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FROM THE PRESIDENT

First and foremost, I hope this finds you well. I hope you, your family, and your loved ones are doing well and staying healthy. Coast to coast and around the globe, we have many wonderful Doane alumni and friends and we have certainly been thinking about you during the pandemic.

On March 12, we announced that due to the initial threat of COVID-19, we would be extending spring break one week for our residential students on the Crete campus and all of our academic instruction would shift to an online/virtual format for the remainder of the semester/term. This abrupt disruption proved to be an initial shock for our Doane community, understandably so. Our May graduates would not be able to see their professors and classmates in person again for the rest of the spring. Our faculty were forced to quickly adapt their course plans, shifting all materials to a remote learning environment. And our staff worked diligently to adjust their operational plans, ensuring that continuing to serve students, despite the unusual circumstances, would remain at the forefront of our work.

In the last six months, we have witnessed extraordinary resolve, ingenuity, and resilience of our Doane community. Our faculty and staff led us to successfully complete the spring semester/term in a virtual format and our students showed a great deal of understanding and grace, recognizing the challenges this quick pivot would create. Thankfully, since we have expanded our online learning infrastructure in the last few years, we were well equipped to transition our courses to a remote learning environment. We had a number of faculty and staff step up to support others during the transition.

Doane students showed a great deal of resiliency themselves, navigating uncharted waters to complete their coursework in a new environment. Once the decision was made to reopen our campuses in August, our faculty and staff worked tirelessly to prepare our campuses to safely operate in person this fall.

As I am writing this now, it is the end of August and it has been a joy to welcome back our students to our campuses. I have been very impressed with the commitment our community has shown to following protocols we have put in place. Our campuses may look a little different, but the same Doane spirit remains at heart – that is, that we are one community, we are Tigers Together.

I recognize there are many uncertainties that lie ahead with the pandemic. While our community has rallied to do everything possible to create a safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff on our campuses this fall, should the situation become unsafe on a particular campus, we are prepared to make the difficult but necessary decision to shift our academic instruction to a remote learning environment once again. The health, safety, and wellbeing of our community is always our highest priority and will continue to remain so, global pandemic or not.

As many of you reading this are alumni and friends of the university, I ask that you please join our faculty and staff in supporting our students during this unique time. When we were in college, we could not have imagined going to school in the middle of a pandemic – wearing masks and staying physically distanced from our closest friends. While our students have become more accustomed to the new norms in our society during the pandemic, the seriousness of the virus looms and remains at the top of many of our minds.

I hope this edition of Doane Magazine can be a bright spot in your day as you read compelling feature stories on some very talented Doane alumni and remain up-to-date on the latest happenings around the university.

Stay safe and healthy, Tigers!

Sincerely,



FILLING THE GAP

Doane and Don't Panic Labs form partnership to create Nebraska Dev Lab, a pipeline program to address the tech talent shortage in Nebraska

Story by Ryan Mueksch '20A
Photos by Kristin Streff Photography

In a time when millions of Americans are losing their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is one industry that still has a drastic job shortage. The only problem? Not enough people are aware of this.

According to the July Bureau of Labor Statistics report, the unemployment rate in America was at 10.2 percent. This was down from an alarming 14.4 percent in April, a month after COVID-19 first hit the United States.

Now consider this — according to code.org, there are more than 375,000 computing jobs open in the United States (as of mid-August). In Nebraska specifically, that number is 2,280. Growth in the computing industry is outpacing the number of people educated to work in the field in every state, including Nebraska,

where state colleges and universities produce around 570 computer science graduates per year.

The need for computer science-related jobs is not new, though. A few years ago, Doug Durham, CEO of Don't Panic Labs, a software development company based in Lincoln, was approached by local business leaders to create a code school to help fill the gap locally.

"I told them to train the type of people we would hire, a code school wouldn't go deep enough," Durham said. "We would have to create something more similar to what an individual would get in a four-year computer science college program."

Durham and Chad Michel, Senior Software Architect at Don't Panic

Labs, instead started a professional software development class for people already working in the industry. The class was well-received and got Durham to ponder the bigger picture.

"I started thinking about bringing in people that don't have any background in computer science and train them to become an entry-level software developer. I knew that there were intense, one year programs out there in different professions. I figure if it takes someone a year to become a nurse, we can do that for software developers.

"If we could also do something to bring in more females and underrepresented minorities, we're helping fill that gap as well. If we can get gender equity in the computing field, I don't think we'd have a job shortage."

Durham and Michel began pitching their idea of an intense, one-year computing program to colleges and universities across the state, recognizing this concept would need an educational partner. The two visited with representatives from a number of different schools. Each school showed some level of interest, but they were looking for a strong commitment up front. Once Durham and Michel visited with Dr. Alec Engebretson and Dr. Mark Meysenburg, both Professors of Information Science and Technology at Doane, they knew they had found their partner.

"Alec's enthusiasm for this concept was great," Durham said. "He was all in. Within a few months, he was granted a sabbatical to pursue this program. I thought that showed great commitment from Doane and confidence their leadership placed in us."

Engebretson and Meysenburg conceptualized the idea with Durham and Michel. They landed on creating a one-year pipeline program that would take individuals with little to no experience in programming and turn them into entry-level software developers upon completion of the program. Don't Panic Labs would provide the office space and a portion of the instruction, while Doane would provide the other portion of the instruction.

The Pipeline Program is the first offering of the Nebraska Dev Lab, a subsidiary of Don't Panic Labs where Doane is the sole subcontractor to provide instruction to the students.

In order to generate interest from individuals with no software development experience to want to take a leap of faith, start a one-year intensive program, and subsequently changing their career path as a result, the trio realized there needed to be a hook.

What they came up with is very incentivizing.

Students in the (NeDL) Nebraska Dev Lab Pipeline Program will not pay tuition to take part in the program. Instead, a sponsor organization, oftentimes their current employer, will cover their program costs. For the students who are employed, the company they work for will continue to pay their full salary. Once the student completes the program, they will then transition to a new role, expected to be an entry-level software developer, within the company.

"It's like getting a full ride to college," Durham said. "The students don't have any financial burden."

For the first cohort, six students were chosen from a large applicant pool of more than 80 people. The sponsor organizations for the first cohort are Nelnet (sponsoring two students), Allo, NRC Health, Doane, and Don't Panic Labs. The student Doane is sponsoring is a recent graduate from Doane's College of Professional Studies and has aspirations of pursuing a masters degree after completing the pipeline program. One of his key roles in being sponsored by Doane is to provide feedback from a participant perspective of how the program can be improved.

Nebraska Dev Lab received a generous grant from the Nebraska Department of Labor, which offset a large portion of the cost of tuition for the sponsor organizations. Nelnet, Allo, and NRC Health are continuing to pay the wages of the employees in the pipeline program.

"The cool part to me is that all of these students aren't coming in and having to find a job after the program," Michel said. "They are on a fairly known path to success. They certainly have to take a leap of faith to start this endeavor, but they aren't saddled with a lot of debt as a result."

Jenny Nielsen (pictured right bottom), a marketing specialist at Nelnet is one of the six students in the cohort. Nielsen was born and raised in Seattle, studied chemistry at the University of Washington, and began her career as a project manager for Apple and a telemedicine company in Seattle. She says she had



Pg.2 (Pictured L to R) Alec Engebretson, Chad Michel, and Doug Durham outside the headquarters of Don't Panic Labs in downtown Lincoln. The three have teamed up to form the Nebraska Dev Pipeline Program.

Pg.3 (Top) Engebretson gives instruction to Nielsen and Honer in the Don't Panic Labs office, located in downtown Lincoln.

Pg.3 (Bottom) Nielsen works on an assignment in Don't Panic Labs' space in the Haymarket.

entertained the idea of working in development but didn't have the means or motive to pursue it.

"But when the opportunity came up in Nelnet to be a part of the pipeline program with Doane and Don't Panic Labs, I was hooked," Nielsen said.

Nielsen and the other five participants were selected after a thorough interview process, which local human resources consulting firm Talent Plus assisted with. The six students began the program in January in stage one, the first of four stages:

Stage 1: Provide a foundation of programming and problem solving skills

Stage 2: Provide skills necessary to become entry-level software developers

Stage 3: Hone skills learned in stage two, complete capstone project

Stage 4: Hands-on application with the sponsor organization

Dr. Engebretson led the instruction for the first stage, laying the technical foundation that allows the students to become software developers.

"The first month was a whirlwind," Nielsen recalls. "The first three weeks in particular were a bit overwhelming but also very exciting. It's like learning a new communication language."

Engebretson, who has been a faculty member at Doane for 30 years, is a prime choice to work with students in the program during the first few months together. While Durham and Michel can provide real world applications for students based on their professional experience, Engebretson can provide the critical teaching skills needed to help students quickly learn and pick up what is being taught.

"Alec is the perfect instructor for this program," Nielsen said. "You can tell that he's taught this material, is a good programmer, and is a great teacher. That combination, in addition to his warm and welcoming personality, makes him

a wonderful instructor for the first stage. Coming into this group, starting something brand new — new field, new skillset — having Alec as the instructor made it more manageable and created a welcoming environment. He for sure made it less intimidating."

Heather Honer (pictured pg. 05), another student in the pipeline program, echoes Nielsen's sentiments about Engebretson.

"I really enjoyed having Alec as an instructor," Honer said. "He took the time to make sure we really understood the fundamentals. We always had the opportunity to go to him if we were struggling. He made it fun and it didn't feel like we were rushed through things, even though we were on a timeline."

Engebretson said he has been very pleased with the effort the students have shown and their commitment to getting better each day. In a 12-month program with a lot to cover, there is not much room for error.

"It's impressive to see their evolution," Engebretson said. "It can be easy to forget they were beginners just a few months ago. They were getting exposed to challenging concepts in stage two that would be challenging even for established developers. Through the first 12 weeks when I was heavily involved, they performed exceptionally well."



Currently in stage three, the students are in a project-based capstone experience, working with local non-profit Nebraska Suicide Prevention Coalition to develop a mobile app that will be used primarily by high school students to help improve their mental health and coping abilities.

Stage four will conclude at the end of the year with students receiving hands-on experience working alongside software developers at their sponsor organizations, preparing to step in and work full-time in 2021.

"I have friends in Seattle that have done code school or boot camps that aren't nearly as intensive or thorough as we're experiencing," Nielsen said. "Not only were those programs not as good as one year of the Nebraska Dev Lab Pipeline Program, but they would have to quit their job, pay for the

program, and not have a guaranteed job after it.

"Having the job security, education, and rigor of the program makes this an unheard of and incredible opportunity."

-Jenny Nielsen

While the first cohort is only six students, the hope for Durham, Michel, and Engebretson is to eventually hire full-time staff to support this program and begin cohorts of around 10 students every three to four months.

This would mean the Nebraska Dev Lab Pipeline Program would produce around 40 new software developers in the area annually, playing a significant role to fill the gap of the tech talent shortage.

"These are devoted students who have come a long way," Michel said. "I think some of our students will stand out long term for organizations. We're producing high-quality developers in a short amount of time."

Regarding the long-term viability of this program, don't expect the need for software developers to decrease any time soon.

"There is virtually no industry in America that has not been touched by software technology, whether they wanted to or not," Durham said. "It's not that there are new companies that only do software, it's that every company has become a software company in its own way."

"For companies who are struggling to hire developers, this program seems like a no-brainer for companies to invest in," Nielsen said. "To get a qualified developer that's had hands-on experience and has worked within the company, you're likely getting a better candidate than someone you might find on the job market."

COMPUTER SCIENCE BY THE NUMBERS

- 67% of all new jobs in STEM are in computing
- 11% of STEM bachelor's degrees are in computer science
- Only 45% of U.S. high schools teach any computer science courses
- 67% of parents and 56% of teachers believe students should be required to learn computer science
- 50% of Americans rank computer science as one of the two most important subjects after reading and writing

"Computer science is a liberal art: it's something that everybody should be exposed to and everyone should have a mastery of to some extent."
— Steve Jobs

Software developer -
Median salary - \$103,620 (source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018)
Ranked #1 job in Best Jobs list

Computer programmer -
Median salary - \$84,280 (source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018)

Existing opening jobs alone represent \$304M of income that's being missed out in Nebraska.

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A Sturring Success

MAM alumnus, restaurant owner Charles Brewer '14A keeps business thriving through the pandemic

Charles Brewer '14A loves the nightlife. Born in Liberia, West Africa, the now-successful Lincoln restaurateur moved with his parents to the United States at age seven where they settled in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where he grew up. "Dallas is a nightlife central," Brewer says.

"The nightlife and bars, restaurants, there's a variety of things to do. It's a moving and shaking type of city."

