From food to drinks to travel tips, alumni share their favorites of the season

Best of Summer

2012 Reunion Weekend | Construction begins on science building
Professors Dr. David Roebuck and John Altman | Fall sports preview
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One of my friendly admonitions to students is that they set their expectations high and then go out and exceed them. Doing so requires focus and a passion to excel. The attainment of academic excellence is not merely the result of time spent in class or study outside of the classroom or online. It is, instead, an investment of will and energy that results in knowledge gained.

While there is some intensity involved in achieving one's academic goals, it's not all work. It's a matter of balance; taking time to reward oneself for an accomplishment; taking time to have fun. Whether it's physical activity or enjoying the symphony, having fun is a precursor to happiness, something for which we all strive. When happy, learning is much easier.

Happiness comes in many forms, and two of my favorites are watching our programs, facilities and reputation grow — a great example being the recent groundbreaking for our new science building — and a polar opposite, outdoor charcoal grilling in the summer. Both bring great joy, a sense of accomplishment, goals fulfilled … i.e., happiness.

As an institution of higher education, there are few things more fun to witness than watching our students succeed, knowing that we played an important role in that success.

We have much for which to be grateful.

Summer Bliss

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Ah, the simple pleasures of summer — Carol Winkler ’93 sips her favorite summer drink, pink lemonade.

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Columbia College celebrates commencement and Women’s History Month and groundbreaking for the new science building

Summer fun!
See what your fellow alumni are up to in summer — it’s not all tall drinks, beaches and baseball

Faculty profiles
Born into politics: Dr. David Roebuck, professor of political science; John Altman, adjunct instructor of business, Crystal Lake and Elgin, Ill., a life less ordinary

Cougar Sports Zone
Wrapping up a great softball season, looking ahead to golf, cross-country, soccer and volleyball

MyCCAA
Celebrating Reunion Weekend plus MyCCAA goes to Dallas and tries speed networking

CC Notes
News and updates from people that matter — our alumni

Mabel Smith ’39 and husband Harry: 70 years and counting

On the Cover:
Ah, the simple pleasures of summer — Carol Winkler ’93 sips her favorite summer drink, pink lemonade.
The future of science at Columbia College began just days before commencement with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new science building.

Dr. Gerald Brouder, president, Dr. Terry Smith, executive vice president and dean for Academic Affairs, Daisy Willis Grossnickle ’66, chair of the board of trustees, and other trustees, science professors, donors and good friends of the college donned hard hats to turn over a ceremonial scoop of earth.

“This building will have a lasting, positive impact on the college,” said Grossnickle, a 30-year trustee.

Brouder declared the construction of a dedicated science building a priority in his 1995 inaugural speech. The building will unify the college’s science-related programs under one roof — biology, chemistry, forensic and environmental science and nursing. Currently, these programs are scattered throughout buildings on the college’s main campus. The science building will occupy the site of the former Cougar softball field on Rangeline Street and is scheduled for fall 2013 completion.

**SCIENCE BUILDING FAST FACTS**
- Contractor: Reinhardt - Wilson
- 53,033 square feet
- Exterior is limestone and brick masonry
- 126-seat auditorium
- Five general laboratories: two biology, one chemistry, one physical science and one anatomy/physiology
- Eight advanced laboratories: nursing, forensics, three advanced biology and three advanced chemistry
- Five additional classrooms, including one dedicated to forensic science
- Eighteen faculty office spaces, including offices for the lab manager and assistant lab manager

“I have long had this vision,” Brouder said. “I set this goal in my inaugural address 17 years ago. Today it becomes reality.”  

**The future begins now**

*By Neal Fandek • Photo by L.G. Patterson*
Commencement 2012

BY LAURA DAUGHERTY ■ PHOTOS BY CASEY BUCKMAN & GRAD IMAGES

On May 5, Columbia College celebrated the culmination of nearly 500 collegiate careers during the Class of 2012’s May main campus commencement ceremony. Graduates from the main and nationwide campuses attended one of two ceremonies held during the day. Dr. Suzanne Tourville, associate professor of mathematics and chair of the Computer and Mathematical Sciences Department, delivered the commencement address, while Martha Eberhard ’00, CCAA president, gave the alumni charge at both ceremonies.

As a math professor, Dr. Tourville is accustomed to working with numbers, so it’s no surprise her speech centered on simple addition skills: how the small efforts in life can add up to big payoffs. “Every day, it’s those little things you do, those little decisions you make, that get you where you want to go,” she said to the new alumni.

For the graduates earning the first diploma in their family, it was a day filled with unrivaled celebration. For Trisha Becker, graduating from CC has become a family affair; her great grandmother, Laura Allie Rutherford, graduated from Christian College in 1871, her grandmother, Laura Hammet Van Houten and her twin sister, Ann March, graduated from CC in 1947, her brother, Brian Becker, graduated from Columbia College in December 2007, and her fiancé, Steven Farrow, graduated from CC in May 2011. Now, Trisha adds to the legacy with her bachelor’s degree in political science.

No May graduation celebration at Columbia College would be complete without its traditional hallmark: the Ivy Chain ceremony preceded the graduation ceremonies, continuing its 100-plus year tradition on Bass Commons. The Nurse’s Pinning Ceremony, the symbolic transition from nursing student to professional, occurred in the afternoon.

New graduates and their families celebrate Commencement.

From left, Steven Farrow ’11, Laura Hammett Van Houten ’47, Trisha Becker ’12, Vivian Becker and Gary Becker
How far would you go to promote a favorite cause?

Dr. Gretchen Hendrickson, assistant professor of psychology, agreed to have her long locks sheared off to kick-start Women’s History Month at Columbia College.

Students, faculty and staff bought raffle tickets to get a whack at her, all to benefit the Central Missouri Food Bank. Hendrickson donated her hair to Locks of Love, a nonprofit that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from medical hair loss.

The theme of Women’s History Month 2012 was “Forward. Movement.” It resonates at Columbia College because it has been educating forward-thinking women since 1851.

Other events associated with Women’s History Month included USA Today sports columnist Christine Brennan’s lecture (see article Page 12); a Women’s Leadership Conference co-sponsored by Columbia College, Stephens College and the University of Missouri; and the keynote address by Lateefah Simon, advocate for juvenile and criminal justice reform and the youngest recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship.

Lateefah Simon gave the keynote address.
Welcome
New Staff

Debbie Draffen
With more than 14 years of administrative experience with the Missouri Public Schools at the elementary, middle, junior high and high school levels, Debbie Draffen brings her wealth of experience to the Alumni Relations office as the new administrative assistant. In her new role, Draffen provides day-to-day office management, heads the alumni merchandise store, and compiles the Class Notes submissions for the magazine. Prior to joining the Alumni Relations staff, Debbie was an administrative assistant at Boonville High School. She has four children and a new grandson.

Laura Daugherty
Laura Daugherty joins the Alumni Relations staff as an assistant alumni relations coordinator, primarily writing articles for affinity magazine and assisting with events. Daugherty graduated with Latin honors from the University of Colorado-Boulder, where she majored in English and creative writing. Her graduate school pursuits led her to the Iowa Writers Workshop, where she has studied the past two summers. Prior to joining the Alumni Relations staff, Daugherty taught English in Florence, Italy, and wrote a fiction novel, which is forthcoming.

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• Alumni Legacy Scholarship, for children of alumni with a 26 ACT and 3.5 GPA, a 20-percent tuition discount for prospective freshmen students; for grandchildren of alumni meeting that same criteria, a 15-percent tuition discount

These grants or scholarships are available to students who attend traditional Day classes in Columbia, Mo.

For more information on how you can continue your legacy at Columbia College, contact Kristen Bagwill at (800) 231-2391, ext. 7539 or kbbagwill@ccis.edu; or www.columbiacollegealumni.org/GetInvolved/ReferStudent.aspx.
These boots are made for splashing!

BY NEAL FANDEK  •  PHOTOS BY L.G. PATTERSON

Twins are fairly rare; their incidence has increased of late but the chances of a mother giving birth to twins hovers around three in every 100.

The chance that a college has successful entrepreneurial twins is even more rare.

But that’s just what Baiye and Brynne Stansberry ’12 are. The twins have taken a teenage brainstorm of clear plastic rain boots with interchangeable liners — boots for every mood! — from a Moberly, Mo., high school marketing competition to patent (No. D623385) to the 2011 Mid-Mo Entrepreneurial Summit ($1,000 first prize) and mega-Las Vegas footwear shows.

Along the way, they’ve received indispensable consultation, support and their business development spark from Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dr. Sean Siebert, and other Columbia College business administration faculty; footwear, other retail firms and small business capital investors; and alumni such as Steve Fishman ’74, chairman, CEO and president of the Big Lots retail chain, and small business expert, TV host and author Susan Solovic ’80.

The twins, who have launched their own firm TwoAlity LLC, estimate it may take as much as $5 million to get Bootleggers, as they call their fun, unique product, up and running.

“#SuperExcited!” reads a tweet on the twins’ Twitter account, twitter.com/stansberrytwins."

#TwoAlity received all of the new prototypes and tags for the liners! Everything looks amazing!”

It’s hard not to like the petite, ambitious, infectiousely enthusiastic twins. And it’s hard not to like these boots.

The twins say Bootleggers may be commercially available as soon as next year. d*
Spring break, Columbia College style

Kimberly Craig ’12, Columbia College Student Government Association president, and 14 other Columbia College students spent their spring break clearing brush, building a deck, shoring up steps, brightening seniors’ and elementary school children’s days and generally experiencing Cherokee and Appalachian culture in one tough but rewarding week in the Smoky Mountains.

Their destination, Once Upon A Time, located south of Maryville, Tenn., is part of a national nonprofit network linking college students with communities to perform service projects addressing a variety of social, cultural and environmental needs. Once Upon A Time focuses on service work for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee and rural Appalachians, and environmental clean-up in Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Nantahala National Forest.

