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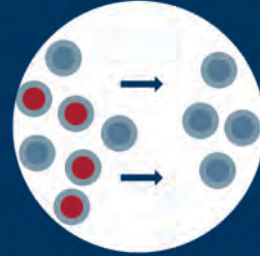
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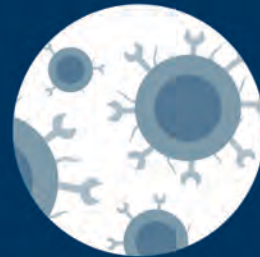
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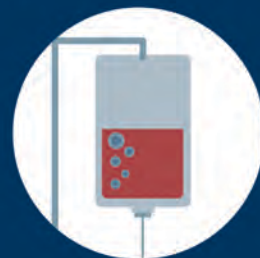
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—Heba Hamdy Mostafa, PhD’14, assistant professor of pathology and director of the molecular virology laboratory at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Mostafa

Mostafa and a team of clinical microbiologists in March developed an in-house coronavirus screening test, which now produces results in about two hours at the university health system’s five Maryland and Washington hospitals. “When you have marked reduction in the turnaround time, it helps with quick decisions with a patient.”



“Some part of me knows that I made this photograph, but another part knows that it doesn’t really belong to me now.”

—After his shot of angry demonstrators at the Ohio statehouse went viral in April, Columbus Dispatch photographer Joshua Bickel, c’06, j’06, told The Guardian that people react strongly to the image because the glass between the viewer and those protesting Gov. Mike DeWine’s stay-at-home order captures America’s polarization. “They are bringing their experience and their belief system into how they interpret the image,” Bickel said, “and they are symbolically seeing that divide.”



Bortnick

“I run the printers from 6 a.m. I have an alarm for that. Then I get up and run another one at 8:45 and then every two-and-a-half hours until 1 in the morning, when I go to bed.”

—Gregory Bortnick, Leawood junior in engineering, telling KMBC’s Lara Moritz, g’92, how he uses 3D printers in his bedroom to manufacture Ear Ease, a plastic strap that makes medical masks more comfortable for health care workers. By mid-April, Bortnick had donated nearly a thousand of the devices to Kansas City hospitals, including The University of Kansas Health System.

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“The state of Kansas has carried me this far, and I just wanted a way to be able to get back to them, to find a way to help before I start my residency.”

—Daniel Ortiz, fourth-year KU medical student specializing in psychiatry, telling KCUR radio on April 3 why he decided to delay his residency at KU Medical Center and join the battle against COVID-19. Ortiz is among the 52 fourth-year med students who volunteered to graduate early and accept an assignment in a designated area of need, where they helped ease the burden on Kansas physicians.



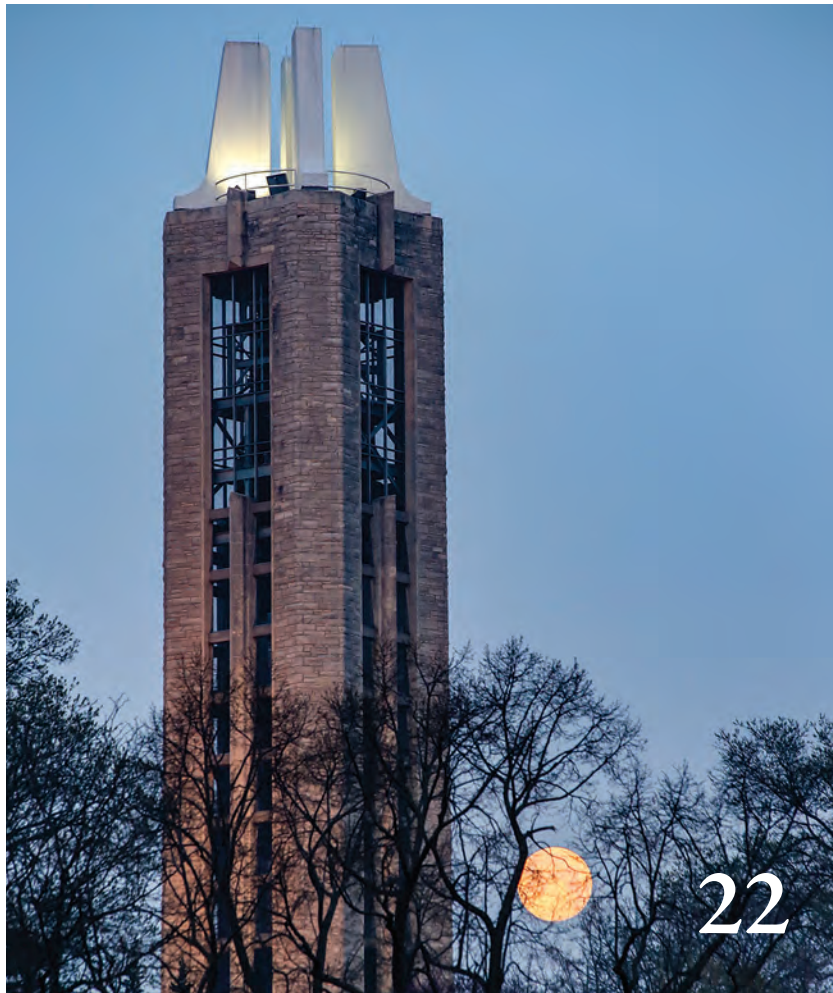
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Facing a public health crisis that transformed every aspect of the college experience, the KU community rallied together to finish a semester that no one will soon forget.

by Kansas Alumni staff

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Alumna and faculty member Sarah Deer named Carnegie Fellow.

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Hail to Old KU

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The reviews are in

WOW! GREAT new overall presentation of our trusted magazine! Your research, discussions and decisions have provided us with a clean, sharp and modern magazine.

I have always enjoyed the publication cover to cover each issue and now look forward to this bright renaissance of information about our forever collegiate home.

—Tim Greenwell, s'88
Carollton, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS on the transformation of *Kansas Alumni*!

I love the new look, revised format and modified content and focus. This represents another Herculean project undertaken by the Alumni Association and executed with grace, precision and energy. What touch! Thank you!

—Tedde Tasheff, c'78
New York City, NY

THE TEAM'S REDESIGN reveals your knowledge of readership habits, KU traditions, a superb grasp of pacing

and a fresh perspective that accommodates the elderly (ahem ...) and the young.

The result is an airy, breezy, comfortable environment that really clicks. Even the paper feels just right.

—Dan Reeder, j'71, g'74
Lawrence
Kansas Alumni editor,
1976-'85

I REALLY LIKE the new look and content. Congratulations!

Glad to learn of the honorary doctorate for Bill Kurtis ["Honorary doctorates," Rock Chalk Review, issue No. 1]. I always respected and watched his reporting but had not realized that he is a fellow alumnus.

Many other pages brought topics of great interest. I spent more time reading this issue than I can remember before. Keep it up!

—Fred Buchanan, e'57
Vail, Arizona

OUTSTANDING improvements to an already first class publication! We really like the change in the paper quality, as it nicely complements other publications we routinely receive.

Great job and meaningful transformation!
—Taylor Burch, p'88, g'90,
PharmD'09, Lantana, Texas

Ill-timed storms

IN MY NEW ISSUE of *Kansas Alumni* for Winter 2020, I noticed a short article about the construction of the World War II Memorial Campanile ["A

Walk to Remember," Hail to Old KU] on page 84. It mentioned that the class of 1970 graduated indoors because of a rainstorm.

I was in the class of 1972, and we had to graduate in Allen Field House because of a tornado warning; I believe a tornado was between Topeka and Lawrence.

It was super hot in there. I'm sure it had been closed up for awhile. They had roller carts of folding chairs by the doors as we entered and we actually carried our own chairs to sit in for graduation.

—Kathleen Newlin Pyke, d'72,
Hays



Food for thought

"HUNGER FOR Knowledge" in the November issue [No. 6, 2019] outlined the harsh reality of food insecurity on the KU campus. Is anyone surprised? Back in the old days—my day—poor nutrition was a joke and a badge of honor. Cigarettes, coffee and all-nighters were a way to flout parental authority. But today, real hunger is not a joke in this, the richest country in the world. With skyrocketing living and academic costs, the only expendable item in the budget might be food.

Even those students who do

have money left over for food rely too often on starches, with no budget for fruit, vegetables, proteins. Thank goodness for the churches and other organizations who are stepping up to provide free meals for malnourished students. How can a student study and achieve when every thought is about food and when and what and where?

I know of a young man, a popular athlete, who would race through his college student union, slapping backs, laughing and joking while snatching food from trays. People laughed, but it wasn't a joke. He was hungry.

Some interviewed students revealed that the body can survive on one meal a day, with perhaps help from friends. For how long and how shameful is it to beg? Many students come from low-income families who struggle on minimum wages that haven't risen in decades.

I also know of a few success stories. The young mother, working, taking classes, who tried desperately to improve the lives of her and her children. She succeeded, but what if hunger had forced her to give up? I know of a determined teenage couple with two toddlers, who struggled through years of poverty to achieve their dreams. What if hunger had denied them their success?

If our only hope is to educate our inquisitive, intelligent and motivated young people, we cannot abandon them to starvation.

—Harriet Hawley Bearce, assoc.
Lawrence

FIRST GLANCE

A CENTURY-OLD ICON reimagined for today's social distancing reality: After law dean James Woods Green's death in 1919, students formed a committee to create a tribute to their revered Uncle Jimmy, and in January 1923 they reached sculptor Daniel Chester French by telegram at his New York City studio. French's fame had soared after the May 1922 unveiling of his Abraham Lincoln statue on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., yet determined Jayhawks still persuaded the busy sculptor to visit Mount Oread. Smitten, French later conceded he had "never seen such love for a man—unless it be in the case of Abraham Lincoln."

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ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE PUPPE





STRONGER TOGETHER

KU alumni and friends continue to reach out to us asking how they can help the university community during this unprecedented time. Your support is making a difference and for that, we are grateful.

We invite you to visit kugiving.org to read more inspiring Jayhawk stories.

FRASER HALL

To our alumni:

NORMALLY, THIS IS A TIME for celebration on our campuses, as we would have typically just wrapped up Commencement and marked the end of another academic year. But this year, as the world seeks a path through the coronavirus pandemic, it's been a time of rapid change and uncertainty. For an example, look no further than our Commencement planning. We celebrated our graduates virtually on May 17, and we're looking to schedule a full Commencement ceremony at some point in the future when it's safe to do so.

We've already been through a lot. Almost overnight, the very essence of our residential university experience was transformed to a remote delivery of coursework to students in their homes. Curricular activities in our classrooms, labs and studios all had to be re-envisioned, delivered remotely or canceled. Co-curricular activities like intramural sports, study abroad, music and dance performances, art exhibits, recognition ceremonies, and alumni activities have all been disrupted.

As state and local officials begin to reopen the economy, we are also beginning to reopen KU in a measured, stepwise fashion. Our goal is to be ready to welcome students to campus for the fall semester in a way that prioritizes the health and well-being of our community. We know this plan must remain flexible to adapt to changes as the pandemic continues. We also know that our mission to educate the leaders of tomorrow is essential to the state of Kansas.

While we are planning to be on campus, we face the reality that many of our students and staff may not be in a position to return to campus by the fall. This crisis has made clear that KU will need to dramatically change its delivery model to serve students wherever they may be, for the next year and beyond.

Like many sectors of the economy, higher education faces sobering financial challenges. Recognizing the hardships our



STEVE PUPPE

students and families are enduring, we are planning to hold tuition and campus fees flat for the upcoming year. We're also expecting significant declines in state revenues and, as a result, state funding for higher education may also be decreased.

As you would expect of our KU community, we've had no shortage of offers to help. As alumni, there are a few things you can do if you're able. First, as proud alumni, you serve as some of our best recruiters. We anticipate enrollment could be a challenge for us in the fall, so we appreciate even more your conversations to help steer talented students toward KU.

Our Class of 2020 graduates who are trying to join the workforce could use your help, too. The networking and career resources you provide through channels like the Jayhawk Career Network (kualumni.org/career) are more important now than ever. Please do offer a helping hand to a recent graduate if you can.

Some have asked how they can support KU financially during this time. To that end, KU Endowment has set up a COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund (kuendowment.org/Your-Gift/COVID-19-Relief-Fund) to make resources available to meet our most pressing institutional needs. Donors to this fund may designate their gifts for a specific need, but all contributions are

helpful and appreciated during this unprecedented time in our university's history.

I also appreciate the work of many of you who help our advocacy efforts at the state level through Jayhawks for Higher Education (kualumni.org/jhe). We still do not know the extent to which state funding may be impacted by this crisis. With that in mind, your advocacy efforts will take on a new importance as we help lawmakers support KU's role as an economic engine for Kansas.

This virus has taken so much from all of us already. It has affected some more profoundly than others. To be sure, KU's path forward remains difficult and uncertain. Still, I see many reasons for hope. COVID-19 has not taken our resolve, and it has not taken our spirit. Our university has withstood great challenges before, and I am confident we will weather this storm, too.

Thank you for all you do for KU. Perhaps more than any time since I first joined the faculty in 1994, I'm proud to be a Jayhawk.

Respectfully,

Doug

Douglas A. Girod
Chancellor

“You see people coming together and rising to the occasion. I think there’s a pretty good case to be made that this truly could be our finest hour.”

—Dave Cook



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STRONG HALL

Experienced advocate

Diverse KU career prepares Cook for public affairs role

ANNOUNCING THAT HE HAD FILLED a key role in his senior leadership team this spring, Chancellor Doug Girod named Dave Cook as the University’s new vice chancellor for public affairs and economic development.

“You will note the phrase ‘economic development’ is new to this vice chancellor title,” Girod wrote in a message to the campus community April 7. “This change reflects my belief that economic development, broadly defined, must continue to be elevated as a priority for KU.”

As vice chancellor of KU’s Edwards Campus since 2013, Cook, g’96, PhD’99, has led what is arguably the most workforce-centric of the University’s five campuses. Offering more than 60 degrees, certificates and professional education programs primarily for adult learners while forging tight partnerships with Kansas City metro employers, the Overland Park campus has developed a laser-like focus on economic development.

But don’t think that the job’s new charge applies to the metro only, Cook cautions.

“I see great opportunity in the greater Kansas

City area with economic development,” he says. “But I think it goes beyond that, and I don’t want that point to get lost: Obviously Kansas City is really important to Lawrence and to the University, but there are greater opportunities beyond that as well that I want to explore.”

Beyond, in this case, means all across Kansas, where Cook has lots of experience as well.

Before joining the Edwards Campus, where he also served as dean of the School of Professional Studies and oversaw the launch of 16 new academic degree programs and an enrollment increase of 36%, Cook spent 14 years at the KU Medical Center, the last seven as part of the campus leadership team. His many roles there included the sort of external affairs and government relations he will

ABOVE Leading a public affairs unit he calls “very strong,” Cook will look for new opportunities to involve all campuses and affiliates. “Now is a great time to call on those key KU stakeholders who love the University and want to step up and help.”

lead from Strong Hall, but he also headed KU's telehealth program, a job that took him all across Kansas.

"I did a lot of community engagement and outreach, so I spent time in literally every county in the state," Cook says. "When you start talking about telemedicine, you're talking about dozens of different communities where I was working with rural hospitals and health centers and all the rest. So I will bring that element to economic development as well, looking west as well as looking east."

In addition to economic development, Cook oversees several units within the Office of Public Affairs: strategic communications, government relations, KU News, marketing communications, Kansas Public Radio and the Kansas Audio-Reader Network, a free reading and information service for blind, visually impaired and print-disabled individuals in Kansas and western Missouri.

Cook's appointment comes during a time of great uncertainty for KU. With classes transitioned to remote learning for the remainder of the spring and the entire summer session—and with the status of fall classes yet to be determined—Girod on April 27 listed the ongoing challenges for the University in a message to staff, faculty and affiliates, including possible enrollment drops, prospects for additional federal stimulus funding, and a projected state revenue shortfall that could wipe out a modest increase for higher education in the 2021 state budget and instead lead to cuts in the current fiscal year budget.

"Though these factors are still developing," Girod

wrote, "our initial losses undoubtedly will be in the tens of millions of dollars." He announced a 10% salary cut for nearly 40 university leaders, which will save \$573,000 in payroll costs over the next six months, and said that no decision has been made yet on the need for furloughs, layoffs or more widespread salary reductions at KU.

Like Barbara Bichelmeyer, j'82, c'86, g'88, PhD'92, who stepped into the provost role on Feb. 26, just weeks before KU shut down campus operations in response to an unprecedented global health crisis, Cook's transition to the Strong Hall leadership team has required him to hit the ground running. Long before his official start date of May 1, he was reaching out to affiliates such as the Alumni Association, KU Endowment and Kansas Athletics, whom he considers key players in helping the University come through the current crisis stronger than ever.

"It's obviously a crazy time," Cook says. "Right now we're trying to do what's best for our students and staff and faculty, because it's hard for everybody.

"We're taking on a lot of unprecedented challenges. It's hard, but it's a good hard, if that makes sense. We're coming together to address things and come up with solutions in ways I've never seen before. While it's exhausting, it's exhilarating. Maybe now more than ever I've been proud to be a Jayhawk. You see people coming together and rising to the occasion. I think there's a pretty good case to be made that this truly could be our finest hour."

—STEVEN HILL



MONEY MATTERS

KU will receive more than \$15 million in funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, part of the \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill passed in March by the federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The first payment of nearly \$7.6 million was distributed directly to students in greatest need across all KU campuses and must be used for housing, food, technology or health care. The remaining funds will be disbursed to the University at a later date.

Broadcast benefit: *A singing meadowlark and microphones doubling as wind turbines set a broadcast theme for the winning entry in Kansas Public Radio's second-annual mug design contest.*

"My design was inspired by radio waves playing across the land, spreading news and music," says Daniele Green, an elementary school art teacher whose entry prevailed over 28 other designs. More than 1,200 listeners voted on finalists chosen by KPR staffers.

The Tecumseh native's design will decorate the 2020 membership mug, which the NPR affiliate plans to distribute later this year.



“I hope that it would start a conversation about the basis upon which we vote, putting less emphasis on partisanship and ideology and more emphasis on trust.”

—Paul Schumaker



STEVE PUPPE

BOOK

How we vote, and why

Political theorist explores alternatives for presidential elections

PROFESSOR EMERITUS Paul Schumaker opens *The Twenty-Eighth Amendment? Beyond Abolishing the Electoral College* by acknowledging the inevitable elephant in the room: Yes, he viewed Donald Trump as an unqualified candidate, let alone president, and Trump’s 2016 election literally drove him into retirement.

“I had no adequate explanation for the result of the 2016 election that I could offer my students,” he writes. “It was time to quit, so I exited the classroom before Trump took his oath of office.”

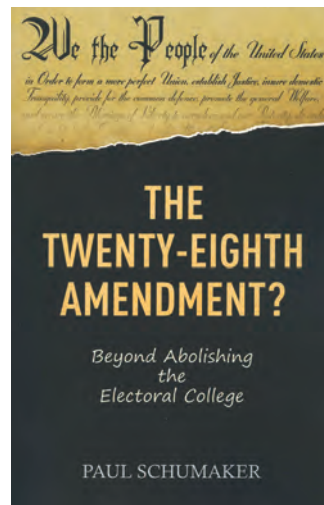
With his personal views offered at the outset, hopefully neutering charges of hidden bias that now tend to inflame discussion of current events, Schumaker proceeds to deliver an accessible examination of presidential politics past, present and future, with an unexpected twist.

The book’s title refers to the unlikely possibility of the U.S. Constitution being

amended to revise or abolish the Electoral College as constructed by the framers—unlikely, yes, but, as Schumaker argues, not impossible. He sees change as imperative not because the Electoral College declared Trump the victor despite Hillary Clinton winning more popular votes, but because, in his

view, the Electoral College yet again failed in what Schumaker sees as its fundamental role as gatekeeper: identifying capable and respected candidates.

As for popular outrage over the Electoral College



The Twenty-Eighth Amendment?

by Paul Schumaker

Gatekeeper Press, \$14.99

LEFT: Paul Schumaker hopes his book inspires Americans to step back from deep ideological divides: "It really is a plea for less partisan politics."

ignoring the "will of the people," Schumaker says the argument is invalid because Americans' collective will "is often unknown." Among other reasons, our cumbersome system of vetting and nominating candidates prevents many voters from participating at crucial stages along the journey and makes alternative-party candidates impossible long shots; when a dispirited electorate is ultimately forced to then choose from only two candidates with any hope of winning, can a simple vote tally be trusted to represent a true, collective will?

Schumaker instead argues that because the Electoral College long ago ceded its role of identifying candidates to political parties, which are concerned only with putting forth nominees who can finish "first past the post," then the system has outlived its usefulness.

Also refreshingly, Schumaker offers alternatives, including his favored option: an "instant run-off" system, with an early September "preliminary national election" narrowing a field of 20 or 25 qualified candidates to a final group of perhaps five, from which voters, returning to the polls in November, would then declare their preferences in a ranked order.

Schumaker acknowledges that a catastrophic election outcome—such as both the Electoral College and House of Representatives unable to determine a winner—would likely be required to finally generate the national resolve to amend the Constitution. And even then, convincing a diverse country to agree on an alternative will be daunting, as Schumaker learned after the 2000 election, when he convened noted academics to discuss Electoral College alternatives after George W. Bush won despite losing the popular tally.