Charles had a long road from Dallas to southeast Nebraska, but it culminated in him having a dream of opening up a club, a lounge for adults, in Lincoln. "A great place to lounge, a place to just socialize and hang out for a few hours," he says. It became his dream, but he knew it wouldn't come true overnight.

Before we get to that, let's back up. Who is Charles Brewer? For starters, he's a 2014 graduate of Doane's Master of Arts in



Management program in Lincoln. Earning his master's degree is something he knew he wanted to accomplish before setting out to achieve his dream of opening a cocktail lounge. He knew he needed additional education before he could take on the role of running his own business. But how did he get to that point?

After graduating from Concordia University in Seward in 2003 with a degree in business administration (something he jokes he doesn't tell Doane alumni often), Brewer worked in technical support service at Time Warner, in administration for Nelnet, and for several years as a financial aid counselor at Southeast Community College, but he always had bigger dreams for himself.

"My original goal when I graduated college was to be CEO of a corporation," Brewer says. "High-end, overseeing the world. That was my dream. I think I kind of got that right now. Granted, it's on a smaller scale — really small — but I think that's what makes it fun."

Charles today runs his own restaurant and yes, it's a lounge, too. It's called Stur 22 Lounge, Caribbean & African Kitchen, or just Stur 22 for short. He still likes to promote its aspects as a cocktail lounge and gathering place, but during the COVID-19 pandemic all his focus is on the Caribbean and African cuisine, which he does better than anywhere else in the city (food critics agree).

"My food is pretty strong," Brewer says. "It's good quality. It's new, also, and people really want to try it in Lincoln. It's just a breath of fresh air."

Brewer didn't just wake up and open a successful restaurant on his own, though. A trip home to Dallas in 2010 with his sister is what first got him thinking seriously about opening his own lounge. He and his wife and some friends sampled the nightlife down there and loved every minute of it, convincing him of Lincoln's need for something similar.

"Lincoln had that, but in 2010 it was more college-focused," Brewer says. "The Railyard wasn't there yet, the Haymarket was just getting there. I said 'Oh yeah, we need something like this.'"

Brewer already knew people who were part of the Doane community, and they had a big hand in bringing him to Doane's Lincoln campus where he excelled.



“The MAM program at Doane was perfect because it really focuses on yourself, your characteristics, your listening skills, your traits, a variety of different things,” Brewer says. “Going through that program gave me a great sign that I needed to further on with my restaurant. It reinforced my confidence.”

After graduating from Doane in 2014, Brewer spent three years tending bar, a year and a half working in a kitchen, another year managing a kitchen, all while working full-time office jobs and supporting his family (Charles and his wife have four children). He estimates he was working 20-25 hours on top of his full-time employment, gaining experience and putting away all of the extra earnings so he would have extra capital when it came time to open up a place of his own. He worked with business consultants Palmer and Associates in Omaha to craft a business plan and fine-tune his revenue projections. It was his consultant that told him to focus on cuisine along with his goal of a lounge.

“So I reach out to my mom and say ‘Mom, guess what we’re doing. We’re cooking African food in my cocktail lounge,’” Brewer says. “I worked with her on how to fine tune where I’m-from type of food. We wanted to make it [African food] more modern, more Americanized, as opposed to the traditional way.” For Brewer this means a lot of the same spices and flavors, with subtle tweaks to the presentation of the meats and adaptation to ingredients available in the Midwest. “The flavor is still there,” he assures.

Charles had befriended a bar owner who had kitchen space. They planned a pop-up event at the establishment, the first one in October 2016. Brewer promoted news of the event through word of mouth.

“I didn’t cook a lot, just enough to figure it’s going to be a few of my friends and whatnot,” Brewer says. “There was a line out the door.” The owner of the bar made good money

“Everybody raved about how Doane has a good program. They work with your schedule, and are very flexible. It was just a great setting for adults.”

-Charles Brewer '14A



from the increased attendance. He encouraged Brewer to do a pop-up event again, twice, selling out each time.

Brewer saw the potential in his cooking, now he just needed a place to cook it full time. Luckily the bar owner he was already working with was ready to call it a career. He retired and asked Brewer to buy him out. Charles did, and Stur 22 Lounge, Caribbean & African Kitchen was born on Aug. 4, 2017, at 2110 Winthrop Road in Lincoln.

Despite the excitement of owning his own restaurant, the struggles began immediately.

“It was crazy, it was chaos,” Brewer says. “It’s funny, I was expecting a rush of people, from the pop-up. Maybe I didn’t market it very well, or maybe once you open things, it changes. It was a decent crowd but it wasn’t that long line I was expecting. I was disappointed.”

It took time, but Brewer focused more on his restaurant’s marketing, especially social media. He says it took 6-7 months after opening for him to build up a solid clientele of regular customers. It helps with customer retention that his food is delicious. Stur 22’s food has won top awards in the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce’s First Bite competition, and has also placed highly in regional chicken wing competitions.

“More people kept talking about us,” Brewer says. “Social media was pounding hard, it just opened up the doors a lot.”

Business was going good for Brewer as 2020 began. He expected this year to be his strongest yet, to produce a huge return. Then the pandemic hit.

“The first two weeks I was a little frightened,” Brewer says. “It kind of screwed things up for me a little bit. It sucked the life out of the restaurant a lot. I was like, by the end of this month, I’m going to be done. There’s no way I can make it. Then the community really came around.”

Brewer credits the Lincoln community, particularly social media entities like the Lincoln Emergency Take Out and Delivery group, for helping him and other local restaurants through the pandemic. The public responded in a big way, dramatically increasing Stur 22’s already popular takeout and delivery business to unprecedented heights.

“They were big on supporting local,” Brewer says. “Once April hit, I started getting rushes of people

from this app, from word of mouth, from everything. They really want to support their small local businesses, because I think we got hit the hardest.”

Brewer says at times during the pandemic, he’s made more sales from take out and delivery than he would have during normal circumstances. Business is going so well that Brewer actually just opened a second location, called “SturFast.” He’s developing “a more fast-casual experience” focusing on rice bowls and toppings in downtown Lincoln at 1320 O Street. Something for the college crowd. SturFast officially opened to the public on Aug. 28.

A big part of Brewer’s business success is his attitude and the way he approaches his work. Doane’s Director of Adult Enrollment **Emily Heathcock '09L, '13A** used to work with Brewer 15 years ago when both were at Nelnet, and she remembers what an asset he was to the company.

“He was one of my favorite coworkers because he made me laugh and always had a big smile on his face,” she says. “I have so much respect for him for making this decision to follow his dreams while considering and caring for his family. I’m honored to call him a friend and to share our ties to Doane University.”

Brewer’s strength is his ability to adapt and work through change. His journey started a decade ago with a dream of opening a cocktail lounge. Today, it’s his African and Caribbean food that propel his success, and he still does all he can to keep his dream of unique, fresh experiences for Lincoln’s grown-ups alive.



Stur 22 Lounge
2110 Winthrop Road, Lincoln
Order at stur22lounge.com or (402) 805-4579

SturFast Caribbean & African Grill
1320 O Street, Lincoln
Order at sturfast.com or (402) 937-7126



FOOTBALL

HC: Chris Bessler
W-L Record: 4-7
Post-season: n/a

Season Highlight: The Tigers played their first Thursday home game since 1948 in the season opener against Ottawa (Ariz.). The program also played their first-ever game in Texas when they took on NCAA DII Tarleton State.

All-GPAC honors:

Anthony Malone (Sr.), DL, First Team All-GPAC
Izaiah Celestine (Jr.), PR, Second Team All-GPAC (pictured left)
Damond Brown (Jr.), DB, Second Team All-GPAC
Bryce Cooney (Sr.), PK, Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Riley Homolka (Jr.), DL, Honorable Mention All-GPAC



VOLLEYBALL

HC: Gwen Egbert
W-L Record: 17-13
Post-season: Lost in GPAC Quarterfinals

Season Highlight: Allison Kuenle (pictured left) earned NAIA All-American honors for the third consecutive year. Coach Egbert retired in December and Doane named Jenna Jones head coach in February.

All-GPAC honors:

Allison Kuenle, (Sr.) OH - Honorable Mention NAIA All-American, First Team All-GPAC
Alexis Dale, (Sr.) MB - Second Team All-GPAC
Madison VanHousen, (Jr.) OH - Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Jaime Renshaw, (Fr.) S - Honorable Mention All-GPAC



MEN'S SOCCER

HC: Jeff Voigt
W-L Record: 4-13-1
Post-season: n/a

Season Highlight: Goalkeeper Nishesh Yadav (pictured left) was a busy person during his senior year. He served as the President of the NAIA Association of Student-Athletes and President of Doane's Student-Athlete Leadership Team (SALT). He represented student-athletes of the NAIA at national and conference conventions.

All-GPAC honors:

Nishesh Yadav, (Sr.) GK - Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Marcos Miranda, (So.) D - Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Higor Andrade Dos Santos, (So.) MF - Honorable Mention All-GPAC

WOMEN'S SOCCER

HC: Jennifer Kennedy-Croft
W-L Record: 5-10-2
Post-season: n/a

Season Highlight: Despite their overall record, the Tigers were a very competitive team as they went to overtime in four contests and seven matches were decided by one goal or less. Goalkeeper Maddie Meredith was named the GPAC Defensive Player of the Week in September, the first weekly conference honor received in four years for the program.

All-GPAC honors:

Maddie Meredith, (Fr.) GK - Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Liz Torok, (Fr.) D - Honorable Mention All-GPAC



MEN'S BASKETBALL

HC: Ian McKeithen
W-L Record: 7-23
Post-season: n/a

Season Highlight: Anthony Laravie (pictured left) eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in his career, becoming the 39th Tiger to achieve the milestone. Doane's schedule was highlighted with games at NCAA DI Nebraska and Colorado State along with a trip to the Virgin Islands.

All-GPAC honors:

Anthony Laravie, (Jr.) G - Honorable Mention All-GPAC
Miguel Lopez, (Jr.) F - Honorable Mention All-GPAC

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HC: Sheronda Powell (0-6), Ryan Baumgartner (2-19)
W-L Record: 2-25
Post-season: n/a

Season Highlight: Haylee Heits (pictured right) eclipsed the 1,000-career point mark in February, becoming the 34th player in program history to do so. In July, the program announced former head coach Gene Steinmeyer, a member of the Doane Athletics Hall of Fame, would be returning as an assistant for Coach Baumgartner.

All-GPAC honors:

Haylee Heits, (Jr.) F - Second Team All-GPAC
Cheyenne Ostrander, (Sr.) G - Honorable Mention All-GPAC





MEN'S GOLF

HC: Myron Parsley
 W-L Record: n/a
 Post-season: 2nd place in GPAC Championship
Season Highlight: Doane won one meet and posted three runner-up finishes. Roger Sack (*pictured left*) was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American and became just the second Doane golfer to earn four all-conference honors.

All-GPAC honors:
 Roger Sack (Sr.) - First Team All-GPAC
 Blake Andersen (Fr.) - First Team All-GPAC



WOMEN'S GOLF

HC: Jeannine Foster
 W-L Record: n/a
 Post-season: 10th place in GPAC Championship
Season Highlight: The Tigers had the opportunity to compete in Hawaii in March, taking on Hawaii Pacific University.

All-GPAC honors: n/a

BASEBALL

HC: Josh Oltmans
 W-L Record: 6-7
 Post-season: Not held. Season was suspended in March due to COVID-19.
Season Highlight: Lukas White (*pictured right*) led the NAIA in hitting, posting a .571 batting average. Andy Theiler was second in the NAIA in doubles per game.

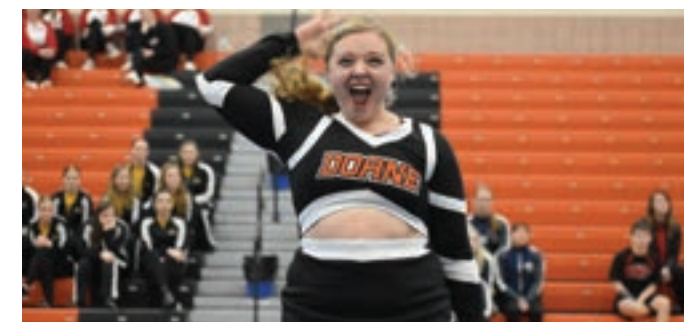
All-GPAC honors: n/a due to shortened season



CHEER

HC: Ashley Lyon
 W-L Record: 3rd at GPAC Championship
 Post-season: 2nd at NAIA Regionals
Season Highlight: The Tigers hosted the GPAC Championships, taking third in cheer. They won one competition and took second in three events.

