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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

At Spring Arbor University, we believe that a global perspective is an integral component of the faith-based, liberal arts education that we offer. Thousands of SAU students have traveled around the globe through our Cross Cultural Studies (CCS) programs since 1985.

Through these programs and other curricular and co-curricular experiences, our students see themselves within the context of the broader world and better understand the unique calling that God has for their lives. We send students out so that they return with an enriched perspective, allowing them to bring the light of Christ into their jobs, their families, their local communities and everything they do.

In this issue of the Journal, we shine a spotlight on SAU alumni who have prayerfully and passionately transformed their local communities – in this case, the greater Jackson area – into their mission fields. In “Looking Local,” we explore the impact that SAU alumni-driven efforts like Bright Walls and Rise Above have had on the Jackson community, as well as the progress that a lifetime of service can make in bridging the gap between the SAU and Jackson communities. In another piece, we share how SAU alumna and dance academy owner **Kate (Shaffer ’10) Price** lets her light shine as she shares the love of Christ with everyone she encounters.

May these stories inspire you to consider how you can use your talents to better your own local community, wherever you call home. As Hebrews 10:23-24, our verses of this academic year, communicate, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”

These verses equip us with a purpose and a mission. When we firmly place our hope in Christ and encourage each other to share his love with the world, we can make an incredible difference. So, let us “stir up one another to love and good works,” because God is faithful!

It all begins when we think *global* and live *local*.

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SAU UPDATES THE GSB TRADING ROOM

Last fall, the Gainey School of Business (GSB) saw major changes to the CP Federal Credit Union Trading Room. A new, eight-foot LED ticker was installed in the hallway of the second floor, and a new, LED clock display showing times in seven cities around the world was installed in the trading room, providing students with more timely financial news to utilize in the classroom.

Financial markets involve many moving parts that can be overwhelming, so having access to constantly updated information gives students a step up in gaining understanding of these complex issues.

"A big part of my experience as an accounting major is having access to all

of the screens and tickers," says junior **Justice Legan**. "Having this information available helps my classmates and me create discussions on how the markets react on a day-to-day basis and allows us to make decisions based on how the market is trending."

In addition to the new ticker and clock display, all monitors have been upgraded to high definition, and students now have access to Benzinga, Morningstar and Value Line investment software to help them navigate financial software like professionals.

"The information that is constantly available in the Trading Room familiarizes the students with financial and economic terms and helps students see the global effect of political and

economic data on the debt and equity markets," says **Randall Lewis**, Professor of Business Finance.

All of the updates were made possible by a gift from the CP Federal Credit Union. Plans to update the main ticker in the trading room are scheduled for the future.

"These upgrades will help us further the mission of serving our students while also giving our visitors a warm GSB welcome," says **Dr. K. Caleb Chan**, Dean of the Gainey School of Business. "Spring Arbor University is still one of the few Michigan colleges and universities to date that has a state-of-the-art trading room to provide students hands-on learning for a future career in finance and business."

ENGINEERING PROGRAM FINDS SUCCESS IN FIRST YEAR

After two years of planning and preparation, SAU officially launched its new electrical engineering program in the fall of 2019. Prioritizing growth within the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), SAU launched electrical engineering as an initial step in improving academic offerings in these areas.

In the program's first year, students are already off to an electric start.

Students in SAU's first electrical engineering class have been active and engaged since day one. The class spent their first semester working within the engineering laboratory,

learning new programming and assembling and working with 3D printers.

"Our goal is to consistently introduce students to new projects and provide experiences that will set them up for future success," says **Dr. Ron DeLap**, Dean of the School of Engineering.

Beyond projects and assignments, students have already toured several local businesses, including Jackson's Lean Rocket Lab, Conceptual Innovations in Albion, Charlie Westcott Racing in Parma and Allied Chucker, a division of Camiel Thorrez Industries in Jackson.

The department's accomplishments within the first year of the program are encouraging, and DeLap is looking forward to year two. In 2020-21, students will dive into circuit analysis and start working with microprocessors and Raspberry Pi systems. They will continue to build on the concepts and principles learned in their first year to further advance their engineering skills.

"Our students are on track to become strong, hands-on engineers, with a broad liberal arts perspective and a faith-based world view," says DeLap. "Graduates like these are rare and highly sought after by employers. Most importantly, they will be poised to serve our king in a world that desperately needs him."



COUGAR ZONE

COUGARS AT NATIONALS

Three different teams represented Spring Arbor University at national championship events this fall.

Jasmine Harper ran in the NAIA Women's Cross Country National Championship at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Vancouver, Washington. After battling through injuries most of the 2018 season, the junior from Clare, Michigan, bounced back with a terrific season, earning All-Crossroads League honors and qualifying for her first national race. Harper would complete the championship 5K course in 19:39 and finish 131st out of 341 athletes.

Head coach **Jason Crist '94** and the women's soccer team made their 10th straight appearance in the national tournament – and 11th of all time. The Cougars finished the season with a 9-5-6 record and were 4-1-4 in Crossroads League play.

In his first season as head coach, **Josh Oakley** led the men's soccer team to a Crossroads League regular season championship and a trip to the national tournament final site in Irvine, California. The Cougars were one of the final 16 teams in the tournament before bowing out in the second round, closing the season with an overall record of 16-3-2.



Jasmine Harper & Coach Bryan Burk '13



Women's Soccer at Nationals



Coach Erik Jacobson



Bethany Balcer plays with Reign FC.



Bethany Balcer during her Cougar days

SAU INTRODUCES NEW CLAY TARGET TEAM

In the fall of 2019, Spring Arbor University announced the newest addition to SAU Athletics – a clay target team. **Erik Jacobson '06, '15** has been selected as the head coach and will lead the program into its inaugural season this fall.

The co-ed clay target program will practice at the Jackson County Sportsman Club in Jackson, Michigan.

An alumnus of SAU, Jacobson brings a wealth of coaching experience and extensive knowledge to his new position. For the last five years, he has been coaching a unified Jackson County team, the Jackson County Sportsman Club Clay Target Team. In addition, Jacobson coached girls' golf for 10 years and baseball for seven years at Vandercook Lake High School in Jackson, Michigan.

Jacobson received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and master's degree in education from SAU. He has taught science at Vandercook Lake High School for the last 13 years.

The addition of the Clay Target program increases the number of athletic offerings at SAU to 22. SAU most recently added competitive cheer and dance in 2018-19 and men's and women's bowling in 2015-16.

