

## CLASS NOTES – SPRING 2021

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## THE MAGAZINE



**DeVerne Dixon '52** and **Dawn Shearer Dixon '51** will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 17, 2021. They reside at The Village in Indianola, Iowa. Both were active on campus and continued to be engaged after graduation with their Greek houses, Alpha Chi Omega and Lambda Chi Alpha.

**Dale Weaver '60** has been active in Kiwanis Club since 1986 in both Ottumwa and Cresco, Iowa, and has been a member of Masonic Lodge since 1960. He has been previously active in Lions Club, Rotary Club and Jaycees. Dale is now retired and resides in Ottumwa, Iowa.

**Donald Gray '65** is professor emeritus at the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, **Constance Wagner Gray '64** reside in Columbia, South Carolina.



**Roger Shepherd '66** is retired and resides in Lewes, Delaware, with his wife Mary.

**Wayne Shirner '67** is retired from the US Army. He earned advanced degrees including his Master of Science in Math from Michigan State in 1969, his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Des Moines University in 1979 and his Master of Public Health from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1996. He resides in Belton, Texas.

**M. Jane Whitver Hamann '72** has retired from teaching and resided in Battle Creek, Iowa with her husband, Donald.

**Jim Schwiebert '73** is a retired lawyer and judge residing with his wife, Barb, in Brooklyn, Iowa.

**Susan Curtis '74** is retired. She and her husband, Richard, live in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Carol Thomas Burkhart '76** is a retired teacher and resided in Osceola, Iowa.

**Laurie Perschau Skjerseth '77** is now retired. She earned her MBA in fine arts management from the University of Iowa in 1982 and lives in Venice, Florida, with her husband, Nathan.

**Marty Lehman '79** is a partner at Palmer Lehman Sandberg, PLLC based in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife, Laurie recently celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Laurie, formerly a practicing attorney, has dedicated the last 17 years to homeschooling their 5 children from their home in Lucas, Texas.

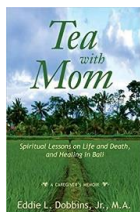
**Lisa Mundt '83** resides in Manhattan Beach, California, with her husband, James Goldin. She is employed by Basilisk Books.



**Annette Nauraine '83** is an author from Wilton, Connecticut. She writes because she is curious about the inner lives of people: what motivates, thrills, scares and drives them. For more info visit [www.annettenauraine.com](http://www.annettenauraine.com)

**Barb Starrett Fellers '85** is a customer service representative at Great West Casualty Company in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Paul Swenson '85** is retired and resides in Ankeny, Iowa.



**Eddie Dobbins, Jr. '86** is a realtor at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Sonoma County Properties in Guerneville, California. Dobbins' book, "[Tea With Mom: Spiritual Lessons on Life and Death, and Healing in Bali](#)," was released Dec. 1, 2019.

**Rollie Madison '88** is senior project manager for GeoSport Lighting Systems in St. Gabriel, Michigan. He has dedicated over 33 years to officiating collegiate baseball and basketball and high school football, baseball and basketball.

**JoDee Winterhof '89** is the senior vice president for policy and political affairs at Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C. She and her spouse, Deena, reside in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

**Andrea Accola-Sabin '90** is a high school math instructor at North Iowa High School in Buffalo Center, Iowa. Her and her husband, Kenneth, reside in Swea City, Iowa.

**Michelle Funk Felder '91** is a senior logistics coordinator for Jowat Corporation. She resides in Archdale, North Carolina, with her husband, Michael.

**Curtis Boothe '93** is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, boys' basketball coach and assistant football coach at Central Decatur schools. He and his wife, Missy, live in Leon, Iowa.

**Jacki Brucher Moore '93** is a professor of communication studies at Kirkwood Community College. Her and her husband, David, reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Tonja Johnson Pardun '93** is the director for hospital patient financial services at UnityPoint Health.

**Kayla Waters Harney '95** is retired from her position with the Federal Government. She resides in Woodward, Iowa.

**Rebecca Thrasher Fisher '96** is a senior human resources officer with the US Army.

**Kiyoko Schmidt '96** is a trader for Ashmore Investment Management in Mamaroneck, New York.

**Christiana Bradshaw '00** won the 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon in the Crochet Hat category at the Iowa State Fair in 2019 for her spiral crocheted hat.

**Jason Ott '01** was promoted to president of Aon Private Risk Management located in Chicago, Illinois, in March 2020.

**Katie Braden '02** graduated with her Master of Liberal Arts in Extension Studies from Harvard University in May 2020. She resides in New York City, New York, where she works as a Finance Manager for Aon Corporation and is the co-founder of both a theatre company and a film production company.

**Rena Kingery Girdler '02** is an administrative assistant II for the Department of Natural Resources.

**Josh Mann '02** is director of human resources at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

**Bryan Maher '03** is the Denver Mission Director for the United States Space Force. He earned his Master of Science in space studies from the University of North Dakota in 2017. He resides in Aurora, Colorado, with his wife, Rebecca, and three children.

