am probably going to return as a tutor or teaching

assistant just to stay active and involved. Every year I appreciate my experiences and education at Lawrence University more and more.

Dr. Jeffrey M. Keil and **Arianna K. Keil:** Greetings from Cary, NC! I continue to work for Duke Urgent Care—recently switched clinic home base to have a shorter commute. Like many people, I have found Pickleball as a hobby. My wife, Arianna, became Chief Quality Officer for the state Medicaid Program this year. Sophia and Jacob both turned 24 this summer. Sophia graduated from Oberlin this past year. She set aside her flute and is doing an NIH-sponsored preparatory research training program at Johns Hopkins. Jacob is doing well at his job at a car parts store in Madison, WI. Arianna and I are enjoying our empty nest.

David J. Lane and **Mary E. Lane:** I am chair of the Psychology Department at Western Illinois University.

John A. Ulven and **Jackie K. Ulven:** It's been a while (actually never) since I submitted a class news note, so here's a quick recap of the last 33 years. After LU, I studied at the U of MN and chose software engineering. It has been a rewarding career that has allowed me to fully embrace the technically skilled and neurodivergent side I was not aware of earlier in life. I was fortunate to find and marry the love of my life, Jackie. We live in Minneapolis with our cattle dog Wilder. In June, we visited Norway. It was pleasing to hear people pronounce my last name “Ulven” correctly! I also traveled to India for work. Our next adventure is up to the national forest campgrounds in northern MN with our beloved Airstream camper.

1992

Jennifer L. Baumgardner and **Michael Bedrick:** I just dropped my older son off at Oberlin and am looking forward to parents’ weekend for many reasons, including that I will get to have a mini-reunion with Shelley Davis, my roommate at Lawrence because her daughter is a sophomore there. Other than that, we still live in downtown NYC, I am still in publishing, and I’m finishing up the second volume of the literary journal LIBER. If you feel like you need more feminist reading materials in your life, subscribe.

Aaron R. Burmeister: I’m currently working as a quality manager for Iowa Care Community, a non-profit home health and hospice agency in Iowa City, IA.

Andrew C. Kesler: I'm in my 32nd year teaching high school physics, and my 14th year living in northern NJ. We're starting into the empty-nest phase with both kids now off to college. I love keeping up with classmates Eric Draheim, Will Giesey, Molly Arnason, and Steve Coventry as much as I can, and I hope that the rest of you are well too!

Elizabeth Anne Pall: I have worked as a management analyst for the DoD/USAF/AFRL HQ for approximately eight years as a civilian. For the past 1.5 years, I have been working towards a graduate certificate in Data Analytics through the AF Institute of Technology, learning challenging yet necessary skills in Statistics, Python, AI/ML, and NNs. On a personal note, my daughter is now a senior at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY (a liberal arts college), and my son just began high school. Time has moved quickly! I will be back in WI for the Labor Day weekend, visiting Door County for a much-needed vacation.

Dirk J. Ribbens and **Kelly McGlauchlen Ribbens '91:** Dirk Ribbens and Kelly (McGlaughlen) Ribbens are still living in De Pere, in the shadow of the St. Norbert College campus. Kelly teaches middle school choir in the West De Pere School District, and Dirk is the principal at Ashwaubenon High School. Their two daughters are done with college and pursuing life, careers, and/or grad school in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Gina Seegers Szablewski P'21 and **Joshua J. Szablewski '94 P'21:** This year I published my first book, Environmental Geology. I took over the authoring of this textbook in the 12th edition after the author passed away. I will be using the text in my own class at UW–Milwaukee, where I have been teaching for over 20 years in the geology department. I recently was promoted to Teaching Faculty and awarded indefinite status (tenure track for non-professors.) First time authoring at the end of the pandemic and being the first to handle the book as an e-book (second in print) was very challenging. But I have to say that my liberal arts background from LU came through again! Josh and I celebrated our 26th anniversary this past May.

1994

Lauren Gatti and **David Martin:** I am entering my 12th year as a professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, where I coordinate the secondary English teacher education program, teach undergraduate courses in Methods, and teach graduate courses in teacher education policy and democratic education. I still run (a lot more slowly!), bake, and read. I spoil my two cats, Max and Cleo. In July 2023, I got married to David Martin, the best human being I know. Life is good in Lincoln, Nebraska!

Kirsten R. Lies-Warfield and **Dr. Patrick R. Warfield:** We have moved to Minneapolis after 24 years in the Washington, D.C., area. Patrick is the new director of the School of Music at the University of Minnesota and I am enjoying retirement from the army band after serving for 20 years. We have already reconnected with Lawrentians here in the cities and feel right at home. I'm looking forward to getting out and playing trombone and otherwise being involved in this rich musical community.

F. Raphael Lyford and **Julie Lyford:** Hello all! My wife and I are empty-nesters starting this fall. The oldest child is in third year at UW–River Falls. The youngest child is at MN State University Mankato. Still live in the Twin Cities, MN, area. I'm in my seventh year managing a cloud computing platform for Synchrony Bank. My big COVID project was recording some songs and I'm still tinkering with them. You can hear them at www.cubetunes.com. I've been going to a lot of live music this year. With no kids at home, I hope to start up a practice routine and maybe start performing again.

Kathleen Metzger Newmyer and **Daniel Newmyer:** This year begins year seven teaching 5th grade in Clear Creek ISD in the Houston area. I am proud that my liberal arts education from Lawrence helped me secure the position of 2024 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail(TM). Last fall I applied and was accepted as a finalist. With two other teachers from the U.S., I traveled to Anchorage, Alaska to see the Iditarod start, present at the Iditarod Education Winter Conference, and meet mushers and their wonderful sled dogs. For the next year, I will share lessons for teachers in all levels/ contents, then make connections from the 2024 Iditarod Trail during the race. To follow my Iditarod teaching, visit www.Iditarod.com/edu.

Michael J. Patterson and **Johnny Jaramillo:** Michael Patterson lives in San Francisco with his partner, Johnny, and his cat, Mr. Tumnus. He spends his weekdays at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music as the associate vice president of human resources and administration, and he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees at Grace Cathedral (Episcopal) in SF. Michael urges his classmates not to believe all the negative press reports about San Francisco, a boom and bust town where many neighborhoods continue to thrive.

Jiayi Ling Young and **Shih-wen Young:** Our daughter, Sophia, just started college at Bowdoin. Shih-Wen and I are excited for her, but we are now empty-nesters. I finished my three-year tenure as the chair of the graduate Design MFA program at UC Davis this year. I look forward to the upcoming years where I would be able to shift focus toward my creative work. It has also been an honor to serve on the Lawrence University Alumni Association Board of Directors. I now co-chair the Connecting Alumni Committee with the incredible Bob Currie '74. Let me know if anyone has ideas on connecting with alums. My full-time job remains as an Associate Professor of Design at UC Davis.

1996

Aaron Lindberg and **Daniel Thomack:** My husband, Daniel, and I recently experienced a historic confluence of events when Tropical Storm Hilary and a 5.1 earthquake struck Los Angeles on the same day; it was surreal and may never happen again in our lifetime. This year, I became a certified Gallup’s CliftonStrengths coach. I enjoy helping my

clients understand their talents and teaching them how to leverage their strengths so they can reach their full potential, personally and professionally. I'm also excited to be an inaugural member of LU's Alumni Association Board of Directors' Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee. I can apply my professional expertise to serve and support the LU community. In February 2023, I traveled to Amsterdam to experience the largest exhibition of Vermeer paintings at the Rijksmuseum. To see *The Girl with the Pearl Earring* along with 27 of his 35 known works was a blessing I never thought I'd experience. Somehow, the universe made this happen; never give up on your dreams! I spent hours lingering in the galleries and absorbing the quiet beauty of Vermeer's artistry. Sadly, we also experienced the passing of Rich “Gish” Canaday—a dear friend who brightened every space he entered. He probably holds the record for attending the most LU alumni weddings and I suspect he probably Dj'd the majority of them. We miss you Gish and know you're hosting a fabulous dance party with all of the alumni who left us too soon. Love you, Gish, and thank you for reminding us to embrace the present. Carpe diem.

Jonathan Glenn Reynolds and **Jennifer Reynolds:** I live in Mill Valley, CA, with my son and two dogs. I'm grateful to have reconnected with friends from Lawrence ... those renewed friendships bring me so much joy. Truly, I miss you all ... you each hold a special place in my growth as a person. My company, Mindful Life, Mindful Work, Inc. continues to propagate mindful self and systemic awareness, and we've launched an online community where meaningful relationships can be cultivated. My executive coaching work keeps me busy, but never too busy to enjoy yoga, sitting in a café, or seeing live music and dancing until dawn (OK ... maybe midnight!). Reach out if you'd like to reconnect or are in the Bay Area ... it'd be nice to hear how you're doing.

Catherine A. Statz and **Thomas J. Pamperin:** After 26 years with the Wisconsin Farmers Union, I embarked on a new adventure with my spouse, Tom, this past year. Having arranged remote project work with several beloved organizations related to my career in education on the cooperative business model, I joined Tom in Wrocław, Poland, where he taught English at an international school. A new teaching opportunity arose for him this summer, so we recently moved to Casablanca, Morocco—where we discovered another LU alum, along with many Midwesterners! We're enjoying travel during the school breaks, including five nights camping and rowing down the Thames in a Victorian-era-styled skiff, and hiking across Northern England on the Coast-to-Coast Path.

Dr. Richard J. Tirk and **Suzanne Hickman Tirk '98:** Suzanne and I currently live in Norman, Oklahoma, with our two kids, Simon (9) and Malia (7). I'm the professor of trumpet and jazz at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and in

my downtime I make mean chocolate chip cookies and help out with my kids’ soccer teams.

Audrey Johnivan Wright and **Eric Wright:** A year of big changes. Just finished my second master's degree in December (MH in creative writing), and just moved my two oldest kids into college (a junior at Michigan Tech and a freshman at the University of Kentucky). My youngest is a freshman at Oxford High School and is in the marching band. Love hearing them play—reminds me of LU. I am still teaching 8th grade English in Troy, but this year added a 6th class of 7th graders, so no prep time! Yikes. Excited for a girls' trip to Hawaii in January. I feel very centered and lucky.