ALUMNA BETHANY BALCER FINDS SUCCESS AS NWSL SOCCER PLAYER

A three-time NAIA National Player of the Year. A four-time NAIA First Team All-American. A four-time Crossroads League Player of the Year. **Bethany Balcer '19** was the most decorated athlete in SAU history. She scored 129 career goals – the fifth-most in NAIA history – and led the women's soccer team to two national titles – the first NAIA national championships at SAU in any sport.

Yet her story of success did not end with her senior season in the fall of 2018. Balcer was among an elite group of college players available in the 2019 National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) College Draft. Despite going undrafted, she received an invitation to join Reign FC, a member of the NWSL based out of Tacoma, Washington, for preseason camp to compete for a spot on the roster.

Balcer took full advantage of the opportunity and earned her place on the team's final roster, becoming the first player in the history of the NAIA to sign a professional contract in the NWSL.

The Hudsonville, Michigan, native would go on to enjoy a storybook season, culminating with NWSL Rookie of the Year honors – the first Reign FC player to receive the award. She appeared in all 24 of the club's regular season matches and scored a team-high of six goals while adding two assists. With eight points, she tied for 14th most in the NWSL.

"To be named Rookie of the Year was an absolute dream come true," says Balcer. "It has been quite the journey to get to where I am today, and I am extremely humbled to receive this honor. I am incredibly thankful to [former Reign FC head coach] Vlatko Andonovski for taking a chance on an undrafted player. I hope my experience shows that with hard work, determination and a great group of people supporting you, you can make your dreams a reality."

She continued, "Everyone's path is different, but at the end of the day, you should be doing something you love with people you love. That's where I'm currently at, and I couldn't be happier."

In her first career start of the 2019 season, a match featuring some of the world's best players – like Alex Morgan and Marta – Bethany was the story of the night. Starting in place of Megan Rapinoe, a member of the U.S. women's national team, Balcer scored her

first professional goal in the 21st minute of the match. The goal was also the first for the Reign at their new home field, Cheney Stadium, and it proved to be the team's only goal of the evening in a 1-1 draw.

She would also earn Week 7 Goal of the Week honors for her header off the bar in Reign FC's 2-1 win against North Carolina Courage, who went on to win the NWSL championship.

Midway through the campaign, Balcer was given the chance to play for her country after being called up to the United States U-23 Women's National Team for the 2019 Nordic Tournament. The team played three games in Loughborough, England, against Norway, England and Sweden.



Cougar Men's Soccer

LET YOUR

passion

SHINE

Kate (Shaffer '10) Price shares her passion for dance by teaching students to shine on stage while spreading the love of Christ.

In a world transformed by the love of a redeeming savior, there's no such thing as an ordinary life. At Spring Arbor University, we consider every life extraordinary in the light of eternity — and we bring those lives to light by uncovering the unique, God-given gifts each student brings to our college community. The SAU mission is one that brings the light of Christ into our jobs, our communities, our families and every realm of life. Our graduates navigate the world boldly, as intellectually confident lifelong learners, vibrant Christians and global participants. Living lives modeled on the extraordinary example of Christ, they aim not to get ahead, but to lift others up — illuminating better possibilities for a world in need.

LET YOUR *light* SHINE

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“I have learned how to run a Christian business that spreads the light of Christ through relationships and dance.”

Kate knows God is in the business of redirecting lives to match his divine plan, and that her actions in response can be used to share the light of Christ with others.

Kate grew up with great familiarity of Spring Arbor University, as she spent plenty of time on campus with her grandfather, former Professor of Chemistry, **Dave Johnson HS '56**. His lasting impact on campus helped shape her desire to attend SAU. When Kate enrolled as a student, she decided to pursue a business degree—something that would benefit her plan of managing the dance studio she started with her mother in Ewart, Michigan. As a lifelong dancer, this was Kate's opportunity to combine two of her passions: dance and mentoring children. However, the summer before Kate's senior year, God stepped in to provide a new plan. Kate was presented with an opportunity to purchase the Academy of the Arts in Spring Arbor. Encouragement from her mentors at SAU gave her the confidence to buy the business in 2010 with her husband, **Nate Price '09**.

“At first I was overwhelmed, because I never expected this to be an option. It was not part of my plan,” says Kate, who is also the Artistic Director of the Academy of the Arts and the Jackson Dance Company.

Kate is still just as passionate about her students and sharing Christ's love as when she first started the business. It is clear to her that this was all a part of God's plan for her life.

“For me, my passion is dance and my passion is kids. So, it's easy to let my light shine because God has provided these opportunities to use what I love to do for his glory,” says Kate. “I have learned how to be a successful businesswoman, but more importantly, I've learned how to run a Christian business that spreads the light of Christ through relationships and dance.”

Kate's love for her students radiates when she shares her mission for the Academy of the Arts. Every time someone enters the studio, Kate hopes they feel the love of Christ—something she picked up on as a student at SAU.

“You feel the power and love of Christ everywhere on campus,” says Kate. “As a student, I learned how to bring Christian values into a contemporary world, and this is the same concept I apply as a business owner.”

However, as Kate has learned, God can redirect your path at any time—sometimes when you least expect it. “My life was rocked in a significant way when I was involved in a very severe [car] accident last year,” says

Kate. “I had to wake up every single day choosing to accept God's plan for my life and let the love of Christ fill me up amidst tragedy.”

As a response, Kate chose joy because she knows God has called her to live out his plan for her life, and she is faithful in doing so. She chose joy because it is his love and joy that allows her to continue to showcase the light of Christ through her passions, on a personal level and as a successful business owner.

“God gives you opportunities that you never expected,” says Kate. “You may not always feel equipped for his plan, and that's exactly why you need him. He will provide the strength and ability you need to answer his calling.”

See how Kate shines at arbor.edu/Price.

FAITH SMALL FITNESS CENTER

In November, SAU officially unveiled the Faith Small Fitness Center, a nearly \$1 million renovation for a state-of-the-art, 6,330-square-foot space located in the McDonald Athletic Center. The new fitness center serves as the primary spot for all SAU students, faculty and staff to exercise. It features new free weights, exercise equipment and machines, display monitors and an area for yoga, aerobics and dance. It also provides a location for SAU's Physical Therapy Clinic and houses classes in the Health, Human Performance, and Recreation (HHPR) lab for students. This renovation was made possible by the generosity of the Faith F. Small Foundation and Charlie and Beth (McDonald HS '61, JC '63, '65) Kuntzleman.