Those political science authorities ultimately tended to favor systems that reflected their own disciplines within the broad field, so convincing citizen voters and their partisan representatives to reach consensus would likely be even more daunting.

But, Schumaker insists, it's worth trying, and he is hopeful that today's young voters will eventually lead the way to institutional change.

"I hope that it would start a conversation about the basis upon which we vote, putting less emphasis on partisanship and ideology and more emphasis on trust," Schumaker says of his book, which grew out of an Electoral College course he taught for KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. "And I do hope to have a conversation about whether we could have structural changes that make it easier for people to think in less partisan, less ideological ways."

—CHRIS LAZZARINO

Painting for a cause: *The news hit the Kansas City artist hard: Kids who relied on their school lunch programs were going hungry, often without a single meal in a day. Mike Savage, f'80, decided to help by raffling a painting, feeling confident that his friends and followers would welcome the chance to pitch in. And did they ever. With the help of his daughter Annie, c'20, Savage set a modest goal to raise \$1,000 for the foundation No Kid Hungry. Participants who donated were entered to win his original painting depicting bright Kansas wildflowers. By mid-May, generous donors had raised more than \$7,000. Additional purchases of prints will also benefit the foundation, and can be found at Sav-art.com.*



MIKE SAVAGE



DAN STOREY

Oliver Hall, which closed for renovations after the 2018-'19 academic year, will not reopen. The Naismith Drive residence hall opened in 1966 and was the last in line to be renovated as part of Student Housing's improvement program. According to a plan submitted in 2019 to the Kansas Board of Regents, the hall was scheduled to undergo a \$28 million renovation, which included upgrades to rooms, common spaces and mechanical and electrical systems, as well as conversion of the dining hall to a student services and academic resource center. The decision to permanently close the hall, which was announced before KU's pandemic response compounded the uncertainties faced by Student Housing, was based on enrollment projections and occupancy rates at other residence halls on campus.

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RESEARCH

Digital homelessness

New grant expands studies to mitigate risks of public internet use

ROUGHLY ONE IN FIVE PEOPLE in the United States must rely on community-access computers, like those in public libraries, or smartphones for broadband internet access. But users of library computers are more vulnerable to security, privacy and surveillance threats than people who connect to the internet from home.

KU researchers coined the term “digital homelessness” to describe this disparity and, since 2017, the team has studied the risks and developed a practical solution to protect public-computer users. Thanks to a new two-year, \$516,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the researchers can continue their work and refine a promising new security device.

The team is led by Bill Staples, professor of sociology and director of the Surveillance Studies Research Center; Perry Alexander, c’86, e’86, g’88, PhD’93, AT&T Foundation Distinguished Professor of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science and director of the Information and Telecommunication Technology Center; and Drew Davidson, assistant professor of electrical engineering & computer science.

“Every time somebody goes in and sits down at a library computer, they have to start anew,” Staples says. “If you think about experiences of home-

lessness, it’s pretty similar to this. They don’t have personal space. They have very little privacy. They are vulnerable to being watched by others. If you wrote out a list of all the things that describe being homeless, this for them is their digital equivalent. Mostly it’s this idea that they have limits on how they can use this resource, and we’re trying to help them use it better.”

A 2017 Early-concept Grant for Exploratory Research from the NSF funded 40 interviews with library patrons and staff and led to the creation of a portable computing plug-in called PUPS, or public user privacy and security. The device, which resembles a USB stick, contains software that allows users to preserve their privacy and security settings and store passwords and other preferences, providing seamless, secure experiences on any public-access computer.

“We can essentially run an entire computer off of one of those sticks,” Staples says, “if you have enough memory on it. They could plug it in and basically it would run the computer exactly where it was when they stopped using it before. All your settings are the same.”

With the 2020 grant, the researchers will target new libraries in the Kansas City metro area and further evaluate and refine the PUPS device, with the potential to make it publicly available in a few years.

“Hopefully it will address some of the major challenges folks in the libraries face,” Staples says.

—HEATHER BIELE

“Every time somebody goes in and sits down at a library computer, they have to start anew. If you think about experiences of homelessness, it’s pretty similar to this. They don’t have personal space. They have very little privacy. They are vulnerable to being watched by others.”

—Bill Staples





Laurie Marlowe at times wields a tape measure to ensure proper distance between guitarist Clay Ptacek, drummer Robbie Matthews and his dad, Paul, on bass.



DAN STOREY (3)

MASS STREET & MORE

Rockin' block party

RESIDENTS OF A QUIRKY Lawrence neighborhood turned out April 1 to cheer, sing and dance—mostly minding 6-foot distances—when the exquisitely named band Last Shreds of Decency played the inaugural Corona Porch Concert at 2130 Kentucky St., the home of guitarist Clay Ptacek and his wife, Laurie Marlowe.

A neighbor asked for some tunes to kick the quarantine blues, so Ptacek gladly picked up his guitar and played—with father-son bandmates Paul Matthews, c'88, on bass and Robbie Matthews on drums and lead vocals. Their first performance drew neighbors, friends and fans. As word spread through local media and Facebook, crowds grew for concerts on April 23 and May 2.

Marlowe, c'93, introduces the musicians, films concerts and maintains LSD's irreverent Facebook page, confessing, "I'm having way too much fun with this."

The band is the first joint musical venture for longtime friends Ptacek and Paul Matthews, who both played jazz at KU as students and have jammed with dozens of groups through the years. Robbie, 19, is a prodigy who began performing



at age 5 with his dad. The three played their first gig at White Schoolhouse (formerly Ichabod's) north of town before the pandemic canceled a date at downtown's Replay Lounge.

As for the band's name, Paul credits Ptacek. "Clay brought it up, and that was it," he says. "I've been in like 30 bands, and the hardest thing is coming up with a name. If you have a cool one, that's something." Ptacek, whose guitar heroes include Keith Richards and Jeff Beck, says the wordplay alludes to flashy guitar riffs and today's ferocious political climate.

Their rousing set list features original tunes, including a song named for the band and crowd favorite "Horizontal Mohawk," plus The Beatles' "I Am the Walrus" and a fitting finale: The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again."

We tip our hats—and await the next gig.

—JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

SCHOLARSHIP

Alumna wins prestigious fellowship

SCHOLAR AND PUBLIC POLICY advocate Sarah Deer, c'96, l'99, in May was named an Andrew Carnegie Fellow, considered one of the most generous awards for scholarship in the humanities and social sciences.

It's the latest in a long line of honors for Deer, who earned a MacArthur Fellowship in 2014 and induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame last September. She will use the \$200,000 stipend to complete a book, *Indigenous Democracies: Native Women and the Future of Tribal Nations in the United States*, interviewing Native American women who lead democratic projects in their communities, like organizing resistance to a pipeline at Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota.

"I am honored to be able to tell the story of native women's contributions to American society in the face of oppression and violence," Deer says. "Their courage and deep connection to their relatives and communities is a testament to the enduring spirit that has allowed native people to weather the storm of settler colonialism and contribute to the improvement of American democracy. I am humbled by the strength of native women and excited to work with them more closely."

A professor at KU since 2017 with a joint appointment in the School of Public Affairs and the department of women, gender and sexuality studies, Deer is the third KU faculty member awarded a Carnegie Fellowship. She's a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and chief justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

—STEVEN HILL



STEVE PUPPE

Sarah Deer



COURTESY KAYLA WILLIS (2)

Who's a good boy? Back when light-hearted puppy fun was still an accepted part of our daily agenda—the foggy, distant era of Feb. 20, B.C.—Phog the mini goldendoodle rocketed to stardom as the winner of One Day. One KU.'s inaugural pet photo contest. By sweeping Instagram voting, the beautiful boy won \$250 for his owner, KU senior Kayla Willis, who donated the prize to School of Education scholarships.



Kayla Willis with Phog

Willis picked up Phog from his Oklahoma breeder the day she finished finals in spring 2019, and she now reports that her prized pooch—who has nearly 1,200 followers on his own Instagram page, @Phogthedood—is more treasured than ever as a constant companion during social isolation.

"Oh my gosh, yes, and even with him, I'm still going crazy," says Willis, who plans to graduate in December with a community health degree and then make her way into graduate school to become a physician assistant. "But, yes, he's been getting lots of walks and lots of play time."

As well he should, as a special reward for giving us all paws from daily doses of unhappy news.



MONEY MATTERS

In March, the Kansas Legislature and Gov. Laura Kelly approved an initial fiscal year 2021 budget, which includes \$11.9 million in additional base-budget funding for the state's six universities and an extra \$5 million for the KU Cancer Center. The center's funding is critical as KU prepares to submit its application in fall 2021 for national Comprehensive Cancer Center designation.

Of course, the pandemic upended all budget planning. By late April, the state faced an estimated \$1.3 billion shortfall through June 2021. On May 21, with many questions still looming, Chancellor Doug Girod said KU must prepare for a deficit of at least \$120 million on the Lawrence and Edwards campuses.



ANDREW WHITE



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Show of support

KU JOINED THE LIGHT IT BLUE campaign to show support and gratitude for essential workers and health providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. At 8 p.m April 9, several campus sites glowed with blue light, including the Campanile

and the Waving the Wheat Wall behind the DeBruce Center. Kansas Athletics also displayed messages of support on the video boards at Hogleund Ballpark and at the Rock Chalk Park track and field complex in northwest Lawrence.

A masked bird appeared outside the Alumni Association in support of essential workers, and to remind everyone to stay healthy and safe.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Dream the dream

Hopeful 'Hawks keep working toward delayed Olympic glory

WHEN THE NCAA on March 12 shut down collegiate sports, the focus in the moment was on basketball: With the top-ranked Jayhawks favored to win their first title since 2008, the pain was real.

Although largely unnoticed at the time, the timing of a pandemic pause also could not have been worse for track and field. The national championship indoor meet was set to begin the next day in Albuquerque, New Mexico. When coach Stanley Redwine summoned the men's and women's track and field teams to break the news, he urged his dejected runners, jumpers and throwers to "keep your heads up." Associate head coach and vertical jumps coach Tom Hays reminded the student-athletes how much pride they brought their coaches. "I felt, at a time like that, across the country, if we can lean on each other enough and push forward," Hays recalls telling his athletes, "good things are going to come out of it."

Coach Tom Hays predicts Hussain Al Hizam (clockwise from below), Zach Bradford and Gleb Dudarev will return better than ever when restrictions ease: "Life goes on and we've got to live it. We've got to continue to dream; otherwise, just stay home, and that's not what we're going to do."



As part of the complete shutdown of college sports, coaches were barred from most contact until on-campus activities resumed. As for saying goodbye to sophomore pole vaulter Zach Bradford—freshman hero of the 2019 Kansas Relays and the youngest member of Team USA at World Track and Field Championships in Doha,



STEVE PUPPE

Qatar, where Bradford placed 22nd—Hays, d'90, found a moment for some parting advice: Go get strong.

"He's kind of a light kid," Hays explains.

What nobody knew then was that elite athletes would miss out on far more than the Kansas Relays and Big 12 and NCAA championship meets: Less than two weeks later, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) postponed the Tokyo Olympics until summer 2021.

KU's likeliest track and field Olympians include record-setting hammer thrower Gleb Dudarev, a six-time Big 12 champion who placed eighth in the world in Qatar while competing for Belarus, and pole vaulters Hussain Al Hizam, of Saudi Arabia, and Bradford, who hails from Bloomington, Illinois.

Al Hizam, an NCAA and three-time Big 12 champion and three-time Saudi Arabian national record holder, has been fighting back from a dislocated ankle that last year cost him what would have been his senior outdoor season. After extended rest and a successful cleanup surgery this spring, Al Hizam in 2021 should again be a Big 12 and NCAA title contender for his restored outdoor senior season. Hays is also convinced the veteran vaulter this summer could have met the Olympic qualifying height of a hair higher than 19 feet, less than 2 inches above his career best.

LAURA JACOBSEN

“I’ve never seen the fire in his eyes like it is now,” Hays says of Al Hizam. “He’s ready.”

Al Hizam and Bradford make for a fascinating tandem: While both are superior athletes, Al Hizam is heavily muscled in the arms and shoulders; Bradford carries less weight and more speed.

“At the USA championships, he was the fastest one in the meet,” Hays says. “Even Sam Kendricks, who just broke the American record, can’t run down the runway as fast as Zach did.”

Backed with a soundtrack by motivational wizard Dr. Eric Thomas, Bradford recently posted video evidence of how he spent the second half of his spring semester when not completing online studies or helping repair the roof on his family home: adding Al Hizam’s raw strength to his toolkit.

You have to eat the dream! You have to sleep the dream! You have to dream the dream! You have to see it when nobody else sees it!

Powering through biceps curls, shoulder presses and medicine-ball work, the shirtless Bradford displays a ripped torso that kicks sand on the whippet who last year whisked down the Kansas Relays runway to set the school record at 18 feet, 11 inches.

“Almost every day, he wakes up better,” Hays says. “It’s exciting. It’s just fun, and I hope he enjoys the years we’ve got him.”

Note the “it’s just fun.” Hays, a KU vaulter in the 1980s, is careful to tap the brakes on expectations and pressure, yet when talking about Bradford’s bright future, it’s impossible to escape lofty talk.

As for conference and NCAA titles, Hays answers flatly, “Yeah, we expect him to be contending and winning. And I’ll take it a step further ...”

Ah, yes. The Olympics. Dream the dream, right?

“There’s probably five or six guys ... there might be seven or eight ... who can make the Olympic team,” Hays says. “He’s one of them.”

Athletics Director Jeff Long on March

23 told *Kansas Alumni* he was particularly concerned about top-caliber athletes whose dreams of competing for titles and medals were dashed by the coronavirus pandemic. While stressing that coaches were forbidden from talking shop, Long added that athletes could still consult with KU nutritionists and their strength and conditioning coaches “to make sure they stay fit, or at least as fit as they can be,” and that psychological health would also be addressed.

“We let them know that they’re not alone,” Long says, “We’re trying to advise and counsel them throughout this process.”

Hays shares Long’s concern, but not so much with his elite athletes. It doesn’t take a pandemic for an athlete’s season to end abruptly, he notes, and any athlete incapable of dealing with injury and other setbacks, physically as well as emotionally, isn’t going to go far.

Athletes like Dudarev, Al Hizam and Bradford have already gone far. Now they’re training to go even further, with an opportunity to turn unexpected down time into a healthy body/healthy mind bonus.

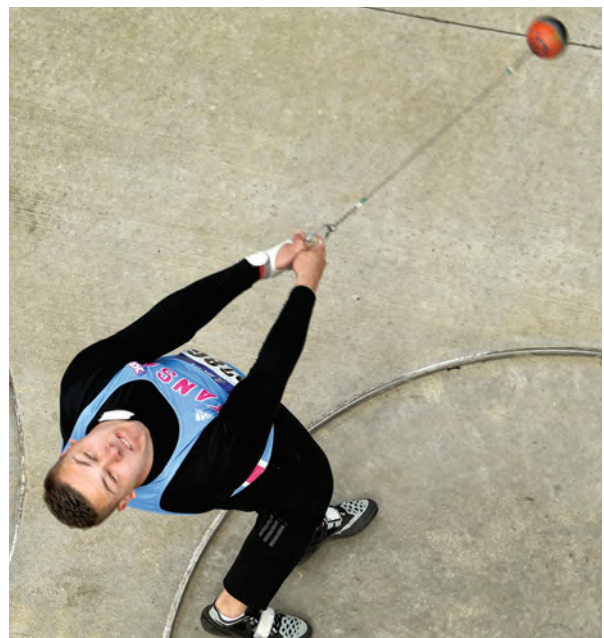
“Everybody in track and field is go go go,” Hays says. “The other day [Al Hizam] called on the phone and said, ‘Coach, this is the longest break I’ve ever taken and I feel unbelievably rested.’ We pound them. It’s just the nature of track. Now they get a little more time to get away from it. ... But, you know what? That stuff’s overrated. The mind’s a beautiful thing, and if you point it in the right direction, it’ll make the body go.”

The IOC, Hays stresses, made the only possible decision, so it’s pointless for athletes to stew. And, if the Olympics had somehow been left on the calendar, athletes would have faced innumerable stresses: How would national qualifying

meets be conducted? Would their families be able to attend? Will they be locked in their rooms, unable to experience the cherished trappings of the athletes’ village?

“There’s a lot of distraction at an Olympics and those other big competitions,” Hays says, “without extra stuff.”

Hays sees another benefit to a 2021 Olympics: If he stays healthy, Al Hizam is all but assured a spot on Saudi Arabia’s team, and Bradford can use the extra year to grow from Olympic hopeful to legitimate contender. Best of all, the Jayhawk vaulters would be in Tokyo together, which is a huge bonus in pole vault, an



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event that requires technical advice and spirit boosts from trusted competitors.

“It’s always nicer to be in a major competition and see a familiar face and know somebody who is going to help you out in the middle of it. Zach was progressing so well; I can’t say he wouldn’t have moved up to that upper third of the good guys, but to be realistic ...”

Not a medal contender.

Yet.

“If he makes it, that’s great. If he doesn’t, that’s great, too. That’s not really who he is. It’s just part of his journey, and it’s exciting enough to watch him try.”

A tall, stone bell tower with a glowing top section, set against a blue sky with a full moon and silhouetted trees.

'This

Grand EXPERIMENT IN History'

The pandemic changed nearly every aspect of the University—while affirming that the KU experience is ultimately about people more than place



PHOTOGRAPH PP. 22 & 24
BY DAN STOREY

LATE IN THE MORNING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 12, JOHNNY'S TAVERN, ALWAYS A HAPPENING HANGOUT IN KANSAS CITY'S POWER & LIGHT DISTRICT DURING THE BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, BEGAN TO FILL WITH JAYHAWK BASKETBALL FANS. THEY ALREADY KNEW A BAR STOOL WOULD BE AS CLOSE AS THEY'D GET TO KU'S OPENING GAME, A 1:30 TIP IN THE SPRINT CENTER. THEIR CONCERNS WERE LIMITED, IN THAT FLEETING MOMENT OF NAIVETÉ, TO TV SIGHTLINES, ORDERING BEERS AND BURGERS AND CROWDING TOGETHER WITH OLD FRIENDS FROM THE HILL FOR A LONG AFTERNOON OF HOOPS.

A day earlier, the cataclysmic March 11, the World Health Organization had declared coronavirus and its evil spawn, COVID-19, a global pandemic. Later that day, the NCAA announced that fans would not be allowed to attend its annual—until now, anyway—men's basketball tournament. March Madness without fans? *Is that even possible?*

That evening, Italy announced it was shutting down all commercial activity; closer to home, with fans already streaming into Sprint Center for two opening-round games, the Big 12 declared that subsequent tournament sessions would be off limits even to bands and cheerleaders.

As March 11 ground on, coronavirus continued its glaciation of global societies, steadily freezing and eroding life and lives here and abroad since its early January emergence from east-central China.

Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer announced that KU's spring break would extend one week, and in-person classes would not resume until March 23; President Trump banned travel from 26 European countries; actors Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson announced from

Australia that they had tested positive for COVID-19; and, after Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tested positive, the NBA suspended its season.

In one day, it seemed, the world changed so fast that even Twitter couldn't keep up.

March 12 dawned with more ominous news, as Kansas City, Missouri, mayor Quinton Lucas declared a state of emergency, and in those evaporating remnants of anything resembling normalcy, the Johnny's crowd just wanted hoops and suds and a last laugh or two for the road.

Then ... *poof*. At 11:39 a.m., the Big 12 announced the tournament was done.

From that hour on that day, getting close to the action would be a thing of the past.

Action would be a thing of the past. Sports went away, of course, and KU's top-ranked men's basketball team was denied its chance at NCAA Tournament glory, and distraught Jayhawk fans felt certain the news could not get grimmer.

If only.

In short order, the loss of sports, even basketball and the Kansas Relays, became the least of anyone's worries.

As infection rates and death tolls

climbed around the globe, KU's little corner of the world adjusted to strange new days with a frantic re-engineering of the college experience. Classes moved online for the rest of the semester. Students, first urged to register travel plans and avoid certain international destinations over spring break, were told not to return. Researchers abandoned their labs. Faculty scrambled to learn new ways to teach as online instruction—once the realm of a relatively small cohort of technologically savvy professors—suddenly became the default option.

Andrea Greenhoot, director of KU's Center for Teaching Excellence, one of three units collaborating on the speed-of-light transition to remote instruction, noted that amid the flurry of Zoom meetings and webinars, faculty consultations about Blackboard, online testing, asynchronous course design and the like, some simple wisdom went far.

"We did a section on how to support students, both as learners and as humans, in this kind of wild, bizarre stressful environment," Greenhoot recalls. The advice for faculty was singularly human too: Take care of yourself. Be patient and compassionate with others. Let students know you care. Distance learning—and learning to distance ourselves in our work and home lives without letting go of the emotional bonds that sustain us—began the transition from strange new world to the way we live now.

A pandemic global in scope has transformed life down to the most personal level. In this collection of stories, we report on the responses of faculty, staff, researchers, alumni and a graduating senior as we all relearn how to teach, work, study and relate to people.