1998

Deborah N. Carlson: Debbie Carlson will be performing her newly commissioned viola concerto, Plein Air, by Griffin Candey, on March 2, 2024. Debbie is the principal violist of the Marquette Symphony Orchestra. The world premiere happened last Spring of 2023 with the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra. Last year was also exciting because she got married to Kathryn Simmons, another violist who was originally from downstate Michigan.

1999

Willie Aguilar: Performing as Will the Thrill, Willie Aguilar is living his dream of fronting an '80s-style Arena Metal band. His latest album, *Take it Sleazy*, was released on July 28, 2023, and has quickly become the most illegally downloaded album in Russia. Check it out on Bandcamp here: <https://willthethrill.bandcamp.com/album/take-it-sleazy> ... Also, follow him on his social media pages [@willthethrill80s](https://www.instagram.com/willthethrill80s).

Kathleen Callaghan and **Ben White:** My husband, Ben, and I live in a suburb of Madison with three teenagers who keep us busy with music, sports, and drama ... no, not theatre, just teenage drama. Ben and I both work for the American Cancer Society, advocating for cancer screening (colonoscopies, people!) and raising funds to support patients and research because of our journey with Ben's lymphoma. He has been in remission for almost four years and our family is thankful every day, even when the kids don't clean up after themselves, or understand that there's more to life than their phones. I still love playing the horn, run a bunch, and enjoy lots of pickleball. I can't wait to spend time with our classmates in June 2024.

Chad M. Freeburg: I'm living in Minneapolis with my wife Courtney Gerber (also Lawrence class of '99). We've been in Minneapolis for 16 years! I work 100% remotely with NXT Capital LLC, a direct lending asset management firm in Chicago, IL, as a senior project and product manager with the Technology team. My daughter, Isla, just turned 11 years old and will be starting 5th grade at Green Central Dual Language Immersion Elementary School. Isla has been speaking Spanish since she

was 6 months old. This past summer, the entire family (myself, Isla, and Courtney) traveled to Chicago to attend Lollapalooza. It was the first time for me and Isla, and the undisputed highlight was seeing Billie Eilish live!

Courtney A. Gerber: I'm living in Minneapolis (on Dakhóta and Ojibwe land) with my husband Chad ('99) and our fiery and loving 11-year-old Isla. After 20 years in art education and community engagement roles in museums, I transitioned to the role of program director at the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits where I develop the vision for the organization's educational and networking offerings in partnership with our members, allies, and colleagues. In addition to family and career, I'm a trained birth doula and am outside whenever possible—growing things, paddling, hiking, and breathing. When I'm feeling brave I call myself a poet and will be releasing my first collection of poems this winter.

Suzanne J. Murphy and **Brian Jorgenson, Esq.:** I'm enjoying life in Minneapolis with my husband Brian and our two kids, Owen (8) and Ula (6). After 13 ½ years as a policy aide at Minneapolis City Council, I now work for Xcel Energy as their senior manager of community relations handling the relationship with the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County government. It's an interesting spot to learn more about clean energy, utilities, and how it all works.

Erin Oliver Velasco and **Damien S. Velasco:** I am still living in Appleton with my husband, Damien, and two Boston Terriers. I've been working for Hunter Douglas the past 18+ years, and was recently promoted to IT manager, Business Data & Tools for North America. I'm thankful this is a remote position, with only occasional travel to our IT office in Colorado. I look forward to our reunion in 2024 to catch up with those I don't see or hear from often!

2000

Jennifer Hodges Bryan and **Stephen Bryan:** I am working at a nonprofit as a financial manager. I am also principal oboist in two regional orchestras, second oboe/EH in two other regional orchestras, and do freelancing work around the state. I have three children; two are young adults, the youngest is a senior in high school.

Robyn E. Cutright and **Drew Meadows:** I'm still working as an associate professor of anthropology at Centre College. I spent two months in Peru this summer on an archaeological excavation and am currently on sabbatical writing my next book, serving as editor of *Nawpa Pacha: the Journal of the Institute of Andean Studies*, and planning my next trip with my husband Drew.

Katherine Wroblewski Diop and **Aly Diop:** Katherine “Kate” (Wroblewski) Diop and family moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in August 2023 from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where they

spent the last four years. Kate is the new public affairs officer at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, working on media relations, cultural programming, and education and exchange programs under the umbrella of public diplomacy. Kate and her husband, Aly, have three children: Karim (2o) who is a second-year student at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; Madeleine (15), and Ayman (4). They enjoy Southeast Asian cuisine and travel opportunities, and welcome visitors!

Dr. Carrie Stoffel Glimm and **Dr. Tilmann Glimm**: I am still living in Bellingham, WA, with my husband Tilmann and two kids ages 10 and 13. This past year I returned to the work force after many years as a stay at home parent. I now work for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as a parent examiner in chemistry. I work 100% remotely and have never even been to the office in the D.C. area. How times have changed since we graduated in 2000!

Joshua P. Hobson: In the last two years, I have finished my longtime goal of traveling to every state in the U.S. My wife and I hiked the top half of the Appalachian Trail, arriving at states #48 and #49, New Hampshire and Maine, on foot. This July, I traveled to state 50, Alaska. I now have a goal to cycle from Wonder Lake at the foot of Mt. Denali to Badwater Basin in Death Valley. That would be my second longest bike tour after my San Francisco to Lake Superior (to Appleton) to Montauk Point ride in 2010. I have also recently started a podcast, *The Tuesday Weekend*, about my experiences in the restaurant industry over the last 20 years.

Eric A. Nelsen and **Katherine Nelsen**: After an extensive student-led search process, Eric Nelsen and his spouse, Kat, are proud to see kid #1 off to LU joining the class of 2027. Eric lives in the Twin Cities with his family, serving his community as a public library administrator.

Eli S. Salembier and **Amy J. Thudium '01**: I've been working for the past three years as the director of finance and operations at the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre and Dance. It's great to be back working with the performing arts and U of M is an amazing place (albeit VERY different from Lawrence). Outside of work I'm kept busy by our three kids, dog, rabbit, cooking, and woodworking.

Victoria Annen Taylor and **Kurt J. Taylor '99**: Kurt and I are still living in Madison, WI, with our 12-year-old husky mix, Sydney. In April this year we adopted a two-year-old golden retriever named Bella. I work at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Dane County as a dementia care specialist, which is a challenging but enjoyable position that gives me the opportunity to provide education, support and guidance to families living with dementia as well as community outreach. We bought a camper this year and have been continuing to explore the Wisconsin state parks.



Josh Hobson '00,
Denali National Park.

Amy Schmitting White and **Anthony E. White**: Tony White, also Class of 2000, and I are still enjoying our time in Wauwatosa, where our two teens are now in high school at Wauwatosa East. I telework from my home full time for the Mayo Clinic Biochemical Genetics Lab as a genetic counselor, and for fun I teach Biochemical Genetics to 1st semester genetic counseling graduate students at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Tony continues his work as an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee County, where he is the primary ADA in the drug deferral program, which involves rehabilitating minor drug offenders to keep them sober and out of jail/prison. We've enjoyed watching children of our friends attend LU and cannot believe our kids are almost college-aged!

2002

Abigail Baldwin Coyne and **Wes Smith**: Abigail Coyne and her husband, Wes Smith, welcomed a daughter, Sloane Elizabeth Baldwin Smith, on July 28, 2022. Their son, Logan William, 3, is a very enthusiastic big brother.

Chuck Erickson and **E-Ben Grisby**: I still live in Appleton and am working as an independent educational consultant with College Connectors, helping students and families navigate the college search and application process. It is such a joy working as a virtual college counselor with students nationwide. In other big news, I have joined the Lawrence University Alumni Association (LUAA) Board of Directors and will work on connecting the campus to the Appleton/Fox Valley community. Finally, after 15 years of living near downtown Appleton, my husband, E-Ben Grisby, and I decided to move. We now live on the north side of Appleton, where I can have a home office and more space to enjoy our lives. Let us know when you are visiting Appleton!

Melanie A. Kehoss and **Kaveh Jorabch**: Last April, I was resident artist at RAAM103 in Ghent, Belgium, where I was delighted in both the city and making art without the worries of daily life. I returned to Arlington, VA, where my new backyard studio was nearly finished! I'm now installed in the studio, where I'm working on a project about the history of chocolate.

Kate C. Schulz: I'm a happy resident and new home buyer in Atlanta, GA. My partner and I bought a house this spring and we're digging into homeownership (literally and figuratively).

My terrier Finn and his three kids are very happy with our big backyard. Career-wise, I remain in education. I'm working for a non-profit with a mission to improve instruction for small and medium sized districts, particularly focusing on historically marginalized groups of students. Working in this sector has been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling. Plus, my LU research and writing skills always come in handy.

Katherine M. Troyer and **Eric Proulx**: I am living in Oregon with my husband, Eric, and two little boys, Watson and Emory, ages 8 and 5. I work as the creative director for a pattern design-based home decor brand in Portland, OR, and work on product lines ranging from wallpaper to window film and apparel. We love enjoying the outdoors of the Pacific Northwest and pack our summers full of trips to the Oregon coast, mountains, and camping with our large bernedoodle dog, George.

2003

Anneliese M. DeDiemar and **Lacey Capps**: I reside in Nashville, TN, with my wife, Lacey Capps. I am a board member of the Lawrence University Alumni Association (LUAA), and work as the associate director of Development and Alumni Relations Communication for Vanderbilt University. My recent proposal submission, for a collaboration with the Nashville Children's Theatre, was selected as part of Vanderbilt's 150th anniversary celebration. *Strong Inside*, a theatre presentation for young audiences—the world premiere stage adaptation of Andrew Maraniss' *New York Times* bestselling biography of Perry Wallace, Vanderbilt alumnus and sports and civil rights trailblazer—debuted fall of 2023.

