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Students are getting in the lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics research through Doane's chapter of the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program.

▲ A table of groceries is arranged in Butler Gymnasium, where the Food Bank of Lincoln and Doane faculty, staff and students have teamed up to feed families in need. *Andrew Mattson*

**Cover:** Through their new student group IDEA, (left to right) Kennerly Benraty '18, Aspen Green '18 and Jordan Zonner '18 are teaming with fellow students on Crete campus to talk about racial understanding. *Andrew Mattson*





### From the President

## It's springtime and enterprise is in the air at Doane.

Alumni, faculty, staff and students are demonstrating innovation and engagement with an entrepreneurial gusto this semester.

Great people doing great things.

With our education, students learn that the skills and knowledge they're picking up can help them act now—and they needn't wait for anyone to tell them what to do. They'll ask for some "know-how" along the way, but they have the framework to approach problems critically and creatively to do something different. That spirit lives in our faculty and staff, too, who've carved out a leadership role for our soon-to-be university among private and independent institutions of higher education.

Like how the new IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) student group is at the forefront of finding new ways to make our Crete campus a more inclusive place. These student leaders—still only sophomores—have the confidence and wherewithal to have public race conversations and make it a part of our students' daily consciousness. Their sheer conviction is inspiring to me, and I want to work with IDEA to strengthen our community. Let's build on our current race dialogue, with speakers and workshops, to move the agenda forward. We need minority leadership and we need a cabinet-level officer that binds us together and leads us in equity and inclusion. We want to make sure that all of the plans we make and actions we take support diversity at our institution.

You'll see more stories of enterprise in our community in this issue of Doane Magazine. A senior who embraced doing what she loves and built a dance community on our Crete campus. The testimonials of alumni whose careers were forever changed in our Master of Arts in Management program because of the work of our inventive faculty. And if that's not enough, we have three more special online stories—which you can only read at [doane.edu/magazine](http://doane.edu/magazine)—about minority student research, an inspiring member of Doane Forensics and our partnership with the Food Bank of Lincoln.

It's our drive, spirit and energy that makes us into an enterprising force, and I'm excited to see what our Tigers do next!

*Jacque Carter*

Dr. Jacque Carter  
Doane College President

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### Academics

#### New majors

Bachelor degree programs for engineering, graphic design, media communication and strategic communication have been added at the School of Arts and Sciences in Crete.

The Crete campus offers 44 bachelors' degrees after also adding a major in environmental studies within the last year. Doane now offers the largest variety of majors in its 144-year history.

"We're always looking for new ways to help students make a sound investment in their college education and we believe what makes Doane different helps set students apart professionally," said Dr. John Burney, vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty. "With our broad learning base and personal interaction, Doane can differentiate its unique communication, engineering and graphic design programs from peer institutions with the same offerings."

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Polk

Rev. Polk has worked as a minister focusing on social justice, and it's those years of experience that fueled his speech.

"I have learned a great many things and I feel compelled to share some of them with you tonight so you might become ambassadors of racial inclusiveness," Polk said in October. "Race still matters. It matters because racial oppression continues to dominate our social landscape at every level. It's the insidious social disease that continues to eat away at the very fabric and soul of our society."

*AMG National Trust Fund gave Doane a special \$10,000 donation to Doane's Office of the President, allowing President Dr. Jacque Carter to allocate funds to enhance different projects on the Crete campus. Thanks to AMG, Doane has the ability to make projects like Rev. Polk's lectureship possible.*

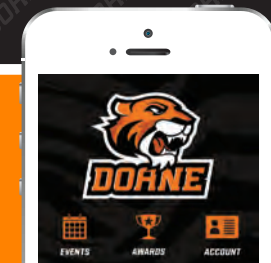
#### Speaker series

Shortly after receiving the Doane Builder award—the highest honor the college can bestow on alumni—**Rev. Robert L. Polk '52** gave the inaugural speech in his new Robert L. Polk Lectureship Series on Race and Social Justice on Oct. 14, 2015.

His message was reminding the Doane community that race still matters, telling stories of his experiences dealing with racial injustice his entire life. Since graduating from Doane,



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### Athletics

#### Basketball

Director of Athletics Jill McCartney selected Ian McKeithen as the next head coach for Tiger Men's Basketball in February.

