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FirstWord

Each August brings a renewed energy to campus.

While summers at Illinois State are always active with classes and faculty research, youth camps, Preview groups and performances, nothing compares to having the full student body back for the start of a new academic year.

I purposefully block off time on my calendar to walk the Quad and visit residence halls as move-in occurs. It is always a joy to welcome students and mingle with parents, sharing in their excitement while assuring them that the collegiate journey will indeed be challenging but also rewarding and memorable.



There are no words to adequately describe the impact Illinois State will have on each family and especially individual students as they form lifelong friendships while cementing professional paths.

The students, likewise, by their very presence impact the surrounding community in ways that are not easily recognized yet incredibly significant. Illinois State creates an economic ripple in Central Illinois that too few understand or appreciate.

A study completed by two faculty members reveals that the University's students and employees contribute more than \$550 million to the local economy. In addition, more than \$18 million in tax revenue is generated by Illinois State.

These staggering totals result from the fact ISU is one of the largest employers in McLean County, with 3,560 faculty and staff. The \$550 million stems from payroll expenditures, general operating expenses, capital expenditures, and student spending beyond tuition and fees.

Last year alone, spending by and because of the University resulted in \$16 million in property tax revenue, with an additional \$2.6 million in sales tax revenue to the local economy.

There is a more thorough explanation of how Illinois State is crucial to the financial health and growth of the local community and county in the news section of this issue. Please pause to read the article and further understand the findings.

I share them because typically the University is considered in terms of how our mission to learn and teach changes the lives of our students. There will indeed be transformation in those enrolled during the upcoming academic year through classroom challenges, civic engagement and personal enrichment.

The University's reach does not, however, stop with our students and their academic pursuits. ISU is a powerful force well beyond campus boundaries, creating opportunities that empower our community and state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Larry H. Dietz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Larry H. Dietz, Ph. D.
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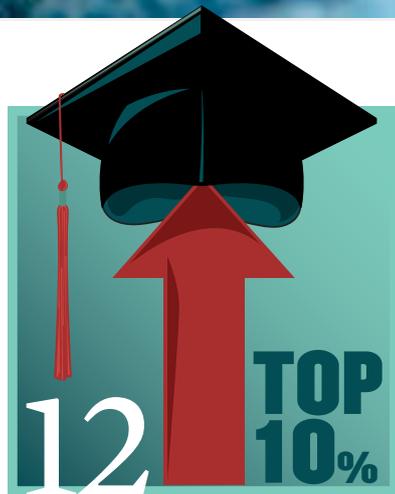


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University News



Economic force

Illinois State crucial to local financial health, growth

Spending by Illinois State University, its employees and students directly contributes more than \$550 million to the local McLean County economy and more than \$18 million in tax revenues.

In simple terms, \$1.50 is returned to the McLean County economy for every \$1 expended by Illinois State and its faculty, staff and students.

These are the findings of an economic impact study conducted by Economics professors Hassan Mohammadi and Frank Beck, who directs ISU's Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development.

Illinois State is the second largest employer in the county with 3,560 faculty and staff. The University contrib-

utes more than \$550 million through payroll expenditures, general operating expenses, capital expenditures, and student spending beyond tuition and fees.

The money spent has a secondary effect of creating more than 8,900 county jobs. Spending by local businesses and their employees pumps more than \$278 million into the area economy.

The spending power of college-age students is part of the equation. Illinois State had an on-campus enrollment of 20,615 last fall. The study considered the off-campus spending by freshmen and sophomores who live in university residence halls. Local spending by upperclassman and graduate students was noted as well, including apartment rental, groceries, books and transpor-

tation. Only students from hometowns outside the county were included.

Illinois State's payroll expenditures, operating and capital expenditures and student spending generate millions of dollars in tax revenues that support local governments and schools. In fiscal year 2015, spending by and because of the University returned \$16 million in property tax revenue and \$2.6 million in sales tax revenue to the local economy.

"Over one-third of the \$16 million in property tax revenue comes from student spending," Beck said. "This is an important contributor to the economic health of McLean County because the money is coming into our area from other parts of Illinois, and from other states and nations around the world."

Physics faculty named Distinguished Professor

Physics Professor Q. Charles Su has been named a Distinguished Professor, which is ISU's highest faculty honor. He has previously received the Teaching Initiative Award, Outstanding College Research Award, and Outstanding University Researcher Award.

Su joined the department in 1994 and was named a University Professor in 2011. A Fellow of the American Physical Society, he has received more than \$2.4 million in external funding for research recognized internationally.

Su has pioneered the numerical approach to study how particles interact with intense laser fields. The model 1D atom that he invented with his colleagues has been copied worldwide.

His research includes discovery of the atomic stabilization phenomenon during photo-ionization of atoms, discovery of cycloatom states, creation of computational quantum field theory and resolution of the so-called Klein paradox.

Su's focus on undergraduate research has made an incredible impact on students, who have produced more than 300 conference presentations and 66 co-authored publications.

Child Care Center gains rating of excellence

ISU's Child Care Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which is the country's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Child Care Center Director Carrie Carlson.

The center provides childcare services for children of ISU students, faculty and staff. It serves as a working illustration of early childhood best practices by collaborating with families, the University and community, all while utilizing the



The Child Care Center operates out of Turner Hall. It was established in 1971 and continues to serve children ages 3 to 10. Director Carrie Carlson, left, oversees the center that is also a lab site for ISU students.

best current research and practice within the early childhood profession.

The five-year accreditation affirms that the center offers engaging classrooms, enhanced relationships and rich experiences for students. To earn the credential required a self-study measuring the program against the association's 10 early childhood program standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. A site visit was also completed.

Online nursing program ranks among nation's best

Mennonite College of Nursing's online program is ranked as one of the best in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report*. The publication defines a nursing-distance education program as one where all required, nonclinical classes can be completed via distance-education courses using Internet-based learning technologies.

This is the second year the online nursing systems administration program

has been ranked. The dedication of faculty and their commitment to provide students individualized attention—even with the program being online—is just one reason the program is successful.

Schools were ranked in five general categories including student engagement, faculty credentials and training, peer reputation, student services and technology, and admissions selectivity. Other considerations included graduation rate, class size, tenured faculty and student debt.

ISU praised nationally for transfer student care

The University is one of only 40 schools from across the nation to be included in Phi Theta Kappa's inaugural Excellence in Community College Transfer Honor Roll. The list identifies four-year colleges and universities that offer exemplary support for community college transfers.

ISU welcomes more than 2,000 transfer students each year. Approxi-

Where are they now?

Larry Quane '66 became a faculty member in the Department of Industrial Technology in 1967. Returning to campus one year after he earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics, Quane taught safety courses while completing his doctorate at Michigan State University.

While he enjoyed teaching and rose to full professor, much of Quane's 42-year Illinois State career involved working with students at an administrative level. He managed the academic probation and reinstatement of students and also developed a variety of student academic support services.

Quane worked in the provost's area as an assistant and associate dean of undergraduate instruction before serving as acting chair for Criminal Justice Sciences. Among his many other administrative roles were associate dean and acting dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology, director of University College, acting University Registrar and acting executive director of Extended University.

"I was fortunate to be able to contribute to the University in a lot of ways," Quane said of the various positions. He counts shifting registration, grade reporting and the degree audit system online while registrar and the development of University College among his most significant actions.

Quane was also actively involved in campus shared governance prior to his retirement in 2009. He served on the Academic Senate four years in various roles, including as chair. He engaged with ISU's governing board as well as a member of the Joint University Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents.

A member of the University's golf team while an undergraduate, Quane remains faithful to Redbird Athletics. He has been a member of the official bench crew for women's basketball and volleyball for more than 30 years. His service was recognized with induction into the Illinois State Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame in 2014.

A resident of Normal with his wife, Sue, Quane chairs Illinois State credit union's board of directors. He is frequently found at ISU's Weibring Golf Club and enjoys his family, which includes two adult sons and twin grandchildren.

He can be reached at lquane@ilstu.edu.



Professor Emeritus Larry Quane

mately four out of 10 undergraduates begin as transfer students from a community college or other university.

"Illinois State has a longstanding commitment to student success, and transfer student degree completion is critically important to us," said Troy Johnson, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "From advising and student services to internships and career placement, our transfer students enjoy a great many enriching opportunities."

Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest, largest and most prestigious honor society recognizing students pursuing two-year degrees. It evaluated schools based on the high quality of programs and achievements related to the transfer of community college students, as well as partnerships, support, admissions outreach, financial support, student engagement opportunities and institutional priorities.

Language teacher program lauded for global initiative

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages has recognized ISU's language teacher education program for global engagement. The University is one of only 11 language teaching programs in the nation to receive the recognition by the organization of language teachers.

The honor is tied to the council's inaugural Global Engagement Initiative. It acknowledges programs that actively engage students in using language beyond the classroom.

ISU students preparing to be teachers in Spanish, French and German work closely with a local Unity Community Center, which serves a multicultural population. Students teach language lessons and serve as translators during parent-teacher conferences.

The outreach is overseen by Susan Hildebrant, who created the interactive course. She coordinates teacher education for the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

Science undergrad is first to serve on U.S. committee

Nora Fredstrom has been selected to serve on the American Chemical Society's (ACS) national committee on chemical safety. She is the first undergraduate ever to be appointed to the committee.

A senior Honors student majoring in chemistry and occupational safety, Fredstrom plans to continue her education through to completion of a doctorate.

She is a member of the ISU Chemistry Club, which is associated with the Illinois Heartland Local Section of the ACS. Her nomination came through the local chapter and was approved by the society's national leadership.

Campus maintains rank as military friendly school

Illinois State has once again been recognized for supporting veterans as they pursue educational opportunities. ISU has been named a top school in the Military Advanced Education and Transition 2016 *Guide to Top Colleges and Universities*.

To the Editor,

I read with interest your story about the 50th anniversary of WGLT (May 2016). Of course, for some of us, WGLT is 54 years old!

As the article reports, the closed circuit version of WGLT began in 1962, operating from the dark recesses of upper Cook Hall. You could only hear the station in the residence halls, since WGLT was piped in via the heating system.

I remember the efforts of Ben Paxton and Ralph Smith to expand "broadcasting" at ISNU very well. It may have been a low-power student station, but as a reporter for WGLT, I wrote and read the news and got to interview singers like Judy Collins; Peter, Paul and Mary; and others. It was an extra-curricular activity that turned into a career.

Now, after retiring from nearly a half-century of broadcast news on radio and television, I can still proudly say my first broadcast "job" was at WGLT.

Tom McIntyre '66

To the Editor,

I sang in the ISU Christmas Madrigal Dinners for five years, from 1977-1981, in what must have been the golden age. It is just so highly ironic and sad to me that at the same time I am reading about ISU traditions, or the lack of them, or how some have been around since 2002, that I also learn this most beloved tradition has been discontinued after 60 years (November 2015)! John Ferrell and Bruce Kaiser must be turning over in their graves.

Online comment

Peter Tiggelaar '81, M.S. '83

To the Editor,

I was a freshman at ISNU in 1959 and recall the time capsule being sealed and placed that fall. It's amusing to find that the capsule has been "discovered" like King Tut's tomb. Some of us from back then are still around, along with artifacts from the ancient 1950s.

Online comment

Recovery of South Campus time capsule

George Vrhel '63, M.S. '69

The guide measures best practices in military and veteran education. Results of a questionnaire on military-supportive policies at hundreds of educational institutions are reported.

Selection is based on an institution's military culture, financial aid, flexibility, on-campus support and online support services for veterans. Illinois State offers student veterans a variety of academic, advisement and financial support services.

The Veterans and Military Services office on campus helps with benefits, the transition to campus and referrals to other veteran services in the community. For more information visit Registrar.IllinoisState.edu/Veterans.

Search completed for VP of Student Affairs

Levester Johnson began serving as vice president for the Division of Student Affairs on July 1. He replaces Brent Paterson, who had served as interim since Larry Dietz left the position to become ISU's president.

Johnson came from Butler University in Indiana, where he served as asso-



Levester Johnson

ciate dean of student affairs and assistant dean of students before rising to vice president of the division.

While there he provided leadership for construction of a \$40 million

residence hall, as well as a \$48 million apartment village. He also served in a leadership role in development of Butler's Efrogmson Diversity Center and the Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series.

"I am excited to become a member of a student-centered institution like Illinois State University, where I can leverage my experience toward further engaging the campus community," said Johnson, who completed a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University.

He also holds a master's in college student personnel from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where he worked as a coordinator in residence life and as hall director.

Planning efforts confirm ISU ready when storms hit

The National Weather Service has named ISU a StormReady University. The designation recognizes Illinois State's preparations for severe weather conditions and emergencies. Qualification requires extensive planning for such emergencies, with resources in place to monitor conditions and communicate severe weather information.

University Police are on alert 24 hours, and a campus emergency operations center is ready for immediate use. Storm shelters are designated in campus buildings. Conditions are monitored with an on-site weather station and warnings sent through weather radios in residence halls, athletic venues, the Bone Student Center, the Student Fitness Center and Milner Library.

Severe weather information is relayed through the ISU Emergency Alert text system, the campus telephone system, classroom computer displays, digital display boards and flagship social media accounts.

