Chris Tabor '99

Special teams coordinator for the Cleveland Browns, earned his MAT at Columbia College.
Graduate education at Columbia College

As the college remains on course in fulfilling its mission, it is maturing along the way. A prime example of that maturity is the establishment of the Division of Graduate Studies and the creation of the position of associate dean to oversee and manage its operation. We will also add a position, the occupant of which will serve as graduate advisor, who will aid graduate students in meeting their unique needs and work with them to complete their degrees successfully. Finally, the division will occupy its own space that will serve as an administrative headquarters and graduate student information and gathering area. All of these advancements will contribute to the nurturing of a graduate culture at Columbia College.

As knowledge grows exponentially every decade, more and more academic disciplines are likewise growing in content; so much so, in fact, that the graduate degree is being viewed as an entry-level credential for many corporate, healthcare practice and other jobs. Promotion to the senior ranks in the military requires the holding of a graduate degree. There is no question that possession of a graduate degree figures well in salary decisions.

At Columbia College we offer master’s degrees, the oldest and most popular of which is the Master of Business Administration. Others include the Masters of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice, and the Master of Arts in Military Studies.

Graduate education at Columbia College is much more than a continuation of undergraduate courses. It is the convergence of theory, analysis, creative solutions to complex problems and, to the extent possible, the creation of new knowledge. Faculty members serve as experienced catalysts while graduate students are personally responsible for their learning. Faculty members provide opportunities to learn and serve as facilitators. Graduate students obtain great satisfaction by experiencing a higher order of learning, which prepares many to assume leadership roles in life.

A recent report by the Lumina Foundation makes the case that master’s degree holders should be able to explain the major theories of their field, understand their field’s important methodologies, articulate the limitations of understanding in their field and carry out challenging projects using their practical and theoretical knowledge. Graduate students at Columbia College exemplify those levels of knowledge and its application.
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Cookies to Afghanistan, Federal Hall opens, a gift of historic proportions and other news from around the campuses.

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Profiles of six master’s degree holders: an NFL coach, kindergarten teacher, EEO assistant, hospital director, attorney and security consultant.

Faculty Profiles
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Five new sports! Plus women’s and men’s basketball, volleyball and soccer reports.

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Scooter goes places. He really goes places.

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News from your fellow alumni.

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Cleveland Browns coach Chris Tabor ’99 is getting a kick out of coaching in the NFL.
Inside the Gate

for the cookies!

Operation CARE PACKAGE, part of Military Recognition Day in May, saw faculty and staff purchasing then assembling 100 individual care packages containing Girl Scout cookies, soap and paperbacks for platoons containing at least one Columbia College student or faculty member.

Timothy J. Beary Sr., Columbia College-Orlando adjunct professor and assigned to a NATO training mission in Afghanistan, writes:

"Just a quick note to say hello and let you know everything is well. Although the opstempo [pace of the operation] has increased significantly in-country, we are blessed to be in a very safe location. I wanted to let you know that all of your care packages for the platoon of Marines arrived, and they were thrilled to receive them! The Marines are very appreciative of Columbia College for taking the time to think of them, and recognize their service. Thanks again for all you have done and continue to do! I feel very fortunate to be a member of the Columbia College family!"

Alpha Company, First Battalion, 25th Marines, at the Adraskan National Training Center, Herat Province, Afghanistan, a unit which includes Timothy Beary, a Columbia College-Orlando adjunct professor.
Welcome Home!

I sincerely hope you made it back to the main campus in Columbia, Mo., for the fun, games and memories of Family Day and Homecoming — but if you didn’t, here’s a peek at what’s been happening inside Rogers Gate:

• The introduction of a redefined new Columbia College brand.
• The grand opening of Federal Hall.
• A gift of historic proportions from Springfield, Mo., entrepreneur Jim D. Morris.

Like what you see? Or not so much? Tell me about it at nwfandek@ccis.edu.

Columbia College launched a new brand at the State of the College address in September. The new brand included a logo and two attributes that define Columbia College: Real and Serious About Education.

A brand is more than just a logo. It’s an emotion, a response, a reputation and a promise the college makes to its students and community. It’s what makes Columbia College unique and sets the institution apart from the competition.

The modernized new look is actually a redefinition of the traditional “CC” that dates back to Christian College and early Columbia College days. The double Cs have always been one of the college’s most consistent identifiers, and the new logo builds on our current mission and values.

“I love the symbolism of the logo which connects to Christian College graduates as well as Columbia College graduates,” trustee Judy Cunningham ’64 said. “I love the logo’s gracefulness and its simplicity.”

The new brand is for all of us to share!
What could be better than the grand opening of a spacious and elegant, completely renovated building?

How about a grand opening that coincided with a major gift announcement?

Federal Hall, located a few blocks from the main campus in downtown Columbia, houses Columbia College’s growing Online Campus, Nursing Program and several components of the college’s Technology Services department. To mark the occasion, President Gerald Brouder announced a gift of $110,000 for the Nursing Program. Of that amount, $100,000 was contributed by the William T. Kemper Foundation, a Kansas City, Mo.-based foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life, especially in Missouri, in four broad areas: education, health and human services, civic improvements and the arts.

The remaining $10,000 was a gift from Commerce Bank. Teresa Maledy, CEO of Commerce Bank’s Central Missouri Region, was on hand for the announcement and gave remarks. The funds were used to purchase Simon the SimMan 3G®, a patient simulator, among other items, which is essentially a mannequin which can be programmed to mimic the functions
of the human body and provides nursing students with cutting edge, real-time medical problems and solutions.

The technology behind Simon is only a year old. Simon can be programmed with more than 70,000 health scenarios.

Linda Claycomb, chair of the Nursing Department, said the program has been limited because of inadequate space. With the new space, she said, the program will have the ability to grow and enrich students’ lives.

“Federal Hall is a gorgeous building,” Claycomb said. “We’re excited about the move and about having a presence in the downtown area.”
Jim D. Morris, a Springfield, Mo.-based entrepreneur and real estate developer, donated $813,000 to Columbia College. Morris made a donation of property in Rolla West, the city's primary development zone, that will be used for a new Columbia College-Rolla campus. The college’s current building is about 9,000 square feet. The new building, at 47,000 square feet, will more than quadruple the size of the campus.

At the gift ceremony and 15th anniversary of the Rolla campus, President Gerald Brouder said, “This is an historic occasion for Columbia College … the generosity of Mr. Morris will have a profound and lasting impact on the institution for years to come.”

“On behalf of my family and myself, I am so proud to be here today,” said Morris. “We are so delighted to help education – as the saying goes, It’s one thing that can never be taken away. It is nothing but pure honor to be a part of your family. God bless Columbia College and its future.”

Morris’ gift is the second largest in Columbia College history from a living donor and the largest gift given to a Columbia College Nationwide Campus.

Mike Randerson, vice president of Adult Higher Education, said every inch of the old Rolla campus was being used. “This new property allows us plenty of expansion space,” he said.
He added the new building, which should be ready by summer, gives the college the opportunity to add new courses and programs, including potentially a science lab. “Many of the degrees we are eyeing require hands-on science training,” he said. The new campus is sited near a medical complex.

Morris came from a humble background. His parents were cotton farmers in southeast Missouri, and he once shined shoes for 15 cents to help the family survive. He went on to establish the Morris Oil Company, Signature Bank, Morris Group Hotels, built the Dick Clark American Bandstand Theater and entertainment complex in Branson, Mo., and own a Chevrolet and boat dealership. He also purchased more than 2,500 acres around his hometown to raise peaches, rice and cotton. Part of this acreage is now a Missouri state park with a unique ecosystem in which orchids and other unusual plants thrive.

President Gerald Brouder and Jim D. Morris

Lake campus August Session enrollment was up six percent vs. the August 2010 Session and featured more than 100 new students. The campus continues to grow in popularity and more than 700 students are enrolled for the current session with in-seat classes running from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Go here for more Lake of the Ozarks information http://www.ccis.edu/nationwide/lakeozark

More than 50 students and alumni from the Lake campus participated in the second offering in the ‘Tools for our Times’ career services series in September. This installment, sponsored by the Columbia College Alumni Association, focused on developing effective interview skills and utilizing the resources available to students and alumni through the Grossnickle Career Services Center. Another workshop was held in November and was well received.

The Lake (campus) is rising
Barry Langford, assistant professor and chair of Criminal Justice Administration, was awarded the 2011 Columbia College Trustees Award for Teaching Excellence at the annual Honors and Awards Convocation in April.

This annual award honors a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated consistent excellence in the classroom and teaches rigorous classes with high academic expectations.

“Barry is an excellent instructor and most deserving of this award,” said Dr. Terry Smith, executive vice president and dean for Academic Affairs. “Columbia College is well known for its criminal justice program, and Barry has a lot to do with that.”

Each spring, the Student Government Association nominates three faculty members who they consider to be outstanding teachers. President Gerald Brouder, Smith and the president of the faculty association make the selection. This recognition also includes a $1,000 cash award.

“I am honored to be recognized with this award,” said Langford. “I truly love what I do and want my students to enjoy learning as much as I enjoy teaching them.”

Langford earns Trustees Teaching Award
Want to give back to your alma mater…

Refer a Student to Columbia College!

One of the most valuable contributions alumni can make to the college is to assist in recruitment of new and talented students. That is one reason why the offices of Admissions and Alumni Relations have partnered to create Refer a Student, a new program which allows you to refer a student to Columbia College by filling out a simple online form.

Each qualifying student referred to Columbia College will be awarded a $500 Alumni Grant. The grant is tuition-based and extended to all students applying to the traditional Day Campus in Columbia, Mo.

The grant is renewable for up to three additional years, pending good academic standing and full-time status. In all, the grant provides a savings of up to $2,000 over a four-year college career.

