CLASS NOTES

Robert Farr '46 is a retired United Methodist Church pastor and resides in Ames with his wife, Helen.

Ruth Torine Guy '50 is retired and resides in Rochester, Minn.

Eric Thorson '52 is retired and resides in Irvine, Calif., with his wife, Marlene. The couple has a son, Mark, and a daughter, Jane.

John Lewis '54 continues to supply pulpits in Middle Tennessee and participate in mental health education and advocacy events. He and his wife, Marjorie, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last August.

Tom Himstreet '61 is retired and resides in Bend, Ore., with his wife, Pamela.

Kathleen Hammond Wollen '62 is retired and resides in Merced, Calif., with her husband, Linton.

Bob Beaver '63 is retired and resides in Friendship, Wisc., with his wife, Margo Keil Beaver '67, who is also retired.

Patricia Ward Faludi '63 is retired and resides in Shreveport, La., with her husband, Dr. Heinz Faludi.

Tom Murr '63 completely retired after 51 years working for an Iowa school. He retired from teaching in 2003 and from coaching in 2011. The last 12 years he had driven a school bus. He continues to serve as pastor at Norwood United Methodist Church in Lucas. Tom and his wife, Anne, reside in Osceola and plan on using their camper more in the future. Tom's hobbies include growing strawberries and turning wooden bowls. He treasures his education and the years spent at Simpson.

Abdullah Busbate '64 has written a fiction novel and is currently writing a book of short stories. He is working to patent “Sealing of Oil and Gas Leaks from Off-Shore Wells,” an idea he invented during the disaster of BP leaking oil and gas from one of their oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico which caused an explosion, fire and death to some oil rig employees. Abdullah and his family reside in Saudi Arabia.

Oliver Johnson '69 is pastor and founder of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Smithfield, and Delta Delta Delta alumni at their home in October, 2017. The group enjoyed reminiscing of their days beneath the whispering maples, sharing meals together, and singing songs from the fraternity and Simpson College.

H. Roger Grant '66 is the Kathryn and Calhoun Lemon Professor of History at Clemson University. His 33rd academic book, “Rails to the Front: The Role of Railways in Wartime” (with Augustus J. Veenendaal) (Rotterdam, NL, Karwansaray Publishers, 2017) was published last year. He and his wife, Martha, reside in Central, S.C.

William Mallery '66 is a greeter at Wal-Mart in Yuma, Ariz., where he resides with his wife, Karen.

Jim Sherer '66 is a print technician for the Warrick County School Corporation and resides in Newburgh, Ind., with his wife, Rebecca.

Jeff Peterson '67 is retired and resides with his wife, Jill, in Pekin, Ill.

Craig Scott '68 is a retired superintendent of schools and resides in Chariton with his wife, Mary Taylor Scott '68.

Justina Moorhead Serlin '68, mother of Tevin, Megan, Charles and Rebecca, is retired and resides in New York.

Cheri Schanz Greable '69 is a self-employed counselor/psychotherapist in Scarborough, Maine.

Oliver Johnson '69 is pastor and founder of Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Smithfield,
N.C., where he resides with his wife, Lina Sanders-Johnson. The couple has three children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Jon Mattison '69 is retired and resides in Canton, Ohio, with his wife, Sharon.

Richard Strelinger, Sr. '69 is retired and resides in St. Louis, Mo., with his wife, Margaret. The couple has two daughters and a son.

Charles Brobst '70 and his wife, Denise, reside in Panora.

Jim Klein '70 is starter/marshal at Lookout Mountain Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz.

G. David Kohl '70 and Barb Houghton Kohl '70 were awarded “Blue Chip” status with Thrifty Car Rental.

Alan Lindsey '70 is retired from his position of general director of safety and rules for BNSF Railway and resides in Allen, Texas.

Keith Robinson '70 is retired and resides in Mapleton.

Elliot Yaro '70 is the owner of E.S. Yaro and Associates in Margate, Fla., where he resides with his wife, Sharon. The couple has two daughters and six grandchildren.

Susan Segerstrom Riesau '71 retired last August from St. Jude Medical Center as supervisor of the nuclear medicine department and resides in Lakewood, Calif.

Robert Gordon '72 is a psychologist and resides in Georgetown, Texas, with his wife, Sandi.

Mike Feder '73 is president of Mexican Baseball Fiesta in Tucson, Ariz., where he resides with his wife, Pattie. The couple has one son, Nate.

Dennis Henderson '73 is retired and lives in Holstein with his wife, Karla Johnson Henderson '74. Karla is a judge/judicial magistrate for the State of Iowa and works in Ida Grove. The couple has one son and one daughter.

Lee Stastny '73 is head of global real estate and business continuity for MoneyGram International in Dallas, Texas, and resides in Oracle, Ariz., with his wife, Mary. The couple has two sons and a daughter.

John Darlington '74 is a retired United Methodist Church pastor. He and his wife, Julie, have one daughter, Annie.

Lisa Dunsmoor Wagler '74 is retired and resides in Bloomfield with her husband, Richard. The couple has two sons and a daughter.