McKeithen was one of the Tigers' assistant coaches for the 2015-16 season, and replaces former coach Jim Weeks. He brings several years of playing and coaching experience, having played for Dakota State University (South Dakota) and later earning his first head-coaching job at Benedictine University in Springfield, Illinois. McKeithen also served as a basketball operations intern for the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

"In my brief time here, I have been extremely impressed with our campus, faculty, staff, coaches and players," McKeithen said in a press release. "I believe that we can create a great basketball experience for everyone here at Doane and the town of Crete for years to come. Doane is a special place and there are so many exciting opportunities here to look forward to."

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#### Under Armour

Tiger Athletics announced a multi-year agreement with Under Armour as its exclusive supplier of athletic apparel, accessories and footwear in March.

"We are very excited to bring Under Armour into the Doane Athletics family," Athletic Director Jill McCartney said. "We look forward to working with a world-class company on a very special partnership to provide our student-athletes with the best sports apparel, footwear and equipment."



McKeithen



2015 Alumni Awards

Alumni awards were presented to eight individuals at Doane’s annual awards banquet on Oct. 11, 2015, during the Homecoming weekend festivities on the Crete campus.

- Honor D Award: **Becky Benson Sterling ’90** and **Timothy Franzen ’99**
- Young Alumnus Award: **Christopher Bombardier ’07**
- Paul D. Kersenbrock Humanitarian Award: **John K. Hood ’66**
- Exceptional Service Award: **Lona Thompson ’14L**
- Alumni Educator of the Year Award: **John Schwartz ’02, ’05E, ’08E, ’14E**
- Platt Music Award: **Dale Ritter ’87**
- Builder Award: **Rev. Robert Polk ’52**



Education

TopEducationDegrees.org lauded Doane as one of its “50 Most Affordable Small Colleges for a Master’s in Education” in 2016, ranking it eighth in the country.

Doane offers two Master of Education degree programs—educational leadership and curriculum and instruction—and now offers a terminal degree, the Doctorate in Education, too.

The website ranked Doane ahead of three other Nebraska colleges: Chadron State College (15th), Wayne State College (16th) and Peru State College (20th).

Performing Arts

Doane Forensics continued its tradition as one of the nation’s best competitive college speech teams, finishing the season by ranking 16th at the 2016 American Forensic Association’s National Individual Events Tournament, hosted April 2-4 at the University of Florida.

In Gainesville, **Caitria West-Warren ’17** led the team as a national finalist (sixth place) in prose. **Kennerly Benraty ’18** and **Delta Wilson ’16** were quarterfinalists.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble traveled to Washington D.C. to perform as the opening band in the Kennedy Center’s John Philip Sousa Festival on April 2.

Read about the trip through the eyes of **Chance Busey ’16** at [doane.edu/blog](http://doane.edu/blog).



International

Doane College was the only Nebraska college or university named to The Chronicle of Higher Education’s Top Producers of U.S. Fulbright Scholars and Students list for 2015-16.

Doane, which has a legacy of producing student scholars with The Fulbright Program dating back to the 1950s, had a record year in 2015. Four of Doane’s nine applicants were accepted into the program last year.

This year, **Jordyn Atwater ’16** and **Amanda Petersen ’16** were awarded Fulbright grants. Jordyn will return on a research grant to the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany, where she studied last summer.



Atwater Petersen

Amanda—an English teaching assistant—becomes Doane’s first Fulbright grant winner to go to Bulgaria.

Doane has produced at least one Fulbright student per year in the last decade and 67 recipients in the last 64 years overall.

In March, **Delta Wilson ’16** became Doane’s first student to join the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program since 2004.

The program, much like The Fulbright Program, places program participants in Japanese schools to serve as cultural and educational ambassadors.



Wilson

Faculty

Professor of Biology Dr. Barb Clement, with **Charlene Skillet ’18**, received a summer research grant from Nebraska’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Their program is titled “Groundwater-Seep Geomicrobial Environments of the Niobrara Valley and their implications for Regional Microbial Diversity and Life Beyond Earth.”



Clement Hanggi Monaghan Stander

Assistant Professor of English Dr. Katy Hanggi was chosen to participate in the U.S. Department of Education’s Fulbright-Hays Seminar Abroad Program in Senegal this summer.

Members of the seminar will explore the religious and cultural diversity in the African nation, one of several dotting the western coast of the continent.

“We will consider why religious and identity-based conflict has arisen in some countries,” Dr. Hanggi said, “while focusing on the ways that Senegal has been able to maintain relative social harmony.”

Military

Doane was awarded the designation of a “Top School” in the 2016 Military Advanced Education & Transition Guide to Colleges & Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education.

The guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year and two-year colleges.

Retirements

Faculty

- Dianne Ferguson, Associate Professor of Music
- Dr. Jim Johnson, Professor of Mathematics

Staff

- Bill Murphy, HVAC Specialist
- Dr. Karen Sookram, Director of the Doane Learning Center



Ferguson Johnson Murphy Sookram

The seminar will be based at the West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal’s capital.

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion Dr. Patrick Monaghan’s article, “Against Classical Extensional

Mereology,” was accepted for publication in the international journal *Metaphysica*. He will be presenting another article, “On the Incoherence of Lewis’ Plurality of Possible Worlds,” at the Central States Philosophical Conference and the Western Canadian Philosophical Association’s annual conference.

Associate Professor of Theatre Jeff Stander was the scenic designer for three shows in the region: “Civil War Voices” at The Haymarket Theatre in Lincoln, the Omaha Theatre Company’s “Honk! The Musical” and “Sister Act” at the Des Moines Community Playhouse.

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# THE BIG IDEA

A new student group is starting a powerful race conversation on the Crete campus—and wants Doane's help keeping it alive.

Story by **Lucas Fahrer**  
Photos by **Andrew Mattson**



**If** Michael Brown had made it out of Ferguson and onto college, he'd be a sophomore this year.

A member of the Class of 2018.

Twenty years old. Finding his major. Making friends. Having the time of his young life—how many students spend their time on college and university campuses nationwide.

It seems easy to imagine because it happens for hundreds of students at Doane every year. It's happening right now for sophomores like **Kennerly Benraty '18**, **Aspen Green '18** and **Jordan Zonner '18**.

But reality is far more sobering. And far more complex.

Brown didn't make it out of Ferguson, Missouri. He was killed in August 2014, a few months after graduating high school, minutes after stealing Swisher Sweets from a neighborhood convenience store in the north St. Louis suburb. He was shot—several times—and killed by white police officer Darren Wilson in an altercation in the middle of Canfield Drive.

Months after his death, a grand jury decided not to hand down a criminal indictment for Wilson. The resolution set Ferguson on fire, a tinderbox equal parts racial tension, agony and accountability—all ignited by police brutality.

Brown became a martyr in a movement far bigger than himself.

Across the country, his name alone has become another log on the fire in a red-hot conversation burning through 24-hour news cycles, social media and the 2016 presidential race.

He was, sadly, just one more name in the kindling.

Oscar Grant, Oakland, California, January 2009. Trayvon Martin, Sanford, Florida, February 2012. Eric Garner, Staten Island, New York, July 2014. Tamir Rice, Cleveland, November 2014. Freddie Gray, Baltimore, April 2015. Sandra Bland, Waller County, Texas, July 2015.

The conversation reached higher education's doorstep with full force last fall when black students protested racial discrimination at the University of Missouri, ultimately leading to UM president Tim Wolfe's resignation.

Enter Aspen, Jordan and Kennerly, three black students on an overwhelmingly white, small college campus in rural Nebraska, caught in the crossfire of what it means—and the courage it takes—to be black in America in the 21st Century. »

◀ From left to right, Jordan Zonner '18, Kennerly Benraty '18 and Aspen Green '18.





Ask Jordan what race means to her and she'll tell you it's history.

"Race to me is the experiences that I have had that basically make my skin color. So it stains who I am," she says. "If you can picture me as a blank, white canvas, experiences from years back—like the history that my mom went through, my grandma, everything, even my dad—all of that stuff stains my skin into who I am. It painted my own skin color."

Jordan is a scientist—a biology major who has already won awards at science conferences and spent a summer researching at Iowa State University—and a contemplative one at that. She mulls over questions before answering. Takes time to find the right words and steps back to capture the big picture. She sees details, too, but looks at what is in front of her like it's an organism—made up of this and that, and something whole out of many parts.

Her view on race is no different. It's cause and effect. Jordan acknowledges the moment she was conceived by a black mother and a white father. Growing up in Dallas and graduating from a diverse high school bigger than Doane, she can see why she and Aspen—even as "light-skinned girls"—stick out in Crete.

Ask Aspen what race means to her and she'll tell you that it's new.

Like Jordan, she identifies as biracial, born of a black mother and white father. But she's spent most of her life "interacting white" with both sides of her family—the way they speak, the way they act, their educated language, she says.