"Illinois State University promotes a culture of preparedness," said Emergency Manager Eric Hodges. "This designation illustrates that commitment."

Redbird Athletics



Still ahead in the game

Redbird great Doug Collins national Hall of Fame inductee

Illinois State men's basketball great Doug Collins '73 will be inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in November. He is the first from the University to obtain the honor.

In his three-year varsity career at Illinois State, Collins averaged 29.1 points per game and totaled 2,240 career points. He was named both an All-American and Academic All-American after each season.

His success came at a crucial time of change for ISU men's basketball. Will Robinson had been hired as the nation's first black Division I head coach in 1970, and the University officially became Division I a year later.

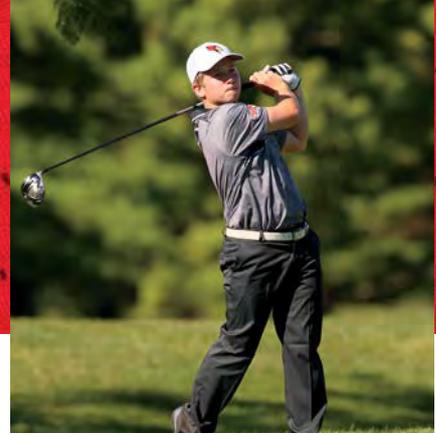
Prior to his senior year, Collins represented the U.S. in the 1972 Olympics before being selected by the Philadelphia 76ers as the No. 1 pick in the 1973 NBA draft.

He went on to become a four-time NBA All-Star with the 76ers. After retiring, Collins began a multi-decade NBA coaching career. He has led the Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons, Washington Wizards and the 76ers. He also has been an award-winning TV analyst on ESPN.

An Illinois State Athletics Percy Family Hall of Fame member, Collins had his No. 20 jersey retired after his final home game in 1973. He is the only Redbird men's basketball player to be so recognized. In 2007, he was honored again with the naming of Doug Collins Court at Redbird Arena.

Collins will be inducted in Kansas City with DePaul's Mark Aguirre, Kansas State's Bob Boozer, La Salle's Lionel Simmons, UCLA's Jamaal Wilkes and Georgia's Dominique Wilkins. Joining them for the 11th enshrinement ceremony will be multi-school coaching legends Hugh Durham and Mike Montgomery.

The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame began with the first class in 2006. The inaugural group included the game's inventor, James Naismith, and legendary coach John Wooden. Since that time, eight more classes have been inducted. Those honored include Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Danny Manning, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and Shaquille O'Neal.



Trent Wallace

Athletes remain strong in classroom

This year's Academic Progress Rate (APR) report by the NCAA shows that 11 of Illinois State's 19 sports equaled or exceeded the national average for public universities in their sport.

"We are proud of the academic success of our student-athletes," said Cindy Harris, senior associate director of Athletics for compliance and student services. "Academic achievements are a testament first and foremost to the student-athletes, who work so hard in the classroom."

The APR measures eligibility, graduation and retention each semester or quarter to provide a clear picture of the academic performance for each team in

each sport. This year's ratings are based on scores from fall 2011 through spring 2015.

Among Illinois State's 19 squads, five teams earned perfect, single-year APR scores of 1,000 for 2014-2015. These include men's golf and tennis, gymnastics and volleyball.

The football team earned an APR of 970, which is 17 points higher than the Division I average for FCS Football and the highest in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

ISU's women's basketball team score of 995 is also 17 points higher than the Division I average for women's basketball.

Be a part of Illinois State's home field advantage.
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Volleyball stand-out in Olympic training

Junior Jaelyn Keene has been selected to train as part of the U.S. Collegiate National Team. She earned a spot on the squad this spring after competing against 231 collegiate players at the USA Volleyball Women's National Team Tryouts.

She was one of 36 players chosen for the squad, which is part of USA Volleyball's High Performance pipeline and considered a second tryout for the U.S. Women's National Team.

"I am so grateful to be chosen. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I am really excited," said Keene, who is an accounting major.

A two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference First-Team and American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-Region selection, Keene has been a key member of the Illinois State volleyball team the past two years.

She registered 336 kills and 99 blocks during the 2015 season, while starting every match for the Redbirds. In 2014, Keene tallied 364 kills and 127 blocks as a freshman. She helped guide Illinois State to MVC regular-season and tournament titles before the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament's second round. Keene was named the 2014 AVCA North Region Freshman of the Year.

Redbird golfer takes MVC championship

Trent Wallace had a memorable freshman year on the ISU men's golf team. He captured the 2016 Missouri Valley Conference championship title in the spring with a 1-over-par 211 at the Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Wallace fired two rounds at 69, which tied his season low and made him the fifth ISU student-athlete in program history to win the conference championship. He finished with five birdies on the tournament's last day.

The victory established All-Missouri Valley Conference honors for Wallace, who was named MVC Newcomer of the Year. It also qualified him for the NCAA Golf Championship that was held in May. He ended that competition eight over par, just missing the opportunity to advance to the national championship.

As a team, the Redbirds finished third in the MVC championship. The men finished 2 strokes behind Wichita State and 12 back from Southern Illinois University, which won the team title.

Senior athletes celebrated

Senior student-athletes were recognized in the spring. The 73 helped secure more than 580 victories, seven regular-season conference championships, six conference tournament championships and 12 postseason appearances during their time at ISU.

They also tallied three conference player-of-the-year awards, 18 individual conference championships and 64 first-team all-conference selections. Four were named All-Americans. Their class posted a cumulative GPA greater than a 3.0 and helped complete more than 2,000 community service hours in each of the last four academic school years.

Volleyball star Ashley Rosch was presented the Laurie Mabry Award, with each senior receiving a plaque noting all of their accomplishments as Redbird student-athletes.



TRAIL ★ BLAZER

BY RYAN DENHAM

Young alum covers campaign for Bloomberg Politics

Inside all the twists and turns of this unpredictable presidential election, there is repetition. The same stump speeches. The same jokes. The same photo opps at diners, airport hangars or school gymnasiums.

Bloomberg Politics videographer Griffin Hammond '07, M.S. '09, has seen it all. Crisscrossing the country for the past year covering the winnowing field of candidates from both parties,

Hammond heard Ted Cruz jokingly tell supporters he wanted them to “vote for me 10 times” on dozens of occasions. (Cruz meant bring 10 friends to your polling place. “We’re not Democrats,” he said to laughter.)

So Hammond finds his own story. When rows of TV cameras are pointed toward a candidate at a podium, Hammond turns his lens another direction. He spent a February evening inside a Bernie Sanders phone bank in South Carolina, filming activist and rapper Killer Mike tell a voter about how the senator’s economic policy will help black men like him.

At a Sanders April rally in Wisconsin, Hammond spotted an unusual lone protester. The result? A 2-minute video called “Here’s What Happens When an Ayn Rand Fan Attends a Bernie Sanders Rally.”

As cable news networks brag about faux-exclusives, Hammond’s work actually is unique with small moments that no one else is seeing or sharing.

“It’s always silly to me that we send

so many cameras to do the same thing,” he said. “I’m glad I have the freedom to turn my camera away and give the viewer a real sense of what it was like to be there.”

Hammond shoots and edits for Bloomberg Politics’ daily TV show *With All Due Respect*, hosted by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, authors of *Game Change* and *Double Down*. Hammond’s work also feeds Bloomberg’s website and social media.

Technically, Hammond is a journalist. But not really. He is a highly regarded online video pioneer who’s produced hundreds of do-it-yourself tutorials for low-budget filmmakers.

He is blazing his own path as a documentary filmmaker, just like he’s done in every job he’s had since coming to Illinois State to study television and media.

Hammond began college at New York University’s acclaimed film program, but transferred to ISU’s School of Communication. He shot tons of news stories for TV-10 and edited a short film



Griffin Hammond's travels have brought him on stage with Bernie Sanders, *above left*, to Des Moines, Iowa, *above right*, and to political rallies all over the country, including one in Milwaukee, *left*.



about the proposed closure of a Central Illinois prison with the Documentary Project under Associate Professor John McHale.

"It took ISU to show to me that documentary filmmaking was what I really loved," Hammond said. "Without those things, I wouldn't have realized this was a possible career path for me."

Hammond credits his relationship with faculty like McHale for jump-starting his professional life, which began with an internship and then full-time job at Bloomington-based State Farm. While working for the insurer he produced a fun cautionary tale about the

dangers of turkey fryers, which made William Shatner a viral-video celebrity.

Initially working in social media at State Farm, Hammond took over as executive producer and host of *Indy Mogul* in 2011. The Google/YouTube "lab channel" taught low-budget, DIY filmmaking techniques to thousands of subscribers.

By 2013 Hammond had produced thousands of videos and wanted to make a film. He returned from the South by Southwest film festival inspired to create a film on Sriracha—the chili pepper-based sauce that's become wildly popular in recent years and broke through as a culinary headline-making darling. His 33-minute movie, called *Sriracha*, about the culture and history surrounding the sauce won Best Short Film at three festivals and earned great reviews.

The film's creation and distribution is as fascinating as the final product. Hammond successfully tapped into Sriracha's fan base to crowdfund \$20,780 in digital presales to pay for production, including overseas travel. In addition to the festival circuit, he also navigated online video platforms such as Vimeo, Amazon, and Hulu so his film could reach more people. In its first 18 months, he captured 300,000 views.

If his resume sounds all over the

map—especially for a 32-year-old—that's because Hammond doesn't have some master plan. He hasn't plotted all the steps it'll take to get him to an Oscar.

"I found this alternate path, where I just try to appreciate when people think of me for a job, and where I'm willing to jump at an opportunity and try something new," Hammond said.

These days that means covering the 2016 presidential election. He was given the opportunity because someone at Bloomberg saw *Sriracha*. He was asked in summer 2014 if he wanted to join their new political media venture.

"It was a weird, out-of-the-blue thing," he said.

Hammond is based in New York, where he lives with his wife. More recently, he's lived in hotels and airports. He's spent weeks in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Wisconsin, to name a few destinations. He logged 100,000 frequent flier miles in 2015 alone—before the first caucus was even held.

What's it like on the trail?

On the night of the Iowa caucuses in February, Hammond was running on three hours of sleep in two days because he "made the mistake" of pulling an all-nighter to finish editing a video.

That night, he hopped on Sanders' charter plane for an overnight flight to

New Hampshire, where the primary was held eight days later. They landed in Manchester at 4:11 a.m., preceded by Hillary Clinton's plane and followed by Cruz's. Standing with Hammond on the tarmac was a who's who of American media heavy-hitters—all freezing as they silently unloaded their bags.

"It was just so strange," he said of

"I'm willing to jump at an opportunity and try something new."

the airport scene. "But this is the job."

Hammond arrived at his La Quinta hotel at 6 a.m. that morning. He slept for 90 minutes. Then it was back to work. Not surprisingly, he gets sick a lot.

He produces dozens of videos each month for Bloomberg's website and the TV show. His most popular, as of May, featured actor Jeff Daniels in a shot-for-shot riff on the opening scene from his HBO series *The Newsroom*. It clocked a million views in its first week and became the No. 1 trending story on Facebook.

He's especially proud of his videos about the "ground game" that Clinton and Sanders ran in Iowa and South Carolina, focusing on the volunteers and precinct captains who knocked

on doors and used their cell phones to reach voters. In Hammond's 4½-minute "ground game" video about Sanders, the Vermont senator is himself only on screen for a few seconds.

Political polarization has been a dominant storyline throughout the 2016 campaign. Yet Hammond's work featuring evocative music and humor

humanizes voters on all sides. In other words: Nobody looks that crazy.

"Regardless of their beliefs, they seem more similar than different to me," Hammond said.

While friendly with the candidates and their staffs, Hammond does see the repetition of the campaign beginning to change him. They're performers. Deliberately divisive at times.

"I feel myself getting more cynical," he said.

The same ingenuity and resourcefulness that's earned him celebrity status in the online-video community now comes in handy on the campaign trail. He's often a one-man crew,

carrying a messenger bag, backpack and tripod. When he needs a second tripod for a two-camera interview, he'll make one out of a chair and a small clamp.

His ability to stay nimble buys him access. It's easier for a campaign to agree to an interview if the candidate doesn't have to wait around for the lighting guy to set up.

"I go to these events with a lot more versatility," said Hammond, who expects to be on the trail through the November 8 election.

"It's going to be a crazy year."

SEE GRIFFIN'S WORK

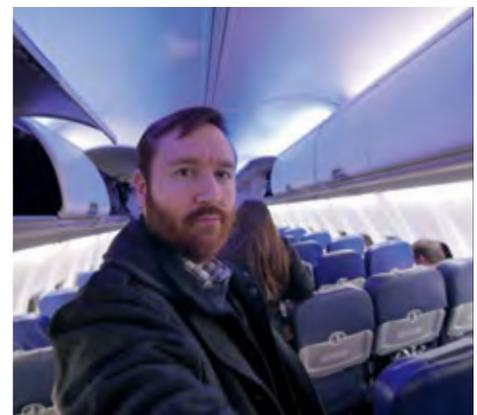


Watch some of Griffin Hammond's favorite Bloomberg Politics videos: IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.