RENOVATIONS AT SAU

BEEBE PLAZA

Last year, **Lloyd HS '54, JC '56 and Judi (Colson HS '60) Ganton** approached President **Dr. Brent Ellis** and asked if they could make a gift to honor the legacy of Dr. Gayle D. and Mrs. Pamela S. Beebe, the 27th President and First Lady of SAU. Lloyd, a Lifetime Trustee, and Judi, a current member of the Spring Arbor University Board of Trustees, helped develop an idea that transformed into a renovation that turned empty greenspace into a plaza that is aesthetically pleasing and usable for students, faculty, staff and community members. Purposefully located directly outside of the Poling Center, Beebe Plaza is utilized as a spot for students to hang out or enjoy food from Ada's Kitchen, and it offers enough room for faculty to hold class outside. The location between the Poling Center and the Ganton Art Gallery was chosen because of the way this space was enhanced during Beebe's presidency.



SOFTBALL DUGOUTS

As a new softball season begins, updates to the Cougar Softball Field are ready to be showcased to fans and opposing teams. During the summer and fall of 2019, major renovations took place on the field, thanks to generous donations from the Dunckel and Short families. Improvements include brand new, heated dugouts, new irrigation systems, a shed for equipment storage, exterior updates to the press box and a hitting area with new turf and netting.



"Automobile," a mural by New York artists Key Detail & Julia Yu-Baba

LOOKING LOCAL

SAU ALUMNI GENERATE CHANGE IN JACKSON by Katlyne Heath



Karen Bunnell

Stephanie Schiro

"Bright Walls has brought the community together in a way that nothing else has."

- KAREN BUNNELL -

Spring Arbor University students and alumni are called to be *global participants*, which at first glance, seems like a tall order. What does global participation look like? How should we hold ourselves to this standard?

Although it may sound like a call to a transient lifestyle, true global participation is all about putting down roots. It can be achieved through a worldwide community of individuals actively participating in the arenas in which they have the most influence: their local communities. By investing in the people and places around us, we can create change in our own "corners" of the globe. When we all do this together, we can make a world of difference.

Downtown Jackson is a bit more colorful than it was a few years ago, thanks to Bright Walls, the two-year-old local mural festival that has brought a fresh coat of paint – and a breath of fresh air – to the Jackson community.

The festival is hosted by a committee borne from the Jackson Young Professionals (JYP), a group that promotes professional development, social and community service opportunities for young professionals in Jackson. Clay McAndrews, JYP Marketing Chair and Co-Founder of Bright Walls, got the idea of bringing a mural festival to Jackson after proposing to his now-wife in front of one of their favorite murals in Boston. The mural, created by artist Cey Adams, says "LOVE" in a colorful, 1970s-style typography. Clay looked to the JYP to form his mural festival dream team.

"I jumped on it," says SAU alumna and JYP Social Committee Chair **Karen Bunnell '10**. "I said, 'Yes! I want to be a part of this.'"

Karen was among several other SAU alumni/JYP members who wanted to take part in planning Jackson's first mural festival, including JYP Community Service Committee Chair **Stephanie Schiro '13** and JYP members **Chelsea Dodge '14** and **Erik Lyman '14**.

A Jackson native, Stephanie has been invested in the community from a young age. During high school, she served on Jackson's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), a youth-focused and youth-administered grant committee. After high school, Stephanie earned her associate degree at Jackson College before transferring to SAU to earn her Bachelor of Social Work.

"Community involvement has always been a part of my life," says Stephanie, who has worked as a Community Engagement Associate at United Way of Jackson County since 2013. "It never really crossed my mind to leave [Jackson]."

Karen also grew up in Jackson – but she hadn't planned to stay. After graduating from SAU in 2010, she accepted a position in North Carolina that quickly fell through. She then returned to Jackson to figure out her next steps. In 2013, Karen started working at Barker Weber Insurance Agency, Inc., where she currently serves as a Group Benefits Administrator and Account Executive.

Karen's love for Jackson caught her by surprise. As she got involved with JYP and other local organizations, she began to see the city in a new light. It wasn't the sleepy town she had thought it was growing up and even during college; it was a city full of life and potential, and she wanted to be a part of it.

Both Karen and Stephanie credit SAU for helping them to break out of their shells and work effectively with others. Karen learned to present herself and articulate her ideas in Associate Professor of Communication **Mary Albert Darling's '78** speech and communications courses. Similarly, Stephanie learned how to initiate friendships and work within groups toward a common goal at SAU.

Over the course of nine months, the 13-member Bright Walls Committee raised \$140,000 and planned an event they hoped would bring the Jackson community together in never-before-seen ways. Bright Walls would be a six-day celebration of art and community featuring live music, food trucks, family fun, artist panels, art competitions and, of course, 15 new sky-to-sidewalk murals for the city to enjoy for years to come. Admission to all festival events would be free of charge.

Artists from around the world, including Cey Adams, who recreated the "LOVE" mural that started it all, traveled to Jackson to participate in Bright Walls 2018.

SAU art alumna **Shannon (Bardwell) Reif '17** served as a Mural Assistant to artist Dave Van Patten, who created the "Grow" mural on the side of the Kelly Imports building.

Stephanie, who had helped coordinate the festival's Family Day, made frequent visits to Bright Walls throughout the week, despite the fact that she had just had her second daughter two weeks prior.

"[People of] all different age groups, all different demographics, all came downtown to celebrate all that is Jackson," says Karen.

Around 14,000 people attended Bright Walls in its first year. It quickly became evident that a Bright Walls 2019 was in order.

The second Bright Walls festival added 21 murals to downtown Jackson. The festival's attendance more than doubled in its second year to around 30,000 visitors.

Karen served as hospitality coordinator for the event. She booked hotel rooms for the 24 visiting artists, provided their transportation to and from the festival and generally made sure that their needs were met while they were in Jackson.

"I feel like Bright Walls has brought the community together in a way that nothing else has," says Karen.

As for Bright Walls 2020?

"As long as they decide to keep doing it, I'll support it," says Stephanie. "We love Jackson. We're not planning on going anywhere."



The old Jackson County Juvenile Home building now houses Rise Above.

For Neil Fernandes '14, the journey to Jackson held a few unexpected turns.

Originally from Canada, Neil and his wife, Veronica, were living what many would call "the good life" before God's call changed their lives forever. Neil worked on the executive side of big companies like Coca-Cola, Weyerhaeuser and GardaWorld, making the kind of income that allowed his family to own a beautiful home, a cottage and a boat.