That's how it was back in Parker, Colorado, the southeastern fringe of the Denver suburbs where she started high school. Even with her lighter skin complexion, she was "the blackest girl" at school. White was the norm.

The thought of identifying as a white woman crossed her mind.

But when she moved to Lincoln and spent two years at North Star

High School, she found herself in a community of more diverse students—kids black like her.

It felt like an epiphany. Even coming to Doane—where, according to 2016 institutional research, just 13.3 percent of current reporting students identify as minorities and 2 percent are black—she met more black students, including Jordan, her roommate to this day. Their conversations continued her fascination with her race.

"It's empowering, almost, to start to realize this is a whole other side of me that I've never discovered," Aspen says, "and now I'm starting to really get into it."

Ask Kennerly what race means to him and he'll tell you it's everything.

It's where he comes from: Portsmouth, Virginia, a majority black city.

It's who made him: "Beautiful, black majestic matriarchy"—a mother born during the civil rights movement to grandparents who grew up in the Jim Crow South.

It's what came before and what is now: "I'm still waiting on my 40 acres and a mule," he says, pointing back to the famously hollow promise that freed black slaves were to receive land plots after the Civil War only to become sharecroppers during Reconstruction.

It informs his very existence.

"Race, it's my link, it's my blood, it's what fuels my fire. It's me. I'm black and I'm bold and I'm proud and I'm not afraid of anybody."

Kennerly—studying political science and Doane's new law, politics and society major—will tell you everything about him is influenced by the skin color that binds him to history, his family, his place in the world. It almost seems as if all of his waking thoughts are poured through a filter of how he fits into a world that sees him as an exception—not the rule.

He's seen highs, and he's seen lows.

Like the expression on the face of his grandmother, who lived through the civil rights movement in the Deep South, when she saw Barack Obama

inaugurated as the nation's first black president in 2008.

"That gives me chills just thinking about that day, to watch my grandmother see a black man become the president of these United States," he says, beaming. "To see her face, to see the proud in her chin, to hold it up high, to know that everything she did came to fruition in some sense. No, we ain't there yet, but damn—we making strides."

But he's experienced the other side of the coin, too. Ignorance. Intolerance. Apathy. Don't try to tell him that whites and blacks are on a level playing field or pipe dreams of a "White History Month." He rests his case with history.

"Your past has seen a mark of equality," he says. "I wasn't even a person—I couldn't even vote—until the 1960s."

Race isn't just history. Race is now—and it isn't just stirring up conversations in Baltimore, Cleveland, Ferguson, Oakland, Sanford, Staten Island, the University of Missouri and Waller County. Race is everywhere.

And it's here, a pressing issue at Doane.

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Ask Professor of Education Dr. Marilyn Johnson-Farr what race means to her and she'll tell you about a check box.

"For some people, the box brings along neat little privileges with it," she says. "For some of us, the box creates more obstacles."

She'll also tell you about her "racial antenna," how it turns on the instant she wakes up and how it stays on all day, whether she's walking her dog, into her classroom or simply past someone—and feeling them squirm just because of her passing presence.

"Race is always in the room," she says. "It's just that some people are not racially conscious."

In her 22 years at Doane as one of the few black professors on the Crete campus, she's seen students conscious of race join together in many iterations of support groups for

underrepresented minorities.

They've come and gone, different names for the same thing with little traction or progress.

But there's something different about a new group on campus: it was born at boiling point on a cold night.

Michael Brown's face was on CNN in a Sheldon Hall dorm room Nov. 24, 2014. Aspen and Jordan returned from volleyball practice and stayed glued to their TV for hours. What happened next was a whirlwind; they were angry, confused, downtrodden, frightened, alone. They jumped and yelled and screamed—and couldn't look away.

The roommates watched from 500 miles away as Ferguson descended into chaos, riots and protests after the grand jury announced no indictment for Darren Wilson.

"However long they were filming it, we were watching it and talking about it and just really angry and wondering what we could do," Jordan remembers.

They thought about organizing a protest on campus the next day. Numbers deterred them, but the potential sting of social stigmas factored in, too.

"We couldn't get a lot of people to come with us, to make it actually something," starts Jordan. "There's not enough people here that look like us that could hopefully feel the same way, you know?"

"We didn't want to be known as the 'angry black women' on campus," Aspen adds. "I remember saying that."

But the seed was planted.

Working as a student journalist, Aspen met Dr. Johnson-Farr in February 2015 for a story interview for The Doane Owl. After their meeting was over, she shared what had long been simmering in her and Jordan's minds: seeking change through race conversations at Doane.