His film, *Sriracha*, can be downloaded for \$2.99 on SrirachaMovie.com.

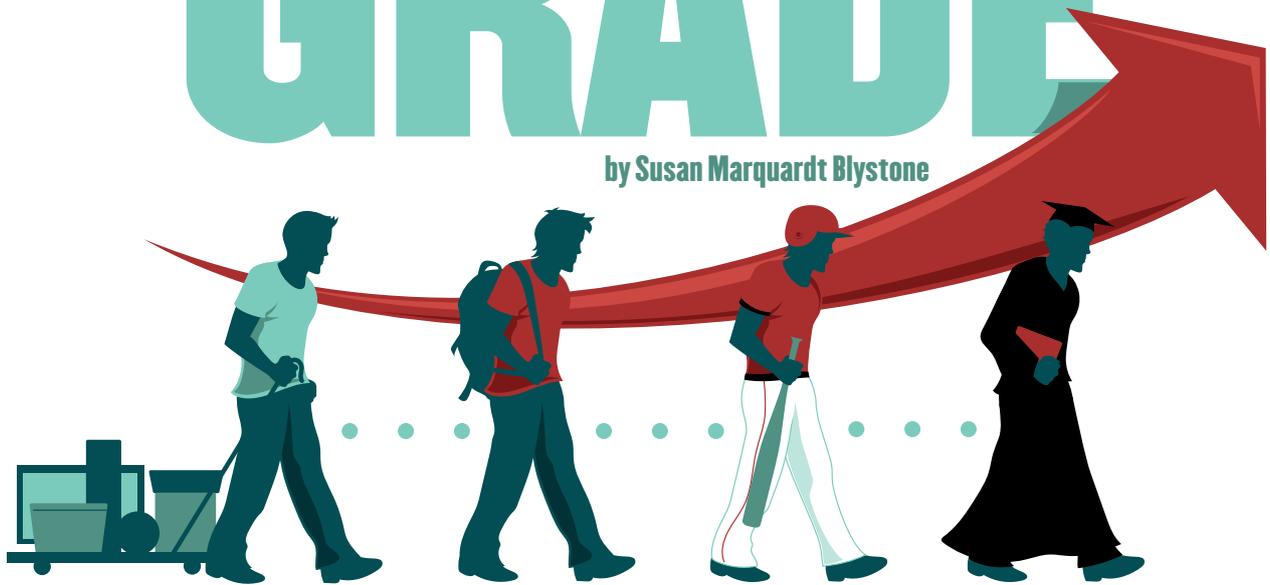
Clockwise from below, Hammond's view of Ted Cruz's stop in Altoona, Wisconsin; Hillary Clinton in Iowa; and from inside Bernie Sanders' plane.



The secret behind ISU's graduation rate

PASSING GRADE

by Susan Marquardt Blystone



August is the month when colleges and universities across the country welcome incoming freshmen to campus. There is a palpable sense of relief as the next class arrives, ending the work of securing students for another academic year.

The mindset differs greatly at Illinois State. In Redbird country, move-in day definitely marks an opportunity for the campus community to greet first-time students. They are, however, embraced as future alumni. It's a status each holds from the moment of enrollment.

"We don't recruit freshmen. We recruit graduates."

So say the leaders who oversee ISU's undergraduate education, enrollment, admissions, advisement and financial aid. All concur that Illinois State does not admit merely with the goal of building a class in a given year. The mandate instead—from the president's office on down—is to find and accept students who will stay and succeed beyond their

first year to cross the commencement stage.

The difference is more than semantics. It's a mode of operation, an attitude and approach that exemplifies the campus commitment to individualized attention. It also helps explain how Illinois State has achieved and maintains one of the best graduation rates in the country.

"We have a special culture of completion at ISU that has been built over years as part of who we are and what we do. It leads to self-fulfilling behaviors and our students' inherent commitment to complete the degree," said Troy Johnson, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. "Our focus on students—including our student emphasis in the University's strategic plan

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as well as our faculty hiring process—is key to our outstanding student success rates.”

With a 73.4 percent six-year graduation rate, ISU is in the top 10 percent of public and private universities nationwide. That compares to 56 percent as a national average, according to the U.S. Department of Education, which compiles statistics using a six-year model that does not include transfer students. Among the schools ISU has surpassed are University of Missouri and Iowa State.

“Some of the most well-known universities in the nation hover at rates of 69 to 70 percent,” Johnson said. “Illinois State’s rate eclipses those elite institutions and is only a few percentage points less than several other world-class American universities.”

As the one responsible for leading efforts to meet strategic enrollment goals while maintaining academic standards, Johnson often gets asked why the rate matters. The answer is that the percentage stands as evidence Illinois State fulfills its promise to see that students are successful, which also means they graduate on time with less debt.

“We are able to demonstrate that Illinois State is a good investment,” Johnson said. “From the student and parent perspective, there is a tremendous investment of money and time in higher education. It is important that they see we are committed to them.”

How the University excels in consistently shepherding thousands of students from the admission process and freshman orientation through to commencement ceremonies is the second obvious question.

The explanation has multiple layers and cuts across the entire campus.

All agree the fundamental element in the formula that is continually refined comes down to a unified approach that keeps the focus on individual students.

“We have a passion for student success. We know our students, we make

73.4% six-year graduation rate

connections with them, and we stay in touch,” said Provost Janet Krejci. “We exist for their success. Students who are admitted here should be able to succeed. If we identify students at risk of leaving the University, we think very deliberately about how we can best support them.”

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Internal reflection is where the improvement process began 13 years ago with development of the University’s comprehensive strategic plan, *Educating Illinois*. Jonathan Rosenthal, associate provost for Undergraduate Education, recalls extensive discussion about the graduation rate, which was much lower at that time.

“Our goal was to get it in the range of 60 percent. We made it a deliberate decision,” Rosenthal said. As a result, leadership focused on charting a course for Illinois State that would make it stand out from other public universities.

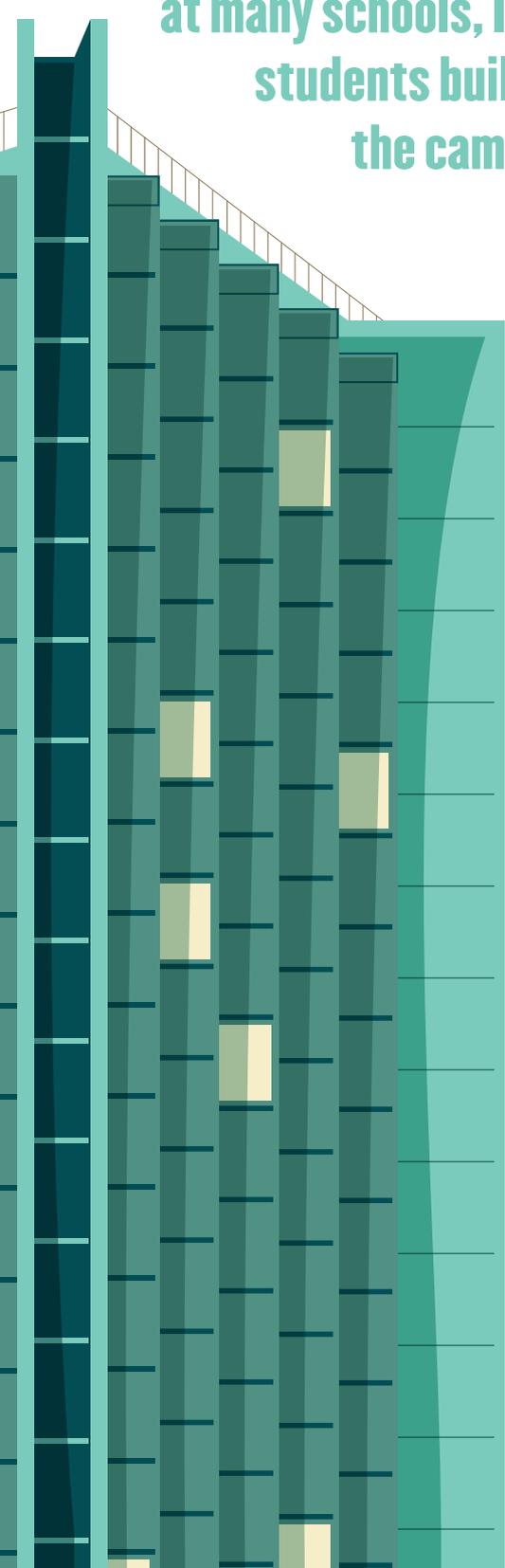
There were changes to admissions procedures, such as adding an essay and fee to the application process. Other substantial shifts included redesigning the general education program. Such actions were intended to draw stellar students, which remains the goal today.

Doing so is a greater challenge than ever before, however, as Illinois is now the number two exporter of high school students behind New Jersey. The high school demographic is shrinking, which means fierce competition to enroll the numbers needed to maintain a significant revenue stream.

Every university relies on each freshman class as the underpinning for years of financial stability. This budget reality explains why some schools are tempted to do whatever it takes to secure admissions.

One of the easiest solutions is to drop entrance requirements. This is not acceptable at ISU, where the average freshman has a high school GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale and an ACT score near 24. The refusal to lower the bar is a powerful and foundational reason the graduation rate has climbed. A good percentage of those enrolled at ISU come ready for the collegiate experience.

“We have to start with students who are focused and want to graduate,” Johnson said. “These are the qualities our students bring.” With such fundamentals in place, campus efforts that reinforce graduation as the end goal are increasingly effective.



ISU's policy of requiring freshmen to live on campus the first two years also **bolsters the graduation rate**. While no longer the norm at many schools, Illinois State keeps the rule in place to help students build friendships quickly, feel comfortable on the campus and focus on academics.

Some of what is done is subtle. For example, students are given multi-year scholarship and aid packages from the start. Incoming students are promised that their tuition and fees will not rise for four years of consecutive enrollment. Freshmen work with advisers to create a four-year plan of study. Each piece establishes a path and reinforces to students that the campus community expects they will complete their degree on schedule.

"These are powerful tools on the recruitment and the retention side," said Johnson, who believes ISU's policy of requiring freshmen to live on campus the first two years also bolsters the graduation rate.

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What happens in the classroom is crucial, as teaching remains paramount at ISU. The University consequently seeks faculty willing and able to balance teaching with research.

"Everybody talks about that, but we actually do it," Rosenthal said, noting the norm for undergraduate students is to learn under full-time faculty. They include students in research projects so often that it is not unusual for graduates to have partnered and even published with a professor.

"Tentacles is another tactic," Johnson said, meaning there is purposeful and constant contact across the University about what needs to be done to keep students engaged and on track. The result is a flow of information that nurtures collaboration.

The campus is so in sync that faculty call academic advisers when a student is struggling. Advisers call Financial Aid before approving a class change that could impact funding received in a given semester. An entire unit, University College, exists to offer interventions (see sidebar).

The circle of interaction is large and never ends, creating a positive synergy and student outcomes that have ISU in the national spotlight. Other institutions are noticing that Illinois State's formula for finding, keeping and graduating stellar students is uniquely effective.

And while administrators admit it will be difficult to push the graduation rate percentage higher, they are confident the pattern of exemplary excellence in seeing students go from freshman to alumnus will be maintained.

"We have built this to be a value of our campus," Johnson said. "This campus culture says we will have a high graduation rate. We keep our promise to not just enroll but graduate."

Safety net is individual attention in action

There is no place for students to hide on the Illinois State campus. Not from faculty, not from academic advisers, and certainly never from Amelia Noël-Elkins. It is her mission to find those who might be struggling for whatever reason and intervene. She excels at the job, which is

done through her role as director of University College.

Formed 20 years ago, University College (UC) experienced significant growing pains before reaching its current status as the place that helps students transition to campus, achieve their goals and make it to graduation.

UC touches every undergraduate student. From Preview sessions to Transfer Days, academic advising and tutoring, the 55 employees in the unit exemplify ISU's call for individualized student attention.

"Campuses with a one-size-fits-all retention plan are missing the boat," Noël-Elkins said. She knows it takes the entire ISU community working as a team at the individual level to help students succeed.

It also takes a specific plan of intervention. UC has many in place to catch problems early. All freshmen must work with academic advisers, who do far more than create a plan of study. They also ask about involvement and push students to engage quickly, especially with faculty.

"Students are much more likely to be retained if they are happy here," Noël-Elkins said, noting that failing to connect is as much a concern as making solid grades. "The best prediction of college success is behavior once the student gets here."

UC staff, who see thousands of undergraduates during a semester, regularly reach out to other units when a student needs help resolving a problem or connecting. Student Affairs is one resource, as the division has myriad student organizations and activities.

That team also realizes the importance of keeping tabs on students, which it does through partnerships with various units across campus, including University Housing. One example is the house calls program each fall. Faculty and staff volunteers knock on residence hall doors at the start of the semester and help address any issues.

"That is just one of many ways anyone on the campus can reach out. Each employee has a different way to make a difference," Noël-Elkins said. Making students realize the campus community as a whole is ready and eager to help is another University College priority.

The message comes through in creative ways, such as with the GPA 911 program tied to mid-term grades. Advisers check when faculty have them posted. A potentially startling message is sent to students close to failing classes: "We know your GPA. Do you?" The email includes information about help available to get on track.