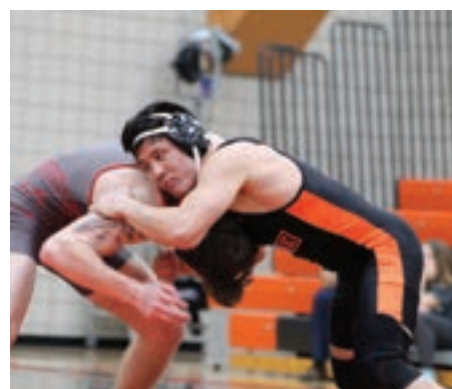
All-GPAC honors: n/a



SOFTBALL

HC: Aurelia Gamch
 W-L Record: 7-15
 Post-season: Not held. Season was suspended in March due to COVID-19.
Season Highlight: Jade Hill led the NAIA in triples with five, one shy of the school record. In July, Jordan Olson was named head coach following the departure of Coach Gamch, who took a position in California.

All-GPAC honors: n/a due to shortened season



WRESTLING

HC: Dana Vote
 W-L Record: 3-5 overall
 Post-season: 20th at NAIA Nationals
Season Highlight: Baagii Boldmaa (*pictured above*) became Doane's second NAIA National Champion, winning the 141-lbs class after going undefeated against NAIA opponents. Boldmaa was named the Doane Male Athlete of Year.

All-GPAC honors:
 Baagii Boldmaa (So.) - First Team All-GPAC
 Michael Scarponi (Fr.) - Second Team All-GPAC



MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

HC: Brad Jenny
 W-L Record: Men 2nd in GPAC, Women's 5th in GPAC
 Post-season: Men 26th in NAIA
Season Highlight: The men qualified as a team for nationals for the first time since 2009. Alec Wick (*pictured above*) was named the GPAC Men's Runner of the Year following his individual victory at the conference meet. He was also named the GPAC Runner of the Week five times during the season. The women showed improvement throughout the year and will return four of their top five runners in 2020.

All-GPAC honors:
 Alec Wick (Jr.)
 Rosten From (Sr.)
 Samuel Saldivar (Jr.)
 Aidan Wheelock (Fr.)



DANCE

HC: Ashley Lyon
 W-L Record: 3rd at GPAC Championship
 Post-season: 3rd at NAIA Regionals
Season Highlight: Doane hosted the conference championships, taking third in the dance competition. Coach Ashley Lyon was named the GPAC Coach of the Year and Olivia DeFord was named the Doane Junior Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

All-GPAC honors:
 Renee Lukowicz, (Jr.) - First Team All-GPAC, NAIA First Team All-American (*pictured above*)
 Sarah DeBoer, (So.) - First All-GPAC, NAIA Honorable Mention All-American
 Olivia DeFord, (Jr.) - All-Conference Honorable Mention, NAIA First Team All-American



MEN'S TENNIS

HC: Ed Hubbs
 W-L Record: 4-3
 Post-season: Not held. Season was suspended in March due to COVID-19.
Season Highlight: Jorge Chevez (*pictured above*) won the ITA Regional, the first Tiger to win the event. He qualified for the ITA Cup and was ranked as high as 15th nationally.

All-GPAC honors: n/a due to shortened season



WOMEN'S TENNIS

HC: Ed Hubbs
 W-L Record: 4-2
 Post-season: Not held. Season was suspended in March due to COVID-19.
Season Highlight: Ava Macke (*pictured above*) won the Southwestern Invite, defeating teammate Brylee Lauby in the championship match.

All-GPAC honors: n/a due to shortened season

SHOOTING SPORTS

HC: Rick Marshall

W-L Record: n/a

Post-season: Not held. Season was suspended in March due to COVID-19.

Season Highlight: Doane placed in the Top 5 of each meet they competed in. Katie Peterson (pictured below) was named the Doane Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

All-GPAC honors: n/a due to shortened season



MEN'S & WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

HC: Ed Fye

W-L Record: Men 1st in GPAC,

Women 2nd in GPAC

Post-season: Men 4th in NAIA,

Women 10th in NAIA

Season Highlight: Tyce Hruza (pictured lower left) won the men's heptathlon and Kate Grint won the women's shot put at the NAIA National Championships. Tyce Hruza earned runner-up honors in the NAIA men's pole vault and broke the school record in the event in late January, topping the mark set by Rick Cotton '79 in 1977. Hruza's record-breaking jump was 17 feet, 8.5 inches. Grint was named the Sharon Wilch Woman's Athlete of the Year at Doane for the second straight year.

All-American honors: Levi Sudbeck (2), Julius Dickmader, Ajack Waikur, Henry Arnold (2), Courtney Schindler, Kate Grint (2), Jordyn Stearns, Alexis Dale, Tyce Hruza

All-GPAC honors: Peyton Harsin (200m)

Austin Drake (400m)

Jordan Tasler (600m)

Tanner Harsin (800m)

Kalen Dockweiler (1000m)

Aidan Wheelock (mile, 3000m)

Alec Wick (3000m, 5000m)

Levi Sudbeck (60m hurdles, heptathlon)

Julius Dickmader (60m hurdles, pole vault, heptathlon)

Ajack Waikur (high jump, long jump, triple jump)

Jacob Heitkamp (high jump)

Sergio Arcos (high jump)

Tyce Hruza (pole vault)

Riley Wehrer (pole vault)

Henry Arnold (long jump, triple jump)

Byron Pfister (long jump)

Trystan Brandt (triple jump)

Tanner Sand (triple jump)

Richard Dover (shot put, weight throw)

Paul Sandoz (weight throw)

Jackson McInturf (heptathlon)

Annika Pingel (200m, 600m)

Isabelle Watson (400m, high jump)

Logan Hayek (600m)

Halle Weise (600m, 4x800m)

Jacinda Davis (800m, 4x800m)

Haydyn Weise (800m, 4x800m)

Lucia McKeag (5000m)

Jaden Hilkmann (5000m)

Jacqueline Parriott (4x800m)

Alexis Dale (high jump)

Isabel Henson (high jump)

Rebecca Hervert (high jump)

Courtney Schindler (pole vault)

Alyssa Downs (pole vault)

Nicole Harms (long jump)

Kate Grint (shot put, weight throw)

Jordyn Sterns (shot put)

Katie VanLaningham (shot put)

Teryn Koch (weight throw)

Madison Blackstone (pentathlon)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

No meets were held due to COVID-19.


NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
**Levi Sudbeck**

Levi Sudbeck made an epic last-to-first run at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships in March to claim his second men's heptathlon national championship. Sitting in last place out of 16 competitors and battling a leg injury that occurred during the opening event, the 60m dash, Sudbeck would need to dig deep and chip away at the deficit.

The reigning heptathlon champion, Sudbeck held the top mark in the NAIA entering the competition. He moved from 16th to 9th by the end of day one and the opening four events. To open the second day of action, he posted the second fastest time in the 60m hurdles and the momentum began to build. He had the top mark in the pole vault and moved into 1st place overall with one event to go.

Sudbeck clinched the national title by running a time of 2:52.29 in the 1000m run, a second off his career best. He joined Kale Wolken as the only Tigers to successfully defend his indoor heptathlon title, Wolken winning three straight from 2014-16.

Kate Grint

Kate Grint has been one of the top shot put throwers for the NAIA indoor season over the last two years. Since the start of her junior season, she posted the top throw on the week in which she competed 14 of 16 times. Her run in 2019 was snapped at nationals where she took 3rd place.

Taking a new mental approach into the 2020 championships, Grint was able to use that focus to deliver a throw of 14.81m (48-07.25) and claim Doane's first indoor shot put title since 2000 (April Kockrow Smith). It was also the Tigers' first indoor national title since 2016 on the women's side.

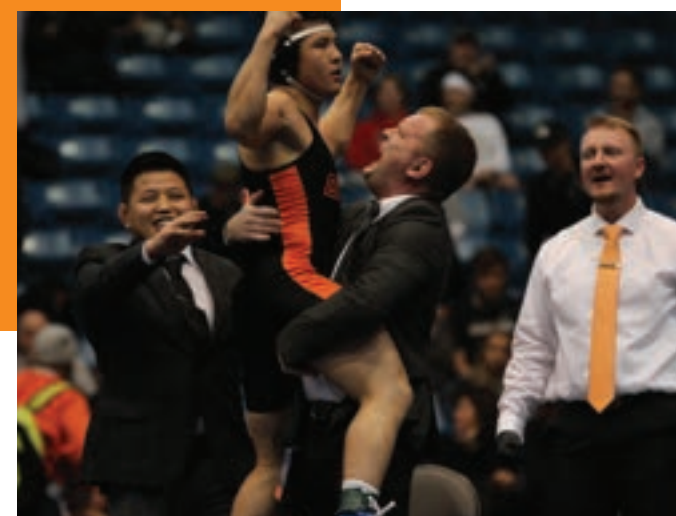
She wrapped up her career as an eight-time NAIA All-American and two-time GPAC shot put champion. In June, Grint was named a First Team Academic All-American by CoSIDA for her work in the classroom and in competition.

Baagii Boldmaa

Baagii Boldmaa ran through the NAIA competition in his first year at Doane on his way to claiming the wrestling program's second individual national championship by winning the 141-lbs class. He went 31-2 on the season, going undefeated against NAIA competitors.

Boldmaa, from Mongolia, transferred to Doane from Northwest Kansas Technical College where he was a Junior College All-American. His success on the mat during the season put his name in the record books for most single-season wins by decision, major decision, and technical fall. His 31 victories were second-most for a season.

At the NAIA National Championships, Boldmaa went 5-0 and came from behind in the final minute of the third period to pick up a pin fall victory over top seed Kendon Lee of Grand View. During the tournament, he recorded 25 takedowns and 65 points, most by any wrestler. His domination on the mat earned him the NAIA Outstanding Wrestler of the Meet award.



FROM DOANE TO DOCTOR

Bill Johnson '86 heads Bryan ICU during global pandemic

Bryan Medical C



Story by Casey Welsch '20L
Photos by Kristin Streff Photography

As **Dr. Bill Johnson '86** watched the COVID-19 virus spread across China, through Italy, and into New York City, he felt lucky. Dr. Johnson is a board certified pulmonologist and Director of Intensive Care at Bryan Health in Lincoln. He's also Vice Chief of Staff and sits on Bryan's pandemic planning team. He felt lucky because Nebraska's central geography meant he'd have a little extra time to prepare for something that terrified him, because the looming pandemic looked serious enough to remind him of Hollywood.

"Have you ever seen 'Contagion?'" he asks. "You can just watch the trailer. The 'Contagion' trailer is actually very scary. When you watch that movie, that's a very deadly disease. [COVID-19] is that for some people, but thankfully it's not a pandemic that's going to kill off the population. But as we watched and heard stories of how ill patients would get, I was very worried about what was going to happen to our country and to people as a whole."

Southeast Nebraska is lucky to have someone as concerned, qualified and dedicated as Dr. Johnson to help its residents confront the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Johnson is board certified in pulmonology (respiratory medicine), internal medicine, critical care, and sleep medicine. He has a great deal of say in the functioning and administration of COVID-19 care in Lincoln's largest health care system. Along with these roles, Dr. Johnson is also a partner in Nebraska Pulmonary Specialties, Lincoln's sole provider of specialized respiratory care.

Dr. Johnson has been one of Bryan's leading voices for public health information since the beginning of the pandemic, speaking at press conferences on April 30 and May 7, urging the public to wear masks in order to protect against asymptomatic spread of COVID-19.

Born and raised in Alma, Nebraska, Bill says he always wanted to go into medicine.

"FRED (BEILE) HAD A BIG IMPACT ON ME AS A PERSON AND HOW TO HANDLE LIFE IN GENERAL."

-DR. JOHNSON

"I was pre-med from the get-go," he jokes.

Dr. Johnson started at Doane in 1982 majoring in natural sciences. That was the program under which Doane's pre-med students were housed at the time. Today it is known as Health Sciences (Doane has recently formed a Health Sciences Division to build out its programs for students interested in entering the health professions). While at Doane, Dr. Johnson ran cross country and competed in track and field for legendary Doane coach Fred Beile (at Doane 1955-2002), from whom he learned a lot.

"Fred had a lot of impact on me as a person and how to handle life in general," Dr. Johnson says about coach Beile.

Graduating from Doane in 1986, Bill has stayed close with several of his former teammates and classmates over the years. He says he stays in regular communication with all of them to this day.

"There's eight of us that have a group text that we actively keep going, three women and four guys (and Bill). We all kind of grew together at Doane and to this day remain very close friends."

Dr. Johnson says they all reconnected at Coach Beile's funeral a few years back. His friends have many fond memories of attending Doane with Bill.

"Number one: he is the smartest person I know; and number two: he is one of the nicest," says **Brent Harsin '86**, one of Bill's roommates at Doane and a friend since high school.