Jill Brooks '75 is an administrative associate at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Previously a member of the Simpson Madrigal Singers, she has continued to perform including 19 years with Dallas Symphony Chorus, leads in musical theatre - Fiddler on the Roof, West Side Story, Clouobj (original), Music Man, Cabaret, Annie, Barefoot in the Park and many others. Jill has served as choral director throughout the years in various locations and has also been a vocal coach. She founded “The Padrone Family Singers.” She has been a cast member of “The Spectacular Senior Follies” since 2010 until present day under the direction of Tony-award winner Michael Serrechia. As the worship leader in several Dallas-area churches, Jill is doing her best to honor the Lord with the gifts and talents she has been given.

Peggy Golden George '75 recently taught a stage dialects class at the Ankeny Community Theater covering the basics: American Southern, High British, Cockney, New York, German-American, Italian-American, and Irish-American accents. She was also hired to coach an individual actress there in the Scottish Regional Dialect. During the 2016-2017 school year, she once again served as one of the adjudicators with the Iowa High School Musical Theater Association. Peggy traveled to the northwest corner of the state to see shows first semester and observed local shows second semester. She also got to be part of the audition team for the organization’s Triple Threat competition, wherein certain invited high school students give singing, dancing and acting auditions in a quest to be considered for the privilege of attending Nationals in New York City. Two students are chosen to do so and always learn a great deal at that East Coast event. Peggy reports that it’s incredibly exciting to be part of this program. Having the chance to honor the hard work of these students and their directors is incredible!

David Herr '75 is a financial advisor for Wells Fargo Advisors. He and his wife, Marcia McGraw Herr '74, reside in Gilbert, Ariz., and have two children.

Susan Synhorst Texlor '75 reside in West Des Moines.

Celeste Lauer Yanke '75 is a self-employed singer, writer and stage director. She has been developing the 15th annual original musical revue production to be presented in April. Each show involves over 100 seniors from a 55+ community who sing, act, dance and work backstage to create a major community production. Participants between the ages of 55 and 85 are involved each year. Celeste and her husband, Frederick, reside in Poinciana, Fla.

Karen Langley '76 is director of development at El Buen Samaritano in Austin, Texas, where she resides. Karen has three children, Amy, John and Noah.
Richard Maynard ’76 is an instructor at Des Moines Area Community College and resides in Indianola with his wife, Janice.

Doug McKain ’76 is retired and resides in Indianola with his wife, Judy. The couple has two daughters.

Jerry Mitchell ’76 and Rose Kleyweg Mitchell ’77 reside in Osage Beach, Mo.

Jennifer Goldman Del Pino ’77 is the midwest region human resources manager for Smithfield Foods. She has three children and three grandchildren and resides in Algona.

Rick Kreamer ’77 is a nutrition associate at University Hospital in Columbia, Mo., where he resides.

Darrell Noble ’77 is an intake coordinator in the mental health department at HCA – Mountain View Hospital in Payson, Utah. He and his wife, Nancy, have nine children and 25 grandchildren, ranging from ages 1 to 21.

Mark King ’78 is a medical advisor for PHP and resides in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Craig Knutzen ’78 is owner/real estate agent at CpK Homes LLC, his own remodeling and real estate business, established after his retirement from Corbion in June 2016. Craig and his wife, Patricia, have a son and a daughter and have been blessed with two beautiful granddaughters in the past two years.

Jim Kunath ’78 is vice president technology manager for Wells Fargo in Des Moines and resides in Waukee. Jim has four children, Eric, Lauren, Alyssa and Kelsey.

John Nerem ’78 is president of Nerem and Associates in Boone, where he resides with his wife, Jeri Cole Nerem ’89. The couple has three sons.

Richard Walters ’78 is vice president, classical publications for Hal Leonard LLC in Milwaukee, Wis., where he resides.

Jeffrey Witz ’78 is a senior staff engineer for Seagate Technology in Prior Lake, Minn., where he resides with his wife, Bridget. The couple has two sons.

Dr. Robert Hurley ’79 is the owner of Omni Dental Centre in Council Bluffs, where he resides with his wife, Julie.

Scott Slechta ’80, 2016 Iowa Teacher of the Year, is continuing his service in education. He is pursuing his doctorate in literacy and reading, teaching part-time at Simpson College and completing projects for the Iowa Department of Education. Scott and his wife, Tricia, reside in Des Moines.

Dan Luth ’81 is director, IT portfolio management for UnitedHealth Group in Minneapolis, Minn. He and his wife, Donita, reside in Savage, Minn., and have two children.

Thomas Streit ’81 is a school director in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, where he resides with his wife, Doris. The couple has three daughters.

Tom Wesolowski ’81 is retired after 27 years as deputy sheriff and Marianne Powell Wesolowski ’81 is retired after 31 years as a high school teacher. The couple resides in Lutz, Fla., and has one daughter.

Edwin McClure ’82 is partner/attorney at Matthews, Campbell, Rhoads, McClure & Thompson, PA, the largest local law firm in northwest Arkansas, and resides in Rogers, Ark., with his wife, Kathy. He was recently admitted to the New York Bar (also admitted in Arkansas and Missouri) and is currently serving as chair of the City Historic District Commission. Other activities include member of the Public Art Commission, trustee for First United Methodist Church, former interim municipal judge, past president of Arkansas Public Theatre, Miss Arkansas Scholarship Foundation, Kiwanis Club, Benton County Bar Association, Arts Live Theatre, Ozarks StageWorks and Main Street Rogers.

Denise Ganfield Knaack ’83 is retired from River Valley Schools and resides in Piersoon with her husband, Robert. The couple has three sons.