At KU Medical Center, the University of Kansas Cancer Center mobilized to provide coronavirus tests for cancer patients, and School of Medicine graduates hustled through their final courses to volunteer for duty around the state, ultimately contributing 696 volunteer hours in primary care clinics, hospitals and testing centers across Kansas; nursing and respiratory therapy graduates likewise responded, conducting contact tracing and assisting with ventilator care in intensive care units. Leaders of the Medical Center and the University of Kansas Health System began hosting "must-see" daily video teleconferences to inform the public and media.

"I don't know of any need that went unmet," Michael Kennedy, m'90, professor of medicine and associate dean of rural health, says of KU's response. "I'm so very proud of our graduates. They stepped up and did some amazing work."

Provost Bichelmeyer, j'82, c'86, g'88, PhD'92, who started her new post in February, eager to help her alma mater enter a new era of education transformed by technology, her academic specialty, quickly discovered renewed appreciation for old ways.

"At this moment, this grand experiment in history foisted upon us by a virus, we're seeing all the things that we have to protect and defend about the on-campus experience," Bichelmeyer says, "and all the things we can benefit from with the online experience."

University Honors lecturer Mary Barnes Klayder, c'72, d'75, g'82, PhD'09, says she and her literature students struggled in the remote environment. "People are just confused," Klayder says, adding that

high-achieving students who are "serious planners" felt adrift: "They don't know how to deal with the anxiety and ambiguity."

Alternatively, Professor John Hoopes relished the opportunity to invite "giants in archaeology" from around the world, including authors of his students' textbooks, to visit his virtual classrooms; he also told students to recognize that today's pandemic detritus, such as tons of buried masks and gloves, will dazzle archaeologists of the distant future.

"I would love to be able to teach this way down the line," Hoopes says.

Good experiences, however, have been all too rare on Mount Oread since spring break. Our cherished walk down the Hill, scheduled for May 17, was replaced, for now, with a lively video ceremony, but it still took only one image or vibrant memory of Commencements past to make the crimson and blue heart ache.

Chancellor Doug Girod frequently used his online town halls to remind our KU community that Jayhawks will emerge changed, yes, but stronger. The sentiment rang true, of course, but doubts linger. How long must uncertainty last?

"I hope it will create more resiliency in students," Lisa Sharpe Elles, assistant teaching professor of chemistry, says of the challenges that defined a semester like no other. "I'm hoping that this will make our students stronger and more tough, in a way. Not necessarily that they were weak in the first place, but it just gives them a different perspective."

With time, may that be true for us all.

—STEVEN HILL
AND CHRIS LAZZARINO



Our walk may look different

by BRIANNA MEARS

It's still hard to grasp how quickly "See you after spring break" turned into "I hope I get to see you again." When KU announced March 11 via email that in-person classes would be temporarily suspended, students scattered across the country had to quickly decide where they would hole up for the next two weeks before returning to Lawrence. Few could have guessed this was only the beginning. Within a week, universities nationwide began to transition online for the rest of the semester and cancel graduation ceremonies. It became apparent that our Commencement was endangered.

I woke up in the middle of the night March 17 with a pain in my heart, an ache for what the freshman version of myself didn't even know she could lose. That sweet, wide-eyed girl had looked forward to being a Jayhawk since she was in third grade. As I pictured her on move-in day, sitting on the edge of the bottom bunk in her newly decorated room in Templin Hall, I couldn't imagine telling her how it would end.

If I could tell her, what would I say? I took my phone off my nightstand and began typing a letter to freshman Brianna.

I'm sorry. It was not supposed to be this way. The trials and triumphs of senior year that you looked forward to have been ripped away so quickly. It's not fair, and it's okay to hurt. It's okay to mourn the loss of what you thought this season would look like. Whether you walk through the Campanile and down the Hill in May or not, you are not walking away empty handed. You are walking away with the best friends you've ever had, friends that are kind and true and love you through it all. You are walking away with incredible mentors who saw a light in you from the beginning. You are walking away with a joy that comes from finally finding your voice, confidence and inner peace with who you

are. And most importantly, you are walking away with a renewed faith built alongside a Godly community that will remind you that your reward is not here.

Your walk may look different, but it is not bad.

I'm proud of you. I love you. It will be okay.

Without much thought, I uploaded it to Instagram at 4 a.m. and turned over to go back to sleep.

Writing has always been therapeutic to me—a way of processing and sifting through my emotions. While consoling my younger self brought peace to my current reality, I had no idea that it would provide peace to others. Fellow seniors soon reached out to me, saying they needed to hear this, too. They needed to hear it would be okay. And it will be.

A lot has changed since that first week. In-person classes never resumed, and instead students finished the semester virtually. Students living on campus packed up their belongings and moved out while saying goodbye to roommates they weren't finished making memories with. With one click of the "Leave Meeting" button on Zoom, we ended our academic careers as Jayhawks, to be congratulated only by the faint glow of our desktops. While we cross our fingers and hope that Commencement can be rescheduled during this calendar year, grief has slowly turned into apathy as we reckon with the reality that—for now—we can't wrap up our college experience and tie a pretty bow on top.

However, it's important to remember that our KU experience encompasses far more than the past eight weeks. The Class of 2020 is walking away smarter, stronger and bolder than when we arrived in Lawrence as freshmen. We are walking away with bonds that will never be broken, taking with us mentors and friends who will last a lifetime. We are walking away with a men's basketball Final Four and a Chiefs' Super Bowl win (two opportunities to storm Mass Street!). We are walking away with experiences that will help us

navigate our careers as well as this thing called "adulthood." We are walking away with inside jokes and memories and stories to tell our children. We are walking away with the joy and the light of knowing we are Jayhawks—because once a Jayhawk, always a Jayhawk. We are walking away proud.

While it's easy to let this pandemic define our class, I choose to define us by the word "resilient." When we can finally gather on top of the Hill, I can almost guarantee there will be no feeling like the one we'll feel walking through the Campanile. Our time to reunite and rejoice and cheer and celebrate is coming, and it will be worth the wait.

What I love about KU is that while it's a university rich in tradition and history, every Jayhawk gets to walk away with a little piece that's theirs. I invite alumni, along with the senior class, to reflect on what they walked away with and how their time on the Hill made them the Jayhawks they are today.

Our walk may look different, but it is not bad.

—Mears, j'20, from Georgetown, Texas, earned her degree in strategic communication with minors in business and African and African-American studies.



Mears

COURTESY BRIANNA MEARS (2)

Teachers find limits—and innovation—in remote learning transition

by STEVEN HILL

In a typical year, Laura Diede and her 10-person staff help 150 instructors create videos, record lectures and find other ways to put class lessons online.

After KU announced in March it would transition all classes to remote-learning formats to protect students, faculty and staff from COVID-19, “It’s basically everyone who needs to do it,” says Diede, c’03, g’09, director of the Center for Online and Distance Learning (CODL). “So we’re helping everyone. It’s an explosion.”

The huge task of moving thousands of courses from classroom to computer screen fell to CODL, the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) and KU Information Technology. News of the plan reached Diede in early March, and by the next week—spring break—the three partners “were already in full transition mode,” Diede recalls.

Andrea Greenhoot, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, says CTE drew on its mission of encouraging professors to explore innovations in course design and teaching. What had once been a measured, even reflective process became an urgent scramble with an impossible-sounding deadline.

“We had to recognize this is not the normal situation” for online course development, Greenhoot says. Professors had already put lots of thought into designing classes for in-person delivery, and now

they had only a couple of weeks to move online. The emphasis was on easily translatable solutions that wouldn’t require tons of new technology or whole-scale redesign.

Among the first moves was gathering faculty members who already have experience with remote technology or course design—“power users of online learning,” Diede calls them—to start the Faculty Consultant Network (FCN).

“They serve as thought partners for their faculty colleagues,” Greenhoot explains. “It’s discipline-embedded expertise and consultation for faculty trying to figure out what to do with some of the thornier issues they’re encountering in their classes. Things like, what do engineers do with their typical exam format? What are the options for remote delivery? What do you do about labs?”

CTE, CODL and KU IT realized early on that faculty and adjuncts were thrown off balance by an unprecedented public health crisis. The same could be said for students.

“The student experience right now is very different from what you would normally expect from students who enroll intentionally in online classes,” Greenhoot notes. “Many are not prepared; they’ve never engaged in online learning; they don’t have the technology they need and they are stressed by all the other things



STEVE PUPPE (2)

Diede



Greenhoot

Pandemic timeline



12/31/19

Officials in Wuhan, China, confirm treating dozens of cases of pneumonia from an unknown cause.

1/7/20

Chinese authorities determine outbreak is result of a new coronavirus.

1/21/20

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announces the first confirmed case of coronavirus in United States.

1/30/20

The World Health Organization (WHO) declares the outbreak a global public health emergency as more than 9,800 cases reported worldwide.

going on related to COVID, including new work and child-care responsibilities. And actually, that is also true of our faculty.”

Lisa Sharpe Elles, assistant teaching professor of chemistry and an FCN member, has used “lots of technology” in her 10 years in the classroom, but she had never taught a course completely online. Now she teaches two: a general chemistry class for science majors with 270 students, mostly pre-med and pre-dental, and an intro class with 170 students, mostly pre-nursing.

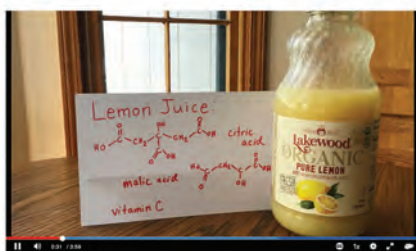
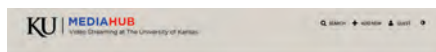
In addition to recording six lectures a week for students to watch at their convenience (what online course designers call asynchronous delivery), Elles also videotaped lab assignments starring her two elementary-school-aged children, who have their own schooling (and entertainment) needs Elles must attend to while working from home.

The hands-on projects keep her kids occupied and engaged in their own science learning, while freeing her to get behind the camera. The lessons also allow her



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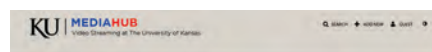
Transitioning to remote learning meant finding new methods to teach essential lessons. Chemistry professor Lisa Sharpe Elles used kitchen chemistry in a videotaped lab exercise (starring daughter Roslyn) that her students could try at home.



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1/31/20

President Donald Trump bans entry into the U.S. of foreign nationals who have traveled to China within the past 14 days.

1/31/20

KU restricts institution-related travel to China for faculty, staff and students.



2/11/20

The WHO announces that the disease caused by the new coronavirus will be known officially as COVID-19.

2/24/20

KU begins suspending study abroad in countries classified as Warning-Level 3 by the CDC, including China, Iran, South Korea and Italy.

2/29/20

The U.S. records its first coronavirus death; Trump administration issues more travel restrictions.

to use the one lab she's fairly certain her students can access: a kitchen.

"They aren't going to remember every bit of chemistry they learn," Elles says of her intro students, "but I want them to have an understanding of science and be able to think critically and see science in the world around them. Cooking chemistry teaches them about biochemistry and gives them an opportunity to actually do some labs in the kitchen."

For a lesson on acid denaturation of proteins, she enlisted her 6-year-old daughter, Roslyn, to demonstrate cheesemaking. Not only did the demo stand in for Roslyn's canceled science fair, but it also might prove more engaging for her own students, Elles believes, while helping her connect personally with people she feels distanced from now that she doesn't see them in class three times a week.

"The point is, 'Hey, I'm a person, I have kids and they're taking up a lot of my time, too,'" Elles says. "I've encouraged students throughout the semester to share what they learn with their families. If they're at home and learning, they can do that, which also helps those lessons set in a little better."

Science labs are only one example of instructional methods dramatically changed by the transition to distance learning. Professors in theatre, film, music, dance and other disciplines hurried to find new ways to instruct and help students collaborate and share their work. Plays, recitals, internships and student teaching rotations



have been canceled, leaving fundamental gaps in outside-the-classroom learning that's essential to many areas of study. For programs like architecture, which stresses a hands-on approach, the challenge can seem existential.

"We do design-build, we do study abroad, we do community engagement, we do internships," says architecture professor and FCN member Shannon Criss. "It's what KU architecture is known for, and I do think that's why students come to KU, for these real-world experiences. But all that is on hold now; we're not able to what we do best."

Some teachers, like some students, are more tech-savvy than others; all are learning the limitations of the screen.

"Sitting in front of a student, demonstrating drawing—that's not as easily done through the screen as it is one-on-one at their desk," Criss says. On the other hand, change has forced everyone to rethink old strategies.

"Before, students would just show up with their designs, and you'd pin it up and look at it," she says. Now Criss has them produce brief slideshows explaining their work, which gets shared in small peer groups and reviewed by Criss. "They've gotten so much better at presenting, because they've practiced three times a week; you can just see the progression in their work." The video format also allows her to tap outside expertise. "I can invite alumni and professionals from New York and L.A. to review student work, which I could never do previously. We can do

interdisciplinary work with community members or people in public health. It enriches the student experience."

The bottom line, Greenhoot and Diede agree, is that disruption is forcing teachers to innovate, and that can be a good thing.

"Teachers have been as nervous and anxious as students have," Diede says. "Most didn't sign up to be online instructors, just like most students didn't sign up to be online learners. But everyone has risen to the occasion."

With all summer classes online and some form of on-campus operations planned for fall, teachers still feel uncertainty and pressure. Some, citing health conditions or age, worry about returning to the classroom before the coronavirus is conquered. Others wonder if large classes are compatible with the social distancing public health experts say will be necessary far into the future.

"We gave each other grace in the spring because we had to," Criss says. "As we move forward, the pressure is on to do better. Can we make this disruption an innovation moment? Because where we were is probably not where we're ever going to be again."

As the University adapts to the rapidly changing environment, KU leaders will continue to update guidance in a document first published May 20: "Re-opening of KU Campuses in the Era of COVID-19." For the latest information, please visit coronavirus.ku.edu.

3/2/20

KU suspends all institution-related travel to and from countries or regions with a Level 3 advisory from the

CDC or a Level 4 advisory from the U.S. Department of State; leaders urge students to reconsider spring break travel.

3/5/20

KU establishes spring break guidelines for travel (March 9-15)



3/7/20

First case of COVID-19 reported in Kansas.

3/11/20

The WHO declares the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic.



Sign of the times

by CHRIS LAZZARINO

“If an odder, uglier phrase has ever been coined,” the brilliant New York Times columnist Frank Bruni said of social distancing, in the early days of our struggle with the concept of collective cocooning, “I can’t think of it.” To be socially distant, Bruni wrote March 17, is an oxymoronic “kick in the gut.” Either we are social or we are distant.

Or living through a global pandemic, during which subtleties of the good life are sacrificed without mercy.

An equally brilliant visual representation of social distancing’s kick in the gut appeared this spring along Mississippi Street, on a hillside hobbit hovel that became known as “love garage” thanks to anonymous artists who over the past decade splashed its doors with colorful, cursive inscriptions of “love” and “love more,” along with a sky-blue interlude of “Risk for Adventure.”

The simple messages gained prominence alongside the rise of social media selfies, and a generation of Jayhawks used the backdrop near Memorial Drive for their engagement photos and other announcements of young love and hopeful spirits.

As the doors yet again fell into disrepair, owners Deb Spencer, c’75, g’79, and Susan Davis last year hired a carpenter to tear them down. The sturdy new whitewashed doors remained gleamingly unadorned ... and, vaguely, disappointing. Pristine is not always perfect.



Enter the latest anonymous artist, who in March reimagined the garage’s emblematic cursive “love,” this time separated by the obligatory 6 feet of safety.

The kick in the heart won’t last forever. Nothing does on the love garage, for one thing; and, of course, social distancing

can’t last forever, either. One day, love will once again meet in the middle. Until then, at least we have this much nostalgia back in our midst, reminding us of happier times, the good life we once foolishly took for granted.

STEVE PUPPE (3)

Town tributes

Downtown businesses left messages of support and love with a little humor.



CHRIS LAZZARINO



SUSAN YOUNGER (5)



Tech wizards rally to save semester

by HEATHER BIELE

In 2005, Mary Walsh was overseeing Tulane University’s campuswide administrative systems when Hurricane Katrina hit. The deadly storm devastated communities along the Gulf Coast and displaced hundreds of thousands of residents in New Orleans, including Walsh, who helped guide Tulane’s recovery efforts with other university leaders from a remote office in Houston.

Nearly 15 years later, Walsh, now in her third year as KU’s chief information officer, has once again found herself working diligently with a team to weather a different kind of storm: the COVID-19 pandemic, which in March forced all instruction online and drastically reshaped the lives of KU students, faculty and staff.

“As we got into this and realized teaching, learning and working remotely has certain challenges, we tried to think through how we could best help, and I

think our success really stems from pursuing a collaborative effort,” Walsh says. “Partnering up with other units on campus really made all the difference.”

Since spring break, Walsh and J. Christopher Brown, vice provost for faculty development and professor in the department of geography and atmospheric science, led a team of faculty and staff from the Center for Online and Distance Learning, the Center for Teaching Excellence and KU Information Technology to develop a robust website, remote.ku.edu, which features a multitude of digital resources and tools, tutorials and support links to help the entire KU community make a swift transition to learning, teaching and working remotely. The website, created and launched in just two days, continues to incorporate new content.

“So much infrastructure and knowledge about how to do this, all the issues that have to be considered, were already in place, putting us in a very good position to have to ramp up to remote learning for everyone as quickly as possible,” Brown, c’89, g’92, says of Walsh and her department of nearly 230 IT professionals.

In addition to playing a vital role in

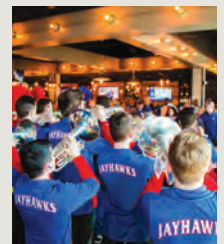
3/11/20

KU delays resumption of in-person classes until March 23; campus remains open; University events limited to no more than 50 people until May 11.

3/11/20

NCAA says NCAA Tournament will be played without fans; with fans already in Sprint Center for 6 p.m. game, Big 12

announces that after today, tourney will be closed to fans, cheerleaders and bands.



developing and refining the website, KU IT launched virtual computer labs, which enabled students to remotely access discipline-specific software that's available only through each school's campus computers. By mid-April, just four weeks after the University moved all courses online, nearly 11,000 students had already accessed the software, equating to roughly 33,000 hours of engagement. KU IT also coordinated a computer loan program for students who didn't have adequate technology at home.

Walsh's teams expanded the University's license for the popular video-conferencing platform Zoom, which can accommodate up to 500 participants for large meetings, and ensured that faculty could record their lectures and transfer them automatically to Blackboard, KU's online learning management system, for students to watch at their

convenience. "So many of our students do not live in the same time zone," Walsh explains, "so this really has the capability for our students to view the lectures at a reasonable time."

Another key priority for the department was enhancing KU's virtual private network, or VPN, which provides a remote, secure connection for faculty and staff to campus services and systems. The University typically supplies 250 VPN connections, an ample amount when most employees are on campus, but with so many people working remotely during the pandemic, KU IT had to quickly design a solution to dramatically expand remote access. In just 36 hours, a networking team created 10,000 connections to support off-campus work.

"This would usually be several weeks' effort with assistance from the vendor, but because of the urgency, our team put it in place in about a day and half," Walsh says. "They certainly set a new bar of excellence."

To adapt to users' needs, the department also sent a series of informative emails and targeted surveys to students, faculty and staff.

As University leaders work to establish a fall-semester plan, Walsh and her teams remain committed to providing support

and guidance for changes in remote learning, teaching and working—and also returning to tasks that were tabled at the onset of COVID-19.

"Mary Walsh, our CIO, and the KU IT team have done an amazing job in order to make sure that everything that we do, from teaching to research to working, continues to happen as seamlessly as possible," Mike Rounds, vice provost for operations, said in the chancellor's April 2 virtual University update. "I think it's not a stretch to say that if any of us thought that we could move our workforce online, move most of our teaching online, and a lot of support for our research online, in a little bit over a week, we wouldn't have believed it. But they have done that in a spectacular manner."

STEVE PUPPE



"The biggest concern was to make sure we were communicating effectively, that we didn't leave any one part of our community at loose ends," says Mary Walsh, chief information officer, in ensuring KU's swift transition to online learning, teaching and working.

Virologist's quest to unlock 'fascinating' coronavirus gains urgency

by JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

A scientist with a knack for metaphor, Anthony Fehr describes SARS coronavirus 2, the cause of COVID-19, in vivid terms: "The virus is attacking the city," he says. "The city has guards to keep the invaders out, but the

3/12/20

Big 12 cancels men's and women's basketball tournaments and suspends all other championships until April 15.



3/12/20

Alumni Association cancels official alumni events nationwide, Adams Alumni Center events, and staff business travel outside Kansas and Missouri.

3/12/20

The NCAA cancels the men's and women's college basketball tournaments and all remaining championships.

3/12/20

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly declares state of disaster emergency.





Fehr

“The virus is attacking the city. The city has guards to keep the invaders out, but the virus has developed lots of ways to get past the guards. At the same time, the guards are not all doing the same things to fend off the attackers.”

—Anthony Fehr

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Fehr, assistant professor of molecular biosciences, focuses his research on a single weapon in the virus’ arsenal—a specific enzyme—and the interaction between that enzyme and one of the city’s guards. “We want to figure out a way to stop the method of attacking, so the virus won’t get into the city and create an illness.”