UC offers academic services through the Julia N. Visor Academic Center, which provides general workshops on study habits, taking class notes, time management and testing skills. It goes well beyond general tutoring at no cost, offering help tied directly to classes that have a high rate of failure or withdrawals. A tutor goes to the class, takes notes and is then ready to teach the concepts again when students need additional coaching.

Other support services exist for students in various populations, including those who are first-generation, within a traditionally under-represented group, or from a low socio-economic status. A multi-year federal TRIO grant bolsters the University's ability to provide services to individuals in at-risk groups as they progress toward graduation. Students who want additional academic challenges are also guided through UC, which handles interdisciplinary studies.

Regardless of what a student needs to go forward at Illinois State, UC staff start by listening. They realize not all students enroll knowing how to succeed at a university, which is why self-advocacy is an early and important lesson.

"Each individual conversation starts by asking if the student has met with the professor. They have to be assertive in their own academic situation," Noël-Elkins said. "This is not a hand-holding operation or meant to enable students in a bad way. We instead give and teach the skills for students to be successful."

And they are—as proven by the University's graduation rate.

Impact of a caring campus

Sophomore Jessica Ackley, an actuarial science major, will graduate in less than four years. Josh Feinstein completed a degree he created through UC in circus studies. Read their stories at IllinoisState.edu/Magazine.



15 YEARS LATER

FBI AGENT RECALLS NATION'S GREATEST TEST

BY JOHN MOODY





Most of us can appreciate that there was an America we knew before September 11, 2001, versus the country we know now. Two different places separated by a few short, horrific hours that changed everything.

Louis Bladel, a 1989 criminal justice sciences graduate and 2015 College of Applied Sciences and Technology Hall of Fame inductee, knows well the new reality that Americans face.

As an FBI special agent and a career federal law enforcement officer, he also knows how the bureau has been forced to rethink the way it does business in the 15 years that have followed the terrorist attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center.

“Now we reach out to our partners when we don’t know something about a particular group,” Bladel said. “That really didn’t happen enough prior to 9/11. There were walls set up by design between agencies.”



Photo by Nick Romanenko

The bureau's priorities have shifted from a focus on organized crime and drug trafficking toward counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and cybercrime. The interagency spirit of collaboration is the most significant turn he has witnessed.

"It used to be your agency stayed in their lane, but now there's a lot of cooperation," Bladel said. "The cross-lane cooperation has been greatly enhanced. That cooperation is something to be proud of. We've done a very good job with that."

It's a philosophy that extends beyond domestic borders and U.S. agencies—the FBI, CIA, and the National Security Agency—to friendly foreign partners, Bladel said. That list includes "the Brits, the Canadians, the Aussies, and the New Zealanders."

The change is welcomed by Bladel, who began his law enforcement career in 1989 as a special deputy with the U.S. Marshals Service in the Eastern District of Virginia. From there he moved to a special agent position with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, widely known as NCIS.

He's been with the FBI since 1996, serving in New York City and primarily in Washington, D.C. He's also had temporary assignments in Guam and Kenya. His current position is special agent in charge of the counterintelligence division of the New York field office.

Bladel was living in Manhattan on the morning of September 11, 2001, but he had no intention of going to the office that day. "My youngest son was born on September 6, and we brought him home on September 10," he recalled. "My plan was to spend time with my 1-year-old son and my new baby, take a couple of weeks off."

With the baby's days and nights mixed up, his exhausted parents didn't fall asleep until 7 a.m. It was a phone call from Bladel's hometown in Illinois that made him aware of the crisis.

"My mom called from Rock Island and asked if we'd seen the news, and we hadn't," Bladel said. Once he'd heard what was going on, he felt it was his duty to get to the FBI's field office in Lower Manhattan.

"The debris and smoke were unreal," he said of the scene as he made his way deeper into the city. "By the time I got to Canal Street, the second building came down. No one thought those buildings would come down."

The World Trade Center towers were just blocks from his FBI office, where his official car was parked in a nearby garage. He made his way into the city with the help of his local barber, who operated the shop below his apartment.

"I hitchhiked down to Lower Manhattan," Bladel said. Two rides later from

two different truck drivers put him close enough to walk the rest of the way. A trip that would take 20 minutes on a normal day had taken an hour.

As he neared his office, six blocks from ground zero at Broadway and Worth Street, the chaos built.

"There were probably 1,000 sirens going off—probably more, if you think about it—down in Lower Manhattan," Bladel said. "I remember seeing parents freaking out looking for their kids at daycares, rightfully so."

His own plans to stay home with his new son had faded.

"I worked from noon to midnight until January—and that was the whole office, not just me," Bladel said. "But that's no big deal. If you can't get motivated by this, then you shouldn't be in the FBI."

About 50 agents managed to get to the office to run down leads, but there wasn't a lot they could initially do, Bladel admitted. With about five years on the job at the time, he laughs at the thought that he was one of the more senior agents.

Once both towers fell, Lower Manhattan shut down. That included the FBI offices, which had lost phone service. Finding alternate office space was paramount. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, which is a massive complex aboard the Intrepid aircraft carrier, became home for the FBI for several weeks.



Forgotten treasure

Time capsules found during demolition

BY RYAN DENHAM

A tiny booklet given out at a school dance. A well-used campus dining punch card. A plush cat with a Redbird in its mouth used for an event giveaway.

These are just a few of the items found inside two time capsules unearthed by demolition crews tearing down Hamilton-Whitten and Atkin-Colby residence halls earlier this year. The items plus dozens of others—some as pristine as the day they were boxed up—tell the story of student life around 1959–1961, when the South Campus halls were built.

“A lot of this stuff I’d never seen before,” said University Archivist April Anderson from Illinois State’s Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Milner Library.

The first time capsule found was from 1959 and had been placed in the cornerstone of Hamilton-Whitten. Although water-logged, Anderson expects to salvage around 75 percent of its contents. The second capsule was found one week later in an Atkin-Colby cornerstone, thanks in part to watchful demolition foreman Ron Wert.

That metal box was sealed in October 1961 and remained in pristine condition. As Anderson and her Archives colleague Ross Griffiths, M.S. ’13, examined the materials, they were amazed by how everything was well preserved. Ink on the front of a *Chicago American* newspaper from 1961 was still bright red.

Other items included original versions of the Whittilton newsletter for Whitten Hall residents, a weekly arts and entertainment events calendar advertising the Harry Simeone Chorals and Chad Mitchell Trio, a yearbook from 1961 with its edge sliced off to fit inside the container, and an ISNU newsletter.

“So many of these materials haven’t seen the light of day since Kennedy was president,” said Griffiths, director of preservation and university archives at Milner Library.

Alumni made aware of the time capsules by local media at the time of their unveiling appreciated the memories and were eager to share their stories about the time capsules’ contents.

Annis (Moss) Guenther ’60 and her husband, Ron ’60, were surprised to see his 1955 Oldsmobile on the front of *The Pantagraph* newspaper in Bloomington-Normal. A photo of Ron’s car, *above*, was found inside the first time capsule. The newspaper featured it in a story about the capsule’s discovery.





ISU archivist April Anderson and construction workers, *opposite page*, removed a time capsule from an Atkin-Colby cornerstone. The items were in excellent condition compared to water-damaged items in the Hamilton-Whitten cornerstone. They are shown, *above*, in the drying process. Old photos unearthed include one from a 1960 Homecoming float, *below*. Demolition of the halls, *shown from 2011*, was completed over the summer.



Ron was president of Dunn Hall as a student. He let his friends borrow that car one night for a drive-in movie, and a photo of students piling into it was tossed into the capsule in 1959.

“That was the car he courted me in,” said Annis, who lives in Normal with her husband. Both are retired educators. “To suddenly see it in the paper after all these years, it was a riot.”

Anderson and Milner staff were equally excited, as the discovery of any time capsule is a moment worthy of celebration.

“These students back then are putting things in here that are important to them, to tell us what’s exciting and what they were dealing with at the time. They don’t know when it’ll be

uncovered,” Anderson said. “It’s almost like we’re reaching back and talking to these students from that time period.”

Prior to South Campus, the last ISU time capsule discovered was at University High School. That one was from 1964 and was also in pristine condition. A small button that read “I Love The Beatles!” was one of the many treasures inside, in addition to the usual mix of paperwork and yearbooks.

Demolition and site-clearing of Hamilton-Whitten and Atkin-Colby was completed during the summer. The University’s master plan calls for a new Mennonite College of Nursing building at that site, although no timeline is set for construction.

ONE CHILD,



ONE HOME

ALUMNA WORKS TO REFORM FOSTER CARE

By Kate Arthur



**DURING HER
JOB INTERVIEW, AMELIA
FRANCK MEYER MADE IT CLEAR TO
BOARD MEMBERS THAT IF THEY WERE
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO PUT MORE KIDS
IN STRANGERS' HOMES, THEY SHOULDN'T HIRE HER.**

Not a terribly popular thing to say around a table of foster parents.

Meyer's next sentence was even more powerful: If they were looking for someone to transform the U.S. child welfare system—starting with their Midwestern nonprofit—she could do it.

Fifteen years later, Meyer has stayed true to her word as CEO of Anu Family Services in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She is an emerging national leader in the field, achieving unheard of numbers in finding permanent homes for foster children.

Instead of moving 30 or 40 times before turning 18, even hard-to-place kids are finding permanent homes as much as 70 percent of the time through Anu. That's an increase of more than 30 percent from a decade ago for the agency established in 1992.

"It was my job to put an end to that assembly line," Meyer said. "It was just so heartbreaking. We were removing kids from families with the idea they'd go to another family and live happily ever after, and that wasn't happening."

That reality was not acceptable for Meyer, who graduated from Illinois State in 1989 with a degree in psychology. She also completed a master's in sociology in 1995 at ISU. The campus was far from the two-bedroom apartment she shared with five siblings in an Aurora neighborhood so violent that she witnessed a shooting at a classmate's eighth-grade party.

The only one of her childhood girlfriends on her block to go to college, Meyer was influenced by her mother, whom she described as "a closet social worker." She taught her children there were always others worse off, and that it was their responsibility to care for those struggling.

"She was a huge influence, mostly because she believed I could do anything. When I was little, I wanted to adopt one child from every country."

Meyer also felt empathy for those affected by childhood trauma because of the abuse her father suffered. "I just grew up with the sense children should be protected because no one protected my dad."

From that background grew a determination to guide a turnaround of the U.S. foster care system, which Meyer believes can be done by first healing the grief of losing parents and multiple caregivers.

"We come into this world being the most vulnerable mammals that exist,"



Amelia Franck Meyer

to pain-based behaviors. Kids do their grief, they don't talk their grief. Often when a child is comfortable enough and feels safe enough to show the adults their pain, they say, 'Get them out of here.'"

Meyer is determined to break this harmful and repetitive cycle by focusing on how to create the best child welfare experience, not the best child welfare agency. She launched a national research project to seek out permanency rates of top-performing agencies when she started at Anu in 2001. She found that the average discharge to perma-

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believe that could be done."

Normal healthy brains diminish their capacity to connect after multiple unresolved losses, Meyer explained, especially with caregivers. Experts in the field were convinced that once an attachment disorder occurred, the consequences were forever. "Now we believe there are ways to heal that wound," she said, "that you can form permanent, stable connections later in life."

This perspective explains the confidence Meyer has in Anu's mission, which is to create permanent connections to loving and stable families. Meyer knows that this approach makes it more likely a child will stay as part of a permanent family, but the funding to implement such a plan doesn't exist.

There is also the question of how other agencies work within the foster care system.

"It becomes clear we can do this one child at a time for whoever is lucky enough to come to Anu. But every kid, no matter where they are, should have this same level of care. How do we reform

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she said. "Children need protection, and they know it from the second they're born. Without it, their brain makes a switch to 'I'm on my own and the chances of me making it are slim.'"

Being in survival mode brings on unacceptable or harmful behaviors, from punching a hole in the wall to attacking a family member or threatening suicide.

"When children have this incredible wound of not feeling loved, not feeling safe and not feeling they're with someone who can meet their needs, that leads

nency from treatment foster care was 45 percent. She and her staff created an "audacious goal" of finding their kids a permanent home 90 percent of the time, knowing that will take years and increased funding.

"What we've learned is we have to do the grief, loss and trauma healing the way it should be done alongside an exhaustive search for relatives. Then kids are able to form permanent connections and heal their pain. That's the good news," she said. "Until now, we didn't

systems so they're healthy enough to understand what children need to heal?"

The question haunts Meyer, who has a passion to make universal change. With more than 375,000 children in foster care, there is a desperate need for families.

The number of children aging out of care without a permanent home rises each year. Estimates are barely half will graduate from high school and only 2 percent go on to get a bachelor's degree or higher. One out of four will experi-

ence homelessness, and 51 percent will be unemployed. Nearly 70 percent of all adults report some childhood trauma.

“One kid, one family at a time is going to reach a few hundred kids in my career—and my middle name is impact,” she said. “I need all children, all children, to maximize their likelihood of achieving permanence in a loving, stable family. I feel incredibly strong about that.”

It is consequently no coincidence that Meyer has emerged as a national expert in understanding the effects of childhood trauma and creating a better way for children in the system.