Steve Mokate ’83 took up acting at age 45 and has a motto: "It's never too late to chase your dreams!" He plans to start motivational speaking on the subject of "never giving up," but in the meantime he will be promoting two films: Glow and Cherokee Creek. Steve has roles in both. In addition to the two upcoming films, the Dallas-based actor has compiled a solid resume over the last twelve years with appearances on TV shows such as: Better Call Saul, Chase, American Crime, The Leftovers and The Night Shift. He's also had roles in numerous films, industrial projects and commercials.

Ed Carroll ’84 is assistant director of campus life at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Sandra Petersen Gaston ’84 is manager, facilities education and talent development for Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla., where she resides with her husband, Douglas.

Kris Waltrip Benge ’85 is a senior human resource generalist for Fidelity & Guaranty Life in Des Moines and has two children, Jordan and Abigail.

Barb Starrett Fellers ’85 is a customer service representative for Joe Morten & Son dba Motor.
Ways and resides in Des Moines with her husband, Mike. In 2015 she concluded an almost 20-year career as a chemical dependency counselor and in February 2016 began working for the country’s best commercial trucking insurance company at an owned agency of Great West Casualty, Motor-Ways in Urbandale. In April of 2016, Barb earned her property and casualty insurance license. In 2017, she traveled to Pyeongtaek, South Korea, to visit their son and his family.

Joel Nelson ’86 was promoted to CEO and president of LCS. He has been with LCS over 30 years, and has served as the president and chief operating officer since 2015. He has held multiple executive level positions including executive vice president/chief development officer and executive vice president/director of operations where he was responsible for the oversight of serving more than 30,000 seniors in 100+ communities. Currently, Joel serves on the board of managers for Life Care Companies LLC and LCS Holdings, Inc. Outside of LCS, Joel serves on multiple not-for-profit boards including Simpson College Health Services Leadership Advisory Board, National Investment Center (NIC) Advisory Board, Greater Iowa Chapter Alzheimer’s Association Board and ChildServe.

Dawn Weaver Rankin ’86 is vice president and controller for Iowa State Savings Bank in Knoxville. Her community activities include Knoxville Community District School Board member, treasurer for Habitat for Humanity of Marion County and treasurer for Knoxville Panther Scholarship Foundation. She and her husband, Mike, reside in Knoxville.

Mary Catlett ’88 is a customer service rep II at American Enterprise Group in Des Moines.

Greg Huyser ’88 is an information security analyst for Wells Fargo and resides in Indianola with his wife, Melissa. The couple has a son, Michael, and a daughter, Laura, and three grandchildren.

John Lawrence ’88 is a physician assistant at Mountain Family Family Health Centers.

Wendy Foughty Vasquez ’88 resides in Evanston, Ill., with her husband, Vince, and children, Sydney and Alex.

Mike Cunningham ’89 is a teacher and coach for the West Des Moines Community Schools. He and his wife, Staci Messamaker Cunningham ’93, reside in West Des Moines with their children, Mary, Meredith and Michael.

Carlie VanWilligen ’89 is director of institutional research at Grinnell College and resides in Montezuma.

Roger Eisenrager ’90 is manager of the cloud department at ProActive Solutions, Inc. in Mission, Kan.

Kristin Lowe ’90 is an executive recruiter for Auren in West Des Moines and resides in Norwalk.

Trent Murphy ’90 was selected to serve a two-year term on the American Heart Association Des Moines board as well as chosen to be a mentor for the Greater Des Moines Partnership Youth Leadership Initiative program.

Renee Borger Murphy ’92 was awarded the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce 2016 Ambassador of the Year award as well as the President’s Award. The couple resides in Polk City and has two daughters.

Michelle Christensen Rock ’90 is director of the Illinois Center for Excellence for Behavioral Health and Justice. She resides in Rockford, Ill., and has three children.

David Teske ’91 is a customer service/central region sales manager for Crown Tonka Walkins in Plymouth, Minn. He resides in Buffalo, Minn., with his wife, Dayna, and their three children, Daric, Dakota and Dalney. Last July, the couple completed their 8th year of the Dreams Made True Pageant, held every July in Carroll. The pageant was started in honor of Delaney, who has cerebral palsy, and celebrates the lives of girls with disabilities while providing a forum for parents to exchange success stories and battles.

Thad White ’91 is a fire medic for the City of Des Moines Fire Department and resides in Indianola with his wife, Mari, and their children, David and Marissa.

Jill Guess Crall ’92 teaches junior high pre-algebra/math in the Albia Community School District. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Albia and have two children, Cassandra and Cade.

Scott Gray ’92 is the owner of Gary B. Coleman, CPA in Indianola, where he resides with his wife, Deanna Parish Gray ’03.

Steve Lowe ’93 is field supervisor-compliance for Principal Financial Group in Denver, Colo., where he resides.

Brent Beyer ’94 is self employed as an online professor and Denise Schulze Beyer ’95 is the county auditor for Allamakee County. The couple resides in Waukon their children, Claire and Brady.
Ed Leighton-Dick '94, founder and principal consultant at Kingfisher Technologies in Amana, was named a Microsoft MVP for the Data Platform in October 2016. This prestigious award is granted to technical professionals who have demonstrated technical excellence and community leadership. He joins an elite group of approximately 400 Data Platform MVPs worldwide and is the only Data Platform MVP in the state of Iowa. Ed volunteers as a local group leader and regional mentor for PASS, the global organization supporting the SQL Server community. He is a frequent speaker and writer on topics including development, data management and cybersecurity. Recent appearances include the 2016 PASS Global Summit, the spring 2017 "24 Hours of PASS" webinar series and numerous local, regional and national events. Ed and his wife, Heather, reside in Amana with their children, Eva and Hanna.