**Adam Christy '04** is regional vice president – annuities at Principal Financial Group. He resides with his wife, Abby, and three children in Ridgefield, Washington.

**Jennifer Dirkx Daby '04** is facilities manager for Marsh & McLennan.

**Kate Oltrogge Pape '04** is clinical pharmacy supervisor at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon.

**Lyndsey Doonan Smith '04** is a claims recovery specialist for Nationwide Insurance.

**Carrie Brannen Kruse '06** is the economic development administrator for the City of Des Moines.

**Robert Smith '06** is a financial consultant, corporate financial planning and analysis for Wells Fargo. He resides in Adel, Iowa, with his wife, Melinda.

**Martha Davis-Goldstein '08** is outreach and engagement coordinator at Webster University in Webster Groves, Missouri.

**Nathaniel Thomson '08** is a diagnostic radiologist with Norton Healthcare. He resides in Louisville, Kentucky.



**Laura Montague Burmeister '09** is the office manager at Sandler Training by Effective Sales Development. Laura and her husband, **Eric Burmeister '10**, celebrated their 10-year anniversary on September 10, 2020. They reside in Kansas City, Missouri, with their two daughters.

**Emily Knudsen McDonald '09** is a STEM teacher and technology coach for the Fox River Grove School District in Fox River Grove, Illinois.

**Armando Andrade '11** is a professor at Woosuk University in Jincheon City, South Korea.

**Lindsey Heckart '11** is a loan servicing specialist at Wells Fargo.

**Elyse MacDonald Morris '11** is the assistant director of residence life and Title IX coordinator at Simpson College. She and her husband, Kyle, reside in Indianola with their two children.

**Joshua Busick '12** is an English as a Second Language teacher in Taichung, Taiwan.

**Amanda Mackey Boss '12** is the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Kasson, Minnesota.

**Melissa Miller '12** is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher at Murray Community School District.

**Kyle Steffen '12** is assistant high school principal for the West Liberty Community School District. He earned his Master of Education in administration from Northwestern College in 2019.

**Grant '12** and **Juliana Pearson Thomas '12** are internal wholesalers at Principal Global Investors. The couple resides in Norwalk, Iowa.

**Ryan Tulon '12** is a licensed acupuncturist at Modern Acupuncture in Kingwood, Texas.

**Chad Borsheim '13** is the director of sales – aggregates at Pattison Sand Company in Clayton, Iowa.

**Mitchell Nicholas '13** served as a United States Marine for four years prior to becoming a police officer with the Shenandoah Police Department two years ago.

**Jake Camp '14** is a business development specialist for American Equity Life Insurance. He resides in Indianola, Iowa.



**Alicia Goetz Craig '14** is a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher for the Carlisle Community School District. She and her husband, **Tyler '14**, recently welcomed their son, Michael.

**Annie Fullas '14** is a senior associate at Education Forward DC. She earned her Master of Arts in ethics, peace & global affairs in 2017. Her and her husband, Alex, reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Charles (Zach) Hale '14** has been named the head women's and men's golf coach at the University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota.

**Sara Crooker McDonald '14** is an accountant at Unity Point.



**Gina Reiman '14** published her debut novel "Angels Strange and Beautiful" under the name Gina Fiametta on September 30, 2020.

**Zac Sjoberg '14** is an assistant secretary at Ames Middle School in Ames, Iowa.

**Lauren Anderson '15** is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher at Gilbert Middle School in Gilbert, Iowa.

**Emily Magers Bonilla '15** is a registered nurse for the University of Kansas Health System. She resides in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

**Andrew Mayes '16** is a junior high social studies teacher for the Murray Community School District in Murray, Iowa. He and his wife, **Sara Miller Mayes' 16** reside in Windsor Heights, Iowa.

**Michelle Hartmann Rietgraf '16** is a senior sales analyst for The Clorox Company. Her and her husband, **Peter Rietgraf '16**, reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Rebecca Jensen '17** is an occupational therapist at MultiCare Hospitals and Clinics. She earned her Doctor of Occupational Therapy from Creighton University in 2020.

**Cassandra Reisen Burrell '18** is a United States probation officer for the U.S. District Court. She and her husband, **Matt Burrell '17**, reside in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Katie Mitchell '19** is a DBT case manager at ReDiscover in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

**Jaycie Owens '19** is the finance coordinator for End Citizens United in Washington, D.C.

**Grace Haney '20** is an assistant teacher at Color My World Childcare and Preschool.

**Jordan Williamson '20** is a legal assistant at The DeVolder Law Firm in Norwalk, Iowa.

## ***MARRIAGES***



**Robert Williams, Jr. '73** and  
**Karen Katen**, Sept. 14, 2019,  
Deep River, Connecticut.



**Amanda Mackey '12** and  
**Joshua Boss**, Nov. 5, 2020,  
Stillwater, Minnesota.



**Annie Fullas '14** and Alex  
Chechik, Oct. 3, 2020, Silver  
Springs, Maryland. Due to  
the public health crisis, the  
celebration was hosted at a  
private residence with an  
intimate group of loved ones.