She received the Youth Thrive Award for Exemplary Programs in 2014 from the national Center for the Study for Social Policy. Last year she was named a Bush Fellow by the Bush Foundation, founded by 3M executive Archibald Bush in the 1950s to build communities.

She was also named an Ashoka Fellow in 2015, making her part of the largest network of social entrepreneurs worldwide, with fellows in 70 countries putting their ideas into practice globally.

Meyer was chosen in recognition of her extraordinary achievement and potential based on her groundbreaking work on healing grief and trauma, as well as her transformational vision for systemic change. She actively shares her plan with leaders, staff, students, educators and legislators. She reached nearly half of the states last year in 110 days of travel.

She is also still a student. The Bush Fellowship makes it possible for Meyer to pursue a doctorate in organizational change and leadership at the University of Southern California. She wants to keep building on her education, which includes a second master’s in social work from the University of Minnesota and experiences at Illinois State that were empowering—including work as a Preview guide and Admissions counselor.

“I know people inside. I know people in groups and families. What I wasn’t bringing to the table was how to move systems,” Meyer said. “We know

what to do, but we can’t get it integrated into the system. Why is that?”

Education is one solution, which is why she started Alia. It focuses on systemic change in child welfare and means “other and different.” The organization teaches child welfare agencies how to work toward permanent placement. A laboratory for refining her model, Alia offers workshops, certificate and learning programs, along with intensive

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coaching in workforce well-being and other resources.

“We really need to look at a more systemic reform,” she said. “We’re hoping to build the capacity of systems to create change.”

To do so requires focusing on the wellbeing of the workforce. Children with one caseworker in a year have a 75 percent chance of going to a permanent family. That drops to 17.5 percent when there’s a turnover and as low as 5 percent if a youth has three social workers in a year.

Because the work is so incredibly demanding, Meyer limits her staff caseloads to no more than eight children. She makes self-care for staff a priority. “Until you take care of your staff, you can’t do anything new,” Meyer said.

She also believes more effort should be placed on helping parents avoid losing their children.

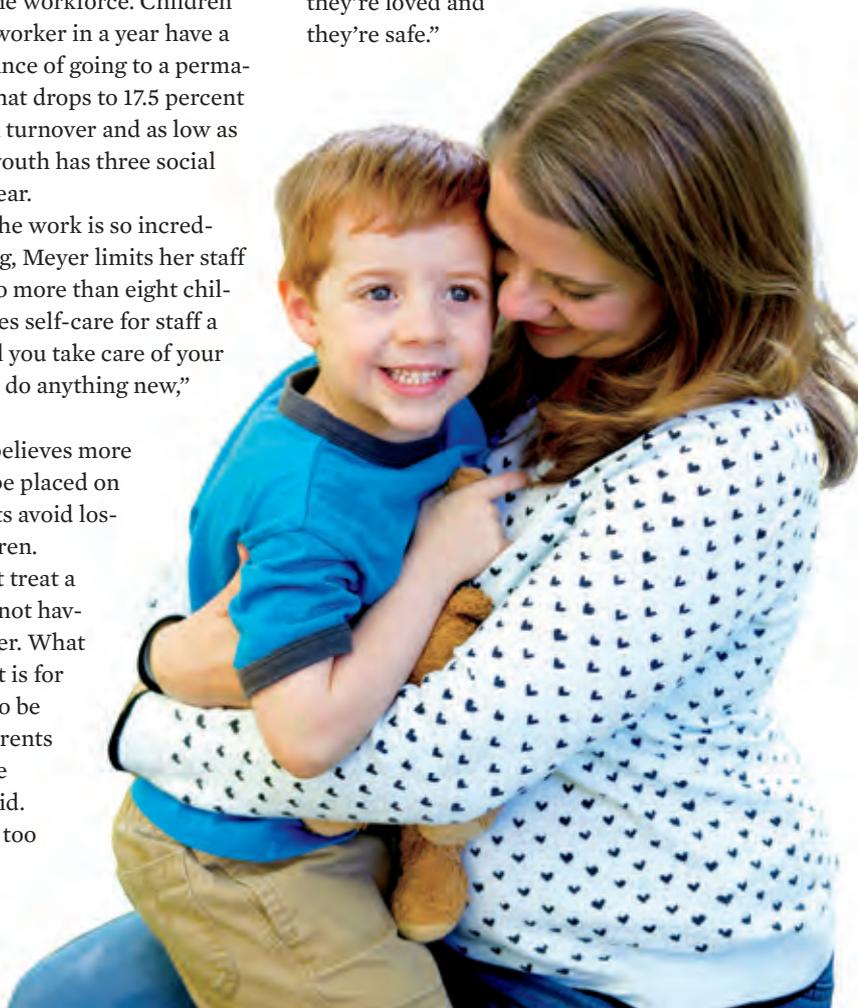
“You can’t treat a wound that is not having your mother. What kids need most is for their parents to be OK. If their parents are OK, they’re OK,” Meyer said. “We spend far too

much time and money removing and treating children and not enough time and money helping parents.”

She understands the parent perspective, as she relishes her role as a mom to her two grade-school children and three older stepchildren. There is no separating her emotions as a mother from her professional mission.

“I tuck my kids in, and I know they feel loved. I know they feel safe, and

I see what that does for them. I think about all the kids in the world who go to bed terrified,” Meyer said, as they don’t know if they will be victimized or moved yet again. The thought keeps her pushing for change, knowing “every kid should go to bed knowing they’re loved and they’re safe.”





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Homecoming firsts

Alumni have returned to the Illinois State University campus annually in the fall for a Homecoming celebration since 1921. There were attempts to organize the event beginning in 1916, but nothing official was held on a regular basis until five years later. A look at what was added over the years gives a sense of how much Homecoming has grown, as well as a chance to test your knowledge about traditions tied to the celebration.

Illinois State

First Parade
1919—Hobo Parade

First Homecoming Bonfire
1923

First Homecoming appearance by Reggie Redbird
1981—Reggie officially received his name

First appearance by a Camel in the Homecoming Parade
1964—President Bob Bone rode on a camel after returning from teaching in Egypt.

First Homecoming Committee
1920–1921—Appointed by President David Felmley with \$75 expenses allowed

First Football game
1921—First official Homecoming

First Redbird rumble
2007

First Royalty court
1936

First Campus decorating
1927

First U.S. presidential candidate in the Homecoming Parade
1980—Ronald and Nancy Reagan appeared in parade just prior to his election as 40th president.

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Recruiting Redbirds

Alumni experiences encourage enrollment

Wearing red on Fridays, encouraging campus visits and communicating what it means to be a Redbird are just a few ways alumni can impact the decision of prospective students.

“Redbirds from all over the country play an important role in attracting bright and talented students to our campus. Their influence is critical to the ongoing success of the University,” said Admissions Director Jeff Mavros. “Illinois State is incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive alumni population.”

Admissions sees the influence of alums through events and targeted outreach, including #RedbirdSetGo. This

annual social media initiative each spring asks alumni and current students to share their experiences with the hashtag. The goal is to encourage admitted students to complete enrollment.

Many alumni may not realize the impact of including Illinois State in their social media exchanges and daily conversations. Every post shared or retweet is an opportunity to Spread the Red to prospective students. The University provides President Dietz’s Points of Pride as talking points for alumni to share. Go to IllinoisState.edu/PointsofPride to learn of excellence across campus.

Some alumni networks extend their efforts by organizing welcome events for new students within their region.

The Black Colleagues Association, for example, holds annual Meet and Greets every February. Other regional networks are considering hosting programs for potential and incoming students outside of Illinois.

There are also subtle ways alumni can help promote the University. Teachers can display Illinois State prominently in their classroom with Redbird items available through University Marketing and Communications.

Join your fellow alums in sharing stories, memories and #RedbirdProud moments. Find out how you can get more involved through Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Association.

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 Florida has 4,148 graduates compared to the 4,126 living in California? On the other end of the spectrum, there are only 56 in Rhode Island, 62 in West Virginia and Vermont, and 66 in North Dakota.

A map showing 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.

Reunion plans for Politics/Government

The Department of Politics and Government has prepared leaders for 50 years. The success and growth will be celebrated the evening of Friday, September 30. Alumni and guests are invited to a reception, dinner and program. Cost is \$20. For information and to register, call (800) 366-4478 or visit Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/PolGov.

Directors chosen for Alumni Association

There is new leadership within the Alumni Association following the annual meeting in June. Tim Pantaleone '07 is president, Michele Guadalupe '01 vice president/president-elect, Kathy Coyle Murdoch '86 secretary, and Kaci Rollings '94 serves as past president.



From the archives

Named after the University's first librarian, Milner opened in Old Main in 1890. Five buildings have housed the library, which moved to its current location 40 years ago. Much has changed in look and approach the past four decades. Older alums remember the library as a place of quiet study, as shown above from 1976. Today computers have replaced the card catalog, comfortable seating and beverages are the norm, and therapy dogs are invited in during finals week.



Faculty favorite

Alum becomes beloved geology professor

Lecturing to about 700 students on subtropical deserts, when many of them have just rolled out of bed, is a tough teaching assignment.

Bill Shields '99, M.S. '01, has done it 33 semesters in a row, waking mostly freshmen with his stories of growing up in the 1800s and hammering shoes on mules. Some of his stories are even true.

He has made Principles of Geology one of those classes you just have to take before you graduate—not because it's a requirement, but because of who teaches it. The former personal chef and lineman has been called an icon and wizard on social media by his students.

Shields started college at 36, when married with two young children. That was 20 years ago. He earned his ISU degree in geology, followed by his master's. Then Department of Geography and Geology Chair Dave Malone recruited him for a coordinator role. Two weeks later, he was in the classroom.

"The students love him," Malone said. "He is wildly popular. We go for a walk about every day. I get zero hellos and he gets five or six."

That's because Shields has taught more than 30,000 students, filling Capen Auditorium as head of the biggest class taught at the University. He walks the aisles, learning names, memorizing faces. He studies their names, photos and

majors online. If they're undeclared, he visits them in the lab and talks about becoming a geology major.

Shields connects with students in his rock-filled office, as well as in the Student Fitness Center. He also has a virtual space he created on Second Life to chat with students online during evenings and weekends. He is especially passionate about helping freshmen find their way.

"They come right out of high school feeling like an adult, ready for something," he said. "Then they come to a class that's so big they could get lost and feel like nobody cares about them. I want them to know they're special. I want them to know that there is somebody watching out for them."

1950s

JimAnn (Smith) Oliver '54 retired as supervisor of research for Westat, a contractor with the U.S. Department of Education. She is teaching immigrants in the Dallas area, one of whom is blind. She resides in Garland, Texas.

1960s

Richard Nimz '62 retired from Illinois Central College as a professor of psychology and education. He also served as an academic adviser. He is involved in his community as a member of an advisory library board, educational foundation and historical societies. He resides in Floresville, Texas.

Karen (Hordesky) Malone '65 is retired from Lincoln-Way Community High School District 210. She resides in New Lenox.

Alberta (Tolson) Smith '66 retired as a resource specialist in the area of special education in the San Juan Unified School District. She resides in Orangevale, California.

Leslie Aguillard '68 is a producing, working and exhibiting artist. She also curates and promotes other local artists. She and her husband, Ferenc Gyalafia, reside in Denver, Colorado.

1970s

James Markese '71, M.S. '74, worked with Abbott Labs in medical diagnostic product development for 32 years before retiring. He previously worked at the University of Chicago Diabetes/Endocrinology Center. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Downers Grove.

Linda (Nielsen) Cochran '73 retired after a long career designing databases for NASA and the U.S. Army.

She worked for a short while as a librarian and continues to write science fiction. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Huntsville, Alabama.

Richard Gordon '73 retired after teaching at the high school level for 32 years in Illinois. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Deborah Oberg '73, M.S. '79, is the manager of assessment and admissions at the Human Service Center. She and her husband, Ronald Maier, reside in Bloomington.

Tom Schmal '73 authored a paper published by Munich Personal RePEc Archive in 2015. He resides in Houston, Texas.

Harold Howard '75 is vice president of manufacturing at Western Plastics in Addison. He resides in Streamwood.

Cathy (Switzer) Kemper-Pelle '75, M.S. '80, is serving as the sixth president of Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Oregon. She previously served as chief academic officer at Lee College, a comprehensive community college near Houston, Texas.

Henry Nash '75, M.S. '79, worked for the State of Illinois as a human services caseworker for 26 years. He also worked in higher education as a career counselor and grant director. He and his wife, Teresa, reside in Palestine.

John Walton '76, M.S. '78, retired as a law professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law. He taught there 23 years and was twice voted Professor of the Year. Prior to teaching he was a litigation attorney. He resides in Batavia.

Marie Garnett '77 retired after 37 years with School District 206. She resides in Country Club Hills.

Pause for applause

Setting the standard

Each year *Education Week* profiles innovative school district leaders. Among the 13 chosen in 2016 is ISU College of Education graduate **Julio Cesar Contreras '01**, who overcame obstacles to soar in education. He now supervises six middle and high school principals in Tulsa, Oklahoma. There are 40,000 students in the district he joined after working in Chicago schools for 11 years, beginning as a teacher. His leadership strategies focus on teamwork, pushing for solutions and realizing everyone has gifts. The son of strong Mexican immigrants, he strengthens school communities through increased parental involvement.