Margaret Ozaki Graves and **R. Scott Graves**: I was named director of education and community engagement at Central City Opera in November 2022, following previous appointments there as associate director of education and education coordinator. In April, I assumed additional duties to the 2023 Festival as production scheduler and will serve as an adjudicator for CCO's 2024 auditions for the Bonfils-Stanton Training Artist Programs. In September, I celebrated 16 years of marriage to Scott Graves.

Robin Griffeath and **Kristin Santele Griffeath '02**: I have accepted a position as associate professor of music at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. I am currently professor of music



Rachel Gates Katkar '06 and Ravi Katkar '06 with their sons Zorro and Ursino.

at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. My duties will include teaching applied voice, diction, and directing the Concordia opera program.

Angela S. Meyers: I moved from NYC to Heilbronn, Germany, in August 2022 to start a new full-time teaching position. I have successfully completed my first year now as the primary music teacher at the Josef-Schwarz Schule. I have found so much happiness here! Prost!

Clara C. Muggli-Toyloy and **Darryl Muggli-Toyloy**: I still live in Decorah, Iowa, with my husband Darryl and three kids—Olive (9), Zeno, (7), and Dahlia (2). My sustainable flower farm and floral design business, Oak & Olive Flowers, continues to grow with a focus on bouquet subscriptions, events, and an online flower shop. I also started a new producer-owned cooperative business with several other flower farmers, selling wholesale to florists. Darryl runs an artisan sourdough bakery.

2004

Anna M. Akerstedt and **Matt Miley**: I have just arrived at Williams College (Williamstown, MA) on a teaching fellowship for the fall semester. I will be teaching clinical neuropsychology to the psychology and neuroscience students. I am bringing my husband and two children (ages 5 and 7) on this adventure! I am very excited to be back in an environment that is very similar to what I experienced at LU.

Jennifer K. Burns: I have been enjoying my job as performance manager for the Historic Theatre Group in Minneapolis, MN, so much so that I just celebrated two years. My sister and I are still enjoying the crazy antics of our dog, Max. I still love to hug manatees.

Christopher M. Chan: Chris Chan has published two novels in 2023. *Ghosting My Friend*, the first novel in the Funderburke and Kaiming series, was

published by Level Best Books in March. *Nessie's Nemesis*, the sequel to *Sherlock's Secretary*, was published by MX Publishing in September. Chris's short story anthology, *Of Course He Pushed Him and Other Sherlock Holmes Stories: The Complete Collection*, was nominated for a Silver Falchion Award this summer. This year, Chris was also hired as a true crime and short story writer for the quarterly magazine *Mystery, Crime, and Mayhem*.

Nathan P. Jacobs: I have been using my Russian major and French minor to make music in those languages with my band, The Crypt, and to manage non-English speaking workers at Wilson's restaurant in Ephraim. I currently split my time between Juddville and Washington Island, where I spend time with my girlfriend and her family.

Akshai Sarin: #LifeAfterLawrenceIn100Words: Released albums on Sony & Universal Music. Traveled to 40+ countries. Performed at festivals headlined by icons like Beyoncé, Black Eyed Peas. Founded Axyz Music Int'l. Runner up for Rolling Stone Magazine's Young Music Entrepreneur award. Did a corporate stint. Headed Culture at energy drink Red Bull, then was president of strategic partnerships at a TV channel. In 2012, left corporate to lead a life of purpose. Co-founded The TiLT Festival, a global change-makers summit, BlessdBuy.com, a social enterprise engaging vulnerable communities, CreativeDignity.org, a World Economic Forum awarded not for profit movement. Coach for “elevated living” for 20 years.

Megan E. Schendel and **Nathan E. Gauntt**: Megan Schendel and Nathan Gauntt welcomed baby Felix Gauntt in October 2022. Megan has been happy to contribute to neuroimaging research on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, with a few recent coauthored articles published on brain activity across development measured in infants, children, and adolescents.

Dr. Rebecca L. Schmidt: Rebecca Schmidt married Nathan Erickson in September 2023. We are living the mountain dream in Steamboat Springs, CO. Celebrate with us at Reunion in June!

Caitlin A. Turriff and **Jeffrey D. Turriff '02**: Jeff and Caitlin have been in Seattle for over nine years. Early 2023 brought job changes for both of us. Jeff left Amazon and now works for Wizards of the Coast as a senior director of product management for e-commerce on DnD Beyond. Caitlin still works for the same company but has switched brands and roles and is now a government account manager and audiologist for Signia hearing aids. We have a 3.5-year-old French Bulldog named Tilly who keeps us entertained.

2005

Chelsea A. Bridges: After living in England for three years, my partner and I (married 20 years in June!) settled in the greater D.C. area in 2010. I

work in program management for a Department of Defense cybersecurity contract. We have two daughters, Fiona (9) and Charlotte (7) along with a pug and a corgi.

Michelle C. Fitzpatrick and **Dan Peterson**: I live in Orland Park, Illinois, with my husband, Dan Peterson, and two highly energetic kids—Jackson “Jax” and Isabelle “Izzie”. I was recently promoted to Staff Vice President at Centene where I work on their Marketplace/Commercial product line, which provides affordable insurance to individuals. The kids keep me and my husband busy. I have also joined the class reunion committee—how are we almost at 20 years—and hope to catch up with everyone in June!

Peter T. Gillette and **Lizabeth Huey**: In September 2022, I moved from an administrative role at the University of Chicago to become director of development for Chicago Sinfonietta, an orchestra that focuses on DEI and gender inclusion. I also play trumpet in “theatrical circus punk marching band” Mucca Pazza (alongside fellow Lawrentians Andy Dietrich and Anna Jacobsen; shout out to Nick Siegel '03, who brought me into the band). I live in the Logan Square neighborhood with my son, Jack (7), and as he grows, we're checking out a ton of concerts. Other hobbies include cycling, running, and volunteering/advocating through my church and local political organizations around issues like affordable housing, wage fairness and decarceration, where important work is being done in Chicago.

Christie Herold Heike and **Tobias Heike**: In June, I completed my Ph.D. *summa cum laude* in English linguistics at the Europa-Universität Flensburg in Germany. My dissertation focused on the implications of research on English as a lingua franca (ELF) for the English language classroom in contexts like Germany where English is taught as a foreign language. In September, I started a post-doc position at the same university, where I will be able to continue researching and teaching linguistics. I also hope to get back to playing more cello now that the Ph.D. is finally done! My daughters, now 8 and 10, are learning recorder and violin, and I love living in a house filled with music!

2006

Bonnie Alger: In Fall 2022, I became the Officer-in-Charge of The U.S. Army Chorus, and a first-time homeowner! Maurice and I love living in Northern Virginia, where we have views of VA, MD, and D.C. from the 16th floor of our condo. The Chorus and I have performed at the U.S. Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon, and State Department, as well as NFL and MLB games, a couple of which have been televised! I love seeing and hearing from fellow alumni. If you're living in or visiting D.C., please look me up!

Christopher W. Bowman and **Erin McCarthy Bowman**: In January 2023, I was named a shareholder at Madigan, Dahl & Harlan, P.A.,

a national business law firm headquartered in downtown Minneapolis representing businesses and individuals in trademark, business, franchise, and general civil litigation as well as transactional and real-estate matters. Erin is still teaching in Spring Lake Park (our home district) and will have our oldest daughter in the building with her this year taking classes across the hallway from Erin’s room.

Veronica Krysiak Burke and **Stuart L. Burke ’04:** I changed my last name; didn’t get married, just changed to be a reflection of my true self! Witt is my mom’s maiden name. I have called Madison, WI home since 2008. I have been working in healthcare in many forms since graduating; over the last decade working specifically as an ophthalmic technician. Currently, I have a unique and exciting role with UW Health Ophthalmology, working in the outpatient pediatric ophthalmology clinic, assisting during surgeries, as well as coordinating the ROP (retinopathy of prematurity) program to prevent infant blindness. I live with my dog Bowie, and cats Cato and Stevie. I play disc golf, softball, and fish in my free time.

Douglas A. Detrick and **Jennifer Detrick:** After living in Portland, OR, for the last 10 years, my wife, two kids (8 and 10), and I moved to Viroqua, WI. It’s nice to be back in Wisconsin, and I look forward to reconnecting with fellow Lawrentians! We were ready for a change for educational and family reasons, and it’s been really nice so far. While in Portland, I was executive director of a small arts nonprofit. The next chapter in my professional life was to launch a consulting business focused on grant writing and nonprofit management for arts and culture organizations called Substrate Arts Consulting. I’m still pursuing my own musical projects and have also been writing fiction.

Brad R. Grimmer and **Kate Grimmer:** My wife and I finally became parents in December. Our son is a happy and outgoing baby who is keeping his parents on their toes!

Rachel Gates Katkar and **Ravi D. Katkar:** Rachel Gates Katkar and Ravi Katkar ’06 celebrated the birth of their second baby, Zorro. He was born on Father’s Day, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces. His brother, Ursino, is so thrilled to be a big brother. Future Lawrence classes of 2040 and 2045??

Joseph F. Loehnis and **Evan Moss:** My wife, Evan Moss, and I live in Madison, WI. (Willy St. neighborhood). We have three kiddos, Levi (7), Sunny (4), Dell (<1). I am currently the CEO of the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, and Evan is on faculty at the UW–Madison School of Education. Reach out when you are in town!

Peter A. Maldonado and **Sarah Mohrmann Maldonado ’08:** Sarah, Peter, and the munchkins, Oliver (8), August (5), and Natalie (3), had a pretty solid year. We bought a minivan, renovated two bathrooms, and visited family in CA and FL.



Bethany Jordan Folk ’12

Peter switched bank employers in late 2022 and was hired to join a team dedicated to large-scale renewable energy lending while getting to work remotely full-time. The job is a good marriage for the two halves of his job history in energy finance and regular commercial banking. Peter also took on the role of Dungeon Master and has been running games of D&D with friends all year. The kids are all growing, learning, scheming, and not quite done being picky eaters. They love Lego, Pokemon, and their bikes.