"My senior year (at Doane) I had to take Quantitative Methods, a calculus class. I hadn't taken a math class for three years, but not to worry, it was like I had the professor's answer book living with me.

"I would come home, tell Bill what we were doing and how we were told to do it and he would tell me no, do it this way so it's easier to understand. I still remember my final grade was a 96."

Brent's wife **Regan ten Bensel Harsin '86** ran cross country with Bill at the same time he was attending school with Brent.

"All of us formed an amazing bond during those four years," she says. "Being Doane Tigers is something I know we're all extremely proud of. One thing about Bill is that he is so intelligent, yet he was and still is always willing to help anyone with anything. We can always count on him to help out, and we're blessed to call him our friend."

After Doane, Bill began his medical journey in earnest. He spent four years at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and did his internal medicine residency there, spending a year as chief resident. After his four years of medical school and four years of

residency, he spent three years in fellowship at the University of Iowa, where he got his certifications in pulmonology, critical care, and sleep medicine.

He left Iowa City and came to Lincoln in 1997, where he's been ever since. Around this time he helped found Nebraska Pulmonary Specialties, which exists as Lincoln's only pulmonary specialist practice and currently consists of 13 partners including Dr. Johnson.

"We're a very close-knit group of people and very happy with our practice," Dr. Johnson says. "We're very busy but very cohesive. We've been very happy in Lincoln."

Along the way, Dr. Johnson married his wife, Judy, and had three children, all adults now. His two daughters, Sydney and Rebecca, are both M.D.s, like their father. His son James is working on his Ph.D. in astrophysics.

As part of Bryan's COVID Planning Group, even before the pandemic came to the Midwest, Dr. Johnson had the small luxury of some time to prepare for what he saw right away as a serious threat to public health. He and his team had their eyes on COVID-19's spread weeks before it became a sudden and harsh reality to most of the public.

"We were lucky in Nebraska to have the ability to plan ahead of time and prepare for it," Dr. Johnson says. "Initially we almost tripled our ICU bed capacity in preparation for the potential surge that was going to happen. There was a tremendous amount of planning from a multidisciplinary approach in terms of working with nursing staff, respiratory therapy, pharmacists, and hospital admin that had to be prepared well in advance and be organized as well as we could."

Dr. Johnson was early to adopt many of the medicines and treatment methods that are now showing great promise in the treatment of COVID-19 patients who have been hospitalized with severe symptoms. Dr. Johnson was



quick to prescribe the steroid Dexamethasone, because he knew how effective it was with helping patients with other serious respiratory diseases. Both he and the wider medical community have been having great success with keeping COVID-19 patients alive using this steroid. He says his team is also using Remdesivir now, and a treatment involving convalescent plasma, which are being mentioned more in national news as the pandemic persists.

Dr. Johnson says he's become confident in the healthcare system's ability to adequately treat COVID-19 patients while protecting providers from contracting and/or spreading the disease. He believes that the U.S. has the best healthcare technology in the world right now, especially where medical research – like the search for a vaccine – is concerned.

Computer technology has progressed to an astonishing degree. Research supercomputers can now sequence the complex structures of individual proteins in the immune system in order to help vaccine researchers narrow their search for effective treatments against COVID-19. American intensive care units are also the best-equipped in the world, according to Dr. Johnson, even though he acknowledges there is a gap in access to these elite facilities.

"There's some possibility this could lead to changes in the healthcare system," Dr. Johnson says. "There's a lot of things wrong with healthcare in terms of the financial aspect. We have the best equipped system in the world, but the financial aspect needs to be fixed. You can't have it the way it is and continue. I'm hoping this will lead to some element of repair for that."

Different parts of the United States are reacting differently to different COVID-19 circumstances, and the national situation is in constant flux. Parts of the country are reopening, parts are reclosing in response to outbreaks. Many educational institutions, including Doane, have reopened their campuses to students in-person for autumn terms.

For everyone, Doane and the public included, Dr. Johnson at least wants all of us to wear masks whenever we are in public or interacting with people who aren't in our immediate physical orbit. When all parties in any gathering

are wearing masks – properly, with the material covering both mouth and nose and firmly affixed – transmission rates for the virus drop dramatically. If even one person who is carrying the disease, even if they don't have symptoms, is at the gathering and not properly wearing a mask, transmission rates increase dramatically. Dr. Johnson stresses the fact that wearing a mask is more necessary to keep yourself from potentially spreading the disease than from potentially receiving it, though masks do work both ways to differing degrees.

"Mask wearing isn't meant to protect yourself, it's to prevent spread," he says. "That's what wearing a mask in public is for. If we can prevent the spread over the next six months, we can save lives. It will be dramatic, the number of lives saved."



DR. JOHNSON ANSWERS SOME COVID QUESTIONS:

What's the deal with masks?

"Healthcare providers are more worried about getting COVID-19 in public than at work because the general public isn't protecting others from getting it. The mask-wearing is intended to protect other people. The main time to wear a mask is if you're indoors in public. That includes a work environment. If you're in a bank, in any building, those people should be wearing masks."

What if I'm standing in line with six feet between people?

"Indoors, being in close proximity to someone, the six foot distance is probably not adequate. We've seen cases where people have been further away and still got it. People think social distancing but they don't do it. They stand in line right next to somebody, people forget, it's hard to enforce. Conversations that last more than five minutes make it very hard to avoid transmission. Especially when you're indoors, in the same building, in the same room."

Is herd immunity a strategy to pursue?

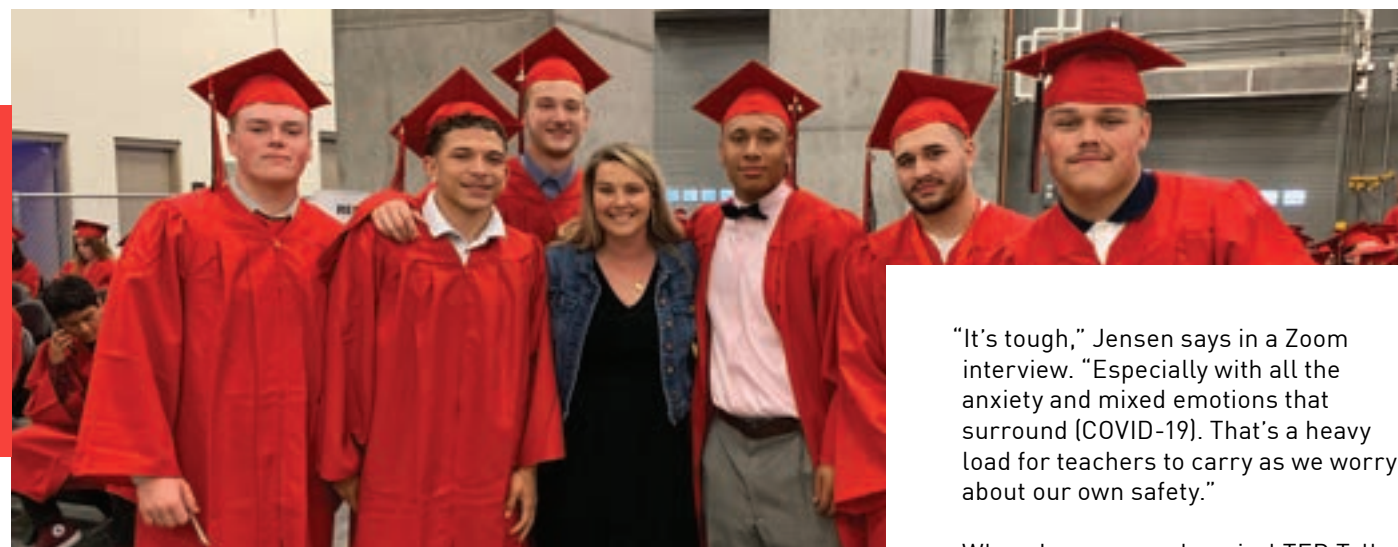
"Herd immunity is probably more considered a catastrophe, and not a strategy. I don't think the initial thought that there was going to be people getting infected no matter what is necessarily true. Yes, flattening the curve is important, but there should also be a goal that maybe we try to reduce the number of people who get ill as much as possible until we get a real game changer that comes along, such as a vaccine that will help us really change what happens."

What if I don't have symptoms, do I have to worry about all of this?

"The absolute key to this whole issue is the asymptomatic carrier. The real issue that we're facing is a person who feels well who may misunderstand the fact that they're a carrier and unwittingly transfer the disease to other people when they don't think they have it. Unfortunately the cat is out of the bag... If we're going to stop the asymptomatic carriers we're going to have to have universal precautions."

AN ELITE EDUCATOR'S TRUE TEST

2019 Teacher of the Year Sydney Jensen '20E navigates the roles of teacher and student during a pandemic



"It's tough," Jensen says in a Zoom interview. "Especially with all the anxiety and mixed emotions that surround [COVID-19]. That's a heavy load for teachers to carry as we worry about our own safety."

When Jensen gave her viral TED Talk last year, it was titled "How can we support the emotional well-being of teachers?" The video touched a nerve with educators and parents around the world who have noticed a worrisome increase in the amount of stress and trauma modern students are exposed to at home, at school, and in the wider world. That stress and trauma is often passed on to the educators and administrators who are called to help students learn to deal with and grow through it, and it accounts for a high level of turnover in the teaching profession.

The onset of COVID-19 has only increased psychological stress for students, parents, educators, everyone. Being physically cut off from schools and the meal and after-school programs they provide

focusing on helping teachers better deal with student trauma and their own secondhand trauma from that.

A lot has changed from then to now. Jensen handed her Teacher of the Year mantle to a new, worthy educator, and just as she was settling into her new administrative responsibilities along with teaching her beloved ninth grade English classes at Lincoln High, the pandemic hit and she was forced away from the students she cherishes so much. It's her job to help teachers learn to deal with student and professional trauma, and suddenly the level of psychological stress was turned up to an extreme high thanks to COVID-19.

means that a lot of kids are suffering from hunger and neglect on top of falling behind academically and being socially isolated due to the pandemic. It's a lot to take in.

"If I were giving that talk now, how different it would be," Jensen says. "When we transitioned into online learning full-time for the fourth quarter, what was abundantly clear was the discomfort of Zooming with students."

Planning ahead for the autumn term as a teacher at Lincoln High and what a reopening situation might look like occupy a lot of Jensen's time. She and other educators, as well as administrators and the public, are reacting in real time to all of the curveballs the COVID-19 pandemic throws, and nothing is for certain. At the time of this writing, plans stand to reopen Lincoln's public schools to students in-person with a number of precautions in place to try and slow the spread of the virus. At the end of July, LPS's plan is to have their high schools at 50 percent capacity, alternating who will attend school each day, dependent on the first letter

of their last name. Jensen and others aren't quite sure what to think.

"It's going to be a hard reset for a lot of people," she says. "I was talking to some teacher friends in a group chat and we've suddenly started having nightmares. Without the ability to social distance in classrooms, there's no way to [have everyone] be three feet or six feet apart. That's definitely something we're worried about, that element of safety." Jensen says she has other questions about reopening, too. Like what does lunch look like? Lincoln High School has 2,500 kids and they can't eat with masks on. Where will they eat? In gyms, hallways and classrooms? There's a lot more questions than answers, she says.

Jensen says that due to planning for potential fall scenarios, teachers are being asked to trim their usual curriculums to the absolute basics, and a lot of educators are worried about loss of quality along with the quantity. Jensen wonders how teachers will be able to make space for the emotional learning aspects of teaching during a pandemic along with the condensed curriculum.

Story by Casey Welsch '20L

This time last year, **Sydney Jensen '20E** was overwhelmed and humbled by the recognition and attention she had received, creating a whirlwind year for her. Jensen was named Nebraska's Teacher of the Year and traveled all over the country working and learning with top educators from other states. She also gave a TED Talk about supporting the emotional well-being of teachers, and it went viral in a big way. To date it's been viewed by more than 2.4 million people.

After Sydney gained national recognition for her powerful remarks, she earned an expanded role with Lincoln Public Schools, serving in a hybrid administrative position,



Pg.20 Sydney Jensen '20E (pictured middle) with Lincoln High graduates at the school's graduation ceremony in 2019 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

Pg.21 Sydney Jensen at TED headquarters in New York on October 6, 2019. Jensen's TED talk has over 2.4 million views online.



"This is a big exercise in giving each other grace," she says.

Sydney is remembered as a student of exceptional grace by some of her Doane teachers. She graduated in May with a Master's in Educational Leadership degree from Doane, finishing the final two months in a remote learning environment due to COVID-19. She was always at the head of her class when it came to knowing the material, but she also excelled in the personal skills needed to distinguish oneself. Skills also useful for navigating the churning professional environment of a pandemic.