Though he is finishing only his second year on the KU faculty, Fehr is eight years into his coronavirus research. Thus far his studies of a particular enzyme have proven that the enzyme is critical to causing disease. He and his eight-member team of postdoctoral fellows, graduate students,

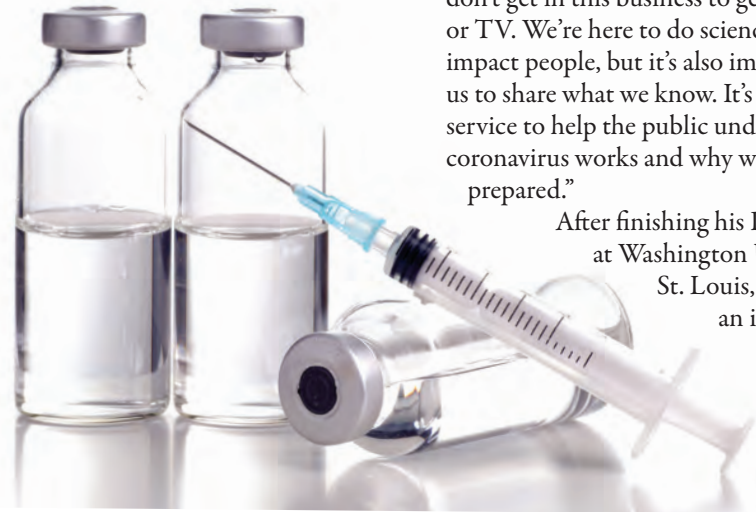
technicians and undergraduates continue to examine the basic biological structure of the enzyme and its interaction with our body’s immune defenses. They also are beginning to test 20 compounds—drugs approved for other uses—to determine whether any could block the enzyme. To focus specifically on thwarting COVID-19, Fehr has received a small, startup grant from KU’s Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute, established with a five-year, \$25 million grant in September 2017 from the National

Institutes of Health. A two-year, \$270,000 career transition grant in 2018 from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases also has funded his work.

While directing his lab, Fehr teaches a virology class for undergraduate students with Professor David Davido. And in recent months, Fehr has taken on an unexpected role as an expert source for regional and national news media outlets reporting on the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It has been a lot of craziness that you never anticipate,” he says. “As scientists we don’t get in this business to get on radio or TV. We’re here to do science that will impact people, but it’s also important for us to share what we know. It’s a public service to help the public understand how coronavirus works and why we need to be prepared.”

After finishing his PhD in 2011 at Washington University in St. Louis, Fehr found an ideal opportunity to continue



3/14/20

KU issues self-isolation guidelines for those who have traveled and discourages students from returning to campus, although it remains open.

3/15/20

The CDC recommends postponement or cancellation of in-person events consisting of 50 people or more for the next eight weeks.

3/17/20

Gov. Kelly issues executive order temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings of more than 50 people and temporarily closing K-12 schools.



3/17/20

First confirmed case of COVID-19 reported in Douglas County.

his virology studies as a postdoctoral fellow with Dr. Stanley Perlman, a nationally respected coronavirus researcher at the University of Iowa. “I became very interested in coronaviruses because they are fascinating in the way they copy themselves. There is a unique life cycle to the way they work,” Fehr says. “It was a small field of study at that time, so there was lots of room to find your own niche. There were lots of questions to be answered.”

The questions became more urgent as the second outbreak of coronavirus-related disease, known as MERS, occurred in 2012, a decade after the first SARS outbreak in 2002. Fehr hopes the nation and the world will learn valuable lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, the third onslaught in 18 years; ideally, the fervent pace and vast breadth of current research will continue, so nations can meet the next outbreak with a menu of drug treatments—and, even better, vaccines—at the ready.

“We have a lot of vaccine platforms. We’re on record pace to get a vaccine, but of course whether they will work will be the crux,” he says. “We have an opportunity to figure that out, and the next time we’ll have that platform ready to adjust vaccines as needed. Multi-pronged readiness is going to be key.”

Fehr looks to the skies for a suitable metaphor to describe pandemic preparedness. “If you think about tornadoes, our nation has made a lot of improvements to help us prepare for severe weather,” he says. “We have better ways to sense when tornadoes are coming, and we can get ready. That’s the kind of thing that we’re going to need for pandemic virus.”

Even amid restrictions, scholars pursue discoveries

by JENNIFER JACKSON SANNER

As researchers scrambled to shut down, curtail or adapt their work in late March, Simon Atkinson made a solemn vow: “The KU Center for Research will do anything and everything we can to sustain research,” he declared March 27, in the first of several online town hall discussions to help the research community move forward.

Atkinson, vice chancellor for research, also tried to quell fears that remote

operations could delay, detour or derail not only quests for critical discoveries but also personal career journeys for faculty members and graduate students. “This is not your fault,” he reminded them, assuring his colleagues that tenure clocks and deadlines for theses and dissertations would adapt to the interruption.

By mid-May, a few days into what Atkinson calls the “reawakening,” as the first research building reopened, he



Atkinson



3/17/20

Lawrence and Edwards campus instruction moves online for remainder of spring semester; limitations set for on-campus housing

operations; KU urges students who have not returned to campus to remain where they are—and encourages all employees to work remotely.

3/20/20

KU suspends all non-essential research activities on Lawrence and Edwards campuses; campus buildings locked.

3/24/20

Gov. Kelly issues executive order temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings of more than 10 people.

3/26/20

Deaths in the U.S. pass 1,000 and confirmed cases rise to more than 80,000.

“The impact on students is one of the main reasons why we wanted to reactivate research as quickly as we could.” —Simon Atkinson

expressed thanks for the flexibility, ingenuity and heroism of scholars—and vital support teams, including KU Information Technology and KU Libraries—throughout a flurry of research activity that continued despite the spring closure of campuses.

“For scientists and engineers, there has been a lot of analyzing data for their projects. People are still able to access all the computational resources. The University’s IT folks did an amazing job of making sure all those resources, such as high-capacity computers, storage systems and other tools, were available,” he says. “In addition, many people have changed the ways they do their research with human subjects—the ways they gather information from schools and children and families, for example. We just don’t think it’s safe for those interactions, so they have been able to pivot their studies, using remote means, surveys or using Zoom to interview people. There’s a lot of that kind of work going on.”

Scholars have forged ahead on numerous research fronts, but studies related to coronavirus take on special urgency, including:

- studies analyzing the basic biology of coronavirus to create ways to block it from replicating (see “Virologist’s quest gains urgency,” pp. 33-35)
- new vaccines or delivery methods for new vaccines, including collaborations

with other universities and foundations: “I think it’s quite likely that there will be some KU involvement in vaccines coming out,” Atkinson says. “There will probably be several new vaccines.”

- projects to improve diagnostic testing and provide alternatives to the current nasal swab method

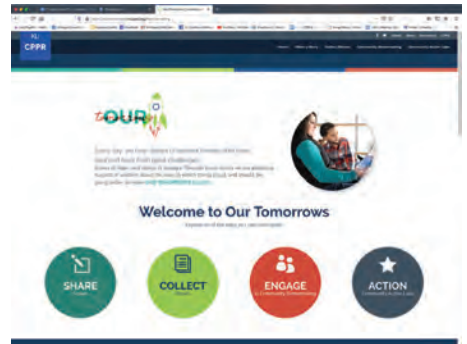
Other scholars applied their expertise to create studies that could help inform leaders in government and public health amid the pandemic:

- A team from the KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum earned a one-year, \$199,999 Rapid Response Research award from the National Science Foundation to develop mathematical models predicting the effectiveness of various interventions to limit the spread of COVID-19. KU’s study is distinctive because it considers the impact of human behavior, including public fear, perception of risk and whether populations follow or flout public policies such as stay-at-home orders, social distancing and travel bans. The project is led by Folashade Agosto, assistant professor of ecology & evolutionary biology, who creates mathematical models of human and animal disease transmission. She is working with A. Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and curator with the KU Biodiversity Institute and Natural History Museum,

and Jarron Saint Onge, associate professor of sociology.

- The School of Engineering has partnered with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) to test whether COVID-19 can be detected in wastewater systems. Belinda Sturm, associate vice chancellor for research and professor of civil, environmental & architectural engineering, is analyzing the wastewater from 12 communities—from large cities to small towns. The results, though not a replacement for widespread COVID-19 testing of Kansans, could provide additional evidence for local officials. Tom Stiles, who directs KDHE’s Water Bureau, asked Sturm to help; the two have worked on several other water studies in recent years.

- The Center for Public Partnerships & Research (CPPR) reactivated its online story collection, Our Tomorrows, to



CPPR regularly reports findings from Our Tomorrows stories to state policymakers, including the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund. The reports highlight emerging themes and needs that state leaders can remedy quickly.



3/27/20
President Trump signs a \$2 trillion coronavirus economic stimulus bill.

3/28/20
Gov. Kelly issues executive order establishing a statewide stay-at-home order.



4/1/20
KU offers credit/no credit grading option for students; period to withdraw from 16-week courses extended to May 4.

4/2/20
Coronavirus cases worldwide surpass 1 million, with more than 51,000 deaths globally; nearly 10 million Americans out of work.



Agusto



Peterson



Sturm



Counts



Ginther

gather personal stories of Kansas families and children coping with the pandemic. As of mid-May, Our Tomorrows had collected nearly 300 stories from Kansans who also answered a brief series of questions about factors such as unemployment or access to health care. Researchers analyze the data and share patterns with state policymakers. The study, funded by a federal grant from the Administration for Children and Families, aims to uncover and solve countless issues that affect families; CPPR director Jackie Counts, PhD'10, cites one example: "When child care centers reopen, how can we ensure that child care workers can get tested for COVID-19? They're not always top of mind as front-line health care workers, but they are critical for reopening." To share your story, visit ourtomorrows.kucppr.org.

- Donna Ginther, dean's professor of economics and director of KU's Institute for Policy & Social Research, and other experts presented weekly webinars to report the latest COVID-19 and economic data across all Kansas counties and the Kansas City metropolitan area, along with analysis of the economic toll.

The lull in normal operations also provided researchers the time to work on long-planned projects, Atkinson says: "Lots of papers have been written. Scientists are like other people. They've had papers they've been meaning to get to for months or years. Academic journals are receiving a lot more submissions than they usually do. Our researchers also have had more time to think; they are generating grant proposals and new lines of research, so our office is dealing with a lot of submissions."

For faculty and students who rely on academic journals and other references for coursework and research, the KU Libraries staff stepped up to provide more avenues of access while libraries on all campuses remained closed to the public. In addition to the ever-popular Ask a Librarian online service and KU's extensive digital collections, the HathiTrust Digital Library's Emergency Temporary Access Service included 17 million digitized resources for more than 2 million volumes, about 40% of KU Libraries' print collections. Students, faculty and staff also could request Home Loan Delivery of materials or ask librarians to scan as many as three chapters

of books (adhering to copyright law) and send the digital files.

Of course, even KU's vast collections and creative connections cannot substitute for travel to essential archives, often the summer assignment for humanities scholars. With restrictions most likely remaining through summer, some projects could be delayed by a year, Atkinson says.

Scholars in the arts also hit roadblocks. Although musicians in the KU Woodwind Ensemble valiantly converged in a popular KU video, melding their individual performances from home into a mournful but marvelous rendition of "Home on the Range," the loss of valuable studio time affected numerous performing artists in music, dance and theatre.

To cope with the losses, KU leaders quickly fulfilled Atkinson's promise to devise various ways of extending the tenure clock for faculty. For graduate students, advisers modified goals as best they could. "For me, as well as the chancellor and the provost, the impact on students is one of the main reasons why we wanted to reactivate research as quickly as we could," Atkinson says, noting that dissertation defenses via Zoom lose much of their luster.

4/2/20

KU postpones Commencement to late summer or early fall, implements hiring and salary freezes, discontinues

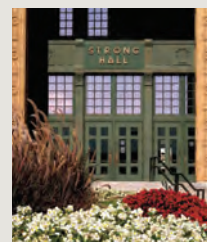
business-related travel within KS and MO, and advises students to plan for online-only summer courses.

4/9/20

KU to receive \$15 million from federal stimulus package; half is designated for students.

4/15/20

Gov. Kelly extends stay-at-home order to May 3.



4/23/20

KU distributes nearly \$7.6 million in federal stimulus funds to students in need.

“These are examinations of students’ work, but they are also parties and celebrations of their achievements. That’s one of the things that we’ve lost. It’s not the same as having your mentors, advisers and perhaps family and friends in the room, waiting to celebrate your achievements. There is a lot of grieving.” (The disappointment is personal for Atkinson, whose eldest daughter, Daria, is preparing to complete her doctoral work in theoretical physics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and most likely will defend her dissertation without her dad and mom there to cheer.)

But as he surveys recent and looming challenges, Atkinson also finds solace. The pandemic has provided “a great demonstration of the importance of universities,” he says. “As COVID-19 emerged, we knew so little about how infectious it was going to be, how it is transmitted, how rapidly it would spread, how to treat patients, how to reorganize society to limit the effects of the pandemic. It is universities that have generated more of the ideas and have provided researchers who can come up with ways to analyze what’s going on rapidly, almost in real time, to help society and help medical professionals make the right decisions.

“Our ways of thinking have had to evolve very rapidly to keep pace, and those ways of thinking are what you learn in universities like KU.”

For the latest information on the numerous studies and outreach efforts led by researchers and other scholars throughout the University community, visit news.ku.edu/coronavirus.



Empathetic recruiters get creative to fill incoming class

by CHRIS LAZZARINO

When early bands of the coronavirus hurricane reached as far inland as Mount Oread, the threat to classes consumed campus with worry. Yet while their administration and academic colleagues scrambled to salvage the spring semester, the admissions team was already gazing toward the next line of storms: the August start of the next academic year.

Could KU still recruit and retain a vibrant freshman class?

“It’s time to pivot our recruitment strategies to online,” undergraduate admissions director Lisa Pinamonti Kress, g’98, recalls telling her troops March 13, when 1,500 on-campus visits scheduled for the following week had to be canceled,

“so let’s start brainstorming.’ And the ideas just started flowing.”

Heidi Simon, g’00, senior associate director of freshman recruitment, cites one notable advantage admissions had in making a fast switch: youth. “We have such a young staff that they’re not afraid of change yet,” Simon says, noting that one young alumna confidently proclaimed that she “thrived on chaos.”

As the tools of their trade transitioned from in-person to digital and video, Kress, Simon and their recruitment directors and representatives soon grasped that the true challenge was in comprehending the immense stresses faced by seniors and their families. Denied all pomp and ceremony of high school graduation, they suddenly found themselves navigating the already challenging transition to college while also facing all the fears and stresses of a deadly virus and social isolation.

The solution turned out to be elegant in



HEIDI SIMON (2)

4/27/20

Nearly 40 KU leaders take 10% pay cuts to generate more than \$573,000 in savings.

4/30/20

Gov. Kelly introduces plan to reopen state.

5/1/20

KU announces plans to gradually restore campus operations, beginning with essential research.

5/3/20

Statewide stay-at-home order expires.

5/27/20

Cases in U.S. = 1,701,552
Deaths in U.S. = 100,046
Cases in Kansas = 9,427
Deaths in Kansas = 206
Cases in Douglas County = 63

its simplicity: empathize. What would you hope to hear if you and your children were trying to make college decisions at a time like this?

While the national May 1 enrollment-deposit deadline was, technically, maintained, students and parents were assured that late decisions either way would be honored. Sensing families were perhaps being left out of an online process with which their children were comfortable, Kress and Simon created parents-only webinars; the first, for parents of incoming freshmen who had been admitted but not yet paid the enrollment deposit, attracted 150 registrants and 100 attendees, huge boosts from student webinars that typically attracted 30 or fewer.

“We said, ‘OK, this is good, we’re clearly hitting on a need, so let’s move forward with parents of those who have paid the enrollment deposit,’” Simon recalls. “And, oh my gosh, I thought we were going to break the internet. In a matter of hours, we had 550 people register for it. We looked into our Zoom capability, it would only allow 500, so we had to close that one down,

and then we opened up another one and within a few hours it also filled up 500.”

Chancellor Doug Girod joined some of the online sessions to explain his safety-first mandate for whatever may come this fall, and parents were finally able to speak and vent and console and be consoled.

“One parent emailed me,” Simon says, “and she said, ‘I can’t tell you how normal it made us feel in these uneasy times.’ And I just thought, ‘Yes, that’s how I felt, actually, doing it.’ We’ve been working so hard behind our screens and working from home, just being able to talk to parents, seeing their faces, it just felt normal to see them and talk to them.”

As Simon explained to jittery parents, she empathized with their plight because she’s a jittery parent herself. Her son Cooper, a freshman, felt so strongly about losing half a semester of on-campus activity that he told his parents, in explaining his new five-year plan, “I just don’t want to miss out on my KU experience.”

Another change this year is that yard signs sent to incoming freshmen, as part

of a joint initiative of KU Admissions and the Alumni Association, suddenly became more treasured than ever. It seems the hopeful announcement of “Rock Chalk Ready” takes on unexpected urgency when hope is scarce.

“You see it when they post about it in the families’ Facebook group,” Simon says. “There is picture after picture from all over the country of students posing with their signs ... and you see how much happiness ...”

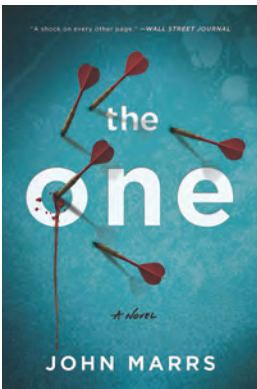
Simon pauses for an extended moment, holding back tears.

“Well, for the yard signs to show up and provide some brightness, it’s more powerful than ever.”

BELOW Lisa Pinamonti Kress (left) and Heidi Simon lead an admissions team dedicated to delivering a vibrant freshman class. “We have a lot of predictive models of what the incoming class can look like,” Kress says, “but they’re based on historical data. This is completely different. We don’t know what to expect.”



STEVE PUPPE



The One
by John Marris
Hanover Square Press,
\$26.99



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EVENTS

London calling

Author John Marris shares backstory of his novel via online discussion

SINCE 2018, the Jayhawk Book Club has hosted semester-end receptions at the Adams Alumni Center for local participants to meet and discuss the selected books. When COVID-19 thwarted those plans this spring, Alumni Association and KU Libraries staff found a novel solution.

“Initially we thought about doing a Facebook Live event, where our library folks would have a discussion on camera and people could post comments and questions,” says Michelle Miles Lang, b’02, director of alumni programs. “It kind of morphed from there.”

Encouraged by the fact that John Marris, author of the spring book club selection *The One*, had connected with KU Libraries via Twitter earlier this year, staff reached out to ask him about meeting with readers online. “He was totally game from the beginning,” says Leah Nelson Hallstrom, c’12, c’16, communications coordinator. “He had never done anything like this.”

At 9 a.m. CDT May 4—3 p.m. in London, where Marris lives—the book club hosted

its first online event with an author, much to the delight of more than 50 participants who joined the Zoom discussion or watched it via livestream on the club’s Facebook page.

For nearly an hour, Marris graciously fielded questions from staff and participants about his inspiration for the book, its characters, his creative process and other projects he has in the works. As the event drew to a close, Marris shared his appreciation. “I’ve really enjoyed this,” he said. “I’m so grateful to everybody who’s bothered to stay at home and log on to this. It’s fantastic—thank you.”

The author wasn’t the only one excited to take part in the reimaged event. “Thank you for bringing John Marris to us!” Life Member and Lawrence alumna Janet Knollenberg Pennybaker, c’95, posted to the book club’s Facebook page after the discussion. “His willingness to give of his time, even for our small group, makes me like him even more and want to read more of his books.”



ROBERT GERSHINSON

Marris

A NOTE FROM HEATH

Help 2020 grads through mentoring, membership

DEAR JAYHAWKS:

The KU Alumni Association team continues to hold you in our thoughts during this difficult time. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve around the world, we wish each of you good health as we all strive to gain clarity regarding the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I also want to share my sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support we have received from many KU alumni.

Like many organizations, the Association incurred the abrupt loss of multiple vital revenue streams—including our major fundraising event of the year—and the disruption or temporary suspension of membership solicitations, other fundraising activities, and revenue generated through our Flying Jayhawks travel program and hospitality services at the Adams Alumni Center. More important, our ability to connect and gather Jayhawks ended quickly. Being a Jayhawk is a lifestyle for many, and that lifestyle was disrupted overnight.

Despite the unprecedented challenges we all face, the Association team remains unwavering in our commitment to the KU family, and we will continue exploring new opportunities to unite Jayhawks virtually while upholding the in-person connections and relationships we all cherish—as soon as it is safe to do so.

This year, the Jayhawk Career Network has continued to grow: More than 7,500 alumni and students now participate in KU Mentoring. These

virtual connections are perhaps more important than ever, particularly for Class of 2020 graduates, who face a dramatically different job market and economy than they did heading into their final semester. I encourage you to sign up to be a mentor and consider posting employment opportunities on our alumni job board at kualumni.org/career.

You also can help a new graduate through membership: When you renew or upgrade your membership, we will create a gift membership for a 2020 Jayhawk—or you can donate a membership directly; please visit kualumni.org/flock.

Other initiatives, such as the Legacy Relations program and the Student Alumni Network, also have made great progress and will continue to be vital as the University works diligently to maintain healthy enrollments and enhance the student experience. Our legacy relations efforts have contributed to significant growth of the undergraduate legacy population, growing from 15% to 23% over the past eight years. Further, our Student Alumni Network grew to nearly 7,000 members and became the largest Student Alumni Network in the Big 12. We're helping students with career resources and creating experiences for them that embody Jayhawk pride, tradition and connection.