“We were so busy!” Craig says. “Every day was so jam-packed we were wiped out each night.” The Columbia College contingent cleared fast-growing, highly invasive honeysuckle and sweet gum; helped build steps on a rugged piece of property linking two elderly women’s houses; and visited the Snowbird Senior Citizens Center and an elementary school.

But it wasn’t all hard work. The students also visited the Rocky Branch Community Club, a mountain music mecca; learned ancient Cherokee games, dances and ceremonies; visited the Lost Sea, the largest underground lake in the United States, the spectacular Bald River Falls and Cades Cove, the first settlement in the Smokies; and told ghost stories around a bonfire.

“It’s encouraging to see students making a difference in someone’s life instead of just lying on a beach,” Craig says. “I felt like we really did something.”
Learning beyond the classroom

Columbia College students are really going places

BY NEAL FANDEK

This spring semester, Columbia College students took their knowledge to greater heights - attending conferences, engaging in simulations, and meeting senators:

**Sociology.** Drs. Yngve Digernes and Ahoo Tabatabai, assistant professors of sociology, took four students to the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society in Minneapolis, Minn., during spring break to present original research. Courtney Jorgenson, Daniel Loyd, Joseph Brandt and James Patrick each examined a different issue: the portrayal of female athletes in the media, how pregnancy is dealt with in “Star Trek,” sexism and homophobia in hip-hop lyrics, and gender roles and violence in pornography.

**Philosophy.** Dr. Melanie Johnson-Moxley, visiting assistant professor of philosophy, took five students to the Mid-South Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn. Tim Tevlin, Charisse Smith, Paula Willis, Stephen Braddock, Joseph Brandt and Christina Maurizi presented on such subjects as “Stoicism in the Age of Falling Empires” and “Marxist Communism and Sustainability.”

**Psychology.** Fourteen students accompanied Dr. Graham Higgs, professor and chair of the Department of Psychology and Sociology, traveled to the Great Plains Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo.

**Political science.** Columbia College represented Venezuela at the Midwest Model United Nations simulation in St. Louis, Mo, and three of five student delegates were given awards: Hammer Buzyhason, Daniel Loyd and Anton Lukyanov. The group was led by Dr. Brian Kessel, associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of History and Political Science.

**International education.** Dr. Miranda E. Wilkerson, coordinator and assistant professor of English for Speakers of Other Languages, Britta Wright, director of international programs and Keila Ferree, coordinator of international admissions, took 18 international students to Jefferson City, Mo., for International Education Day at the Capitol. The students met State Senator David Pearce and other international students from across Missouri, observed the House of Representatives in session, enjoyed lunch at the Capital Plaza Hotel and toured the capitol building. About 9 percent of Columbia College’s student population comes from abroad.
Good Morning!
You’ve just won $97,000

BY NEAL FANDEK  ■ PHOTOS BY KACI SMART ’09

Columbia College surprises high school seniors in Columbia, Jefferson City, Blue Springs and O’Fallon, Mo., even Atlanta, Ga.

At Hickman High School, Columbia, Mo., a Columbia College team consisting of Admissions, Enrollment Management and Public Relations staff interrupted the lunch of senior Lauren Guillory with a bullhorn, balloons and a really big check for a Columbia College Scholarship, worth full tuition, room and board. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years based on academic performance. The four-year award equates to $96,816.

“It means everything to me,” Guillory said. “I can really focus on my education and not have to worry about money as much. I’m so excited to go to Columbia College.”

Guillory was one of five seniors awarded a Columbia College Scholarship. Five others received a Presidential Scholarship worth full tuition.

Chantal Enriquez, Camdenton, Mo., High School, who won a Presidential Scholarship, drove to a Chinese buffet with her mother after the Scholarship Day competition.

Her fortune cookie said: “You will be honored with a prestigious prize or reward.”

Columbia College has disbursed more than $6 million in institutional aid to students who attended the college in 2010. That aid comes in the form of scholarships for students at all campuses, grants for service members and their families and the Presidential and Columbia College scholarships.
New beginnings at Hancock Field

Dr. Scott Vinciguerra, director of Columbia College of Missouri-Hancock Field, had a rather suspenseful fall and winter.

His campus, which serves the Syracuse, N.Y., area, had to shut its doors for the first time in 38 years as the 174th Fighter Wing was assigned a new mission with heightened base security.

In December 2011, Columbia College received approval from the Air Force to operate in a less secure area for three more years. Vinciguerra was relieved — a little.

The college had to build a new campus from scratch, with classes starting in March 2012. Early this year, the college ordered then installed a nearly 12,000-square-foot modular building consisting of two computer labs, seven classrooms, one testing center, student lounge and office space for staff, and Vinciguerra proudly presided over an open house. Classes began just two days later.

Columbia College had some heavy hitters in its corner to ensure continued higher education at the base: Sens. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (N.Y.) wrote a letter stating the importance of education at Hancock Field, and Sen. Charles Schumer (N.Y.), called a press conference at the end of last year to show his support.

“Again, many thanks to everyone who made this happen!” Vinciguerra says. d
Inside the Gate

Lake of the Ozarks
Community Appreciation Day
BY SAM FLEURY

A crowd of more than 400 attended the Fifth Annual Columbia College – Lake of Ozarks Community Appreciation Book and Blood Drive on Saturday, May 5, at the college’s campus in Osage Beach. Participants donated more than 300 books and several attendees donated blood to the Central Missouri Blood Center as well. The day also featured a performance from the School of the Osage Choir, a live remote from KRMS radio and several educational displays from faculty members.

Syracuse Alumni Event
BY SAM FLEURY

Justin’s Tuscan Grill in Syracuse, N.Y., served as an outstanding venue for the Columbia College – Hancock Field alumni summer social on June 21, 2012. The event, which was hosted by the Columbia College Alumni Association, was extremely well attended. Sixty alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the college enjoyed the outstanding food and shared great stories from the 38 years the Hancock Field campus has served the area. Campus Director Dr. Scott Vinciguerra welcomed the lively group and introduced Columbia College President Dr. Gerald Brouder, who thanked everyone for their attendance and for being a part of the Columbia College family. The event was held the evening before the ribbon-cutting celebration that marked the opening of the campus’s new location at 6796 Townline Road in Syracuse. Thanks to everyone who attended!
Christine Brennan has a theory on why Sarah Palin and Hillary Clinton have achieved such prominence in their careers: high school basketball.

“Love her, despise her, or anything in between, think about how tough she was,” said Brennan of Sarah Palin, who was the vice presidential candidate for the Republican Party in 2008. “She wasn’t cowed by criticism; she went back and fought harder the next day. And I believe that is because Sarah Palin was the point guard at Wasilla High School in Alaska.”

Brennan, an award-winning sports columnist for USA Today, was this year’s guest speaker at Columbia College’s Althea W. and John A. Schiffman Ethics in Society Lecture series. She spoke of the ethical challenges women face in sports during a Q&A session for students, faculty, and staff, and during a public lecture held in the evening.

Brennan credited Title IX as the turning point for women’s opportunities in sports and beyond, stressing that the lessons women learn from sports serve them in all aspects of their lives.

“Whether a woman is a Division I athlete, a doctor or lawyer, she will be better at what she does because she played sports,” Brennan said. “All of a woman’s toughness and intelligence is because of Title IX.”

Brennan should know. As the most widely read female sports columnist in the nation, Brennan is celebrated for breaking barriers for women journalists. A graduate of Northwestern University, she was the first fulltime woman sports writer at The Miami Herald and has covered 13 consecutive Olympic Games. Brennan is an on-air commentator for ABC News, CNN, and ESPN, and was honored as one of the nation’s top 10 sports columnists of the year by the Associated Press Sports Editors. She is also a four-time recipient of the Women’s Sports Foundation’s journalism award.

Concluding her lecture, Brennan said that the future of female leadership in the United States will only improve with higher enrollment in athletics.

“Our country is better because our women play sports.”

Brennan’s memoir is the story of a girl who had a father who told her she could do anything she set her mind to.
Big improvements on campus

Summer months on main campus might mean winding down from the usual flurry of the semester, but don’t mistake the lack of students with a shortage of activity on campus. Construction is underway at Dorsey Gym and Practice Hall with completion dates set for fall.

A prominent fixture on campus, Dorsey Gym will boast new enhancements such as soundproofing, waterproofing, a new wood floor and a new grand staircase. Construction for Practice Hall is more than a remodel; the entire building will be gutted to make way for individual practice rooms, dressing rooms, offices and a central lecture hall as the new home of the Music Department. The Jane Froman Singers will make this their new home, as well.

Reinhardt Construction, which built several buildings on campus including the Atkins-Holman Student Commons and renovated Missouri Hall, is the contractor. a

The summer 2011 issue of affinity — that’s the “how-to” issue — has won three more awards:

- 2012 Platinum Hermes Creative Award. Platinum is the highest level of Hermes awards, granted to only about 15 percent of all entries. There were about 4,700 entries from all over the U.S. and several other nations, so winning platinum is a major accomplishment. The Hermes awards are administered by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals.

- 2012 Silver Award of Distinction for a magazine in the educational institution category from The Communicator Awards.

- Silver Award of Distinction for a magazine, interior design, 18th Annual Communicator Awards competition. This competition, sanctioned and judged by the International Academy of Visual Arts, attracted more than 6,000 entries from companies and agencies of all sizes, making it one of the largest awards of its kind. a
Military Recognition Day

BY LAURA DAUGHERTY ■ PHOTOS BY KACI SMART '09

For a college that prides itself in its educational service to military, there are few occasions on campus more gratifying than Military Recognition Day.

Held May 24 on sunny Bass Commons, Columbia College’s fifth annual Military Recognition Day honored Columbia College alumni, faculty, staff and students who are currently serving or have served in the United States Military. With 18 locations on military bases, ties to the military within the Columbia College community run deep.

Dr. Gerald Brouder, president of Columbia College, expressed gratitude during his remarks: “Whether serving or having served, on the front line or in central support, our veterans and active duty military exemplify the term hero.” Brouder is an Army veteran.