Scott Richardson '95 is SEO consultant for Scott McKellam Agency in Fairfax, Va., where he resides with his wife, Kelli, and their three children.

Dr. Angela Mason Fay '96 is an assistant professor of education at Clarke University in Dubuque, where she resides with her two daughters.

Kelli Julianelle Glascock '96 is a homemaker and resides in Indianola with her husband, Randy, and three children, Maddie, Tommy and Casey. Maddie is a current Simpson student.

JoAnn Ehler Rasmussen '96 has joined the DocUment Publishing team of service providers as a freelance writer, editor, proofreader and researcher. She has also been re-elected for a second three-year term to the Board of Directors at Woodrow Wilson Academy in Westminster, Colo., where she is serving as president.

Jason Opheim '97 is a broker at USA Trading Division of Rosenthal Collins in Chicago. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Barrington, Ill., with their daughters, Evelyn and Hazel.

Brett Barber '98 is the parks and recreation director for the City of Grimes. He and his wife, Carey, reside in Waukee.

Mike Dorrell '98 helped start a research institution in La Jolla (Lowy Medical Research Institute; 2013) dedicated to studying the eye disease, Macular Telangiectasia. He continues to guide that research on a part-time basis, in addition to his work as a full-time faculty member at Point Loma Nazarene University. His research interests include identifying novel methods of treating cancer that reduce the side effects associated with current treatment methods and studying the causes of, and potential treatments for, degenerative eye diseases. Mike balances his teaching, research, church involvement and home life with wife, Beth, and son, Ethan and foster children with a positive and committed attitude.

Tamara Tiedeman Smith '98 is an associate advisor for Peterson Financial Group in West Des Moines and resides in Waukee with her husband, Chad, and their children, Meghan and Asheton.

Kelly Shepherd Brummond '99 is an enterprise portfolio manager for Wellmark in Des Moines.

Charles Chedester '99 is in his 15th year in mortgage lending and works for Midwest Family Lending in Urbandale. He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Des Moines with their children, Emma, Jack and Ben. Charles is current president of the Waveland Park Neighborhood Association.

Jennifer Main Eblen '99 was promoted to communications lead in the marketing/communications department at SilverStone Group in Omaha, Neb.

Shawn Farrar '99 is a teaching artist at The Metropolitan Opera Guild and is also a freelance singer/actress and stage manager and east coast manager for Chris Wade Music Productions and The Jolly Holidays. Shawn lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Kate Soutter Maleczewski '99 is an owner/independent educational consultant at College Connectors in Edina, Minn. She passed the CEP, Certified Educational Planner, exam in 2016. Kate resides in Bloomington, Minn., with her husband, Corey, and children, Ty and Nya.

Emily Roush-Bobolz '99 was promoted to communications manager at the Hemophilia Federation of America, based in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Sievers '99 is director of digital communications at Drake University.

Elizabeth Waage '99 is a naturalist for Story County Conservation and resides in Ames with her husband, Terry Hatfield '00.

Neil Colorado '00 is the director of IT for Sammons Financial Group and resides in Norwalk with his wife, Andrea, and two children, Ethan and Sydney.

Erin Murray Eike '00 is technology advisor – IT for Marco Technologies in Urbandale.

Matthew Proctor '00 is a tank company commander for the U.S. Army in Ft. Hood, Texas, and has three children, Emily, Erin and Elijah.
Amanda Clark ’01 is a lecturer in education at Central College.

Dana Goshen ’02 is a real estate loan office for Collins Community Credit Union in Marion, where he resides with his wife, Kate Parks Goshen ’01, and their daughter, Morgan.

Sara Jensen Lehan ’02 is vice president, controller at American Enterprise Group in Des Moines. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Urbandale with their daughter, Amalie.

Todd Parson ’02 is an assistant director for Principal Financial Group and resides in West Des Moines with his wife, Ashley Harris Parson ’06.

Jill Pecinovsky ’02 is an application analyst at EMC Insurance Companies in Des Moines.

Joe Stein ’02 is a sales executive at C.H. Robinson in Ankeny.

John Hepola ’03 is a senior software engineer for Cigna Behavioral Health in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Ashley Ostroski ’03 is a school-based therapist at Orchard Place in Des Moines.

Matthew Edwards ’04 is registrar for the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

Matt Haberl ’04 is owner/physical therapist at Dynamic Physiotherapy, LLC, in La Crosse, Wis., where he resides with his wife, Robin, and daughters, Kennedy, Calynn and Cora.

Ryan Miller ’04 is a school counselor for the Nodaway Valley Community Schools. He completed his masters of science in education – professional school counseling at Buena Vista University in 2016. Ryan and his wife, Tonia Sandersfeld Miller ’04, reside in Adel.

Michael Prunty ’04 is the head women's soccer coach at Coe College. He and his wife, April Bachinski Prunty ’07, reside in Cedar Rapids with their daughter, Lillian.

Erin Sorensen ’04 is the 6th grade writing teacher at Grain Valley R-5 Schools in Grain Valley, Mo.