Though the Alumni Referral Grant extends to all prospective students, children or grandchildren of Columbia (Christian) College, alumni may apply for the Alumni Legacy Grant or the Alumni Legacy Scholarship in lieu of the Alumni Referral Grant. The Alumni Legacy Grant provides a 15-percent tuition discount, and the Alumni Legacy Scholarship yields a 20-percent tuition discount. Students must meet specific academic requirements to receive the Alumni Legacy Scholarship and are not eligible for the Alumni Referral Grant.

For more information on how you can assist with recruitment, contact Stephanie Johnson at (800) 231-2391, ext. 7352 or sgjohnson@ccis.edu. Or, refer a student online at www.ccis.edu/referastudent.
Masters of their universe

People pursue master’s degrees for numerous reasons: to broaden their minds, boost their earnings, climb the career ladder, start a new career.

In the following pages, you will find six individuals who entrusted the earning of their master’s degrees to Columbia College, including one master’s in teaching graduate who went on to become an NFL coach, an MBA who heads up a hospital intensive care unit and a master’s of criminal justice graduate who went on to become an attorney but maintains everything she knows she’s learned from the movies.

Chris Tabor ’99
Chris Tabor, Master of Arts in Teaching ‘99, Evening Campus, special teams coordinator, Cleveland Browns. Lives outside Cleveland, Ohio.

Tabor played quarterback for four years at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., and coached at several colleges before getting the call from the NFL.

What do the NFL Cleveland Browns and Columbia College Cougars have in common? A 5’10,” blond, blue-eyed, visor-wearing, smiling assistant coach. Tabor now walks the sidelines of the Cleveland Browns as the special teams coordinator but before that he walked the hallways of Columbia College as an evening student seeking his Master of Arts in Teaching.

Tabor, a native of St. Joseph, Mo., began his college football career as the starting quarterback for the Benedictine College Ravens, Atchison, Kan. His hopes and ambitions carried beyond the playing field into the coaching profession. Coaching runs in the family: His father, Don Tabor, was a Missouri high school coaching legend for 40 years at Christian Brothers, Bishop Leblond and Benton high schools. His brother, Matt Tabor, continues that tradition today by coaching the St. Joseph Benton High School Cardinals.

- Tabor spent his formative years playing for and watching his dad coach. But he had even larger dreams. He wanted to coach in the National Football League.
- In 1995, he was serving as an assistant coach at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. Tabor knew that he needed to pursue his master’s degree to accomplish his dreams, however, and that’s where Columbia College came into the picture.
- “Columbia College was the perfect fit for me,” he said. “Columbia College provided me the opportunity to continue to coach football and work on my master’s degree at the same time.”
- In 1997-99, Tabor’s path lead him to the University of Missouri as a graduate assistant offensive coach and later as running backs and special teams coach in 2000. He made
the Cleveland Browns. “I believe that Chris is one of the up-and-coming special teams coaches in this league,” Mike Shurmur, head coach of the Browns said in the release announcing his hiring. “He’s smart, enthusiastic and has a true passion for this area of the game.”

Tabor and his wife, Nikki, and two daughters, Paityn and Lainey, made the decision to leave the Windy City and head for Ohio to fulfill his dreams. So on any given Sunday, search the Cleveland Browns sidelines and look for a blond, blue-eyed, visor-wearing, small-town country boy who is forever smiling because Columbia College helped him achieve his dreams.

stops as head coach at Culver Stockton College, Canton, Mo. (2001), as running backs and special teams coach at Utah State University (2002-2005) and from there to Western Michigan University (2006-07).

In the spring of 2008, his big break arrived. Tabor was hired by the Chicago Bears as the assistant special teams coach. During Tabor’s tenure, the Bears ranked in the top five in no less than nine different special teams categories combined over that three-year period. Tabor helped shape some of the NFL’s top return specialists: Danieal Manning, Johnny Knox, Devin Hester.

This success led Tabor to his current position as special teams coordinator for Columbia College. “Columbia College provided me the opportunity to continue to coach football and work on my master’s degree at the same time.”
Cohee discovered that the supposed anonymity of online classes was a myth. “I found that taking online classes is the opposite of what people think. You actually find out more about people than you might in a classroom.”

Cindy Cohee, Master of Arts in Teaching ’11, Online Campus, kindergarten teacher, Raymore-Peculiar School District.

At age 50, she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) from Columbia College’s Online Campus. Before that, she homeschooled her children, taught, owned a coffee shop and sold Pampered Chef, among other activities.

“I knew I was self-motivated and could motivate myself to do what needed to be done,” she says. “One requirement [of the online program] is that you have to be self-motivated, a self-starter.”

Cohee didn’t consider a master’s degree until her children left for college. “Then one day I got a postcard about Columbia College’s online MAT. I thought, Wow, that’s for me. Taking the quiz [CC’s online self-assessment quiz] helped, too.”
Howard Daniel, bachelor’s degree in business administration ‘07, MBA ‘09, Columbia College-Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth, Texas, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) assistant, Veterans Administration North Texas, Dallas. Daniel spent more than 30 years in the Navy and rose to command master chief at NAS JRB Fort Worth.

In 2002, Daniel’s wife was diagnosed with breast cancer. She refused to let that stop her, and her determined example made Daniel realize there was no excuse not to go back to college. He also knew his was a high-profile job and that whether he liked it or not he was a role model.

“Once I retired from the Navy I knew that there were those that followed me to see what I would do — I chose to finish my bachelor’s and master’s degrees not only for me but for the young and old, to see that whatever you focus your mind to do, you can achieve and overcome.

“My degree helped place me in a job that allows me to continue to interact with our nation’s veterans. As EEO assistant I have the opportunity to attend veteran-centered job and benefit fairs that help educate our veterans about their benefits and opportunities and to work for this great organization.

“I found during my military career that we are all role models. It is up to us whether we are good or bad ones. Young people are watching, wanting to be like someone whether good or bad.”

And his wife is not only nine years cancer-free, she is working on a master’s degree in psychology. “She is my hero, always keeping me encouraged with her great outlook on life.”
There’s a great reason why Sudandra Ratnasamy’s children look up to her. As a manager at Wuesthoff Health System, she knew she wanted a master’s degree — she just didn’t know where to start. When a neighbor mentioned Columbia College-Patrick Air Force Base’s Master of Business Administration program, she was eager to find out more.

She admits to being nervous. “Though I didn’t have any accounting background, campus director Mr. Jeff Musgrove was very understanding and eased my anxiety.” With her MBA in hand, it didn’t take long for Ratnasamy to see the fruits of her labor. Promoted to director of critical care, she now presides over four departments and 120 employees. “I can truly say that my MBA helped me broaden my mind, climb the career ladder and open up so many new opportunities.”

Her kids noticed, too. “They told me to write my autobiography!” she laughs. “I can truly say that America has given me every opportunity to live the American Dream.”

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Amanda Haahr draws inspiration from many areas of her life—even from the movie “A League of Their Own.”

“It’s supposed to be hard!” she quotes team manager Jimmy Dugan (Tom Hanks). “If it wasn’t hard, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great!”

This advice has fueled many decisions in her life, especially those relating to higher education. Pursuing a bachelor’s, master’s and law degree, Haahr admits she worked hard. “I always enjoyed school and taking on new challenges, always had an interest in the legal realm.”

But Haahr is quick to credit more than Jimmy Dugan. “Throughout my schooling, I was very lucky to have had some great professors and mentors who not only educated me but helped guide me down the right career path and shape me into the person I am today.”

“I always enjoyed school and taking on new challenges, always had an interest in the legal realm.”
Rex Scism, Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) ’05, Evening Campus, Columbia, Mo., president and CEO, Midwest Police Consultants, Columbia, Mo. Midwest Police Consultants provides training and consulting for law enforcement agencies, the Department of Defense and the private sector globally.

As part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol criminal interdiction unit, Rex Scism (pronounced Siz-um) had many successes. One such success came when he stopped a Ford pickup on the highway and questioned the construction workers inside. After realizing their story didn’t add up, Scism searched the truck and didn’t find anything until he broke one of the concrete blocks they were carrying — which were concealing cocaine.

“It did not make sense to haul concrete blocks from the southwest that could be found here in Missouri, so one thing led to another in terms of my suspicion,” he says.

Though his achievements were plenty, Scism knew he could achieve more with an MSCJ. “The graduate program assisted me in a number of ways,” he says. “I feel I am a better staff officer with the highway patrol management position I currently occupy. Through my private company, the master’s degree makes me more competitive for large government contracts and other initiatives from which we benefit.” Scism is also an adjunct faculty member at Columbia College.

Inset photo: Rex Scism ’05 with about 170 pounds of cocaine from a false floor of an SUV he stopped on I-70
New big man on campus: Graduate Studies

This year, Columbia College will celebrate 15 years of graduate studies at the college, though some of that thunder may have been stolen: Last fall, the college welcomed a new division, the Division of Graduate Studies. The division, headed by Dr. Steve Wiegenstein, an experienced academic and author, now offers four graduate degrees in-seat and online:

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Military Studies, offered online only.

“I am delighted to open the Division of Graduate Studies,” said Dr. Terry Smith, executive vice president and dean for Academic Affairs. “The division will help us create a true graduate culture among students here at Columbia College and across the nation … It’s been a long time coming. But now I can say our graduate degrees stack up against the best of them.”

“The division will give faculty a clearing-house for their ideas on new programs and curricular issues,” adds Wiegenstein. “This will drive the quality of our graduate programs further upward.”

And more graduate degrees are coming:
- A 2010-11 strategic academic program development task force proposed and Dr. Gerald Brouder, president of Columbia College, approved a:
  - Master’s in Management and Leadership
  - Accounting track within the existing MBA program
  - Human resource management track within the MBA

- A Master’s in Human Services, a logical extension of the current bachelor’s degree, and Education (M.Ed.) to complement the Master of Arts in Teaching are also being considered.

Each new degree, in process or just in the planning stages, is being initiated in response to market demand and requests by many currently enrolled students. The division is currently housed in St. Clair Hall but will move to a more permanent space in the Kirkman House on 10th Street, now the home of the Music program. Watch for a ribbon cutting ceremony this year. 