The event featured Col. George Boyd as the honored guest. Boyd, who was a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, presented the Col. Charles E. McGee Scholarship. An alumnus of Columbia College, McGee ’78 was also an original member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American men to serve as aviators for the U.S. armed forces, earning fame in World War II.

“The most important activity in my life was serving my country,” Boyd said during his remarks. “It is an honor to present scholarships to youngsters who have earned them.”

The scholarship went to Stephanie McNiel of Springfield. Daniel Brizendine, president of the Columbia College Student Veterans Club, accepted the honor on her behalf.

The second scholarship, made possible by George Ousley Jr., ’78 Columbia College alumnus and military veteran, went to Sandy Nixon, a student at the Ft. Worth campus. Brizendine accepted the scholarship on her behalf, as well.

The event featured a flag-raising ceremony and renditions of “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America,” sung by Nollie Moore, director of the Jane Froman Singers.
Fort Stewart makes history

BY LAURA DAUGHERTY – PHOTOS BY MERLINDA HELMICK

April 27 was an especially proud day at Fort Stewart, Ga., as President Barack Obama chose the site to sign an Executive Order guaranteeing educational protection for service members and their families.

The President, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, stood before a crowd of service members and veterans, many of them affiliated with Columbia College. He proclaimed the order would protect service members, veterans, spouses and other family members from deceitful targeting by educational institutions.

Three Columbia College students stood with the president and first lady as they signed the order:

- **Semaj Grant, a former Army medic**, currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in general studies, who plans to graduate this fall

- **Amy Ivey, a military spouse** and junior pursuing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice is a recipient of a Columbia College Spouse’s Opportunity Grant

- **Spec. Melissa Ann Schulte ’12, an Army reservist**, who just graduated with an associate degree in general studies.

“I’m very proud of our students for standing up for themselves and standing next to the president. This is a day I won’t soon forget, and I bet they feel the same way.” — Richard Conroy, former director of Columbia College - Fort Stewart
From food to drinks to travel tips, alumni share their favorites of the season.
Ah, Summer.

The very name suggests warm, lazy days, the clink of ice in lemonade glasses. It’s hard to find much wrong with this season, but in order to sort out the good, we enlisted your help, and help you did.

After reviewing submissions from alumni all across the country, we’re pleased to present you with the Best of Summer, chock full of your favorite vacation spots, travel tips, food and drink, music, memories and more. Get ready to relish in summer nostalgia — or sink your toes in something new. Either way, we’re convinced these next few pages will transport you the way only a great summer read can, and make you proud of its authors: your fellow alumni.

By Laura Daugherty
PORTRAITS BY L.G. PATTERSON
Favorite Summer Song

“Boys of Summer” by Don Henley
— DAVID WELLS ’06

Anything by the Beach Boys
— TIMOTHY STEWART ’98

“In The Summertime” by Mungo Jerry
— JOSHUA MUDER ’99

“Sweet Home Alabama” by Lynyrd Skynyrd
— DIANNA WRIGHT BAKER ’10

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
— ROBYN HATFIELD DALBY ’70

“Banana Pancakes” by Jack Johnson
— AMANDA HOLLOWAY ’05

“Summertime” from the opera Porgy and Bess
— THERESA BUNDY DEFEYTER ’10

Favorite Summer Movie

“Summer of ’42”
— DUANE SPENCER ’92

“Mamma Mia!”
— MARTHA EBERHARD ’00

“Crazy, Stupid, Love”
— KIMBERLY CRAIG ’12

“Battleship”
— STEPFAN PETERSON ’12

“The Pink Panther”
— SHARON SELSET ANDREWS ’12

“Wild America”
— ARIEL DINWIDDIE ’10

“Independence Day”
— JOSHUA MUDER ’99

Any blockbuster
— MATHEW MACKAY ’02
The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks
— RAWNE PIERCE ’10

The Path Between the Seas by David McCullough
— JOSHUA MUDER ’99

Don’t Block Your Blessings by Pattie Labelle
— SONYA GARRETT ’96

ESPN The Magazine
— NORRIS TANNER ’10

The Bible
— KIMBERLY CRAIG ’12

Twilight series or Harry Potter series
— ROBYN HATFIELD DALBY ’70
Favorite Summer FOOD

Grilled burgers and hot dogs
— DAVID WELLS ’06

Fried chicken
— STEPFAN PETERSON ’12

Steak
— GERALD ECHELMYEYER ’07

Watermelon
— CAROL WINKLER ’93
AND KIMBERLY CRAIG ’12

Cold JELL-O™ with Mandarin oranges
— RAWNE PIERCE ’10

Homemade ice cream
— DALE COE SIMONS ’65

Ceviche
— JESSICA LOPEZ ’10

S’mores
— AMANDA HALL ’07

Tomatoes
— KIMBERLY YAGEL GARZA ’93

GERALD ECHELMYEYER ’07
Favorite Summer DRINK

Pink lemonade
— CAROL WINKLER ’93

Margaritas
— DONNA MACLEAN MCCAFFERTY ’05

Wine
— NORRIS TANNER ’10

Anything cold
— THERESA BUNDY DEFEYTER ’10

Sangria
— JOHNETTE VAN DIEN ’09

Tea
— ARIEL DINWIDDIE ’10

Strawberry Daiquiri
— DIANNA WRIGHT BAKER ’10
**Favorite Summer RECIPE**

**Potato Salad**  
— TIMOTHY STEWART ’98

18 hardboiled eggs  
12 large boiled peeled potatoes  
2 cups Miracle Whip  
¼ cup yellow mustard  
paprika

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Cube the potatoes in ½ inch cubes. Add all ingredients except paprika; mix thoroughly. Flatten top and sprinkle with paprika.

**Lemonade**  
— DUANE SPENCER ’92

Fresh lemons  
sugar  
spring-fed water  
sliced oranges

**Waldorf Salad**  
— SHARON SELSET ANDREWS ’12

3 cups apples diced  
3 cups celery sliced  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1 cup raisins

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Combined ingredients. Mix with mayonnaise as desired.

**Buy bottle, uncork, then pour.**  
— JOSHUA MUDER ’99
Andy’s Amazing Chicken Wings
— DIANNA WRIGHT BAKER ’10

Chicken wings, thawed
Bottle of Italian dressing
½ bottle of Franks Red Hot Cayenne Pepper Sauce
Garlic, salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:
Add garlic, salt and pepper to chicken wings. Put wings on smoker, set to side away from direct heat (great with hickory wood). Wait a few hours, check temp with thermometer. Mix bottle of Italian dressing and ½ bottle Franks Red Hot sauce. Smother over chicken; cook a little longer. Take off smoker and enjoy!

Walking in the evening and driving around with the sunroof open.
— DONNA MACLEAN MCCAFFERTY ’05

Kayaking!
— JOSHUA MUDER ’99

Swimming in the Gulf of Mexico. Going for long rides. Enjoying the wineries in our area. Riding bikes on the trail.
— GERALD ECHELMYEYER ’07

Late-night swims, camping, early morning fishing, fresh-cut grass, fresh blackberries, exploring.
— ARIEL DINWIDDIE ’10

Cookouts.
— JESSICA LOPEZ ’10

More Summer FAVORITES
Favorite Summer PHOTOS

Jacob, Keyan and Daddy out on the town.
— ARIEL DINWIDDIE ’10

Extended family vacation at Okracoke Island, NC
— LOLLIE ZANDER REED ’68

View of the lake from our porch.
— PENNY PITMAN ’65
**Favorite Summer Vacation Spots**

- Montreal  
  — DAVID WELLS ‘06

- Alaska  
  — TIMOTHY STEWART ‘98

- Jamaica  
  — CORI NICHOLS FRANCIS ‘08

- Disney World  
  — DUANE SPENCER ‘92

- Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.  
  — MARTHA EBERHARD ‘00

- Anywhere away  
  — CAROL WINKLER ‘93

- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands  
  — STEPFAN PETERSON ‘12

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Hiking with the family last summer in western Kansas.  
— JOSHUA MUDER ‘99

Honeymoon at Couples Tower Isle in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Absolutely incredible!  
— CORI NICHOLS FRANCIS ‘08
Don’t forget your sunscreen!
— AMANDA HOLLOWAY ‘05

Pack light.
— RAWNE PIERCE ’10

Even though it’s hot outside, pack a jacket for the airplane ride!
— CORI NICHOLS FRANCIS ’08

Travel by motorcycle so you can really see the world.
— MARTHA EBERHARD ’00

Relax.
— MATHEW MACKAY ’02

Wear your swimsuit under your regular clothes.
— SHARON SELSET ANDREWS ’12

Allow yourself plenty of extra time and you won’t need it.
— CAROL WINKLER ’93

Slow down and you might discover something you hadn’t before.
— ARIEL DINWIDDLIE ’10
Coaching my daughter’s softball team. The kids won the tournament in 105-degree weather and they dumped the water cooler on the team manager, my wife.
— TIMOTHY STEWART ’98

Going to Wisconsin as a kid for two weeks — swimming, fishing and hanging out with my friends.
— DONNA MACLEAN MCCAFFERTY ’05

After fifth grade, my sister and I returned with our nana to her home in Ethel, Mo. What fun and freedom it was! I treasure those memories of living a less regimented life.
— LYNNE STUVER BAKER ’64

Spending time with family in the park.
— SONYA GARRETT ’96

Playing on the beach.
— KIMBERLY YAGEL GARZA ’93

The Columbia Salute to Veterans 2009 Air Show, where my oldest boy Jason flew his FA-18 Hornet. What a proud moment for me!
— ROBYN HATFIELD DALBY ’70

Studying abroad in Sydney, Australia.
— AMANDA HOLLOWAY ’05
Columbia College is well known for its extremely qualified instructors, but the CV of John Altman, adjunct instructor of business, Crystal Lake and Elgin, Ill., reads like a movie script.

Altman spent three and a half years on U.S. Navy submarines in the 1960s, in the engine room. “Yeah, I have a couple of medals in a box that say ‘Vietnam,’” he says. “The USS Sea Robin had attack capabilities and torpedoes, but fortunately we never had to use them.”