Alison Schroder Stewart ’04 has joined the Peddicord Wharton law firm as an Associate Attorney. She will be working in the practice areas of workers’ compensation, personal injury defense and family law. Prior to the Peddicord firm, Alison worked in the trial division of a large insurance company, as well as several years in private practice. She is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, and the C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court.

Sara Leichty Yoder ’04 is a financial analyst for John Deere in Davenport. She and her husband, Donovan, reside in Atalissa with their children, Emma and Blake.

Katie Skinner Cox ’05 is director of communications for the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians in Des Moines. She and her husband, Ben Cox ’04, reside in Pleasant Hill with their children, Drake and Charlie.

Christopher Shaver ’05 is operational risk consultant, assistant vice president for Wells Fargo in West Des Moines. He and his wife, Jessica, reside in Ankeny with their children, Emma and Matthew.

Jill Claiborne Stoelk ’05 is a client success manager for The Stelter Company in Des Moines. She and her husband, Marty Stoelk ’06, reside in Norwalk with their children, Lauren and Brady.

April Zobel ’05 is an export manager for Lansing Trade Group in Overland, Park, Kan., where she resides.

Megan Riggs Berry ’06 is a software engineer for Thales, Inc. She and her husband, James, reside in Kansas City, Mo.

Daniel Carver ’06 teaches K-5 computer science for the Carlisle Community School District and resides in Carlisle with his wife, Rebecca, and their sons, Roy and Benjamin.

Kari Koehler ’06 is a research and business development intelligence analyst for Robins Kaplan LLP and resides in Minneapolis, Minn.

Kara DeNoon Rhodes ’06 is the band director at Indian Springs Middle School in Keller, Texas.

Robert Smith ’06 is financial consultant – corporate finance for Wells Fargo Bank in West Des Moines. He and his wife, Melinda, have a son, Bryce, and a daughter, Kathryn.

Anna Grauer Boals ’07 is project manager for Pearson and resides in Oxford with her husband, Christopher, and son, Caleb.

Kimberly Bilstad Broderick ’07 is senior manager, business development for The Integer Group and resides in Waukee with her husband, Alex.

Andrew Lansink ’07 is a special education teacher in the West Des Moines Community School district. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Ean and McKinley.

Bobby Nalean ’07 is coordinator, early alert referrals/adult learner processes at Des Moines Area Community College. Anna Peterson Nalean ’10 is director of nonprofit relations for the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. She completed her Master of Public Administration at Drake University in 2016. Anna and Bobby reside in Des Moines.

Tia Nearmyer ’07 is vice president at Wildfire Contact in
Des Moines and resides in Windsor Heights with her husband, Andrew.

Katie Hoyme Rieck ’07 is an academic hospitalist for Mayo Clinic. She completed her Doctor of Medicine at the University of Iowa in 2011 and her Master of Health Administration at Penn State in 2016. She and her husband, Thomas, reside in Rochester, Minn.

Brady Buress ’08 is director of operations, TCF Bank Stadium, at the University of Minnesota and resides in White Beak Lake, Minn.

Sheena Smitley Grove ’08 is a secondary instructional mentor for Waukee Community Schools and resides in Adel with her husband, Bob, and children, Keygan and Jansen.

Laura Hupp ’08 is a patent attorney for Merchant & Gould in Minneapolis, Minn., where she resides.

Jason Meehan ’08 is senior program manager for Tantus Technologies in Baltimore, Md.

Meghan Kloubec Reutzel ’08 is director, global brand marketing for GoDaddy in Hiawatha and resides in Cedar Rapids with her husband, Adam Reutzel ’09.

Tessa Van Oosbree Simpson ’08 recently completed her master of science in physical education at Emporia State University and teaches K-6 physical education in the Albia Community School District. She has three children, Abby, Ellie and Jay.

Heather Fosburgh Bardole ’09 is an associate conference minister for the Southeast Conference in Decatur, Ga.

Allison Boardman ’09 graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine residency program last June and is currently working as an obstetrician/gynecologist at OBGYN Associates in Cedar Rapids.

Leanne Helmets Schucker ’09 is a project analyst III for Nautilus Insurance Group in Scottsdale, Ariz. She and her husband, Jeff Schucker ’09, reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

Rachel Uneiks ’09 is an HRIS analyst for USF Holland in Holland, Mich., where she resides.

Stephanie Zoerlin ’09 works for H&R Block and resides in Overland Park, Kan.

Kortney Proctor Denkman ’10 teaches special education in the Mid Prairie Community School district and resides in Moscow with her husband, Scott.

Amber Vrbsky Hamilton ’10 is the administrative team lead at Orchard Place in Des Moines, where she resides with her husband, Jacob Hamilton ’10, and their sons, Blake and Kaleb. The couple recently purchased a new home and worked with a fellow Simpson alumnus to sell their old home and find their dream home.

Clint Hutchcroft ’10 is a commercial automobile/property, disability and workers’ compensation subrogation specialist at Sedgwick in West Des Moines.

Melissa Sell Kauffman ’10 is an account executive at Jester Insurance in Des Moines. She and her husband, Craig, reside in Pleasantville with their sons, Joseph and Matthew.

Kari Kennedy ’10 is a scientist I at Boehringer Ingelheim in Ames and resides in Ankeny.

Clinton Rhodes ’10 is event manager for Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Renauld Shelton II ’10 works in operations support for Cerner in Kansas City, Mo., where he resides. He recently started a clothing line called Material Opulence to utilize his design skills and business acumen.

