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FirstWord

An anonymous author has captured the essence

of relationships by explaining that they exist for a reason, a season or a lifetime. As the campus prepares for the start of a new semester, I am reminded of how this succinct statement also defines the collegiate experience.

I have no doubt that students new to the Illinois State campus this fall are focused on their reason for enrolling. They applied and arrived determined to pursue their passion. A college degree is the next step in their life journey. It is essential for fulfilling

goals that are both personal and professional. With class schedule and books in hand, they are ready to build their foundation in a given field. They are Redbirds seeking knowledge, skills, credentials and experiences that accompany a degree.

Academic work at Illinois State is rigorous and for most traditional students, requires a minimum of four years. College life consequently extends to become a season in life that is like no other. The Redbird experience represents a time dedicated to partnering with peers, faculty and staff in exploration and conversation that define learning. Every alumnus can testify that unique opportunities to explore, grow and mature as an individual and intellectually will never again be so readily within reach.



The season is also memorable because it provides so much more than foundational textbook lessons. Illinois State has a diverse population that is civic minded. Our students are expected to learn leadership skills and engage in critical thinking to solve problems. They are challenged and prepared to be the change needed in our complex world.

As a faculty member and administrator, I can affirm that there is no greater joy than watching students move beyond focusing on the reason for being at the University and begin to revel in the season that will never be replicated. This transition is what makes for memories that never fade.

On a daily basis, I hear from individuals who recognize that their success stems from the investment of a faculty member who became a mentor. From a partnership in research projects to the bond of roommates, there is no denying the innumerable ways students are shaped during their years at the University.

While I cannot fully explain to our newest Redbird family members the impact of the journey they are about to begin, I know they will soon realize the value of their Illinois State experience. It is a transformational time that truly extends for a lifetime.

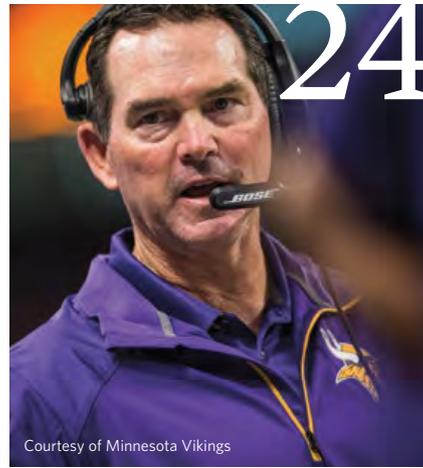
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A door to the Middle East

Professor hopes to establish Israel, Palestine study option

Michael Gizzi is exploring an ISU 2016 study abroad program to Israel and Palestine. The associate professor in criminal justice sciences visited the area spring semester, working on options for students.

“Israel is a place with more than 8,000 years of history, architecture and thought,” Gizzi said. “It is the center of three Abrahamic faiths and the focus of a great deal of work in conflict resolution.”

The journey would be through ISU’s peace and conflict resolutions studies program. Gizzi explored several sites for students to visit, from Nazareth to the Golan Heights and Ramallah on the West Bank. All are impacted by struggles that began with Israel’s creation in 1948.

Gizzi also visited the Hand to Hand Center for Jewish-Arabic Education, the Haifa University Peace Studies Program, the World Holocaust Museum and the Peres Center for Peace Studies. He spoke with a former chief policy advisor for Israeli President Shimon Peres.

“Israel and Palestine are approaching 50 years of conflict and wars, but there are people who are working hard toward co-existence,” Gizzi said. He knows ISU students would gain knowledge and conflict resolution skills from interacting with people in the region.

“We are not just talking Jewish and Palestinian but secular Jews, orthodox Jews in settlements, Arab citizens who live in Israel, and people from all sides

involved in peace making. It’s important to hear their perspectives, challenges and the issues they face.”

Gizzi is active with interfaith initiatives and advises the Hillel student organization. He is a leader of the Friends Forever program, which pairs Jewish and Arab students from Israel together for a few weeks in Bloomington-Normal. Now he hopes to bridge campus and the Middle East.

“It is a complex place where people share more in common than they sometimes want to admit. It can be a challenge to get past the noise and be part of a quest for a greater understanding,” Gizzi said. “A trip like this could be a good first step.”

Chemical study advances with NIH grant funding

The National Institutes of Health has awarded Biological Sciences Professor Rachel Bowden and post-doctoral researcher Ryan Paitz a \$425,000 grant to study the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) and its effects on turtles. The study will ultimately give researchers a better understanding of BPA's impact on humans.

BPA is a chemical commonly found in water bottles and other plastics. Bowden and Paitz are studying the effects it has on the metabolism of estrogen and embryo development in turtles. They hypothesize that the chemical is interfering with the normal metabolism of estrogen in developing organisms.

Bowden was awarded a University Research Initiative Award and an Outstanding Teaching Initiative Award in 2007. She was named an Outstanding College Researcher in 2012 and recognized in 2013 as an Outstanding University Researcher.

This is the first grant co-written by Paitz and the fifth that Bowden has received. She is now a member of the University's Million Dollar Club for receiving more than \$1 million in grants.

Duo named by governor to serve as ISU trustees

Prominent Central Illinois businessman Robert Dobski and former state education leader Mary Ann Louderback '74, M.S. '80, Ph.D. '84, have joined the University's Board of Trustees. Their six-year appointments were made by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Dobski, of Bloomington, is co-owner of 10 McDonald's franchises. He returns for his second term, having served from 2008 to 2013. He and his wife, Julie, are long-time supporters of Illinois State and the Bloomington-Normal community.

He has been active with The American Red Cross of the Heartland, the Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, the W.D. Boyce Council Boy Scouts of America and the McLean



Biology Professor Rachel Bowden travels to Banner Marsh State Fish Wildlife Area near Peoria to find turtles for her study.

County Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as president of the Peoria-Bloomington McDonald's Co-op and vice chair of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Board in Springfield.

This is the first term for Louderback, who co-owns Liberty Outdoor Advertising/Liberty Self-Storage in Crystal Lake. She has been active in ISU's Alumni Association for more than 20 years, including as president. She is in ISU's College of Education Hall of Fame.

Louderback started her career teaching fifth grade. She was the executive assistant for education under Gov. Jim Edgar and also served in the governor's Office of Planning. She served on the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board and as commissioner of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

VP for Advancement, Academic Affairs named

Two campus leadership positions were filled in the spring with the appointment

of Janet Krejci and Pat Vickerman as vice presidents. Both had served in an interim role.

Krejci is vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. She replaces Sheri Noren Everts, who is chancellor of Appalachian State University. Vickerman is vice president of University Advancement (UA). He replaces Erin Minné, who leads development at DePaul University.

Krejci became Mennonite College of Nursing dean in 2009. With a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, she previously served as faculty and as an administrator at Marquette University. There she won the all-university teaching excellence award and became associate dean of the College of Nursing.

The Health Resources and Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded Krejci almost \$1 million in grants for diversity and advanced-practice research in nursing. Her work has been published in the *Journal of Nursing Education* and the *Journal of Nursing Administration*.

Where are they now?

Floyd Hoelting's team-oriented attitude has brought him success from Oklahoma to Illinois and back to his home state of Texas.

His career path included four years in the Air Force after high school. He completed his doctorate degree in student personnel at Oklahoma State, with the plan of working in student affairs.

Hoelting was a hall coordinator and assistant director of housing at Oklahoma State University. He gained more experience in housing and food services at Western Illinois University before joining Illinois State in 1977. He served as ISU's director of Housing and Food Services until retiring in 1995.

There were challenges, including a five-day blackout at Watterson Towers that required finding temporary housing for residents. A recycling program was launched, diversity emphasized, and improvements made in student food and living standards during his years on campus.

"Everything I accomplished was with the team, on the team and by the team," Hoelting said. "Whatever I contributed, I got back 100-fold." His ISU legacy was hard work and a genuine caring for others. He exhibits the same as executive director of housing and food at the University of Texas at Austin.

"When I had the chance to come back to my home state, I had to take it," Hoelting said. "It has been a good move for me, and it allowed some quality people at ISU to move up into key roles." He and his wife, JoEllen, enjoy living in the Texas Hill Country.

Hoelting stays connected with his ISU staff by sending weekly emails, a quote of the day to 150 of his former staff, and visiting campus as often as possible.

"I loved the atmosphere at Illinois State," Hoelting recalled. "The sense of community I felt there has never been equaled anywhere I have been."

Hoelting enjoys traveling and staying fit, with plans to continue yearly Grand Canyon hikes as well as tackling the Appalachian Trail and Machu Picchu. He can be reached by email at floydh@austin.utexas.edu.



Floyd Hoelting with Bevo, the mascot of University of Texas at Austin

Vickerman joined ISU in 2013 as UA's senior associate vice president, overseeing planned giving and comprehensive campaign planning. A master's graduate of the University of Iowa, he has more than 20 years experience in higher education fundraising.

He worked as a planned giving specialist in the University of Iowa's first \$1 billion campaign. Vickerman was campaign director for Iowa State University's \$867 million fundraising effort and led a \$163 million initiative while vice president at Bradley University.

Two faculty are selected as University Professors

The title of University Professor has been awarded to Accounting Professor Dennis Patten and Biophysics Professor Craig Gatto.

Patten joined the Accounting Department in 1985. He has achieved

national and international recognition for researching accounting-related corporate social responsibility, especially corporate social and environmental accounting. With more than 50 articles in academic research journals, he is one of the most cited authors in his field.

Patten has taught a wide variety of accounting courses and the Foundation of Inquiry class. He has received nine awards for outstanding teaching from the Accounting Department, College of Business and student associations.

Gatto began at ISU in 2000 and has since received grant funds totaling more than \$4 million from sources such as the National Science Foundation and the American Heart Association. He has published in some of the top journals in the field and is a permanent panel member on a prestigious National Institutes study section.

Gatto received the University Research Initiative Award in 2001 and

the Outstanding University Researcher Award in 2010. A stellar teacher and mentor, many of his students advance to the best medical and graduate schools in the nation.

Corporate partnerships enrich College of Business

IBM and Best Buy Corporate will team with the College of Business to provide students real-world experience during the fall semester. They will gain understanding in marketing scenarios, digital analytics, Web software use, and critical thinking skills not typically addressed in introductory marketing classes.

Students will explore how to solve problems in a new world of marketing by working with IBM's multi-million dollar Websphere software that is used to create and manage business websites. They will focus on how to increase value to the website, create customer loyalty

Mail

To the Editor,

I am very impressed with the Student Sustainability Committee and its projects, especially the solar-powered table (February 2015). As an environmental educator, I am always excited by the ways Illinois State is lowering its carbon footprint and making sustainability visible.

Good job!

Carol Peterson '75

To the Editor,

I thoroughly enjoyed "Shattering the Stereotype" (February 2015). I was one of those home economics students who learned to cook, clean and live in the Rambo House, graduating to plentiful jobs teaching in Illinois. As a result of my excellent education, I taught in Illinois public schools for 11 years, and then worked for the University of Illinois Extension teaching family life programs for an additional 13 years.

A few of my ISU home economics memories include the white uniform, white tennis shoes, a hairnet and our "bible"—*The Betty Crocker Cookbook* (still use mine)—that were required for all foods classes with Professor Blossom Johnson. We were required to wear dresses to all home economics classes at Turner Hall, despite the harsh winter weather.

While living in the dormitories, we had to wear a dress to dinner in the cafeteria. The dorms I lived in were totally all girls. We had to sign in and out if we were going to be away and were granted only so many "late hours."

The skills I learned at ISU have been used all of my life for work, family or community. Now such an education is in Family Consumer Sciences, with a goal to empower graduates to cover many global issues such as culinary arts, nutrition/dietetics, apparel/interior design and still the family.

Cheers for ISU and its positive progression!
Proud to be an alum!

Mary Elizabeth (Green) Evans '68

programs and use the website to speak to consumers. They will also learn how to close the sale following "basket abandonment," which is when the customer places items in their cart online but does not complete a purchase.

With more than 8,000 marketing brands currently using IBM software, the training will give students an edge as job applicants. They will receive a certificate from IBM showing completion of introduction to the software.

For Best Buy, students will complete a case study encompassing the concept of consumer engagement and show-rooming, which is allowing consumers to play with technology on display and then buy it elsewhere.

Students will complete and present solutions to help the company resolve show-rooming problems. The case study will help students and market the University as a whole. Whenever Best Buy shares the information, it will be displayed on an ISU branded site.

Nursing graduates excel on licensure examination

Graduates of the Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) achieved a 94 percent pass rate on the national nursing licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) for 2014, even in the face of increasingly stringent standards.