After the Navy, Altman, a small-town Wisconsin boy, attended the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, earning a bachelor’s degree in business administration and in comprehensive accounting. He had met his wife in Chippewa Falls, and the couple moved to the Chicago area, where she had family. “In a small town, you know everyone,” he says. “So when we got to Chicago the small-town boy in me said, ‘We gotta build up credentials!’”
He did, with gusto: 30 years at the top levels of corporate America performing mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, initial public offerings, new product development and debt reduction for some of the biggest companies in the land. Somehow Altman found time to earn an MBA with an emphasis in finance, organizational behavior and development from Webster University, St. Louis, along the way.

The multi-million dollar whirlwind had to end sometime, though, and he retired.

But he wasn’t ready to sit around and play golf all day. “Do you play golf?” he asked. “It can be a humbling experience. My game never got better.” The lack of mental stimulation drove both him and his wife batty, and she threatened to kick him out of the house unless he found something to do.

When he approached Columbia College-Crystal Lake in 2002, they eagerly took him on. Business textbooks didn’t always mesh with his world, however; and the decisions students made in class had no real consequences. So a few years ago, Altman found and implemented an international business simulation called GLO-BUS in his business management capstone course. GLO-BUS requires teams of students to make dozens of decisions a week, which they then have to run with, adjust or totally scrap, as the case might be. In 2010, one of his teams was rated No. 1 — not in Chicagoland but worldwide, from more than 1,600 teams. “The real world doesn’t follow a textbook,” he says. “Business is influenced by personalities, value systems …. That’s the other part of business strategy. In mergers and acquisitions you know what the outcome is going to be, hopefully, and you do due diligence, costs, adjustments, legal issues. These are often not covered in a classroom.”

Altman quotes the manifesto of an unknown author: “Life should not be a journey with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, champagne in one hand, strawberries in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming, ‘Woo-hoo, what a ride!’”

Altman’s living it.  

“*The real world doesn’t follow a textbook. Business is influenced by personalities, value systems … These are often not covered in a classroom.*” — John Altman
“I still get excited when I walk into a classroom … if you love to teach, this is the place, more so than anywhere else in the country.”
— Dr. David Roebuck

Born into politics:

Dr. David Roebuck, professor of political science

Roebuck was born into politics — he remembers election night as the only night he was allowed to stay up late — but an undergraduate teacher named Dr. Thomas Hardy confirmed it. Roebuck was completely hooked.

He went on to earn a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Mississippi State University and his doctorate from the University of Mississippi, all in political science.

Dr. David Roebuck, professor of political science and one of Columbia College’s longest-serving instructors, knew what he wanted for his 18th birthday, what every red-blooded American boy wants: a car.

He didn’t get it.

“My dad took me uptown to register to vote,” he says. It was a logical gift from his father, a Tupelo, Miss., election officer, and a prophetic one.
He began transmitting this passion to students while teaching at Young Harris College in north Georgia then Bluefield State College in West Virginia. He came to Columbia College in 1996, and has been making students passionate about political science ever since, so much, in fact, that Roebuck was awarded the Columbia College Trustee’s Award for Teaching Excellence in 2011.

Former students say things like, “Outstanding professor!,” “A great professor to help you outside of class,” and “Awesome professor. My favorite at CC. His anecdotes are interesting and help with understanding the material. He is very helpful and cares about his students.”

Sixteen years at Columbia College, including stints as president of the faculty association and 11 years as department chair — doesn’t it get old?

“No. I still get excited when I walk into a classroom,” he says. “I love it here! Why would I ever want to be anywhere else? If you love to teach, this is the place, more so than anywhere else in the country.”

Roebuck also heads a thriving pre-law program that has recently seen students accepted into the country’s best law schools, such as Harvard, the universities of Virginia and Missouri, New York University, William & Mary, Chicago-Kent and Rutgers. The program has been so successful, Roebuck says, because it selects students with an already good grasp of analysis, writing and research, essential law school skills.

When he’s not teaching, Roebuck applies his research skills to analyzing and evaluating state and federal statutes that protect children and ensure their rights. Children, he says, are woefully unprotected by the law. He also publishes and presents on the topic regularly, and says he’ll write a book — one of these days. 

How has your experience been at Columbia College so far?
Columbia College has been warm and inviting. I have very much enjoyed my brief time thus far. There is a tremendous amount of pride on this campus, and I am proud to be a part of it.

How is recruitment going?
I am excited about all of the runners that we are bringing in for the fall. We have an exceptionally talented group of young people who excel on the course as well as in the classroom.

At which venues in Columbia can I see the teams competing?
The only meet that we have in Columbia this coming year will be on Aug. 31 at A.L. Gustin Golf Course. The meet is hosted by the University of Missouri and will feature some of the top talent in the area. I wanted the team’s first meet to be in Columbia so that the entire community could share in our excitement, making our first meet a memorable one. From there we have several meets in the St. Louis area. I hope that the student body and community will embrace this team just as they have with all of the existing sports.

What do you look for in a cross-country runner?
There are many characteristics that make a good runner. Without exception, all who succeed to the highest level are willing to work hard and have a steadfast belief in their ability.

How does a runner get in shape and stay in shape?
The lifestyle of a runner is demanding. Men run anywhere from 60 to 100 miles per week, women 30 to 70 miles per week. Apart from running, athletes are expected to take care of their bodies by treating any nagging ailments, eating well and making sure they are getting adequate sleep. All of the positive things that are done from a training aspect can easily be counteracted if the runner is not diligent in his or her personal life.

What are your expectations for the first year?
My sole expectation is that the athletes show up with the energy and focus needed to succeed. If we can bring that energy and focus day in and day out for the entirety of the
coming year, my expectations will be met and the results on the cross-country course and track will speak for themselves.

You are a runner. What are the joys of cross-country running?
Running is primal, as well as a journey to enlightenment. I love running because that primal yet sophisticated action has become an anchor in my life. Some of my best thinking happens while I am running, and any negative emotions that I have prior to a run are soon forgotten.

What advice do you have for novices or those getting up there in age?
My advice is to make running enjoyable. That does not mean that running has to be laugh-out-loud fun, but after a run, you should feel a sense of accomplishment. It could be from running faster than ever before, getting out the door when you absolutely did not want to, spending an hour running and laughing with a friend or being outside on a beautiful day. The point being, running is natural. Running is an act that we are programmed to do, and there are many ways to find enjoyment in that action. — Coach Tim Cornell

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1) **Take a lesson.**
Before you get a new set of clubs to buy a better game, consider taking a lesson from a local golf professional. Then if you still don't want to do what he tells you fundamentally, at least he might be able to recommend simple tweaks to your equipment that will help your misses from being quite so bad. And I bet you'll save money and enjoy the game more.

2) **Develop a routine.**
Everyone has a system or routine to do what they are good at. Hitting good golf shots requires the same. Develop a routine where you visualize the shot you want to hit. Have a process to set up and align yourself correctly, and then use a waggle or tapping movement to release the tension before you take it back. You must practice the routine and commit to doing it every shot. If you do, you will become more consistent.

3) **Take time to warm up before you play.**
Arrive early so you have time to hit a few balls and putts before you tee off. Rhythm and tempo are key to consistency so give yourself a chance to establish a pace right off the bat. Greens vary from day to day so hitting a few putts will give you an idea of what to expect.

4) **Use more club.**
Having been around golf a long time, too many players think they hit the ball farther than they actually do. They come up short because they swing too hard. Take an extra club and swing 80 percent. Most likely you will hit the ball more solidly and then it will go farther! Once you find this more consistent and productive, then you can go back down to the other club and have the same success.

5) **Attitude is everything.**
Give yourself a break and have a better attitude. I’m guessing you’re not a tour player so face it … you’re really not good enough to have such high expectations and then get so disappointed over a bad shot. If you’ve never been told, your playing partners do not enjoy listening to your complaining and it does affect their enjoyment and play as well. You did have other choices as to how to spend your day so enjoy the company and scenery and hit the next one better.
The Columbia College softball Cougars started their season slowly. A tough schedule and a few costly errors left them with a 7-7 record in early March that became 9-13 by late March.

Then the bats exploded.

In early April, the team hammered out 18 runs in two games against American Midwest Conference (AMC) foe Hannibal-LaGrange University.

Both the hitting and pitching continued its torrid pace in April, culminating in the systematic destruction of Harris-Stowe State in a doubleheader finale, 15-3 and a mind-boggling 27-0.

Several new school records were set in that game: Alex Ridenhour, outfielder, and Whitni Howell, outfielder/infielder, tied the individual record for hits in a game with five each. Ridenhour broke the record for runs in a game with five and catcher Jessica Hardy set the individual record for home runs (three) and runs batted in (nine).

The Cougars finished the 2012 regular season with a sweep of Benedictine University 13-5 and 5-3 to advance to the quarterfinals, where they earned a split against Missouri Baptist University to advance to the semifinals.

The squad continued their winning ways as they then upset top-seeded Williams Baptist College 1-0 in the first game of a doubleheader; the Eagles fought back to claim the second game 2-1.

In the next round, the Cougars gave it their all but fell just short in a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to Williams Baptist.

Twelve of the final 17-player roster earned a batting average above .300; infielder Erin Dyok ended the season at .438. Pitcher Jordan Crisp ended with an ERA of 1.45 and 17-9 record.

Look for the Cougars to make some serious noise next spring.
Soccer
Making an immediate impact

BY NEAL FANDEK
PHOTOS BY L.G. PATTERTON

Women
Head Men’s and Women’s Soccer Coach, John Klein had a busy off-season, recruiting outstanding players from all over the country for the inaugural 2012-13 season — Beatrice, Neb.; Dodge City, Kan.; all over Missouri; Belleville, Ill.; Murrieta and Fairfield, Calif.; even Sidmouth, England, a tiny coastal town about 160 miles south of London.

“I think we’ve assembled a group of exceptional soccer players,” Klein says. “These players are strong and fast, have very good technique and at the same time understand their responsibilities on the defensive or offensive side of the ball. I think we’ll make an immediate impact in the NAIA.”