"She is a skillful communicator and planner," says Dr. Bess Scott, PhD an associate professor of Educational Leadership at Doane who instructed Jensen in several classes. "Sydney is exceptional. Your job title does not make you a leader. Your heart, head, and actions make you a leader. Sydney is a great example of that."

Undergraduate Education Assistant Professor Dr. Emily Griesch '04E, '19DE also remembers Jensen as an exceptional student, and already

recognizes her as an exceptional educator, well positioned to meet the demands of teaching and helping other teachers during a pandemic.

"Sydney is a great teacher ambassador for Lincoln High, Doane University, and teachers across the state of Nebraska," Griesch says. "Her work on teacher mental health has revived national attention and brought light to the toll that student trauma can also bring to the teachers who serve them. Her future in education makes the entire profession much stronger."

While Sydney has finished her schooling (for now), Doane decided it wasn't ready to let her go completely. Sydney has been hired as an adjunct faculty member at Doane for a brand new specialization track in Doane Education's Curriculum and Instruction program: Social Emotional Learning Specialist.

Social emotional learning is a very new, cutting edge development in teacher education. Doane's new specialization program will be the only one of its kind in the state and one of a few in the nation. Thanks to

Jensen's focus and past work in this area already, she is poised to be a valuable addition to Doane's efforts in this new field.

"Social emotional (learning) has been out there for a while, but it hasn't been all that prevalent in K-12 schools," says Deb Stuto, assistant professor of practice and director of Doane Education's Curriculum and Instruction grad program. "Doane's C&I program has always tried to be first and lead the way in a lot of these issues that have come up recently in the K-12 system, that's why we were already looking at this back in December [2019]. We wanted to make sure we had a program that would meet those needs."

Stuto and Jensen both say that a social emotional learning specialization could not be more needed right now. Both students and teachers are under unprecedented levels of personal and social stress. Doane's new program is designed to give teachers the tools they need to help students and themselves through these traumas and transitions.



"Number one we want (teachers) to understand what trauma does to the brain and how it affects kids' abilities to learn," Stuto says. "They're living through trauma, the brain shuts down until the teacher helps them cope with those issues. We want teachers to understand the whole process; give them tools to give to the kids and use to teach the kids. We want teachers to understand how to do all of this for themselves, too."

"Her future in education makes the entire profession much stronger."

- Dr. Emily Griesch

"One of the first is mindfulness practices. Until they understand this themselves, they can't implement it in the classroom. Help them with their own well-being."

And who better to bring on to help launch this new program? Doane

is lucky to have Jensen on hand to help future educators during these hard times.

The future remains uncertain for Jensen, and for the state of American education in general. She and her colleagues in Lincoln Public Schools are doing all they can to respond effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Jensen admits it's not going perfectly. She feels like teachers are under a lot of public pressure to perform an impossible task right now, and that some sectors are judging them too harshly. But she says she also feels a lot of support from her networks and her community.

"I am always so proud to work at Lincoln High," Jensen says. "I continue to be proud of the Lincoln High School community, including staff, admin, students, and their families. I'll see LHS parents pop up on my newsfeed in the midst of all this negativity, the LHS parents have been so positive in support of teachers. I hope people in other buildings and districts are feeling that from their communities."

Pg.22 Jensen '20E (pictured middle) with some of her students at Lincoln High after receiving the Nebraska Teacher of the Year award.

Pg.22 Even on her days off Sydney Jensen finds ways to display her passion for teaching.

Pg.23 Jensen delivering her TED Talk in New York in October 2019 (Courtesy: TED).





FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Combined Gift Revenue (Restricted, unrestricted, and capital)
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 (FY20)

Trustees, Faculty, & Staff	\$269,364.18	8.22%
Alumni	\$688,389.04	21.01%
Parents	\$166,346.19	5.08%
Friends	\$200,357.66	6.12%
Corporations & Businesses	\$118,335.54	3.61%
Foundations	\$658,917.20	20.11%
Religious Organizations	\$6,714.00	0.20%
Bequests	\$1,168,274.72	35.65%

Grand Total **\$3,276,698.53** **100%**

Giving Participation as of 6/30/20

Alumni Giving (Based on U.S. News & World Report criteria)

College of Arts and Sciences	14.23%
College of Professional Studies	2.18%

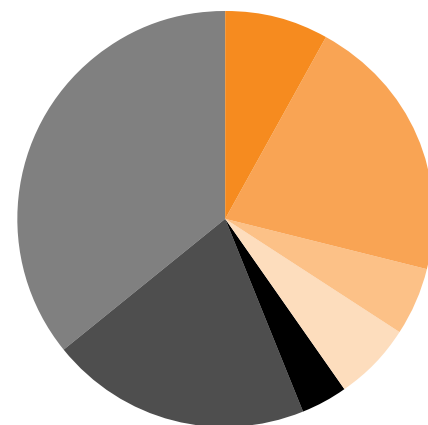
Total number FY20 donors (restricted, unrestricted, and capital): **4,514**

Giving Day: One Day. One Doane.

Total raised: \$118,378 Total donors: 521

Doane Fund (unrestricted)

Total raised: \$1,429,545.56 Total Donors: 1,470



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These are significant and defining times for all of us, including Doane University. Our students are dealing with a sense of dislocation, anxiety, and uncertainty. The resilience of our students, the commitment of our faculty and staff, the guidance of our leaders, and the stewardship of our alumni will shepherd Doane through and beyond the pandemic.

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Barrier-Free Education

- Increase financial support for our students and their families impacted by the pandemic.
- Ensure aid is available when tuition payments are pitted against the costs of supporting a household.
- Provide students with the academic support that will allow them to attain their dream of a Doane education.

Innovation

- Build upon the innovative nature that created the V12/V5 WWII program, opened the doors to all students during the Civil Rights movement, and initiated nontraditional education in the 1980s.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of institutional priorities.
- Stimulate bold ideas to ensure Doane leads relevant, new learning avenues.

Community

- Reimbursed Doane families nearly \$1M for room and board expenses after students returned home in March for the remainder of the semester.
- Minimized layoffs by finding added responsibilities, changing positions, and the allowance of flexible work hours.
- Continued to foster community when faculty and staff called or texted many students to check in on them. Students also have free access to Doane mental health counselors if a student needs someone to talk to during this difficult time.

752 Degrees were conferred in 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.
99.2% First-year students (Crete Campus) received institutional financial aid.
1,014 Total students received institutional aid through grants or scholarships in 2019-2020.
\$21,239 The average amount of institutional aid received per student.



CLASS NOTES 2019-2020

Alumni Designations

- A** Administration arts and management master's program
- C** Counseling master's program
- E** Education master's and advanced degree programs
- G** Grand Island campus bachelors' programs
- L** Lincoln campus bachelors' programs
- O** Omaha campus bachelors' programs
- V5** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II
- V12** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II

Graduates without a letter designation are alumni of Doane's College of Arts and Sciences in Crete.

Ralph W. Tyler '21, Was posthumously inducted into the Lloyd and Trudy Reeves Alumni Hall of Fame at Crete High School in January 2020. Tyler helped set guidelines and influenced policies of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in 1965. He wrote nine books on education and was called the "Father of Education Literature" as a result of his extensive work in assessment and evaluation.

Gary L. Parsons '57, Sonora, Calif., has served as the game announcer for the Sonora High School Wildcat Football team for 56 years. Parsons began his announcing career as a Doane student in the fall of 1953. At 84, Parsons has decided this will be his last season.

John R. Perry '64, Palo Alto, Calif., was the featured speaker at Doane University for the Fall Dredla Speakers Series. Perry's talk, "Finding One's Self," was delivered to an overflowing room of 200 students. Perry is Professor Emeritus at Stanford University and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of California at Riverside.



Dennis R. Isernhagen '66 (above), Crete, received the inaugural Community Spirit Award during Doane University's Homecoming

Fall Festival. The Doane Community Spirit Award is given to an individual, business, or non-profit organization for their history of service, impact on the community, and the inspiration they provide to others.

Candidates for Doane University's Community Spirit Award must reside, work, or do business in the Crete community.

Dennis D. Nelsen '66, Crete, was inducted into the Lloyd and Trudy Reeves Alumni Hall of Fame at Crete High School on March 27, 2020. Nelsen taught Crete junior and senior high school English, social studies, physical education and German and served as basketball coach. He continued coaching at Doane and for the Madonna wheelchair basketball team.



Dr. Bruce Sheffield '69 (above), Raymond, and his wife Margaret were the recipients of the Builder Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. The Doane Builder Award is presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves and Doane through outstanding achievement, professional accomplishments, community service and their relationship with the college. This is considered the highest award an alumnus of the college can receive.

1970s

Glenn E. Mitchell '70, Port Arthur, Texas, was featured in the February 7th edition of the Port Arthur News highlighting his career in education in honor of Black History Month. Mitchell is a principal at Port Arthur Memorial High School. Bernard Brown '73, Lincoln, will be inducted into the Class of 2020 Doane University Athletic Hall of Fame on March 27, 2020.

Bernard Brown '73, Lincoln, will be inducted into the Doane University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021.

Joann Snitily Couton '74, Wahoo, was the recipient of the Platt Music Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. The Platt Music Award is presented to a Doane graduate for outstanding achievement in music.



Lynn Johnson Mills '74 (above), Prosser, Wash., received the Administrative Technical Excellence Award from the College of Agriculture Human and Natural Resource Science (CAHNRS) at Washington State University.

Enrique E. Sánchez '74, Panama, Republic of Panama, was appointed by President Laurentino Cortizo as a new director of the board of directors of the Panama Canal Authority (ACP). Sánchez will serve on the Board until 2028.



William J. Kerber '76 (above), Willowbrook, Ill., was the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. Bill Kerber has led a lifetime of service to young athletes.

1980s



Karen Hochstetler Lamb '83 (above), Lincoln, was the recipient of the Paul Kersenbrock Humanitarian Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. Because of her efforts to feed the hungry and aid those in need, Karen embodies the spirit of the Paul Kersenbrock Humanitarian Award and is a true Tiger worthy of distinction.



Dr. Terri J. Vrtiska '83 (above), Rochester, Minn., was recognized for 25 years of service as a Mayo Clinic physician where she currently practices as an associate professor in the Department of Radiology.

Thomas R. Brewer '84, Gordon, announced he will run for a second term for the Nebraska 43rd Legislative District. Brewer currently serves as a State Senator for the 43rd district.

Steven W. Grosz '84, Was posthumously inducted into the Class of 2020 Doane University Athletic Hall of Fame on March 27, 2020.

Marjorie I. Daley '87, Laramie, Wyo., published "The Ultimate Guide to Wild Canines, Primitive Dogs, and Pariah Dogs."



Douglas J. Estrada '89 (above), Bentonville, Ark., was the recipient of the Honor D Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. The Honor D Award is presented to a former Doane Athlete who has distinguished themselves by outstanding service in their life's work.

Lon R. Winters '89, Elizabeth, Colo., was honored by the Academy of Screen & Digital Printing Technologies (ASDPT) with the Dave Swormstedt Sr. Memorial Award, Best in Class, Specialty Graphics/Apparel & Textile/Screen Printing for his article, Beyond SFX.

Jim J. Weeks '85, '00E, Auburn, coached the Auburn High School Boys Basketball team to their 2nd consecutive C-1 State title with a 58-34 victory over Ogallala during the Boys State Basketball Tournament in March.

Vickie Colgrove Kauffold '86, '98E, Bennington, has been selected to serve as Superintendent of Schools for the Omaha Archdiocese effective on July 1, 2020.

1990s

Taylor Bonow Biehl '93, Fairbury, is Head Coach of the Fairbury softball team. The team won the 2019 Class C State Championship. In addition to serving as a coach, Biehl is a 9-12 guidance counselor at Fairbury Jr. Sr. High School.



Holly Bedient Parsley '93 (above), Hickman, was awarded the Distinguished Judge Improvement of the Judicial System, given in recognition of contributions to the improvement of the judicial system, service as a trial judge or promotion of judicial efficiency. Parsley serves as a Lancaster County Judge.

Scott E. Prichard '93, Eaton, Colo., is a senior analytical chemist with Corden Pharma.

Brent A. Welsch '93, Papillion, is the owner/operator of West Blue Enterprises LLC.

Jon K. Drogheo '94, Arvada, Colo., is a U.S. recruiting manager for Illingworth Research Group.

Paul R. Edwards '94L, '20B, Lincoln, was appointed as President/CEO of Thayer County Health Services. Edwards began this appointment on June 3, 2020.

LaDawn Capek Sperling '94, Lakewood, Colo., was appointed to the Colorado Housing Board earlier this year by Colorado Governor Jared Polis to represent Congressional District 7.

Douglas J. Jensen '94, Nashville, Tenn., is a senior vice president and chief claims officer at Acceptance Insurance.