Shannon A. McCue and **Jacob Adams:** Greetings, Lawrentians! My family and I are still living and working in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. I am the education director at the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa, where I work on both regional and statewide initiatives to build more equitable pathways to arts education access. My husband, Jacob Adams, is associate professor of viola at the University of Alabama. I, myself, still play viola professionally in various regional orchestras. The summer’s most exciting event was the birth of our daughter, Maya Grace Adams, who joined us on August 9, 2023! Big brothers Isaac (5) and Jesse (3) are thrilled/shocked/excited/confused at this new addition, and we’re all settling into new rhythms and routines!

Lou E Perella and **Laura Elise Perella:** My daughter, Lucy, just entered kindergarten this year. She is running for class president and has some stiff competition. In my spare time I have been acting as her campaign advisor and told her that it’s impossible to lose if you run on a Pro-Jetpack platform. A wise man once said “A Vote for Lucy is a Vote for Jetpacks!” Vote Lucy 2024!

Sarah Schmidt: In 2022, I published my first novella, *101 Ways to Kill Your Ex-Husband*. I also did the cover art. Digital copies and softcovers for sale on Amazon and digital copies on Barnes and Noble. My son left for college in August 2023. He went to California to study gunsmithing, as we are a pro-gun family. My daughter starts her sophomore year in high school this year, and



Kate Bittner ’12, Evan Williams ’11, and Amanda Ketchpaw Bales ’11 in Boston.

I can’t wait to be a single empty nester. I’ve been happily divorced for 15 years and I’m ready for the next stage of life. I intend to travel until I die, as I’m discontent with a stationary life.

2008

Anne M. Aaker: I finished my MLIS in May and, after working as a circulation page and completing a summer artist residency at Madison Public Library, I’m excited to say I’ve accepted an assistant librarian position there! I feel very proud to be in a profession filled with such compassionate, persistent, smart people.

Marianne Griffin and **Seth Pourciau:** My husband, Seth, and our 5-year-old daughter, Rowen, just welcomed our second baby: Nancy Pourciau was born on August 20, 2023.

Maria Giere Marquis and **Stephen G. Marquis:** We are getting ready to celebrate 13 years of marriage! Maria is working on getting her debut novel published, and Steve is enjoying mentoring junior engineers at his job. Our giant golden retriever, Eddard Bark, is also keeping us busy :)

Meghan R. McCallum: I celebrated four years cancer-free in 2023. This year has brought a new love for endurance sports, including multiple half-marathons, several triathlons, duathlons, and an ultra-relay triathlon on the beautiful Washington Island in Door County.

Erik J. Rinard: After eight years of employment with Aceyus, Inc. as a support engineer and application consultant I am looking forward to the future following our acquisition by Fiveg. I hope to continue my personal and professional development as a custom reports engineer, while I spend my nights baking and roaming my local forest preserves and hiking trails.

Drew Ryan: I’ve been continuing my work as a freelance streaming industry analyst and journalist.



Allison (Shinnick) Keep ’12 and David Keep ’11 got married in Appleton, WI on December 29, 2022. Also in the photos are George and Marjorie Olsen Chandler Professor of Music Catherine Kautsky and Professor of Music Anthony Padilla.

2010

Lindsay M. Hanson: I’m entering my ninth year working for Princeton University in the Performing Arts Services department, supporting arts events and large-scale university events all across campus. I traveled back to Wisconsin in July and got to visit Björklunden. I enjoyed walking along the lakeshore, hiking the trails, and seeing my first production at Door Shakespeare!

Cora A. Keene: We welcomed our rainbow baby, Mara, in January 2023, and we are having a blast getting to know her. We’ve put down roots in San Francisco, buying our first home in 2020 and adjusting to life as a family of 3 (+ 2 kitties!).

Amanda Ketchpaw Palés and **Theodore Lane Palés:** My husband, Ted, and I welcomed our beautiful baby, Lane, into the world at the beginning of May. We have been loving our life in Newton, MA, watching little Lane joyfully grow.

Aubree B. Topai: Aubree lives just outside of Denver, CO, with her husband of three years, Blair (an Ithaca College graduate), and their two dogs, Flyer and Kami. For 10 years, she directed and produced large-scale corporate events for technology companies and won several awards. However, after the pandemic, she noticed her heart was ready to try something new. More recently, she and her husband started their second company together, this time focused on music and tourism for Red Rocks Amphitheater. They plan to expand the company next year. Aubree is happy and healthy and feels grateful every day for her fun and adventurous life!

Rebecca M. Zornow and **Oliver W. Zornow ’10:** I’m launching my third book this fall, a space opera sequel titled *Negotiated Fate*. I also work as a book coach for other speculative fiction writers through Conquer Books. I enjoy being able to do so much reading, and analyzing stories is good practice for my majors in English and art history. This summer, my husband, Oliver, and I took our two elementary-school-aged kids to rural France, where we enjoyed six-course meals, visiting castles



Allison (Shinnick) Keep ’12 and David Keep ’11 got married in Appleton, WI on December 29, 2022. Also in the photos are George and Marjorie Olsen Chandler Professor of Music Catherine Kautsky and Professor of Music Anthony Padilla.

I learned about in Wriston, and trying to remember our French lessons. My favorite moment was visiting Mont-St.-Michel at dusk with no one else in sight so that it appeared I had been transported into one very famous fantasy TV show.

2012

Kate Bittner and **Jarrad Bittner ’10:** I launched my own educational consulting business, Legato College Consulting, that guides high schoolers who want to major in music or the performing arts through the college application and audition process. In addition, I also consult with university admissions offices in their fine arts and music recruitment areas to help streamline their processes, build stronger relationships between faculty and admissions officers, and implement compelling recruitment communications to help meet enrollment goals. Becoming a business owner has been quite the learning experience, and I’m excited to see where it takes me!

Dr. Cameron D. Blegen and **Dr. Maggie Barnes:** Life is good—I am now three years into my family medicine practice in Port Washington with Aurora; Maggie has been with her private Emergency Medicine group in the Milwaukee Metro for three years as well, Warren will be 4 in February and Jay just turned 2 in September (Bucky the dog will be 6 in November). I am still running and will run the Chicago Marathon for the first time in October. Spending as much time as we can in Door County, Colorado, Phoenix, and beyond!

Bethany Jordan Folk: I moved to Nashville in spring 2022 and have since been working to launch my wedding and event quartet: Strings Attached Tennessee. Folk music arranged for string quartet is our favorite, but we also offer classical and pop. I also play with a folk string trio and work as a medical laboratory scientist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. I absolutely love everything Music City has to offer and I was able to host a fellow Lawrence alum’s band on tour this summer (Last of Lucy) and another is coming through this fall (Barbaro), so come visit!

Andrea M. Forrest: In November 2020, my husband Eric and I bought our forever home in Randolph, New Jersey, and a year later, we welcomed our son, Simon. Last year, I left Pequannock Township High School, where I had been teaching French and Spanish for several years, for a French teaching position at our local middle school. We are currently mourning the loss of our beloved dog Glitch and contemplating how crazy we’d have to be to adopt a puppy while our son is still a toddler.

Natalie G. Jin: I am now in my 11th year teaching high school science and have my Masters in Secondary Science Education. I am working for 279Online, which is the fully online public school for Osseo Area Schools in Minnesota. I am privileged to teach physics, chemistry, earths systems, and astronomy. I also am the head varsity coach for Park Center Senior High, also in the Osseo Area School district.

Valerie R. Nelson-Ray and **Caleb E. Ray:** Valerie started a new job as vice president of business operations at EdTech SaaS company, working remotely from her and husband Caleb’s home base in Denver. Caleb’s keeping busy as a commercial real estate attorney. Caleb and Valerie are still chasing after their vibrant daughter, Sigrid, especially as she starts Pre-K. All are welcome to come visit for skiing and hiking at Chez Nelson-Ray!

Elizabeth D. Shimek: In 2022, I began working remotely in a new role as senior legal counsel, Campaign Finance, at the Campaign Legal Center, a nonpartisan nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. My longtime partner Jimmy and I got engaged, and we purchased our first home together in Sun Prairie, WI. (It was a big year!) We’re happily settling in with our golden retriever, Pippa, who has been overjoyed to have an actual yard after apartment life.

Allison M. (Shinnick) Keep and **David A. Keep ’11:** On Dec. 29, 2022, Allison (Shinnick) Keep and David Keep got married in Appleton, WI. We are now

enjoying life together in Holland, MI, where Dave is an assistant professor of music, specializing in piano and music theory, and Allison is a visiting assistant professor of music, specializing in piano, at Hope College. This summer we traveled to Germany, where Dave presented a lecture entitled “The Brahmsian Sublime” as a guest at the Brahms Institute at Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, and together we performed a recital of four-hand piano music by Brahms.

Lauren S. Thompson Ringeisen and **Morgan Ringeisen**: My husband and I welcomed our first child, Paul Edward Ringeisen, on March 29. Every day with him has been a wonderful adventure!

2014

Amelia K. Anderson: I have a B.A. and M.A. in Art History and ended up being the curator for EAA's Aviation Museum. Life is weird.

Bonnie N. Arbuckle: On Aug. 26, I officially married Jesse to become Dr. and Dr. Weber. We had many Lawrence alumni there to celebrate with us. We are so excited to start this new chapter together in our home in Wisconsin Dells. Next, we are busy planning our honeymoon to New Zealand in January 2024.

Claire Conard Mangan and **Pat Mangan**: We are still living in Chicago, where I am a non-profit fundraiser for Writers Theatre and Pat is a real estate attorney. Most of our time is spent reading, gaming, and hanging out with friends and family. We will be returning to campus for Reunion this June 2024!

Polly E. Dalton and **Jonas O. Jakobson** **יוני**: Polly Dalton and Oren Jakobson adopted their 6-year-old daughter, Samantha, in July.

Katherine M. Dannecker-Stevens and **Dr. Samuel R. Stevens** **ר'13**: Katherine Dannecker Stevens and Sam Stevens are still in Mequon, Wisconsin. I'm a licensed professional counselor and work in a private practice. Sam is working for Froedtert as a family medicine physician and recently moved into a new role as an associate medical director for his region. Our daughter (Sage) started kindergarten this fall and she keeps us busy. Hoping to make it back to campus for reunion next summer!