Dr. Steve Wiegenstein
The Kirkman House, future home of Graduate Studies
The term “Renaissance man” is vastly overused.

But the term fits Dr. Arlin Epperson, associate professor of business administration, Columbia College Computer and Mathematical Sciences Department. Here’s a partial list of some of the hats he’s worn in his more than 20 years at Columbia College:

- Computer information systems and business administration instructor.
- Instrumental in creating the Columbia College Online Campus (more on that later).
- Certified Financial Planner.
- Head of the Columbia College Travel Department. This department boasted 250 students in its 1970s heyday and furnished all the travel agents and many flight attendants for mid-Missouri.
- Volunteer bus driver for the Columbia College Cougars volleyball team.
- Parks and recreation guru, publishing “Leisure Counseling: An Aspect of Leisure Education,” “Private and Commercial Recreation,” “Tennis Courts, Planning and Construction,” and “Christian Leisure,” among other books, monographs and research papers. Epperson was the first executive director of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association and the director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of State Parks.
- Collections officer.
- Lay ordained minister to the public and to pastors and blogging about it from Vellore, India; Katmandu, Nepal; Lilongwe, Malawi; even Columbia, Mo. Epperson has taught over 10,000 pastors in nearly 50 African cities in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi and Botswana and spends three to four months per year in Africa.
Sometimes these roles merge beautifully. “A couple of years ago,” he says, “our star volleyball player, Luana Branco, was engaged to marry one of the star basketball players, Michael Fields. Luana was asking me about a justice of the peace that could marry them, so I offered my services and the church I attend. There were about 200 people there, including 20 or more of Luana’s relatives from Brazil. It was a good time.”

As radical as grade schools kids taking classes online may sound, Epperson’s last wild initiative in the late 1990s resulted in the Online Campus, which he directed for four years. The campus now has more than 80,000 enrollments per year and offers 23 degrees and more than 800 courses.

Much of the college’s future also lies in developing countries.

“There will be a similar explosion in K-12 online as there was in post-secondary education 10 years ago,” Epperson predicts. “Only this one will affect many more people.”

Epperson says another current passion is the Missouri K-12 online consortium, a proposed initiative to make online classes available to high school students.

“Since I often end up in African countries,” Epperson says, “I have talked to a number of potential players. While in Egypt in 2008 I recruited Ola Shawky, who plays middle for the current volleyball team and who is a computer science major. I am presently recruiting an African girls basketball player and two volleyball players.”

Add recruiter to that list.

To read more about Epperson, go to http://real.columbiacollegealumni.org.
The search for meaning

Dr. Glenn Gelman

One of three kids born and raised by a single mother near Humboldt Park, a then-gritty inner city Chicago neighborhood, Gelman says his early life wasn’t always easy.

“Raising us in the 1950s, 1960s, she had a pretty tough time. In that era, there just weren’t the kinds of resources available today and women tended to be — ‘shamed’ is too strong a word, there was a negative cast to a woman raising children alone. Nowadays, that is more common than the traditional family constellation … I give her a lot of credit for raising me and siblings, rising above some of the adversity we had to deal with.”

Gelman went on to earn an undergraduate degree in psychology from Loyola University then a doctorate from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Both his siblings are in the compassionate professions: his sister, who still lives in Chicagoland, is a social worker and his brother, Dr. Larry Gelman, is also a psychologist. The brothers have been business partners for more than 20 years in Northern Illinois Counseling Associates, P.C.

Gelman has been teaching at Columbia College since 1999. “I enjoy teaching immensely,” he says. “One of the things that really draws me to Columbia College is the learning… I like the opportunity to work with diverse groups. Students keep me on my
my experience that sometimes it was helpful to come to some sense of meaningfulness for their entire lives — in psychology, we refer to that as ‘finding one’s historical self.’

“There’s a saying by Frankl, ‘Suffering without meaning is despair.’ Part of what we do is help people find relief from suffering and find meaning to their lives.”

His students appreciate his compassion, humor and empathy:

“Dr. Gelman is what I expect a graduate professor to be, personable, intelligent and enthusiastic about the material he teaches. He has a great sense of humor too, so classes are always fun to attend! Definitely take him if you have a chance.”

In almost 40 years of practice, Gelman says there’s very little he hasn’t seen — “the worst of human nature, the very best of human nature,” he says. “And I am always inspired by the courage people demonstrate in the face of overwhelming adversity. That’s what keeps me and other helping professionals going.” Gelman has been influenced by the philosopher, psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor Viktor Frankl, whose “Man’s Search for Meaning” is among the most influential works of psychiatric literature since Freud. Freud believed that sexual instincts and urges were the driving force of humanity; Frankl believed that man’s deepest desire is the search for meaning and purpose.

“Life is not always joyful,” says Gelman. “The problems people encounter sometimes make it difficult to find joy in life. I have worked with chronically ill people, and it was toes, they challenge me, which only makes me learn and be better at what I try to do and be.”
Bob Burchard, Columbia College director of Athletics and head men's basketball coach, announced five new sports for the fall:

- Women's soccer
- Men's golf
- Women's golf
- Men's cross-country
- Women's cross-country

“This is an exciting time for Cougar athletics,” said Burchard. “We can’t wait to carry on our winning tradition with these five new teams.” Women's soccer will be a new sport for the Cougars. Men's and women's golf and men's and women's cross-country are being resurrected.

The new teams will add 60-80 student athletes and help position the Cougars in a fast-changing intercollegiate sports world. Having 10 sports also qualifies an institution for eventual admission to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, although no such decision has been made.
Women’s Basketball

Seen the Lady Cougars play — lately?

Women’s Basketball Head Coach Mike Davis likes to utilize an up-tempo style of play and builds his team around versatile, aggressive players — resulting in fast, fun, exciting games.

The season opened in November and the Lady Cougars are well on their way.

Former Cougar standouts Tiffany Foote ’05, Jessica Wilkerson ’07 and Veronica Smith ’11 played for the St. Louis Surge of the Women’s Blue Chip Basketball League, a women’s semi-pro basketball league, this season.

Rachel Oswald ’10 has signed with Sports Management Worldwide to pursue a professional basketball career. Oswald, the 2010 American Midwest Conference Player of the Year, finished her Columbia College career second in scoring (1,552 pts), first in rebounding (860) and third in blocks (83).
Anytime you can say that a sport finishes a season with the best record in school history, that’s pretty good. Cougar men’s soccer climbed that mountain in 2011, finishing with a record of 15-3-1 while locking down yet another American Midwest Conference regular season championship. Head Coach John Klein and his squad were sparked offensively by senior forward Dylan Barduzzi, who finished with 13 goals and nine assists, which was good for 35 points. He was one of five Cougars to earn first team all-AMC honors while junior Andres Acosta was selected as the AMC Newcomer of the Year. On the defensive side of the pitch, junior defender Nikola Velickovic and sophomore goalkeeper Matt McKenna anchored a staunch defense that gave up only 10 goals in 2011. In fact, McKenna set a single season record with 12 shutouts in the Cougar’s 19 games.
Burchard will be inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in March. He’s already in the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Men’s Basketball Head Coach and Columbia College Director of Athletics Bob Burchard recruits athletes with more than just basketball prowess — he recruits academic stars.

Greg Stegeman, who graduated in May 2011, was named a 2011 NAIA Scholar-Athlete (GPA 3.5 or above). He also averaged 8.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game, leading the team in field goal percentage.

Look for senior Taylor Evans, also an NAIA Scholar-Athlete who played in every game last season and averaged 8.4 points and 4.9 rebounds per game; and Blake Walker to make an impact.

The hard-charging 2010-11 Cougars, a largely new team, finished with a 26-6 record, 12-2 in conference play. Look for more thrilling play this year.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held in the Dulany Hall Banquet Room. The outstanding class of 2011 includes Tiffany Foote (women’s basketball, 2001-05); Dan Hogan (soccer coach, 1991-99); John-Mark Jones (men’s basketball, 1991-93); and Jennifer Kamp (softball, 1994-96, 1999). For full bios, go to http://www.columbiacougars.com/HallofFame
The 2010 volleyball Cougars made it all the way to the NAIA title game and ended the season 42-3, an amazing .933 win percentage.

How did the 2011 Cougars, coached by Melinda Wrye-Washington, the winningest volleyball coach in the NAIA by percentage and in Columbia College history with more than 460 wins and more than 130 straight season conference wins, stack up?

The Cougars ended the season ranked third in the NAIA with a 33-2 record that included an incredible run of 27 straight victories and 16 regular season AMC matches.

“The 2011 season should be another exciting year for Cougar volleyball! With six of the seven starters from the national championship runner-up team returning and some exciting additions, the Cougars should be competitive right away. That being said, I have scheduled a very competitive front half of the season with some early challenges.

“The Cougars faced Final Four rival University of Texas at Brownsville [NAIA 2010 season] the first day of the season and continues to play ranked competition throughout September and into the October tournament.
great addition to the 2011 squad bringing Big 12 experience as well as great ball control and volleyball knowledge to the court.

Another local standout is Katie DeBroeck, who will bring her speed and quick first-step defense as well as setting abilities to the squad. Canadian freshman Jordan Reid will be joining the Cougars in the outside hitting position and will challenge the outside hitters with her athleticism and enthusiasm.

The 2011 squad completed yet another remarkable year with a 39-4 record and finished in the final four for the tenth season in program history.

“Cougars return NAIA player of the year Paula Ferreira at setter and NAIA First Team All American Vesna Trivunovic at outside hitter. Returners in the middle hitting position include Ola Shawky, Nicole Murphy and Trinity Ojo, all who will challenge for starting roles and bring a great core of experience and athleticism. On the outside joining Trivunovic, national tournament standout Serena Jenkins will return in her senior year to bring ball control and a large shot selection to the team. At the right side position, Kelly Corkum returns and will provide a solid block as well as a strong offensive presence. In the deep court the loss of Tally Mattos will certainly be felt, however returners Erin Pavlin and Chelsea Browner arrive in 2011 with more experience and control over the deep court defense and serving roles.