Men
In 2011, the 15-3 (6-1 in conference play) men’s soccer squad finished second in the AMC and barreled their way into the playoffs, shattering several school records in the process:

- Highest winning percentage in a season, .837
- Most consecutive shutouts, 5
- Goalkeeper shutouts, 11.67, Matt McKenna; previous record was 9.5
- Goals allowed, 8, McKenna, tied the school record
- Five team members also received AMC First Team All-Conference accolades: Cougar midfielders, Dylan Barduzzi and Yudai Yamaguchi; goalkeeper, Matt McKenna; and, defenders Nikola Velickovic and Tom Vincenc. Midfielder, Liam Cain was named to the Honorable Mention squad and Andres Acosta was also selected as the AMC Newcomer of the Year.

“They and their teammates played tough and smart and carried us into the playoffs.”

Klein has added several soccer standouts in the off-season, whom he says will add more balance and depth to the team.

The Cougars’ record-breaking defense was outstanding, and the offensive players were no slouches, either. One September game featured a 9-0 drubbing of Benedictine University at Springfield. The offense also scored six goals in one game and five in another.

Both men’s and women’s soccer seasons begin this month.

Go to www.columbiacougars.com to follow all the Cougars action. 

“These athletes epitomize what we look for in players.” — Coach John Klein
Head Coach Melinda Wrye-Washington knows how to win. Now in her 13th season, she has an overall winning percentage of .876. Last season, the Cougars went 39-4 and made the NAIA National Championship final four.

Columbia College volleyball had a legacy of winning even before Wrye-Washington took over as head coach.

In 30 seasons, the Cougars have won 18 American Midwest Conference titles and have made 18 NAIA National Tournament appearances. Twenty players have been named AMC Player of the Year, and four received the distinction of NAIA/AVCA Player of the Year.

This season proves to be just as noteworthy. Additions for 2012-13 include: Emmily Kuster, libero, 5’7”; Sarah Schwenkter, outside hitter, 5’9”; Carolina ‘Carol’ Berger, middle hitter, 6’4”; and Alexis Brooke Simpson, middle and outside hitter, 5’10”.

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Letter from the Alumni Board President

Dear Alumni:

It always started with a list.
… tent, sleeping bags, lawn chairs …
That’s how I knew the time was near — the most coveted week of the summer — the annual family camping trip. Mom would start the list several weeks in advance to make sure she didn’t forget a thing. As we peeked over her shoulder we could see the list get longer and longer. Then the questions would start. How soon can we leave? How many more days must we wait?
… cooler, block of ice, sodas …
Mom gathered everything on the list and stacked it in the garage. No one was allowed to touch anything until the time came for the car to be packed, and that was Dad’s job. When Dad was loading the car, no one dared to be in the vicinity. It was a delicate procedure to get a week’s worth of food, supplies and clothing to fit in the trunk, but Dad had it down to a fine science. It was magic.
… swimsuits, bath towels, sunscreen …
Our destination was almost always the same: Alley Springs Campground on the Jack’s Fork River, which is part of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. We floated down the spring-fed river by inner tube and canoe, played along the river bank, hiked the mountain trails and visited the historic old mill. We spent evenings playing cards or dominoes, talking around the campfire and looking at the stars. It was just us — my Mom, Dad, sister, brother and me. It was wonderful.
… sunburns, photographs, memories …
I’m sure you have fond memories of your favorite summer vacation but, just as importantly, I’m sure you also have fond memories of your time at Columbia College. We’d love to hear from you, so visit us at www.columbiacollegealumni.org.
We are CC!

Sincerely,

Martha Eberhard ‘00
President, CCAA

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On Feb. 28, Dulany Hall was buzzing with career advice as students met with area professionals during Columbia College’s first-ever Speed Networking Event. Modeled after speed dating, the event gave students an opportunity to interact with professionals in an atmosphere that helped sharpen their communication and networking skills, and provided them with a practical glimpse into what life after college might entail. Students were placed in small groups and rotated from table to table every seven minutes, meeting new groups of professionals with each transition. Students and professionals were treated to dinner beforehand and enjoyed a dessert and refreshment hour afterward in a more casual networking atmosphere. One lucky student won a NOOK® Tablet for attending the event. Once it was all over, the event was considered a success. Relationships were forged: professionals left with the satisfaction of helping the next generation, and students seemed inspired as the mystery of life after college seemed to lift a little from their faces. a
Columbia College has a history of propelling graduates into great careers. As of late spring 2012, three alumni, John Lavanchy ’10, Courtney Lauer ’11 and Rachael Larkin ’12 were working as legislative aides or assistants in the Missouri state capitol in Jefferson City and on their way. Spend five minutes with these leaders of tomorrow.

John Lavanchy ’10.
Lake of the Ozarks Campus, bachelor’s degree in history
Hometown: Camdenton, Mo.

Current position: Legislative assistant for Rep. Diane Franklin, District 151, Lake of the Ozarks area, working on energy regulation and sportsmanship legislation, among other proposed legislation.

What do you like best about your job?
“By far it’s dealing with the people…. We have a great lady who works with the people, and being able to work with her on issues and see the government in action.”

How has Columbia College prepared you for legislative work?
“The practical applications of history are really good for government … the procedures used for the historiography class for research were very helpful and really helped set me above the rest.”

Are there any faculty members that were particularly influential?
“By far Jim Pasley (James M. Pasley ’87), adjunct instructor of history, Columbia College-Lake Ozarks, who enrolled at Columbia College as a 30-year-old construction worker; he is also a 2012 Columbia College Service Award recipient.) He set a tremendous example, working construction and going to school
at the same time, and his teaching style was very inspirational. I don’t think I would have finished college without him.”

**Where do you see your career going from here?**
“T’d like to keep working at the capitol, get further into politics.”

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**Courtney Lauer ’11,**
main campus,
bachelor’s degree in speech communication;
former team captain for Columbia College Mock Trial Team and Student Government Association president

**Hometown:** Lee’s Summit, Mo.

**Current position:** Legislative assistant for Senator Jane Cunningham, District 7, serving parts of St. Louis County

**Why state government?**
“I originally thought I’d go to law school, but decided that was not for me … This is a very busy, hectic, chaotic building to work in, but that’s the reason I love it. Each day brings something new.”

**What sort of things do you do?**
“I have to make sure the senator is prepared for committees and bills she may be hearing. Sen. Cunningham is chairwoman of the General Laws Committee, and I act as secretary for that committee.”

**How has Columbia College prepared you for legislative work?**
“Columbia College helped me dramatically — I was a communication major, which is very important in this business … Also being student government president and captain for mock trial helped.”

**Are there any faculty members that were particularly influential?**
“Four jump out immediately: Dr. Darnell [Amy Darnell, assistant professor of speech communication], Lisa Ford-Brown [Dr. Lisa Ford-Brown, associate professor of speech communication]; on the more political side, Barry Langford [assistant professor of criminal justice administration] and Dr. Roebuck [Dr. David Roebuck, professor of political science]

**Where do you see your career going from here?**
“You mean president of the United States, right? To be honest, I don’t know — this has opened doors. It will be exciting to see where I end up next.”

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**Rachael Larkin ’12,**
main campus,
bachelor’s degree in speech communication

**Hometown:** Columbia, Mo.

**Current position:** Legislative assistant to Rep. Cole McNary, District 86, St. Louis County

**What do you like best about your job?**
“No matter how long I work here, every day I get to meet someone new … talking with them on issues that concern them and learning more about these issues.” Larkin is also secretary of a committee to downsize state government.

**How has Columbia College prepared you for legislative work?**
“I majored in speech communication … to learn how to communicate with people on all different levels, to expand that knowledge, learn how to communicate in this system.”

**Are there any faculty members that were particularly influential?**
“Dr. Darnell and Dr. Ford-Brown were very influential when it came to teaching me how to excel in communication.”

**Where do you see your career going from here?**
“I plan to either try to work for another representative or if I relocate, try to get in the same field. It depends on what my main focus turns out to be.”
Reunion Weekend 2012

BY LAURA DAUGHERTY ■ PHOTOS BY KIM NOVAK WATSON ’91

The weekend of April 20-22 brought plenty to celebrate.

During Reunion Weekend 2012, we honored Class Years 1932, 1942, 1952, 1962 and 1972; celebrated the retirement of three long-time art faculty members; applauded four incredible alumni award recipients; commemorated the forensic science program’s 10th anniversary with lectures and panels, and inducted the 50-year class into the Golden Anniversary Club.

In a phrase: What a weekend!

Together, they have more than 120 years of combined teaching experience at Columbia College, so it was no wonder that more than 200 guests, including alumni, faculty and students, showed up to the event to wish them well.

Afterward, the tone of the evening turned to forensics as we welcomed world-renowned forensic pathologist Dr. Cyril Wecht to campus to help celebrate the forensic science program’s 10th anniversary. Alumni attended a special reception followed by Wecht’s presentation in Launer Auditorium on historic high-profile cases, which drew a crowd of nearly 200. Wecht spoke about President John F. Kennedy’s assassination, using frame-by-frame images to show
the last seconds of the president’s life. He discussed the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, interjecting his sometimes critical opinions on the handling of forensics. CCAA President Martha Eberhard assessed the lecture’s tone the following day: “Talk about a conversation starter!”

Saturday’s highlights included the Forensic Science Alumni and Faculty Panel, a guided campus tour led by Columbia College Student Ambassadors, and the Alumni Luncheon, where Columbia College President Gerald Brouder welcomed alumni back to campus. In the afternoon, Wecht delivered an encore lecture on current high-profile cases to an audience of more than 200, discussing the cases of JonBenet Ramsey, O.J. Simpson and Casey Anthony, among others.

Saturday’s events were capped with the Alumni Awards Banquet and Presentation, where we honored four distinguished alumni who reflect the spirit of achievement at Columbia College: Jim Pasley ‘87, Columbia College Service award; Shanta Barton-Stubbs ‘05, Community Service award; Victoria Bishop Ryan ‘99, Professional Achievement award; and Sandy Adams ‘00, Distinguished Alumni award.