Michael J. Duryee '95, Omaha, has been promoted to research coordinator at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Deborah Wissink Zuelow '95L, '15E, Kearney, was hired as director of the new LaVonne Kopecky Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.



Erin Kraus Meyers '96 (above), Fairmont, Minn., was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. Meyers has made significant efforts as a teacher, mentor, and leader in special and general education.

Kevin G. Faltin, '97, Crete, was promoted to vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer for Assurity Life Insurance Company.

Angie Pearman Smith '98, Olathe, Kan., is an Accounting Manager with MTC Holding Corporation.



Karen Fink Goos '99 (above), Manhattan, Kan., has been appointed to serve as the first chief enrollment officer for Kansas State University. Goos will lead the implementation of the university's comprehensive, multi-year strategic enrollment plan.

Ryan D. Crilly '99, Lincoln, has been promoted to Mental Health Unit Supervisor at the Lincoln Regional Center.

2000s

Kelcey F. Krings '00, Polk City, Iowa, has begun a new position as territory manager, AWP at Iowa Bankers Mortgage Company.

Jaime J. Parr '00L, Grand Island, has been appointed as the interim executive director of the Nebraska State Fair. Parr began her tenure with the fair in 1998, while taking night courses for her degree. She has most recently served as chief of sales and service.

Ryan K. Peterson '00, Lincoln, is a Delivery Partner, HCM Practice at Tata Consultancy Services.

Adam N. Ward '00, Crete, is a business system analyst with the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy

Erin Cimpr-Nahorny '01C, Columbus. After her 4-year-old son was diagnosed with Stage 4 High-Risk Neuroblastoma cancer in 2012, she and her spouse, Chris, started up Sammy's Superheroes Foundation in response to the needed research and funding for childhood cancers compared to all other forms. The Foundation works to raise funds, as well as research and awareness, for all kinds of childhood cancer.

Lance E. Gerlach '01, Boulder, Colo., has been named the assistant vice chancellor for advancement and associate athletic director for the University of Colorado-Boulder, shifting from his previous role as chief revenue officer.



Ryan C. Olson '01, Walnut Creek, Calif., and his spouse Sarah welcomed their son, Grayson Charles Olson (above), on June 2, 2019. Ryan holds the position of senior vice president, private client advisor at Bank of America Private Bank located in Walnut Creek.

Luke C. Schmidt '01, Cherryville, N.C. is the Director of Business Development and Strategy at Collins Aerospace in Asia Pacific markets.

Nicholas L. Burke '02, Dayton, Nev., was promoted to Economist I for the State of Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Division in Research and Analysis.

Jesse B. Gronemeyer '02, DeWitt, will be inducted into the Class of 2020 Doane University Athletic Hall of Fame on March 27, 2020.

Matthew A Uher '02E, Dewitt, has been appointed as the Athletic Director for Lincoln Northeast High School.

Nicole L. Cloudt '03E, Kennard, is a fifth grade teacher at Arbor Park Intermediate Schools with Blair Community School.

Jessica Caruso McDowell '03, Crete, is a 4th grade teacher at Crete Public Schools.

Dr. Joshua A. McDowell '03, '08E, Crete, is Superintendent at Crete Public Schools.

Mary Chiang Spivey '03, Lincoln, has been promoted to head of customer success for IBM.



Eric L. Stearns '03 (above), Lincoln, associate professor of art and design and Erin Cross, assistant professor of art and design, designed and painted the cardinal art titled, "Transformation." Doane is the proud owner of Transformation, however, other cardinals were auctioned off at a Blue River Arts Council event. All proceeds went to the Blue River Arts Council. Eric was also a showcased artist at the annual Lincoln Arts Festival in Lincoln. Stearns was also scheduled to be honored at the 42nd annual Mayor's Arts Awards

in April, receiving the Heart of the Arts Award.

Nicole L. Stehlik '03, Castle Pines, Colo., will be inducted into the Class of 2020 Doane University Athletic Hall of Fame on March 27, 2020.

Christopher J. Weber '03, Wymore, is the owner of BlueMore Roasters, an e-commerce-based business located in Wymore.

Mitchell K. Bartholomew '04E, York, was elected as a board member for York General Hospital. Bartholomew is now serving as the district superintendent for York Public Schools.

Mandy Christner Pflaster '04, Elkhorn, is Director of Family Support for the Lane Thomas Foundation.

Trisha Fanning Lind '05, '09E, '11E, Lincoln, will be serving as vice principal for Lincoln Public Schools at Park Middle School effective July 1, 2020. Trisha is married to **Dustin A. Lind '08**. Dustin is an investigator for Lincoln Police Department serving in the gangs unit. He is a member of Safe Streets Task Force (SSTF) and is serving in his 12th year of employment with the department.

Christopher L. "Howie" Howard '04, Lawrence, Kan., and **Scott M. Morris '05**, Syracuse, debuted their new album "V is for Voice" at The Brew House in Crete. The two have been playing music together as howie&scott.

Kimberly S. Hudson '04E, '10E, Ceresco, was awarded the 10/11 January Golden Apple Award. Hudson, is a 2nd grade teacher at Ceresco Elementary School.

Brian R. Jakubowski '04, Omaha, is the Omaha area territory manager for Coloplast Corporation.

M. Justin Kozisek '04, Crete, is Vice President for City Bank and Trust in Crete.

Tracy A. Murray '04L, Lincoln, and Todd Hoffman were married on September 21, 2019.

Colt R. Nelms '04, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. and wife Bethany welcomed their daughter, Kenzie Claire, on October 30, 2019. Kenzie joins two brothers, Parker and Camden.

Desiree A. Rosas '04, Grand Island, and husband William Acosta welcomed their daughter, Emilia, on December 5, 2019. Emilia joins brothers Wilmer and Alejandro.

Andrea Swanson Kuester '04, Omaha, is a physician assistant at OrthoNebraska.

Jordan S. Cudney '05, North Platte, is the activities director for North Platte High School.

Melissa Hulme McGinnis '05, Ankeny, Iowa, and her husband Daniel welcomed a daughter, Isla Therese, on July 3, 2019.

Cory C. Friedrich '05E, '10E, Winside, has been appointed as principal K-12 at Winside Public Schools.

Eric L. Pomajzl '05, Lincoln, is a community manager for SalesDriver, with Pillar Restaurant Group.

A.J. Waters '05, Gretna is vice president of industry solutions at InEight, Inc.

Lucas W. Beerbohm '06, David City, is a Career Consultant with Medical Solutions.

Adam '06 and Kari Shanahan '09 Gentzler, Lincoln, welcomed a son, Ethan Robert, on August 14, 2019.

Jennifer L. Gustafson '06, Littleton, Colo., married Justin Limon on May 10, 2019. Jennifer is director of product for AbsenceSoft.

Jessica Hutter Saunders '06, London, U.K., is a research associate at King's College.

Adam M. Landerfield '06, Bennett, is a customer success manager at Glint.

Seth R. McClain '06E, '10E, Fremont, will be an assistant principal at Fremont Public Schools effective on July 1, 2020. McClain was previously the head football coach at Fremont High School.

Jen L. McNally '06C, Lincoln, was a featured speaker at Doane's Diverse Perspectives Speakers Series. McNally was an interactive speaker and focused her address on the importance of self-care and how to coach your brain to be a mental powerhouse. McNally is the Director of Mental Health and Wellness for ESU 5.

Erin Zeller Craven '06, '10E, '13E, Platte Center, was recently named the principal at Shell Creek Elementary School within the Columbus Lakeview School District.

Daniel S. Bartels '07, Milford, holds the position of junior high football coach and elementary staff member at Milford Public Schools.



Angie D. Burns '07E (above), Omaha, has been appointed as principal at Chandler View Elementary with Omaha Public Schools.



Todd A. Ehrke '07 (above), Hickman, was the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. Todd co-leads the Inter-Greek Alumni Association and has worked for the betterment of the entire Doane Greek system.



Erica P. Heiden, '07 (above), Omaha, was the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet. Erica was recognized for her efforts in serving with the Inter-Greek Alumni Association and has worked for the betterment of the entire Greek System at Doane.

Brian L. Hoogheem '07, Stillwater, Minn., and his wife Jennie welcomed their daughter, Isabelle Grace, on July 1, 2020. Isabelle joins older brother Elijah.

Nichole Albert Peralta '07G1, 10C, Sidney, founded Karuna Counseling Center in Sidney.

Christy Hillbrand Davis '07, '13E, Sells, Ariz., is now a teacher for the Baboquivari Unified School District.

Amy E. Sherwood '07, Seattle, Wash., is an Associate Program Officer of Agricultural Development - Impact & Evaluation at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Jessica A. Votipka '07, York, is the Features Editor at the York News Times. Jessica's personal column received third place at the 2019 Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Competition. The Great Plains Associated Press also recently recognized Votipka with a third place features article award.

Steve '08 and Christina Voigt '07 Welch, Lincoln, welcomed their daughter, Karrin Cecily Welch on December 17, 2019.

Craig E. Wiles '07E, Papillion, is a recipient of the 2020 Alice Buffett Outstanding Teaching Award presented by Omaha Public Schools. The award, handed out each year since 1988, goes to OPS nominees with at least two years of teaching experience. Wiles is a 5th grade teacher at Crestridge

Elementary and has taught for Omaha public schools for 20 years.

Ellie J. Windle '07, New York, N.Y., and Will Heins welcomed a daughter, Lina JoAnn Windle Heins, on June 26, 2019.

Helen Abdali Soosan Fagen '08L, Lincoln, was featured in the January 12th issue of the Lincoln Journal Star. Fagan was interviewed for her personal perspective about Iranians living in Nebraska and the unrest in Iran.

Jennifer L. Cramer '08G1, '15A, Doniphan, recently launched Alliant HR. Alliant HR is based in Grand Island and partners with Nebraska businesses for their talent acquisition, on boarding, project management, offer negotiation and recognition needs.



Joseph J. Dunlap '08L (above), Deshler, was recently promoted to the rank of Command Sergeant Major with the Nebraska Army National Guard and assumed responsibility of the 1-134 Calvary Squadron (IBCT) on August 17th.

Sarah Evans Kort '08G1, '11A, Hastings, is the associate dean of instruction for the Health Sciences department at Central Community College.

Wesley D. Jensen '08, Omaha, recently moved from Minneapolis, Minn. and is a middle school social studies teacher for Omaha Public Schools.

Christopher F. Johnson '08, South Sioux City, is the Head Baseball Coach at South Sioux City High School.

Elizabeth A. Miller '08E, Lincoln, is principal of Dawes Middle School with Lincoln Public Schools.



Otieno Paulvince Obuon '08, '11E, '19DE (above), Crete, was the recipient of the Young Alumni Award at the 2019 Doane Homecoming Alumni Awards Banquet.

Daniel J. Peters '08A, Hastings, has been named the Executive Director of the Hastings Community Foundation.

Michael L. Railsback '08, Roca, and spouse Sarah welcomed their son, Barrett Miles, on May 4, 2020.



Nikki Scism Piper '08, '12E, '20E (above), Crete, and her husband Ben, welcomed their daughter, Maelee Margaret on July 8, 2020. She joins siblings Brynlee and Ryker. Nikki is an Instructor of Practice in Education at Doane.

Ashley M. Spitsnogle '08, Omaha, has been featured in multiple local media outlets for her Husker artwork and upcoming projects.

John C. Thayer '08, Yankton, S.D., has been named the play-by-play announcer for the University of South Dakota - Vermillion Coyote football and men's basketball teams after serving as the play-by-play announcer for the USD women's basketball team for 7 years.

Hondo Fanning '09, Wauneta, and his spouse, Ariel welcomed their daughter, Demi Jae, on December 18, 2019. Also welcoming Demi are her two older sisters.

Patty Gaden Schwieger '09A, Omaha, is a strategic account executive, national accounts at BlackHawk Industrial.

Philip A. Goddard '09E, Lincoln, was the May recipient of 10/11 News' Golden Apple Award. Philip is a Band Instructor at Milford Public Schools.

Christopher N. Hedgecock '09, Lincoln, has been promoted to Environmental Scientist with Speece-Lewis Engineers, Inc.

Amber Hegwood Olderbak '09L, Lincoln, is an office administrator for Swanson Russell Marketing Firm.

V.J. Herbert '09, Kansas City, is a certified practitioner through the Vibrational Sound Association and was featured at the July 13th event at Unity Lincoln.

Cody A. Ingold '09, St. Joseph, Mo., is the head coach for men's and women's track and field and cross country teams at Missouri Western University.

Trevor J. Torpin '09, Silver Springs, Md., earned his Doctorate of Philosophy in Physics from Catholic University of America, located in Washington D.C. in 2019. He holds the position of senior professional staff at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

2010s



Joel A. Bramhall '10 (above), Lincoln, is the new director for the Cardinal Community Learning Centers (CCLC) for Crete Public Schools.