“Additions to the roster include Aleah Hayes, a transfer from Texas Tech University who plays a defensive position and will challenge Pavlin and Browner for the starting libero or defensive specialist role. Hayes will be a
“Together we have laughed, cried, brainstormed and planned for the future of CCAA.”
Letter from the Alumni Board President

Dear Alumni:

Some may think that leading a group of 70,000 alumni may seem daunting, but not me. I have the benefit of having Dale Coe Simons ’65, immediate past president, as my mentor. Her strong leadership skills and experience in working with nonprofit organizations is invaluable and will guide me as I serve as president of CCAA. I have a group of the most energetic and enthusiastic board of directors you can ask for. They are like a large noisy family when we get together and when a new director joins us, we simply open our arms a little wider and fold them into the family. Together we have laughed, cried, brainstormed and planned for the future of CCAA. I also have the unflagging support of Columbia College’s president and his Administrative Council. Their belief in CCAA has enabled us to make great strides in building affinity with our alumni and others.

You can see some of these great strides for yourself in the CCAA Year in Review report, in this magazine.

The 2010-2015 Strategic Plan will be our guidebook as we continue to position CCAA as a model alumni association. Since the college went through a rebranding process, we took this opportunity to look at how we could strengthen CCAA’s visibility and credibility. We have many projects in the works such as throwing our support behind the rebirth of a school alma mater song and a fight song, incorporating Ivy Chain at more Nationwide Campus graduations and researching the viability of adding future regional alumni chapters.

We also want to hear from you, our alumni, so let us know what’s on your mind. Visit our award-winning website to reconnect with Columbia College and stay informed of current events.

We are CC!

Sincerely,

Martha Eberhard ’00
President, CCAA

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Family Day & Homecoming
September 30 & October 1, 2011

To view photos from the day, click on: http://www.columbiacollegealumni.org/en/CCForYou/PhotoVideoGallery.aspx
Cougar Spirit was strong as hundreds of alumni, students and their families celebrated an event-filled weekend on the main campus.

Weekend highlights included:
- Alumni Artist Series
- Hall of Fame induction
- 5k Run Walk benefiting the Ronald McDonald House
- Alpha Chi induction ceremony
- Student clubs and organizations
- Alumni hospitality tent
- Elysium Players Drama Club
- Jane Froman Singers concert
- Alumni games and scrimmages
- Columbia College Soccer vs. Lindenwood University
- Evening alumni reception at Shiloh Bar & Grill
Save the Date!

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Reunion Weekend 2012
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Visit www.columbiacollegetalumni.org/reunion for reunion updates.
Schedule of events and registration materials will be sent in February.
Hope to see you back on campus for a fun and memorable weekend!

Friday
• Honor Class Year Socials
• Forensic Science 10th Anniversary featuring Dr. Cyril Wecht

Saturday
• Alumni Luncheon
• Campus Tours
• Elysium Players Performance
• Alumni Awards Banquet

Sunday
• Remembrance Ceremony
• Golden Anniversary Brunch
• Ivy Chain Ceremony

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$99 King, Double or Queen
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$95 King

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The Columbia College Alumni Association (CCAA) Board of Directors annual fall meeting was held on Oct. 7-8 at the Columbia campus.

New board president Martha Eberhard ’00 led the meeting with discussions on the redesign of the association’s logo, the 2010 Year-in-Review publication and review of strategies for implementation of its five-year strategic plan.

The 2010 Year-in-Review publication is included in this magazine. It is an overview of the initiatives and achievements of the CCAA and the Alumni Relations department. They continually strive together to meet their transformational goal to engage and strengthen the affinity of all Columbia (Christian) College alumni.

The CCAA board’s next meeting will be held on February 8, 2012.

Columbia College-Fort Leonard Wood 5K

hosted a 5K run/walk in July. It was amazing the support we received — 249 participants and local business owners donating food and supplies. We donated more than $2,000 to our adopted second grade classroom at Cecil Floyd Elementary School in Joplin, Mo. Our teacher, Mrs. Zeuschner, is very grateful that her students did not go without when school started in August. We are very thankful to everyone who contributed.

— Felisha Richards,
academic advisor and organizations sponsor,
Fort Leonard Wood
Helping Joplin

The May 2011 Joplin tornado was one of the deadliest in U.S. history. Soon after the tornado, a committee consisting of representatives from several Columbia College departments was formed to discuss how the Columbia College community could reach out to those affected by this natural disaster.

"Hope for Joplin," Doug Weaver ’11

Kimberly Kent and Scooter with supplies for Joplin
College community asking for personal donations.

“We were overwhelmed with everyone’s generosity and received a large amount of supplies for our adopted classroom,” said Kimberly Kent, Alumni Relations Coordinator. “A total of 15,376 pieces of school supplies were sent to our adopted Joplin school teacher!”

The committee selected the Adopt-a-Classroom program through the Joplin School District. The program pairs an organization with a teacher in one of the affected schools to assist in restocking Joplin classrooms with supplies and materials not covered under insurance.

In August, the Alumni Relations department sent an email to alumni and the Columbia College community asking for personal donations.

For Herd, it was personal: her husband grew up and has family there, including his Aunt Imogene, age 93. She was blown out of her house but miraculously escaped with just stitches.

Watch a video of Tom Watson and the Herds. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBL_tQaZTxE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBL_tQaZTxE)

Read what Kim Nowak Watson ’91 saw. [real.columbia collegealumni.org](http://real.columbia collegealumni.org/)

(“We stepped off the bus to what used to be a neighborhood. They told us to start anywhere and we all said, ‘Where do we begin?’”)

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Adopt-a-Classroom program.
Chicago, Kansas City & Salt Lake Alumni Socials

SALT LAKE ALUMNI SOCIAL – JULY 28, 2011
A social attended by Salt Lake campus alumni was held at the Tuscany Restaurant in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 28. The event, hosted by Salt Lake City Director, Jewly Harris, Community and Alumni Relations Coordinator, Sam Fleury and Alumni Relations Coordinator, Kimberly Kent, was attended by 70 alumni, staff, faculty and friends.

The evening provided an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with former staff and faculty and also to hear about how they can remain engaged with their alma mater. This is the first alumni event to be hosted by the CCAA in Utah.

CHICAGO ALUMNI SOCIAL – OCTOBER 11, 2011
More than 50 alumni from the greater Chicagoland area gathered at the Cubby Bear North for an alumni social hosted by the CCAA. Members of the Alumni Relations office, Illinois campus directors and Public Relations staff enjoyed an evening socializing with area alumni.

KANSAS CITY-CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE LUNCHEON – OCTOBER 27, 2011
The 11th Annual Kansas City-Christian College Alumnae Luncheon was held at the new Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, October 27th. An excited crowd of 74 alumnae and guests enjoyed an afternoon of great company and musical entertainment by the Jane Froman Singers. President Gerald Brouder provided an update on the college and Cindy Miller, Columbia College-Kansas City director, welcomed and provided insights about her campus.
CCAA 2010 Year-in-Review

The Columbia College Alumni Association is proud to produce its first Year-in-Review publication. This publication gives detailed information regarding the 2010-2011 accomplishments of the association and the Alumni Relations department.

Within the pages you will find measures of accountability, sustainability and how the CCAA made an impact in 2010. This past year was spent engaging Columbia (Christian) College alumni and helping to define and shape the path of the association’s future.

The CCAA introduced initiatives highlighting its commitment to its members, such as rebranding the alumni magazine, redesigning the alumni relations website, encouraging more alumni involvement at regional events and using social media to reach alumni like never before.

The CCAA is committed to giving alumni a voice and encouraging everyone to be a part of shaping the association’s future. CCAA President Martha Eberhard would be delighted to hear from you. You can email comments to ccalum@ccis.edu or call the Alumni Relations office at (573) 875-ALUM (2586).
On the Web

Scootergraphs

In the last issue of affinity, we encouraged alumni to take photos with the Columbia College mascot, Scooter, on their travels. We received an overwhelming response from YOU and we would like to showcase some of the fantastic and fun Scootergraphs we received:

- Scooter with Ted Krause ‘04 and family, Wisconsin Dells
- Scooter and Deb Dickson ‘10, Grand Canyon
- Scooter at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii sent in by Donna Priddy ‘08 and Kenneth Priddy ‘07
- Melissa Carroll ‘03 with Scooter enjoying the St. Louis Cardinals game
Brandt McCarville ’07 with Scooter on Heavenly Mountain, Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Nathan Miller, Misty Bush, Dr. Gary Massey ’85, Rene Massey ’01, Suzanne Hickman ’10 and David Hickman with Scooter at Fastlane in St. Louis, Mo.

Scooter in Amsterdam – submitted by Steve Dotson ’10

Lamar Childs ’90 with Scooter on his first flight

Greg Ousley ’97 Evening Campus, George Ousley, Jr. ’78 Evening Campus and Cindy Helton ’04 Jefferson City, Mo. Campus fishing with Scooter at the Ousley Farm in Fulton, Mo.
On the Web

Meghan Fitzpatrick ’09 & Scooter with KC Lady Liberty

Sean Walsh ’06 with Scooter at Fenway Park

Scooter with Joshua Muder ’99 at Rocky Mountain National Park

Scooter and Tery Donelson at CocoCay Beach, Bahamas

Scooter with Jarrod Pantaleo ’04 and Stephanie Pantaleo ’06 in Cozumel, Mexico
On the Web

Scooter and Beverly McCleskey ’51, Turlock, Calif.

Katrina Harry Cochran ’68 & her grandchildren Jaedyn, Jordyn, and Brayden Hylander, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ellinor, daughter of Janette Wilkes ’07 sharing a CC moment with Scooter, Columbia, Mo.

Scooter and Walt Carter ’10, Hester, Va.