On top at the Trib

Accounting alum **Justin Dearborn '91** took on a new challenge this year as CEO of the Tribune Publishing Company, which owns the *Chicago Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times* and nine other major daily newspapers. As leader of the second largest newspaper company in the U.S., Dearborn will tackle declines in ad and circulation revenue. A CPA, Dearborn completed his juris doctorate at DePaul University. Before taking the Tribune's leadership position, he served as CEO of the medical imaging company Merge Healthcare. Dearborn led that firm through a period of growth prior to its acquisition by IBM in a \$1 billion transaction last year.



Leading her field

Christine Mitchell-Endsley, Ph.D. '03, earned the 2016 Illinois School Psychologists Association Ted Smith Practitioner of the Year award. Selection as the best among the association's 1,200 members is a statement to the exceptional work Mitchell-Endsley does for the Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative, which serves 24 school districts near St. Louis. She works with individuals from age 3 to 22, helping them handle emotional, physical, academic and family needs. Screenings, assessments, observations, consultations and interventions are all part of the effort to help students reach their full potential. She also teaches at Lindenwood University in Belleville.



Still a country boy

Education major **Sam Alex '07** has felt comfortable behind a microphone since his days as a public address announcer for ISU Athletics. He now has a much larger listening audience as host of "Taste of Country Nights," a country radio show that broadcasts live from Nashville to more than 75 stations nationwide. His work profiling country superstars is so stellar that he was recognized by the industry as among "Audio's 30 Under 30." He was also nominated by the Academy of Country Music Awards for 2016 National On-Air Personality of the Year.



REGGIE READS

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

How we met

So often the reason for choosing a college is a familial one. Raul Rodriguez '10, already knew Illinois State pretty well because his brother was an alum.

"I was very familiar with the campus growing up," he said. "During high school, I stayed on campus for an actuarial science program where we stayed in dorms."

With Illinois State already his first choice, that clinched the deal.

For Nicole Davila '12, Illinois State was in her plans early.

"I knew I wanted to be a teacher and that ISU had the best program out there," she said. "I took a chance and only applied to ISU and one other school. It was such a dream to be accepted to such a great school."

In fall 2009, both were immersed in college life and studies. Nicole was a bilingual elementary education major active in competitive cheerleading and Spanish club. She chose to study abroad in Mexico and Costa Rica. Raul was studying mathematics for secondary education. He was involved in the Association of Latin American Students, dodge ball club, and working as a resident assistant.

They both became interested in and pledged Alpha Psi Lambda, a coed fraternity. That connection launched a close friendship that in time, became even more.

"ISU gave us the opportunity to meet and become friends," Raul said.

Fast forward to 2014, just before Christmas. Raul arranged for a big surprise at a Rosemont ice rink. With their loved ones hiding out of sight nearby, he asked Nicole to marry him at center ice. When they skated off the ice, she heard applause.

"He pointed out a large corner of the rink where our friends and family were cheering with signs of congratulations," Nicole said.

Married July 3 of this year, the newlyweds live in Woodstock. Nicole is a bilingual science teacher at Barrington Middle School. Raul is a bilingual math teacher at Schurz High School in Chicago, where he is also coaching track and field.

While the two say starting a family is not in their immediate plans, they already know where they want their kids to go to college.

"We can't wait to begin a family tradition of our own of sending our children to ISU," Raul said.



James McCoy '77 completed a 32-year career with the U.S. Treasury before retiring to start an independent consulting business. He assisted wineries, breweries and distilleries with government and tax compliance. He is now a regulatory consultant with Greenspoon Marder Law. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Amelia, Ohio.

Freda (Fletcher) Meeks '77 is a unit secretary in Blessing Hospital. She and her husband, John, reside in Quincy.

Marlane Speed '77 is a behavior specialist with DeKalb County Schools. She resides in Roswell, Georgia.

Dianne (Etling) Asay '78 was named the 2015 Educator of the Year in Decatur Public School District 61.

She has taught at Johns Hill Magnet School since 1986. She and her husband, Don, reside in Mt. Zion.

Nancy Guzan '78 is a member services specialist at CalCPA. She resides in San Bruno, California.

Diane (Poll) McNulty '78 is director of the Cary Area Public Library. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Mt. Prospect.

Jerrold Roy '78 completed a master's in museum studies at Hampton University and two doctorates at Harvard University. He is the associate dean of the School of Education at Norfolk State University. He resides in Hampton, Virginia.

Paul Tutt '78 is vice president of Devro Inc. He resides in Blythewood, South Carolina.

David Bean '79, M.M. '91, retired from Morrison Community Unit 6 District in 2015 after 36 years of teaching in Illinois schools. He was active in the Illinois Music Education Association, holding offices across the state. He was named Bandmaster of the Year in 2015 by the Phi Beta Mu National Honorary Band Fraternity. He plays clarinet with the Clinton Symphony Orchestra in Iowa and several Illinois bands. He and his wife, Ann, are parents of a daughter attending Illinois State. They reside in Morrison.

Donna Rees '79 completed a master's in forensic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as a forensic scientist in the State of Illinois for 35 years in three different laboratories. She resides in Fairview Heights.

Willie Shearry '79 is the senior production manager with General Dynamics. He and his wife, Wendy, reside in Carbondale.

1980s

Patti Adams '80 is a banking officer for First United Bank. She works as a customer service representative in the Canyon Banking Center in Canyon, Texas, where she resides.

Kent VanderSteen '80 retired as a special agent after 25 years of service with the FBI. He served in the St. Louis and Detroit divisions. His wife, **Cindy (Larson) '81**, retired after 25 years of elementary school teaching in Illinois and Michigan. They are the parents of three children and one grandchild. They reside in DeWitt, Michigan.

Teresa (Huth) Dooley '81 retired after 29 years with Verizon. She was a payroll manager for most of those years. She and her husband, Jim, reside in Bloomington.

Melissa (Rosebery) Gross '81 is a licensed assistant to Tony Calvis with Calvis Wyant Luxury Homes. She and her husband, Steven, reside in Cave Creek, Arizona.

Michael Maske '81 retired from his position as an orbit analyst for GPS. He worked at NGA-St. Louis and resides in Waterloo.

Steve Aughenbaugh '82 is president and CEO of State Bank in Lincoln, where he and his wife, Sarah, reside.

John Church '82 is the Midwest region office manager for Rabobank. He resides in Chicago.

Keryn (Temple) Groner '82, M.S. '84, is a speech/language pathologist in Northbrook School District 27. She and her husband, David, reside in Skokie.

Misty (Statzer) McGlynn '82 is a medical secretary. She and her husband, Timothy, reside in Palatine.

Joann (Anderson) Kort '83 is a principal in Schaumburg School District 54. She resides in Hoffman Estates.

Glynis (Bryan) Gibson '84, M.S. '85, is president of Gibson Communications. The public relations/communications firm marks 25 years in business this year. She is an adjunct professor at DePaul University. She and her husband, Walter, reside in Chicago.

Chris Martin '84 created the health care consulting business Chris Martin Public Relations. He has merged his business with The David James Group, which is a marketing and communications agency. He is vice president of the agency. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Westchester.

Shelly (Walton) Booker '85 is the director of employment services for the Art Institute of Chicago. She resides in Matteson.

Margaret "Meg" (Zamzow) Wenzelman '85 is a resource and vision teacher in Herscher School District 2. She and her husband, Derek, reside in Bonfield.

Christine (Stampar) Book '86 owns and operates a freelance business that provides public relations, marketing and writing services for nonprofits and small business owners. She and her husband have two adult children and reside in Joliet.

Ann (Beaver) Witting '86, '88, completed master's degrees in education and theatre. She has worked as the director of theatre at TF South High School for 25 years. Her two children, Ethan and Hannah, are attending Illinois State. She resides in Munster, Indiana.

Christopher Zurowski '86 is the owner and manager of Minute-man Press. He resides in Western Springs.

Jean Chrostoski '87 is the superintendent of schools in Goshen County School District 1. She resides in Torrington, Wyoming.

Karen (Bushnell) Galey '87 is a senior loyalty manager with SAS. She and her husband, Mauri, reside in Apex, North Carolina.

Monica Mapel '87 completed a master's in security studies, homeland defense and security from the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in California. She worked as a special agent with the Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service. She is now with the Department of Homeland Security Investigations, working as an assistant special agent in charge in San Antonio, Texas.

Gary Robinson '87, M.S. '89, is a solutions manager in the supplier warranty recovery unit of Caterpillar Inc. He and his wife, Amy, reside in East Peoria.

Glen Murschel '88 is a guitarist and vocalist who has released his debut album, *Glen Murschel Twelve String*. He resides in Arlington, Heights.

Thomas Born '89 is a pilot at Sun Country Airlines. He is captain on a Boeing 737. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Lakeville, Minnesota.

Pam Bremer '89 is a correctional sergeant with the Cook County sheriff's office. She resides in Worth.

Peggy (Meyer) Hernandez '89 is planetary director of Elgin School District U-46. She and her husband, John, reside in Dundee.

Christine Munch '89 completed a master's at Columbia College. She achieved National Board Certification in early adolescence/English language arts. She teaches fourth grade. She and her husband, Paul Peters, reside in Beloit, Wisconsin.



Social at sunset

Although far from campus, a group of Redbirds still find time to gather in Florida. All residents of The Villages, they gathered in the spring to enjoy a sunset and show off the school colors. Group members include, from left, Joan (Lebensorger) Nammari, M.S. '70; Bruce and Della Davey '95; Carole (Robert) '72 and Greg Mroczowski '71; Cathie (Ozog) '71 and Jim Conrad '71, M.S. '72; and Jerry Heller '69.

John Palatine '89 is the owner of Palatine Resort Properties LLC. He traveled to Nepal in the spring to help with reconstruction of a remote village school that was destroyed by the earthquake in 2015. He created a campaign to generate donations for the people there. He trekked to Mt. Everest base camp and placed prayer flags for those who donated. He and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Oswego.

Michelle (Johnson) Schulz '89 is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Normal.

1990s

Liz (Lustrup) Lee, Ed.D. '90, teaches physical education at Hadley

Junior High in Glen Ellyn. She also coaches track and field and has for 25 years. She was on the ISU track and field team from 1985-1989 and inducted into the Willowbrook High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She received the Quarter Century Award from the IAHPERD. She and her husband, Howard, are parents of two sons and reside in Winfield.

Kevin Gramm '91 is vice president of commercial lending in the Peoria area for Heartland Bank. He and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of two children and reside in Germantown Hills.

Christine (Campos) Bradford '92, M.S. '08, is lead E-learning developer at the Illinois Fire Service Institute at the University of Illinois. She and her husband reside in Bloomington.

Chris Burke '92 has realized his life's dream with a promotion to the rank of lieutenant in the Chicago fire department. He and his wife, Judy, reside in Chicago.

Carrie Dockendorff '92 is a senior designer with Townsquare Publications. She resides in Buffalo Grove.

Redbird legacy

Laura Simonton is a two-time alum of Illinois State University. She graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in history and then earned another bachelor's in 2011 in history education.

She traces her interest to Illinois State back to an inspiring figure in her family history: her great-grandmother, Laura Jean O'Connell Carney, for whom she is named. Simonton, known as Laura Morrical in her days on campus, said that in addition to sharing first names and alma maters, they also pursued similar degrees and professions. Despite the fact that they walked the Quad nearly a century apart, they share a connection to Illinois State.

"Although we never met—she passed in 1971, and I was born in 1974—we both knew from an early age we wanted to be educators," Simonton said, adding that one of great-grandmother Laura's most cherished possessions in her life was her teaching license.

Born in 1893, Laura Jean O'Connell came to Illinois State Normal University to pursue her teaching degree. On July 1, 1914, she received her second-grade elementary teacher's certificate from McLean County. Every year after that, while she was teaching, her certificate was stamped and initialed on the back by the county superintendent of schools. She taught in McLean, Ford and Kankakee counties into the 1930s.

Simonton recently found a book that contained her great-grandmother's street address during her time in Normal.

"The house was there when I first began at ISU but has since been torn down and made into apartments," Simonton said. "It was interesting to find this link that we lived off campus within a block of each other, although 80 years apart."

Simonton works as a teacher's aide with the Olympia Community Unit School District 16 in Stanford and is also the Olympia South Spartan Garden Club supervisor. In between her and her great-grandmother's eras are additional family connections. Two more great-grandchildren and Simonton's cousins also attended Illinois State.

Siblings Aimee Jones Luedtke '05 was an accounting major, and Tim Jones '98 studied business. The cousins are Peggy Chace Rieke '87, who earned a degree in elementary education, and Ron Gillis '08. He studied mass communications.

Beyond the alumni connections are Ron's parents, Phyllis and Bill Gillis, who both retired from careers working in the physical plant at Illinois State.

In the 1920s, Laura O'Connell became Mrs. Bernard Carney and gave birth to two daughters. But she kept on teaching, and she and her husband made sure their two girls went to college. That's a family tradition that started at Illinois State more than a century ago. It continues today for Laura Morrical Simonton, her husband Tony and their three kids.