Pasley, a sought-after expert on history, has taught more than 200 history courses, first at Columbia College – Jefferson City, now at Columbia College – Lake of the Ozarks. He exudes passion into the study of history, teaching, and the well-being of his students, a passion illuminated during his emotional acceptance speech during the ceremony.

Barton-Stubbs was still earning her degree from Columbia College – Orlando when her nonprofit organization, New Image Youth Center, opened its doors. Founded in 2004, New Image was built from Barton-Stubbs’ realization that the children in the troubled Parramore neighborhood needed a safe place to learn in a positive and motivational environment. During her speech, she spoke of the importance of building a home-like atmosphere with her New Image youth, and now, after coming to Columbia College’s
main campus for the first time and meeting fellow alumni, faculty and staff, she said she sees Columbia College as a home, too — one that she’s happy to call her own.

Ryan is the Director of Learning and Organizational Effectiveness for HD Supply Inc., one of the largest industrial distribution companies in North America. She also imparts her skills as an adjunct faculty member for Columbia College of Missouri – Lake County. Ryan was humbled by her award and was thrilled that two of her daughters, Callie and Molly, were in attendance.

Adams is in her first term serving as the representative of Florida’s 24th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. She has dedicated her life to serving her country, previously serving as a deputy sheriff and in the United States Air Force. Since Adams received Columbia College’s highest honor, she was the last to speak during the evening and said she was touched by her fellow award winners’ speeches and was deeply impressed by their contributions, making her award all the more meaningful.

The banquet concluded with a special performance by the Jane Froman Singers, directed by Nollie Moore.

Sunday began with a Remembrance Ceremony in Dorsey Chapel featuring the vocal talents of Nollie Moore. The Golden Anniversary brunch and Ivy Chain ceremony in Dorsey Gym followed the ceremony, where members from the Class of 1962 were inducted into the 50-Year Golden Anniversary club. All 50-year club members participated in the reenactment of the Ivy Chain ceremony.

With the weekend’s events concluded, alumni left with the satisfaction of having strengthened old bonds, forged new ones, and rekindled, for just one weekend, that special feeling that only being on campus at CC can generate. 

It’s a lot of work to manage more than 70,000 alumni — and a lot of fun. The CCAA board of directors met May 10-12 at the InterContinental Hotel at the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City for their annual May Retreat, where they accomplished — can you guess? — a lot of both. The board held meetings Friday and Saturday, where they received updates from the alumni relations staff and discussed ways to build a stronger affinity with alumni. They toured the Columbia College - Kansas City campus and met local alumni at the Kansas City Alumni Social on Thursday. The board had ample time to socialize with one another, yet the conversations always seemed to steer back to their mutual passion: Columbia College. When the meeting adjourned Saturday, the board left satisfied with the work they had done and the direction the association is heading.

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**Music and history**

BY NEAL FANDEK  •  PHOTO BY L.G. PATTERSON

Jordan Isgriggs, a junior majoring in history and minoring in music, is a soprano with the elite Jane Froman Singers.

But she doesn’t want to sing, not during this interview.

Oh, come on. Just a bar or two.

She relents and out of that small body pours a luminous series of arpeggios that threatens to break glass panes and stops people dead in their tracks.

That was the reaction Isgriggs got at the southwestern division of the American Choral Directors Association assembly in Dallas earlier this year, too. Nollie Moore, instructor of music and director of the Jane Froman Singers, hand-picked an honors choir that jetted off to Dallas to mix with the best and brightest in choral music.

“Four hours a day of rehearsals!” she groans. “It was grueling but a lot of fun. I learned a lot.”

Isgriggs and the honors choir had practiced a new and very different piece, “A Child’s Prayer,” a slow, somber *a capella* piece on the horrific 1996 Dunblane, Scotland, elementary school massacre. It’s not an easy piece. In the first section, the soloists sing “Welcome” with low bass notes underpinning them. Gradually all the voices take off and soar, building to a climax before winding down to a quiet ending for the soloists alone.

The honors group sang, and the judges liked it.

They liked Isgriggs’ extraordinary voice more and made her a soloist for the culminating performance in the magnificent Meyerson Symphony Center, home of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. “I walked in there and my jaw dropped,” she says.

Isgriggs was ready. Or she thought she was.

“I was so nervous!” she says.

“Standing at the edge of that stage, shaking, in heels too tall for me, hoping I wouldn’t fall …. I’m a seasoned performer but no matter how many times I do it, I’m still nervous.
every time.” At one point, she says, the other three soloists fumbled a phrase but she sang right through it, her voice ringing in the palatial hall.

She says it was a great experience and would love to do it again — just not anytime soon. She had four research projects due before the end of the semester.

Isgriggs clearly loves music and has as long as she can remember. But history?

She had always liked history, but never thought of it as a major. A U.S. history class with Dr. Brad Lookingbill, professor of history and chair of the History and Political Science Department, opened her eyes.

“It’s because of him I rediscovered history,” she says. She is particularly fascinated with Middle Eastern and Russian history.

She doesn’t have any definite plans, but thinks a master’s degree in history then perhaps teaching are in the works.

She knows making a living in music is iffy at best.

“I like my nice things,” she says. “Like heat and coffee.”

The prestige of the Jane Froman Singers has enabled them to travel the world and perform for countless audiences, so it’s no wonder select members of the choir were invited to the 2012 Collegiate Honor Choir Convention held Feb. 29-March 3 in Dallas, Texas. To commemorate the event, the Columbia College Alumni Association invited area alumni and prospective students to attend a luncheon on Saturday, March 3, at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center featuring a special performance by the choir. The event was attended by 30 alumni and such guests as Pauline White, a 1938 Christian College alumna and Brian Collins, a 2011 graduate of the Fort Worth campus, and helped generate Columbia College connections that otherwise might not have been made. 

Dallas Alumni Event

Marilyn Couch, Kelly Jaussi and Stacy Blue ’73

Brian Collins ’11 and Pauline White ’38
A new slant to the Dean

Dr. Steve Wiegenstein, associate dean for Academic Affairs and dean for Graduate Studies, published *Slant of Light* earlier this year. The historical fiction novel centers on three individuals drawn together who found a utopian community in the Missouri Ozarks, where Wiegenstein grew up: James Turner, a writer and lecturer; Charlotte, his bride; and Cabot, a Harvard-educated abolitionist. Things do not work out as planned and the bloody Civil War intervenes.

Read more about the book at www.blankslatepress.com/authors/steve-wiegenstein.

Alumni Author Series

Thanks to all those who have submitted their book information to the Alumni Author Series! We’re building our list of authors and their works to share with the world-wide Columbia College community. If you have authored a book or know a Columbia College alumni who has, visit http://www.columbiacollegetalumni.org/WeAreCC/AlumniAuthorSeries.aspx to get added to the list today!
On May 10, more than 60 CC alumni took in the view of the renowned Country Club Plaza from the top floor of the InterContinental Hotel in Kansas City during the Kansas City Alumni Social. Coinciding with the CCAA Board of Director’s May Retreat, the event was attended by members of the board and its president, Martha Eberhard ’00. Guests sampled creative hors d’oeuvres prepared by the hotel’s chef, and mingled with alumni from the Kansas City area and beyond.

Those in attendance included Christian College alumna Marcie Thedinger ’47 and artist Bense Garza ’78, as well as trustees Web Bixby ’82, Joe Dubinski ’96, Dale Coe Simons ’65, and Carol Winkler ’93. The big surprise of the evening came when Michael Kateman, executive director of development, public relations and alumni relations, introduced his son, Chad, as the evening’s musical entertainment. Chad, who sings and plays guitar and is a current Columbia College student, performed from his repertoire of original works. In all, the event was considered a success — one that lasted well after the sun had faded and the twinkling lights of the Plaza shone from below.

On May 22, alumni toasted to the start of summer at Summit Lake Winery in Holts Summit, Mo., for the first-ever Jefferson City-area Summer Social. The evening was hosted by the Columbia College Alumni Association and Becky Gordon-Bocklage, director of Columbia College – Jefferson City.

More than 50 area alumni enjoyed local wines, a bistro-inspired menu and bluftop views of the Missouri River. Among those in attendance was Jim Pasley ’87, history professor at Columbia College – Lake Ozarks and recipient of the 2012 Columbia College Service Award.
Steve Zwolak ’74 is executive director of the University City Children’s Center in University City, Mo. He is also the CEO of the Lume Institute, which he founded with the children’s center in 2008 to offer professional development to educators and others in the industry. Steve lives in Brentwood, Mo., with his wife, Luanne, a real estate agent with Prudential Alliance. They have two daughters: Christina, a business owner in Phoenix, Ariz.; and Kate, an artist in Seattle, Wash.

Rhonda Taylor ’77 has been named executive vice president and chief people officer for Cox Communications, a broadband communications and entertainment company based out of Atlanta, Ga.

Col. Charles McGee ’78 was a technical consultant for the George Lucas film, “Red Tails,” which hit theaters in January 2012, and he was featured on the cover of the November/December 2011 issue of PilotMag, an aviation magazine. Charles is a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black squad charged with escorting World War II bombers. He also spoke about the “Tuskegee Airman Experience” to more than 500 Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) employees on Feb. 27 at an event in Patuxent River, Md., to commemorate Black History Month. Charles served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. When he retired, he held the Air Force fighter combat record of 409 missions and 1,151 combat hours, and was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest civilian award. In 2011, he was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. Charles lives in Bethesda, Md.

Andrea Rabinowitz Luchen ’78 and ’80 and her husband, Andrew, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in March. Andrea is a computer teacher.

David Strouse ’80 took a trip to Austin, Texas, to visit fellow alumni Jeff Berbrick ’78 and Becky Van De Mark Ecket ’78. “We had a lot of laughs thinking about our great Columbia College friends!”

David also explored the Lyndon B. Johnson and George H.W. Bush presidential libraries and museums.