Your membership matters more than ever before! Your support fuels our ability to strengthen KU and unite KU alumni, students and friends. Wherever you are in the world today, please know that your Jayhawk family is thinking of you.

With gratitude,

Heath Peterson, d'04, g'09
President, KU Alumni Association



DAN STOREY

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—Heath Peterson



SUSAN YOUNGER

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES



LEFT Commencement regalia included “Peace Dove” armbands for some Class of ’70 graduates, who received their diplomas in Allen Field House because of rainy weather.

TRADITIONS

Long-delayed walk on hold once more for Gold Medal class

IT WAS DÉJÀ VU all over again for the Class of 1970, who saw their plans to complete a walk down the Hill stymied a second time after COVID-19 forced postponement of this year’s Commencement and the Association’s Gold Medal Club reunion.

Seniors during those long-gone “days of rage” had their spring semester cut short after the deaths of four students at Kent State University increased turmoil at KU and other universities. Commencement

went on, but rain forced the ceremonies inside Allen Field House. Protests and fire-bombings continued across Lawrence throughout the summer.

Some see parallels today, when a spring semester has been transformed once more in unprecedented ways.

“Those were scary, terrifying times then, and these are scary, terrifying times now,” says Rusty Leffel, c’70, l’73, former student government leader and namesake of KU’s Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award. “It’s interesting how poignant graduation was in 1970 and 50 years later.”

The University announced in May that KU’s traditional Commencement ceremony will be postponed until it is safe to reconvene, electing to mark Sunday, May

17, with an online event for graduates. As the University’s planning for an on-campus Commencement progresses, Association staff members and volunteers will work to determine next steps. “Everything is in flux, so we are re-evaluating daily,” says Michelle Miles Lang, b’02, director of alumni programs. “We will be working with the University to figure out when we can incorporate the Class of ’70 again.”

Leffel says he savors Commencement season each year as an important demarcation point for young graduates and a time of reflection for older alumni.

“It should be recognized. My hope is there will be something that brings us all back for a chance to be at the Hill and honor those who are taking new steps into the future—their future and ours—as soon as it is safe for everyone to do so.”

Class of ’70 alumni, meanwhile, can enjoy an online commemoration of their own, thanks to a collaboration between the Association and KU Libraries. Visit the exhibition “Gold Medal Club 1970,” which includes photographs and digitized materials of the era from the University Archives, at exhibits.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/show/gold-medal-club-1970.

ASSOCIATION

New leader for Jayhawk Career Network

HOWARD GRAHAM, g’08, PhD’19, began his new role as director of the Jayhawk Career Network (JCN) on Feb. 24. He has worked with KU students in numerous roles on the Hill, most recently as the associate director of academic programs in the Office of First-Year Experience where he was part of the leadership team overseeing KU Common Book,



KU/MAR/COMM

Graham

Learning Communities, University 101 and First-Year Seminars. He was also a featured speaker at Orientation and Hawk Week events. He previously worked for

Kansas Athletics as associate director for academic and career counseling. He has often collaborated with the Alumni Association, especially as a featured speaker at Kansas Honor Scholars programs throughout the state.

Graham succeeds Kristi Durkin Laclé, c’99, who launched the JCN in 2018 as its first director. Laclé has taken on a new role as vice president of student, alumni and career programs following the departure of Brad Eland, b’09, g’11, who resigned to expand his family’s business, Eland Title LLC.

The logo features a cluster of six hexagons in yellow, blue, red, and grey to the left of the text "JAYHAWK" in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below "JAYHAWK" is a dark blue horizontal bar containing the words "CAREER NETWORK" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font.

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Jayhawk Profiles

COURTESY ZACH KRUMSICK

**ZACH KRUMSICK****International missions helped prepare doctor for pandemic fight**

by STEVEN HILL

BEFORE HE EVEN ATTENDED his first class at the KU School of Medicine, Zach Krumsick had accumulated a world of experience dealing with challenging health issues in difficult circumstances.

The Frontenac native was determined to learn about diverse cultures beyond his small southeast Kansas hometown; during his undergraduate days at Pittsburg State University he completed medical missions to Peru, Belize and Mexico. Craving deeper immersion, he spent a year between undergrad and medical school doing humanitarian work in public health and education in Kenya, helping the “poorest of the poor” in a Nairobi slum manage the AIDS epidemic and take full advantage of support offered by local schools.

Those international sojourns—along with part-time jobs working for a local physician and a hospital lab during his pre-med training—have stood Krumsick, m’17, in good stead throughout his medical education, including now, as a third-year resident at Vanderbilt

University Medical Center in Nashville. Working in the emergency medicine department of the only state-verified Level I Trauma Center in middle Tennessee, he’s on the front lines of the region’s response to an unprecedented public health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic.

“If you had told us three months ago that doctors would be rationing masks or reusing them, I think we’d have laughed at you,” Krumsick said during an interview in early April. “No one I know has ever seen anything like this. We are in uncharted territory every day.”

If scrambling to prepare for a global pandemic weren’t enough, the medical center was deeply affected by a tornado that roared through downtown Nashville in early March, killing two dozen people and injuring more than 300. The storm destroyed a warehouse that held much of Vanderbilt’s stockpile of medical supplies, and several of Krumsick’s colleagues lost homes or went long stretches without power and water.

“I’ve been told by administrators that we were probably one of the most well-prepared hospitals in the area,” Krumsick says, “but that tornado set us back really far.”

Seeing the city come together to help those in need and rebuild supply stockpiles has been reminiscent of the spirit he observed on his medical missions, where

LEFT COVID-19 has “completely changed everything we do, in a matter of weeks,” says Zach Krumsick, a resident at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. “And it continues to change every day. We’re in constant change.”

he learned that it’s impossible to predict what will happen and that you’re never as prepared as you want to be.

“You have to be on the balls of your feet at all times, to be flexible. One of the things I learned in east Africa is the day often doesn’t go like you want, and it’s kind of what you make of it in the end. It’s a daily decision to choose joy and choose to work hard and get through it with everyone. I’m seeing that again here in Nashville with all the people coming together and doing their part.”

Krumsick’s wife, Rachel Kaiser Krumsick, n’14, g’19, also works at Vanderbilt, as an oncology nurse, and they have a 14-month-old baby. He feels fortunate they all are young and healthy, but he’s well aware of the risks for health care providers in daily contact with COVID-19.

“It has certainly opened up conversations with my family, with my wife, things that I never thought I’d be talking about at 30. It’s very surreal to have those conversations with someone at such a young age.”

To people wondering how to respond to calls for social distancing, he offers the same counsel he gave his mother when she asked, “Do I take this seriously? Can I still go to church?”

“I try to be as conservative as I can with advice, but I look at the numbers in Tennessee and we’re where the bigger cities were a week or two ago,” Krumsick says. “I don’t like seeing the number of deaths per day double every couple of days or so. You can’t fight those numbers, so I think we are beyond not believing this is happening.”

Before this pandemic ends, he feels, almost everyone will know someone affected by COVID-19. That means we have to do what we can to protect one another.

“I tell people to hunker down,” he says. “You’re doing the right thing, and we will come together and we’ll get through it.”

GARRETT BLACK

Hurricane hunter warns: Don't allow ongoing stress to distract from storm-season prep

by CHRIS LAZZARINO

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE weather officer Garrett Black, a U.S. Air Force captain, will never forget the first time he flew through the eye of a hurricane. It was 2016, the year Black joined the “Hurricane Hunters” after two years in the Kansas Air National Guard. As his C-130 penetrated the massive cloud bank and soared into blue skies, Black knew he’d been transported someplace otherworldly.

“I was nervous,” Black, c’14, said in a recent interview from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron’s headquarters at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. “It’s one of those experiences that humbles you, when you see how powerful nature is and how beautiful it can be at the same time.”

Flying through last year’s Category 5 Hurricane Dorian, however, was an altogether different experience. Black, one of the 53rd’s 20 airborne weather officers, happened to be at his aerial post, within Dorian’s eye, when the monster storm crashed into the Bahamas. The readings he’d been taking from aloft and at sea level were so intense that he’d double- and triple-checked the numbers; they were almost too graphic to be believed.

Gazing down from the eye, Black saw waves crashing onto the Bahamian shoreline, and he understood in an instant the devastation to come.

“It’s a very disturbing feeling,” Black says. “You just hope that everyone is listening to emergency managers and listening to the National Hurricane Center and paying attention to the forecasts and were as prepared as possible.”

Now that the world is gripped by the ravages of pandemic, Black delivers a similar message: Pay heed to the experts. In a time when ordinary trips to the hardware store become logistical hurdles, Black cautions, weather preparations should be considered at every opportunity.

As with all forms of severe weather, those who ignore warnings endanger not only themselves, but also their neighbors

“The big takeaway is to always be prepared, and now is the time that people need to be thinking about that, especially with everything else going on. It’s a good time not to lose focus that hurricane season—and even tornado season, for people in Kansas—is here, more or less, and we all need to be prepared. You never know what kind of season it’s going to be.” —Capt. Garrett Black



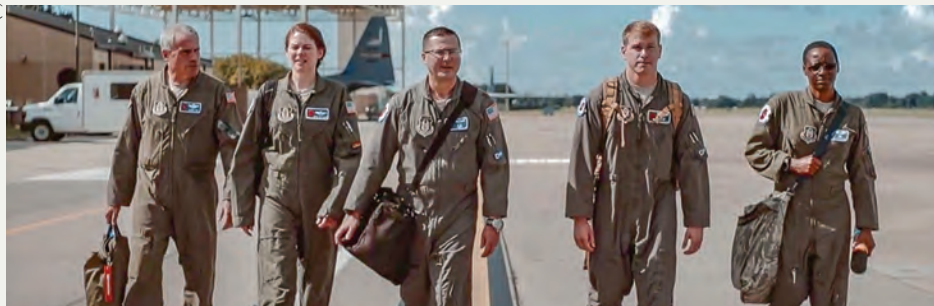
and emergency response teams forced to care for them, whether it’s firefighters searching through devastated homes or doctors and nurses exposing themselves to a deadly virus.

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Growing up in Hutchinson, Black early on fell under the spell of severe weather. He came to KU to study meteorology with the hope of finding his way into a storm-tracking career; he just never imagined it would take him straight into the eyes of hurricanes and tropical storms.

Because it blends his passionate interest in severe weather and his desire to help others, Black hopes to keep his airborne meteorology job until retirement.

“It gives you an opportunity to go out and actually see the weather. You get to develop different experiences that many people will never have. Mother nature will not stop. That’s something we do need remember.”



ABOVE Garrett Black (top and above, second from right) says the Hurricane Hunters’ big C-130s “definitely get bumped around” when flying into hurricanes, but weaker storms can be more violent than the monsters: “It’s very hit and miss. You never know what you’re going to get.”

COURTESY U.S. AIR FORCE (2)

WILLIAM McNULTY**A volunteer army joins COVID-19 battle**

by STEVEN HILL

AS WILLIAM McNULTY helped care for survivors of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, an insight guided him to co-found Team Rubicon: Military veterans—trained in crisis management, experienced at responding calmly under pressure and passionate about service—are ideally suited to fill a gap in disaster-relief efforts around the globe.

International agencies can take weeks to mobilize. McNulty and a fellow Marine Corps veteran, Jake Wood, saw that firsthand when they got to Port-au-Prince three days after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake plunged the Caribbean nation into chaos. Over the next 18 days their four-man team grew to 60, treated more than 3,000 wounded and helped re-establish emergency care at a hospital crippled by the quake and its aftermath.

Seeing a role for a volunteer force that could mobilize quickly, travel light and arrive at the scene of a disaster while the need was most acute, McNulty, c'01, suggested the Haiti mission could be a model for disaster relief that not only helps victims, but also aids veterans looking for purpose and opportunities to serve outside the military. Team Rubicon was born.

Ten years later, with more than 100,000 volunteers in five countries (and with four countries working to launch teams), Team Rubicon faces a global health crisis that calls for different tactics. How does a group known for putting armies of volunteers on the ground contribute to a pandemic response that counts lockdowns and social distancing among its most effective tactics?

By drawing on its military ethos.

“I’ve watched Team Rubicon consistently reinvent itself during times of crisis, and this is no different,” McNulty says. “In the Marines, they used to say ‘improvise, adapt and overcome.’ Not to sound more cliché, but these are men and women who know how to lead, follow or get out of the way.”

In the United States, that has meant establishing a field hospital in California—Team Rubicon USA’s first domestic medical mission. In the United Kingdom, Team Rubicon UK is coordinating medical needs of local communities with the British Red Cross. Team Rubicon Australia is providing a “volunteer surge capacity” the country’s government can tap when needed.

McNulty’s efforts have earned several awards, including an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from KU in 2017. Later that year, he stepped away from Team Rubicon Global while maintaining involvement as “founder emeritus.” He returned as CEO in January, shortly after completing a Team Rubicon mission to help some of the 3,000 families who lost homes to devastating Australian bushfires last year. Serving with two dozen veterans from four countries reassured him he still has passion for relief work, he told Johns Hopkins University’s The Hub. “Being on the end of the shovel again told me everything I needed to know.”

Team Rubicon Global doesn’t conduct disaster response operations; it builds, trains and supports the Team Rubicon country units that do, by providing field operations instruction, central technology services, strategic partnerships and

fundraising. A matching grant from NSTXL, the National Security Technology Accelerator, raised \$212,000 in April to help TRG combat COVID-19.

“Our support during COVID-19 is entirely focused on helping those countries respond to their domestic crises,” McNulty says. In the United Kingdom, the organization finds housing for deployed grayshirts (as Team Rubicon calls its volunteers) through a partnership with Airbnb. In the U.S., it aids New Orleans officials with planning and logistics in the city’s response to COVID-19. In Canada and Australia, it provides access to U.S. corporations with funding interests in those countries.

Country units are made up largely of members of each nation’s military, but Team Rubicon has up to now prided itself on sending volunteers wherever they’re needed, giving members opportunities to serve all over the world.

“What’s different about the current situation,” McNulty says, “is that each country unit is mobilizing nationally. Our engagement numbers are the highest they’ve ever been, because each country unit is conducting a national domestic response. When there’s a national cry for help, no one is quicker to answer their nation’s call than the men and women who’ve already served in its armed forces.”



ABOVE William McNulty on a relief mission to Haiti in 2010, shortly after a catastrophic earthquake wrought havoc on the impoverished nation. The visit inspired the founding of Team Rubicon, a disaster response agency staffed mostly by military veterans.

COURTESY TEAM RUBICON



ANDREW FOSTER

Emergency manager helps guide safety-first response to pandemic threats

by CHRIS LAZZARINO

AS A FIRE CONTROL RADAR technician on the Navy's advanced Aegis combat weapon system, Andrew Foster watched for potential threats far beyond the horizon. When danger loomed, he sent options and solutions up the change of command—wartime experience that perfectly suits his current mission as KU's emergency management coordinator.

"I started watching [coronavirus] reports in early January," he says, "when reporting started coming out of China about this mystery illness that was killing people off."

Foster, c'12, recalls email conversations among his national peers cranking up by mid-January; emergency preparedness officials on college campuses already were concerned about the return of international students and faculty. When the first suspected case of COVID-19 arrived in Douglas County on Jan. 28—a man who had recently traveled from Wuhan, China, the outbreak's apparent epicenter—Foster and his KU colleagues

LEFT As with all Jayhawks, Andrew Foster is pandemic weary: "It is really hard. Everyone is tired. Everyone wants to get back to normal. But if we do it too early we're not going to have good results."

were ready to brief Chancellor Doug Girod and other leaders on the threat.

"I started active planning efforts before the end of January," Foster says, "and haven't stopped since."

Motivated by what he says is his family's deep sense of public service—"Always help people when we're able to"—Foster, a Wichita native, joined the Navy out of high school. He enlisted on Sept. 11, 2000, and intended to make the Navy his career, hoping for a pause along the way to earn a college degree. The peaceful era of his enlist-

ment shattered exactly one year later, and in 2006 he left the military and took a job with Starbucks as regional facilities manager based in San Diego.

Managing a circuit of 200 stores proved stressful and unrewarding, leaving Foster homesick while watching KU win the 2008 NCAA men's basketball tournament and the celebrations that rocked downtown Lawrence.

"I should have been back at KU, and I missed it because I'm working for a coffee shop. So I packed up my stuff within a week and headed home."

While studying political science on the Hill, Foster landed an internship with the governor's office; given his military experience, he was placed with the Adjutant General's Department, where he joined the Kansas Division of Emergency Management's hazard mitigation team, using federal grants to build tornado shelters across the state. Foster then joined KU's Public Safety Office to assist emer-

gency management coordinator John Marmon, and in 2016 he was promoted to coordinator upon Marmon's retirement.

Amid the spread of coronavirus, a declaration of global pandemic and the shutdown of campus, Foster leads a parade of daily conference calls with leaders on the Lawrence and Kansas City campuses, and Girod chose Foster to bat leadoff on his public Zoom updates.

Foster acknowledges that his presence on Girod's online town halls has made him "the face" of emergency management at KU, but he insists it overplays his role.

"I'm an organizational guy," he explains. "My entire job is to put people in the room together, or on the call together, so that they can make the right decisions at the right time."

He affirms that campus leaders are, and always have been, unwavering in their commitment to health and safety, and minor detail disagreements never distracted from the mission of keeping students, faculty, staff and visitors safe—which came at a steep price.

"Just because we have a priority of public health and safety doesn't mean there's not a concern about economic costs," Foster says. "One of the biggest concerns is students' access to education. The whole reason we exist is to do research and to educate people, and if we can't do those core missions then we're not achieving what we intend to achieve. But within the leadership group, there was never a disagreement about our priorities."

As for the anticipated return to normalcy, Foster urges patience. Specific directions are being drawn up for more than 300 Lawrence campus units and organizations, so nitty-gritty details will be ready to share once Girod approves a phased return.

"If everyone follows the line and is hardcore about social distancing, there's a real possibility we can get everything back to a low level [of operations], which will allow for us to do a heck of a lot more on campus to bring things back alive for the fall semester," Foster says. "But it will be detrimental if there's a resurgence. I don't want to see that. I don't want to see any of that."

CLASS OF 2020

Graduates have long staged senior photos at campus landmarks, and this year was no exception. After finals, Nate Hornung captured the moment for roommates Chase Winemiller (with Scooby the dachshund), Carlie Koziol and Ravyn Gist at the Strong Hall Jayhawk.

Joshua Eisenhauer commemorated his graduation with a Campanile photo op.

Although Commencement was postponed, families still came to the Hill on May 17 to celebrate their grads in a variety of ways, including the inevitable champagne shower.



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New Life Members



The Association thanks these Jayhawks, who began their Life memberships Feb. 1 through April 30.

Unfortunately, we could not process memberships received by mail beginning in mid-March through early May, when our office closed in accordance with University and State of Kansas guidelines during the pandemic.

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- **Expedition to Antarctica**
January 13-26
- **Panama Canal and Costa Rica**
January 24-February 1
- **Patagonia Explorer**
January 30-February 12
- **Galapagos Islands (Western Itinerary)**
February 2-9
- **Tanzania**
February 6-17
- **Journey to South Africa**
February 7-22
- **Enigmatic India**
February 19-March 5
- **Egypt and the Ancient Nile**
February 21-March 3
- **Middle East Meandering**
February 27-March 10
- **Brazilian Spotlight**
March 8-19
- **Legends to Lagoons**
March 15-25
- **Morocco—Land of Enchantment**
March 19-28
- **Dutch Waterways**
April 10-18
- **Red Sea and Aegean**
April 10-23
- **Coastlines and Colonnades**
April 22-30
- **Springtime in Provence and Burgundy**
May 5-13
- **Spain—Andalucia | In a Parador**
May 6-14
- **China and Tibet**
May 17-June 1
- **Portrait of Italy**
May 29-June 13
- **Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords**
May 30-June 7
- **Gold Rush and Glaciers of Alaska**
June 7-14
- **France—Normandy**
June 19-27
- **Great Journey through Europe**
June 21-July 1
- **Kenya Safari: The Big 5**
June 21-July 1
- **National Parks and Lodges of the Old West**
July 8-16
- **Cruise the Rhine and Mosel Rivers**
July 11-19
- **Cruising the Baltic Sea**
July 16-25
- **Imperial Splendors of Russia**
August 3-12
- **Alpine Splendor: Switzerland and Austria**
August 5-18
- **Toronto to Vancouver by Rail**
September 7-13
- **Singapore, Bali and Indonesian Islands**
September 14-29
- **Wonders of Peru**
September 16-27
- **Enchanting Ireland: A Tour of the Emerald Isle**
September 16-28
- **Romance of the Douro River**
September 29-October 10
- **Prismatic Fall Colors of Canada and New England**
October 1-11
- **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta**
October 1-4
- **Greece — Athens and the Island of Poros**
October 8-17
- **Danube to the Black Sea**
October 11-23
- **Ramblas and The Rivas**
October 25-November 2
- **Artifacts and Antiquities**
November 1-12
- **Cuba and its People**
November 17-24
- **Holiday Markets Cruise —The Festive Rhine River**
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CLASS NOTES

1957 Norman Arnold, b'57, lives in Overland Park, where he is a retired real estate and insurance agent.

1961 Dave Edgell, b'61, wrote *Managing Sustainable Tourism: A Legacy for the Future*, which was published in December by Routledge. The book, now in its third edition, highlights tourism in the Flint Hills and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve.