Dana Wade ’10 is a medical technologist for Oregon State University. She earned her clinical laboratory scientist certificate at Mercy College of Health Sciences in 2016 and resides in Albany, Ore.

Allison Lane Whitney ’10 is a pediatrics resident physician at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital and resides in North Liberty with her husband, Joe.

Danielle Caswell ’11 is service coordinator at Lutheran Services in Iowa in Des Moines, where she resides.

Katrina Housholder ’11 is a senior actuarial technician for Transamerica and resides in Eglon, Ill.

Katie Rooney Privitera ’11 is communications director at the Des Moines Social Club and resides in Waukee with her husband, Paul Privitera ’12.

Greg Rhoulhac ’11 is a software developer for MITTERA Group in Des Moines and resides in Indianola with his wife, Allison Stevens Rhoulhac ’11, and their children, Sarai and Barnabas.

Rachel De Goei Tanner ’11 teaches special education at Harris Lake Park School and resides in Lake Park with her husband, Nicholas Tanner ’12, and children, Tayten and Mauer.

Michelle Lingscheit Thompson ’11 is a laboratory safety specialist at Iowa State University after completing her doctorate in chemistry there in 2016. She and her husband, Greg Thompson ’10, reside in Huxley.

Gaston Akerman ’12 is a public safety research analyst for the City of Buenos Aires in Argentina. Thanks to his experience as an international student and his sociology and criminal justice classes at Simpson, Gaston was empowered to propose a diversity sensitivity training for the Buenos Aires City Police. In 2015, he was chosen to represent Argentina before the
United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Office at the UNHQ to speak about such a program. Fortunately, this training was taken into account by the authorities and is currently being implemented for the police cadets. This was the first time a police force received training on how to communicate and deal with the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities and immigrants. Who would’ve thought a small liberal arts college in Iowa would have an impact 5720 miles away?

Jorie Landers Hidri '12 is a case manager for Primary Health Care in Des Moines, where she resides.

Mike Huys '12 is an investment analyst for Principal Financial Group in Des Moines and resides in West Des Moines with his wife, Kimberly.

Jessica Kinkel-Schuster '12 is a teacher in the Clark County School District and resides in Las Vegas with her husband, Jeff, and son, Aiden.

Jeremy Mourlam '12 is a software developer for Dee Zee, Inc. in Des Moines. He and his wife, Angela, reside in Van Meter with their children, Arica, Keith and Jada.

Sarah Keller Nelson '12 is a nutrition educator for WIC in Waterloo. She and her husband, Thomas, reside in Waverly.

Jeri Raymond '12 is a market analyst at John Deere Construction and Forestry Division and resides in Andover, I11.

Emma Stevenson '12 is an elementary gifted and advanced learning consultant for the Des Moines Public Schools and resides in Ankeny.

BJ Stokesbary '12 is a partner at Homestead Building & Development in Clive.

Amber Walker Strable '12 is an 8th grade science teacher in the Indiana Community School District and resides in Prolle with her husband, Dannie, and son, Jace.

Mary Willcox '12 is records and legal compliance manager for Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and resides in Urbandale.

Reena Bushman Choda '13 is a program coordinator for Genesis Development in Adel. She and her husband, Edward (Joe), reside in Redfield.

Trisha Grubb Holmberg '13 is an operational risk consultant Ill for Wells Fargo in Des Moines and resides in Altoona with sons, Tyler and Ethan.

Cameron Lewellen '13 is a package delivery driver for UPS and resides in Stanton with his wife, Morgan.

Alexa Smith '13 is events and outreach facilitator for University of Kansas Medical Center and resides in Prairie Village, Kan.

Janelle Thomas-Locker '13 teaches elementary music in the Waukee Community School District and resides in Des Moines with her husband, William.

Allyson Louzek Cluney '14 is the costume mistress for Ballet Des Moines and resides in Urbandale with her husband, Eric.

Jeanet Crowell '14 is a benefits service consultant for ADP in West Des Moines.

Miranda Dean '14 is a doctoral student and graduate clinician at Ball State University.

Brooke Egeland Farmer '14 is a research assistant at Creighton University. She recently completed her Master of Science in kinesiology and recreation with an emphasis in biomechanics at Illinois State University. Brooke and her husband, Kyle, reside in Bellevue, Neb.

Joe Farrand '14 is a music teacher and resides in Mattapoisett, Mass., with his wife, Monica.

Melissa Greene '14 is a 9-12 grade science teacher in the Belmond-Klemme Community School District and resides in Belmond with her husband, Justin Pierce.

Lauren Holland '14 is an administrative assistant at Pyle & Associates, P.C. and resides in Nevada.

Kyle Kusy '14 is an actuarial analyst – data and modeling at EMC Insurance Company in Des Moines.

Sydni Loney '14 is a program assistant at EyesOpenIowa in West Des Moines and resides in Urbandale.

Abigail Maher '14 completed her law degree at Drake Law School in 2017.

Andrew Mahoney '14 is the social services director at Alpine Living Center in Thornton, Colo., where he resides with his spouse, Thad Fitzgerald. He received his master’s degree in social work from the University of Southern California in 2016.

Kristina Roth '14 is pursuing her Master of Divinity at SMU – Perkins School of Theology.