Catherine M. DeMets and **Rudy Molinek**: Savoring life in Madison, WI, with my spouse Rudy Molinek (Carleton '15), with whom I recently co-wrote an article about LU Professor Marcia Bjørnerud for *Wisconsin People & Ideas Magazine*! We continue to enjoy our two beloved canine terrors and a wonderful community of family and friends nearby and afar. This summer, I made the exciting leap from a Ph.D. program at UW–Madison to a role doing regional food systems work at Renewing The Countryside, a fabulous Midwest-based nonprofit.

Rachel M. Doughty and **Patrick J. Doughty**: Rachel and Patrick Doughty moved to Rochester, MN, last



Lawrentians pictured include (from left to right) Jasper Farin, Delaney Olsen '19, and William Schuman-Kline '18. Elliot Mackin '17 and Madeleine (Moran) Mackin '18 are the bride and groom.

fall for Rachel's new job teaching college chemistry at the University of Minnesota Rochester. Patrick is working as a research technologist at Mayo Clinic. We and our two cats, Cashmere and Cinnamon, have been enjoying being close to family and taking trips to new places. We are excited to attend Reunion 2023.

Aric V. Lee: I completed my terminal degree from Florida State University (Doctor of Music) in May 2023 and started a position working with Seattle Opera in September 2023! Looking forward to attending our 10-year class reunion coming up this June!

Amanda C. Ollerer and **Alex Zuniga**: I got married to Alex Zuniga on July 8.

Kajsa S. Schneider: It was a busy summer in our household! After graduating with my Masters of Music Education from CU-Boulder in June, I married my best friend, Kevin, and we traveled to Italy for our honeymoon. I am excited to also tackle the challenges and opportunities in my new position as Performing Arts Curriculum Lead in addition to 5–12 string teacher at Peak to Peak Charter school outside of Boulder, Colorado. Over the last nine years, our little orchestra curriculum has tripled in size and tripled in goofiness as well. It's been a dream.

Kevin M. Specht and **Elena Specht**: This summer, I completed the U.S. Army Basic Leader Course, then we moved to our new home in Dunkirk, MD. We moved because my wife (Elena Specht) got a new job as a librarian with the Marine Band “The President's Own”. I am starting my new job as a 4th and 5th grade instrumental music teacher at three elementary schools in Capital Heights, MD. I transferred to the 257th Army Band of the Washington, D.C., National Guard. Also, this summer, Elena give birth to our son Henry.

Jonathan J. Stombres: This year, I've been a part of the premiere cast of a brand new show with Cirque du Soleil as the lead male vocalist! In *ECHO*, I am one of seven musicians that play the entire show, and perform as characters in the story. We are currently performing in Montreal, and will begin touring the U.S. in the Fall.

Schuyler T. Thornton: Hello from somewhere across North America! I am continuing on with the *Les Misérables* Broadway Tour as a flutist, and

I am ESPECIALLY thrilled that tour stops this year include both Appleton and Madison! PLEASE come say “hi”. One of my favorite aspects of touring has been reconnecting with so many of you! When not on the road, I maintain NYC as my home base and teach flute and flute ensemble at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. I recently performed at the National Flute Association Convention in Phoenix, and I look forward to another year as co-chair of the LUAA Awards Committee. I am excited to be able to honor our classmates as our 10th reunion approaches!

Chiao-Yu Tuan: I am still in the San Francisco Bay Area doing software engineering. Outside of work, I started doing stand-up comedy at open mics in SF. I visited Lawrence this August. It was a blast to see the campus, professors, and old friends again.

Myles C. Wagner: Still working in the beer distribution game of Chicago. However, my big news is that I got married in October! Shout out to Lucy Bouman class of '15 for doing the pictures. Thank you, Lucy!

2016

Alexandra W. Damisch and **John M. O'Neill** **ר'18**: John O'Neill '18 and I welcomed our first child, Michael John O'Neill, in April 2023. The next two months were, um, rough. We recently sold our condo in Wicker Park, Chicago, and are moving northwest to the Old Irving Park neighborhood. I am still a senior data scientist at Doximity and work from home ~95% of the time, occasionally eavesdropping on the nanny. We're active at our church, Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. When the baby's asleep, I try to work out, read, and study Greek, which I try to use with Michael as much as possible. I always love reading the class notes!

Catiel Galindo Zarate: Hello, I'm currently living in NW suburbs in Illinois. I work for HQ Medline as HR assist, supporting all HRs nationally and internationally. Got engaged, bought a nice home, and started new hobbies like raising poultry, and growing fruit and vegetables. I still play video games, but adulthood has consumed most of my time now days. I would love to reconnect with my classmates, it's been a while!

Jonathan P. Hanrahan: Either not much to share, or a lot, depends. Quit one job and started another. Moved across the street, big dreams for the new place. Grew flowers, fed bugs, walked the dog, simmered endless pots of beans.

Grace C. Johnson: After nine years of working for the *Peninsula Pulse* in Door County (which was started by two LU alums), I will be starting the next chapter of my life as an employee at Björklunden! Excited to see where this new position takes me.

Samantha J. Knott: I graduated with my Ph.D. in chemistry in 2021. I shortly lectured at UW–Madison and have now joined a start-up (started by another Lawrence alum!) as a scientist. I have a lovely boyfriend and two cats—Noodle and Matcha. :)

Hitkarsh Kumar and **Jaime Gonzalez**: Hi folks, in October 2022, Jaime Gonzalez '16 and I officially tied the knot deeeeeeep in the heart of Texas! I've off and on dreamt of being a part of the elite 11% and now that dream is true. In other news, I'm now ABD in philosophy at Rice where I'm currently working on welfare perfectionism: the good life for x is determined by facts about what it means to be x. *But what does it really mean to be x*??? Anyway, look us up if you're ever in Houston!

Cameron Murdock: After many fulfilling years serving as an AmeriCorps Fellow, teaching music lessons, training service dogs, running yoga classes, and organizing backstage tours, I decided to re-center and pursue a career in healthcare. This August, I moved from Santa Fe to Albuquerque to enroll in a graduate occupational therapy program at the University of New Mexico (did I mention that I'm renting a room in Morgan Edward-Flinger's '17 family home?—what a small world!). While I am thrilled to be a student again, I can't help but reminisce about our “Lawrence Difference” days around campus. Sending the Lawrence family big hugs from the Southwest. Please reach out if you are ever in the area—I'd love to reconnect!

Jenny M. Niedenfuehr: Jenny Niedenfuehr recently graduated with her masters in public health from University of Florida and is currently beginning her doctoral program at the University of Texas–School of Public Health in the health promotion and behavioral sciences concentration. She also recently got married to her husband, David Stevens, and they together published an article in *Sexual Medicine Reviews* and are in the process of working on several more studies.

Haili B. Olson: I'm currently living in Phoenix, AZ, with my husband, Casey, and our beloved dog, Jasper. We're looking forward to our wedding celebration with friends and family this summer in Door County! I continue to travel full time for my work with Takeda Pharmaceuticals; launching new BioLife facilities across the country.

Wesley S. Varughese: After spending the last four years based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, I have moved back stateside, where I have married my wife, Melissa! We have relocated to Washington, D.C., where I am pursuing my MBA at Georgetown University. We're having a great time exploring the D.C. area with the cohort of Lawrentians we have in town!

Alek J. Wasserman: After six years, I am still somehow living in Winston-Salem, NC. My girlfriend, Angel, and I just moved in together. She has a daughter named LiLie, and the three of us are loving life! My piano studio, Triad Music Academy, has been growing quite a bit. At present, we have five teachers and 62 students. It's been a crazy 16 months since I started the company, but I have learned a ton! The 440th Army Band promoted me to Sergeant and sent me to school to be the unit's Assistant Equal Opportunity Leader, which is probably the most authority the government should ever trust me with.

Jasmine G. Zavala: After graduation, I moved to Minneapolis, MN, and began working as an educational assistant and testing coordinator for incarcerated high schoolers in the St. Paul Public School district. This experience inspired me to pursue and complete a Masters of Counseling degree from UW–River Falls in 2020. For a couple of years after, I held a few district positions including school counselor and project coordinator for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Restorative Practices. Most recently, I have been working as a planning specialist for Ramsey County's Department of Public Health's Sexual Violence Services department and as a research, resource, and data consultant for various agencies around the Twin Cities. This summer, I earned a Project Manager certificate from the University of Minnesota and have continued enjoying the ceramics practice I began at Lawrence. I hope to move back to and continue my work in my hometown of Chicago, IL but in the meantime, you can find me scooting around St. Paul, MN, with my pitbull, Lila.

2018

Ryan A. Aiello: After two years and four moves across the country, I'm proud to announce that I've officially completed the Thermo Fisher Scientific HR Graduate Development Program! For my off-program role, I've relocated back to Boston for the next few years supporting our Tewksbury, MA, site. Hit me up if you're in the area!

Muhammad T. Anwar: Hey all! Hope all of you are doing well. I am sad that I could not make the Class Reunion (Class of 2018). My parents were visiting me from Pakistan; we did have a great time here in the San Francisco Bay Area. Updates: I have been working in tech ever since I graduated, focusing on product development for Facebook (Meta), Infoblox, and Google. Recently, I got my PMP (Project Management Professional) certificate. Best regards to all, Tabarique (Tabs) Anwar.

Lewis M. Berger and **Natalie L. Kramer**: Natalie Kramer '18 and I got married in June! We are living in Minneapolis and are proud parents to a young Doberman Pinscher named Purdy. Natalie manages a quality assurance team at a youth sports software company, and I manage a data analytics team at a health benefits company.

Hannah E. Birch and **Curran J. Carlie** **ר'14**: I moved to Portland, OR, with Curran Carlie in 2020. I'm happy to report that after six years together we celebrated our marriage in June, and Lawrence no longer needs to send us two magazines. We have two cat children together and love it in the PNW. Other than that, I'm working at a deli continuing to learn about the world and growing as a person every day.