The seed of God's calling wasn't planted until Neil visited an apple orchard with his then-four-year-old son one autumn day. As he walked through the rows of apple-laden trees, he considered the Church's calling to bear fruit in the world, even if the world doesn't recognize that the fruit comes from God.

Another year, Neil was visiting Michigan with his father during the first week of October. During a drive through the countryside, they passed an old, abandoned farm, with a single apple tree in the front yard. The tree was nearly breaking under the weight of its unpicked fruit.

"I realized that the Lord was speaking to me through the apple tree," says Neil, who saw his untapped potential in the symbol of the tree. He knew then that God was calling him to "bear much fruit at the side of the road for all to see," and he knew that his next step would be to receive an education in Michigan.

In 2010, Neil and Veronica moved their family of five to Michigan so that Neil could continue his education at SAU. As a nontraditional student and biblical studies major, Neil enjoyed close relationships with his theology professors. By the beginning of his senior year, he had earned a 4.2 GPA and the attention of several churches looking to fill pastoral positions. Everything was going according to plan – until a nudge from God set Neil and his family on a new course.

Neil and Veronica were sitting in church when what they would come to know as the "download" moment occurred. All at once, and with a flurry of thoughts, questions and tears, the couple knew that they wanted to start a ministry to help at-risk teenagers in Michigan.

Thus began a new season in Neil's life – and a new chapter in his education at SAU, as virtually overnight, all of Neil's papers began to revolve around his plans to build a ministry from the ground up. At the same time, much of Neil's energy became dedicated to drafting a 52-page business plan and raising \$150,000 to start his ministry, which he would call Rise Above. His GPA took a hit, but his professors helped him to customize his assignments and ultimately make it through his senior year.

"SAU gave me access to a group of professors and leaders who were willing to sit and pray with me through the challenges I was facing in building a ministry from scratch," says Neil.

After some initial research, Neil realized that though a few organizations in Michigan were geared toward ministering to teenagers who had been removed from school, none of them were doing the Christ-focused, therapeutic work of helping each student overcome the real cause of his or her expulsion, suspension or long-term removal. This is exactly the work that Neil planned to do at Rise Above, and he hoped to do it in Jackson.

Neil spent months tracking down a space for Rise Above. Finally, he found a building that the city was looking to give away: the old Jackson County Juvenile Home, built in 1920, where children who had committed crimes, or whose guardians were incarcerated, were housed. Later on, after the juvenile home had closed, the building was used as a family court, where Jackson residents would come for adoptions, divorces and custody battles.

On the day that Neil first toured the facility, he walked through the door and immediately noticed a large mural on the wall of the stairwell. The mural depicted an apple tree. "I literally hit the [tour guide], laughing, and I said, 'This is my building!'" says Neil.

Rise Above welcomed their first students in January 2015. A resource to all 13 school districts in Jackson County, Rise Above accepts students who have committed (or are at risk of committing) zero-tolerance offenses at school and works in partnership with those schools to help students earn credits while they are away. Attending Rise Above isn't a requirement; students have to want to complete the program.

Neil emphasizes that at Rise Above, although students spend time on schoolwork, academic success comes secondary to social success. The "real work" isn't completing assignments and earning credits, but challenging students' everyday norms and helping them to overcome unhealthy behavioral patterns. This is accomplished through a building cycle of trust, obedience, challenge, change and growth – what Neil refers to as the "coach effect."

Though many students who attend Rise Above have engaged in violence at school and/or at home, there hasn't been a violent episode at Rise Above in the five years the organization has been open.

"We're not educators. We don't profess to be educators. We profess to love kids," says Neil. "And we embark on a journey of trust-based, relational intervention in which we help these kids overcome, through trust and obedience, the things that they struggle with, the sins in their lives."

A maximum of 14 students may attend Rise Above at one time, although about 50 students will attend in the course of a year. This is because the amount of time students spend at Rise Above is completely dependent upon their personal growth. They don't have to leave if they aren't ready – and they don't have to stay if they don't want to. Some students stay for a full year, while others stay for a semester or a couple of months. About 80 percent of students who attend Rise Above will complete the program and receive the green light to return to school, changed for the better. When students return, their schools receive comprehensive reports outlining their daily output and behavior, as well as privacy-sensitive reports on their sessions with the staff counselor at Rise Above.

In the years since Rise Above was founded, administrators and parents have been amazed at students' progress.

"You've given me my kid back," parents have said to Neil. "I've never had a good parent-teacher meeting before. This is the first time somebody's ever said something complementary or good about my kid and their behavior at school."

"I've gained a lot of self-control here," says Angela, a former Rise Above student. "I feel like I grew up way more as soon as I came here, and I can see that Rise Above brings out the best in everybody. They're here to make sure that you actually rise above and keep going."

As Founder and Executive Director of Rise Above, Neil serves as pastor of the organization and liaison with the community, helping to raise awareness of the valuable, life-changing work accomplished at Rise Above. As Neil's Executive Assistant, Veronica manages public relations efforts and oversees much of the behind-the-scenes work that makes Rise Above shine.

Along with its students, the ministry itself has grown considerably in the last five years. Neil plans to launch a new location for Rise Above in 2020, this time in Grand Rapids.

"Since [Rise Above opened], it's just been an explosion," says Neil. "It's been quite a phenomenal journey."

Neil Fernandes poses beside the apple tree mural inside the Rise Above building.

"We help these kids overcome, through trust and obedience, the things that they struggle with, the sins in their lives."

- NEIL FERNANDES -



Lloyd & Judi Ganton



The Ganton Commons

"My community is my backyard, and that's where I want to be a missionary."

- JUDI GANTON -

Lloyd HS '54, JC '56 and Judi (Colson HS '60) Ganton have been on their own decades-long journey of building up and giving back to the Jackson community and SAU. Lloyd serves as a SAU Life Trustee, while Judi serves as a current member of SAU's Board of Trustees.

Visitors to SAU's Spring Arbor campus are likely familiar with the Ganton name, as Lloyd and Judi have supported several of SAU's major renovations and other campus beautification projects, including SAU's Student Life Center, the Ganton Art Gallery, the Ganton Commons, the Concept in Action Mural (located in the student center), the Coffman Center for Innovation, the McDonald Athletic Center and most recently, Beebe Plaza.

Lloyd and Judi met in 1992, at Lloyd's Ye Ole Carriage Shop museum, a passion project of his, which celebrates the manufacturing history of Jackson and displays his collection of Jackson-made antique cars. The two were married a year to the day after they met.