Scooter rode from Detroit, Mich. to Sturgis S.D. Motorcycle Rally and visited Mt. Rushmore and many other sites with Robert A. Philage ’77

Future Columbia College alumnus, Mark Meade, age 2, having fun with Scooter sent in by Mary Kerlin, administrative assistant at Jacksonville, Fla. campus

To view all of the Scootergraphs we’ve received so far, visit http://www.columbiacollegealumni.org/WeAreCC/Scootergraphs.aspx.

We encourage you to keep sending in your Scootergraphs, and we will highlight them both in the magazine and also on Real, the alumni blog (http://real.columbiacollegealumni.org).
Jean Duvall Watson ’42 owns a theater where she lives in Springfield, Mo. Prior to his passing, Jean and her husband, Arch, owned a local newspaper, which they sold to Gannett Company.

Rebecca “Reba” McCann Barnhart ’45 writes from West Plains, Mo., where she is retired from teaching kindergarten. Reba fondly remembers her time at Christian College — living on Walnut Street and being a part-time secretary for Stella Meyer, who was the dean of students at that time. She also worked in President J.C. Miller’s office. After Christian College, Reba went on to earn a degree in elementary education from the University of Missouri.

Jamie Branch Wright ’45 of Memphis, Tenn., writes that the Hughes Hall Round Robin group met April 14-17 in Memphis. “We had a wonderful visit with lots of sightseeing,” she writes. Only three of the members were able to make it along with their daughters and two of their daughters’ husbands. They visited Graceland, Mud Island River Park and Museum, the Peabody Hotel with their famous ducks and the Belz Museum of Asian & Judaic Art. They also tried some Memphis barbecue. The Round Robin group originally had 10 members but is reduced to only six now, and they meet every year in different locations across the country and keep in touch through writing letters. The group includes Doris Clarkson Dodd ’45, Mary Frances Johnson Evans ’45, Anna Lee Glenn Grone ’45, Patricia Wharton McClow ’45 and Mary Frances Allton Sneed ’45.

Mary Nell Campbell Smith ’47 lives in Collierville, Tenn.
Shirley Callaway Holman ’52 is a proud great-grandmother. Emma Kate Minyard was born July 7, 2011, to Ashley and Jed Minyard in Kennesaw, Ga. “She is our fourth generation!” Shirley lives in South Daytona, Fla., and is retired.

Maj. Martha Sue Friedmeyer ’56 retired from the U.S. Air Force and is now volunteering at two care homes, teaching exercise and doing yard work. She also enjoys making quilts for friends and charities and is the neighborhood cat rescuer. “I have five of my own!” She is active in her local Lutheran church and lives in Clinton, Mo.

Wilma Kathleen “Kay” Stephenson Moellenhoff ’56 announces the passing of her husband of more than 50 years, Dr. Robert Moellenhoff, on Dec. 9, 2010. He was a retired internist. Kay lives in Sandy, Ore.

Sharon White Campbell ’61 retired from Texas Christian University after 22 years. Sharon has been married to Gayle for 47 years, and they live in Fort Worth, Texas. Their daughter, Traci, son-in-law, Scott, and twin grandsons are moving from Richardson to Austin, Texas.

Geraldine “Gerry” Baker-Little ’62 and her husband, Stephen, moved to the Osage Indian Reservation in Pawhuska, Okla., after Gerry finished two master’s degrees and learned the Osage language. (Gerry’s heritage is Osage and Cherokee as well as Scottish, Irish and English.) She is retired from teaching at Rogers State University in Claremore, Okla. “I would love to hear from my classmates of 1962-63. Our 50th reunion is coming next April, and I am hoping to see my classmates and friends from long ago!”

Sally Clark Collins ’63 is enjoying a life of leisure in Chetek, Wis., hunting deer and fishing. During the winter, she spends time in both Florida and Mexico. She has two sons; one is a retired police detective, and the other is retired from the U.S. Navy but is now working for the Department of Defense. “I love life — it’s too short!”

Judy Cunningham ’64 of Columbia, Mo., donated $100,000 to Columbia College’s science initiative. The initiative will allow the college to deepen the sciences through state-of-the-art facilities, technology and equipment. Judy, a board of trustees member, is retired from the University of Missouri where she served as coordinator of special education projects for both the university and the state of Missouri.

Jolene Benner ’65 is working toward a dual bachelor’s degree in history and American studies at Columbia College and would like to complete a master’s as well. She hopes to teach online classes and wants to encourage others her age to return to school. Jolene lives in Lancaster, Calif.

Irene (“Reenie”) Ledbetter Christenson ’66 earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and interpersonal communication from Trinity International University,
Deerfield, Ill. She frequently travels abroad as a flight attendant for United Airlines. Irene lives in Lake Barrington, Ill.

**Sharen Garrett ’66** has been teaching preschool for 45 years at Southwest Play School in Columbia, Mo. Her mother passed away in September 2009 with ALS. Her father will be turning 92 this year. “A truly remarkable man — life is good.” Sharen lives in Columbia.

**Chloe Henderson Lowe ’66** writes from Bend, Ore., where she lives with her husband, Glen. They have two daughters and five grandchildren and spend winters in San Carlos, Mexico, where they have a home. They are retired from the resort business in central Oregon after careers spanning more than 20 years. She keeps in contact with classmates **Nancy KasmariK Smith ’66** and **Kaern Van Nyce Rees ’66**.

**Marcena “Marcie” Fitzgerald Copas ’68** will retire in June 2013, after 40 years of teaching. She currently works for Warrensburg R-VI School District in Warrensburg, Mo., where she lives with her husband, Larry. After retiring, she plans to move to California to be with her children and grandchildren.

**Dr. Katrina Cochran ’68** spoke at the Columbia College fall faculty conference in mid-August to fire up faculty for the upcoming year. “Forty-five years ago, I drove from Oklahoma City to Christian College... I thought I’d just stay for a while, find a husband and go home, but the college switched on all the lights in my cerebral cortex.” Katrina is a psychologist and lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., with her husband Norman, a professional musician. Her daughters are Keelee, a singer and performer in the Oklahoma City area, and Elanna, a professional educator and mother of three. For more on Katrina and to see a video of her speech, go to real.columbiacollegealumni.org.

**Dorothy “Dee Dee” Slobey Carroll ’71** lives in Sykesville, Md., with her husband, Terry, and has three children.

**Dr. Mary Gaddy ’72** is a neurologist for the Billings Clinic in Billings, Mont., where she lives. She is also the clinical director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) in Billings and an adjunct professor for the University of Montana in Bozeman. “Since graduation, I have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro; raised horses; competed locally, regionally and nationally in ballroom dancing; lectured for medical students, nurses, physicians’ assistants, doctors and support groups; and been featured in a documentary about medical ramifications of neurological diseases and treatments, although my greatest honor is being a Christian all these years.”

**Prentiss Dobbins Palm ’73** has retired from teaching after 30 years. She now makes pocketbooks out of bras for the Bracketbook Foundation, which raises money for breast cancer research. Visit www.bra-cketbook.com to see her handiwork. Prentiss lives in...
Mark Armstrong ’79 was hired as the executive director of the Mother Lode Theater in Butte, Mont. He began his career as a newspaper reporter and then moved into marketing and communications, working for Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis, Mo., and Hewlett-Packard in Boise, Idaho. He later worked for nonprofit groups and started his own fundraising consulting and freelance writing business. He is married to Mica DuBois and they have two sons.

William Seibert Jr. ’74 of Jefferson City, Mo., is the deputy director of enforcement for the Missouri Gaming Commission, where he oversees the regulators of the gambling industry. Prior to this position, he was deputy chief and interim chief of police for O’Fallon, Mo., after retiring from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He holds the distinction of being the highest ranking African American in the history of the patrol, retiring in the number two position as lieutenant colonel.

Robert Lemons ’75 and his wife, Doris, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Robert retired from the U.S. Army after serving 35 years. Doris is a retired schoolteacher. They have a daughter and three grandchildren.

Stanford Giles ’76 serves in the U.S. Army and lives in Hewitt, Texas.

Dr. Penny Hamilton ’76 writes from Granby, Colo., where she is the volunteer director of the “Teaching Women to Fly Research Project,” focusing on the reasons behind the low number of female pilots. For more information on the project, visit www.teachingwomentofly.com. Penny is an award-winning aviation educator and writer.

Don Lake ’76 works for the American Indian Social Research Institute and lives in Sioux Falls, S.D.


Paul Hendricks ’77 and his wife, Linda, are both published writers. Their daughter, Joanna, is pursuing a degree in creative writing at the University of Denver. Paul lives in Englewood, Colo.

Gary Warren Sr. ’78 retired from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, where he was the executive director. Gary has dedicated nearly 40 years of service to public safety. He lives in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Billie.

80’s

Paul Niedermeyer ’80 has been a high school math teacher and golf coach at Lincoln High School, an alternative school for at-risk kids, in Clinton, Iowa, for more than 30 years. “I love it!” His most successful golf team placed second in state in 1991, and he has coached an individual state champion, Tyler Swanson, in 2001. Paul lives in Clinton.
Hyun Ah Kim was presented with only two career options: massage therapy or acupuncture, both traditional vocations for the visually impaired in Korea.

Kim wanted more, so she enrolled in Kongju National University (KNU), with whom Columbia College has what’s called a 3+1 articulation agreement allowing Korean students to study here and American students there. Columbia College boosted her confidence so much that she applied and was accepted into the University of Minnesota’s law school in 2010. She is believed to be the first visually impaired Korean to ever be accepted at an American law school.

“I saw hope when I prepared to study abroad,” Kim says.

Kim isn’t the first visually impaired KNU student to use the Columbia College advantage: Hun Yong Kim, who went by “Philip” while attending, entered the college in 2008, graduated from KNU and is now teaching in Korea. And the Korean connection works both ways: Elizabeth Kit-Johnson ’11, originally from Fort Dodge, Iowa, a town not known for a strong Korean community, graduated in May 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in English and flew to Korea to teach kindergarten in Daejeon, Korea, about two hours south of the capital, Seoul, at the end of June. English teachers are in high demand in Korea — especially those with a working knowledge and appreciation of Korean culture.