Dr. Johnson-Farr saw a chance to foster growth in two "incredible" young women, and with campus chaplain Rev. Karla Cooper, empowered them to turn their energy into a powerful voice. »

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“They’re not afraid, at this point, to say what they believe is right,” Dr. Johnson-Farr says. “I think that’s been the missing piece. People have been trying to speak on their behalf without asking, and that’s the problem.”

If diversity is part of Doane’s plan, they want a seat at the table. So after months of conversations, Aspen and Jordan formed their student group at the start of the 2015-16 academic year under the acronym IDEA: Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access. With Dr. Johnson-Farr as its advisor, the organization is rallying around the notion that diversity doesn’t “happen” overnight. Or on documents and in speeches. Or without minority constituents having a say.

“We have to understand, there’s so much power in our hands,” Jordan says. “We have to go out and get it.”

It can only start with action—and this generation, more than any in the last 50 years, is predisposed to do so. According to the Cooperative Institutional Research Program’s 50th annual survey of first-year college students, 2015 respondents exhibited greater expectations for student activism, civic engagement and promotion of racial awareness. The report, published this year by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California Los Angeles, revealed:

- 8.5 percent of all students reported a “very good chance” of taking part in student protests during their time in college, the highest mark since the category was first recorded in 1967;
- 74.6 percent of first-year students placing an emphasis (a “‘very important’ or ‘essential’ personal objective”) on supporting others in need;
- And 63.8 percent of black students rating “racial understanding” as a “very important” or “essential” personal objective.

IDEA wants to build that kind of culture within the Doane community, integrating multicultural education and race conversations. In the end, the

group hopes to help Doane improve retention of minority students and keep the campus racially conscious.

The group hasn’t lacked action.

Last November, IDEA organized a trip of a dozen students and participated in a Black Lives Matter rally at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s city campus. Jordan and Aspen have spoken to the Alumni Council, Board of Trustees, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska board member Luis Sotelo and **Rev. Robert L. Polk ’52**, the college’s first black graduate. As IDEA president and vice president respectively, Jordan and Aspen occupy a seat on Doane’s Equity and Inclusion Action Committee led by Dr. Johnson-Farr, which also includes 16 faculty and staff members.

In February, IDEA revealed the results of its social injustice survey, administered by faculty in classes on the Crete campus, at a public forum in Common Grounds. Aspen, Jordan, Kennerly and six other group members acted as a panel and facilitated a Q&A covering everything from white privilege to gender roles to religious perceptions. When the event started, they had an audience of 20 individuals, a mix of faculty, staff and students. It doubled in less than 30 minutes and tripled by the end of the hour-long event.

In March, they hosted their first guest speaker, communication instructor and Director of Forensics Nathaniel Wilson, in a presentation on privilege and its many forms.

“The future is bright for how much we can grow,” says Kennerly, who joined IDEA in November. “It depends on how hard we’re willing to work, but it’s a step in the right direction.”

Now they want help from leadership.

Aspen, Jordan and Kennerly came to Doane as student-athletes but traded sports for academic pursuits.

In place of volleyball, Aspen immersed herself in media communication studies as a photojournalist while Jordan



committed to research. Kennerly left the wrestling team to spend his weekends traveling the country as a member of Doane Forensics, qualifying to compete at nationals in events like poetry, one of his passions.

All three of them stayed at Doane for the education, but it leaves them on a campus where, frankly, they’ve felt pressure to fit in in a white community. They expected as much in rural Nebraska, but didn’t know just how much it would affect them—how they’ve learned to be “comfortable being uncomfortable” away from family, friends and home.

Still, they adjusted.

“It’s innate ability to shift your societal norms to appropriate for the culture around you,” Kennerly says of his daily life on campus. “I did it my freshman year. I knew I was black, but I didn’t want to be seen as the outcast.”

There’s fear in being different. Anger, too. Aspen recalls negative notes about diversity she’s seen on Yik Yak, a geo-specific, anonymous messaging app popular among Doane students.

“We get a lot of feedback from Yik Yak,” she says. “It doesn’t matter much, but people say things like ‘I’m white, so it doesn’t matter why you’re doing this’ or ‘We should stop getting multicultural emails because it doesn’t pertain to me.’”

IDEA’s message is simple: Race *does* matter to everyone. The group’s platform is sustaining a dialogue that encourages peers and Doane to consider minority viewpoints. They want to reciprocate the discomfort of being “the onlys”—sticking out as a minority—constructively and help find common ground for students, no matter if they grew up in diverse communities or small-town Nebraska.