Tracy L. Berg '10E, O'Neill, has been appointed as a second grade teacher at Saint Mary's Catholic School.

Adrianna Choquette-Hoffart '10, Prairie Village, Kan., and her husband Brian are parents of a son, Otis, born on April 12, 2019.

Todd A. Depue '10, Lincoln, was promoted to solutions special III at Nelnet.

Tatton B. Jacob '10, Brooklyn, N.Y. has been promoted to senior support specialist at Disguise.

Amanda L. Levos '10E, Grand Island, was awarded a Doctorate of Education degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at their August 17th, 2019 commencement.

Aaron P. '10 and Kimberly Pierce '11 Ideus, Hillsborough, N.C., welcomed their son, Charlie Emmet Ideus, on May 13, 2020. Also welcoming Charlie is his big brother Henry.

Lindsey Coufal Kirkendall '10L, Lincoln, has been hired as an Assistant Vice President, Business Banking Solutions Officer for West Gate Bank.

Frank "Chet" Miller '10, Astoria, N.Y., is a d3/disguise programmer for The Lehman Trilogy Broadway at the Nederlander Theater in New York City.

Kealyn O'Rourke Lutt '10L, Lincoln, and her spouse Brett welcomed a daughter, Carlie Leona, on August 24, 2019.

Jared J. Schuurmans '10, Chula Vista, Calif., competed in the USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships in Des Moines, Iowa on July 25, 2019.

Jennifer R. Borer '11, '12E, Elkhorn, married Andrew Podraza on June 29, 2019.

Lucas J. Fahrer '11, Lincoln, accepted a position with The Clark Enersen Partners Architectural Firm as a marketing writer.

Megan Hendrickson Nemitz '11, Papillion, and her spouse Tom welcomed their son Camden on April 13, 2020.

Jacob E. Leuenberger '11, '16E, Syracuse, is a science teacher at Nebraska City High School.

Tyler J. Swanson '11, Lakewood, Colo., is a contract agent, siting, and land rights at Xcel Energy.

Melisa M. Ventre '11, '14E, '17E, Beatrice, is a special education teacher for Beatrice Public Schools at Paddock Lane Elementary.

Maureen Beck Halama '12, '17E, Crete, was featured in the December 2019 issue of Band and Orchestra Magazine as one of the "50 Directors that Make a Difference." Halama was recognized for her work at Fairbury Public Schools where she led the instrumental music program for concert and jazz band. Halama is currently a K-12 vocal music instructor at Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools.

Kayla A. Belden '12E, Lincoln, received the March Golden Apple Award from 10/11 News. Belden is a Special Education Teacher from Southeast High School.

Kurt M. Chvatal '12, Lincoln, has been promoted to elite sales manager at Hudl.

Anthony R. Dunn '12, Bellevue, will be the head baseball coach and a social studies teacher at Elkhorn North High School beginning in July of 2020.

Keri E. Nider '12L, '15C, Lincoln, is a counselor at Stepping Stones, a provider of behavioral health services in Lincoln.

Dustin E. Schwartz '12, Broken Bow, has established a new business, Computer All-Around.

R. Brock Mutcherson '12E, Salem, Va., has been named assistant dean for assessment and program evaluation at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

Jared D. Schwab '12, Omaha, is an insurance agent at First Priority Insurance.

Shalene M. Shepard '12L, '20L, Milford, is a quality champion at the Friend Community Healthcare system.



Rebecca K. Wilson '12 (above), Lincoln, and her fiancé Derek Selders welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Kay Wilson-Selders on July 17, 2019.

Katie Brauer Morris '13, Omaha, was the 2019 recipient of the Nebraska Young Music Educator of the Year Award presented by the Nebraska Music Educators Association at its state conference

and convention November 21-23. Morris teaches K-5 general music at Elliott Elementary in Lincoln.

Kara L. Dusatko, '13E, O'Neill, is a 4th grade teacher at Chambers Public Schools.

Cassandra Lux-O'Callaghan '13, Mesa, Ariz., is a practicing optometrist at Experts on Sight, located in Gilbert, Ariz. She and her husband Zac reside in Mesa.

Laura McNerny Happold '13, Giltner, and her spouse Joe welcomed their third child, Luke Joseph, on November 1, 2019. Luke joins siblings Mallory and Michael.



Stevie R. Reed '13E (above), North Platte, has received the North Platte Public Schools (NPPS) Bulldog Staff Member of the Month award for May.

Kayla Tindle Jenkins '13, Des Moines, Iowa, and her spouse Ross welcomed their daughter, Amica on November 3, 2019.

Elayne Woods Jones '13L, Crete, has opened a new business, Artisan Mark Coffee & Goods located at 1144 Main Ave in Crete.



Abbi A. Adkisson '14 (above), Hastings, and Gabe Haynes were married on July 6, 2019. Abbi is employed as a Teacher at Hastings Middle School.

Ryan A. Baumgartner '14, Crete, was named the head women's basketball coach at Doane after serving as interim head coach since late November.

Jeffrey B. Beck '14L, Lincoln, is a Safety and Risk Consultant and Trainer at the Nebraska Safety Council.

Sarah Genrich Schroeder '14, Beatrice, established Schroeder Family Dentistry in Adams on July 1, 2019.

Sierra M. Jones '14, Scottsdale, Ariz., is a regional director of the southwest region for RiverFront Investment Group in Phoenix, Ariz.

Laura M. Novotny '14L, Omaha, and Patrick Overby were married on December 31, 2019.

Rob '14 and Tessa Tierney '15 Keeney, Broken Bow, welcomed their son, John Timothy "JT", on July 3, 2020. JT weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz and was 19 1/4 inches long. He joins his older brother, Leland Cody, age 2.

Kylie Garrett Taylor '14, Houston, Texas, and her husband, Evan were married on November 16, 2019.

Andrew J.R. DeCamp '15, Lincoln, is a copywriter for Redthread.

Ryan K. Harris '15, Grand Island, has joined the Gentle Dental Care Practice in Grand Island. Ryan received his doctorate of dental surgery in May of 2019.

Megan C. Perry '15, Omaha, received a 2019 UNMC Presidential Graduate Fellowship. Megan completed a master's degree from UNMC in medical anatomy and is pursuing her Ph.D.

Audrey R. Wondercheck '15, '18E, Newman Grove, has joined West Holt Public Schools, teaching 8th grade science, physical science, anatomy and physiology. Wondercheck will also serve as the junior high volleyball and junior high track coach.

Alyssa Bouc Dahlgren '15, Omaha, and her spouse Tyler welcomed their son, Micah Gregory, on May 1, 2020.

Megan O'Brien Sloup '15, '17E, Lincoln, was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and received the Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award. This award is given to only five educators in southeast Nebraska. Megan is a vocal music instructor at Zeman Elementary School in Lincoln.

Mariah K. Ruhl '15, Exeter, is a graphic designer/illustrator at the Nebraska Economic Development Corporation.

Augustine M. Sanchez '14, Bend, Ore., is employed at Oregon State University-Cascades as Residential Education Coordinator.

Sarah R. Sell '15E, Grand Island, has been appointed as Assistant Principal at Crete Elementary School.

Reid M. '16 and Hanah Barnard '17 Baumgartner, Beatrice, welcomed twin sons, Cale Roger and Blaine Ryan, on October 14th.

Christopher and Kayla Bamesberger '16, '18G1 Svoboda, St Paul, were married on July 6, 2019.

Joseph R. Couch '16, Lincoln, has announced his candidacy to represent District 21 in the Nebraska Legislature.



Courtesy photo

Breanna Fye McDonald '16, '18E, '20E (above), Phillips, is the first recipient of the Dr. E. Eugene Miller Legacy Scholarship. The family of Dr. Gene Miller created an annual scholarship fund to invest in the students of Grand Island by investing in the quality of their educators. This fund will offer a scholarship to a Grand Island Public School educator who is pursuing post-graduate level coursework. Breanna is a kindergarten teacher with Grand Island Public Schools.

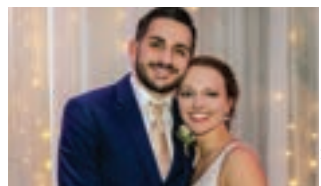
Kayla Hansen '16E, Omaha, married Joseph Stava on March 14, 2020.

Zach B. Kucera '16, Omaha, married his wife Rebekka on June 13, 2020 and recently opened his own chiropractic practice, Kucera Chiropractic and Acupuncture, in Elkhorn.

Emily Lively '16, Hope Mills, N.C., and Joshua Bruck were married on July 13, 2019.

Kevin D. Nguyen '16, Omaha, is an administrative assistant at Boys Town National Research Hospital.

Katlyn M. Rosas '16, Bridgeport, has been appointed to 4-H assistant and office manager at the Morrill County Nebraska extension office.



Courtesy photo

Kayleigh A. Schadwinkel '16 and Zachary J. Hickman '17 (above), Highlands Ranch, Colo., were married on December 28, 2019 in Scottsbluff. Zach is a social studies and economics teacher for Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado and volunteers as an assistant for the Valor Christian Track and Field program. Kayleigh is running two businesses, Put On Your Dance Shoes (POYDS) Dance Company and her traveling professional choreography business, Kayleigh Schadwinkel Dance & Choreography.

Melinda Stauffer Podany '16, '18E, '18E, O'Neill, was appointed as second grade teacher at Saint Mary's Catholic School.

Nyamul B. Tutdeal '16L, Philadelphia, Pa., has been named policy director for the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC).

Susan Cook '17A, Beatrice, has been selected as the Niobrara National Scenic River's new chief of interpretation.

Hannah E. Dull '17, Crete, is a Community Director for Frees Hall at Doane University.

Jamie J. Nelson '17, Omaha, and Cody Florian were married on August 10, 2019 in Norfolk.

Maci R. Coffey '18, Blue Hill, and Garret Sharp were married on November 2, 2019. Maci is employed by Adams Central Public Schools.

Quin L. Conner '18, Bellevue, will be the head boys basketball coach at Maxwell Public and will teach social studies for grades 7-9. His appointment began on July 1, 2020.

Madison E. Elder '18, York, is the Digital Director for the Grand Island Independent newspaper.

Aspen M. Green '18, Aurora, Colo. is a photo editor at Evolve Vacation Rental.

Jerry J. Green '18E, Fort Calhoun, has been appointed as superintendent of Fort Calhoun Community Schools effective on July 1. Green is currently principal with FCCS.

Drew C. Klein '18, Papillion, is a full stack developer at VidaNyx. VidaNyx provides premier digital evidence management software for child advocacy centers.

Tianna Nitz '18L, Lincoln, is a staff assistant at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Sarah Hvistendahl '19E, Omaha, married Jason Demaray on July 5, 2019.

Natalie E. Andersen '19, Sioux City, Iowa, is a Spanish teacher for the Treynor Community School District.

Clayton A. Anderson '19, St. Joseph, Mo., is a multi-media reporter for the St. Joseph News-Press.

Lucas C. Antholz '19, Lincoln, is an environmental scientist at E & A Consulting Group, Inc.

Ashten E. Arkfeld '19, LaVista, is a 5th grade teacher at Ashland Park-Robbins Elementary with Omaha Public Schools.

Madisyn L. Ayres '19, Minden, is a staff accountant with the firm of Buckley & Sitzman in Lincoln.

Delainy C. Baker '19, Seward, is employed in the Behavioral Disorder/Eating Disorder Unit at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

Kirsten S. Bank '19, Lincoln, is a special education teacher for Lincoln Public Schools.

Sean E. Barber '19L, Lincoln, is a security specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Kasandra R. Bell '19GI, Kearney, is an accountant at Younes Hospitality.

Cole R. Bauer '19, Norfolk, is an assistant news editor at the Norfolk Daily News.

Jerica N. Baumert '19, Scribner, is a second grade teacher with Wisner Public Schools.

Jacob J. Beller '19, Lincoln, is a broker with Reliant Transportation.

Madison M. Behrends '19, Martell, is a 1st grade teacher with Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools.

Danielle Nordby Berman '19GI, York, is a registered nurse at CHI Health St. Francis.

Brady C. Browka '19, Grand Island, is a social studies teacher at Daniel J. Gross Catholic School in Omaha.

Shalena M. Brown '19, Roca, is a 1st grade teacher at Crete Public Schools.

Madison Knipp Bruce '19L, Lincoln, is a Claims Processor with Nelnet.

Amanda G. Brunken '19GI, Grand Island, is a RN case manager with AseraCare Hospice.

Heather M. Busboom '19L, Dorchester, and her husband John welcomed a son, Cooper John, on July 11, 2019. Heather works in the Facilities Department at Doane University.