“The English department [at Columbia College] is phenomenal,” Johnson writes from Daejeon. “I started looking into post-graduation jobs back in January of this year, into teaching overseas… From a financial standpoint, Korea was a good choice, and the demand for native-speaking English teachers is high. Also, the Korean landscape and culture looked very interesting to me and since I love traveling I was excited to have a chance to go live in another country for a year. Talking with Lanny about her country sparked my interest even more.”

Lanny is her friend, soprano and Jane Froman Singer Chae Lan (“Lanny”) Lee.

Of her job, Johnson says, “My kids are a lot of fun. It’s so rewarding to see them improve and get excited about learning!” Of Korean cuisine, she says, “I’m not all too excited about kimchi (a side dish of vegetables with varied seasonings, some very hot) but some of the cucumber kimchi isn’t too bad. My favorite Korean dishes are gogi mandu (meat dumplings) and any type of Korean barbecue.”

Elizabeth Kit-Johnson ’11, Jeju Island, Korea
Mary Ellen Buechter McKinley ’81 was named Ohio Outstanding Adult Teacher of the Year for her work with the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) program. Mary Ellen works part-time as an evening adult education teacher in addition to her full-time job conducting a career-based intervention program at Troy High School in Troy, Ohio. Mary Ellen and her husband, Joe, live in Piqua, Ohio.

Ahmad Suleiman ’81 lives in Ahmadi, Kuwait, and works for Halliburton.

Bill Johnston ’82 and his wife, Janice, posing for a picture with Bill’s cousin, Maria Imhoff, attending Columbia College this fall and playing softball for the Cougars. Bill serves on the board of directors for the Columbia College Alumni Association and works for Shelter Insurance in Columbia, Mo.

Joseph “Joe” Zuromsky ’82 lives in Shrewsbury, Mass., and works for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group as the national director of special investigations.

Tammy Baker Clem ’83 has returned to the travel industry as a sales coordinator for Short’s Travel Management in Overland Park, Kan. She started in the industry after graduating from Columbia College, working for Passport Travel. Short’s Travel Management purchased Passport Travel several years ago and manages travel for the college. “I’m thrilled to be working with four folks I worked with 28 years ago. Life circles around… go Cougars!” Tammy and her husband, David, live in Stilwell, Kan.

Dr. Gloria Jones ’84 writes from Coolidge, Ga., where she is a licensed professional counselor with a doctorate in clinical psychology. She is a certified addiction counselor, a certified clinical supervisor and holds credentialing as a certified national addiction counselor. She works for Options & Alternatives Inc., in Coolidge, and is the executive director of The Heritage Foundation Inc., which promotes a positive African American image in the Thomasville (Ga.) community through an array of programs and services. She has written a book titled, “Who was I supposed to ask? Living in God’s authority,” in which she shares her personal outlook and experiences in life. Gloria and her husband, Leon, are both retired from the U.S. Air Force and live in Coolidge.

Robert Walker ’87 of Cheyenne, Wyo., is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force and the vice commander of the Twentieth Air Force and the ICBM Task Force 214. Twentieth Air Force and Task Force 214 are responsible for the nation’s intercontinental ballistic missile force, including three operational missile wings with more than 9,500 assigned personnel.
Kenneth Chojnowski ’89 participates in the President’s Challenge, a program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to increase their physical activity and improve their fitness. Kenneth has won several awards including two Presidential Active Lifestyle Awards and two Bronze Awards, a Silver Award and a Gold Award in the Presidential Champions challenge. The awards are based on the amount of physical activity done over a period of time. Kenneth lives in Kenosha, Wis., with his wife, Khanh.

Sharon Ammons May ’89 of Columbia, Mo., completed her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Missouri’s Sinclair School of Nursing in July 2009. Sharon is a nurse at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans’ Hospital in Columbia.

Gloria Thompson Mitchell ’89 lives in Marshall, Texas, with her husband, Lestus. They are both retired.

Debbie Halliburton Derboven ’90 writes from Moberly, Mo., where she celebrated 30 years of employment with Ameren Missouri. In 2009, Debbie began teaching psychology for Moberly Area Community College.

Theresa “Terri” Pena Torres ’90 works for the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a quality control specialist. Terri lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Douglas Engledow ’91 is a sales manager for Oracle Corporation and lives in Gainesville, Ga.

Novy Foland ’91 is retired after 45 years as an industrial engineer and production manager. Novy lives in Trenton, Mo., with his wife, Mary Ellen, and prepares income tax for H&R Block.

Bonnie Warner ’92 owns Stamping to See You Artisan Boutique in Littleton, Colo. The store “combines a variety of handmade arts, crafts and gifts that clients bring in on consignment with my vast inventory of rubber stamps, scrapbook supplies, art tools and products.” She also incorporates jewelry making, fused glass, wire wrapping and resells people’s unwanted art supplies. Workshops are available. For more information, visit www.stampingtoseeyou.com.

Bradley Bouters ’93 is a commander with the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 16 in Orlando, Fla. Brad, who served in the Navy, lives in Orlando with his wife, Gloria.

Daniel Tyler ’93 illustrated a children’s book written by his father and author, William Tyler. The book, “Who Let the Mongoose Loose?” tells the story of a mischievous mongoose who is released into an American forest and frightens a snake, who sets off a chain reaction and leads all
What is Bravery?

Roaring house fires don’t phase Scott Moore.

Injuries don’t phase him, either. He’s had EMT training and if he breaks a finger, he just resets it himself. Being called for medical emergencies in the middle of the night, also no problem.

College, that’s a different story.

Moore hated and dropped out of high school, earned a GED and has worked his way up to captain in the Nixa, Mo., Fire Department. (Nixa is just south of Springfield, Mo.) It took him more than 10 years to go back to Columbia College-Christian County but Moore expects to graduate with an associate degree in fire service administration this year then go on to a bachelor’s degree in human services.

Donating a kidney to his older brother Kevin, not a big deal.

“I’d do anything for my firemen brothers,” Moore says. “So why wouldn’t I donate a kidney to my real brother?”

His mother set a fine example, donating a kidney to Kevin when he was younger — she also went back to college in her 50s. Kevin? He’s doing fine.
Andrew “Drew” Grzella ’01 was hired as the assistant athletic director in charge of operations and development for Columbia College. Drew was a stand-out player for the Cougar basketball team from 1998-2000 and worked with the men’s basketball program for two seasons while completing his degree in secondary education. He served as the assistant coach for the Iowa Wesleyan College men’s basketball team in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, before taking the head coaching position at William Woods University in Fulton, Mo., for three seasons. Most recently, Drew was the 2010-11 Cougar basketball assistant coach.

Charles “Chuck” Martinez ’98 is a manager at Save-A-Lot Food Stores in Earth City, Mo. Chuck and his wife, Margaret, married in Las Vegas, Nev., on May 25, 2011. They live in St. Louis, Mo.


Kimberly Pogue Bartley ’99 lives in Union, Mo.

Irish Barker Beckles ’99 is a supervisor for the Jacksonville (Fla.) YouthBuild Program. Irish is a licensed mental health counselor in the state of Florida and is preparing for private practice as a therapist and life coach. She lives in Orange Park, Fla.

William Metzler ’01 is retired from two careers, the first with the U.S. Army and the second with the civil service working for the Department of Defense. Since retirement, William has written two books, “Glowe” and “Wrong Place at the Wrong Time.” He lives in Florida and is working on a third book while taking care of his spouse of 35 years. “I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Gary Stith ’01 lives in Springdale, Ark., with his wife, Wendy.

John Bacay ’02 earned his master’s degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma. He is retired from the U.S. Navy after more than 20 years of service. He lives in Modesto, Calif.
Col. Charles E. McGee ‘78 was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in July 2011.

McGee is the third former Tuskegee Airman to be inducted into the hall. The Airmen, the first African-American combat pilots, are named for the flight school they attended near Tuskegee University, Ala.

McGee enlisted in the Army Air Corps, now the United States Air Force, in 1942, and was thrown into the cauldron of World War II. He flew 409 missions in his 37 years with the Air Force in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

His plane was hit by enemy fire twice — during the Korean conflict and again years later near Laos — both times on his right wing. He said he still loves to fly.

“Whenever there’s an open seat I’m there,” he said.
University International. He is the command sergeant major for the 26th Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Stewart. His many awards include a Bronze Star during Desert Storm as a supply sergeant, a Distinguished Order of Saint Martin for logistical excellence and his 10th Good Conduct Medal for 30 years of active service. Upon retirement from active duty, he will apply to be a junior ROTC instructor or enter the Troops-to-Teachers program to teach disadvantaged high school students.

David Robinson Sr. ’04 started a new position in October 2010 as an antiterrorism/force protection officer for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after more than 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Army. David lives in Devils Elbow, Mo., with his wife, Veronica, and their two sons.

Earlene Boston Yount ’04 is retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service. She was awarded a Bronze Star. Earlene is working toward a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and lives in Fayetteville, N.C., with her husband, Jack.

Andra Bielema ’05 is a business manager at Greater Sterling Development Corporation in Sterling, Ill.

Rebecca Brouse ’05 is a customer service representative in insurance for the Missouri Bankers Association in Jefferson City, Mo. She is working toward her certified insurance service representative designation (CISR) to be completed the summer of 2012. Rebecca lives in Jefferson City.

Everett Davis ’05 earned an MBA from Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. Everett works for Honeywell and recently celebrated 35 years of marriage to his wife, Sharon.

Cindy Fotti ’05, former Cougars softball standout and assistant coach, has been promoted to associate director of Athletics for Columbia College. In her new position, Cindy will directly oversee the Athletic Department in conjunction with Bob Burchard, director of Athletics and head men’s basketball head coach.

Laura Elliott-Fallin ’06 started a business painting dogs and other furry friends. “Send me a picture of your best friend, and I’ll paint them on canvas.” For more information, visit www.paintmymutt.com or “like” her on Facebook at Paint My Mutt. Laura is an account executive with the St. Louis Cardinals and lives in Edwardsville, Ill., with her husband, Craig, and their two dogs, Coach and Orville.