Michele Sullender ’80 was promoted to vice president of product strategy at InteliSpend Prepaid Solutions, an issuer and reseller of prepaid products based out of Fenton, Mo. Michele was named one of 2010’s “10 Most Powerful Women in Prepaid” by Paybefore magazine and holds the role of secretary of the Network Branded Prepaid Card Association (NBPCA).

Jag Gill ’83 earned a Doctorate of Science in Health Systems Management from Tulane University, New Orleans, La., in May 2011. His dissertation was titled, “Organizational Efficiency and Quality in U.S. Private Acute Care Hospitals.” Jag is the president and CEO of CHW Medical Foundation in Rancho Cordova, Calif. Jag and his wife, Merna, live in Folsom, Calif.
The phone is ringing in the immaculate house of Mabel Geoghegan Smith ’39, who recently celebrated an incredible 70 years of marriage to former football coach Harry Smith.

“Ma!” yells her son Scooter (christened Harry Jr.) from the next room. “Phone’s ringing.”

“Let it ring,” she says. “I’m being interviewed by Columbia College.”

Columbia College. She still is not completely used to it. In 1939, the college was Christian College, and Smith has a bevy of memories:

A party thrown by Virginia Southwell Singletary ’39 — as in Southwell Complex; Singletary was a trustee for nearly 20 years. “It got pretty wild,” she grins. Sneaking food into the second floor Missouri Hall room she shared with Shirley Perdee Ragan ’39 and having to survive the resulting ant infestation. Hanging around with Helen Robson Walton ’39 — yes, that Helen Walton — the fencing club president, even though Smith was more of a horseback riding and tennis girl. Riding in the private railroad car the college commissioned to take the women to visit Washington, D.C., Annapolis, Md., home of the United States Naval Academy, among other sites. “That dance in Annapolis — that was a wonderful dance,” she says. ‘We were accused of having too much fun.”

A few years after graduation she met and married Harry, an up-and-coming University of Missouri football coach, and the newlyweds moved to Kansas City, Mo., to become defense workers for the Aluminum Company of America. Smith made aircraft cylinder heads.

The couple went on to have two children, Harry Jr. and Judy, moved to California where Harry became an assistant coach for his alma mater, the University of Southern California, then to Canada where Harry was head coach for the Saskatchewan Roughriders. The family returned to Columbia in the early 1950s for another coaching position.

Along the way, Smith somehow squeezed in a bachelor’s and master’s degree in education, teaching elementary school children for 20 years. And Harry and Mabel are still married 70 years later.

What’s the secret to a marriage that lasts?

“Both of us have wondered that at times!” she laughs. “You have to be tolerant. You can’t put yourself first all the time ... You don’t have to be the one that always wins the argument. I can say about Harry, the team had some rough losses over the years but he didn’t bring it home with him.

“It’s been a wonderful life.”
Jeri Kreier, a Whidbey Island administrative assistant who graduated with her Bachelor’s of Arts in Human Services in March, was nominated for the Dorothy M. Flatley Award AIRPAC award, one of only four nominees worldwide.

Each year the Association of Naval Aviation bestows the award to an individual serving the naval aviation community for “fostering excellent morale among squadron personnel and their dependents, especially during deployments and for promoting activities that benefit the spouse’s command and other Navy and military personnel,” according to association’s website.

Kimberly “Kim” Lloyd ’86 is the fashion and theater costume design instructor at Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, Ariz. Kim’s students hold an annual fashion show to showcase their skills and raise money for supplies and field trips for the fashion department.

Rex Cone ’89 ran for a seat on the Columbia (Mo.) School Board in April. He is a freelance videographer. Rex and his wife, Jennifer, live in Columbia.

O.J. Stone ’90 is running for Northern District commissioner for the Boone County (Mo.) Commission. The primary election is in August. O.J. has worked in the Sheriff’s Department for 28 years, including 10 years as chief deputy. He also provided training for the Missouri Sheriffs’ Association and has worked for the Missouri Office of Homeland Security for the past five years. O.J. and his wife, Patricia, live in the Columbia area.

Willie Trammell ’91 lives in San Diego, Calif, and works in information technology for the Department of the Navy.

Llona Weiss ’91 is the director of the Division of Energy for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in Jefferson City, Mo. She previously worked for the department as deputy director of the Outreach & Assistance Center from 1996-2005. Prior to returning, she worked for the American Lung Association, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill and Missouri Employers Mutual. Llona lives in Columbia, Mo., with her husband, Garry, and is a grandmother to Brynn, age 3, and Blake, age 1.

Benjamin Davis ’93 works as a personnel security specialist for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., and was recently promoted. Benjamin is retired from the U.S. Army and lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., with his wife, Rosa.
Gayle Hayden ’98 joined the certified public accounting firm of Wilson, Toellner & Associates in Lake Ozark, Mo. Gayle resides in Versailles, Mo.

J. Kevin Stone ’98 is running for county assessor in Randolph County, Mo. The primary election is in August, and the general election is in November. Kevin owns Stone’s Appraisal Services and works as a fee appraiser for the Veteran’s Administration, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Housing Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Paul Voas ’98 is a fifth-grade teacher at Chehalem Elementary in Beaverton, Ore. His class recently participated in a career fair and a visit to a local college. As part of the theme, Paul decorated his classroom in Columbia College gear. “Columbia College was such a positive experience for me that I wanted to share that with my students. Columbia College generously sent T-shirts, Scooters and other gifts for the students. The students were thrilled!”

Jon Beard ’01 completed an MBA from Florida International University in Miami, Fla., in May 2011, and was promoted to senior administrative manager/vice president with Merrill Edge, a Bank of America corporation, in November 2011. Jon and his wife, Tiffany, live in Jacksonville, Fla., with their three children.

Donovan Wood ’01 lives in Tampa, Fla., and is a budget analyst for the U.S. government.

Shatenita Horton ’02 works for Providence Bank in Columbia, Mo., as vice president and banking center manager. She is responsible for overall management and supervision of all employees and continued development of the Columbia market. Shatenita has more than 16 years of business development and banking experience.

Daniel Carleo ’03 is an aviation technical training center branch officer for the U.S. Coast Guard in Elizabeth City, N.C. He expects to retire in 2014, after a 30-year career with the Coast Guard. Daniel and his wife, Kimberly Donn Carleo ’03, live in Hertford, N.C.

Paul Voas ’98 with his fifth graders at Chehalem Elementary in Beaverton, Ore.
Becky Yelkin Hoover ’03 lives in Columbia, Mo., with her husband, Warren, and their two daughters. The Hoovers own Dubtizzle, a social media marketing company in Columbia.

Stephanie Prichard Flakne ’03 works for Lenoir Woods and lives in Columbia, Mo.

Stephanie Vogt ’03 is a sales representative for architectural glass for Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope, a national manufacturer of building products and materials. Her sales territory includes Missouri and Illinois. “I love working on Columbia, Mo., jobs!” Stephanie’s recent projects include the new Fr. Tolton Catholic High School in Columbia, and Columbia College’s Tenth Street Center and the Southy Building addition. Stephanie lives in Montgomery City, Mo.

Bryan Ethridge ’04 is employed by Wells Fargo Bank and resides in Saint Paul, Minn., with his wife, Stephanie.

Rob Hoffman ’04 educates thousands of individual and professional traders and investors from around the world on a daily basis. He is currently president of market strategies for Trade the Markets and also is the founder and president of PowerCharting.com, now a part of Trade the Markets. Rob has 15 years of experience in financial markets and has been an affiliate member of the Market Technical Association since 1998, an organization dedicated to high standards in technical analysis. An interview with Rob about how to restore confidence after a loss is available at MoneyShow.com at www.moneyshow.com/video/VideoNetwork/100/7803/How-to-Restore-Confidence-After-a-Loss/.

Bill Leeper ’04, left, with fellow CCAA board member Bill Wright ’09, at his retirement party

Bill Leeper ’04 retired from the Florida Highway Patrol in February after more than 30 years of service. He has spent nearly 20 years as Troop G’s public affairs officer and media spokesperson. He was promoted to captain upon his retirement. Bill is on the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors and lives in Fernandina Beach, Fla., with his wife, Emma, and two children.

Julie Lloyd ’04 is a program manager for Junior Achievement of Columbia (Mo.). Her job is to increase awareness and funding for educational programs and build partnerships with individuals, businesses, schools and organizations. She also recruits and trains volunteers to teach students about financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness. Julie lives in Columbia with her husband, Brian.

Christopher White ’05 has been certified as a registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM). Christopher is a senior microbiologist for Teva Animal Health Inc., in St. Joseph, Mo.
Ellis Benus ’06 is a Web Content Analyst for Technology Services with two years of employment at the college. He’s also the first person to earn a Columbia College degree in speech communication.

But his connection to the college began long before that: he’s been coming to campus since he was a child.”

His father Eldon ’86 and mother Tami ’89 handed baby Benus back and forth as they tag-teamed to get to class.

“My dad was in the day program, and my mom attended evening classes,” Benus says. “My mom would come into town [after getting off work] around 4 p.m. each day for class. She would meet my dad in the hallway and pass my car seat to him, and he would head home with me while she attended classes.”

Benus says he took notes in class at about age 3, even asking instructors to repeat pertinent points.

Benus also learned to swim in the Gerard Pool where the Atkins-Holman Student Commons now stands.

“I swear the first day I walked into Dorsey Hall for my first class, I could smell the chlorine from the pool. I know it was just a figment of my imagination, but there it was.”

Benus says he never considered earning a degree anywhere else.

“On the employment application for my current position, I put down that I bleed blue and silver,” he says. “Even my truck is painted Columbia College colors.”
Anthony “Tony” Bryan ’06 was recognized by CivilianJobs.com in its “40 Under 40 Military” list. Tony is a fundraiser for The Mission Continues, a nonprofit organization assisting returning veterans. He manages a multimillion dollar stewardship program, on track to raise more than $20 million in 2012. Tony lives in Wentzville, Mo., with his wife, Addie, and their four children.