Kiah C. Combs: Kiah is currently pursuing her master's degree at the University of San Francisco's School of Education in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program. She is also working as a graduate student intern with the Leo T. McCarthy Center, a public service organization affiliated with the university. She works with the Engage San Francisco literacy program to coordinate and support anti-racist and progressive-informed tutoring programs for children attending schools in the Western Addition of San Francisco.

Emmylou T. de Meij: I am living outside of Burlington, Vermont with my partner working as a cybersecurity analyst for a medium-sized managed security services firm. I had ACL reconstruction surgery this spring and am busy rehabbing so I can get back into the mountains to hike, ski, and climb.

Aedan R. Gardill and **Jody Gardill**: In the spring, I defended my physics thesis and graduated with my Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison! After a few months of job searching, I landed a great opportunity in the Madison area working for a small scientific equipment company called Mad City Labs. My spouse and I are excited we get to stay in Madison, where we can continue fostering dogs, tending to our backyard ducks, and spending time with our close friends in the area.

Hannah F. Gjertson: I've relocated to Washington, D.C. for work/life.

Theodore H. Kortenhof: I'm getting ready to start my fifth year teaching 8th-grade math and science in the Kimberly School District. By January, I'll have been working there longer than I was a student at Lawrence. Weird.

Wenchao Liu: I missed the fifth-year reunion! Words can't express how upset I have been that I was not able to make it. I looked forward to attending even before I graduated. That said, it so happened that during the same week, I had to take finals, move to a new house, and deal with this school! I should also add that my car had broken down, and I had no money to fix it. I could have and should have flown, but suffice it to say I had been swamped.

Ann M. Mercado: I'll be starting a new job at LinkedIn this fall as a part of their talent solutions sales team! I started a career in software sales at the beginning of the year and have found it to be such a gratifying industry for someone with a

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music performance background. I've been back in Chicago for a couple of years now also serving on the Merit School of Music's associate board. I'll soon be looking for groups to sing with or gigs to take part-time/seasonally that work with my now full-time sales career.

Madeleine M. (Moran) Mackin and Elliot A. Mackin: Six years and a day after our first date at Lawrence University, we were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, on a lovely, misty day. Many of our wonderful friends from Lawrence traveled from around the country to celebrate with us and serve in our wedding party. As our marriage was blessed, Elliot and I could feel that we were surrounded by so much love. It was truly a perfect day.

Meghan A. Murphy: Now I'm in NYC.

Isabel A. Vazquez-Thorpe: I have been working as an EMT for the past 3.5 years, and it's been an awesome experience. I am hoping to go back to school and learn to become a forensic pathologist assistant sometime next year. In my free time, I make homemade lip balms and hand salves, and I love exploring the Twin Cities with friends and finding new and cool places right here in my hometown.

2020

Gabriel Baker: The next year to date will be the most action packed yet! From starting my new career pivot as a Trailblazer Financial Analyst with Amazon and joining the LUAA Board of Directors, to celebrating one year of being happily married, graduating my MBA/MSL program from GCU, and welcoming our beautiful daughter into the world, each year since graduating from Lawrence has yet to lack milestones which inspire authentic gratitude and an enthusiastic vision for what is to come. The past three years have proven the self-fulfilling prophesy of responsibility, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more."

Chloe G. Braynen: I miss all you beautiful people! I came in with the Class of 2020 but ended up leaving with the 2021 folks. After deciding to focus solely on piano, I moved to Colorado and began my graduate degree at CU-Boulder. Since getting my master's this past May, I moved to downtown Denver, have gone deeper into animal activism, flourished at my church job, continued teaching, and even got an admin position at a defense company. I'm quite busy and all over the place! On another note, I've been happily dating fellow 2020 grad, and forever nerd, Cole Stofflet since the beginning of 2022. Stay safe and remember to always say gay!

Micah E. Briggs: I have gotten my medical laboratory technician certification and have started studying for my medical laboratory scientist certification exam. I have also begun working at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

Hailey V. Edwards: Hello to all my fellow Lawrentians! After a few years of teaching post-grad, I am currently pursuing my master's degree in speech-language pathology at Emerson College in Boston. I'm very excited to combine my two loves of language and education and am thankful every day for all the academic and life lessons I learned at Lawrence!

Simone A. Levy: I am in my final year of Library Science school at Pratt Institute in New York City. I have had the opportunity to work with the New York Public Library to provide reference services to incarcerated individuals, and I have also had the opportunity to do archival work at Columbia University and the Lesbian Herstory Archives in Brooklyn. Currently, I am working as an archivist at The Academy of American Poets.

Cynfor C. Lu: Hey class of 2020! I was recently able to finally travel back to China for the first time since COVID to visit family. It was special to see everyone after such a long time away. I am looking into going back to school for a master's in data science currently and am looking forward to getting back into an academic environment!

Juan Marin: Last summer, I moved back to Appleton to start my new position as Lawrence's videographer. I'm responsible for most of the video content you may have seen on the LU YouTube page as of last year and I am damn proud of it all. I've always loved our campus, our students, and our Bubble and so I jumped on the opportunity to help showcase LU's culture and impact. Being back has been a trip. Even now, I still think about our time here. I'll sit in the café or the Commons from time to time and reminisce. I love talking with the students here and telling them how different our time here was, how different the café looked and remained open until midnight (it closes at 9 p.m. now), how the bridge behind Trever Hall used to be a railroad track, and how Stanley and Kevin were godsend during our rowdier nights. As someone who loves the interactions that just happen at LU, I'm glad to be back and I'm happy to be where I'm at. There's a lot of new and exciting things coming to LU, stuff that I wish we had during our time here. As I'm writing this, there isn't much I can say on these things except that I think LU is heading in a really good direction to make sure that the Lawrence Difference remains different. I'm really excited to be a part of these new projects and I'm sure that you, my fellow alumni, will also appreciate them when we come back for our reunions.

Kelci Maree Page: Hey y'all! After two years in the Green Bay area, I am now a resident of Madison as of August 1. I'll be helping grow the very young music department and curriculum at One City Expeditionary Schools, and hopefully will have news a couple years from now about all the ensembles and performing arts disciplines we've expanded to include! I'm also officially in a domestic partnership with my high school boyfriend, Chad Schafer; we've been engaged since February, and will hopefully be married in Spring or Summer 2024. We have a 2-year-old cat named Zucchini.

Maria Poimenidou: So excited to have advanced to degree candidacy for my Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Reach out if you are in town and want to connect!

Ashlei M. Raifsnider: I recently helped the first Staffed Family Childcare Network get started in Ohio at my new job at the non-profit Action for Children. We celebrated our first year in June! I also recently got engaged in May!

Ora R. Raymond: I am grateful to share that I have started my first year of medical school at the University of Minnesota! I am loving Duluth, my small cohort, and am looking forward to learning more about Indigenous health.

Noah J. Shea: I'm the adventure programs coordinator at an environmental learning center called Wolf Ridge in northeastern Minnesota. My job entails managing and maintaining rock walls, high ropes courses, cross country skis/trails, snowshoes, and summer wilderness multi-day trips, mostly for kids. I swim in Lake Superior almost every day (less often in winter). In late May, I fell 15 feet off a cliff while doing some solo camping/climbing and sustained an open fracture in my left elbow. I then hiked two miles to my car and drove to the hospital where I underwent two surgeries! I write/record music in my free time. By the end of 2023, I'll have a master's degree in environmental education.

Shelby L. Siebers: I will be starting my third year in the Appleton Area School District as the Cultural Advisor-Native American Support Specialist for high school students. I am grateful to have continued to support the Native students in their academic, personal, and professional developments. This summer, I received the 2023 Women's Inspire Award by *Appleton Monthly* magazine. Lastly, I will be starting grad school this fall. I was accepted into University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Educational Psychology-Concentration in School Counselling program under the Strong Fire Initiative. Through the Strong Fire Initiative cohort, I will be able to dedicate my studies to supporting Indigenous youth in schools.

Elias J. Stauch: I'm excited to share that I've accepted a position as senior research associate at Navigate BioPharma one year ago. I will also finish my Master of Applied Biotechnology in spring 2024.

Cole C. Stofflet: My, how time flies! I'm working as a client services coordinator at a local nonprofit organization dedicated to delivering healthy meals to people with certain grave illnesses living in the LA area. At the same time, I've been exploring graduate programs to continue my linguistics education. On a personal note, for about a year and a half, I've been dating my fellow alum, Cade Braynen '21, long-distance. Around that same time, my family lost our beloved cat of 17 years, Raimundo; this summer, we adopted sisters Bella and Siren, who are comfortable and loving life in their new home. L'Shanah Tovah and happy holidays, everyone!

2022

Meralis N. Alvarez-Morales: I am currently working in the Chicago area, within an arts administrative role with a small but mighty arts-based non-profit organization. I specifically work with educators, administrators, and families within schools and create full-service programs that provide enrichment and learning opportunities, and wrap-around resources (social-emotional, health, academic, among others) for members of the immediate school-community. I am also a proud doggy momma to two Huskies!

Derek R. Brickley: What a time! After graduation, I took my economics and math background and started working for Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group where I am now a license mortgage loan officer! Especially now, a lot of people feel like they can't afford to purchase a home, they don't understand the process, and it isn't the right time. Well, what I do is help people like that finance and get into their first or next home, walk them through the process, and do the research for them so they can worry/stress less and focus on their daily lives!