Rona Prater ’06, ’08, ’11, was featured in the July 13 edition of the Lake Today.
Nikolas Wheatley ’07 is a student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Nik lives in Chardon, Ohio, with his wife, Erin.

Anne Churchill ’08 started an event planning business in Columbia, Mo. AnnaBelle Events and Rentals is a “turn-key event planning company with a premium inventory of event rentals for any occasion.” For more information, visit www.annabelleevents.com.

Tracye Harmon ’08 was featured in the Aug. 2 edition of the Columbia Daily Tribune for her work as a volunteer coordinator for the Columbia (Mo.) Police Department. She organizes volunteer coverage for local events and handles office work, relieving the department of smaller day-to-day tasks. Tracye has a bachelor’s degree in computers from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., and a criminal justice degree from Columbia College. She is a computer information technologist with the Missouri Department of Revenue.

Natasha Nixon ’08 graduated from Lehman College in Bronx, N.Y., with a master’s degree in social work. She will be taking the licensure examination in the fall. Natasha and her husband, Duane Nixon ’10, live in West Point, N.Y., and have two children.

Kendra Fricke Baxter ’09 and Boyd Baxter ’10 celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary at a Toots & The Maytals concert at The Blue Note’s Summerfest in downtown Columbia, Mo. A photograph of the couple sharing a kiss was published in the June 9 edition of the Columbia Daily Tribune.

Karin Bell ’09 was featured by the Columbia Business Times in their “People You Should Know” section on May 27. Karin is the assistant vice president in the small business administration lending division for The Bank of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. Karin and her husband, Scott, have four children.
For alumni of the Columbia College soccer team, the annual Show-Me State Games is more than just a soccer tournament. The games serve as a chance to remember and honor the group’s late teammate and friend Kjell-Einar Teien.

Kjell FC, a team made up almost entirely of Cougar alumni, has become an annual fixture at the games. Organized by former Cougar Ben Boehner ['06, bachelor’s degree in marketing] of Parkville, Mo., the team sports jerseys with the letters “KJ” positioned over a map of Teien’s native Norway as a symbol of remembrance. The team took on Teien’s name in 2005 when he was diagnosed with cancer.

Two years later, Teien died in Norway. He was 28 years old.

John Klein, who has served as head soccer coach at Columbia College since 2000, said the loss of Teien has had a major impact on everyone involved in the program.

“In soccer, we come together from all over the world,” Klein said. “To lose one of our boys was really devastating. It’s just really sad that from somebody so strong, life can be taken at such a young age … He was just this enormous physical presence. He was so strong, and he ran our backfield. I relied on him to carry our group forward and to compete at the highest level every day.”

Teien came to Columbia College in 1999 and served as captain for three of his four seasons with the Cougars. He started all 89 games his team played during his time with the Cougars.

“He just never had an injury severe enough to keep him out,” Klein said. “Kjell came to practice every single day, and he gave his best effort every single day, and I don’t know that I can say that about any other player in the history of the program.”

“He set the tone for every practice,” Boehner said. “He let us know how we had to act, how we had to prepare for matches, how we had to prepare for practice even. He was literally the best teammate I ever had.”

Teammate Morten Crosby ['04, bachelor’s degree in marketing], who grew up just miles away from Teien in Norway, traveled from Ohio for the games.

“We still gather around his spirit here,” Crosby said. “If you knew Kjell, he’s like a family member.”

Article published as “Columbia College soccer alumni honor cancer-victim teammate,” Columbia Missourian, by Alex Silverman.
Nicholas Chudolij ’09 works for Battleship Cove, the world’s largest naval ship museum, in Fall River, Mass. Nicholas lives in East Freetown, Mass., and is in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lucia Campuzano Cieszlak ’09 met her future husband while they were both pursuing MBAs at Columbia College-Fort Worth. They married in 2010. Lucia and her husband, Martin Cieszlak ’08, live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Antoinette “Annie” Cody Metzner ’09 of Linn Creek, Mo., is a registered nurse with Lake Regional Health System. Her husband, Dustin Metzner ’09, is a patrolman in the water division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Matthew Beyersdorf ’10 is working for Integrated Marketing Technologies. “Thanks Columbia College for making it possible to secure a job in a field that I enjoy.” Matthew lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Glenda Davis ’10 lives in Orlando, Fla., and works for the Orange County School Board.

Raymond Descheneaux ’10 planned and executed the aerial portion of an amphibious-air assault demonstration in St. Louis, Mo., in June as part of “Marine Week, St. Louis.” Marine Week is a community outreach program that showcases the Corps’ impressive hardware while promoting American values of community, country and Corps. Raymond is a colonel in the U.S. Marines and splits his time flying for FedEx in Memphis, Tenn., and the Marines. In July, he was involved in another exercise in the Sierra Mountains called JAVELIN THRUST, with 40 aircraft and more than 4,500 Marines. “You could consider it St. Louis times 10!”

Megan Friend ’10 graduated from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. Megan, a military police member, has served in the military for nearly 20 years.

Karina Fogliani Suarez ’10 works for Westgate Resorts in Orlando, Fla., and lives in Ocoee, Fla., with her husband, Syed.

Kimerly Barkus ’11 is attending graduate school at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Ill. Kimerly is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology and lives in Park City, Ill.

Rochelle Hamm ’11 is the assistant athletic trainer for Columbia College. Rochelle lives in Columbia, Mo.

Jerri Ince Mills ’11 married Kevin Mills ’11 and they moved to Stafford, Va., where Kevin is attending The Basic School. Kevin is in the U.S. Marines.

Greta Whitney Myers ’11 was the featured artist in the April 17 edition of the Columbia Daily Tribune. Greta, an oil painter, uses both “aggressive colors that are bright, dark and deep” and more reflective, muted tones depending on the subject of the piece. She is planning to enroll in graduate school at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. Her long-term goal is to be a full-time studio painter.
Weddings

Jennifer Howard ’02 to Jason Dorsey, May 19, 2011, in St. Kitts, West Indies. Jennifer earned a degree in business administration and is a secretary in Columbia, Mo. Jason works in information technology in Norwalk, Conn.

Alfred Kuhn ’02 to Christa Muse, May 29, 2011. Alfred is an instructor with Alutiiq and Christa is a member of the Stagehands and Projectionists Union, Huntsville, Ala.

Jamie Turner ’06 to Joe Deleon, March 6, 2010. Jamie is a sales associate for Wal-Mart. Joe is retired. The couple resides in Kerrville, Texas.

Melissa Montgomery ’06 to Joe Carberry, Sept. 3, 2011, at First Christian Church, Columbia, Mo. Missy is director of development for major and planned gifts at Columbia College and Joe is an attorney in private practice.

Carmela Smith Young ’07 to James Brewer, June 11, 2011, in Columbus, Miss. Carmela works for the Department of Defense as a logistics management specialist and James is a maintenance supervisor for Navistar.

Emily Ousley ’08 to Hunter Park ’09, June 4, 2011, in Jefferson City, Mo. Emily received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice administration and is a third-year law student at the University of Missouri. Hunter holds an associate degree in general studies and is a radiologic technologist for Kosma Mobile X-Ray Co. at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City and Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

Kimberly Marlatt ’09 to Matt Stacey, Sept. 25, 2010. Kimberly is an accounts receivable specialist for Heartland Dental Corporation in Effingham, Ill. Matt is an electrical assembler for Safety Storage in Charleston, Ill.

Kellen Stokes ’09 to Jessica Ryan, June 1, 2011 in Destin, Fla. Kellen is an underwriter for American Fidelity Assurance and Jessica is a first grade teacher at Windsor Hills Elementary.

Ashley Spicer ’10 to Matthew Deal, Feb. 19, 2011, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Ashley received an associate degree in general studies and is an administrative secretary for the state of Florida. Matthew is a civil engineer for Singhofen & Associates.

**Births**

Aidan Olivia Lawler to Jennifer Prince Lawler ’97 and Brian Lawler on April 11, 2011, and Reilly Claire Lawler to the couple on July 17, 2011.

Saylor Elizabeth Lynch to Noel and Colin Lynch ’99 of Lee’s Summit, Mo., June 12, 2011.


Makensie Riley McCarville to Kelly Gerzen McCarville ’03 and Brandt McCarville ’07 of Columbia, Mo., July 30, 2010.

Walker Ouellette to Angela and Mark Ouellette ’03 of Orlando, Fla., April 12, 2011.

Declan Alan Timbrook to Alisha and Daniel Timbrook ’04 of Clark, Mo., April 16, 2011.


Dennis Keith Payne III to Lindsey Moore Payne ’09 and Dennis Payne II of Columbia, Mo., April 14, 2011.