ISU nursing alums continue to exceed state and national averages, both of which dropped from last year. The

national pass rate went from 83 percent to 82, while the state of Illinois rate dropped from 85 percent to 84.

The college's graduates have surpassed the state and national averages for the NCLEX-RN for more than 10 years, as reported by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in the governor's office.

"MCN graduates continue to demonstrate mastery on the licensure examination," said Interim Dean H. Catherine Miller. "Even with our increase in enrollment, MCN's pass rate again exceeds the state and national averages. We have dedicated faculty who work extremely hard to prepare our students to be successful."

Policy change eliminates all tobacco from campus

In compliance with the Illinois Smoke-Free Campus Act and other applicable state laws, Illinois State has eliminated smoking and the use of tobacco products on university grounds. The change took place July 1.

Smoking and tobacco is prohibited on all campus property, including buildings, grounds, parking lots and vehicles owned or operated by a state-supported institution of higher education. Use is allowed only in privately-owned vehicles when traveling through campus or parked in an unenclosed lot on campus.

"The establishment of a smoke- and tobacco-free environment promotes the health and well-being of Illinois State students, faculty, staff and visitors," said Environmental Health and Safety Office Director J.C. Crabill.

A communication campaign about the policy was launched, and the University's Health Promotion and Wellness Office offered smoking-cessation resources.



Work in a simulation lab is a key part of training MCN students.

Redbird Athletics



Beyond competition

Redbird athletes earn national honors as stellar students

Academics have always been at the forefront of Illinois State Athletics—a fact reaffirmed when three Redbirds were named First Team Academic All-Americans following the 2014-2015 academic year.

Baseball teammates Paul DeJong '15 and Jacob Hendren joined Rachel Tejada '15 from the soccer team in receiving the accolade for excelling in the classroom.

“Having three First-Team Academic All-Americans in a single year is incredible for any NCAA Division I institution. We are in the education business, and this helps drive that point home,” said Director of Athletics Larry Lyons '86.

DeJong and Hendren earned Capital One Academic All-America honors and were first-team selections. No other

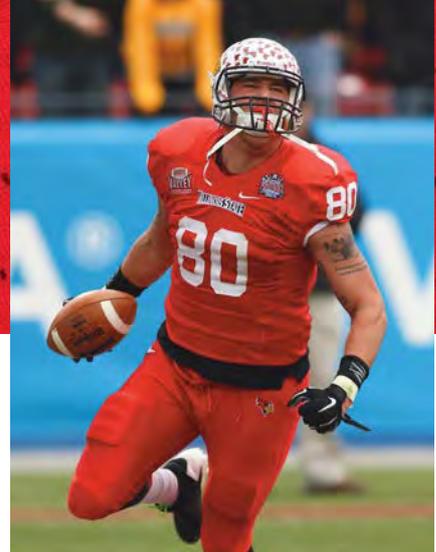
school had multiple student-athletes on the first team.

A redshirt junior infielder/catcher, DeJong was an All-MVC First-Team selection for the second year. He had team-leading totals of 70 hits, 15 doubles, 14 home runs and 48 RBIs. He also led in slugging percentage and total bases. He completed an undergraduate degree in biochemistry/pre-medicine with a 3.76 GPA.

Hendren is a junior studying mathematics/pre-medicine with a 3.83 GPA. MVC Newcomer of the Year, he posted a 10-2 pitching record, tying ISU's single-season record for wins. He pitched 106 innings during the spring, breaking the school record. Hendren also led the Redbirds with a 2.80 ERA, 99 strikeouts and three complete games.

Soccer forward Tejada finished a biological sciences degree with a 3.41 GPA. She was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America First Team. Tejada led the Redbirds to a record 16 wins and the NCAA Tournament second round. She broke MVC records during the season, finishing her career with 74 goals, 42 assists and 190 points. Tejada ranked third in the nation in goals and points. She was MVC Player of the Year and All-MVC First Team for the fourth-consecutive season.

Editor's note: An additional student received the honor as the magazine was on press. See GoRedbirds.com for that story.



Men's basketball team adds experienced coach

As an assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Jerry Ballard aided in three consecutive trips to The Big Dance. He will now help Illinois State continue its upward trajectory as an assistant men's basketball coach.

"I'm ecstatic to be joining the Redbird family," Ballard said. "Following the Illinois State program from afar, I have seen the excitement that is building here and cannot wait to be a part of it all."

Ballard has been an NCAA Division I assistant 11 seasons, including at Tulsa and Mercer. He began his college coaching career at his alma mater, Colgate, where Ballard was a four-year member of the basketball program.

In his three VCU seasons, Ballard aided in a 79-28 overall record. The Rams earned five all-conference accolades during his time there. He worked closely with shooting guard Troy Daniels, who went on to set a single-season 3-point school record. Daniels plays for the NBA's Charlotte Hornets. Tulsa had nine all-conference honorees in each of Ballard's final four seasons there.

As a student-athlete at Colgate, Ballard won academic honors and was deemed the team's best defensive player during his senior season. A Georgia, native, he holds a bachelor's in English and a minor in religion. He and his wife, Khatera, have a son, Khalif Jamal.

Seasoned coach set to lead soccer program

As the new head coach for soccer, Eric Golz brings to Illinois State 12 years of coaching experience. He replaces Drew Roff, who accepted a coaching position at Purdue University.

Golz was a head and assistant coach for the state and regional Olympic Development Program. He has served as the head coach for the Iowa Rush, a semi-professional franchise in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

He was most recently at the University of Maryland, where he was an assistant women's coach. Golz worked with the team's defense, which in 2014 gave up the fewest goals for the program in the last seven years.

As one of the nation's top assistant coaches, Golz put together three consecutive top-25 recruiting classes at Maryland. He helped the team to two ACC Tournament appearances, including a conference championship berth in 2012, as well as one NCAA Tournament appearance. Golz coached five All-ACC student-athletes during his Maryland tenure.

"I am very humbled, honored and privileged to have been named the next head women's soccer coach at Illinois State University," said Golz, who is a native of Ohio and holds a degree in finance. He was a standout goalkeeper at Grove City College and was an All-Presidents Athletic Conference selection.

From Hancock to Arrowhead

Hard work and success on the football field as a Redbird resulted in a chance of a lifetime for James O'Shaughnessy '14, who was chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2015 NFL Draft. He was a three-year starter for the Redbirds at tight end and one of the best pass-catchers in school history. In his four-year career, O'Shaughnessy caught 67 passes for 1,170 yards.

ISU has had a player drafted three consecutive seasons. Shelby Harris was selected by the Oakland Raiders in 2014, with Nate Palmer chosen by the Green Bay Packers in 2013. O'Shaughnessy is the first ISU tight end to be drafted.

Non-conference games set

The men's basketball non-conference schedule will include four 2015 NCAA Tournament teams and at least two NIT qualifiers. Among the top competitors for Dan Muller's players will be UAB, Morehead State, South Dakota State, Houston Baptist and Murray State. ISU will also face former Redbird assistant coach and basketball player Dana Ford '06 with his Tennessee State squad.

Another Redbird will be on the sidelines when ISU opens the season against Steve Fisher '67 and his San Diego State team. Other challenges will be against Maryland and Final Four qualifier Kentucky.

The full schedule and ticket information are available at GoRedbirds.com or by calling (309) 438-8000.

Back in Action

Football, volleyball and soccer teams ended the 2014 season with a 31-1 MVC combined record and conference championship wins. Football and volleyball tickets are now on sale. Admission is free to all soccer games.



A season of sorrow

The campus community and residents of Bloomington-Normal came together during the spring semester to mourn the loss of seven men killed in a plane accident on April 7.

Among those tragically taken were two members of Illinois State's Athletics department:

Deputy Director for External Operations Aaron Leetch, 37; and Torrey Ward, 36, associate head coach for men's basketball.

They were returning from the NCAA men's Final Four game in Indianapolis aboard a twin-engine Cessna when the crash occurred during attempts to land in heavy fog. The plane was found in a soybean field near

Bloomington's Central Illinois Regional Airport. The accident drew national attention, and the cause remains under investigation by federal authorities.

There were no survivors among the men described as "Redbird guys" by Athletics Direc-

tor Larry Lyons '86. Others aboard were Pub II co-owner Terry Stralow '74, age 64; Sprint account manager Andy Butler '96, age 40; investment officer Jason Jones, M.S. '93, age 45; former ISU student and Eureka Locker Co. owner Scott Bittner, 42; and pilot Thomas Hileman, 51.

"Every school has these guys: donors, fans and supporters who are always there when needed. They were great men and good community partners," Lyons said. "There is no play in the playbook for times like these."

President Larry Dietz summarized the reaction of all in a message to campus, saying "words cannot fully express the grief that is felt in the wake of such a tragedy. We move between shock and profound sadness."

Sorrow was evident throughout the community, including at Pub II. Flowers surrounded the business that has been a favorite campus gathering spot for decades. Tears were shed and comforting hugs shared during a service at Redbird Arena held days prior to individual funerals planned by the families. More flowers, personal expressions

In Memory



TORREY WARD
Associate Men's Basketball Coach



AARON LEETCH
Deputy Director of Athletics





Grief was evident across campus following the loss of seven men in a plane crash. The men's basketball team sat front and center during a service at Redbird Arena the day after the tragedy, *opposite page*. Flowers were placed at Pub 11, *bottom left*, at a memorial inside Redbird Arena and in front of the Doug Collins '73 and Will Robinson statue on campus. Team chaplain John Rayford and Athletics Director Larry Lyons, *center*, spoke at the service that was a time for hugs and tears.

of sympathy and ISU gear were left at a memorial created on the arena concourse.

Dietz, Lyons and ISU team chaplain John Rayford spoke at the somber service that comforted student-athletes and the campus as a whole. Hundreds attended to honor Leetch and Ward as exemplary individuals who were also exceptional in their professional roles.

"Aaron Leetch was a shining star in this business. He had a gift in dealing with people and building relationships," Lyons said. "Our external units were making incredible progress under his leadership."

A graduate of Tennessee Temple, Leetch completed a master's at Baylor University. He started in athletics fundraising at that school and went on to Arkansas State prior to initially joining ISU in 2005.

For six years he was a member of Illinois State's Athletics executive team with direct supervision of department staff in areas of development, marketing, corporate sponsorships and ticket operations. Fundraising totals increased 143 percent under his leadership, with equally impressive growth in average attendance.

Leetch left in 2011 to serve as the director of athletics at Whitworth University in Washington, returning to ISU in 2013. His duties expanded to include supervision of communications and video production for the Redbirds, as well as administrative leadership for men's and women's golf and baseball.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, Lindsay; and their daughters, Avery and Emmersen.

Ward was remembered as far more than a coach to members of the men's basketball team.

Players expressed their gratitude for his role in their lives as a mentor and father figure.

"Torrey Ward was a big part of the success taking place with our men's basketball program," Lyons said. "He had a big personality, was a talented coach and recruiter, and our fans loved him."

A former college athlete, Ward played basketball at the University of Alabama at Birmingham while completing a degree in criminal justice sciences. He played professionally in the Chinese Basketball Association for the Shanghai Sharks.

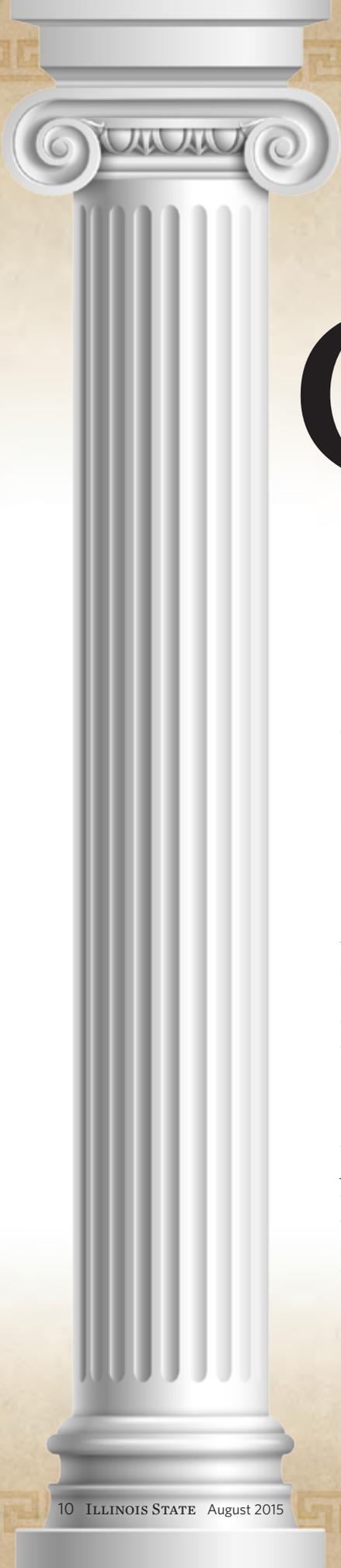
His coaching experience prior to ISU was gained at Jacksonville State and the University of Mississippi. Ward joined Illinois State in 2012. The team achieved a 58-44 record during his three Redbird seasons, including three wins over Top-25 programs. His recruiting prowess helped create the team that scored victories against opponents from the Big Ten, Big East and Southeastern Conference.