Taylor Van De Krol '14 is a legislative assistant to State Senator Matt McCoy and resides in Lynnville.

Shayna Holle Belle '15 is the volunteer enrollment and recruitment coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa and resides in Norwalk with her husband, Spencer.

James Camp '15 is an operational risk consultant for Wells Fargo in West Des Moines and resides in Norwalk.
Dannette Clark '15 is inventory lead accountant for Casey's General Stores, Inc. in Ankeny, where she resides with her husband, John, and sons, Jacob and Austin.

Nate Connealy '15 is working on his doctorate in criminal justice at the John Jay College – the City University of New York Graduate Center and resides in West Des Moines.

Bayley Fleshner '15 completed a master of social work at the University of Northern Iowa in 2015 and is a therapist for Youth Homes of Mid-America.

Tabitha Blaser Jermeland '15 is communications director for the First Baptist Church in Forest City, where she resides with her husband, Andrew.

Jordan Kenkel '15 teaches English and journalism in the Indianola Community School District and resides in Indianola.

Courtney Lange '15 is third key at Fossil Group Inc. and resides in West Des Moines.

Sammie Moenning '15 is working on her master's degree in art history at the University of Denver.

Elizabeth Marean Mongar '15 is an operations accounting manager for Wells Fargo in West Des Moines. She and her spouse, Dana, reside in Bondurant.

Shelby Montgomery '15 is a case worker at Woodward Academy and resides in Winterset.

Kristen Richert '15 recently completed her master's in public relations and a certificate in marketing at the University of Denver.

Kathryn Sebring '15 resides in West Des Moines, where she is a recruiting assistant for Remedy Staffing.

Mitchell White '15 is an athletic trainer at Summit Orthopedics and resides in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

MacKenzie Bills '16 is a junior program manager at Kejya-Trusant and resides in Washington, D.C.

Alexa Cashatt '16 is a youth care worker at Youth Homes of Mid-America in Johnston.

Kelli Ehrhardt '16 teaches in the Center Point-Urbana Schools.

Aleisha Fox '16 is a banker at Bank of the West in Indiana.

Chelsea Hamerlinck '16 is service coordinator at Family Resources, Inc. in Davenport and is working on her master's in counseling education at Western Illinois University.

Erin Brown Herrmann '16 is a high school math teacher in the Glenwood Community Schools and resides in Conning with her husband, Cory.

Zach Kusick '16 is an experienced assurance associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Teig Loge '16 is an assistant data scientist for EMC Insurance Company in Des Moines.

Holly Merk '16 is chief marketing officer for Bethany Life in Story City and resides in Ankeny with her husband, Bobby Wilcox, and children, Hallie, William, Alex, Courtney and Charity.

Kylee Hereid Mullen '16 is content coordinator for Homemakers Furniture and resides in West Des Moines with her husband, Joseph.

Shane Ventsicher '16 is head athletic trainer at Allen Community College in Iola, Kan., where he resides.

Virginia Atwell '17 is an administrative assistant for Community Support Advocates and resides in Ankeny.

Haley Blum '17 is an elementary special education teacher in the Coon Rapids-Bayard Community School District and resides in Coon Rapids.

Hannah Dannewitz '17 has a graduate research assistantship at Iowa State University, where she is pursuing her master's in gerontology.

Brandon Douglas '17 is vocal music director and general music teacher in the Central Community School District and resides in Elkader. He directs the chancel choir at Peace United Methodist Church and is a tenor in the Decorah Chorale.

Zach Goodrich '17 is pursuing a law degree and an MBA at Drake University.

Jessica Lamb '17 is a substitute teacher for the Des Moines Public School District.

Robert Lyons '17 is pursuing his Masters in Public Administration in state and local government/nonprofit management at American University in Washington, D.C., where he resides.

Kathleen McCaffery '17 is development specialist at the American Indian Family Center in Saint Paul, Minn., where she resides.

Danielle Fairchild Morgan '17 is youth development coordinator at ISU Adair County Extension and Outreach. She and her husband, Michael, reside in Stewart.

Cassandra Nemmers '17 is project outreach and volunteer coordinator for Green Iowa AmeriCorps in Des Moines and resides in Norwalk.

Emily Pautsch '17 is a community job coach at Easter Seals Iowa in Des Moines.

Mikayla Wilson '17 is inbound marketing strategist at Blue Frog Dynamic Marketing and resides in West Des Moines.
MARRIAGES

Peggy Stoffer, Cassat '71, included Farts Golf Weekend. Attendees
extension of the annual ATO Old
last December
Louie’s Wine Dive in Des Moines
The pictures above were taken at
the annual “Cold Farts” dinner at
Jim Spooner, Peg
Cherie Dale, '77,
Dick Stoffer, Bill Hanso,
Kitty Olsen, Dick Stoffer,
Steve Renftle, Terry Olsen,
Dale Roshek, Bob Kem,
Deb Rantanen Kem, John Dale,
Cerie Dale, Steve Renftle,
Julie Renftle, Sam Carrell
'83, Bill Hanson '73, Terry
Lillis '77, Joyce Lillis, Jeff
Cassat '73, Becky Williams
Cassat '74, Dick Stoffer '77,
Peggy Stoffer, Jim Mikulanec
'70, Peg Shoemaker Mikulanec
'72, Jim Spooner '82 and Judy
Quick.