Before Lloyd met Judi, he had taken a leap in his career, leaving his work in public education and school administration to go into business by opening his own retirement center. Prior to this, he had served as a principal at Concord Community Schools and as superintendent of Jackson Public Schools.

Lloyd's parents had encouraged him in his decision, as they, too, were in the business of caring for seniors. As a child, Lloyd had watched his mother, a nurse, care for elderly members of their community in her own home. Eventually, Lloyd's mother opened a

nursing home, called Faith Haven, and expanded the reach of her care from three to 70 seniors.

In 1968, Lloyd opened the Arbor Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Spring Arbor, behind the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church. Arbor Manor would be the first of 13 facilities built by Ganton Retirement Centers, Inc. over the course of 50 years.

Many Ganton Retirement Center residents were retired Free Methodist pastors and missionaries who wanted to live near the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church. Lloyd fostered an "intergenerational campus" in Spring Arbor by bringing residents to Spring Arbor athletic events.

In 1993, after Lloyd and Judi married, Judi joined Ganton Retirement Centers, Inc. as Marketing Director. Judi, who has a background in nursing and a heart for healthcare, raised the company's standard of care by helping to bring state licensed nursing to their facilities.

"I think it's rewarding to find people who can't take care of themselves and their homes and provide a home for them, where they're safe and taken care of," says Lloyd.

"We provide a service for not just those who are sick or who can't take care of themselves, but for the families," says Judi.

The Gantons' investment into Ganton Retirement Centers, Inc. is matched by their investment into the local community and SAU. Even as the couple worked tirelessly to expand their company and

keep all 13 of their facilities running smoothly, they still managed to find time to serve the Jackson community through several local organizations, including United Way of Jackson County, the Cascades Humane Society, the Jackson Symphony Guild, Jackson Business and Professional Women, disAbility Connections and the Salvation Army, to name a few. The Gantons have also supported Rise Above.

Preserving and sharing the history of Jackson is very important to the Gantons. Together, Lloyd and Judi chaired a \$5 million campaign to benefit Jackson's Ella Sharp Museum. As for the Ye Ole Carriage Shop, Lloyd is there often, giving tours to school children in the hope that they will understand the rich heritage that Jackson has to offer.

In addition to all of their efforts in the Jackson community, the Gantons have continued to faithfully support SAU. The construction of the Ganton Art Gallery is a project that is especially significant to them due to their love of the arts. It is important to the Gantons that SAU students have the opportunity to both develop their artistic abilities and display their work for their peers, professors and families to see on campus. As one of the largest, single-space galleries in Michigan, the Ganton Art Gallery serves as a connection between the SAU and Jackson communities by housing a variety of exhibitions throughout the year, including student shows and collections by renowned artists, which bring Jackson residents to campus.

"I don't think that there is one thing that we've been involved in that we regret or feel was a waste of time," says Judi. "Everything is so important."

Judi's commitment to being an active participant in the Jackson community is her way of helping to strengthen the connection between SAU and Jackson – and she takes every opportunity to bring other members of the SAU community onto the Jackson stage. Today, SAU staff and faculty members serve on over 40 boards in the Jackson community, representing the fruit of Judi's early efforts. For Judi, this is what it means to be a critical participant in the contemporary world.

Judi started to consider how to better represent the university to the Jackson community while taking some graduate-level courses at SAU. Through her instructors' emphasis on "The Concept," Judi realized that there was still a great amount of work to be done in bringing the two communities together. "I really felt that we should participate in the contemporary world, and the contemporary world was our [Jackson] community," she says.

"Your mission field is where God plants you, and it can be in your own backyard," Judi's mother once told her.

"I have carried that with me," says Judi. "My community is my backyard, and that's where I want to be a missionary."

"This lady is Mrs. Jackson," says Lloyd of Judi. "She has been so involved in bringing Jackson into the Spring Arbor community, and she's been so successful."

"You've gone right along with it, too," laughs Judi. "You've done your share."

Although the Gantons have technically retired, they're still giving all they can to Jackson and SAU. Judi even makes time to visit Ganton Retirement Center residents on a weekly basis. Now, Lloyd and Judi's son-in-law and daughter, **Paul '97** and **Karol (Ganton '97) Buchholz**, are running the business.

"We're slowing down a little, but not completely," says Lloyd. "We're not done sharing our resources."

Meaningful change starts small, with individuals.

Every time a person sees a mural in downtown Jackson and thinks better of the city, change is happening.

Every time a student in Rise Above sees a new possibility in the world or in his or herself, change is happening.

Every time a member of the Jackson community sees SAU students and alumni helping to build up the city, change is happening.

And every time you open your home, heart and hands to your own local community, change is happening.

Global participation begins in your backyard.

LIFE AT THE ARBOR



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[1] Students compete in a tug of war during Arbor Games. **[2]** Crud Wars left no competitor unmarked. **[3]** How low can you go? Students lowered the bar during the Lowell Luau. **[4]** Hanging of the Greens isn't complete without candlelit Christmas caroling. **[5]** Students shared prayers and hopes for the academic year during Night to Shine. **[6]** Talented student vocalists made The Roar a tough competition to judge. **[7]** Choptoberfest is all about channeling your inner lumberjack. **[8]** What decade is it? Students raided their parents' closets before 80s Skate Night. **[9]** Parting at the Plaza marks the beginning of college life for incoming freshmen. **[10]** A fall Block Party brought students to the volleyball court for some friendly competition.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 18, 2020
Spring Arbor University Campus

6TH ANNUAL "AN EVENING AT THE ARBOR" COMMUNITY GALA
Friday, May 1, 2020
McDonald Athletic Center

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Saturday, May 16, 2020
McDonald Athletic Center



ANNUAL NEW YORK CITY THEATRE EXCURSION
Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13, 2020
Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers

Experience four fun-filled days of shopping, sightseeing and Broadway theatre! Space is limited, so RSVP today by emailing alumni@arbor.edu.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3, 2020
Spring Arbor University Campus

Visit arbor.edu/alumni for more details and to RSVP for alumni events and excursions.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS: BRIAN KNAPP '10

Greetings, fellow Cougars! As an alumnus, former employee and supporter of Spring Arbor University, it is an honor to serve the SAU community as the new Director of Alumni Relations. My wife, **Kayla (Hadley '12)**, and our three children are very excited for the opportunity to move our family back to Jackson and serve our alma mater. Studying at SAU was a transformational time for both Kayla and me. Having both served in student leadership, we developed a love for Christian higher education that was rooted in the SAU Concept.