He is survived by his mother; fiancé Johnene; and three children, Tamia, Torrey and Audrey.

Among memorial funds chosen by the families is Illinois State Athletics. Gifts can be made at GoRedbirds.com. Support will empower Athletics to carry on with the work that was a passion for those lost.

"As we move forward, we enter a new chapter in Redbird Athletics—one without seven incredible men who made ISU a much better place. There is no way to replace their personalities or their contributions to ISU Athletics," Lyons said.

"This new chapter provides a special opportunity to pick up where we were before this tragedy and continue to be at our best. It's what our friends would want. It's what we owe this community."



What it means to be GREEK at ISU

BY STEVEN BARCUS

Fraternities and sororities have played a role on college campuses since their inception as debate and literary societies in 1776. Originally founded so students could discuss topics of the day outside of the classroom, the organizations are now commonplace worldwide and enrich the college experience by providing academic, community, and social opportunities.

Having been accepted on campus four decades ago, Illinois State's Greek life is in its infancy compared to many other universities, but it is rapidly growing. More than 32 Greek-letter organizations have an established presence. The number continues to increase over time, as more diverse interests surface with the changing study body.

While many Illinois State fraternities and sororities are social in nature, day-to-day life in the houses is far from Hollywood depictions in movies such as *National Lampoon's Animal House* and *Van Wilder*. ISU's organizations instead provide students opportunities to support the organization's selected charity, mature as leaders, enhance their studies, serve the community, and have fun.

"Hollywood has not done any favors to fraternities and sororities, just as Hollywood has not done any favors to deans of students,"

said Art Munin, who has that very title at ISU. "They tend to paint both in a stereotypical action, not reflective of the lived experience of fraternity and sorority life."

Munin, who has more than 15 years of experience in student affairs, sees fraternities and sororities as providing ISU students with strong on-campus leadership and civic engagement opportunities. He notes that such experiences can provide life skills, give experience in mediation, and create a sense of belonging.

"Students are looking for community," Munin said. "We know that a sense of community and sense of identity are very strong predictors of how successful students will be in college. Students are creating new families. They're creating new networks that are going to support them throughout their academic career and beyond."

FRATERNITY/SORORITY LIFE 101

If you're not already familiar with Greek life, don't worry. Here are some of the basics you need to understand fraternities and sororities at Illinois State.



FRATERNITY/ SORORITY LIFE

A value-based organization built on common principles among members that are constituted through rituals and bonds that last a lifetime.



2,500

FRATERNITY/SORORITY MEMBERSHIP

Membership is expected to reach 3,000 by 2016. Growth is due to the number of groups increasing, which creates options that are a better fit for more students.

32
GREEK
ORGANIZATIONS
AT ISU

The number is expected to reach 35 to 40 by December. It is not uncommon for the total to change due to new chapters joining the community and others departing.



FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE OFFICE

University supported office that provides guidance with academic achievement, leadership development, community service, and membership recruitment.

GOVERNING COUNCILS OVERSEE GREEK LIFE ON CAMPUS



GRADUATE CHAPTER

Members of NPHC and MGC organizations can continue to have close ties of brotherhood and sisterhood after graduation by joining graduate chapters. Located across the nation, they are a way to continue with philanthropy, service, and fellowship.



1
IFC
**INTERFRATERNITY
COUNCIL**
Traditional historic fraternities with houses

**LARGEST
FRATERNITY**
DELTA CHI
159
MEMBERS



2
CPC
**COLLEGE PANHELLENIC
COUNCIL**
Traditional historic sororities with houses

**LARGEST
SORORITY**
ZETA TAU ALPHA
170
MEMBERS



3
NPHC
**NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC
COUNCIL**
Traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities

**LARGEST NPHC
ORGANIZATION**
ALPHA PHI ALPHA
18
MEMBERS



4
MGC
**MULTICULTURAL GREEK
COUNCIL**
Seven traditionally cultural-based organizations

**LARGEST MGC
ORGANIZATION**
ALPHA PSI LAMBDA
25
MEMBERS



STUDENT LEADER PROFILES

Meet some of the students who guide fraternity and sorority life at Illinois State.



ALEXANDRA DI DOMENICO

COLLEGE PANHELLENIC COUNCIL (CPC) PRESIDENT

A leader in high school, Di Domenico put a high priority on finding not only leadership opportunities, but also a group of like-minded friends with similar values. In her sorority, she found a sisterhood where she could focus on philanthropy, community service, and leadership—all while forging bonds she will carry for the rest of her life.

“Being a Greek, you gain so much from your college experience. I benefit from the close community, sisterhood/brotherhood, strong focus on academics and philanthropy, and of course leadership. Without Greek life, I would have not been able to meet as many wonderful people who have impacted my life more than they ever know.”

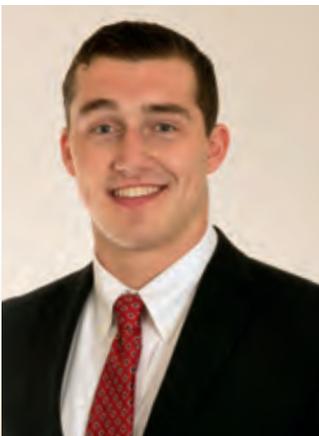


LULU SOLORZANO

MULTICULTURAL GREEK COUNCIL (MGC) PRESIDENT

Solorzano was one of the founders of her sorority. She worked to bring it to campus because she and her peers identified with the sorority’s values. During her time on MGC, she has collaborated with other organizations to promote shared values. Solorzano is certain Greek life has a profound impact.

“A lot of MGC organizations are pretty small. With having organizations ranging from five to a max of 25, there are a bunch of roles that can be taken such as president, vice president, academic chair, business chair, risk management chair. There are so many positions that nobody in the organization can get away with just attending chapter. Everyone is responsible for something. Everyone has a position. Everyone will be utilizing skills that they’re best at or if not, discovering new skills. It’s a good way to start utilizing your skills and really putting yourself out there to see what your limits are and what you can do.”



NICK BIRLINGMAIR

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL (IFC) VICE PRESIDENT

Birlingmair knew that assuming leadership roles as president of his fraternity and IFC’s vice president of programming would require shouldering a great deal of responsibility. The experience has helped him hone his leadership, time management, delegation skills; and communicate with his constituents and peers.

“Being in a fraternity and sorority is so much more than the stereotype of ‘paying for your friends.’ It teaches lifelong values that you carry with you every single day. It teaches you that people come from all sorts of backgrounds and you learn how to understand and respect those not like you. It gets you more involved with those around campus as well. If I hadn’t joined a fraternity, I wouldn’t know a fraction of the people I do now. Greek life also gives you a chance to give back to the community through philanthropy and community service work.”



GREEK HISTORY: FROM FOES TO FRIENDS

While fraternities and sororities are welcome on campus today, the original official stance was that such organizations were unneeded and unwanted. By the 1960s, this perspective was relaxed.

1942

ISU issued its first formal statement against the formation of fraternities/sororities after a group of African-American women—unaware of the unwritten “understanding” regarding the formation of fraternities and sororities—applied for and received a charter from Sigma Beta Kappa.

1968

ISU was vehemently against the formation of fraternities and sororities. The 1968-1969 course catalog stated: “Since the founding of Illinois State University, social fraternities and sororities, even of a local nature, have not been a part of student life. The University maintains that, without these organizations, it can better achieve its main purpose and that students can participate more effectively in the life of the whole University.”

1969

A more neutral stance was adopted. The 1969-1970 course catalog stated: “Acting upon the Student Senate recommendation, the University Council concurred that the University adopt a policy of neutrality toward social fraternities and sororities. Consequently, hereafter the University will neither oppose nor encourage its students to join or form such social fraternities or sororities as may be established in the town of Normal.” This cold statement was removed by the 1971-1972 catalog and organizations were formally listed.



1969

ΤΚΕ

Tau Kappa Epsilon founded as the first Greek-lettered organization on campus

ΑΓΡ - ΔΧ

Alpha Gamma Rho and Delta Chi chartered and remain the oldest fraternities

1971

ΔΣΦ

Delta Sigma Phi chartered and remains the oldest IFC

ΔΣΘ

Delta Sigma Theta chartered and remains the oldest NPHC (women)

1972

ΦΒΣ - ΑΦΑ

Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha chartered and remain the oldest NPHC (men)

1973

ΑΔΠ

Alpha Delta Pi chartered and remains the oldest sorority

1986

ΣΛΒ

Sigma Lambda Beta chartered and remains the oldest MGC. The Gamma chapter is the third-ever chapter of Sigma Lambda Beta.



A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Big houses adorned with Greek letters are more than places to sleep. Within these walls, lifelong bonds are made and networks are established that affect students on personal and professional levels.

- Most Panhellenic sorority houses are owned by alumni or a house corporation of the national office. One-third of fraternity houses at Illinois State are owned in the same manner.
- Not all organizations own their house. Some rent houses from local property managers.
- Delta Chi has the most students living in a house—approximately 50.
- Phi Psi has the fewest students living in a house—approximately 10.
- Every IFC fraternity will be housed for the first time this fall.
- Cost to live in a house each semester varies, but is typically between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Room, meals, dues, cleaning and maintenance fees are included in the total.
- Occupants of Greek houses are primarily sophomores.
- IFC and CPC organizations hold an average of three to four registered parties per semester. They are only required to register parties if alcohol will be served.



SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY

Community service and philanthropy are a priority of every chapter on campus. The effort members pour into raising funds and improving the community makes a real impact.



NATIONAL CHARITIES

Each fraternity/sorority supports a national charity, which can be a huge selection point for prospective members. Some charities include the Ronald McDonald House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children’s Miracle Network, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



\$100,843

CHARITY DOLLARS

RAISED THIS YEAR



23,173

SERVICE HOURS

COMPLETED THIS YEAR

CHI OMEGA’S MARCH MADNESS

annually sells out Braden Auditorium—a venue that holds more than 3,000—and raises more than \$30,000 for the



MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

MAKING THE GRADES

Academics are a significant part of the fraternity/sorority experience. Being attached to a community of peers drives students to learn and achieve more.



Average required GPA to join a fraternity/sorority organization is 2.5. The average of ISU's undergraduate degree-seeking students in fraternities/sororities for fall 2014 was 3.01. Average overall university GPA for undergraduate degree-seeking students in fall 2014 was 2.98.



ISU's fraternal community was recognized in the spring semester by Gamma Sigma Alpha honor society for GPA Honor Roll at the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values. The honor recognizes above average undergraduate GPA.



TELL YOUR STORY

Did fraternity/sorority life change you? Did you serve as a leader? Engage in philanthropy? Did you meet lifelong friends or a significant other through chapter activities? Share your story at Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Greek. *Illinois State* staff will pick favorites to be shared in a future *STATESide* post.

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Sound Off!

Members of the Big Red Marching Machine are among the University's best ambassadors, instilling pride and sparking collegiate memories every time they take up their instruments. Those who cheer at half-time shows and applaud as the band parades through campus during Homecoming rarely realize the work required by each member.

Students start perfecting the music and learning their steps during long, hot days of summer band camp. The result is far more than a polished performance. They gain friend-

ships through events unlike what their classmates experience. Incoming students especially appreciate representing ISU in such a unique way.

The transition from high school marching band to the Big Red Marching Machine was unforgettable for Ethan Peebles. Highlights from his freshman year were captured by ISU's photographer, Lyndsie Schlink '04. Her images from last August through the band's final performance in January reveal both mundane and exceptional moments in Peebles' rookie Redbird season.





Ethan knew ISU's band camp would be intense. Music for the 11-minute program was distributed day one, and had to be memorized. The routine was perfected on a parking lot near Tri-Towers. Uniforms and formal portraits were taken on an oppressive August day. "The uniforms are definitely hot, but we look sharp," Ethan said. "That's what is important."