Chrissy Miner ’06 rejoined 13WMAZ Eyewitness News as a fill-in meteorologist in October 2011. Chrissy is employed full time as the chief spokesperson for Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

Amanda Hall ’07 is a program consultant in the Texarkana region for the Girl Scouts of the USA, Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas council. She also will work as a camp director over the summer. Amanda is working on a master’s degree in camp administration and leadership from Touro University Nevada. “I have finally reached one of my dreams in life, and that is to become a professional Girl Scout. I am truly blessed to have attended Columbia College and met such wonderful people. From my experience at Columbia College, I have been able to overcome many challenges and know that I have the knowledge and skills for my future endeavors. Thank you!”

Tina Hertel ’07 lives in O’Fallon, Mo., and works for the Shrewsbury Police Department. She is engaged to Michael Talbott, a police officer for the Clayton (Mo.) Police Department.

Courtney Jackson ’09 was inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at the Phantom Warrior Center at Fort Hood, Texas, Jan. 24. The club is a private U.S. Army organization for noncommissioned officers whose leadership achievements go above and beyond average expectations. Officers must possess a genuine and in-depth passion for the welfare, training and development of their soldiers and their soldiers’ families.

Samantha LaPorte ’09 of Marengo, Ill., works for Kopka, Pinkus, Dolan & Eads doing paralegal work on insurance defense and coverage cases. Samantha and her husband, Daniel, welcomed Audrey Louise on July 14, 2011. Audrey joins big brother, Dylan.

Lashanda Amen ’10 attends Thomas Cooley Law School in Michigan. She lives in Gurnee, Ill., with her husband, Semaj.

Frederik Auliveld ’10 attended Officer Candidate School from October 2011 to January 2012. After earning his degree from Columbia College, he was able
to apply for a commission. “I have fulfilled a long-term goal by transitioning from an enlisted sailor to a naval officer!” Frederik and his wife, Raquel, live in Orange Park, Fla.

**Melissa Brewer ’10** has been certified as a registrant of the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM). Melissa is a microbiologist for Sage Products Inc., in Cary, Ill.

**Christine Poynter ’10** is a senior client relations specialist with DST Systems in Kansas City, Mo.

**Matt Hembree ’11** works as a financial planner for Northwestern Mutual in Columbia, Mo.

**Janice Jewell ’11** and her partner, Elizabeth Fettner, are relocating to San Diego, Calif. Janice is in the U.S. Navy.

**NaChanza Roberts ’11** lives in Savannah, Ga., and works for MWR Tominac Fitness Center.

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**June Sablan ’98** to Andre Bernaugh, Nov. 11, 2011, in St. Louis, Mo. June is a retail group operations assistant with Commerce Bank, and Andre is a carpenter with the Missouri Athletic Club. They make their home in St. Louis.


**Sarah Meyer ’07** to Sean Ford, June 25, 2011, in Columbia, Mo. Sarah is attending graduate school at Kean University in Union, N.J., to obtain a master’s degree in social work.

**Jason Compton ’08** to Dana Compton, Nov. 5, 2011, in Fort Worth, Texas. Jason is a personal trainer and is applying to medical schools, and Dana is a marketing manager for Komatsu Architecture. The couple resides in Fort Worth.

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**Elizabeth Caroline Machens** to **Marcia Bunten Machens ’96 and David Machens of Columbia, Mo., Dec. 21, 2011.**

Lila Grace Grzella-Skibiski to **Katie Skibiski ’03 and Drew Grzella ’01 of Columbia, Mo., Aug. 17, 2011.**

**Grace Marie Tarby** to **Heather Berger Tarby ’07 and James Tarby Jr. of Syracuse, N.Y., Oct. 16, 2010.**
In Memoriam

Ruth Saxton Wisner ’39
Jan. 3, 2012

June Marie Brocksmith Carvell ’41
Aug. 1, 2011

Barbara James Leason ’41
Sept. 24, 2011

Frances Yeager Funk ’42
Jan. 22, 2012

Peggy O’Neal Waters ’42
Dec. 27, 2011

Mary Jane Rickles Armstrong ’43
Jan. 13, 2012

Betty Bernard Vance ’43
Feb. 25, 2012

Judy Nash ’45
Dec. 18, 2011

Georgann Potts Welty ’45
Dec. 21, 2011

Suzanne Croswhite Edwards ’46
Jan. 24, 2012, age 85, in Vero Beach, Fla. Suzanne was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Waverly, Mo. She lived in Vero Beach for 22 years where she was a member of The Community Church, the Chapter GM of P.E.O., the John’s Island Community Service League and a volunteer at Indian River Medical Center. Suzanne was president of the Columbia College Alumni Association from 1977-79. She is survived by her husband, David Edwards, of Vero Beach, a former Columbia College trustee; daughter, Mary Morris of Naples, Fla.; daughter, Jane Wand, and husband, Mark, of Springfield, Mo.; sister-in-law, Virginia Edwards, of Vero Beach; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joanne Moore George ’47
Dec. 13, 2011

Helen Rosenbush Schricker ’47
Jan. 13, 2012, age 84, in Winchester, Ind. Helen was born Oct. 30, 1927, in Randolph County. She was a graduate of Christian College and a member of Tri Kappa Sorority. She worked for Sheller-Globe Hardy’s Division and was an equestrian and lifetime member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, John David O’Connor; her second husband, David Schricker; a son and a brother. She is survived by a son, Mark O’Connor, and wife, Vicki, of Union City, Ind.; a daughter-in-law, Connie O’Connor, of Greenville, Ohio; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Pearl “Francis” Seymour ’47
Oct. 28, 2011

Rita Lyon Razor ’48
April 13, 2011

Susan Campbell Downe ’50
Sept. 23, 2011

Janna Dodd Hugo ’53
Dec. 15, 2011

Sidney Stone ’53
Oct. 25, 2011

Elizabeth Jones Jacobus ’56
Dec. 1, 2011

Elisabeth Adamek Rainey ’58
March 10, 2012

Elizabeth Chamberlain MacCallum ’61
June 16, 2011

Constance Wagner Walsh ’61
Dec. 8, 2011

Allen Walls ’75
Sept. 30, 2011

William Marshall III ’77
Nov. 26, 2011
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On the Web: Scootergraphs

We continue to receive fantastic Scootergraphs from all of you! Check out Scooter’s recent travels.

Would you like to submit your own Scootergraphs? Email them to ccalum@ccis.edu or send to Alumni Relations, 1001 Rogers St., Columbia, MO 65216.

Former Columbia College President (1984-1995) Dr. Donald Ruthenberg (left), recently visited China and took Scooter along on the trip!

Trustee Judy Cunningham ’64 (right), took Scooter on a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, with Christian College roommate Joyce (Tracy) Harger ’64.
Melissa Montgomery Carberry ’06 and Scooter in Rome, Italy.

Janet Huffman Goodson ’54 and Scooter at the Roman Library in Ephesus, Turkey.

Rick Powell ’86 took Scooter to the southernmost point of the United States in the Florida Keys.

Chris Kiszla ’82 and his son Patrick at the Little League International’s Junior League World Series in Taylor, Mich.
Columbia College’s Family Day & Homecoming 2012 has been set for Oct. 5-6. Activities will begin on Friday with the Athletic Hall of Fame and run through Saturday evening, culminating with the Alumni and Cougar Club Reception.

Highlights of the weekend will include: milestone reunions for the classes of 1982, 1987, 1992, 2002 and 2007; alumni sports reunions (men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball, softball); photographs with Scooter the Cougar at the alumni tent; and fun games and activities for you and your family.

As you are planning your trip back for Family Day & Homecoming this fall, keep in mind that blocked rooms are available at Country Inn & Suites, 573-445-8585; Baymont Inn & Suites, 573-449-4422; and Wingate by Wyndham, 573-875-2586.

You are encouraged to contact your Columbia College friends and plan to come to Columbia for Family Day & Homecoming 2012 to renew friendships and reminisce about your time at the college. We are looking forward to an exciting weekend and hope to see you there!

Stay tuned for updated news and a full schedule of events via the alumni website at www.columbiacollegealumni.org, or contact the Alumni Relations office at 573-875-ALUM (2586).

Columbia College Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held on the main campus in Columbia, Mo.

**2012**

- **August 23**  
  Columbia College-Rolla Campus Ribbon Cutting

- **September 27**  
  President’s Society

- **September 28**  
  Board of Trustees Meeting

- **September 28-29**  
  CCAA Board Meeting

- **October 5**  
  Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

- **October 6**  
  Family Day and Homecoming

- **October 25**  
  Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies

- **November 30**  
  Holiday Lighting Ceremony

- **December 13**  
  Alumni Holiday Party

- **December 15**  
  Commencement

- **December 15**  
  Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony

**2013**

- **January 17**  
  Charter Day

- **March 5**  
  Schiffman Ethics in Society Lecture

- **April 26-28**  
  Reunion Weekend 2013
What’s New?

What’s new with you? If you have a change of address, marriage, birth, new job, awards, etc., we’d like to know about it!

Use the form below or fill out the alumni update form online at www.columbiacollegealumni.org and we’ll update your alumni records and share the news in affinity magazine. We also encourage you to submit a photo with your news to ccalum@ccis.edu.

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E-mail: ___________________________________________  

Date of birth: ___________________________

Campus attended: __________________________  
Class year: ___________________________

Employer: ___________________________________________

Job title: ___________________________________________ □ Check if new  Effective: ___________________

Business Address: ___________________________________________

Name of spouse: ___________________________

Spouse’s job title: ___________________________________________

Employer: ___________________________________________

Business address: ___________________________________________

Wedding announcement (within the last 12 months)

Married to: ___________________________  
Date of marriage: ___________________________

CC campus attended (if applicable): __________________________  
CC graduation year (if applicable): ______

City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: ___________________

Birth (Adoption) announcement (within the last 12 months)

Birth of a: □ Daughter  □ Son  Date of birth: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________  
Spouse’s name: □ Check if CC  Grad year ___________________

Career Notes/Retirement Update/Community Service/Military (within the last 12 months)

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C. Denim Shirt with Embroidered Logo

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G. Ladies Flatback Rib Full-Zip Jacket with Embroidered Logo

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