James Mortimer, b'61, in February received the Emeritus Award for Meritorius Service from SCORE, a national mentoring organization. Jim, who worked as an executive at Wells Fargo for nearly 35 years, has volunteered with the nonprofit group for 16 years. He lives in Matthews, North Carolina.

1964 John Middleton, c'64, is a self-employed sculptor in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts.

1966 Robert Woody, c'66, l'69, is managing partner at Elgin Capital Partners in Washington, D.C. He lives in Arlington, Virginia.

1969 Janice Altenbernd Stalcup, d'69, received the Wyoming School Boards Association's Golden Bell Award, which recognizes individuals who have had a significant influence on children's education. She is a former teacher and

currently serves as an advocate and lobbyist for education in the Wyoming Legislature.

1970 Ken Spain, d'70, l'73, senior counsel at Seigfried Bingham in Kansas City, was named to the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list in the real estate law category.

1971 Don Hill, p'71, in January received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been active in his community for decades, serving in the Kansas House of Representatives for nearly 15 years. In 2016 he received the School of Pharmacy's Distinguished Service Award. Don and his wife, Robbie, live in Emporia.

Joseph Pierron, l'71, retired in April after nearly 30 years as a judge on the Kansas Court of Appeals. He lives in Lawrence with **Diana Carlin Pierron**, d'72, g'74, a retired university professor and administrator.

1972 Charles Atwell, d'72, was appointed in December by Missouri Gov. Mike Parson to the public defender commission. He's of counsel at Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer & Crawford in Kansas City.

Wayne Gaul, c'72, g'83, g'83, was elected 2020 chair of the American Board of Health Physics. He lives in Columbia, South Carolina.

1973 Kurt Bausch, e'73, retired as advanced design manager at Boeing. He makes his home in Des Peres, Missouri.

Kathryn Miller Carter, c'73, l'86, in October was named deputy attorney general for the Kansas consumer protection and antitrust division after serving as assistant attorney general for the past three years. She has been with the office since 2012.

Martha Coffman, c'73, l'79, is general counsel at the Kansas Supreme Court Office of Judicial Administration in Topeka.

1974 Patricia Penner Brockman, d'74, a retired teacher at Washburn Rural High School, in December was inducted in the school's Hall of Fame.

John Ziegelmeier, c'74, lives in Lawrence, where he retired as chief operating officer at Pennington & Company.

1975 Lawton Nuss, c'75, l'82, retired in December after more than 17 years on the Kansas Supreme Court. He had served as chief justice since 2010.

1976 Andy Bryant, g'76, chair of the board of directors and executive adviser at Intel, in October was inducted in the University of Missouri Hall of

Fame. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the university in 1972.

Bryan Johnson, b'76, CEO of Colliers International in Kansas City, in April served as honorary chair of the Virtual Light of Hope breakfast and awards event, which raised funds for Jackson County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). He and **Linda McKie Johnson**, '78, make their home in Mission Hills.

Kevin Leek, b'76, l'80, lives in Overland Park, where he's an adjunct professor at Johnson County Community College.

Michael Meier, e'76, is partner at Henty+Pfaff & Associates, an architectural firm in Town and Country, Missouri. He and his wife, Shari, live in St. Louis and have two daughters.

1977 Nate Harbur, l'77, an attorney in Overland Park, in December received the Legacy Award from the Johnson County Bar Foundation for his service to the legal community.

1978 David Barfield, e'78, g'91, retired in March as chief engineer at the Kansas Department of Agriculture division of water resources. He worked for the state for 35 years.

Michael Gian, c'78, owns NAAB Electric in Garden City.

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- a** School of Architecture and Design
- b** School of Business
- c** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- d** School of Education
- e** School of Engineering
- f** School of Fine Arts

- g** Master's Degree
- h** School of Health Professions
- j** School of Journalism
- l** School of Law
- m** School of Medicine
- n** School of Nursing
- p** School of Pharmacy
- PharmD** School of Pharmacy

- s** School of Social Welfare
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- DE** Doctor of Engineering
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- DPT** Doctor of Physical Therapy

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- OTD** Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- PhD** Doctor of Philosophy
- SJD** Doctor of Juridical Science
- (no letter)** Former student
- assoc** Associate member of the Alumni Association

Cindy Brunker McClannahan, c'78, l'81, was named to the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list in the trusts and estates category. She's an estate planning and tax attorney and shareholder at Seigfried Bingham in Kansas City.

1979 Helen Hofmeister, f'79, g'85, directs music at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ken Hollis, m'79, is a general surgeon at Metro Vein Center in Clear Lake, Texas.

1980 Mark Gauert, c'80, g'82, is executive director of magazines for the Sun Sentinel in Deerfield Beach, Florida, and editor-in-chief of City & Shore and PRIME magazines. He won a 2019 Folio Magazine

Eddie Award in the column/blog category.

Raymond Grant, d'80, is executive producer of arts and culture at Bishop's Lodge, a resort in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Peggy Carr Kittel, b'80, l'83, retired in December as chief judge of Douglas County District Court. She was appointed to the court in 2008 and assumed her most recent role in 2016.

Travis Meyer, c'80, is chief meteorologist at KOTV in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Thomas Munyon, c'80, lives in Marysville, Washington, where he is retired and recently rejoined the Seattle Men's Chorus.

Mark Thompson, l'80, an attorney and shareholder at Seigfried Bingham in Kansas

City, was named to the 2020 Best Lawyers in America list in the health care law category.

Lynette Rittgers Weil, p'80, manages the pharmacy at Walgreens in Salina.

1981 Colleen Zacharias Gregoire, f'81, g'86, is a freelance artist and brand strategist in Lawrence. She also is a board member at Ballard Community Services.

1982 Jon Culbertson, b'82, works in sales at U.S. Cedar in Portland, Oregon.

Eric Dawson, b'82, g'84, retired from the U.S. Army as lieutenant colonel and chief financial officer of the resource management division.

Susan Shideler Eaton, c'82, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she's an


epidemiologist at Biogen.

Jeffrey Greenberg, PhD'82, is a professor and social psychology program director at the University of Arizona. He co-authored *The Worm at the Core: On the Role of Life in Death*, which was published in 2015.

Kevin Harlan, j'82, was named 2019 National Sports Media Association Sportscaster of the Year after winning the same honor in 2017. He broadcasts NFL and college basketball games on CBS and is a play-by-play announcer for the NBA on TNT.

Jen Marie Rau, c'82, is a real estate agent at Winhill Advisors-Kirby in Houston.

Margie Welch Sheppard, '82, coordinates outreach and technology for the National Network of Libraries of



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1983 Carlos Blacklock, e'83, g'84, founded Blacklock Flight Sciences, an aircraft flight sciences consulting firm. An aircraft certification specialist and FAA flight analyst consultant designated engineering representative, he currently is working with the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University.

Kerry Bush, c'83, directs investments at Brandmeyer Enterprises in Kansas City. He makes his home in Mission Hills.

Jan Fink Call, c'83, l'87, recently was promoted to senior director of global litigation in the commercial legal department of Firmenich, a fragrance and flavor company. She lives in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania.

J. Richard Gruber, g'83, PhD'87, director emeritus of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans, wrote *Dusti Bonge, Art and Life*, which was published in June 2019.

Stephen Reintjes, m'83, is president and CEO at North Kansas City Hospital. A board-certified neurosurgeon, he's been on staff at the hospital for 30 years.

Bryan Steiner, c'83, is an executive recruiter at The Howard Group in Leawood.

1984 James Holsapple, m'84, is chief and chair of neurosurgery at Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine. He also has served as an associate professor of neurosurgery and pediatrics since 2009.

Marsha Kindrachuk Loversky, j'84, teaches English at Etowah High School in

Woodstock, Georgia. She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Madeleine and William.

1985 Paula Scott Furr, g'85, in October was inducted in the Southern Public Relations Federation Hall of Fame. She retired in July as head of the department of new media, journalism and communication arts at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Jean Fulghum Lorenzen, j'85, recently retired from a 34-year career as a communications and public relations executive in the Kansas City area. She directed communications for the KU Cancer Center for several years and led the center's communications strategy for obtaining National Cancer Institute designation in 2011. Jean lives in Olathe.

Diane Yetter, b'85, president of Yetter Tax Consulting, was honored as one of 2019's Most Influential People in Accounting by Accounting Today magazine. She makes her home in Chicago.

1986 David Bullinger, e'86, lives in Wichita, where he's a self-employed senior adviser.

Betty Johnson Edwards, s'86, a program manager at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Dallas, created the nonprofit organization Grace World Ministries, which provides aid to impoverished rural villages in Uganda.

Shari Rogge-Fidler, b'86, is president and CEO of the Farm Foundation, an agricultural policy institute in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Richard Smith, e'86, g'91,

is president and CEO of Henderson Engineers in Lenexa.

1987 Aline Pryor Holler, l'87, specializes in family law in Kansas City. She and her husband, George, live in Overland Park and have two children, Benjamin and Sidney.

Frank Morris, c'87, '92, is a national correspondent and senior editor at KCUR 89.3 FM in Kansas City.

1988 Timothy Girard, l'88, is partner at Woner, Reeder & Girard in Topeka, where he lives with his wife, **Lesli**, assoc., who is a coordinator for Families Together. They have three children, one of whom is **Bradly**, b'14.

Tony Hernandez, b'88, lives in Hoover, Alabama, where he's chief human resources officer at Encompass Health.

Carrie McAdam-Marx, p'88, is a professor of pharmacy at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Kenneth Seise, e'88, is founder and president of KLS Product Design and Prop It!, a door-stop company. He lives in Ballwin, Missouri.

Karlton Uhm, b'88, is a residential mortgage loan originator at Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation in Elmhurst, Illinois. He makes his home in Aurora with **Brigette Dobson Uhm**, c'92.

1989 Mark Kohlhase, c'89, is interim CEO at Allen Press in Lawrence.

James Martin, c'89, '01, is the public arts administrator for the city of Kansas City, Missouri.

R. Scott Seifert, j'89, is an attorney and partner at

Spencer Fane in Plano, Texas. He and **Lori Reyes Seifert**, c'89, live in Frisco.

Lanette Wickham, j'89, l'92, was a nominee for the Empowering Women in Industry 2019 Leadership in Manufacturing Award. She is vice president at Smith & Loveless and has been with the company for 27 years.

1990 Craig Campbell, j'90, owns Video Soup in Lawrence, where he lives with **Lisa Smith Campbell**, b'91, who works in administration at DH Pace.

1991 Kevin Good, e'91, is president and owner of Good Energy Solutions in Lawrence, where he lives with his wife, **Shana Tillman Good**, j'90, '96, who directs marketing and design for the company.

Mike Roberts, c'91, l'94, is vice president and associate general counsel at Compass Group. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Kristin Peterson Schweitzer, b'91, lives in Bentonville, Arkansas, where she's vice president of total beverage alcohol for Walmart and Sam's Club at Constellation Brands.

1992 Scott Flucke, b'92, is director and associate general counsel at Koch Companies in Wichita, where he lives with **Dawn Stanton Flucke**, d'90, g'94, and their two daughters, Brooke, a senior at KU, and Brenna.

Jennifer Greer, g'92, is dean of the College of Communication and Information at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Jennifer Kusek Hill, f'92, owns Denim & Duke Home

Staging and Styling in Broomfield, Colorado.

Marvin Kym, m'92, an orthopedic surgeon, has joined St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho.

1993 Barry Evans, d'93, director of bands at Topeka West High School, in December was named 2019 High School Band Teacher of the Year by the Northeast Kansas Music Educators Association. He has led the high school's band programs since 1993.

Wendy Hills, a'93, l'97, is executive vice president, chief legal officer, general counsel and corporate secretary at Virtus Investment Partners. She lives in Prairie Village.

Leona Dalavai Scott, c'93, j'94, is founder of JEP Marketing Communications. She makes her home in Bedford, Texas.

Jason Yutesler, j'93, is vice president of account services at Laughlin Constable in Chicago. He and his wife, Joumana, live in New Lenox, Illinois.

1994 Brig. Gen. Kevin Admiral, c'94, is the chief of armor and commandant of the U.S. Army Armor School in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Gloria Logan Geither, g'94, is the warden at Topeka Correctional Facility.

Juliette Box Pierce, e'94, in October was promoted to senior vice president at Henderson Engineers in Kansas City.

1995 Somjit Barat, g'95, g'99, is associate professor of marketing at Penn State Mont Alto. He lives in Hagerstown, Maryland.

1996 Nataliya Grekh Anon, g'96, CEO and founder at software developer Svitla Systems, won second-place honors in the Female Entrepreneur of the Year and Female Executive of the Year categories at the 2019 Stevie Awards. She lives in Tiburon, California.

Brian Black, PhD'96, is distinguished professor of history and environmental studies at Penn State Altoona. In October he was honored as a distinguished alumnus by the department of history at Gettysburg College, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1988.

Bryn Boice, j'96, lives in Medford, Massachusetts, where she's associate artistic director of the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company and visiting lecturer at Salem State University.

Clint Bowen, d'96, '99, is the new defensive coordinator at the University of North Texas in Denton. A defensive back for the Jayhawks for three years in the early '90s, he joined the KU football staff in 1998 and held various coaching roles over the past 21 seasons.

Michelle Freshwater, c'96, m'00, is a physician and owns Idaho Weight Loss in Boise. She is a fellow of the Obesity Medicine Association and was elected to the association's board of trustees in 2019.

Chris Martin, c'96, lives in Tampa, Florida, where he's associate director at Guidehouse, a consulting firm.

Betsy Rate, j'96, c'97, directs career planning for the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California at Berkeley.

Jason Seeman, c'96, is

global sales director at Bushnell Golf. He lives in Prairie Village.

1997 Heather Brose, c'97, lives in San Diego, where she's a production stage manager at the San Diego Repertory Theatre.

Kenneth Charles, g'97, is chief inclusion and diversity officer for American Airlines.

Stacey Donovan, l'97, in January was appointed by Gov. Laura Kelly to the Douglas County District Court. She previously served as chief public defender for the 3rd Judiciary District. She makes her home in Lawrence.

Adam Godderz, c'97, g'01, l'01, was promoted to senior vice president, chief legal officer and corporate secretary at Kansas City Southern. He lives in Overland Park.

Carrie Williams Jordan, j'97, who recently earned her master's degree in library science from Emporia State University, is a librarian at Denver Public Library.

Timothy Myers, l'97, in January was appointed by Missouri Gov. Mike Parson as associate circuit judge in the 31st Judicial Circuit. He's the former Greene County chief assistant prosecutor.

Gerry Nelson, c'97, is vice president of North American surface transportation at C.H. Robinson Worldwide. He lives in Phoenix.

Philip "Axel" Wells, c'97, directs industry principal at Pegasystems in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

1998 Alan Carr, j'98, is executive director of the Kansas City Kansas Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Scott Filmore, b'98, l'01,

lives in St. Louis, where he's vice president and senior wealth strategist at Stifel.

Clinton Gagel, b'98, directs sales at Solaris Paper Inc. He and **Ashley Winn Gagel**, d'98, a physical therapist at Missouri First Steps, live in Overland Park.

Phillip Smith-Hanes, g'98, is Saline County administrator. He lives in Salina.

Danny Timblin, b'98, works at Life & Specialty Ventures in Nashville, Tennessee, where he's chief growth officer.

1999 Catherine Pugh Funkhouser, c'99, is an attorney at Steptoe & Johnson in The Woodlands, Texas.

John Hendrix, f'99, associate professor of art at Washington University in St. Louis, in November was honored along with more than 100 area educators with Emerson's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Christie Sim Mizer, j'99, l'02, manages attorney development at Morrison & Foerster in Washington, D.C.

Carrie Pettus-Davis, c'99, s'99, s'01, is associate professor in the College of Social Work at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She's also founder and executive director of the university's Institute for Justice Research and Development.

Robert Oertel, f'99, lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he owns Bobby O's, a pizza restaurant.

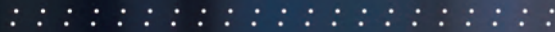
Rachel Rubin, j'99, f'00, is an account lead for media at Callahan in Lawrence. She commutes from Overland Park.

2000 Hedi Hurst Heinz, f'00, g'11, manages projects



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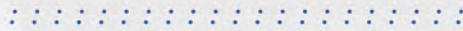
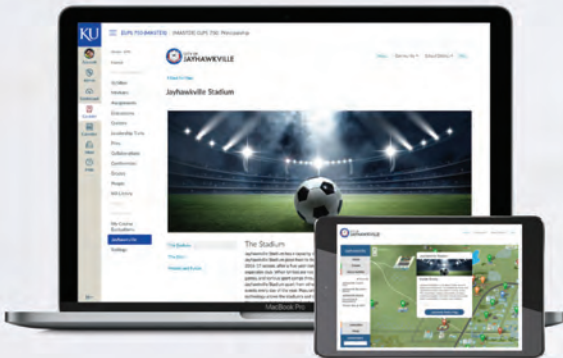
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at Turner Construction in Kansas City.

Chris Randle, c'00, f'03, is a senior litigation attorney at Cordell & Cordell in Wichita.

Jon Riddle, g'00, was promoted to principal at SmithGroup in San Francisco.

Elizabeth Traiger, c'00, is a senior researcher in technology and innovation for power and renewables at DNV GL in Bristol, United Kingdom.

Ashley Lucas Westhoff, f'00, owns Sugar Beats Bake Shop in Overland Park.

2001 Carmen Murry Branch, j'01, is vice president of corporate communications at Comerica Bank in Dallas.

Hilary Edwards, c'01, is a solution adviser at CATCH

Intelligence. She lives in Lawrence.

Greg Goss, a'01, e'01, lives in Kansas City, where he's director of architecture at DRAW Architecture + Urban Design.

Michele Summers Hamann, b'01, g'01, is chief strategy officer at SS&C Solutions in Lawrence.

Tia Aneja Sargent, c'01, lives in Mercer Island, Washington, where she's an attorney at Microsoft.

Meghan O'Connor Svatos, n'01, is a clinic and cardiopulmonary nurse at Wagner Community Memorial Hospital in Wagner, South Dakota. She lives in Lake Andes with her husband, Cody, and their daughter, Cheyenne, who recently turned 1.

Born to:

Mark Peterson, c'01, and his wife, Amanda Rey, daughter, Kaylee, July 8, in Shawnee, where she joins a sister, Lydia, who's almost 4.

2002 Joshua Arce, s'02, f'05, is president and CEO of Partnership with Native Americans, a nonprofit organization in Addison, Texas. He previously served for more than 12 years as chief information officer at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence.

Gwendolyn "Wendy" Hermreck Conover, g'02, directs the Baldwin City Library.

Chris Conroy, g'02, is an independent annuity consultant and 2020 chair of the National Association of Fixed

Annuities. He lives in Urbandale, Iowa.

Robert Harbour, b'02, g'04, is a commercial manager at Watco Companies in Wichita, where he lives with **Sarah Vogt Harbour**, g'18, a teacher in Newton.

Crystal Nesheim Johnson, f'02, is state's attorney for Minnehaha County in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She previously served in an interim role.

Kendra Seaman, c'02, is an assistant professor in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas.

David Waters, f'02, in November was elected mayor of the city of Westwood. He is a real estate attorney and partner at Lathrop Gage.



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Amber Sumler Williams, c'02, is the first vice provost for student success at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

2003 Andrew Albertson, d'03, is a financial analyst at Adient in Riverside, Missouri.

Nathan Betzen, c'03, l'09, lives in Colwich, where he's a product manager at SiliconDust.

Timothy Macy, c'03, g'07, is a screenwriter in Kansas City, where he lives with his wife, Erin, and their children, Sullivan and Olive.

Casey Old, d'03, directs competitions at Central Links Golf in Overland Park. He lives in Lawrence.

Alison Farley Raffle, d'03, '04, is assistant professor of music education at the University of Georgia. She lives in Athens with her husband, Rocky, and their daughter, Iris, who just turned 2.

Brian Reynolds, n'03, '08, is a registered nurse at Ascension St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee.

Justin Starnes, b'03, lives in Tampa, Florida, where he's senior vice president of sales and distribution at Carson, a financial services firm.

Justin Whitney, b'03, '05, is an attorney and associate at Lathrop Gage in Overland Park. He's a member of the firm's wealth strategies team.

Katie Bollig Zogleman, l'03, a shareholder at Seigfried Bingham in Kansas City, recently was appointed to the Fort Hays State University Foundation board of trustees.

2004 Heath Leuck, b'04, is chief financial officer at Lakeview Village, a retirement community in Lenexa.

Peter Riggs, l'04, is of

counsel at Spencer Fane in Kansas City. He works in the firm's financial services practice.

Kelly Schaefer, c'04, is a nurse practitioner at Northwestern Medicine in Winfield, Illinois.

Ann Pistole Toy, b'04, lives in Kansas City, where she's lead business translator at Evergy.

Lauren Bristow Williams, j'04, lives in Arlington, Virginia, where she's an attorney for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She has a son, Grant.