Ethan was one of nearly 250 in the band. Much of the work is initially done as sectionals, making the bond between those with the same instrument that much stronger. "We had a lot of fun," he said, as evidenced in the sectional photo. "We were also extremely loud."

Dinner breaks were an opportunity to enjoy air conditioning. Practice continued six hours a week all semester for one credit hour. Ethan loved the music for the program, "The Grammy Winners," which included songs by Bruno Mars and Coldplay.





Homecoming was so cold band members wore coats. The trumpets had saliva freezing in the instrument's bell. "That never happened to me before," said Ethan, who marched with his mother. Gwen (Conlin) '91 played flute for the parade. "There was so much school spirit as we marched." He played in the University Band and Pep Band as well. Away from band, Ethan is usually found in the College of Business, as his major is accounting. Among his best friends are fellow band members Jack McGrath, *above left*, and Nathan Yurgin.





Band members had two exceptional road trips last season. Ethan and fellow trumpeter Seth Rieker, *above left*, shared a laugh on the road to Indianapolis for the Bands of America Music for All Grand Nationals. Pre-performance warm-ups include “breathing gym,” which Ethan confirms strengthens the lungs to get maximum sound. The trip included a night in a high school gym. Taking the field at Lucas Stadium was exhilarating. The band followed the football team to the FCS National Championship in Texas and marched in Toyota Stadium. “Everybody was hyped up for that game and we played really well,” Ethan said, noting there were no complaints about having marched from August to January. He is now rested and ready to do it again as a seasoned sophomore.







BEYOND 9-1-1

WORKING TO
BE READY FOR
ANY TIME OF
TROUBLE

by *Susan
Marquardt
Blystone*

Cost, quality and safety. For most families, college choice comes down to these three areas of concern.

Even after deciding which academic program fits best and a budget to cover expenses is in place, worry about protection for a son or daughter settling into the campus community inevitably continues.

Eric Hodges understands the emotion and knows how to curb such anxiety: build a culture of preparedness. That's exactly what he has helped accomplish at Illinois State in his role as emergency manager through Environmental Health and Safety (EHS).

"We need for everybody in the University community to feel they are prepared to respond to an emergency. The goal is to be 'all-hazards' prepared," said Hodges, explaining the term means being ready for incidents whether caused by human action, created through nature or connected to technology.

Despite frequent headlines that convey the trauma of violent shootings, Hodges assures that is the least likely emergency scenario for the campus. "Weather damage is the most frequent," he said, "and one of the more emerging threats is cyber crime."

Knowing the possibilities are broad and beyond prediction, Hodges purposefully narrows his focus to issues of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery—with the emphasis on preparedness. The key is to have a trained team in place to execute a plan. At Illinois State, the blueprint has evolved over several years to now include nearly 100 people with diverse expertise and experience from across the University.

Long before Hodges assumed his role in 2013, others within EHS were addressing emergency management issues. The work began in 1997 under Steve Eddington. A retired Marine, he had the foresight to start planning before federal mandates or intense national exposure revealed the need for heightened campus security.

Assistant Director Don Kunde '93, who was EHS staff at that time as well, remembers the first Incident Management Plan was primarily a notice to units that would be called upon in an emergency and contact information for needed responders. While the work was done in partnership with the University Police Department, there were no drills.

"We had a pager tree that became a phone tree. That was our initial emergency alert system," Kunde recalled, noting the entire effort has been a progression over many years.

Headway continued under current EHS Director J.C. Crabill, who succeeded Eddington in 2005. With a degree in safety and work experience in nuclear power plants, Crabill was pleased to see an initial plan in place.



“I had a great respect for what had been done. One of my top concerns was that it still wasn’t what it needed to be,” Crabill said. He knew the next step was to add breadth, detail and training.

Campus leadership realized the need to intensify the work as well, especially following the Virginia Tech attack in 2007 and a shooting at Northern Illinois University in 2008. Both events heightened awareness of campus vulnerability.

Former EHS Safety Officer Dan Hite joined Crabill and Kunde as the planning advanced. They tackled questions of what teams were needed, who should be on them, how to implement the various teams, where team members would gather and how the campus can best partner with external agencies. The trio worked closely with local emergency response officials to participate in drills within the community before initiating ones specific to campus, including a Laboratory School intruder scenario.

A more sophisticated campus emergency alert system using cell phones and landlines for notification was in place through the police department by 2009. Mock exercises were completed, including an active shooter drill at Dunn-Barton and Walker residence halls before their demolition. Such training always exposed areas where more planning was needed.

One issue that quickly emerged was the question of how to manage the flow of communications. Katy (Young) Killian ’92, M.S. ’14, started tackling that challenge in mid-2000. It came to Killian through her position overseeing marketing and communication for Student Affairs as an assistant to the vice president. She focused

on creating a crisis communication group to handle emergency messaging.

“We have a real sense of responsibility to communicate the truth and provide direction to replace rumor” that is inevitable as an emergency unfolds, said Killian, who is a dual ISU communication graduate.

Beyond assembling campus experts to craft messages for the University’s Web site as an event unfolds, ideas spread to include a call center for managing parent inquiries. How to handle social media and inevitable news coverage became their own areas of concern. The University’s Media Relations staff became involved and a social media team was created.

As duties spread and more staff were included, it became clear to Crabill, Kunde and Hite that orchestrating campus emergency preparedness was beyond the scope of their part-time efforts. A full-time position was created and filled by Hodges, who transitioned from his campus information technology position in Enterprise Systems Support to his current role.

While Hodges holds an undergraduate degree in computer science, emergency management is his passion. His volunteer involvement—from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force to the Illinois Incident Management Team and the McLean County Emergency Management Agency—totals more than a thousand hours annually.

The work complements knowledge Hodges gained by completing a master’s in emergency and disaster management through the American Public University System. He is one of fewer than 1,500 globally to have gained certification through the International Association of Emergency Managers.

Hodges has volunteered in numerous community, county and state emergency roles for years, handling everything from administrative tasks to rescue work. Summoned to help at the national level following Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Katrina, he draws on years of preparation to fulfill his charge of assessing and maturing the University’s emergency management plan.

“I have been in some of the biggest disasters in the country and have not felt overwhelmed. Span of control is the crucial key,” Hodges said, explaining the need to have manpower that grows as an incident expands.

He consequently has put in place at ISU an incident management team that consists of three response levels. The first level includes Hodges’ position, ISU police, an EHS representative and the Office of Media Relations. The second level adds an additional person from EHS, a Campus Communication Team member, and leadership representatives from the Office of the Provost, Student Affairs, and Finance and Planning.

“Level three means we bring in anybody needed,” Hodges said, noting the toughest part of his job is often deciding when to activate and at what level. The police department is always responsible for actually sending out alerts, which



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: ISU'S INTELLIGENCE HUB

ISU's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is among the first of its kind at state universities in Illinois. The fact it is "hot" makes it especially unique. The term means the dedicated space is fully equipped with no setup needed.

"You turn on the lights and you are ready to go," said Eric Hodges, who made creating the EOC a top priority when hired as the campus emergency manager in 2013.



When activated, the incident management team gathers in the EOC. Every need is covered in the 1,200-square-foot center—from a plastic tub with cell phone and laptop chargers to blue tubes that cover fluorescent lights for a calming effect.

A video wall can display 22 feeds ranging from cable news channels to campus security cameras and live video conferences. There are 16 work stations plus a dedicated space for a social media team, a 911 dispatch station for police, and a row of two-way radios. Communication between the University, county public safety officials and most state agencies is feasible.

"The University should be proud of seeing the need and taking the lead in having a dedicated facility," said Illinois Emergency Management Agency Regional Coordinator Dan Smith. "This allows the University to bring together all its decision makers and be more effective in times of disaster."

A partnership with Department of Geography-Geology Associate Professor John Kostelnick allows for computerized maps that provide layers of information about campus buildings. Daniel Moore '14 spent months storing data that provides floor plans for every building, along with details such as parking spaces and utilities.

The center was built from knowledge Hodges gained while responding to emergencies across the country. Help in designing and equipping the space came from Environmental Health and Safety staff, Facilities, and the Office of Academic Technologies.

now come across by text, landline, email, and on visual campus signage.

Hodges has created a grid that details who is involved and to what degree for specific emergencies that range from a lost person to storm warnings, a hazardous material incident, unexpected loss of a building, and of course an act of violence. There are three individuals trained for each position to account for times when a person is unavailable and to have replacements should an incident extend into long hours or even days.

Once activated, team members gather at the campus Emergency Operations Center (see sidebar), which Hodges designed so all involved have the same real-time intelligence to make decisions. Those who can't physically enter the room use the web-based software Virtual Emergency Operations Center (Veoci) to participate.

Briefings set objectives and make clear areas of responsibility. When a problem is identified, it is assigned to the appropriate group and solutions are brainstormed. They are then shared at the next briefing, along with updates as to what else needs to be resolved.

"We don't do anything tactical in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It's only strategic," Hodges said, adding that his role is to stay a few steps ahead of the group by anticipating the next area of action.

He has confidence in this team approach because training is regularly scheduled. The level-one group meets in the EOC during football games, concerts, commencement and Homecoming. Every call for aid is tracked, from a health

emergency to a fire from a tailgater's grill. The result is a familiarity with the room and a working bond between members.

Hodges also orchestrates large-scale training events, with the most recent completed in March. The decommissioned south campus residence halls were the scene of an active shooter exercise that involved more than 200 community and university personnel. Students volunteered to serve as mock victims in the exercise, which Hodges described as a unique opportunity to prepare for a situation that hopefully never occurs.

"The value of a drill is muscle memory," he said, which is crucial because nearly all included on the incident management team are ISU employees who complete full-time duties across campus in roles unrelated to emergency planning.

"We rely on a group of volunteers who are highly dedicated to take this on outside their normal job responsibilities. They make themselves available at all hours of the day and night," Killian said. Their reward comes in knowing they are part of an extensive safety shield for the campus community that sets ISU apart from many peer institutions.

"We have a maturity in our response team that is as strong as it can be, and we will continue to mature. Our institution is in a great spot but the work must go on, in part because our student population continually turns over," said Hodges, who acknowledges without complaint that his job is never done.

FROM REDBIRD TO VIKING

Alum tackles role as head NFL football coach
by Kevin Bersett

Forty years have passed, but ex-Redbird football player Phil Meyer can still conjure an emblematic memory of his former roommate and teammate Mike Zimmer '79 from their time at Illinois State.

"He had a neck brace, and he was out by our apartment, in our back lot, punting the football," said Meyer '79, M.S. '80, who is now the director of football operations at Southern Illinois University. "He was so determined to do something even if he couldn't play. He'd punt that thing and go get it, just back and forth. So I remember him being very determined."

Zimmer had just suffered what turned out to be a career-ending neck injury. Not long after he began a coaching career that has now spanned five decades, more than 5,000 miles over eight stops, and a range of high-level coaching jobs from small-college assistant to NFL head coach.

"I actually did not know what I was going to do," said Zimmer, a physical education major who wasn't sure he would even go into coaching after his injury. "I always wanted to stick around sports. Like most athletes, you think you are always going to play. I think the time when I was at Illinois State I kind of started thinking about coaching."

He reached the coaching summit last year when he was named head coach of the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings gave the 59-year-old Peoria native his first head

coaching gig, making him the first Redbird to become a head coach in the NFL.

Zimmer immediately turned a Vikings defense that had placed last in points allowed the previous season into one of the league's better defensive teams.

"I think the biggest thing is getting the players on the same page, making sure they are held accountable and that you're clear about the things you are asking them to do," Zimmer said. "Try to figure out what the players can do and then ask them to do it as opposed to the things they can't do."

The Vikings finished with a 7-9 record, a respectable result considering the team had to deal with the nearly season-long absence of star running back Adrian Peterson due to his implication in a child abuse case.

"There were some obstacles we had to overcome," Zimmer said. "We had a coach suspended for a couple of games. We lost our running back for quite a while. We had to play in a different stadium because they are building a new stadium here. We did some good things, just not good enough."

Zimmer knew he was facing a challenge from the start despite the team starting the season with a 34-6 win over the St. Louis Rams. "I didn't think it was going to be easy, because I've been in this business for a long time. Even the year we won the Super Bowl was one of the hardest





Mike Zimmer's passion for football goes back years. He was a quarterback for the Redbirds.

coaching years I have ever had," he said, recalling the 1995–1996 Dallas Cowboys' championship run. He coached defensive backs for the team at the time.

"I understand it's a week-to-week proposition," Zimmer said. His hardest adjustment has been dealing with the media. "You have to do it every single day as a head coach," he said.