**Bradley Van Ee '91** and  
**Deborah Tossberg**, Dec. 25,  
2020, Woodinville,  
Washington.



**Grant Thomas '12** and  
**Juliana Pearson '12**, Apr. 25,  
2020, Des Moines, Iowa.



**Matt Burrell '17** and  
**Cassandra Reisen '18**, Oct. 3,  
2020, Adel, Iowa.



**Lyndsey Doonan '04** and  
**Sean Smith**, Oct. 3, 2020, Des  
Moines, Iowa.



**Mandi Deutsch '14** and Alex  
Stein, June 19, 2020, West  
Des Moines, Iowa.



**Triston Twedt '17** and  
**Rebecca Jensen '17**, Sept. 6,  
2020, West Des Moines,  
Iowa.

## **BIRTHS**



Fira Jordan Ankeny  
Vriezelaar, Aug. 26, 2020, to  
**Ellie Ankeny '06** and Blaine  
Vriezelaar, Des Moines,  
Iowa.



Walt Louis Busby, Nov. 15,  
2020, to **Cal Busby '09** and  
**Jamie Elbert Busby '13**,  
Indianola, Iowa. Joins  
brother Gus.



Cameron Michael Craig, Feb.  
11, 2020, to **Alicia Goetz  
Craig '14** and **Tyler Craig '14**,  
Altoona, Iowa.



Flynn Moffitt, Feb. 19, 2019,  
to **Beriet Bichel Moffitt** and  
Matt Moffitt, Williamsburg,  
Iowa. Joins brother, Oliver.



Alder Marvin Morris, May  
2020 to **Elyse MacDonald  
Morris '11** and Kyle Morris,  
Indianola, Iowa. Joins big  
brother, Augie (5).



Benson Drucker, May 13,  
2020, to **Tiffany Torno  
Drucker '14** and **David  
Drucker '14**, Clive, Iowa.

Theodore Mayes, July 10,  
2020, to **Sara Miller Mayes  
'16** and **Andrew Mayes '16**,  
Windsor Heights, Iowa.

## ***IN MEMORIAM***

**Robert Farr '46**, Apr. 25, 2020, Ames, Iowa.

**Jean Liggett Burnham '47**, Sept. 6, 2020, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Dorothy Berka Dudley '48**, Sept. 30, 2020, Indianola, Iowa.

**Russell Long '49**, Dec. 10, 2020, Indianola, Iowa.

**Robert Keller '50**, Oct. 29, 2020, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Mary Ann Peterson Larimer '50**, Sept. 14, 2020, Arroyo Grande, California.

**Rosalene Corbus Zike '50**, Nov. 17, 2020, Pacifica, California.

**Irma Lou Hamilton Day '51**, Sept. 23, 2020, San Jose, California.

**Margaret Rockholz Devine '51**, Nov. 7, 2020, Firth, Nebraska.

**Ted Williams '51**, Jan. 15, 2021, Altoona, Iowa.

**Donald Frank '53**, Dec. 14, 2020, Indianola, Iowa.

**Mara Davis '55**, Oct. 31, 2020, Yorba Linda, California.

**Bonny Rierson Schoolmeester '56**, Aug. 21, 2020, Loveland, Colorado.

**Judith Hommer Newbury '60**, Oct. 6, 2020, Waukee, Iowa.

**Izola Fielding Storm '60**, Jan. 24, 2020, Earlham, Iowa.

**Rose Frazier Bowery '62**, Dec. 3, 2020, Shenandoah, Iowa.

**Harris Coggeshall '63**, Aug. 29, 2020, West Des Moines, Iowa.

**James Kelley '63**, Oct. 8, 2020, Northbrook, Illinois.

**Gary Lucas '63**, Sept. 22, 2020, Indianola, Iowa.

**Floyd Jones '66**, Aug. 12, 2020, Shenandoah, Iowa.

**Thomas Heabel '67**, Dec. 28, 2020, Naples, Florida.

**Andrea Youngstrom Sherman '68**, May 11, 2019, Omaha, Nebraska.

**Cynthia Houghan '70**, Jan. 13, 2021, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**Edwin Pace '72**, Oct. 29, 2020, Indianola, Iowa.

**Leonard Belas '73**, Jan. 1, 2021, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Allen Feightinger '76**, Dec. 26, 2009, Bethesda, Maryland.

**Kent Freese '76**, Dec. 19, 2019, Durango, Colorado.

**Arschel Morell, Jr. '78**, Dec. 11, 2020, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Sally Bouslog Davey '80**, Nov. 13, 2020, Kimberling City, Missouri.

**Lynne Langel Rihner '87**, Oct. 18, 2020, Denison, Iowa.

**Shane Rowse '88**, Sept. 17, 2020, Kansas City, Missouri.

**Mark Vetter '89**, June 28, 2020, Clive, Iowa.

## ***Faculty and Staff***

**Dr. Jack Carter**, March 10, 2020, Silver City, New Mexico.

**Clarence Key, Jr. '77**, Aug. 30, 2020, Des Moines, Iowa.

**William Pendgraft '55**, Nov. 28, 2020, Des Moines, Iowa.