In fact, Simonton said, "My oldest is thinking of attending ISU."



Laura Simonton's Redbird connection goes back to the woman in these photographs, her great-grandmother Laura Jean O'Connell Carney, for whom she is named.

Eric Minster '92 is senior media analyst at COUNTRY Financial. He and his wife, Teri, reside in Normal.

Joanne (Brales) Panopoulos '93 teaches in Community Unit School District 200. She and her husband, John, reside in Glen Ellyn.

John Albers '94 is an associate attorney with Shay Phillips Ltd. He resides in Williamsville.

Christy (Wager) Malinowski '94 is director of Christian education at Trinity Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Normal.

Martin Hobbs '95, M.S. '98, teaches science at East Peoria Community High School. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Eureka.

Gretchen Peters '95 is vice president of Digital Solutions Group Optum, a Pharmacy Health Services company. She and her husband, Andy, reside in Naperville.

Jason Sauer '96 is an area executive serving south Texas and Louisiana for Zurich in North America. He resides in Houston, Texas.

Dave Anderson '97 is director of the IH specialist group and risk control for Travelers. His wife, **Gretch-**

en (Tejkowski) '97, is a preschool teacher for the Greater Hartford YMCA, Indian Valley. The couple resides in South Windsor, Connecticut.

Ed Gass '97 is an actor who has done improv and sketch work with several groups in Chicago, including Rotary Phone, Shuttlecock and Regular Joe, and pH Productions. He has performed improv and sketch in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto. He has also filmed an episode of NBC's *Chicago Med* and a 5-Hour Energy commercial. He resides in Country Club Hills.

Elizabeth (Barnhart) Roscoe '97 is global communications manager with McDonald's Corporation. She and her husband, Craig, reside in Villa Park.

Greg Hunsley '98 is a sales, inventory and operations planning manager at AGCO Corporation headquarters in Georgia. He and his wife, Caroline, are parents of two sons and reside in Sugar Hill, Georgia.

Christopher Melvin '98 is superintendent of the Illinois Department of Corrections. He manages a prison re-entry program at Dixon Correc-

tional Center. He oversees a prison eye lab that fabricates glasses for Medicaid patients in the state. He resides in Dixon.

Benjamin Rees '98 is the assistant principal, athletic director and varsity football coach at West Central High School in Bigsville. He and his wife, Laura, reside in Galesburg.

Scott Tripamer '98 and his wife, **Denise (Day) '99**, are the parents of a child. Mackenzie was born in November 2015. They reside in Joliet.

Julie Pelton '99 is an associate professor of sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She received an alumni outstanding teaching award from that university's alumni association in recognition of her distinguished teaching.

2000s

Brian Conant '00, M.S. '07, is director of English and fine arts as well as title grants coordinator at Joliet Township High School District 204. He and his wife, Katherine, reside in Glen Ellyn.

Todd Hamilton, M.A. '00, is a site interpreter with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He resides in Chatham.

Janel Hartje '00, M.S. '02, is an account executive with Myriad Genetics and Oncology. She and her husband, William, are the parents of twins. Haddie Marie and Harrison Grant were born in August 2015. The family resides in Winnebago.

John Zaiser '00 is a self-employed financial representative. He and his wife, Dari, reside in Washington.

Shannon (Stillwagon) Hynes '01 is the director of special events in the office of advancement at University of Illinois-Chicago. She and her husband, Niall, have two sons and reside in Chicago.

James Lowe, M.S. '01, is a receiving supervisor with Smithfield Packing. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Grimesland, North Carolina.

Matthew Vaughn '01 is chair of the English department at Hillsboro High School and serves as president of the teachers' union. He and his wife, Audrey, reside in Litchfield.

Richard Warner '01 completed his juris doctorate at John Marshall Law School. He was named an emerging lawyer for 2015 and Illinois Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2016 for the second year in a row. Only 2.5 percent of lawyers in Illinois are selected for the rising star list that is published by Thompson Reuters, *Chicago Magazine* and Illinois Super Lawyers annually. He is with the Warner Law Group in Naperville, where he resides.

Michael Bogle '02 is a technical support analyst with Walt Disney World. He and his wife, Melissa Grote, reside in Winter Garden, Florida.

Shae Wesley '02 works in promotions and fan engagement at Appalachian State University athletics. She and her husband, Aaron, reside in Boone, North Carolina.

Bryan Davis '03 partners with his wife, Summer, working under Young Living Essential Oils. They have one of the fastest growing businesses in company history and own the largest essential oil organization in Chicago. They reside in Oak Forest.

Chris Stroisch '04 is the media relations supervisor at COUNTRY Financial. He and his wife, Deana, have three children and reside in Bloomington.

Dawn (Walter) Barnes '05 is a senior sales compensation analyst with Blackboard. He resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

Emily (Frailey) Hummel '05 is a speech-language pathologist with the Springfield School District. She and her husband, John, reside in Chatham.

Ryan Marucco '05 is a regional manager with the Illinois Secretary of State. He resides in Stonington.

David Sollish, M.S. '05, is chair of the theatre department at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He and his wife, Kelsey, reside in Brandon, Mississippi.

Melissa Crosse '06 completed a master's of education administration at Concordia University. She is athletic director and chair of the health and physical education department at North-Grand High School in Chicago.

Anthony Fleming '06 is a manager with WalMart. He resides in West Branch, Iowa.

Ryan Kerr '06 earned the rank of tenure in the English department at Elgin Community College. He and his wife, Meghan, reside in Montgomery.

Sparkle (Coleman) Nicks '06 is a stylist at SmartStyle. She and her husband, Benjamin, reside in Bloomington.

Caroline Oles '06 is a senior product manager with Cox Communications. She is a student in the University of Georgia Terry College of Business Executive MBA program. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

Greg Peerbolte '06 is executive director of the Joliet Area Historical Museum. He and **Jesse Arseneau**

'04 produced a documentary about the 1990 Plainfield tornado. The film debuted earlier this year before the nation's top meteorological professionals, including the director of the National Weather Service. Peerbolte resides in Chicago.

Kristin Barabasz '07 is a behavior therapist with North Shore Pediatric Therapy. She resides in Chicago.

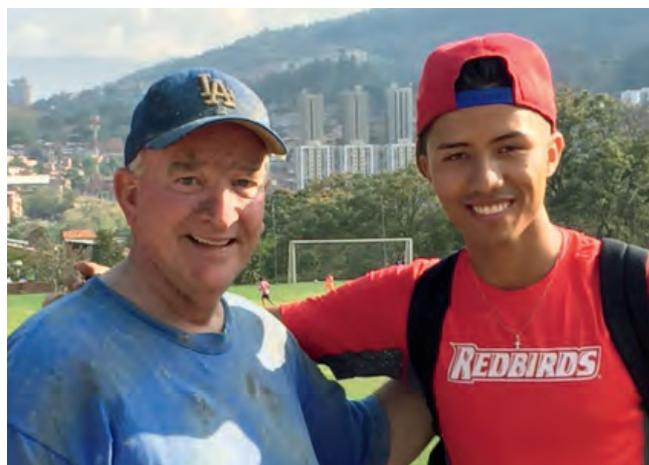
Karen Catt '07 is a professional driver with First Student. She resides in Normal.

Kanisha Lites '07 is a project coordinator at the University of Chicago Medicine. She resides in Chicago.

Peter Orlowicz '07 is a general attorney for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board. He and his wife, Martha, reside in Lombard.

James Allendorph '08 is an assistant attorney general for the State of Illinois. He resides in Chicago.

Michael Copley '08 is a mathematics teacher at Mt. Pulaski High



A helping hand

Jeff Fritzen '74 of Normal has organized six outreach ministry trips to Medellin, Colombia, since 2005. The most recent trek earlier this year involved a work team of eight men to help with construction of a soccer sports center. The men covered their own costs and donated their time to help complete a regulation soccer field. Their work involved pouring a concrete foundation and constructing a block wall to allow for fencing. Mitchell Butraigo, a local member of the ministry, reconnected with Fritzen. He shared his ISU pride, which runs deep as a past president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Other Redbirds on the trip included Charlie Lyden '81 of Normal and Phil Halcomb '96 of Bloomington.

School. He and his wife, Sarah, reside in Petersburg.

Laban Cross, M.S. '08, Ph.D. '13, is a teacher at Tri-Valley High School. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Downs.

Amanda (Novy) Figge '08, M.S. '12, is the director of a dietetics and nutrition department with the Springfield Clinic. She is a registered dietitian. She and her husband, Luke, are the parents of a son. Oliver Kent was born in October 2015. The family resides in Chatham.

Daniel Gardner '08 is a process engineer with Intel. He resides in Portland, Oregon.

McKenna (Schweinberg) Harless '08 is a special educator with Peoria Public Schools 150. She and her husband, Aubrey, reside in Peoria.

Dave Horstein '08 manages consulting services at Hitachi Solutions. He resides in Chicago.

Deana Jubeh '08 is completing a master's in teaching and learning with an English as a Second Language endorsement through the University of St. Francis. She teaches sixth grade special education at Eisenhower Jr. High School in Darien School District 61. She resides in Woodridge.

Joseph Klen '08, M.S. '11, is a chemist II with Valspar. He resides in Hampshire.

Andrea Norton '08 is a clinical nurse educator in the emergency department and clinical decision unit at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, where she resides.

Pam (Hansen) Atkinson '09, M.S. '13, is employed with the University of Illinois Extension. She co-authored a personal finance curriculum for limited audiences titled *All My Money—Change for the Better*. It was released earlier this year. She and her husband, Bill, reside in Towanda.

Adam Baer '09 is a project manager with Rolwes Company. He and his wife, Kelly, reside in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Amy Janus '09 is the regional account manager for Southwest Airlines. She manages travel needs



Still making music

A connection made through ISU's School of Music is flourishing as seven graduates have formed a consortium as flutists. Led by Stefanie Abderhalden '09, M.M. '12, the group commissioned composer and School of Music Assistant Professor Roy Magnuson '05 to write a piece that they now perform across the Midwest. It is titled "The Fibbertigibbet's Fabrefation, Volume 1." Members of the group include, from left, Kristin Bence, M.M. '12, of Bloomington; Christa Krause '03, M.M. '09, of Wheaton; Abderhalden of Downers Grove; and Robin Gravert, M.M. '12, of Davenport, Iowa. Other members not photographed are Pamela Schuett '14 of Algonquin; Bethany Padgett, M.M. '10, of Bedford, Texas; and James Thompson, M.M. '14, of Muncie, Indiana.

of Fortune 500 companies. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

Amy Olson '09 is a corporate research analyst with CEFCU. She resides in Peoria.

Kathren Sammis '09, M.S. '11, is an academic adviser at Arizona State University. She resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

2010s

Gregory Boyer '10 is an asset protection manager with WalMart. He resides in Taylorville.

Debbie Brown '10 is the office manager of the Transfer Day program at Illinois State University. She and her husband, John, reside in Bloomington.

Jenna Gagliano '10 is the front house manager of The Paramount Theatre. She and her husband, John Blunk, reside in Montgomery.

Kyle Gatewood '10 is a senior IT security analyst with ESI. He resides in Fairview Heights.

Jonathan Janda '10 completed an MBA. He is a national account executive at CareerBuilder. He resides in Chicago.

Deanna (Gillett) Schnauer '10 is a senior financial analyst with Gardner. She and her husband, Kyle, are the parents of a son. Paul Jonathan was born in February 2016. The family resides in Fort Myers, Florida.

Kyle Arnold '11 is a special education teacher with Warren Township High School. He resides in Palatine.

Matthew Ford '11 completed veterinary school in Michigan. He has begun an internship for advanced training at Virginia Tech while working at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

Ross Green '11 is a multimedia content production specialist with Harrison School District Two. He resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sarah (Michel) Irwin '11 is an investment technician with State Farm Insurance Companies. She and her husband, Drake, reside in Danvers.

Chris Mallen, M.S. '11, is a regional marketing manager with Outfront Media. He resides in Hollywood, Florida.

Allison Reed '11 teaches at Pikes Peak Prep Charter School. She resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sean Rees '11 completed a juris doctorate and is a member of the Illinois Bar. He is practicing law with Brandenburg-Rees and Rees in Carlinville, where he resides.

Hannah Hassler, M.S. '12, is a member education coordinator with Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. She resides in Denver, Colorado.

Meghan (Jacobson) Kudrna '12 is a revenue cycle architect with Cerner Corporation. She and her husband, Andrew '13, met at ISU and were married in April 2016. They reside in Kansas City, Missouri.

Rachel Parish, M.A. '12, is an English instructor at Southeastern Illinois College. She resides in Harrisburg.

Jordan (Golot) Schumacher '12 teaches in Bolingbrook. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Aurora.

Erika Seija '12 teaches Spanish in School District 303. She resides in Naperville.

Becca Allpow '13 is a community relations and project specialist at The South Suburban Council. She resides in Evergreen Park.

George Apostolopoulos '13 is a manager at Granny's Restaurant. He resides in Bloomingdale.

Jacob Carlson '13 is an implementation consultant with Signal. He resides in Chicago.

Jessica Costello '13 is the Midwest development manager with the Pulmonary Hypertension Association. She resides in Chicago.