"Really football-wise, it's not a big change. I'm more concerned with how we can improve the facilities. You're focused more on one side of the ball as a coordinator. Now you're focused on every position and how you can get better as a football team that way."

Zimmer's preparation for the challenge has come through a remarkable journey. The onetime college quarterback made his name as a defensive guru. He persevered through a 35-year apprenticeship as an assistant coach and dealt with a huge blow in 2009 when his wife, Vikki, died unexpectedly of natural causes at the age of 50.

A three-sport athlete in high school—baseball, football, and wrestling—Zimmer was a good enough quarterback to be recruited by several universities. He chose Illinois State based partly on his father, Bill. A Hall

of Fame football and wrestling coach at Lockport High School, the elder Zimmer had a good relationship with the Redbird coaches.

Injuries derailed Zimmer early in his playing career. He broke the thumb on his throwing hand during spring practice of his sophomore year and was moved to linebacker—a position he had never played. The experiment didn't last long. Zimmer injured his neck in spring practice and again early the following season, ending his playing days. Doctors at Mayo Clinic used some of his hip bone to fuse his vertebrae.

Redbird assistant football coach Ted Schmitz encouraged Zimmer to become a student assistant. He accepted the offer and spent the next two seasons as a defensive coach under Schmitz. The friendship is one of many that remain from his days at Illinois State.

"You meet a lot of great people in college, people I still stay in touch with, guys I played football with," Zimmer said. "There is just a special connection when you go to school somewhere: We're all Redbirds."

After graduation, Zimmer was hired as a part-time coach at the University of Missouri. He hitched on with longtime college coach Mike Price, who chose Zimmer as his defensive coordinator at Weber State in Utah and later at Washington State.

In 1994 Dallas Cowboys defensive backs coach Dave Campo recruited Zimmer to be the nickel back coach for the Cowboys. Their third Super Bowl in four seasons a year later was with a team featuring future Hall of Famers Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin, and Charles Haley.

"We had great players," Zimmer said. "They always believed they were going to win. It was a lot of fun and a lot of pressure because you had to win." Zimmer spent 13 seasons in Dallas under four head coaches and the omnipresent and flamboyant owner Jerry Jones.

As defensive coordinator in 2003, Zimmer helped the Cowboys lead the league in fewest yards allowed and finish

second in scoring defense. There was speculation that he would become Dallas' head coach, but the Cowboys hired Wade Phillips instead.

"There were a lot of rumors. But you know, you never really know," Zimmer said. "Everywhere I was I tried to do the best job I could. I kind of let other things fall into place."

Zimmer landed in Cincinnati in 2008. Once again he transformed a weak defense into a perennial top 10 unit. Zimmer also became something of a star on the HBO series *Hard Knocks*, which followed the Bengals during the preseason and caught Zimmer's sometimes obscenity-laced exchanges with his players.

"Those are just some outbursts that typically I have with players. I think that gets overblown a little bit," said Zimmer, who is optimistic about the upcoming season. The team is filled with good



Zimmer's second year as a head NFL coach starts with a regular-season game against San Francisco on September 14.

young players led by emerging quarterback Teddy Bridgewater.

Zimmer's former Redbird coach shares the optimism.

"I think he did a great job last year," Schmitz said. "He didn't have the defensive studs. He didn't have the running back he wanted. He'll do a great job this year."

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Loud and Proud

Campus Victory Bell a tradition for five decades

One of Illinois State's oldest Athletics traditions is the Victory Bell, a traveling icon that leads the football team onto the field before kickoff and is rung after each touchdown and victory.

So where did it come from? A garage just a few blocks west of today's Tri-Towers.

It's there former student body president Chuck Witte '71 and some buddies spent weeks in 1964 building the Victory Bell. They were leaders at the time of Redbird Rooters, a group of student super-fans looking to make some noise.

"We spent the whole summer working on it in that garage," said Witte, now a retired circuit judge. "It's amazing that

it's lasted 50 years." Witte took on the project with ISU students Jim Tischler '65 and Eric Oliver, whose dad owned the house with the garage.

The bell, which came from an old Navy ship, hangs from a metal frame fabricated by Tischler and attached to an old wagon. A Redbird cheerleader helped get the wagon from Carlock. It needed to have its wheels rebuilt before the 250-pound bell could be hung.

The bell debuted during the fall 1964 football season. Up until then, the Redbird Rooters were a "card section." Students gave out different cards to fans so they could collectively spell out words and designs as a section. The bell made a much bigger impression.

"It was very loud. You could hear it throughout the stadium," Witte said. "That's really why we built the bell."

It was called Bone's Victory Bell back then, in honor of then-President Robert Bone. David DiPaolo '65 was chosen in a schoolwide election to be the first official ringer of Bone's Victory Bell in fall 1964.

"As a sports enthusiast, I saw this as an excellent opportunity to help encourage more school spirit on campus," DiPaolo said. He rang it at Homecoming and during a celebration welcoming Bone home after a six-week trip to Egypt.

Today the Victory Bell is operated by various student groups throughout the season. It remains a mainstay in the annual Homecoming parade.

Alumni News

Redbirds scattered far across the country

With an alumni base of more than 200,000, it's not surprising that graduates have settled in just about every state of the nation. It's also not hard to understand why Illinois has the largest number of Redbirds, with more than 125,000 still living within the state.

But did you know that California has 4,126 graduates compared to the 4,001 living in Florida? On the other end of the spectrum, there are only 56 in Rhode Island, 58 in West Virginia and 62 in North Dakota.

A map of where Redbirds have settled is now available online at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine. Visit the site to learn how many fellow graduates are in your part of the country.

Get to know fellow Redbirds in your area by joining a regional network. Go to Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Networks for information about local groups. Find out how you can start one by calling (800) 366-4478 or email Alumni@IllinoisState.edu.

Directors chosen for Alumni Association

There is new leadership within the Alumni Association following the annual meeting in June.

Magnolia Im '96, M.S. '01, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors. She is a sponsored project program coordinator for Illinois State University. She resides in Saint Charles.

The board also elected officers. Kaci Rollings '94 is president. Tim Pantalone '07 is vice president/president-elect. Michele Guadalupe '01 is secretary; with Bob Navarro '91, M.S. '93, Ph.D. '02, as past president.

For more information on the Illinois State Alumni Association and how to get involved, visit [Alumni: IllinoisState.edu/Association](http://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Association).



From the archives

A collection of theatre professionals and interns come together at Ewing Manor to stage the Illinois Shakespeare Festival every summer. Founded in 1978 by former College of Fine Arts faculty member Cal Pritner, the festival's impact on theatre and theatre education has been lauded in media and scholarly journals from Chicago to New York and Shakespeare's home country, England. The stage and costumes have changed markedly from the first year, top, when *Twelfth Night* was performed compared to last year's performance of *Elizabeth Rex*.

ClassNotes



A flock of Redbirds

Middle school is teaching home to sixteen graduates

Might as well call it DeGarmo Hall North.

At Marlowe Middle School in Lake in the Hills, northwest of Chicago, 16 Illinois State alumni are on staff. They share more than just campus stories. All have an uncommon level of preparedness—an expertise they put into practice daily with 1,422 students.

“There’s definitely a special kind of pride, without a doubt, with ISU’s reputation and being founded as a teachers’ college,” said Principal Adam Zehr ’00, M.S. ’09.

Marlowe’s 16 Redbirds, including Zehr, are in all grade levels and many different subjects. Among them is Sarah

Saskowski ’12, a middle-level education grad who teaches 7th grade literacy. She shares a pod with six other teachers, half from ISU.

Saskowski participated in the Professional Development School program—a yearlong experience that replaces traditional student teaching. “That full year of teaching experience before I actually went into a classroom really made a big difference,” she said. “I think it also gave me the edge on other student teachers who only had a semester of experience.”

Michelle (Althoff) Kenefick ’98 is Marlowe’s technology integration specialist. She credits Illinois State for life-changing experiences, such as student teaching in England and peer-counseling work she did as a student.

Zehr was trained as a social studies teacher before going back to get his master’s degree and become an administrator. As principal, he’s putting into practice the communication skills he learned during his graduate work.

Seventh-grade literacy teacher Suzanne Bell ’07 majored in political science and journalism, serving as editor in chief of the *Vidette*. She loves swapping ISU stories with the other Marlowe Redbirds. She’s also engaged to Marlowe 6th-grade social studies teacher Ryan Starnes ’06.

“I’ve got an ISU sticker on my white board. Whenever we can talk about college, we’re always pumping up ISU and how great it is,” Bell said. “I’m definitely an alum who loves ISU.”

50s

Robert Fletcher '52 retired after teaching biology for 38 years. He has traveled to Japan and South Korea, where he spent 16 months with the Korean Military Advisory Group at the Korean Army Headquarters. He also served one year at Fort Lee in Virginia. He is a reader of biology textbooks, library volunteer, and has served as an election judge. He and his wife, who reside in Belleville, have two daughters who are ISU graduates.

Helen (Alkofer) Dickerson '58 is president and owner of Cygnus Corporation. She has worked as a docent for the Smithsonian American Art Museum for 36 years. She teaches children and adults to read art and stays active playing tennis. She is widowed and resides in Potomac, Maryland.

60s

C. Jean Aberle '64 is a retired educator. She resides in Forsyth.

Mary (Meyer) Fetzer '64 retired as government resources librarian and deputy associate university librarian for Research and Instructional Services from Rutgers-The State University. She resides in Randolph, New Jersey.

Alice (Killian) Wells '64 is executive director of AZ ASCD, a nonprofit providing professional development for educators. She has served as an elementary school principal and curriculum coordinator, and worked nearly 20 years in the educational publishing industry. She received the Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix 2015 Tribute to Leadership Award in public service. She resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Cynthia (May) Bickhaus '65 completed a master's in library science and worked 34 years as a school librarian in Illinois and Texas. She is retiring from Billy Ryan High School. She and her husband, Charles, reside in Denton, Texas.

David DiPaolo '65 has retired from the Corona-Norco Unified School District. He and his wife, Kristine, reside in Corona, California.

David Dueringer '65 is director of development, alumni and advocacy for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona. He and his wife, Jill, reside in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Carole (Sampson) Shook '65 is president of North Lake IEA-NEA Retired Teachers and a member of Round Lake Area School CUSH 116 Education Foundation. She has retired from teaching. She and her husband, James, reside in Round Lake.

Mike Houston '67 has completed his third term as mayor of Springfield. His career was in banking, retiring as chairman emeritus from Town and Country Bank in Springfield. He resides there with his wife, Carolyn.

Richard Neyens, M.S. '68, Ph.D. '74, is the registrar at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Colorado. A former bank director and college professor, he has served as the Archdiocese of Denver in his current role more than 15 years. He and his wife, Jennie, have eight children and reside in Parker, Colorado.

Donna (Hornbeak) Rogers-Beard '68 retired after teaching social studies at Clayton High School in Missouri for 22 years. She and her husband, Drex, reside in St. Louis, Missouri.

Lloyd Simonson, M.S. '68, Ph.D. '74, has been appointed a trustee on the Village Board of Spring Grove.

Tom Lamont '69 has been appointed by President Barack Obama to the Future of the Army Commission, which was established by Congress to examine the future mission and structure of active-duty Army, National Guard and Army Reserves. He retired from his position as assistant secretary of the Army and now serves as a defense consultant. He resides in Springfield.

70s

Connie (Twardowski) Temple '70 is a flight attendant with American Airlines. She resides in Lynn Center.

Pause for applause

Head of the class



Paul Solarz, M.S. '02, has enormous passion for teaching and skills to match. His work with fifth-grade students at Westgate Elementary School in Arlington Heights has gained international attention. Solarz was nominated as a Top 50 finalist for the 2015 Global Teacher Prize. The honor is compared to the Nobel Prize of teaching and comes with a \$1 million award. While he did not take the title, his inclusion as a finalist is testimony to his innovative teaching. Beyond having students Skype with their peers around the world, they enjoy two hours each week to pursue their own learning interest.

Governor's choice

A public service career continues for **Rocco Claps '83**, who was reappointed as director of the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Gov. Bruce Rauner's decision makes Claps the longest-serving director in the agency's history. He is also the first openly gay agency director in Illinois. Claps has held the position since 2003, working with legislators to expand the Illinois Human Rights Act and the scope of human and civil rights laws in Illinois—including Illinois' first statewide law to protect the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. He oversees nearly 150 employees with a budget of more than \$14 million.