2005 Joe Bain, l'05, is general counsel at Fort Hays State University. He recently was elected to the university foundation's board of trustees.

Theresa Buchheister, c'05, lives in Brooklyn, New York, where she's the artistic director at the Brick Theater.

Ross Cleveland, b'05, is vice

president of Aon Corp. in Dallas.

Jon Cline, c'05, g'09, l'09, lives in St. Louis, where he's an associate at Polsinelli. He works in the firm's real estate practice.

David Doeren, c'05, is chief operating officer at Allsup in Belleville, Illinois.

Rebecca Ferry, d'05, lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she's a liquidity risk analyst at Brighthouse Financial.

Kate Lorenz, c'05, in February won the 2020 Langston Hughes Creative Writing Award. She has authored several fiction and nonfiction works, including *Stardust*, a chapbook published in 2008 by Blue Hour Press.

Michael McCaffrey, f'05, a painter in Lawrence, last fall selected nearly 50 pieces of art from Kansas artists for the 2019 Arts Council Juried

Exhibition in Wichita.

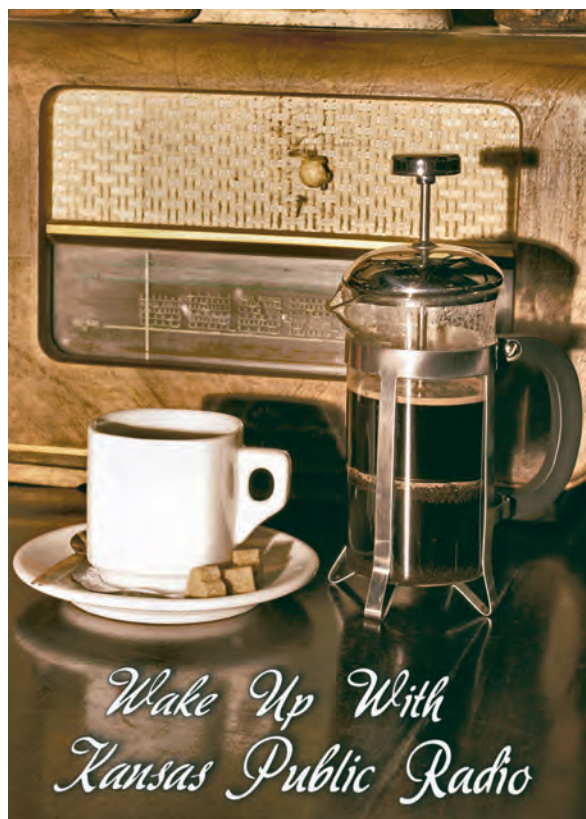
Kiran Reddy-Huggins, c'05, is legal director at iModules Software in Kansas City.

2006 Shawn Atkinson, d'06, teaches mathematics at Newnan High School in Newnan, Georgia.

Meghan Bahn, g'06, coordinates community engagement at the Lawrence Community Shelter.

Nicholas Barbosa, b'06, is a manager at Key Bank Real Estate Capital in Overland Park. He lives in Olathe with **Aubrey Cole Barbosa**, j'04, a brand manager at World Fuel Services.


Cliff Childers, c'06, was promoted to national business development manager at National Automotive Experts and National Warranty Administration Network. He's been with the organization



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Ian Cummings, c'06, g'13, is the breaking news editor for the Kansas City Star.

Jenny Davidson Maciaszek, c'06, j'06, g'14, m'16, practices family medicine at Rooks County Health Center in Plainville, where she lives with **Nick**, c'05, a geographic information systems specialist.

David Rowe, l'06, lives in Prairie Village, where he's a strategic consultant for planning and policy at Burns & McDonnell.

2007 Christian Clegg, g'07, is city manager of Bakersfield, California. He was the former deputy city manager of Stockton.

Alissa Smet Ice, s'07, directs housing development at the

Kansas Housing Resources Corp. in Topeka.

Michelle Tran Maryns, c'07, owns We Sparkle, an AI-powered software service in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

John Smolen, l'07, is an attorney at Ballard Spahr in Baltimore.

2008 Betsy Proffitt Bengtson, j'08, is an attorney and associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Denver. She's part of the firm's trademark and copyright team.

Collin Bielser, c'08, g'10, g'12, is assistant city manager of Hays.

Justin Ellrich, e'08, lives in Overland Park, where he's a principal process engineer and LNG systems leader at Black & Veatch.

Jared Holloway, c'08, l'12, is an attorney at Axiom Law in Chicago.

Byron Manco, c'08, is associate director at UBS Securities. He lives in New York City with his wife, Angela, and their 1-year-old daughter, Phillipa.

Natalie Rand McGonegal, s'08, directs operations at Keller Williams Key Partners. She lives in Olathe with her husband, Andrew, and son, **Quintin**, who just turned 2.

Rachel Smith, j'08, lives in Houston, where she's assistant development director for major gifts at Baylor College of Medicine.

Meghan Sullivan, c'08, j'08, directs communications at the University of Chicago.

Married

Christopher Enneking, c'08, and **Melody Alexander**, g'20, Aug. 3 in Lawrence, where they make their home.

Born to:

Laura Albert Wilons, d'08, g'10, and her husband, Larry, daughter, Ayla, Nov. 1 in Memphis, where she joins a brother, Max, who's 4.

2009 Julie Feldt, c'09, is a research administrator at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Lindsay Mayer, c'09, wrote *Tell, or the Adventures in Themiddle*, which was published in January. She lives in Le Plessis-Robinson, France.

Louis McKown, e'09, is the senior resident inspector at



the Surry Nuclear Power Station in Surry, Virginia.

Philip Rodriguez, g'09, is city administrator of Yuma, Arizona. He previously served as city manager in communities in Colorado and Texas.

2010 Jennifer Zimmermann Cascio, c'10, lives in Chicago, where she's an associate at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard.

Kaleigh Braun Doke, e'10, m'14, is assistant professor of radiation oncology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She and **Jared**, g'13, live in Colorado Springs and have two sons, Liam and Bowen.

Melissa Freiburger, PhD'10, is executive director at Sunrise Project in Lawrence.

She previously directed programs for the nonprofit organization.

Brenna Hawley-Craig, c'10, j'10, lives in Baldwin City, where she's a senior business analyst at Silverline.

Leigh Taylor Knight, EdD'10, is executive director and chief operating officer of the DeBruce Foundation, an organization that helps individuals of all ages pursue career opportunities. She's a former high school teacher, principal and assistant superintendent who lives in Lenexa.

Dalena McGrew, g'10, directs finance and operations at the Military Family Advisory Network. She makes her home in Shawnee.

Dustin Weimer, e'10, is a

design engineer at CAV Systems in New Century. He lives in Shawnee.

Married

Danielle Golon, c'10, g'13, and **Steven Foga**, c'12, g'16, Jan. 27, 2019, in Auckland, New Zealand. They live in St. Paul, Minnesota, where Steven is a geospatial developer at the University of Minnesota Polar Geospatial Center, and Danielle is a science communications specialist working for the NASA Land Processes Distributed Active Archive Center.

Born to:

Darin, '10, and **Lindsey Ringham Seidel**, b'08, g'15, son, Grant, Aug. 16 in Lawrence.

2011 Alex Aguilera, l'11, was honored with Missouri Lawyer Media's 2019 Up & Coming Award, which recognizes early-career attorneys. He's assistant general counsel at Leggett & Platt in Carthage, Missouri.


Erin Bryan, u'11, supervises the adult brain-injury program at Preferred Family Healthcare in Harrisonville, Missouri.

Austin Falley, j'11, g'16, is managing associate at Hagerty Consulting in Washington, D.C.

Tosha Fields, n'11, is director of nursing at SunPorch of Dodge City.

Jade Freeman, l'11, directs business development at Webstyle Inc. in Los Angeles.

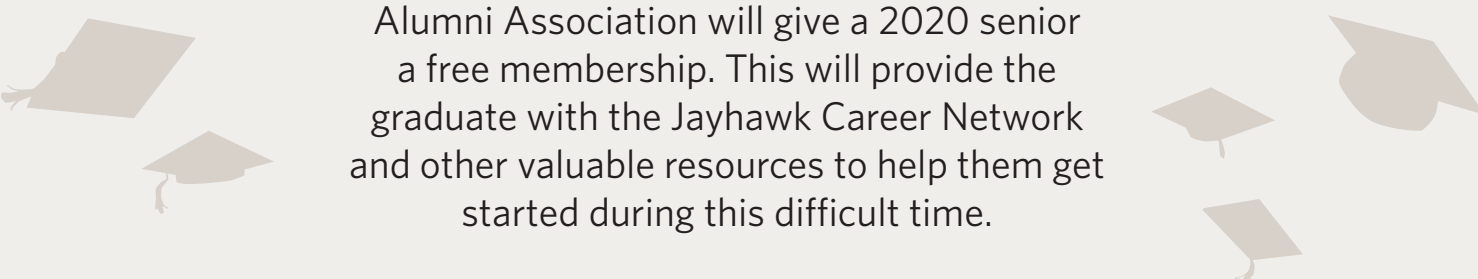
Brianne Pfannenstiel, c'11, j'11, chief political reporter at



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the Des Moines Register, was one of three moderators at the Jan. 14 Democratic debate in Des Moines, Iowa.

Michael Stolze, g'11, is an executive assistant for the city of Raytown, Missouri. He lives in Prairie Village with **Hayley Holthus Stolze**, g'10.

Married

Christina Howard, c'11, to Tyler Johnson, Sept. 19 in Estes Park, Colorado. They live in Denver, where Christina manages marketing and merchandising at Total Beverage.

2012 Darren Angell, f'12, is an associate at Gozdecki, Del Giudice, Americus, Farkas & Brocato in Chicago.

Elizabeth Brittain, d'12, lives

in Dallas, where she's senior director of partner success at Fevo.

Cody Button, g'12, is a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Hunter Hess, b'12, g'17, manages projects at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City.

Levi Keach, c'12, lives in Omaha, Nebraska, where he's an archaeologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Andrew Lavin, c'12, is master-control operator at the Tennis Channel. He lives in Lawndale, California.

Kameron Mack, j'12, is creative director at Westbrook Inc. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

Brianne Gerber Nelson, c'12, is an associate scientist at

the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

Pearce Ramsey, c'12, is a senior associate consultant at Cerner in Salt Lake City.

Mark Rogers, c'12, lives in Los Angeles, where he's a research and development associate at Team Rubicon.

Jennifer Clark Walker, a'12, is the head golf professional at St. Andrew's Golf Club in Overland Park. She and her husband, Garret, live in Lawrence.

Born to:

Alec, c'12, m'17, and **Jessica Brady Hermanson**, n'15, daughter, Maren, Nov. 7 in Overland Park.

Alicia Stum Pohl, c'12, and her husband, Weston, son,

Walker, Oct. 26 in Lawrence. He's the couple's first child.

Cesar, c'12, and **Kara Schwerdt Rodriguez**, j'10, son, Cesar, Jan. 12 in Kansas City, where he joins a sister, Adrian, who just turned 3. They live in Lawrence, where Cesar works in sales at Midway Wholesale and Kara is assistant director of digital media at the Alumni Association.

Katy Nugent Winters, b'12, and her husband, Daniel, son, Samuel, Aug. 21, in Andover, where Katy is a data management supervisor at Koch Supply & Trading.

Jerome Younger, e'12, and **Yao Tu**, PhD'15, son, Jerome Levi, Feb. 25 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Jerome is a principal electrical engineer at The Toro

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Company, and Yao is associate director of the Chinese Flagship Program at the University of Minnesota.

2013 Daniel Austin, c'13, wrote *Chelsea's New Beginning*, which was published in October. The children's book is the first in a series for Daniel, who lives in Overland Park.

Sarah Burns, j'13, manages regional sales and marketing at OB Sports in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ebonie Davis, f'13, is an associate at Armstrong Teasdale in Kansas City. She works in the firm's financial and real estate services group.

Shawn Goetz, g'13, vice president and project manager at Hanson Professional Services, recently celebrated 25 years with the company. He

lives in Mound, Minnesota.

Michael Keenan, f'13, is a wealth strategies attorney at Creative Planning Legal in Overland Park.

Ronda Melton, s'13, lives in Arkansas City, where she's a mental health therapist at Four County Mental Health Center.

Stephen Nichols, j'13, f'18, joined the product liability group at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City.

Emily Kurtz Rhamy, c'13, is a therapist at Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center in Lawrence.

Alexandra Roth, g'13, PhD'18, is a pediatric neuropsychologist at Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Brendan Waters, b'13, is

co-founder and executive vice president of sales at EB Systems, a software company in Kansas City.

2014 Victoria Baldwin, j'14, lives in Chicago, where she's a creative strategist at Snap Inc., a camera and social media company.

Collin Case, d'14, g'18, is an academic adviser at Washburn University in Topeka. He commutes from Lawrence, where he lives with **Abigail Bartlow Case**, c'17, who's an executive assistant and marketing coordinator at Koprince Law.

Troy Dargin, g'14, g'16, PhD'17, is a clinical assistant professor at the Katz School of Science and Health at Yeshiva University in New York City.

Taylor Hines, c'14, f'18, lives in Kansas City, where she's assistant district attorney at the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office.

Shane Reynolds, c'14, manages fundraising data analytics at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. He lives in Brooklyn.

Kevin Wempe, f'14, is a shareholder at Gilmore & Bell in Kansas City.

Born to:

Phillip, e'14, and **Katelyn Law Twist**, c'11, son, Charles, Aug. 5 in Mission, where they make their home.

2015 Corbin Mihelic, j'15, manages accounts at 104 West Partners in Denver.

Sarah Patel, PharmD'15, is a pharmacy manager at

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CVS Health in Dallas, where she lives with her husband, **Omik**, assoc.

Julia Huxman Ronnebaum, f'15, lives in Philadelphia, where she's a trial attorney at Jonathan M. Cohen.

2016 Billy Barnes, d'16, manages entertainment and live events for the San Francisco 49ers.

Samantha Carter, b'16, was promoted to associate at Baum Capital Partners in Kansas City.

Katrina Poppert Cordts, g'16, PhD'19, is an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She lives in Papillion, Nebraska, with her husband, Ryan.

Kenna Babcock Fischman, m'16, lives in Manhattan, where she's a physician.

Erin Meyer, j'16, coordinates marketing and communications at Lockton Companies. She lives in Lenexa.

Cassidy Ritter, j'16, is a reporter at BusinessDen. She lives in Greenwood Village, Colorado.

Nicholas Zych, j'16, lives in Austin, Texas, where he's an associate account manager at Wunderman Thompson.

2017 Ellen Balentine, j'17, g'19, lives in Columbia, South Carolina, where she's a communications and public relations assistant at Gamecock Athletics.

Alexandra Bettner, c'17, is a speech-language pathologist for the Poway Unified School District in San Diego.

Frederick Gipp, j'17, owns Lead Horse, a consulting firm in Lawrence.

Rachel Ashbury Thomas, j'17, a communication specialist for Lawrence Public Schools, last fall received the Kansas School Public Relations Association's Newcomer of the Year Award.

Married

Maggie Turek, f'17, and **Jacob Turner**, f'19, June 15, 2019, in Leawood. Jake is an attorney at Payne and Jones in Overland Park, and Maggie works for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

2018 Charles Bogren, f'18, is an associate at Kreis, Enderle, Hudgins & Borsos in Portage, Michigan.

Sean Collins, j'18, is the e-sports reporter for the Dallas Morning News.

Md. Neyamul Islam, SJD'18, is additional commissioner of customs for the National Board of Revenue at the Ministry of Finance in Dhaka, Bangladesh, where he lives with his wife, Farhana.

Sangeeta Shastry, f'18, works at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City, where she's a law clerk.

Andrew Wildish, e'18, lives in Lenexa, where he's a chemical process engineer at Kiewit.

2019 Andrew Growney, e'19, lives in Denver, where he's a software engineer at Atonix Digital.

Rachel Hart, e'19, is a quality analyst at Upfield, a packaged-goods company. She lives in Lawrence.

Brodie Herman, f'19, is an attorney at Guin Mundorf in Kansas City.

Courtney Johnson, c'19,

j'19, lives in Chicago, where she's an account executive at Yelp.

Xiangxiang Kong, PhD'19, is assistant professor of engineering at the University of Guam.

Lauren Lanz, j'19, is an executive sales and operations assistant at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty Texas. She lives in Plano, Texas.

Thomas O'Hara, b'19, j'19, is a digital analyst at Octagon in Chicago.

Drake Patterson, b'19, lives in Olathe, where he's a financial services professional at New York Life Insurance Company.

John Rosa, PharmD'19, is a pharmacist at Salina Regional Health Center. He

and **Allison Rohman Rosa**, PharmD'18, live in Salina.

Brooke King Sisson, g'19, manages the home-visiting program at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in Topeka.

Ellen Terhune, j'19, is a news and sports reporter at KWCH in Wichita.

Ellen Whittaker, c'19, is a business technology analyst at Deloitte in Kansas City.

Stephanie Wilcox, j'19, lives in New York City, where she's an account associate at The Wall Street Journal.

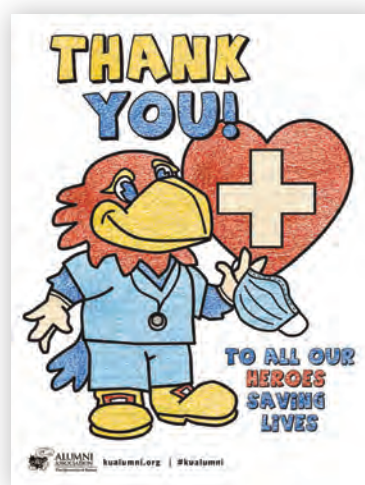
Married

Ramsey Fowler, f'19, and **Konner McIntire**, f'19, Aug. 17 in Joplin, Missouri. They make their home in Alexandria, Virginia.

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1930s Marjorie Wahl Carson, c'38, 102, Dec. 3 in Wichita. She was a homemaker and worked on many political campaigns. Surviving are two sons, David, c'61, and Philip, c'72; a daughter, Elizabeth, c'78; and five grandchildren.

1940s Evelyn Hodgson Amend, c'44, c'46, 97, Jan. 3 in Salina, where she was a laboratory and radiology technician. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Janet Amend Fisher, d'75; a son, Douglas, b'83; two sisters, Eloise Hodgson Lynch, PhD'49, and Madeleine Hodgson Anderson, '54; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Mary Breed Brink, c'47, 93, Nov. 25 in Kansas City, where she was active in the Southwest High School community. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Martha Brink McCormick, c'79, g'83; and four granddaughters.

Aileen Beal DeBruce, d'49, 91, March 9, 2019, in Kiowa. She was a teacher and served on the board of directors of the Kansas Children's Service League. Survivors include a son, Paul, b'73; a daughter; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Stephen Ellsworth, b'49, 92, Nov. 24 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, where he had a long career in human resources. He is survived by two sons, one of whom is Scott, '79; two stepdaughters; a stepson; four grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Cora Haith Gerren, '46, 101, Jan. 6 in Englewood, Ohio. She was a volunteer and

political activist. Survivors include a son, Nicholas, c'69; a daughter; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lolita Baker Hudson, p'44, 96, Nov. 6 in San Antonio. She and her late husband, Cecil, p'45, owned Hudson Pharmacy in Topeka.

Kenneth Lewis, e'47, 94, Nov. 5 in Columbia, Missouri. He was a consulting engineer. Four stepdaughters, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive.

Dean Miller, c'49, 93, Dec. 23 in Madison, Mississippi. He had a long career as a geologist in the oil industry. Survivors include his wife, Peggy; two sons, one of whom is Stephen, '78; two daughters, Christina, b'93, and Julie Miller Westermann, g'97; a stepson; a stepdaughter; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Donald Mitchell, b'42, 99, Sept. 26 in Bixby, Oklahoma, where he was senior vice president at Advertising, Inc. Surviving are his wife, Frances, a son, two daughters, two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1950s JoNell Ward Abbott, '57, 84, Dec. 13 in Kansas City, where she was a real estate agent. She is survived by three sons, two of whom are Charles Cain, '81, and Steven Cain, b'84; two daughters; a stepson; 13 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

C. Roger Allen, e'50, 96, Dec. 26 in Lawrence. He was a civil engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Survivors include three sons, Chad, '77, Tim, '82, and Tom, '84; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

MaryAnna Ward Anschutz, c'51, 91, Oct. 19 in Plainville. She taught elementary education in Russell. Two grandchildren survive.

Shirley Siefkin Apt, '52, 89, Jan. 24 in Wichita, where she was a volunteer. Surviving are three daughters, two of whom are Carolyn, d'80, and Kathryn Apt Rodby, '80; two sons, one of whom is Douglas, '84; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Warren "Blue" Barrand, b'50, 97, Feb. 1 in Lawrence. His career as an accountant spanned more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Robertson Barrand, '87; two sons, Don Barrand, b'71, and Dennis Dupont, '98; a daughter, Christie Barrand Curtis, d'79; and two grandchildren.