After graduating, I served in the SAU enrollment office for nearly three years. In 2013, we left Spring Arbor and moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, when Kayla accepted a position as a resident director at Missouri Baptist University (MBU). I also had the privilege of serving MBU in the alumni and career office, finishing up my time as the Director of Career and Alumni Engagement. We are extremely grateful for the individuals and experiences at MBU that made us better people and higher education professionals. Kayla and I are excited to return and serve the SAU community with our time, talent and treasure.

As the new Director of Alumni Relations, I am looking forward to continuing the efforts of the alumni staff who have come before me and providing value-based engagement opportunities for students and alumni. The Office of Alumni Relations, along with the alumni family, is a catalyst for university growth, student advancement and kingdom work. I hope you will join SAU and me in these efforts as we strive for excellence and keep Christ as our focus.

- Brian

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW ALUMNI BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

The SAU Alumni Board volunteers their time, talent, expertise and resources to further the impact on students, alumni and Spring Arbor University. Together, they work towards encouraging and equipping all alumni to do the same. The board is currently made up of 18 alumni volunteers who serve terms of three years. If you're interested in serving as an alumni board member, or if you have any suggestions for the board, please email alumni@arbor.edu or visit arbor.edu/alumni.



ERIN COUCH '19

"I recently graduated from Spring Arbor University, and I am currently working as a client attendant at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. I am thankful for the foundations that SAU helped solidify, and for the ground that was broken and refined there. I

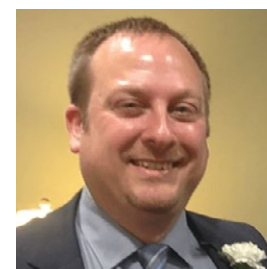
am learning what it means to take The Concept and principles taught within the communications department, make them my own and apply them within the context of my life. I am so excited for the opportunity to serve with, and learn from, those on the alumni board."



KEITH JORDAN '16, '18

"I am the co-founder of JLJ Vision Outreach, where I serve as the Executive Director. I earned both my bachelor's and MBA from Spring Arbor University's Metro Toledo site. My career has included

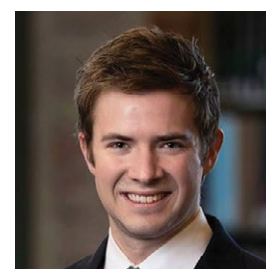
many successful years at Ford Motor Company in Maumee, Ohio, as well as many years of volunteering for youth-related service organizations. Upon my retirement from Ford, I decided to devote all my time and finances to addressing the needs of our most precious citizens – our youth. Our agency programs help kids adopt the attitude, 'If I strive to achieve, I achieve as I strive,' which teaches that positive attitude and consistency will guide them in the right direction toward positive outcomes."



ERIC ROSE '05

"I serve as the Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Westland Free Methodist Church, where I also provide coaching and consulting for the church's first impressions and student ministries. My wife, **Meghan (Riggs '06)**, and daughter, Ainsley,

call Westland, Michigan, home. I count it a great honor to serve on the alumni board because of how SAU impacted me professionally and spiritually. I was challenged to think critically and develop problem-solving skills. I am so grateful for the people who mentored me, particularly Damon Seacott. One of my favorite SAU memories was traveling to camps in Michigan and Ohio with Wellspring. I am excited to promote SAU to a new generation who will have the opportunity to experience Christ as the perspective for learning."

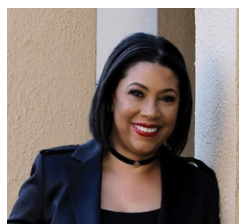


CURT UNDERWOOD '13

"I am an attorney at Mika Meyers, PLC in my hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan. My time at Spring Arbor University was a rich learning experience that prepared me for adulthood and a career in ways that I remain thankful for today. After

graduating from SAU in 2013, I worked as a Foster Care Case Manager at Bethany Christian Services, also in Grand Rapids. That experience led to my decision to pursue law school. Throughout my adult life and career, the friends, experiences, mentors and network I gained from Spring Arbor have served me well. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to stay involved with SAU by serving on the alumni board."

1998



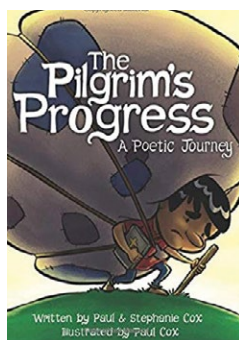
Carmen Thomas '98, '10 runs a non-profit called Transformation Gems, based in Lansing, Michigan. In October 2019, she hosted her first conference to encourage and empower female business owners and entrepreneurs. Carmen resides in Holt, Michigan.

1999



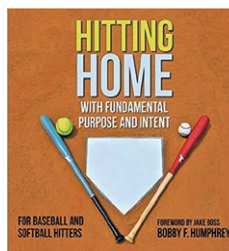
Tari (Thompson '99) Faris recently published her first novel, "You Belong with Me," in September 2019. She is contracted to have two more books release in September 2020 and September 2021. Tari also works part-time at My Book Therapy, a company committed to helping novelists get published and stay published. She resides in Gilbert, Arizona, with her husband and three children.

2004



Stephanie (Wallis '04) and Paul Cox '06 published their first children's book, "The Pilgrim's Progress: A Poetic Journey," in August 2019. Inspired by John Bunyan's beloved story, "The Pilgrim's Progress," the book takes young readers on a poetic journey filled with inspiring illustrations of the trials and triumphs of one man's pilgrimage. Stephanie and Paul reside in Janesville, Wisconsin, with their four children.

2005



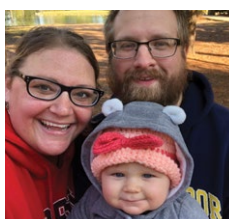
Robert Humphrey '05 recently published his second book, "Hitting Home," in July 2019 with the desire to help coaches better understand hitting instruction for baseball and softball. His first publication, "The Tools of Greatness," was released in 2013. Robert currently teaches at Brownsville Elementary in Albemarle County, Virginia, and serves as an Associate Scout for the New York Mets.

2008



Peter and **Erin (Snowball '08) Gentry** welcomed a son, Kellen Graham, on Nov. 30, 2018. Kellen joined big sister, Piper (6), and big brother, Kipling (4). Erin is homeschooling Piper as well as freelancing for a weekly local news publication, "The Battle Creek Shopper News." They reside in Battle Creek, Michigan.