Beyond description



Terry Adkins, M.A. '77, can't be categorized as he blended art and music to reach international acclaim. Known as a conceptual artist who blurred genres, Adkins was a professor of fine arts at the University of Pennsylvania School of Design at the time of his death last year. His work is on display through November at the 2015 Venice Biennale, which is one of the world's most prestigious cultural institutions. The Smithsonian, Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art and Tate Modern Museum in London also hold his unique pieces.

Making a splash

Jim Voss '64 didn't leave the pool after serving as co-captain of ISU's 1964 swim team. He served 33 years as a boys high school swim coach and PE teacher. The pool at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is named in his honor. There 25 years, his teams took 15 state and three national championships. Voss won the most state team titles in the history of all Iowa sports and was state coach of the year eight times. National Coach of the Year in 1994, he coached three Olympians and is in a state and national coaches swimming Hall of Fame.



How we met

Amy Mills '05 and Travis Pons '06 met in Watterson Towers in 2001. Travis, a soon-to-be Redbird at the time, was visiting a friend. Amy was catching up with her dormmates. She and Travis bonded as friends instantly. During their time at Illinois State, they enjoyed playing games on the Quad and gathering frequently at Pub II.

Amy completed her degree in English prior to Travis finishing his major in safety. The two stayed in touch following graduation, yet neither one imagined the amazing journey they would share long after leaving campus. The turning point for their relationship came when they reconnected at the wedding of fellow ISU alum Heath Beagle '03.

"We knew that the people we were with at the wedding weren't the right people for us," Travis said. "It took us a little while to figure it out, but we are really glad we did." He and Amy officially started dating long distance in 2012, with her in New York and Travis in Arizona. From then on they were inseparable despite the miles.

The two married in Bloomington on November 1, 2014. Amy works at Discover Financial Service as a part of the digital marketing communications team. Travis is a safety manager at Central Steel and Wire. They still enjoy supporting Redbird Athletics and visiting the campus, where their chance encounter led to a romance 11 years later.

Not surprisingly, Illinois State still holds a special place in their hearts. "For us it means everything that we can share the ISU experience, because it is much more than just a school," Amy said. "It's how everything started for us. If ISU wasn't in the picture, we never would have known each other."



Redbird friends celebrated with Amy and Travis Pons at their wedding last fall.

Patrick Callahan '71, M.S. '73, is a college supervisor at Monmouth College. He is the elected board president of the Knoxville CUSD 202 Board of Education, and is serving his second term. He and his wife, Valerie, reside in Knoxville.

Alicia (Salazar) Maier '71 has retired from teaching in Naperville School District 203. She resides in Naperville.

Doug Otto '71, M.S. '74, Ed.D. '78, retired from public school administration after 40 years of service, including 31 years as a superintendent. He is a professor at the University of North Texas in Denton. He and his wife, Bobbi, reside in Plano, Texas.

Kate Charles '72 is an acclaimed mystery novelist who writes under the name Carol Chase. Her latest book, *False Tongues*, was released in the spring. She is a past chairman of the Crime Writers' Association and the Barbara Pym Society. She resides in England.

Leatha (Reynolds) Pierce '72 is retired from teaching elementary students. She and her husband, Jerry, enjoy volunteering, traveling and

working with MidAmerica Boston Terrier Rescue. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lyle Bandy '73 retired after 41 years in the Clay County Florida school system. He and his wife, Vickie, reside in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Christine (Otterstrom) Barrow '73 retired after working 25 years as an elementary school counselor. She is widowed and resides in Peoria.

Sally Campbell '73 retired from Fulton County School District 3 after 35 years of teaching. She is the national education director for Band for Today, a music education outsourcing company. She resides near Orlando, Florida.

Charles Geigner '73, M.S. '86, Ph.D. '01, enjoys retirement by portraying Santa Claus. He and his wife, Judith, reside in Bloomington.

Pamela (Sutter) Collman '75 is a senior field representative for the U. S. Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census. She received the agency's Bronze Medal Award this year, which is the highest hon-

or given. She previously received the bureau's Census Award of Excellence. She and her husband, William, reside in Bethalto.

Pam (Koschalke) Frontzak '75, M.S. '78, retired after teaching special education 40 years. She worked in Chicago's inner city and an inpatient psychiatric unit. She has served as an adjunct at Loyola and taught at Niles North High School in Skokie. She resides in Deerfield.

Kirk Novakow '75 is a former publications editor at State Farm Insurance Companies and a retired sales consultant. He has also worked as a freelance NFL photographer. He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Danvers.

Jurate Kuras Harris '76, Ed.D. '13, is the assistant director of English Language for Academic Purposes in the International Programs Office at University of St. Francis in Joliet. She and her husband, Douglas '83, reside in Homer Glen.

Elizabeth (McNamee) Potter '76, M.S. '80, retired as principal of Hopkins Schools. She worked 37 years as a special educator, classroom teacher and administrator in Illinois,

Wisconsin and Minnesota. She and her husband, Mitch '76, reside in Shorewood, Minnesota.

Steven Verhulst, M.S. '76, completed a doctorate at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He is a professor and the director of statistics and research information at SIU's School of Medicine. He received the school's Outstanding Scholar Award this year. He resides in Springfield.

Dennis Sulzer '77 retired after 37 years in occupational safety and health. The last 20 years were spent as loss control director for the San Diego County Schools Risk Management Joint Powers Authority. He and his wife, Becky, have two grandchildren and reside in Chula Vista, California.

John Hohulin '78 is chief of staff for Mahindra GenZe, a start-up developing alternative transportation options designed primarily for North American urban settings. He and his wife, Margo, reside in Mountain View, California.

Paul Tutt '78 is vice president of product management and business development with Devro, work-

ing in the company's division in Columbia, South Carolina.

Patrick Flanigan '79 has been elected to serve as 156th District Judge in San Patricio County in Texas. He previously served as judge of the San Patricio County Court at Law and completed four terms as 36th district attorney. He and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Portland, Texas.

Michael Koulos '79 retired after teaching special education for 30 years. Most of his career was spent at West Chicago Community High School District 94. He and his wife, Elli, are parents to two children and reside in Naperville.

80s

Randy Cooper '80 is a partner and president of the Property and Casualty Division of the Williams Manny Insurance Group. He and his wife, Jean, reside in Rockford.

Cheryl (Underwood) Young-Pelton '80 is a tenured assistant professor of special education in the Department of Educational Theory and Practice at Montana State University-Billings. She resides in Absarokee, Montana.

Maria DeLanghe '81 is an agent with State Farm Insurance Companies. She resides in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Dawn (Muldowney) Neylon '81 is a certified prevention specialist with 360 Youth Services. She and her husband, Jim, reside in Naperville.

William Atkins '82 is owner of Atkins Research. He and his wife, Delores Eagleson, reside in Pekin.

Peter Brust '82 is senior director of fleet security for Holland America Group. He and his wife, **Sandy (Goodwin) '82**, reside in Seattle, Washington.

Phil Lackman '82 is the CEO of Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois. Membership includes 1,200 insurance agencies and 13,000 licensed independent agents. He and his wife, Mary Kay, reside in Springfield.

Mark Loafman '82 is a physician appointed chair of the Family and Community Medicine Department

at Cook County Health and Hospitals System. A national expert in community medicine and maternal/child health, he was a founding faculty member of Northwestern University's McGaw Medical Center family medicine residency program. He resides in Chicago.

Robert Korensky II '83 received his MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. He owns and operates a residential real estate appraisal company. He and his wife, Shirley, have two sons and reside in Rochester, New York.

Susan Stark '83 retired after 25 years as a department category planning analyst with national accounts at Hallmark Cards. She was a key account executive most of her career, calling on major national and regional retail change divisional offices. She resides in Fleming Island, Florida.

Madoka (Dawson) Watabe-Belzel, M.S. '83, is a professor of food science and nutrition at California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. She has worked at several universities, including Waseda University in Tokyo. She and her husband, John, reside in Paso Robles, California.

Lea Anne (Wild) Frost '84 completed a doctorate in educational leadership at Roosevelt University. She is the executive director at the ECHO Cooperative in South Holland. She resides in Oak Park.

James Gottemoller '84 is a banker at North Shore Bank in Milwaukee. He is also CFO of My First Playhouse, a home business he runs with his wife, Julie. The business sells playhouses and teepees. They reside in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Kenneth Harris '84 is chair of the justice and public policy program and the director of the organizational leadership and administration master's degree for Concordia University School of Business Administration. He is also a lieutenant with the City of Milwaukee Police Department. He authored an article in the 2015 edition of the *Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*. He resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Leticia (Carranza) Montesdeoca '84 is a registered nurse working at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. She and her husband, Jose, reside in Normal.

Mark Thorndyke '84 is a managing director with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. He has been named to *Barron's Magazine* 2015 "America's Top 1,200 Advisors: State-by-State" list. He has also been named to *Barron's* "Top 1,200 Financial Advisors" for the seventh consecutive year. He is a member of ISU's College of Business advisory board and resides in Chicago.

Jeff Bergman '85 is president of E3 Building Solutions. He and his wife, Patrice, reside in Arlington Heights.



Redbirds proudly serve

Serving in the Illinois National Guard far from home was made easier for three men who discovered they are all ISU alums. Mike Maroon '94, Herb Stevens '93 and Jason Wentworth '08 are pilots who were assigned to a nine-month mission in Africa during 2014. Their work involved transporting supplies and VIPs. All three returned to the U.S. earlier this year. Stevens, *left*, and Wentworth are pictured with their plane in Djibouti, Africa. The banner will be put to good use in the Stevens' home, as daughter Hannah begins her own Redbird journey this fall. An incoming freshman, she will study marketing.

Dorothy (Wells) Dwyer '85 is a flight attendant with United Airlines. She and her husband, Keith, reside in Crystal Lake.

Kristi Schaller '85, M.S. '87, is a senior lecturer at the University of Georgia. She resides in Athens, Georgia.

Ray Wallace, D.A. '85, is chancellor of Indiana University-Southeast.

He and his wife, Susan, reside in Charlestown, Indiana.

Tom Krehbiel '86 is a CPA and certified information systems auditor. He is the partner-in-charge of CPA services for the firm Sikich LLP.

Ricardo Meza '86 completed his juris doctorate at John Marshall Law School and then served as Illinois Executive Inspector General. He is an officer and member of the government interaction and white collar crime and corporate compliance practices in the law firm of Greensfelder, Hemker and Gale, PC. He is in the firm's Chicago office.

Michael Raucci '86 has been with the Hoffman Estates Police Department for 27 years and has been

promoted to lieutenant. He and his wife, Laura, are the parents of two children and reside in Huntley.

Kathy (Taylor) Remsburg, M.S. '86, is a full professor and undergraduate director of athletic training education at Franklin College. She is the recipient of the NATA Athletic Trainer Service Award and the

Redbird legacy

Nancy (Daley) Myatt '58 lived on a Central Illinois farm while in high school. She finished at the top of her class with dreams of teaching, but lacked the dollars to pursue a degree.

Her future changed with notification of a scholarship to attend Illinois State. Chosen by an area legislator for the award, she eagerly prepared to teach English and speech. She worked for faculty and at The Cage to help cover costs.

"I didn't think I would go to college, so I really enjoyed ISU," said Nancy, who was offered a job following a student teaching assignment in Peoria. She taught high school two years before marrying Jack and starting their family of three: Michael, Michelle and Maureen.

Michelle (Myatt) McClain '83 chose Illinois State as well, enrolling as a biology major. An athlete in high school, she was such a talented walk-on to the track team that she lettered in the sport until a leg injury made it impossible to continue competing. Now a physical therapist at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Michelle lives in Findlay with her husband, Rod.

Their daughter, Amanda, continues the family legacy this fall as a freshman. Valedictorian of her Okaw Valley high school class, she is still contemplating her major.

Amanda will attend on a track scholarship. Although several colleges expressed interest, her decision to attend ISU was made easier by the strong family connection. She also was impressed by Athletics' facilities, the coaches and her teammates.

Nancy and Michelle are pleased with Amanda's decision. Not only will they be close enough to cheer her on, but she further cements ties to their alma mater.

"It is so nice to have the common ground of the same school," said Nancy, who is now retired along with Jack. They reside in Decatur and look forward to frequent campus visits.

"I am very interested in getting back to campus," Nancy said. "I'll enjoy the chance to mosey around and see all that has changed."



Clifford and Paula Dietz Award for Faculty Excellence. She is a member of the Indiana Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame. She and her husband, Cole, reside in Franklin, Indiana.

JeanMarie Sullivan '86 is a general education instructor at Remington College in North Houston. She resides in The Woodlands, Texas.