Brooke H. Buller '19, O'Neill, recently accepted a position with Jenda Family Services as a family services representative.

Andres M. Burgoin '19, Chula Vista, Calif., is a behavioral therapist with A.C.E.S.

Bryce J. Chudomelka '19, Ashland, is an elementary special education teacher for Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools.

Jonathan C. Cruz '19L, Omaha, is a trade support analyst with Securities America, Inc.

Rebecca L. Daugherty '19L, Lincoln, is a legislative aide with the Nebraska Legislature.

Alvin Dennis '19L, Lincoln, is a defense contractor with General Dynamics.

Nicole R. Detweiler '19L, Lincoln, is a registered nurse at Lincoln Surgical Hospital.

Kasey E. Dils '19, Lincoln, is a special education teacher for Lincoln Public Schools.

Morgan R. Doehring '19, Seward, is a 7-8 grade science teacher for David City Public Schools.

Tito Fierro '19, Holyoke, Colo., is a producer with Top Flite Empire.

Jordan J. Fikar '19, Wilber, is a personal trainer at Genesis Health Clubs.

Jared R. Foote '19, Hastings, is a lab technician with GSK Healthcare.

Anna E.J. Flores '19, Lincoln, is a training & match support specialist for TeamMates Mentoring Program.

Emma J.M. Frerichs '19, Crete, is an ER technician with CHI St. Elizabeth's in Lincoln and is also an emergency medical technician with Crete Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department.

Brendon M. Gibbons '19, Lincoln, is the director of music for Pleasanton Public Schools.

Matthew C. Gilg '19, Central City, has been hired as a staff accountant at Lutz in Omaha.

Bryan W. Gilliand '19L, is an accounting clerk with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Daisy Green '19GI, Grand Island, is an assistant manager at Merrick Machine.

Kalyn L. Groenewold '19L, Lincoln, is a social media/market-ing manager at Gate 25 Bar and Restaurant.

Alyssa Helmink '19E, Omaha and Caleb Palensky were married on January 25, 2020.

Katie L. Hitz '19, Lincoln, is a front desk staff member at the YMCA of Lincoln and a Coach for Lincoln Public Schools.

Alan J. Hurless '19, Lincoln, is a pharmacy technician at Walgreens.

Nicholas J. Iwata '19, Centennial, Colo., was awarded a Fulbright as an English teaching assistant in Dobrich, Bulgaria.

Trent W. Jeary '19, Greta, is the logistics coordinator for Reliant Transportation.

Dana R. Johnson '19, Lincoln, is a 7th grade health and physical education teacher at Crete Middle School with Crete Public Schools.

Preston D. Jurgens '19, Beatrice, is a math teacher with Southern Public Schools in Wymore.

Sheila M. Kerins '19, Omaha, is a 6th grade teacher at Milford Public Schools.

Elizabeth Kissinger '19E, Hastings, and Brady Lollman were married on July 13, 2019.

Shelby M. Krueger '19, Lincoln, is a marketing specialist for Shirts 101.

Joseph F. Larkin '19, Lawrence, Kan., is a medical scribe with Proscribe at Bryan Health in Lincoln.

Delaney N. Lemkau '19, Sutton, is a kindergarten teacher with the Norris School District.

Mariah McWilliams Leyva '19, Crete, is a 7th grade mathematics teacher with Lincoln Public Schools.

Cindy Patterson Lothrop '19GI, Grand Island, is the hiring manager for Central Community College.

Katie L. Meyer '19, Leawood, Kan., is working at Leawood Pediatrics.

Carissa D. Moore '19, Crete, is currently a grad assistant in Sports Information with Doane Athletics.

Lacy E. Mueller '19L, Omaha, is a program support specialist with Better Living Counseling Services.

Kristin M. Nanfite '19L, Lincoln, is self-employed as an esthetician.

Dillon J. Nerud '19, Dorchester, is a 9-12th grade teacher at David City Public Schools.

Jeffrey C. Nicklas '19L, Hickman, is a project manager for Hampton Commercial Construction.

Karly D. Nitsch '19, Western, married Trevin Behrendt on July 13, 2019. Karly is a K-12 vocal music teacher at Centennial Public Schools.

Colby L. Nugen '19, Papillion, is a recruiter for Aerotek.

Joseph D. Opperman '19, Papillion, is a certified medical assistant at Hillcrest Homes - Silver Ridge.



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MaKayla M. Parriott '19 (above), Murray, recently accepted a position as an investigative assistant for Lancaster County Juvenile Probation in Lincoln.

Trey O. Perry '19, Fairmont, is a news producer for KOLN-TV 10/11 News in Lincoln.

Alexander D. Plummer '19, Fairbury, is a lab tech for quality control at Novatech.

Cody R. Redford '19, Bellevue, is a secondary social studies teacher at Papillion LaVista Community Schools.

Caleb J. Rezac '19, Wahoo, is a graphic and web designer for Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha.

Y. Natalie Salinas '19, Herman, will be starting a new position as site coordinator at Project Transformation North Texas.

Lauren N. Schmidt '19, Deshler, is a Staff Accountant with Manning & Associates.

Samantha R. Schmidt '19, Omaha, is a program support specialist with Better Living Counseling Services.

Tazia J. Simpson '19, Scottsbluff, is a youth security specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services and is owner/head coach of Aerial Gymnastics.

Nicholas D. Stolze '19, Lincoln, is a dental assistant at Pioneer Periodontics and Implant Surgery P.C.

Nina C. Theiler '19, Omaha, is an Assistant Director for Brain Balance Center of Omaha.

Jeffrey S. Timm '19L, Lincoln, is a senior IT applications developer for the State of Nebraska.

Jordan E. Van Roy '19, Valley, is a 7th grade math teacher and high school softball coach for LaVista Middle School in Papillion.

Emily A. Waggoner '19, Crete, is a Child and Family Services Specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Lauren A. Wagner '19, Ceresco, is a reporter with the Norfolk Daily News.

Sam L. Walker '19, Omaha, is a financial advisor at Renaissance Financial.

Aaron P. Walsh '19L, Lincoln, is an immigration services officer II with the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS).

Kelsey M. Woitaszewski '19GI, Grand Island, is a registered nurse at CHI Health - Saint Francis.

Jennifer A. Yule '19, Omaha, is a special education teacher at Carriage Hill School with Papillion LaVista Community Schools.

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Elliott J.H. Abromeit '20, Lawrence, Kan., is a high school coach with College Possible Americorps in Omaha.

Hannah D. Allfree '20, Crete, has been hired as a 4th grade teacher at J. Sterling Morton Elementary School with Millard Public Schools.

Shayla H. Andersen '20, Omaha, has been hired as a Special Education Resource Teacher for Millard Public Schools.

McKehna L. Bartels '20, Daykin, has been hired as a 5th grade teacher at Jefferson Intermediate School for Fairbury Public Schools.

Allisyn L. Besak '20, Omaha, has been hired as a 2nd grade teacher at Hitchcock Elementary Schools for Millard Public Schools.

Austin J. Bruning '20, Bancroft, has been hired as a history/8th US history teacher at Norfolk Junior High School for Norfolk Public Schools.

Becka H. Bruntz '20, Hastings, has been hired as a K-12 vocal music teacher for Overton Public Schools.

Rachel E. Burch '20, LaVista, is a Spanish teacher at Millard South High School for Millard Public Schools.

Madison A. Dodd '20, Lincoln, has been hired as a 2nd grade teacher at Westridge Elementary School for Elkhorn Public Schools.

Alyssa A. Downs '20, Columbus, has been hired as a 3-5th resource teacher at Crete Intermediate School for Crete Public Schools.

Kaitlyn R. Drake '20, Glenwood, Iowa, has been hired as a middle school science teacher for Ralston Public Schools.

Ryley D. Dugan '20, Greeley, has been hired as a math teacher at Central City High School.

Abby B. Henjes '20, Waverly, has been hired as a 2nd grade teacher at Belmont Elementary School in Lincoln.

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Riley J. Herringer '20, Papillion, has been hired as a choir/show choir teacher at Peter Kiewitt Middle School for Omaha Public Schools.

Jack A. Kalina '20, LaVista, has been hired as a special education teacher at Bellevue West High School for Bellevue Public Schools.

Haley Koch '20, Crete, has been hired as a special education teacher at Belmont Elementary School for Lincoln Public School.

Jennifer A. Kuncl '20, Crete, has been hired as a 6th-10th PE teacher at St. Cecilia Middle & High School in Hastings.

Stephanie M. Lamb '20, Papillion, has been hired as an art teacher at Pine Creek Elementary for Bennington Public Schools.

Kaylee N. Meyer '20, Syracuse, has been hired as a preschool teacher at Huntington Elementary School for Lincoln Public Schools.

Taylor N. Mitchell '20, Lincoln, has been hired to teach 3rd/4th grade at Crete Intermediate School for Crete Public Schools.

Lauren L. Mitteis '20, Plattsmouth, has been hired as a 2nd grade teacher at Westmont Elementary School for Springfield Platteview Community Schools.

Lexi E. Ryan '20, Friend, has been hired to teach 1st grade at Norris Elementary School for Norris School District.

Brielle E. Schneider '20, Kenesaw, has been hired to teach 1st grade at Crete Elementary School for Crete Public Schools.

Ryan C. Schuster '20, Ashland, has been hired as a para educator/football coach at Papillion LaVista South High School.

Tayma C. Sebek '20, Grand Island, has been hired as a pre-K teacher for Palmer Public Schools.

Madeline R. Sladovnik '20, Littleton, Colo., has been hired as a math teacher at Heritage High School for Littleton Public Schools.

Amanda R. Steiner '20, Lincoln, has been hired as an eighth grade special education teacher at Crete Middle School for Crete Public Schools.

Patrick M. Vrbka '20, Lincoln, has been hired as an ESL teacher at Norfolk Jr. High School for Norfolk Public School.

Katelynn J. Weinandt '20, Battle Creek, has been hired as an English/language arts teacher for Norfolk Public Schools.

Anna C. Wiese '20, Fremont, has been hired as a 5th/6th grade teacher at Archbishop Bergan Elementary School for Archbishop Bergan Schools in Fremont.

Bailey M. Zarybnicky '20, Beatrice, has been hired as a P.E./health teacher at Nathan Hale Magnet Middle School for Omaha Public Schools.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl J. Cornelius, M.D. V12

Sidney
March 19, 2020

Thomas J. Daniel, Jr. V12

Oklahoma City, Okla.
October 18, 2019

Jesse P. Hofmann V5

Norman, Okla.
July 24, 2020

Velma Schrein Knigge '37

Sonora, Calif.
July 6, 2019

Frank E. Adams '42

Carlsbad, Calif.
May 23, 2020

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Berea, Ky.
June 7, 2019

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June 18, 2019

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Escondido, Calif.
June 12, 2020

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Albuquerque, N.M.
March 29, 2019

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January 2020

Gerald R. Kahle '51

Tulsa, Okla.
May 20, 2020

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Crete
August 2, 2019

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April 10, 2020

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January 30, 2020

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February 26, 2020

Henry C. Blanke, Jr. '53

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September 14, 2019

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September 2, 2019

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August 14, 2019

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May 11, 2020

Harriet Hunter Ford '61

Arvada, Colo.
June 4, 2020

Edward L. Melton '61

Ravenna
July 21, 2019

Marvin (Babe) Drevo '62

Wilber
December 13, 2019

Jerry F. Bsepalec '65

Crete
May 12, 2020

David J. Jurena '73

Crete
August 17, 2019

Frankie "Tony" Fernandez '77

Lincoln
April 21, 2020

Robert L. Knoell '78

Crete
August 17, 2019

Karen Grefe Reynolds '83

Plymouth
July 1, 2010

Charles L. Peart, III '84

Sullivan, Mo.
May 28, 2020

Kenneth R. Love '87L

Scottsbluff
November 26, 2019

Amy Messman

Schmitt '97L, '12A
Martell
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Remembering Doane President Philip R. Heckman, 1925-2020

Dr. Phil Heckman, former president of Doane College from 1967-1987, passed away on Jan. 29, 2020. He was 94 years old. Within President Heckman's first five years at the college, Doane's facilities expanded greatly, including the Communications Building, Sheldon Hall, Fuhrer Field House, Padour Walker Administration Building, and Perry Memorial Campus Center. Heckman was also responsible for replacing Doane's first building, Merrill Hall, which burned down in 1969. Heckman brought financial stability to Doane, and also expanded its international reach. It was under Heckman's tenure that Doane first opened its campus in Lincoln as well. Many Doane "firsts" occurred during Heckman's presidency—too many to list here. He will be remembered as a truly pivotal figure in the history of Doane University.





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