Frances Thompson
Dillingham ’29
Nov. 5, 2011, age 102, in Kansas City, Mo. She was born on July 17, 1909, near Nashua, Mo., north of today’s Kansas City. She attended Smithville High School, where she was the first female senior class president, then attended Christian College. She met her future husband, Jay B. Dillingham, as a student. She rendered invaluable service to the college as a trustee, in alumni activities, by creating family scholarships and by restoring an 80-year-old grand piano. A conference room in Missouri Hall is named “Dillingham” to honor the place where Frances and her husband met, and she was given a Columbia College Service Award in 1990 for her long and dedicated service to the college. In 2009, Frances and her roommate became 80-year alumnae of Columbia (Christian) College. Her husband Jay was the longtime president of the Kansas City Stockyards, founder of Golden Ox Restaurants and landlord and supporter of the American Royal, an annual livestock and horse show and rodeo in Kansas City, for which Frances hosted luncheons and helped entertain guests for more than 50 years. She was also a Mussette for the K.C. Museum, member of Alpha Club, Nashua Garden Club, Homemakers Extension Club, MO Cowbells, Daughters of the American Revolution and presented programs on antique silver. She is survived by a son, John, and his wife, Nancy, of Kansas City North; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Hester Day Billups Embry ’34
May 21, 2011, age 97, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Hester was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Detroit, Mich. She attended Lindenhurst College and Christian College and graduated from Oklahoma University. She married William T. Billups in 1937, who preceded her in death in 1973. In 1990, she wed Col. James A. Embry Jr. Hester was an accomplished artist with paintings displayed in the state capital and the Oklahoma Art Museum. She exhibited at the OKC Arts Festival in Oklahoma City and loved ballroom dancing, attending national competitions and winning top honors in the tango and waltz. She was a member of the Art League, Garden Club, Delta Gamma Alumnae and the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra Billups Cerny, and a brother. She is survived by her husband; son, William T. Billups Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla.; daughter, Linda Billups Pollack, of Palm Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Shella Robertson
Creason Dunlap ’38
July 12, 2011, age 91, in Louisville, Ky. Shella was born Jan. 3, 1920 in Bethel, Ky. She graduated from Christian College in 1938. She then attended the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1940. She was a former board member of Locust Grove, past president of the Chenoweth School PTA and served on the admissions committee at the University of Louisville School of Medicine — the first non-medical person on the committee. She was a founding member of River Road Country Club, a former member of the Pastime Boat Club and Owl Creek Country Club. She was also a member of the Monday Afternoon Club and the Woman’s Club of Louisville; of the Bethel Christian Church,
New Union Christian Church and Second Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Joe Creason Sr. and Tavner Dunlap Jr., and her son, Joe Creason Jr. She is survived by a son, William Creason Sr. and wife, Louise; daughter-in-law, Alice Creason of Piedmont, Calif.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Mary Street Krinbill ’38**
Dec. 27, 2010

**Emily Dunn Johnston ’39**
April 2, 2011

**Alice Rowley Brownlee ’40**
April 16, 2011, age 91, in Columbia, Mo. Alice was born March 27, 1920, in Little Rock, Ark. She graduated from Christian College and the University of Missouri. She married Richard Brownlee II in 1941. She was a member of the Cecil Taylor Circle of Kings Daughters, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority National Board, the board for the State Historical Society of Missouri and she supported the Friends of Arrow Rock. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by a son, Richard Brownlee III, and wife, Kate, of Jefferson City, Mo., and a daughter, Margaret Brownlee, of Columbia.

**Peggy Scott Hodges ’44**
July 29, 2011

**Peggy Ford Sanders ’44**
July 2, 2011, age 86, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Peggy was born Dec. 31, 1924 in Shawnee, Okla. She graduated from both Christian College, where she was senior class president, and Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University). She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Millard Sanders, her parents and her brother. She is survived by her daughter, Jeannie Maycumber, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Nancy Hart Bobbitt ’45**
July 8, 2009

**Barbara Boxwell Kritser ’46**
Nov. 24, 2010

**Priscille Conn Loonsten ’47**
July 19, 2010

**Vivian Walker Sims ’47**
Jan. 14, 2011

**Norma Wright Grove ’48**
June 9, 2011

**Dorothy Conn Bridge ’49**
May 6, 2010

**Addisu Richie Bollinger ’57**
June 1, 2011

**Nancy Leonard Coppinger ’59**
Aug. 11, 2011

**Dorotha Rowe Hill ’68**
Jan. 26, 2011, age 81, in Walnut Creek, Calif. Dorotha was born March 21, 1929. She attended Christian College from 1946-47 and completed her associate degree in 1968 while she was the first lady of Christian College. Her husband at the time was Dr. Merle Hill. After graduating from Stephen's College with a bachelor's degree and then the University of Missouri with her master's degree, she taught part-time for Columbia College gratis, receiving no salary for teaching two courses each semester.

**Thomas Curry ’76**
Feb. 2, 2009

**Frederick Eisenbart ’76**
Jan. 29, 2011

**Estel Gideon ’76**
Jan. 2, 2010
In Memoriam

Rhonda Baker ’77
July 6, 2011, age 54, in Inglewood, Calif. Rhonda was born June 8, 1957, in Baltimore, Md., but grew up in Sedalia, Mo. She graduated from Columbia College in 1977 and also attended Memphis State University in Memphis, Tenn. From 1981-1988, she lived in Los Angeles, Calif., and worked for a pharmaceutical company. She then became a traffic officer for the city of Los Angeles. She was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Baker. She is survived by her mother, Carolyn Baker, of Sedalia, Mo.; a son, Diondre Baker of Pasadena, Calif.; two sisters and a brother.

Clifford Scott ’77
Feb. 12, 2006, age 52, in Tallahassee, Fla. Cliff began his career as a pre-school and elementary school educator in Houston, Texas, and later worked as a manager in a group home for developmentally disabled adults in New Jersey. He then worked as a district executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Florida followed by work as a supervisor of policy and planning for the Department of Corrections for the state of Florida. He also served as the department’s Title I coordinator. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Baker. He is survived by his wife, Sheri Walls Scott; daughter, Rebecca Scott, of Tampa, Fla.; daughter, Stefani Scott, of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; son, Jordan Scott, of Tampa; mother, Marylyn Scott, of Little Silver, N.J.; and two brothers.

Thomas Richardson ’78
June 24, 2011, age 55, in Columbia, Mo. Thomas was born July 24, 1955, in Columbia, Mo. He graduated from Columbia College and then completed the Journeyman electrical program in 1982. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers National Electrical Contractors Association and worked for Richardson Electric. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Richardson. He is survived by his mother, Faye Richardson; son, Jordan Richardson; two sisters and three grandchildren.

Russell Long ’80
June 12, 2011, age 59, in Montgomery City, Mo. Russell was born May 16, 1952 in St. Louis, Mo. He attended Columbia College and Central Missouri State University, where he earned a master’s degree. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years. He also worked for the Boone County Sheriff’s Department for seven years, where he met his wife, Lynn. After 20 years as captain, he retired from the Columbia Fire Department. He was the owner of Central Missouri K-9 Investigations for more than 20 years and recently served three tours in Iraq as a bomb detection dog handler. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents. He is survived by son, Paul Long, and wife, Sheila, of Bowling Green, Mo.; son, Craig Long, of Columbia; daughter, Amanda Wendel of Austin, Texas; two brothers; two sisters and six grandchildren.

James Bullard ’81
Jan. 28, 2011

Nita Flint ’84
Feb. 17, 2010

Kathi Worden ’84
July 26, 2011, age 49, in Hallsville, Mo. Kathi was born April 9, 1962, in Columbia, Mo. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Columbia College and a master’s
degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. She was a schoolteacher for 25 years, most recently at Hallsville Middle School. She was a member of the Red Top Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school classes for several years. She is survived by her parents, James and Jean Worden of Hallsville, two sisters and three brothers.

Danny Irvin ’85
Aug. 20, 2010

Lawrence Hansen ’86
Sept. 24, 2008

Alfred Murdaugh ’91
Nov. 14, 2010

Constance Schwock Preston ’99
Aug. 18, 2009

Reet Turner ’03
Oct. 1, 2009

Daniel Garrett ’04
May 10, 2011, age 31, in Columbia, Mo. He was born March 30, 1980, in Mexico, Mo. He graduated from Columbia College with a bachelor’s degree in business and was employed with Mediacom as a media sales manager. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Columbia. He is survived by brother, Jeff Garrett, and wife, Susan, of O’Fallon, Mo., and sister, Lindsey Bedford, and husband, Travis, of Lake St. Louis, Mo.

Jesse Jewett ’06
May 16, 2011, age 31, in Columbia, Mo. Jesse earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Columbia College and was employed as an account sales manager for Pepsi. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, an aunt, an uncle and a cousin. He is survived by “his lady and love” Mary Grupe; parents, Bob and B.J. Jewett; sister, Megan Gordon, and husband, Doug; the Grupe family; “brother” Dallas Mallory; and extended family members.

Ronnie McGaha ’09
April 27, 2011, in Harvest, Ala. Ronnie a Navy veteran, was killed in the horrific tornadoes that battered the South in early May. According to reports, McGaha ordered everyone under a stairwell as the twister approached; when his daughter Denae started to go upstairs to get her shoes, he scrambled out from under the stairs and grabbed her. The house exploded, and the fireplace fell on McGaha. He died of internal injuries. Denae escaped with only bruises.
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As the college remains on course in fulfilling its mission, it is maturing along the way. A prime example of that maturity is the establishment of the Division of Graduate Studies and the creation of the position of associate dean to oversee and manage its operation. We will also add a position, the occupant of which will serve as graduate advisor, who will aid graduate students in meeting their unique needs and work with them to complete their degrees successfully. Finally, the division will occupy its own space that will serve as an administrative headquarters and graduate student information and gathering area. All of these advancements will contribute to the nurturing of a graduate culture at Columbia College.

As knowledge grows exponentially every decade, more and more academic disciplines are likewise growing in content; so much so, in fact, that the graduate degree is being viewed as an entry-level credential for many corporate, healthcare practice and other jobs. Promotion to the senior ranks in the military requires the holding of a graduate degree. There is no question that possession of a graduate degree figures well in salary decisions.

At Columbia College we offer master’s degrees, the oldest and most popular of which is the Master of Business Administration. Others include the Masters of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice, and the Master of Arts in Military Studies.

Graduate education at Columbia College is much more than a continuation of undergraduate courses. It is the convergence of theory, analysis, creative solutions to complex problems and, to the extent possible, the creation of new knowledge. Faculty members serve as experienced catalysts while graduate students are personally responsible for their learning. Faculty members provide opportunities to learn and serve as facilitators. Graduate students obtain great satisfaction by experiencing a higher order of learning, which prepares many to assume leadership roles in life.

A recent report by the Lumina Foundation makes the case that master’s degree holders should be able to explain the major theories of their field, understand their field’s important methodologies, articulate the limitations of understanding in their field and carry out challenging projects using their practical and theoretical knowledge. Graduate students at Columbia College exemplify those levels of knowledge and its application.
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