Elizabeth (Walden) Beasley '87 completed a doctorate in administrative leadership at Walden University. She is an adjunct professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide and a school counselor at St. Mary's County Public Schools. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Solomons, Maryland.

Wanzette (Sisney) Bilbrew, M.S. '87, is the first woman of color to graduate from Western Theological Seminary's distance learning program. She completed a master's of divinity and is a doctoral student at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is the senior site pastor

of Living Springs Riverdale Ministry Center within the Reformed Church in America. She resides in Homewood.

Jamie (Storms) Janosz, M.S. '88, is content strategy manager at Moody Bible Institute. She and her husband, Milt, reside in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Debra Entwistle '89 is a case manager with Cigna Healthcare. She resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Shawn Knowles '89 is vice president and director of risk engineering for Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management. He has homes in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Lebanon, New Jersey.

John Lee '89 is the director of safety/health with Grain and Feed Associates. He received the 2015 Governor's Award for Contributions in Health and Safety. The honor goes to one person annually. He resides in Chatham.

Scott Sunyog '89 is senior vice president of Global Markets Operations for Bank America based in Chi-

cago. He is a risk executive for the global markets operation. He and his wife, Evenin, reside in Darien.

Robert Zmudka '89 is vice president and group executive of North American Sales and Marketing for GATX Corporation, overseeing \$950 million of lease revenue. He is an advisory board member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Beyond Sports Foundation in Chicago. He co-chaired the Pro Football Hall of Fame Salute to Greatness event in Chicago this year. He resides in Winnetka.

90s

Jeanna (Park) Fearon '90, M.S. '92, M.S. '02, is an art therapist at Min-

dock Counseling. She and her husband, Peter, reside in Peoria.

Janet Zaidenberg-Schrum '90 retired from Tucson Electric Power. He formerly worked as a financial analyst. He resides in St. Louis, Missouri.

Laurent Boilly, MBA '91, is vice president of international sales at E.S. Kluft. He resides in the greater Los Angeles area of California.

Jim Evoy '91 is owner of The Ageless Treasure Estate Sale Company, which is rated top 50 in the nation. He and his wife, Mary Kay, reside in Crown Point, Indiana.

Terry Harvill '91, M.S. '92, Ph.D. '07, is vice president of international and merchant development for ITC



REGGIE READS

Check out a column dedicated to book reviews of work by alums at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine. Click on Reggie Reads.

Holdings Corporation. He drives the company's growth and expansion nationally and globally. He and his wife, Shannon, reside in Novi, Michigan.

Dasha (Jones) Kelly '91 is a writer and spoken-word artist. She authored the novel *Almost Crimson*, which was named by BuzzFeed as one of the most anticipated books of 2015. She resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Tracy (Barnes) Marshall '91 is a child welfare advance specialist with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. She resides in Chicago.

Ed Casimiro '92 completed a master's in instructional leadership from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a middle school teacher at Walsh School in the Chicago Public Schools. He resides in Chicago.

Deane Geiken '92 manages the student radio station WPCD at Parkland College. He previously worked for 20 years as director of the Illinois Radio Reading Service at the University of Illinois. He

and his wife, Cordelia, reside in Paxton.

Jennifer (McAloon) Lasater '93 is vice president of employer and career services for Kaplan University. She is a member of the board of directors of The National Association of Colleges and Employers. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Aurora.

Todd Swan '93 is an entrepreneur working with SwanLifeStyle. He resides in Panama City Beach, Florida.

Clifford Kinder '94 has taught high school geography in Texas and served as an assistant principal at two high schools in the state. He is the principal of La Grange Middle School in La Grange, Texas. He resides there with his wife, Robin.

Todd Larson '94 is vice president of operations for Henningsen Cold Storage Company. He resides in Portland, Oregon.

David McGrath '94 is a manager at Wright College. He resides in Chicago.

Marcelle Selvaggio '94 is a lead teacher at Children's Home and

Aid Society. She resides in Arlington Heights.

Laura (Gniatczyk) Byars, M.S. '95, is vice president of human performance for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Her team was ranked fifth in the nation this year by *Training Magazine* for comprehensive learning, development offerings and impact. She resides in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

John Desjarlais, M.A. '95, is an English instructor at Kishwaukee College. He has written a third mystery novel titled *Specter*. He and his wife, Virginia, reside in Byron.

Jenn (Tiritilli) Kupres '95 is the North American director of talent acquisition at the Getinge Group, a global leader in medical technology and equipment. She resides in Buffalo Grove.

Matthew Lanter '95 owns ASAP Development Group. He resides in Swansea.

Steven Erickson '96 is the corporate controller for Beltone Electronics. He and his wife, Lauren, are parents to three children. The family resides in McHenry.

Mark Smith '96 is self-employed as a financial advisor and insurance agent. He and his wife, Melissa, are parents of two girls and reside in Friendswood, Texas.

Leslie Moe-Kaiser, Ph.D. '97, retired from State Farm Insurance Companies. She worked in enterprise philanthropy, managing relationships with national Asian-Pacific American organizations. She managed a multi-million dollar portfolio supporting educational, advocacy and leadership programs. She and her husband, Greg, reside in Peoria.

William Cooper '98 is senior vice president of Pennington and Company. He and his wife, Marsha, reside in Lawrence, Kansas.

Eric Marsaglia '98 is a principal with Northern Insurance Service, LTD. He resides in Plainfield.

Lisa (Cobb) Baker '99, M.S. '02, is a communication skills instructor at Waukesha County Technical College. She resides in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh '99 is an English teacher at Rock Island School District. She and her husband, Tracy, reside in Rock Island.

00s

Jason "Jay" Anderson '00 is the manager of the marketing department for Boston Scientific. He and his wife, Jamie, reside in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Michael Buczynski '00 opened Art of Health Chiropractic in Nashville, Tennessee, where he resides.

Jennifer Cherry '00 is category management-manager of cosmetics with L'Oreal USA. She resides in Bedminster, New Jersey.

Anthony Fitpold Sr. '00 is a key account coordinator with Kyodo Yushi USA, Inc. He resides in Elgin.

Robert Hudak '00 works for Amerisafe Insurance. He and his wife, Teresa, reside in Normal.

Patrick Martin '00, M.S. '03, Ph.D. '12, is superintendent of schools for Gardendale City School. He and his wife, Taren, reside in Homewood, Alabama.

Holly (Young) Pinter '00 is a marketing specialist and graphic designer with St. Margaret's Health. She resides in Peru.

Nicholas Wennerstrom '00 completed a master's degree through University of Phoenix and is a regional manager for Kelly Services. He is a reserve deputy sheriff for the Lake County Sheriff's Office. He and his wife, Natalie, are parents of a son and reside in Libertyville.

Christine (Sands) Hjorth '01 completed a master's in educational leadership from Concordia University. She is a middle school language arts and social studies teacher in Wauconda. Her husband, **Josh '02**, is a special education teacher and football coach at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire, winning the 2014 8A IHSA State Championship. They have two children and reside in the Chicago suburbs.

Michael Ellsworth '02 is vice president of branch operations with the ISU Credit Union. His wife, **Jaime**



Statehouse honors

Last season's success on the football field was recognized at the Illinois capitol in the spring. House Resolution 106 congratulates the Redbirds on winning their first conference title in 15 years and making it to the NCAA Division I Football Championship game. The Redbirds defeated seven nationally ranked opponents and set 16 school records. Pictured are, from left, Mike Williams '04, M.S. '07, Athletics' media information; Rep. Elgie Sims '93; Athletics Director Larry Lyons '86; head coach Brock Spack; House Leader Jim Durkin '84; Rep. Dan Brady; Rep. Keith Sommer; and Rep. Jay Hoffman '83.

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(Breclaw) '02, M.S. '04, is a speech-language pathologist with Champaign Unit 4 School District. They are parents of a son and reside in Downs.

Jennifer (Stolleis) Moore '02, M.S. '06, is a business analyst with TEKsystems. She resides in Bloomington.

Samuel Patry '02 is an attorney at Dysinger and Patry, LLC. The firm is one of the top 25 in the area

of Dayton, Ohio. He is actively involved in the community and resides in Tipp City, Ohio.

Felicia Walters '02 is manager of digital, data and analytics with Accenture. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

RoDina Williams '02, '10, completed a James A. Ferguson Infectious Diseases Fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

this summer in Atlanta, Georgia. She resides in Bellwood.

Sarah (Zoss) Lewis '03 is a commercial underwriting associate with COUNTRY Financial. She and her husband, Doug, are the parents of a son. Noah was born in 2014. They reside in Morton.

Susan Megy, M.A. '03, is a director of a Haiti Program called Protect the People. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Kate (Anderson) Ristau '03 authored the young adult novel *Shadowgirl*. She and her husband, Bob, reside in Tigard, Oregon.

Dawnyelle "DJ" Brown '04 is the owner/operator of Skedaddle Errands and Services. She and her husband, Jarrod, reside in Bloomington.

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Holly Blando '05 is the online marketing coordinator for Vail Resorts. She and her husband, Justin Saunders, reside in Breckenridge, Colorado.

William Breisch '05 is the assistant principal at Proviso Math and Science Academy in Forest Park. He and his wife, Amanda, reside in Itasca.

Linda Timm Hankemeier, M.S. '05, is a communication manager at State Farm Insurance Companies and a college communication instructor. She has received the certified communications professional designation. She resides in Normal.

Katie (Sup) Rezac, M.S. '05, is the assistant director for academic advising at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She and her husband, Chris, reside in Omaha, Nebraska.

Patrick Ryan '05, M.S. '07, is a counselor at Marist High School. He resides in Chicago.

David Sollish, M.S. '05, is an associate professor of theatre and head of the bachelor of fine arts musical theatre program at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He and his wife, Kelsey, will relocate from their home in Forest City, Iowa.

Andrew Anastasia '06 has completed a doctorate and is an assistant professor of English at Frostburg State University. He and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of a daughter. Isadora Sempos was born March 24, 2015. They reside in Frostburg, Maryland.

Amanda Bylczyński, M.S. '06, is an associate professor of history at Edison Community College. She resides in Troy, Ohio.

Jacquelyn Gaiamo '06 is a social worker II at the University of Chicago Medicine. She resides in Oak Park.

Molly Hanley '06 is an itinerant teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing with Clark County School District. She resides in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Erin (Dixon) Levzow '06 is the director of digital marketing and social media for Wingstop Restaurants, Inc. She and her husband, Brad, reside in Plano, Texas.

Eric Summers, MBA '06, is completing a degree at Chicago-Kent College of Law. He resides in Peoria.

Melissa (Maxwell) Zimmer '06 is an account director with Jack Morton Worldwide. She and her husband, Jeremiah, reside in Darien.

Samantha (Matthews) Kixmiller '07 is an early childhood specialist and teacher at the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She and her husband, Craig, reside in Fishers, Indiana.

Alisha (Barnett) Looney '07 is a public information specialist and editor at Western Illinois University. She resides in Bushnell.

Dheeraj Mekala, M.S. '07, is an applications development manager with JP Morgan Chase. He and his wife, Dipika Kaveti, reside in Columbus, Ohio.

William Merchantz '07, M.S. '10, is a manufacturing and machining instructor at Elk Grove High School. He and his wife, Stacy, reside in Homer Glen.

Emily Sullivan '07 worked more than three years on Capitol Hill as a legal counsel intern for the Environmental Protection Agency. She is a policy advisor in the government relations department of the

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck law firm in Washington, D.C.

Vanessa Basil '08 is a chef for the Portland Trailblazers at Rose Garden Arena. She resides in Portland, Oregon.

Chad Bell '08 is co-owner and operator of Bell Farms, which produces grain and involves a small cow-calf operation. His wife, **Brittany (Hinds) '09**, is a compliance and audit assistant at Bank Orion. They are the parents of a daughter and reside in Viola.

Dan Frederking '08 is completing a doctorate in teaching and learning at Illinois State. He is a principal consultant with the Illinois State Board of Education. He resides in Springfield.

Melody Green, Ph.D. '08, is dean of the Urbana Theological Seminary. She resides in Urbana.

Vincent Lobello '08 is technical director at Seton Hill University. He resides in Jeannette, Pennsylvania.

Larissa (Wages) McIvain '08 is associate director of foundation relations and events at Heartland Community College. She and her husband, Nathan, reside in Normal.

Jordan (Kimmel) Saldanha '08 has authored *A Life Like Mine* and *A Lifetime of Passion: A Poetry Collection*. She resides in Hoffman Estates.