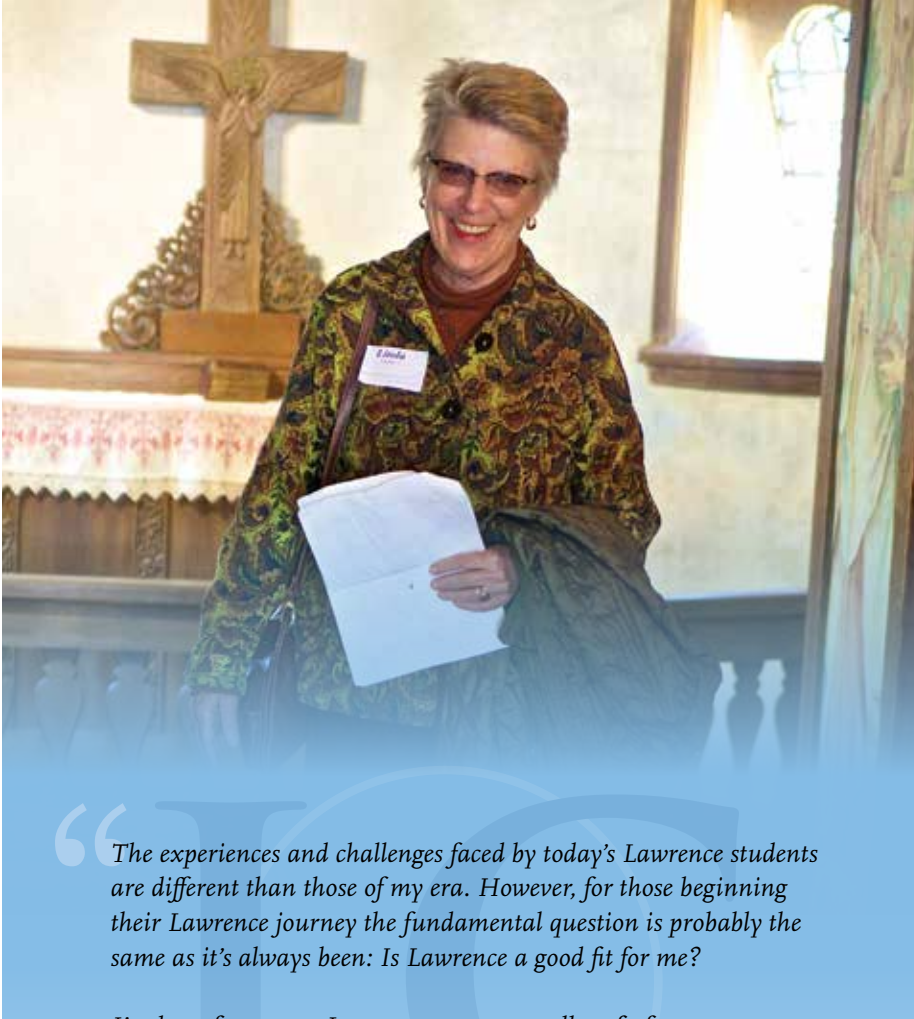
Leah S. Hawksford: Started second year of med school at MCW-Milwaukee.

Nicholas R. Mayerson: I'm down in Chicago working at Northwestern University on their Reunion team!

Josey J. McClain: Right now, I am working at Green Bay Packaging. It's not my end goal, but it works the best with my new school schedule. I am currently studying at NWTC and pursuing a paralegal certificate. I am dating a townie I met while at Lawrence my freshman year—he went to a different school, so you wouldn't know him. I adopted a black cat and named her Sima Qian after the great historian.

Rachel C. Michtom: I completed my Master of Music Education degree in the spring, and I am now starting a new job as a high school band director in Massachusetts.

Matthew B. Rynkiewicz: I, Mattie Rynkiewicz, am living in Minneapolis with two lovely roommates and an orange fur monster of feline variety named Garbanzo. I am playing lots of folkdance gigs around town while also working part-time at a grocery store and traveling around the U.S. to see family and friends.



“The experiences and challenges faced by today's Lawrence students are different than those of my era. However, for those beginning their Lawrence journey the fundamental question is probably the same as it's always been: Is Lawrence a good fit for me?”

I've been fortunate. Lawrence was an excellent fit for me as a student and remains near and dear to me. For many decades, I've enjoyed LU volunteer activities and events, including Björklunden experiences (pictured in the Boynton Chapel), and my Lawrence friends are among the people I treasure most.

Those who govern, administer, and teach at Lawrence are as committed as ever to ensuring that today's students build a solid foundation—both now and as they further mature into adulthood—to make good choices, contribute to the world, and, as important as anything, be content. Contentment isn't laziness—a lifelong Lawrentian can always find more to explore, learn, and do—but it is a day-to-day appreciation of the lives we live.

The notion that my contribution to ensuring Lawrence's future could help further these ends is why I'm a member of Legacy Circle.

—Linda Laarman '73

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IN MEMORIAM

MARRIAGES

- Natalie L. Kramer '18** and **Lewis M. Berger '18**, Minneapolis, MN, June 24, 2023.
- Madeleine Moran Mackin '18** and **Elliot A. Mackin '17**, Philadelphia, PA, April 29, 2023.
- Bryttany A. Dove '19** and **Bradley E. Olson '20**, Columbus, WI, June 10, 2023.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

- Joslyn Posselt Vandermause '02** and **Aaron**, Appleton, Wisconsin, a daughter, Esther, September 26, 2022.
- Megan E. Schendel '04** and **Nathan E. Gauntt**, Albuquerque, New Mexico, a son, Felix, October 4, 2022.
- Natalie J. Hall '05** and **Matt Erspamer**, Palos Hills, Illinois, a daughter, Melody Maxine, June 23, 2023.
- Rachel Gates Katkar '06** and **Ravi '06**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a son, Zorro Rashmi, June 18, 2023.
- Amanda Carwile Lanser '06** and **Eric '06**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a son, Evan Carwile, November 22, 2022.
- Shannon A. McCue '06** and **Jacob Adams**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, a daughter, Maya Grace, August 9, 2023.
- Zachary R. Olson '09** and **Laura**, Washburn, Wisconsin, a son, Hayden Jack, December 2, 2022.

- Amanda Ketchpaw Palés '10** and **Theodore Lane Palés**, Newton, Massachusetts, a son, Lane Ketchpaw, May 7, 2023.
- Lucia Moser Senner '11** and **Paul '11**, Chicago, Illinois, a son, Rye William, November 29, 2022.
- Lauren S. Thompson Ringeisen '12** and **Morgan Ringeisen**, Neenah, Wisconsin, a son, Paul, March 29, 2023..

- Heidi Dinkler McFall '13**, Little Chute, Wisconsin, a son, Arvo, January 28, 2022
- Kelsi Brown VanAbel '13** and **John**, Little Chute, Wisconsin, a son, Caleb, January 7, 2023.
- Kevin M. Specht '14** and **Elena**, Dunkirk, Maryland, a son, Henry, August 20, 2023.

- Alexandra W. Damisch '16** and **John M. O'Neill '18**, Chicago, Illinois, a son, Michael John, April 2, 2023.
- Cora L. Williams '16** and **Christopher M. Fuelling '16**, Rio Vista, California, a son, Juno, August 13, 2022.

IN MEMORIAM

- Lorraine Siekert Thomas M-D'40**, Cedarburg, WI, February 19, 2023.
- Audrey Beyer Jones M-D'41**, Fredericksburg, TX, June 6, 2023.
- Betty Jay Davis M-D'46**, April 4, 2023.
- Ruth Foxwell Wenzel M-D'46**, Evanston, IL, September 23, 2023.
- Connie Van Ert Evrard M-D'47**, Providence, RI, June 24, 2023.
- Corliss V. Jensen '47**, August 6, 2023.
- Donna Palmer Long '48**, Dixon, IL, June 18, 2023.
- Dr. Arthur L. Peterson '48**, Billings, MT, March 23, 2023.
- Lyle C. Sorenson '48**, Madison, WI, September 15, 2023.
- Myra Bakka De Motts '49**, September 20, 2023.
- Marilyn Anderson Masterson '49**, Granite Bay, CA, July 4, 2023.
- Sara Denman Drake '50**, Milwaukee, WI, August 5, 2022.
- Anna Mae Loveland Godin '50**, Metairie, LA, June 12, 2023.
- Dr. Patricia Banach Haensly '50**, Houston, TX, April 15, 2023.
- Virginia Scott Heinemann '50**, Wausau, WI, April 7, 2023.
- M. Louise Press Aylward '51**, Delray Beach, FL, April 24, 2023. Family includes Erich P. Press II '78; Mark L. Press '79.
- Colleen Schmechel Chambers M-D'51**, June 28, 2023.
- Patrick D. Curtin '51**, Rocky River, OH, May 8, 2023.
- Victor H. Keiser, Jr. '51**, Palm Coast, FL, March 12, 2023. Family includes Lael R. Keiser '89; Dr. R. Lincoln Keiser '59.
- Sarah Steinberg Lawrence '51**, Kennesaw, GA, March 20, 2023. Family includes Rev. John B. Steinberg '54.
- Carol Diehl Chernoff M-D'52**, Milwaukee, WI, September 2, 2023.
- Mary Lou Hunting Dosland '52**, Eden Prairie, MN, April 21, 2023. Family includes Althea Hunting Kortenhof '51; Mike Kumbalek '13.

- Ruth Olson McGuire '52**, Cedar Rapids, IA, January 15, 2023.
- Raymond J. Peeters '52**, May 30, 2023.
- Janet Coffelt Davis M-D'53**, Brookfield, WI, July 1, 2023.
- Mark A. Else '53**, October 4, 2023.
- Heino Heinsoo '53**, Springfield, OR, July 23, 2023. Family includes April A. Wiegert '92; Sally Shafer Wiegert '67.
- Susan Stoll Herin M-D'53**, Pawleys Island, SC, May 4, 2023.
- Betty Mitchell Lewis '53**, Mequon, WI, July 14, 2023. Family includes Ted H. Mitchell '56.
- Mary Robichaud Mancini '53**, Wauwatosa, WI, July 9, 2023.
- Donald J. Randall '53**, Bloomington, IL, May 15, 2023. Family includes Barbara Randall Kline '56.
- Howard M. Boor '54**, Noblesville, IN, July 20, 2023. Family includes Elizabeth Boor Ribares '55.
- Mary Jean Bailey De Marr '54**, Terre Haute, IN, April 22, 2023.
- June Taylor Kroeschell '54**, Naples, FL, March 9, 2023.
- Sally Ann Mundt '55**, Watertown, WI, October 1, 2023.
- Barbara Bower Ringham M-D'55**, Atherton, CA, March 6, 2023.
- Richard J. Kamps '56**, Kaukauna, WI, March 12, 2023.
- Walter E. Karst '56 P'89**, Madison, WI, September 5, 2023. Family includes Barbara Adrian Karst '59; James E. Karst '89; Kathleen Karst Larson '60.
- Sister Rose Kroeger M-D'56**, Milwaukee, WI, May 13, 2023.
- Helen Casper Moshak '56**, Louisville, CO, July 19, 2023.
- Ronald T. Schaps '56**, Tukwila, WA, June 16, 2023.
- David T. Derber '57**, May 4, 2022.
- Jo Ann Peters '57**, Ann Arbor, MI, June 9, 2023.
- Elaine Dude Van Dien '57**, Menomonee Falls, WI, June 23, 2023.
- Carolyn Zahn Sherbert '58**, Champaign, IL, June 4, 2023.