2009



Elise and **Geoff Brueggen '09** recently welcomed a daughter, Tabetha. They reside in Alpharetta, Georgia, where Geoff works in IT field services for a local hospital.

2010



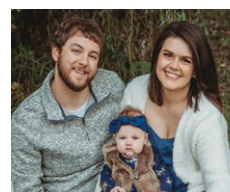
Treg and **Laura (Booth '10) Thomas** welcomed their adopted daughter, Eden Melody Ann, into their family on the day of her birth, May 4, 2019. Laura stepped down from her position with the Christian Broadcasting Network to spend a few years at home with their daughter. They now reside in Kentwood, Michigan.

2013



Norma Mousoulis '13, '15 published "Normita: How She Helped God Spread Love around the World" in November 2017. Norma resides in Toledo, Ohio.

2015



Robert and **Autumn (Schlenker '15) Clothier** welcomed their daughter, Lucy Jeanette, on May 26, 2019. They reside in Jackson, Michigan.

2016



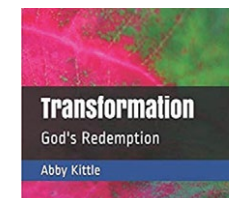
Jacob Fisher '16 worked on Hulu's Emmy award-winning series, "The Act," with actress Patricia Arquette. Jacob and his wife, **Courtney (Applebee '16)**, reside in Los Angeles, California.

2017



Meaghan McGill '17 published a children's book, "Crafty Charlotte and the Magic Room," in December 2019. The story is Meaghan's take on her childhood and how her grandma helped her discover her creativity. Meaghan is also a Physician Liaison & Advanced Practice Professional Recruiter at Henry Ford Allegiance Health. She resides in Jackson, Michigan.

2018



Abby Kittle '18 published a memoir devotional, "Transformation: God's Redemption," in March 2019. She recently started a new position as Assistant Teacher at Miracles Child Care in Bryan, Ohio. Abby resides in Bryan, Ohio.



Kayla Williamson '18 recently launched Refracted Theatre Company, an NYC-based, theatre-producing nonprofit. As Marketing Director, Kayla is able to combine her passions of graphic design, strategic marketing and theatre. During the day, Kayla works at the American Theatre Wing (founder of the Tony Awards) creating social media content.

2019



Natalie (Anderson '19) and Patrick Knowles '19 were married this past summer and moved to Tucson, Arizona. Natalie is working as a biology scientist at Icagen, assisting with drug discovery research on rare diseases such as cystic fibrosis. Patrick is working as a Systems Engineer at Raytheon, where he serves on multiple project teams.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Submit your life updates at arbor.edu/AlumniUpdates.



SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY Homecoming 2019 SEPTEMBER 26-28

Homecoming Weekend 2019 offered a host of events for SAU alumni, friends and family members of all ages to enjoy.

The celebration began Thursday evening with the Class of 1969's reunion dinner and continued throughout the weekend as the group reconnected for their 50th reunion.

Friday's festivities included Homecoming Chapel, the E.P. Hart Luncheon, the Alumni Awards Banquet and Cougar Madness, an annual, late-night pep rally to kick off the Cougar basketball season.

At the awards banquet, we honored six alumni for living out the SAU mission in their daily lives,

whether in their occupations, their volunteer service or their day-to-day interactions with others. Over 150 friends, family, students and alumni gathered at the Commonwealth Commerce Center in Jackson to celebrate our award recipients and their families. Recipients included **Beth Habecker '87, Todd Tibbits '91, Gloria (Good '74) Johnson, Jordan Kennedy '12, Candy Robinson '14 and Erin Couch '19.**

Despite some rain on Saturday, the SAU community enjoyed a wonderful day of events for the whole family, including the 5K race, various reunions, the annual craft and vendor fair, a music showcase and much more. In the afternoon, the men's soccer team won a victory against St. Francis University – a perfect end to another unforgettable homecoming weekend!

SAVE THE DATE! HOMECOMING 2020

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCT. 1-3

An annual SAU family reunion, Homecoming is a chance for you to connect with current students, faculty and alumni while engaging in fun activities for all ages! Whether you graduated from the Spring Arbor campus, a learning site or an online program, we can't wait to see you again this fall for food and fellowship with the SAU community.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Alumni Chapel
- 5K Race, 2-Mile Walk & Kids' Fun Run
- Alumni Awards Banquet
- Class Reunions
- E.P. Hart Club Luncheon
- Cross Cultural Reunion
- Kids' Carnival and Food Trucks
- Athletic Events
- and much more!

To view the full schedule for Homecoming 2020, visit arbor.edu/homecoming.

If you are interested in being part of your reunion's planning committee or would like to spearhead a reunion for a class that is not listed above, please email alumni@arbor.edu.

Situated on beautiful Weatherwood Lake, Michindoh Conference Center is the perfect place to host your next youth camp, conference or adult retreat. State-of-the-art high ropes, snow sledding and paintball are a few of the exciting activities available to support your program! Conference and meeting rooms are available for groups of seven to 700.

Michindoh offers a number of fully programmed, Christ-centered youth summer camps for 2020.

SUMMER CAMP

Discovery Camp 1	June 28-30
Discovery Camp 2	July 1-3
\$135 Ages 7-9	
Explorer Camp 1	June 21-26
Explorer Camp 2	June 28-July 3
Explorer Camp 3	July 5-10
Explorer Camp 4	July 26-31
\$270 Ages 9-12	
Adventure Camp	July 19-24
\$289 Ages 12-14	
Adrenaline Camp	July 12-17
\$289 Ages 14-18	

DAY CAMP

Day Camp 1	June 29-July 3
Day Camp 2	July 6-10
Day Camp 3	July 13-17
Day Camp 4	July 20-24
Day Camp 5	July 27-31
\$105 Ages 5-10	

Need assistance planning your event? We have professional and knowledgeable event planners who are ready to assist. For more information, contact Michindoh Reservations at 517.523.3616 or reservations@michindoh.com.

To register for one of Michindoh's summer youth camps or for more information, please contact Richard Basnett at 517.523.3616 or bas@michindoh.com.

IN MEMORIAM



GLENN WHITE, chairman emeritus of the board of trustees, passed away on Nov. 17, 2019 at the age of 93. Glenn was a long-time supporter of SAU. White Auditorium was named in honor of Glenn and his late wife, **Ruth Evelyn**, in 1999.