James Tompkins '08 is a GIS technician with DuPage County. He resides in Wheaton.

Rachel (Walker) Walkaufson '08 is a systems support specialist with Randstad Technologies and works at State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Clayton, were married in August 2014. They reside in Bloomington.

John Wierzbicki '08 is a personal trainer at Fitness Formula Clubs in Chicago. He resides in Lincoln Park.

Erin Frost, M.A. '09, Ph.D. '13, is an assistant professor at East Carolina University. She received a 2015 CCCO Outstanding Dissertation Award in Technical Communication for her dissertation

titled "Theorizing an Apparent Feminism in Technical Communication." Two awards are given nationally. She resides in Greenville, North Carolina.

Aaron Koerber '09 is a regional sales manager for Cold Jet. He resides in Chicago.

Amy Krych '09 is a cyber liability and privacy security underwriter with Beazley Group in Chicago. She resides in Oak Park.

Ellen Masessa '09 is a middle school math teacher in Maywood/Melrose Park/Broadview School District 89. She resides in the Chicago suburbs.

Annette (Koch) Parrent '09 is an analyst at Walgreens. She and her husband, Ryan, reside in Hampshire.

Jillian (Ganschow) Sparks '09 is a costume buying assistant with the Walt Disney Company. She and her husband, Adam, reside in Kissimmee, Florida.

10s

Francisco Arceo '10 earned a master's at Clemson University and is completing a second master's at Columbia University in data science. He works in the decision science group for Commonwealth Bank of Australia. He resides in New York, New York.

Rebecca (Givens) Atkins '10 is a recreation facilities supervisor with Batavia Park District. She and her husband, Brandon, reside in Plano.

Amanda (Reese) Baeten '10 is a human resources recruiter for Canon Solutions America. She and her husband, Ryan '10, were married in November 2014. He is a channel field manager for Peerless-AV. They reside, with their cat Betsy Ross, in Glendale Heights.

Laura Bianchi '10, M.S. '13, is a dual-language kindergarten teacher with Woodstock School District 200. She resides in Crystal Lake.

Crystal Bricker '10 is employed at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center. She and her husband, Ben, reside in Bloomington.

Michael Detmer '10 is a music therapist and lecturer at the University

of Louisville and Norton Health-care. He resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kyle Gatewood '10 is a senior applications development specialist at Maritz. He resides in O'Fallon.

Kaitlin Good '10 is an occupational therapist at Barrington Orthopedic Specialists. She resides in Elmhurst.

Brian Hawkins '10 is a claims adjuster with Enterprise Holdings. He resides in Denver, Colorado.

Michael Hubatch '10, M.S. '12, is a production services producer with Naperville Community Television. He and his wife, **Jessica (Cena) '12**, were married in July 2015. They reside in Naperville.

Alexandra (Szomko) Namowicz '10 is facilities coordinator at Livingston International. She and her husband, Andrew, reside in Palatine.

Stefanie Pipis '10 is a geologist with Southwestern Energy. She resides in Spring, Texas.

Sarah Rehfield '10 is an account manager with NBC Sports at NBC Universal. She resides in Chicago.

Nathan Rybolt '10 is a quality assurance engineer with GSI Group, LLC. He is a member of the Engineering Technology Advisory

Committee at Richland Community College. He and his wife, Kay-Lynn, reside in Stonington.

Amanda Smith, M.S. '10, holds an IT analyst I position in user experience services for Caterpillar, Inc. She resides in Peoria.

Sarah (Bryant) Weller '10 is an assistant actuary with RGA Reinsurance. She and her husband, Randy, reside in Granite City.

Timothy Carter '11 is a facility manager at the Rolling Meadows Park District. He resides in Arlington Heights.

Kerry (Nolan) Cozzo '11 is a K-12 coordinator with Teachers Alliance. She and her husband, Fred, were married in April 2014. They reside in Lockport.

Ashley Elenwood '11 is a claims associate with Sedgwick. She resides in Joliet.

Curtis (Wyffels) Frazier '11 is an accounting manager with Bleeding and Clotting Disorders Institute. He and his spouse, David Frazier, reside in Peoria.

Brandon Harnack '11 is a senior program analyst at Kohl's Department Store. He resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Still making memories

It's been more than four decades since a group of six ladies shared the experience of being a student-athlete at Illinois State. They finished their degrees in the 1970s, but the friendship still continues. They gathered earlier this year in Florida to enjoy the NCAA Women's Final Four tournament. *From left are*, Joann (Zuzich) Meilner '70 of Florida, Donna Dubbelde '70 of Illinois, Beth Cooper '76 of Illinois, Darla Moldenhauer '72 of Illinois, Connie Bauman '70 of Massachusetts, and Chris Voelz '70 of Idaho.

Breck Jones '11 graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and is completing a residency in neurosurgery at SIU in Springfield, where he resides.

Lisa Juliano '11, M.S. '13, is an assistant director of marketing for Sun Devil Athletics at Arizona State University. She resides in Tempe, Arizona.

Lauren (Schander) Morris '11 teaches at Limestone Community High School and is an assistant cheer-leading coach at ISU. She and her husband, Zach, reside in Normal.

Garrett Ryder '11 is a firefighter for the City of Decatur, where he resides.

Jacob Timmins '11 is vice president and property broker with RT Specialty. He resides in Dallas, Texas.

Kevin Anderson-Garrity '12 is a horticulturist and club grounds manager at Sunset Ridge Country Club. He and his spouse, Jason Anderson-Garrity, reside in Vernon Hills.

Richard Falls Jr. '12 is an instructor at May I Have This Dance. He resides in Chicago.

Taylor Fishburn '12 is the director of student marketing and communications at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. She is also on-air talent on 99.7 KISS-FM on the weekends. She resides in Springfield.

Leigh Gordon '12 is a senior account executive and youth basketball coordinator at WNBA Chicago Sky. She resides in Skokie.

James Porter, M.A. '12, is the Stevenson Center program coordinator at Illinois State. He resides in Bloomington.

Daniel Rice '12 is the circulation desk supervisor at the Bloomington Public Library. He and his wife, **Colleen '11**, reside in Bloomington.

Christina Stewart '12 is a math tutor with Wyzant. She is working to become a full-time math teacher in Georgia and plans to pursue a master's of education. She resides in Duluth, Georgia.

Devyn Cendejas-Buck '13 teaches social studies at Princeville High School. She resides in Dunlap.

Lauren (Walsh) Dominici '13 is a dual language teacher at Crystal Lake Elementary School. She and her husband, John, reside in Crystal Lake.

Elliott Englander '13 is studying law at Valparaiso University and resides in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Lakeitta Harris '13 is an education outreach specialist with BUILD. She resides in Chicago.

Desirae Hunsley '13 is a professional staff nurse in hematology, oncology and bone marrow transplant at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Jeff Linden, reside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mary Lanigan '13 is a special education teacher in District 148. She resides in Mokena.

Alexis Oduyale '13 is a registered nurse at Hartgrove Behavioral Systems. She resides in Hanover Park.

Caitlin Perry '13 is an office support specialist with the University of Illinois. She and her husband, Michael Malany, reside in Springfield.

Natalie Richardson '13 is completing a master's in higher education administration at Vanderbilt University, where she works for the Office of the Provost. She resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

Matthew Steckling '13, M.S. '15, is an international consultant for Hiroshima Toyo Carp. He resides in Hiroshima, Japan.

Kaitlyn Swift '13 is an admissions representative with Chamberlain College of Nursing. She resides in South Elgin.

Raven (Smith) Whitley '13 is assistant director of fraternity and sorority life at North Carolina State. She and her husband, Stephen, reside in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Michael Yadgir '13 is a middle school social studies and language arts teacher at Granger Middle School in Indian Prairie School District 204. He resides in Woodridge.

Philip Carter '14 is the band director at Huntley High School in District 158. He will relocate from Collinsville.

Astrid Gomez '14 is a family advocate at Christopher House. She resides in Bellwood.

Kate Heminway '14 is serving in Costa Rica with the Peace Corps as a community economic development volunteer. She will remain in the country for two years.

Jennifer (Stewart) Holliday '14 is an industrial hygienist at HSE Solutions, Inc. She and her husband, Brandon, were married in March 2015. They reside in Springfield.

Kelly Jansen '14 is a tax associate with BKD, LLP. She resides in Decatur.

Brandon Jerals '14 is an industrial hygienist with Liberty Mutual Insurance. He resides in Birmingham, Alabama.

Andrew Koopman '14 is a management trainee with Mondis Bags, USA. He resides in West Valley, Utah.

Mike Kroeger '14 is a licensing specialist for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. He is marketing manager for "Lacrosse Talk" and a marketing intern for Vanderbilt University athletics. He resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ryan Ritchie '14 is an associate in transaction services and valuations with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He resides in Chicago.

Mateo Aguirre '15 is a social media account intern with Radarworks. He resides in Round Lake.

Sarah Bollinger '15 is a first-grade dual language teacher. She resides in Naperville.

Sarah Butler '15 is a programmer with Discover Financial Services. She resides in Arlington Heights.

Kayleigh Legno '15 is a guerilla marketing specialist with Jimmy John's. She resides in Crete.

Addison Tweedy '15 has relocated to Los Angeles to pursue her dream of learning to surf and working for the Walt Disney Company.

In memory

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Russell D. Gorman; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; 1/15

Anthony E. Huchel '73, M.S. '76; Metcalf School; 9/14

Steven C. Klay '81, M.S. '83; Student Affairs; 6/15

Ana M. (Ferrán) Parent '69, M.A. '70; College of Fine Arts; 4/15

Myra L. Secoy, Milner Library; 2/15

Kyle Sessions, History; 12/14

Ellen A. (Youds) Spycher, Curriculum and Instruction; 2/15

Nicholas J. Stearns, Motorcycle Safety; 3/15

Robert C. Whitlatch, Theatre; 4/15

Mary E. Witham, Bone Student Center; 3/15

30s

Ruth M. (Blacker) Ryder '38; 4/15

Erma (Lanternman) Conant '39, '65; 4/15

Royale E. Diveley '39; 5/15

40s

Lilybel Althaus '40; 2/15

Ellen M. (Helm) Hardy '41; 3/15

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Mary K. (Herrmann) Evans '43; 4/15

Myrna L. (Slagell) Park '43; 3/15

Beverly Schick '44; 5/15

Marie (Sorensen) Kjolhede '44; 3/15

Pagtricia A. Brooks '45; 5/15

Floyd O. King '46; 3/15

Glen O. Cooper '48; 4/15

John W. Dempster '48; 5/15

Gerald G. Green '49; 2/15

Mary A. Kemnitz '49; 1/15

Melvin H. Kuethe '49; 4/15

50s

Richard Adams '50; 5/15

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 Victor J. Rich '50, M.S. '55, Ed.D. '68; 3/14
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 Anne M. Langan '51; 2/15
 Verna J. (Drda) Lohmar '51; 5/15
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 Willis G. Kersten '52; 3/15
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 Joan C. (Costello) Turnbull '53; 10/14
 Clare (Orlandi) Doglio '54; 4/15
 Marilyn A. (Doubet) Steiger '54; 2/15
 Clara J. (Kirby) Carroll '55, M.S. '66; 2/15
 George E. Meidel '55, M.S. '65; 1/15
 Virginia L. "Gini" (Merret) Smith '55; 4/15
 Glenn G. Harris '56; 1/15
 Charles J. Wilson '56; 3/15
 Elizabeth (Ashman) Gillette '58; 4/15
 Phyllis J. (Dobbs) McQueen '58; 5/15
 Priscilla R. (Kinson) Schlobohm '58; 5/15
 Daniel K. Siders '58, M.S. '70; 11/14
 Jann T. Anderson '59; 4/15
 Stephen L. Caruso '59; 4/15
 Donald R. Erickson '59; 3/07
 Constance L. (Boyd) Goode '59; 4/15
 Leon K. Kellar '59; 3/15
 John A. Schopp '59; 3/15
 James R. Tague '59; 4/15

60s

James Barker '60; 3/15
 William M. Haycock Jr. '60; 3/15
 Carolyn K. (Moore) Key '60; 3/15
 Ronald L. Stagen '60; 5/15
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 JoAnn F. (Broska) Gross '62; 5/15
 Grace Hodges-Dillman, M.S. '62; 3/15

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 Martin L. O'Connor '62, M.S. '64; 6/1
 Sharon (Harms) Saucedo '62; 12/14
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 Howard Anderson '67, M.S. '74, D.A. '84; 5/14
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70s

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80s

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Rachel (Severe) Allen '03; 4/15

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