Richard Cummings, c'54, m'57, 87, Dec. 21 in Wichita, where he was an otologist. He was on the Alumni Association's national Board of Directors from 1979 to 2000 and served as chair from 1995 to '96. In 1998 he received the Association's Fred Ellsworth Medallion. Surviving are his wife, Laura Herring Cummings, n'56; three sons, two of whom are Thomas, c'82, and William, '83; a daughter; a brother, William, p'59; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Emelie Trickett Davidson, '52, 90, Dec. 27 in Overland Park, where she was an artist and designer at Hallmark Cards. She is survived by her husband, Jim, '52; a daughter, Jan Davidson Helfer, d'78, g'80; a son, Dalton, '83; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Marj Mahoney Dusay, '58, 83, Jan. 28 in New York City. She had a long career as an ac-

tress on several soap operas and TV shows. Survivors include a daughter and a stepdaughter.

David Ellis, b'51, 90, Dec. 23 in Gainesville, Florida, where he was controller for the Florida Farm Bureau. He is survived by his wife, Dilon, a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Franklin Fee, b'53, 89, Dec. 5 in Hutchinson, where he was a real estate agent and later co-owned an insurance agency. Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Roots Fee, '53; a son; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

LeRoy Felzien, e'56, 85, Jan. 31 in Lee's Summit, Missouri. He retired as division manager after 30 years at Southwestern Bell. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Hyder Felzien, '57; three sons, one of whom is Craig, '80; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Charles Franklin, c'56, 85, Jan. 9 in Bulverde, Texas. He lived in Lafayette, California, for many years, where he worked in sales and later became vice president at Rail Car America. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. His wife, Terry, two sons, a daughter, a brother and three grandchildren survive.

Joseph "Dick" Gilman, d'51, g'54, 92, Jan. 2 in Overland Park. He was a teacher, administrator and coach at Paola High School. Surviving are two sons, one of whom is Joe, c'79; two daughters, Georgia, '82, and Mary Gilman Minden, '08; a brother, Mark, d'54; a sister; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

John Golden, c'54, 87, Nov. 29 in Goodland. He was a state representative in the 1960s and became mayor of Goodland. He also owned Golden Wheat

Ranch and Golden Farms. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, assoc.; two daughters, Margaret Golden Bowker, j'90, and Jennifer Golden House, j'92; a son; and six grandchildren.

Mary Demeritt Gordon, d'55, g'68, 85, Nov. 29 in Fort Collins, Colorado. She lived in Lawrence, where she taught blind and visually impaired students. In 1988 she received the Kansas Special Educator of the Year Award. Survivors include a daughter, Lori Gordon Tilson, d'79, n'85; two stepdaughters; a sister; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Gary Hale, j'58, l'71, 83, Jan. 3 in Lawrence. He started his career as editor and publisher of the Hugoton Hermes and later became a trust officer and financial planner. Surviving are his wife, Kay Roberts Hale, n'74; a son, Gregory, '94; a sister; and three granddaughters.

Richard Hale, j'52, 89, Dec. 11 in Lawrence. He owned the St. Francis Herald and the Bird City Times. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Craig Hale, '54; two daughters, Kris Hale Shurtz, c'77, and Sarah Hale Wilcher, '88; two sons, one of whom is Mike, '80; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty" Harrison Ince, d'58, 83, Dec. 4 in Manhattan, where she was a teacher. In 1986 she created the Reading and Study Skills Center at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara, a'87; a son; and two grandchildren.

Francile Aronhalt Hill, d'56, 85, Dec. 13 in Prairie Village. She taught physical education and was a docent at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.

Surviving are her husband, Harold, b'57; three daughters, two of whom are Jacqueline Hill Kueser, b'82, and Kelley Hill Scharosch, '85; two sons; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Patricia Felzien Hoit, n'56, 86, Dec. 29 in Denton, Texas, where she was a retired nurse. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Edwin Howard, c'55, 86, Jan. 1 in Modesto, California, where he was a principal and teacher. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Richard Jackson, c'53, l'55, 87, Dec. 14 in Brush, Colorado, where he was senior vice president at Farmers State Bank. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; a son, Joel, '85; two daughters; two stepsons; a stepdaughter; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Norman Jones, c'51, 94, Nov. 21 in Irving, Texas, where he was a geologist and petroleum engineer. A daughter and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive.

Harry Jordan, b'57, 84, Dec. 15 in Mission. He was partner at an accounting firm. He is survived by his wife, June; two sons, one of whom is David, '89; two daughters; three stepchildren; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Nicholas Kittrie, l'50, g'51, 93, Dec. 9 in Washington, D.C. He was professor emeritus of law at American University. His wife, Sara, two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren survive.

Richard Kraus, c'59, 82, Dec. 8 in Greenfield, Massachusetts. He was a state senator and president of Cape Cod

Community College. Survivors include his wife, Patricia, two sons, a stepdaughter, two stepsons and four grandchildren.

James Frederick Kubik, b'52, l'54, 89, Jan. 4 in Wichita, where he was a retired CPA. He is survived by his wife, Christine Wiley Kubik, d'54; three daughters, one of whom is Anne Kubik Sheehy, g'92; a sister, Kathryn Kubik Dougherty, c'49; and six grandchildren.

William Love, b'50, 92, Nov. 26 in Kansas City, where he retired as a life insurance agent at MassMutual.

Jerry Lysaught, c'54, g'54, 89, Sept. 22 in Rochester, New York, where he was a professor of pediatrics and nursing at the University of Rochester. Surviving are his wife, Dolores, a daughter and four granddaughters.

James Marsh, e'58, 87, Nov. 26 in Tucson, Arizona. He lived near Washington, D.C., and was a patent attorney. He is survived by his wife, Susan; three daughters; a brother, Fred, c'65, m'69; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Willis "Bill" Mercer, d'52, g'56, EdD'74, 87, Aug. 22 in Salina, where for 35 years he was a teacher and administrator in public schools. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, assoc.; two sons, Stephen, d'82, and Bill, c'90; a daughter; and six grandchildren.

Jack Morris, c'54, 87, Jan. 18 in Wichita. He was retired CEO of Downing & Lahey Mortuaries. Surviving are his wife, Marlane, assoc.; three sons, two of whom are John, b'80, and Tom, b'84; two daughters, one of whom is Sandy Morris English, d'88,

g'99; a sister; 14 grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

John Neely III, a'51, 91, Nov. 28 in Wichita, where he was president of a construction company. Survivors include his wife, LuAnne Powell Neely, f'49, d'51; a son, John IV, '75; a daughter; and a granddaughter.

Tom Pearson, b'58, 83, Oct. 2 in Buckner, Missouri. He retired as vice president of finance at Unitog Company. Surviving are his wife, Janice, a son, two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Philip Peterson, e'52, 88, Dec. 29 in Fair Play, South Carolina. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force and later worked as a patent attorney. His wife, Patricia, a son, three grandsons and three step-grandchildren survive.

Ruby Schaulis Quarterman, d'56, 85, Dec. 17 in St. Charles, Missouri, where she was a high school art teacher. Surviving are two daughters and a grandson.

Dale Spiegel, c'50, l'52, 94, Sept. 29 in Olympia, Washington. He was a probate judge in Emporia. Three daughters, two sons and two stepdaughters survive.

Wilber Voss, m'59, 86, Nov. 29 in San Diego. He was CEO of Intergroup HMO in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Bettis Voss, n'59; three sons; two daughters; two sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Grant Hulse Wagner, c'58, m'64, 83, Jan. 4 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years and later led the child and adolescent unit at the North

Texas State Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Carol, a son, three daughters, a sister, 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1960s Joseph Bly, c'69, 72, Nov. 22 in Lakewood, Colorado. He was a computer programmer. His partner, Michael Pirocco, survives.

Susan Hartmetz Bonett, '68, 83, Feb. 16 in Warrensburg, Missouri, where she directed the Trails Regional Library. She also worked at KU Libraries for several years. Survivors include her husband, Herman, g'63, PhD'76.

Corinne White Brown, d'67, 74, Dec. 27 in Kansas City, where she retired after more than 25 years at the Institute for Human Development at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. A daughter, Melissa Brown Joerger, c'93, and four grandchildren survive.

Daniel Buchman, c'68, 74, Dec. 7 in Leawood. He was a manager at International Harvester. Survivors include his wife, Judy; two daughters, one of whom is Teri Buchman Chalker, s'89; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Helon Deanne LaGree Burnett, d'67, 75, Jan. 19 in Larned, where she was a music therapist at the state hospital. Surviving are a daughter, Georgia Burnett Martin, j'95; three sons, two of whom are Lowrey, c'96, and Brooks, j'02; two sisters; two brothers; and five grandchildren.

Ronald Daigle, c'63, g'69, 77, Oct. 30 in Kansas City, where he worked for the city for more than 55 years.

Delores Elliott Dike, d'62, 78, Nov. 25, 2018, in Santa Clara, California, where she

was a musician and active in her church. She is survived by her husband, Larry, c'61; a daughter; and two sons.

Jack Fischer, b'62, 83, Dec. 18 in Boise, Idaho. He had a long career in finance. His wife, Lynda, two sons, a daughter and several grandchildren survive.

Michael Fisher, b'69, 72, Oct. 18 in Overland Park. He lived in New Mexico for many years, where he practiced tax accounting and business law. Survivors include his wife, Linda Filby-Fisher, n'70; two sons; his parents, Kenneth, g'75, and Helen Fisher; a brother, Kenneth, b'78; four grandsons; and a step-granddaughter.

Donald Franke, c'60, 81, Nov. 24 in Raymore, Missouri, where he was a chemical engineer. Surviving are his wife, Suzan; a son, Darryl, '90; a daughter, Angela, '93; two brothers; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Endres Hertach, '69, '04, 72, Jan. 7 in Lawrence. She was a nurse educator at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and Hutchinson Community College. She is survived by two daughters, one of whom is Jennifer Hertach Lemus, d'92; a son, Justin, '00; two sisters; two brothers; and eight grandchildren.

Mary Ann Reilly Hewitt, '62, 79, Jan. 17 in Overland Park, where she was a homemaker and volunteered in her community. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Shannon Hewitt McCluskey, c'95; two brothers, Edward Reilly, c'61, and Jerry Reilly, d'70; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Judith Gripton Jenkins, f'64, 77, Sept. 11 in Mission Viejo, California, where she

was a retired piano teacher. Survivors include her husband, Thomas, e'63, g'67; a daughter; and a son.

Patricia Johnson, d'63, 79, Nov. 17 in Springfield, Missouri. She retired as a school principal in Denver. Surviving are her husband, Bob, a daughter and a brother.

Richard Lewis, c'62, g'67, 79, Dec. 4 in Dallas. He had a long career in the railroad industry. A son, a daughter and five grandchildren survive.

Ronald Manka, b'67, 75, Dec. 13 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was an attorney and partner at Lathrop Gage. He is survived by his wife, Susan; two daughters, Kim Manka Mann, d'89, and Lora Manka Garrison, j'93; two stepsons; a stepdaughter; a brother, Richard, b'67, g'68; a sister; four grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

James Margolin, c'69, l'72, 72, Jan. 8 in Mission Hills, where he practiced employment and discrimination law. Survivors include his wife, Susan Layne Margolin, d'83; two sons, one of whom is Andrew, b'99, g'00; a brother, Robert, '60; and three grandchildren.

John Mays, c'65, 77, March 29 in Auburn, California. He was an attorney and owned several businesses. A memorial to support the Alumni Association has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are his wife, Ramona; a daughter; and a sister, Kala Mays Stroup, c'59, g'64, PhD'74.

Loring McAllister, g'66, PhD'68, 82, Nov. 11 in Afton, Minnesota, where he was a clinical psychologist. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Remple McAllister, f'58, d'60, g'67.

Sidney McKnight Jr., '63, 78, Dec. 16 in Kansas City. He

was a periodontist. Surviving are his wife, Carole Popham McKnight, d'63; a daughter, Allison McKnight Kramer, d'91; a son, Sidney III, '93; and six grandchildren.

Lanora Bishop Moore, c'66, 77, Dec. 2 in Mission. She worked in word processing at Midwest Research Institute. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. Surviving are a daughter, Kira Moore Barnes, c'90; and a sister, April Bishop, f'75.

Samuel Morford, c'64, 79, Dec. 8 in Omaha, Nebraska, where he became a deacon after retiring from US West. His wife, Edna, two sons, a brother, two granddaughters and a great-grandson survive.

Arlen "Ted" Mueller, j'60, 81, Nov. 21 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he retired after a 25-year career in sales. He is survived by his wife, Georgia; a son, John, b'87; a brother; and three grandchildren.

Norris Nahman, PhD'61, 93, Sept. 6 in Louisville, Colorado. He was an engineer and worked for the National Bureau of Standards. Three sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

William O'Connell, c'60, g'62, 91, Oct. 27 in Clifton, Virginia, where he was a U.S. Navy captain and served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. His wife, Philomena, three daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Larry Perry, e'61, 83, Jan. 6 in Colorado. He had a long career in engineering and construction management. His wife, Phyllis Graf Perry, d'58; and a son, Phil, c'85, survive.

Donald Rake, e'60, 84, June 24, 2019, in Hattiesburg,

Mississippi, where he retired as general manager at Beloit Millpro Services. Surviving are his wife, Jonell Brown Rake, '56; three sons, one of whom is Gary, c'82; two daughters; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Robert Roulier, b'61, 81, Feb. 6 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he was a retired stockbroker. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Haines Roulier, d'61; a son; a daughter; and two brothers, Leon, b'59, l'64, and Jay, '67.

Sylvia Vandever Scherrer, b'61, 79, Dec. 25 in Lenexa. She and her late husband, Kenneth, b'61, owned a furniture store. She is survived by three daughters, one of whom is Ilene Scherrer Hurst, '95; and nine grandchildren.

Richard Shaffer, c'64, 77, Jan. 14 in Lawrence. He was a senior research scientist at Oread Labs. Survivors include his wife, Harriet Will Shaffer, d'65, g'91; two daughters, Susie Shaffer Fagan, j'92, and Carol Shaffer Birnbaum, d'00; a son, Steve, a'98; a brother, Robert, e'67, g'76; two sisters, Phyllis Shaffer McCart, '75, and Pat Shaffer Owens, c'04, g'10; and six grandchildren.

Earl "Hap" Thompson, e'61, 81, Dec. 8 in Jacksonville, Florida, where he worked in the oil industry. Surviving are his wife, June, a son, three daughters and seven grandchildren.

1970s Rich Brown, '71, 71, Feb. 24 in Olathe. Affectionately known as "Pizza Pete," he spent his entire career in the pizza business, including 21 years at The Wheel in Lawrence. A sister survives.

Ronald Darcey, b'72, 70, Jan. 30 in Wichita. He was a comptroller at Tyson Foods.

His wife, Virginia, two sons and a brother survive.

Dorothy "Dottie" Welty Harder, g'79, 89, Nov. 15 in Topeka. She directed admissions at Washburn University School of Law. Survivors include a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Richard Hoover, e'71, 71, Dec. 21 in Northport, Michigan, where he was president of Asian operations at Dow Corning Corp. He is survived by his wife, Beth Frankel Hoover, c'71; a son, Richard, c'98, '99; a daughter; two sisters, Leslie, '68, and Alicia Hoover Rieder, d'73; and five grandchildren.

James Mills, PhD'72, 82, Jan. 7 in Johnson City, Tennessee, where he was a professor of art at East Tennessee State University. Surviving are a son, a daughter and a granddaughter.

James Sheldon, j'75, 66, Sept. 12 in Kansas City. He was executive director of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Two sons, a sister and three grandchildren survive.

Ervin Sims, e'70, 72, Jan. 6 in Kansas City, where he was a bishop and pastor at Mt. Carmel Church of God in Christ. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son; two daughters; and two brothers, David, b'79, and Timothy, '87.

1980s Lawrence Albani, m'86, 62, Jan. 8 in Liberty, Missouri, where he was a urologist. Surviving are his wife, Linda; two daughters, Lauren, c'07, and Elizabeth Albani McGregor, c'14, j'14, g'18, g'19; a son, Michael, c'10, l'13; two brothers, one of whom is Frank, m'77; and a granddaughter.

Paul Benne, p'88, 54, Dec. 7 in Manhattan. He served in the U.S. Army for nearly 25 years as a public health officer. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife, Christine; three sons, one of whom is Gage, e'19; a daughter; his father, William, e'61; two brothers, Duane, b'90, and Mark, e'93; and two grandchildren.

Noelle Applegate Fox, j'89, '98, 53, Jan. 4 in Hays. She served on the board of directors for the Kansas Children's Service League and the Lied Center. Survivors include two daughters; her parents, Francis, c'51, m'55, and Haven Moore Applegate, n'55; and two brothers, one of whom is Darin Applegate, '83.

Shaun Schamerhorn, c'88, 54, Jan. 24 in Overland Park. He was a sales representative at Standard Beverage. His wife, Deann, his mother, a sister and a brother survive.

1990s John Impens, b'90, 52, Jan. 6 in Overland Park, where he worked at Sunflower Bank. Survivors include his wife, Heather, two sons, his parents and a sister.

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Margaret "Hodgie" Shaw Bricke, PhD'72, 80, Jan. 19 in Lawrence. She retired as assistant vice provost of international programs after more than 25 years at KU. Surviving are her husband, Jack, assoc.; a son; two sisters, one of whom is Mary Shaw, d'81; a brother; and a granddaughter.

Vernon Chamberlin, g'53, PhD'57, 95, Jan. 25 in Lawrence, where he was a professor of Spanish for nearly

30 years. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Groom Chamberlin, n'54; a daughter, Marlene, c'85; a son, Mark, '85; and a granddaughter.

Martin Dickinson, c'60, 81, Jan. 5 in Estes Park, Colorado. He served as dean of the School of Law from 1971 to 1980 and led the funding and planning of the new Green Hall. In 1986 he was named the Robert A. Schroeder Distinguished Professor of Law. A memorial has been established with KU Endowment. He is survived by his wife, Sallie; a daughter, Nancy, c'87; a son, James, c'89, m'93; a sister, Margaret Dickinson Schnackenberg, c'51; two grandchildren; and seven step-grandchildren.

Edward Donatelle, 97, Jan. 1 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was professor emeritus of family medicine at the School of Medicine-Wichita. Survivors include three daughters, two sons, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Earl Nehring, 99, Jan. 31 in Lawrence. He was a professor of political science and chaired the department from 1972 to 1981. Surviving are a son, Neil, c'78, g'80; a daughter, Nancy, f'80; and four grandchildren.

William Paschke, 73, Dec. 11 in Lawrence, where he was professor emeritus of mathematics. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, '81; and a sister.

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Loraine Lindenbaum, assoc., 84, Oct. 7 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. Surviving are a son, Jeffrey, c'80; two daughters, one of whom is Ann Lindenbaum Gutkin, d'84, l'87; a brother; and six grandchildren.

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of its vibrant campus life,
Mount Oread bloomed as
beautiful as ever this spring.

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Scenes from KU's war effort in the midst of the 1918 influenza pandemic included (clockwise from left) the Student Army Training Corps headquarters staff, compulsory drills for students, boulevard barracks for the SATC's vocational unit and Red Cross student volunteers rolling surgical dressings in Old Fraser Hall.

HISTORY

Pandemic redux, with a difference

WHEN MORE THAN 1,700 soldiers-to-be arrived on Mount Oread in August 1918 for induction in the Student Army Training Corps, they joined 650 others already on campus in Army and Navy training units. Chancellor Frank Strong's pledge to support the country's war efforts strained the University beyond its seams; barracks were constructed on Jayhawk Boulevard and Mississippi Street, and boarding houses and hotels across town became makeshift mess halls and bunk spaces.

On Oct. 8, another visitor arrived: 92 students reported ill with symptoms of the dreaded Spanish influenza. As Evie Rapport, d'70, g'78, reported in issue No. 6, 2018, more than 300 others fell sick within days and Samuel J. Crumbine, dean of the School of Medicine and secretary of the Kansas Board of Health, ordered campus closed. No one could leave town; public gatherings were forbidden. "Strict compliance," Strong announced, "is a patriotic duty."

Just as KU's first wave of Spanish influenza began to wane, another influx of trainees arrived, bringing new cases with them, and Strong extended the quarantine.



The war in Europe ended Nov. 11, but the Spanish flu continued to rage at KU through Thanksgiving; given worldwide death tolls of perhaps 50 million, KU's tally of 32 fatalities from 1,000 cases seemed nearly miraculous.

A century later, KU leaders once again reacted swiftly to global pandemic, but this time with a significant difference: a goal of zero virus-related deaths.

"We don't know of a student at KU who has passed away from this," Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer, j'82, c'86, g'88, PhD'92, told *Kansas Alumni* in April, a month after COVID-19 fears halted campus activities, "and we don't know of a faculty or staff member from KU who has passed away from this. We are very fortunate right now. I don't know how long this will be for us, but so far we seem to have done something very well in Kansas."

Bichelmeyer, Chancellor Doug Girod and emergency management coordinator



Andrew Foster, c'12, have all pledged to maintain public safety as the University's paramount priority, even as every Jayhawk yearns to return. KU's performance in 1918 was admirable; this time, campus leaders intend to far exceed that daunting achievement.

Among the flood of emails her office has received from frightened parents, Bichelmeyer was particularly touched by a note from a father who shared his appreciation that "KU is, at heart, a place that is taking care of his daughter, his precious daughter. And how, while she's broken-hearted that she doesn't get to go through Commencement, he so appreciates, in a way that he never even really thought about, how well we've taken care of her."

A simple phrase once uttered mechanically suddenly means everything: Take care.

—CHRIS LAZZARINO



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