After completing a term in the U.S. Navy and becoming a certified public accountant, Glenn faithfully served at the Chrysler Corporation for 38 years, 24 of which he spent as a vice president and confidant to chairman and CEO Lee Iacocca. He also served in many charitable capacities in the Detroit area and through the Free Methodist Church.

Glenn served on the SAU Board of Trustees for 39 years, and as its chair for 20 years. His three children continue his legacy at SAU: **Chuck** currently serves as Professor of Christian Thought and History, **David (1969-72)** serves on the board of trustees and **Nancy '74** is a faithful alumna.



EMILY SMITH '14 passed away on Nov. 23, 2019 at the age of 28. She served as an admissions representative at SAU for over five years. Emily treasured the daily opportunities to build lasting relationships with her coworkers and the students she recruited. She was actively involved with Wellspring and strengthening the relationship between SAU and camps throughout the country. Emily was enrolled in SAU's online MBA program, within which she was an integral member of her cohort.



MARY TAYLOR PREVITE HS '49, JC '51, passed away on Nov. 16, 2019 at the age of 87. The daughter of James Hudson Taylor II and Alice Taylor, missionaries to China, Mary spent more than three years of her childhood in a Japanese concentration camp. After graduating from Spring Arbor Junior College and Greenville College, Mary had a three-decades-long career running the Camden County Youth Center in New Jersey before winning a seat on the New Jersey General Assembly.



JOSEPH KULAGA passed away on Aug. 21, 2019 at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his wife of over 60 years, Carole. Joe served as a teacher, principal and superintendent before concluding his career at Spring Arbor. He served for nearly 20 years in academic and administrative roles at Spring Arbor's Flint site before moving and becoming involved on the Spring Arbor campus in 2003. Joe had a passion for teaching and preaching and served as a beloved Sunday school teacher at the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church for many years.



MARGARET MAY (HYNDMAN) HARRIS HS '54, '83, passed away on Jan. 2, 2020 at the age of 90. She served Spring Arbor for more than 30 years as Director of Career Planning and Placement within Student Development and as chair of the Ladies Guild. Margaret was dedicated to helping students with their resumes and job searches, placing many in their first jobs after graduation. She and her husband, **John**, who also served at Spring Arbor in the Office of Advancement, shared their home with many international students studying at Spring Arbor. Her daughter, **Diane (Harris '74) Kurtz**, currently serves as Director of Cross Cultural Studies at SAU.



MARY RUTH (CROWN) STEINERT, of Stanwood, Washington, passed away on July 2, 2019. She was 99. Mary Ruth was a beloved teacher of vocal music at Spring Arbor College in the 1950s and 60s. The 1959 yearbook was dedicated to her, an honor that was a source of joy throughout her life. She relocated from Spring Arbor to Southern California in the early 1960s. There she met Elwin Steinert and they married in 1964. Her greatest loves were family and music, and her life was filled with both.

IN MEMORIAM

Wesley Stephenson HS '42
April 9, 2019; Waterloo, IA
Preceded in death by spouse:
Grace (Ormston HS '39, JC '41) Stephenson

Ileen (Hawkins JC '44) Decker
Aug. 7, 2019; Spring Arbor, MI

Helen (Watterson HS '44) McConnell
July 26, 2019; Jackson, MI
Preceded in death by spouse:
William McConnell HS '42

Ida (Maxwell JC '45) Cowsert
Feb. 11, 2019; Uniontown, PA

Donna (Whims HS '45) Johnson
May 31, 2019; Spring Arbor, MI
Spouse: **Elwin Johnson HS '47**

Joann (Young JC '46) Cleveland
Sept. 15, 2019; Spring Arbor, MI

Vernon Hazzard HS '48
Jan. 19, 2019; Lafayette, IN

Lucille (Fogelsonger HS '52) Brackney
Jan. 20, 2019; Catlin, IL
Spouse: **Burton Brackney HS '47, JC '50**

Carolyn (Coxon HS '53) Root
June 25, 2019; Concord, MI

Dean Latta HS '54
March 28, 2019; East Leroy, MI

Donna (Murdock JC '55) McCagg
June 4, 2019; Honeoye Falls, NY

Joy (Pratt HS '55) Reed
Dec. 18, 2018; West Branch, MI

John Sipes HS '55
Feb. 23, 2019; Rochester, NY

John Chandler JC '56
Oct. 5, 2019; Fort Myers Beach, FL
Spouse: **Geraldine (Black HS '53, JC '56) Chandler**

Betty (Delamarter HS '56, JC '58) Morgan
July 29, 2019; Greenville, IL

Larry Knowels HS '57, '66
June 18, 2019; Buford, GA

Wilma Jean (Graves JC '57) Sebring
Oct. 27, 2018; Portland, TN
Spouse: **Gwenneth Sebring JC '57**

Gerald Tomasello JC '59
Nov. 1, 2019; Goshen, IN
Spouse: **Janice (Kelsey '65) Tomasello**

Stanley Hanna JC '60
Sept. 11, 2019; Lake, MI

Richard Switzer JC '61
Jan. 30, 2019; Gulf Shores, AL

Lois Curtiss JC '63, '65
Jan. 5, 2019; Lake Odessa, MI

Ethel (McClellan JC '63, '64) Wise
Sept. 20, 2019; Watervliet, MI

Adrien LeMarble '66
March 18, 2019; Levering, MI

Roderick Smith '70
May 18, 2019; Antioch, TN
Spouse: **Judith (White '70) Smith**

Karl Glass '75
June 22, 2019; Round Lake, IL

Jane Rieder '75
July 25, 2019; Charlotte, NC

Cullen Webb '77
Sept. 11, 2019; Wheeler, MI
Spouse: **Karen (Clark '77) Webb**

Barbara Fontana '78
March 20, 2019; Jackson, MI

Philip Edmonds '85
June 26, 2019; Fort Wayne, IN

Rita Whitley '92
Aug. 9, 2019; Oak Park, MI

Norma Wierenga '93
Sept. 8, 2019; Horton, MI

Sarahann (Salow '94) Henderson
Nov. 3, 2019; Stockbridge, MI

Weston Wheeler '97
Aug. 22, 2019; Jackson, MI

Sandra Schopmeyer '99
Sept. 27, 2019; Jackson, MI

Matthew Beany '04
Jan. 24, 2019; Jackson, MI

Brenda (Starner) Forshee '13
Jan. 5, 2019; Grand Blanc, MI

Amy Whitesall '15
June 12, 2019; Chelsea, MI

Marissa Hemmeke '19
Sept. 28, 2019; Holland, MI



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