MARRIAGES

Michael Byerly '09 and Jamie

Amanda Connelly '02 and Alan
Rockey, Oct. 28, 2017, New
Virginia.

Michael Ott '98 and Anne
Langguth, Aug. 7, 2017, Paris,
France.

ALLISON LANE ‘10 and
Joseph

BRANDON THOMPSON ‘10 and
Angela Boston, July 7, 2017,
Overland Park, Kan.

MACY KOCH ‘11 and
David
Donaway, Oct. 8, 2017, Marion.

BRANDON DECOOK ‘13 and
EMILY STOVER ‘13, July 22, 2017,
Spirit Lake.

JANELLE THOMAS-LOCKER ‘13
and
William
Locker,
July 7,

BROOKE EGELAND ‘14
and
Kyle
Farmer, Sep.
30, 2017,
Emmetsburg.

SHAYNA HOLLE ‘15 and
Spencer
Bell, Sep. 2016, Norwalk.

ERIN BROWN ’16
and Cory
Herrmann, June
17, 2017, Leech
Lake, Minn.

ERIN CAPPS ‘16
and Charlie
Reese, Sep. 3,
2017, Des
Moines.

CORBIN CLARK ‘16
and CHELSEY
SMITH ‘19, Oct.
28, 2017, Smith
Chapel on the
Simpson College
campus.

PAYTON DUTCHER ‘16 and
KATELYNN
SJOBLOM ‘15, July 22,
2017, Chaska, Minn.

DANIELLE
FAIRCHILD ‘17
and Michael
Morgan, Sep.
2, 2017, Stuart.

BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS

Samuel Paul Carolan, July 25,
2017, to LEAH VAN MAAREN
CarolAnn ‘02 and Rick Carolan,
Cedar Rapids, joined Zadok and
Isaiah.

Amalie Kristine Lehan, Feb. 23,
2017, to SARA JENSEN LEHAN ‘02
and Mark Lehan, Urbandale.

Sawyer Rockey, July 12, 2017, to
AMANDA CONNELLY ROCKEY ‘02
and Alan Rockey, New Virginia.

Matthew Shaver, July 3, 2017, to
CHRISTOPHER SHAPER ‘05
and Jessica Shaver, Ankeny, joined
Emma.

Benjamin Carver, June 11, 2015,
to DANIEL CARVER ‘06 and
Rebecca Carver, Carlisle, joined
Roy.

Kodiak James Rhodes, March 4,
2017, to KARA DE NOON RHODES
‘06 and Clay Rhodes, North
Richland Hills, Texas.

PENELPPE ANN VASQUEZ, Feb. 6,
2017, to CRAIG VASQUEZ ‘06 and
KATIE PETRAK VASQUEZ ‘09,
Windsor Heights, joined Rowan,
Greta and Nora.

Jay Simpson, Oct. 10, 2016, to
Tessa Van Oosbree Simpson ‘07
and Zachary Simpson, Albia,
joined Abby and Ellie.

Jansen Lee Grove, March 30,
2017, to SHEENA SMITLIE GROVE
‘08 and Bob Grove, Adel, joined
Keygan.
Matthew Starrett, Aug. 4, 2015, to Stephanie Swan Starrett '10 and Brian Starrett, Ames.


Clara Sue Yarkosky, Aug. 8, 2017, to Drew Yarkosky '11 and Meg Parks Yarkosky '13, Kearney, Mo.

Jace Strable, Nov. 28, 2014, to Amber Walker Strable '12 and Danni Strable, Prole.

Mauer Tanner, Nov. 24, 2015, to Nicholas Tanner '12 and Rachel De Goei Tanner '11, Lake Park, joined Taten.


DEATHS

Maxine Burns '39, Jan. 28, 2018, Indianola.


Dr. Irvin McClure '45, Nov. 7, 2017, Encinitas, Calif.


Mary Lou Boyles Helm '47, Jan. 9, 2018, Sterling, Ill.

Betty Miller '49, Sep. 7, 2017, Minnetonka, Minn.


Clair Bowers '54, Jan. 1, 2018, Runnells.


James Schoonover '55, Jan. 3, 2018, West Des Moines.


Larry Turbot '58, June 21, 2015, Omaha, Neb.

Nila Thrailkill Geisel '60, July 3, 2017, Pantego, Texas.

Eric Linden, Sr. '60, Jan. 3, 2018, Sacramento, Calif.


Sharon Fitzgerald Bishop '61, May 9, 2017, Indianola.


Peter Hadley '61, Oct. 23, 2017, Plymouth, Minn.

Virginia Boggs Simmerman '61, April 30, 2016, Ames.


Dr. Margaret Rendleman Mehl '62, Feb. 4, 2018, West Des Moines.


James Graves '64, Aug. 17, 2016, Ankeny.

Edith Reiss Pfeffer '64, Jan. 26, 2018, Clinton.

Judith Heaberlin Graham '65, June 1, 2017, Las Vegas, Nev.


Dr. Margie Wells-Davis '66, Sep. 16, 2017, Cincinnati, Ohio.


Patricia Miller '70, May 3, 2017, Fairfield.


Brian Lee '80, Jan. 24, 2018, Pleasant Hill.


Steven Rogers '00, Sep. 29, 2017, The Villages, Fla.

Kimberly Wolcott '09, Nov. 10, 2017, West Des Moines.

Donald De Lisle, long-time biology professor and department head, Dec. 26, 2016, Salem, Ore.

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