Kevin Dodge '13 is a youth and community development volunteer with U.S. Peace Corps. He is serving through 2017 in Mongolia.

Mary Duffy '13 works with interior design and is a CAD drafter in Illinois State University's Facilities,

Planning and Construction. She is also a freelance designer who worked to remodel DP Dough in Uptown Normal. She resides in Bloomington.

Logan Futris '13 is an environmental health and safety associate with Caterpillar Global Mining. He resides in Lindenhurst.

Scott McCambridge '13 is a sales force solution architect with Success Services. He and his wife, Carolyn, reside in Oswego.

Andrew Meyers '13 completed his master's of social work at Loyola University. He is a school social worker with Waukegan Community Unit School District 60. He and his wife, Jodie, were married in October 2015. They reside in Evanston.

Jemi Puno '13 is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. She resides in Edison, New Jersey.

Ryan Tefft '13 is a pathology technician with Proctor Hospital. He resides in Washington.

Whitney Wagers '13 is a producer with WCBD-TV. She resides in Charleston, South Carolina.

Hillary Welton '13 is a financial analyst with Consolidated Communications. She resides in Mattoon.

Jamie (Nizzia) Wolfe, M.S. '13, is an associate scientist II in analytical research and development at AbbVie. She and her husband, Ryan, reside in Lindenhurst.

Stephanie Zitella '13 is a nurse at Rush University Medical Center. She works in the CISU-CVT intensive care unit. She resides in Chicago.

Cassandra Bartolucci '14 teaches at Marquette Academy High School. She resides in Ottawa.

Hannah (Kauffman) Dignan '14 is a registered nurse with Carle Foundation Hospital. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Champaign.

Kara Hale '14 is a special education aide at Minooka Community High School. She resides in Channahon.

Jarret Jarvis '14 is a channel marketing specialist with James Hardie and resides in Chicago.

Maggie McLinden '14 is the communications coordinator for School District U-46 in Elgin. She resides in Schaumburg.

Morgan (Benz) Nelson '14 is a marketing communications coordinator with CEFCU. She and her husband, Bradley, reside in Morton.

Shelby Ray '14 is an account executive with HMA Public Relations. She focuses on clients in government, healthcare, nonprofits, restaurant industries and professional service industries. She resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Andrew Seketa '14 is a transition program instructor with Community High School District 117. He resides in Grayslake.

Nicole Welsh '14 is the broadcast business manager with WGLT at Illinois State University. She resides in Normal.

Sharon (Kirby) Audette '15 is an early childhood special educator with District 47. She and her husband, Mike, reside in Carol Stream.

Robyn Connolly '15 is a resource teacher with Deerfield Public Schools. She resides in Libertyville.

Thomas McCoy '15 is a manager trainee at Menards. He resides in Bloomington.

Kelsey Ott '15 is an estimating engineer with Ringland Johnson. She resides in Machesney Park.

Brianna Reed '15 teaches English in Mesa Public Schools. She resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

Charles Kean '16 is a legal assistant with Ostling and Associates. He resides in Normal.

Eric Meeseburg '16 is an account manager with Impact Networking. He resides in St. Charles.

Steven Panek '16 is a strategic analytics analyst with Zebra Technologies. He resides in Woodridge.

Elsa Rasmus '16 is a project manager with DCC Marketing. She resides in Forsyth.

Hannah Ritter '16 is a human resources generalist with CIT Trucks. She resides in Forsyth.

Ellen Schumacher '16 is a technical recruiter with TEKsystems. She resides in Bloomington.

Our troops

LTC Lisa Harvey '92 retired after 23 years with the U.S. Army following a final tour with NATO. She and her husband, John Smith, reside in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

In memory

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Ellen M. Abshire, Health and Physical Education; 2/16

George F. Aspbury, Geography/Geology; 1/16

Dale E. Birkenholz, Biology; 12/15

Thomas F. Edwards '51, Curriculum and Instruction; 11/15

Archie Harris, Athletics; 4/16

David L. Livers, Special Education; 2/16

Dennis "Harv" W. McClelland, College of Fine Arts; 3/16

G. Ben Paxton Jr., WGLT; 3/16

Walter "Hawkeye" D. Pierce, Curriculum and Instruction; 1/16
James E. Sedgwick Jr., *Vidette*; 4/16

S. Liane Stillwell, Philosophy; 1/16

30s

Edith (Nurse) Reynolds '33; 2/16

Retta J. Keithley '34, '54; 3/16

Eileen E. (Cross) Kohl '36; 4/16

Donald M. Wene '38; 3/16

40s

Marjorie E. (Feek) Brady '40; 3/16

Evelyn M. Bowles '41; 4/16

Norma (Goodwin) Harn '41, M.A. '64; 2/16

Dorothy R. (Green) Liehr '41; 2/16

Eliose (Cavanagh) Murphy '41; 7/15

Evelyn K. (Hitchings) Hoover '42, '61; 4/16

Eunice P. (Smallwood) Bean '44, M.S. '68; 2/16

Jeanette L. (Farner) Sullivan '44; 3/16

Jo Ann (Weinand) Bechtold Chew '46; 4/16



Regular reunion

Six Redbirds who first met while attending Illinois State as undergraduates in the early 1970s keep their friendship alive by reconnecting each year. Since the last of their group graduated in 1974, the members have committed to meeting annually, often in Bloomington's Miller Park. The group includes, *from left*, Marcia Freeman '74 of Hannibal, Missouri; Ellen (Bolton) Leady '73 of London Mills; Kerry Frischkorn '73 of Mundelein; William Leady '73, M.S. '74, of London Mills; and Cheryl (Washburn) '73, M.S. '74, and Thomas Stolz '73, of Effingham.

Lucille Layden '47; 4/10
Elmo F. Gentes '48; 3/16

50s

John Dal Santo '50, M.S. '51, Ed.D. '68; 10/15

Herman E. Schumacher '50; 3/16

Eugene H. Berwanger '51, M.S. '52; 1/16

Mary (Anich) Friberg '51; 1/16

Peggy L. (Johnson) Fuller '51; 12/15

Charles Jerdee '51, M.S. '56; 2/15

Mary L. (Pfeifer) Sutter '51; 2/16

Alan L. Egly '52; 1/16

Ruth V. (Komnick) Morrison '52; 1/16

Truman D. Fox Jr. '53; 4/15

Joann "Judy" J. (Ruehrup) Opper-
mann '53; 1/16

Harold K. Walton '53; 3/16

Laverna M. (Chestney) Kearfott '54; 5/16

Isabelle H. (Miles) Seelye '54, M.S. '58; 3/16

Marilyn S. (Whiteside) Butler '55; 4/16

Rebecca (Whisler) Schroer '55; 12/15

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Mary M. (Herington) Calvert '58; 2/16

Mary A. (Longenbaugh) Davison '58; 5/15

Mary L. (Dwyer) Huddleston '58; 3/16

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Louis A. Schmitt '58; 10/15

Nancy L. (Sizemore) Dittmar '59, M.S. '65; 1/16

Cynthia F. Grennan '59; 1/16

Robert L. Viehweg '59; 4/16

60s

Norma J. (Leben) Andersen '60; 10/15

Irvin C. Berry '61; 7/15

Robert M. Davis '61; 4/16

Marcia S. Skinner '61; 5/15

Charles W. Cutright '62; 4/16

Phillip R. Fleetwood '62, M.S. '69; 3/16

Bonnie S. (Carpenter) Miller '62; 3/16

Kenneth T. Kistner '63, M.S. '67; 11/15

Michael L. Doren '64; 1/16

Cynthia (Martin) Miles '64; 4/16

Roberta M. (Holtzman) Connolley '65, M.S. '71; 2/16

Rebecca J. (Kraft) Scholl '65, M.S. '79; 1/16

Craig M. Chambers, M.A. '66; 2/16

Kenneth A. Corcoran '66; 2/16

Lorelle V. Cutforth '66; 12/15

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Sharon M. (Compton) Maier '68; 2/16

Karen M. (Fuller) Matuska '68; 2/16

Delores J. (Blumeyer) Mosiman '68; 3/16

Jonathan A. Curry '69; 1/16

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70s

Janet S. Giugler '70; 4/16

Martha N. (Wallace) Reif '70; 3/16

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Steven V. Siefert '70, M.S. '73; 2/16

Steve Beckman '71; 3/16

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Jody L. Goad '71; 12/15

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Carol (Keck) Ricketts '71; 3/16

Mildred "Lynn" (Atkinson) Smith, M.S. '71; 12/15

Paul A. Studnicki '71, M.S. '75; 4/16

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Friends for life

A friendship sparked while students at ISU in the 1970s remains strong for 13 women, who have met annually for more than 40 years to reminisce about their collegiate days. Rites of Spring is just one fond memory they will never forget. They are, *seated from left*, Mary (Henning) Tobias '79 of Barrington; Kendra (Knudtzn) Fischl '79 of Libertyville; Teri (Mullen) Lodesky '79 of Naperville; Georgette (Koszczuk) Schroeder '79, M.S. '80, of Bensenville; Sharon (Georgeoff) Frys '79 of Palatine; and Gayle (Krass) Carzoli '79 of Itasca. *Standing from left*, Sue Widman '80 of Darien; Carol (Burklach) Roehr '80 of Grayslake; Janet (Lindner) Hurt '79 of Keokuk, Iowa; Sue (McKinzie) Westphal '79 of Yorkville; Sheila (Diener) Brown '79, M.S. '04, of Bourbonnais; Ann (Geimer) Wright '80 of Tinley Park; and Cindy (Swanson) Pembroke '79 of Western Springs.

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 Max E. Heidrick '72; 12/15
 Leota J. (Collins) Hummel '72; 3/16
 Deborah S. (Finn) Reed '72; 3/16
 Mary J. Volk '72; 12/15
 Stanley M. Adams, M.S. '73; 2/16
 Brenda (Hinton) Cooper '73; 12/15
 Jan K. Sescleifer-Irlam '73, M.S. '78; 3/16
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 Henry Glover Jr., D.A. '74; 1/16
 Dwight H. Rennison '74; 3/16
 Patricia (Donovan) Sack '74; 2/16
 Wanda C. Shatzer '74; 4/16
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 Roger W. Friend, M.S. '75; 3/16
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 Duane A. Scogin '75; 9/13
 Jana (Oakes) Doig '76; 4/16
 Robert J. Garner Jr. '76; 9/14
 Joseph M. Hesh '76; 3/16
 Randall Radtke '76; 1/16

Kenneth J. Wickert II '76; 2/16
 James E. Boylan '77; 3/16
 Queen E. (Morris) Brown, M.S. '77; 3/16
 Violette (Mayer) Kaisershot, M.S. '77, M.S. '82; 3/16
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Brian A. Berg '80; 2/16
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 Linda F. (Heppner) Reeves '80; 4/16
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 Tina M. (Campbell) Bush '85; 4/19
 Kelly M. (Boner) Conrad '85, M.S. '92; 2/16
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 Sean P. Dixon '89; 3/15
 John L. Funk '89; 2/16
 Todd M. Musselman '89; 1/16
 Richard L. Thompson '89; 2/16

90s

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 James D. Branaman '91; 1/16
 Helen C. Ferguson, M.S. '92; 3/16

Steven L. Martin '92; 4/16
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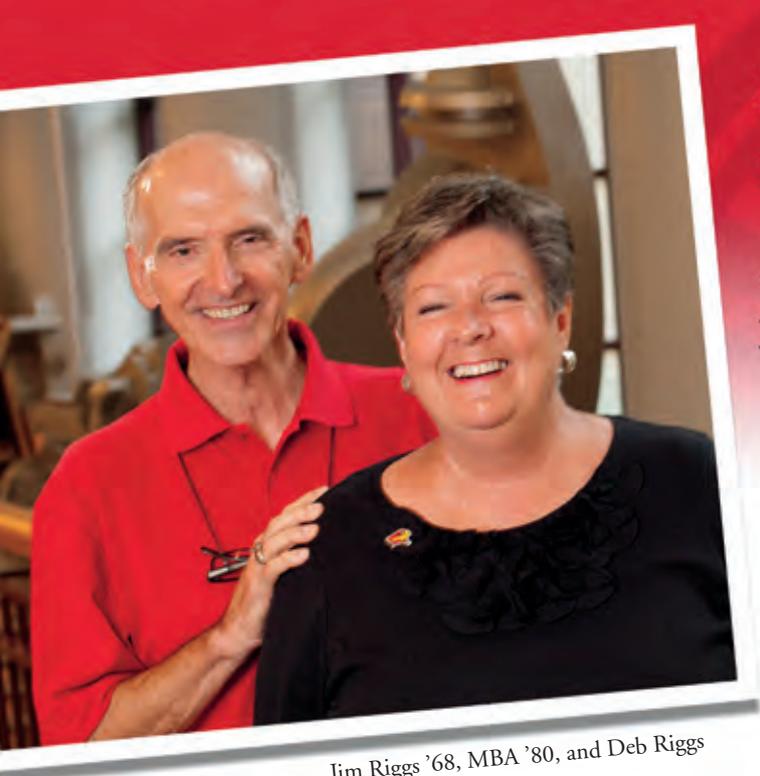
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