Anna Seyfarth Trimble M-D’58, Mountlake Terrace, WA, June 18, 2023.

Thomas P. Clement ’59, Duluth, GA, May 30, 2023. Family includes Phyllis Larnino Clement ’57; Daniel P. Jones ’67.

William G. DeWitt ’59, Erie, PA, June 24, 2023.

Nona Roesler Kyle M-D’59, Menasha, WI, September 8, 2023.

Nathan M. Pusey, Jr. ’59, Norwalk, CT, August 6, 2023.

Constance B. Thompson ’59, Stover, MO, July 28, 2023.

JoAnn Staab Schmidt ’60, Palo Alto, CA, April 21, 2023. Family includes Karl J. Schmidt ’59.

Jane A. Simmons M-D’60, Oconomowoc, WI, February 11, 2023.

Margaret Schneck Reehl ’61, Delafield, WI, August 21, 2023. Family includes Karen Schneck Nolan ’74; Stephen H. Reehl ’60.

Dr. Tomlin C. Rosi ’61, Ann Arbor, MI, June 5, 2023. Family includes Penelope Yager Rosi ’65.

Margaret A. Fulton ’62, Wild Rose, WI, July 11, 2023.

Ruth Staab Peterson ’62, Peachtree Corners, GA, June 25, 2023.

Lee F. Ryan ’62, Deep Gap, NC, May 30, 2023.

Lucy Ann Couturier ’63, Traverse City, MI, June 26, 2023.

Mary Heller Fairbanks ’63, Ojai, CA, January 12, 2023.

Karen Prah! McKim ’63, Fort Thomas, KY, April 21, 2023.

Robert A. Anker ’64, Carmel, IN, August 4, 2023.

Gail Champion Farmer ’64, North Andover, MA, June 1, 2023.

Bonnie R. Laird ’64, Bloomington, MN, June 13, 2023.

Thomas J. McGuire ’64, Menasha, WI, July 1, 2023.

Roberta Gilbert Thomson ’64, Appleton, WI, October 8, 2023.

Thomas T. Rogers ’65, Princeton, WI, April 1, 2023.

S. Joel White ’65, Waukegan, IL, May 26, 2023. Family includes Alfred Dees ’63; Janis White Dees ’63; Suzanne Miller White ’65.

Joyce Anderson Beyer ’66, Green Bay, WI, September 25, 2023.

Jacquelyn Hagan Campbell ’66, Issaquah, WA, March 13, 2023. Family includes Jonathan R. Campbell ’64.

Dr. Vance R. Cope-Kasten ’66, Pittsboro, NC, March 15, 2023.

Janet Watson O’Neil ’66, St. Louis, MO, September 8, 2023. Family includes Margaret Tiff! Janis ’71; Michael G. O’Neil ’65.

Steven S. Purdy ’67, Concord, NC, June 18, 2023.

Colleen E. Held-Messana ’68, Fort Myers, FL, March 12, 2023.

Arthur C. Keppelman, Jr. ’68, Williston, VT, May 15, 2023.

William B. Robinson ’68, Green Bay, WI, September 12, 2023.

Amelia Bodine Bergmann ’69, Lexington, MA, June 7, 2023.

Betty Hintz Hemmeter ’69, April 11, 2023. Family includes Richard W. Hemmeter ’68.

William W. Sachse ’70, Edgerton, WI, July 2, 2023.

Robert G. Hall ’71, Durham, NC, February 23, 2023.

Paul Kay ’73, Denton, TX, September 11, 2023. Family includes Judd Y. Carpenter ’84.

Mary M. Riordan ’73, Richland, WA, March 30, 2023.

Thea Ellery Bruce ’74, Rockford, IL, September 14, 2023. Family includes Joseph J. Bruce ’74.

Judy Huus Klitgaard ’74, Naples, FL, June 6, 2022.

George E. Clitty ’76, St. Paul, MN, July 23, 2023. Family includes Louise Freyberger Clitty ’75.

The Reverend Doctor Mark D. Atkinson ’77, New Bern, NC, July 17, 2023.

Clifford D. Meader ’77, Waitsfield, VT, July 26, 2023. Family includes Dana DeMets-Meader ’85; Christopher S. Meader ’83; Geoffrey G. Meader ’78; Theresa Gundersen Meader ’78.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Edwards ’78 P’13, Appleton, WI, September 19, 2023. Family includes Claire M. Edwards ’13.

Jane Dickoff Bruer ’79, Durham, NC, May 17, 2023.

Dr. Christine L. Krueger ’79, Fox Point, WI, July 14, 2023.

Ann Stake DuVall ’80, Camden, NJ, June 9, 2023. Family includes Brian M. DuVall ’78.

Lisa Draeger Tousey ’89, Oconto, WI, August 23, 2023.

Jacob J. Lofgren ’93, Oak Park, IL, March 3, 2023. Family includes Katherine Lofgren Arbeen ’93; Mark P. Lofgren ’17; Alexander C. Pearsall ’91.

Richard M. Canaday ’96, Denver, CO, May 31, 2023.

Aaron J. Bauer ’98, Milwaukee, WI, September 27, 2023.

Connor C. Vliet ’15, Whitefish Bay, WI, June 25, 2023. Family includes Julianne Ruedt Borges M-D’58; Sally C. Vliet ’11; Torrey Kipp Youngstrum ’61.

FACULTY, STAFF, AND FRIENDS

Phyllis Dintenfass, Appleton, WI, November 22, 2022. Spouse of Emeritus Professor of English Mark L. Dintenfass.

Joann M. Jording, Marengo, IL, August 7, 2023.

Professor Carol Mason P’83, Appleton, WI, May 30, 2023. Family includes Victoria Mason Runnoe ’83.

Professor Ronald J. Mason P’83, Appleton, WI, September 5, 2023. Family includes Victoria Mason Runnoe ’83.

Dr. Sumner Richman P’86, St. Paul, MN, July 25, 2023. Family includes Freya Richman ’86.

Morton D. Schwartz, May 18, 2023.

Professor Herbert K. Tjossem P’80, Appleton, WI, May 27, 2023. Family includes Martha Tjossem Kepner ’80.

Fay Van Eyck, Appleton, WI, April 10, 2023.

Rodney S. Watkins, July 31, 2023.



ROBERT ANKER ’64

Lawrence University mourns the loss of **Robert A. Anker ’64**, a trustee *emeritus* and longtime supporter of the university. He passed away Aug. 4 at age 81. Anker, who lived in Carmel, Indiana, served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 2004 to 2017. He and his wife, Patricia, were loyal supporters of Lawrence through numerous initiatives—the Leveraging Lawrence’s Faculty Initiatives Fund, construction of Warch Campus Center, support of the Lawrence Fund, and the installation of the Kaeyes Mamaceqtawuk Plaza on campus. A mathematics major, Anker went on to become an actuary and a respected leader in the insurance industry, serving as president and CEO of the American States Insurance Company and president of the American Academy of Actuaries before retiring in 1997.



ROBERT DODSON

Lawrence University mourns the death of **Robert K. Dodson**, a former dean of the Conservatory of Music. He passed away Oct. 15 at age 81. Dodson served as dean of Lawrence’s Conservatory of Music from 1989 to 1999, overseeing the building of Shattuck Hall and an expansion of the Conservatory’s student body. A distinguished cellist, he provided leadership in music education for much of his life. In addition to his work at Lawrence, Dodson served as director of Boston University’s College of Fine Arts, provost at New England Conservatory of Music, dean of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and vice-principal and principal of the Royal Conservatory of Music at the University of Toronto. Early in his career, he was an artist-in-residence and associate professor at Queen’s University.



RONALD AND CAROL MASON

Lawrence University mourns the passing of **Ronald Mason**, an accomplished archaeologist whose influence on the university’s anthropology program continues to be felt nearly three decades after his retirement from the faculty. Mason died Sept. 5 at age 94. His death comes shortly after the passing of his wife, Carol, who worked alongside him in his research. The Ronald J. and Carol I. Mason Excellence in Anthropology Fund was established by former students in the early 2010s to honor the couple and support Lawrence students in research and training opportunities in anthropology. Ronald Mason joined the Lawrence faculty in 1961. An award-winning scholar and teacher who was foundational in developing and curating the anthropological collections at Lawrence, he retired as the Henry Merritt Wriston Professor of the Social Sciences in 1995.



SUMNER RICHMAN

Lawrence University mourns the passing of **Sumner “Sub” Richman**, a professor of biology for 38 years. He died July 25 at age 93. Richman taught aquatic biology during a brilliant career at Lawrence, taking his classrooms to the beaches of the Cayman Islands and the waters of Green Bay and Lake Winnebago. He set the foundation for aquatic research and teaching in the Department of Biology, work that continues to flourish today. Richman was the recipient of Lawrence’s Excellence in Teaching Award in 1992. After retirement, he continued to mentor young people for decades as a volunteer at the Science Museum of Minnesota. He championed liberal arts education, traveled the world, and was a patron of the arts.



The **BIG** Picture

Students dance with Blu at the
2023 Blue & White Homecoming
Dance in Warch Campus Center.