“We want that comfortable place

for people to say things that they don’t understand and talk about it,” Aspen says.

Deep down, they wish more minority students chose Doane. Dr. Johnson-Farr feels the same way; in her classes with a greater diversity of students, the conversations are richer and the depth of learning is enhanced.

“You create a platform that people feel empowered to go out and do the work,” she says.

IDEA is also pushing for racial representation at all levels of the institution: faculty, staff and leadership. A campus milieu as reflective as it is inclusive of its minorities.

“What this group can do for Doane is to bring to light that if you want to attract students and make your campus diverse, it starts on the inside,” Kennerly says. “There’s nothing you can do—not a piece of paper you can sign or money you can get or job you »





can hire—to increase your diversity rate. It’s about you as an institution and what you offer.”

That runs counter to the status quo. Doane currently has no minority representation in administrative leadership positions, and the number of black faculty and staff can be counted on two hands.

The college has made diversity an initiative in its last two strategic plans but hasn’t completed a hiring process for a cabinet-level officer for “equity and inclusion.”

IDEA wants to see that domino fall. “Now is the season of figuring out how we fill that gap, and part of it has to be something that embraces staff, faculty and students,” says Dr. Johnson-Farr, noting that the Equity and Inclusion Action Committee has only been able to do so much.

◀ IDEA revealed the results of a social injustice survey at a public forum with faculty, staff and students Feb. 23 in Common Grounds. *Cassandra Kennedy*

“There are steps, which are good steps, but nobody is coordinating those steps so they are systemic.”

Hiring someone to gauge the cultural climate on campus, like a chief diversity officer, is a start, the group says.

Internally, IDEA is still looking for strength in numbers and Student Congress representation. Given that its leadership (Aspen and Jordan) and most vocal member (Kennerly) still have two years left before graduation, there is a window for IDEA—and Doane—to be different than what its advisor has seen before.

“We have been in the struggle and now we’re waiting to breathe some progress,” Dr. Johnson-Farr says. “I’m not saying there hasn’t been progress, but it hasn’t been as significant as it could be. Now has to be the time if we really want to change—the intricacies of this campus, the guts of this campus—to be significant. I believe this group has the moral courage to do it. They’re not going to give up. They’re not going to get shattered.” ■

# Masterfully DIFFERENT

Doane’s Master of Arts in Management program gives students an edge in leadership careers by empowering them with interpersonal skills.

Story by **Lucas Fahrner**  
Photos by **Andrew Mattson**

**T**alk about two completely different career paths.

**Nichole Berney ’11L, ’16A** began in retail, switched to dental assisting, became a college instructor, started her own business and now works in consulting.

Meanwhile, **Kate Engel ’11A** started out as an actress, moved into education, spent time in college admissions and became a communications director.

And yet both Lincolniters have found Doane’s Master of Arts in Management to be the key in furthering their respective careers.

“I was kind of clueless about how to be an effective and efficient manager until I took several of the classes through Doane,” says Kate, now the director of communication and culture at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

Doane’s adult learning programs are popular for more than undergraduates in Nebraska’s three biggest metro areas. Doane offers one doctorate and four different masters’ degree programs with campuses in Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha. The MAM program is designed to help business professionals learn how to become effective leaders and decision-makers

through interpersonal skills.

“Organizations who’re hiring are not looking for narrowly trained technocrats who just know processes and systems,” says Dr. Dana Miller, the director of the MAM program’s Leading Edge capstone and an instructor for each of its graduating classes, beginning with the class of 1994. “I think that’s what’s unique not just about the Leading Edge but about the whole MAM program coming from a liberal arts perspective.”

While a traditional master’s in business administration is seen as the standard for professionals at the graduate level, it’s focused specifically on financials and procedures. Doane’s MAM program, though, teaches management through a wider range of topics tied to one common denominator: people.

“Coming at this degree program from a blend of not only developing management tools and skills but also values-based people skills where individuals can face change, be resilient and can effectively communicate and relate to others, is really critical,” Dr. Miller says.

It’s how prospective students and professionals like Kate and Nichole, no

matter their previous industries, find a path forward.

Kate began her career as an actress with the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival in Louisville before working as an artistic associate in the state’s education system, helping students prepare for the arts portion of Kentucky’s K-12 standardized testing.

She switched to the nonprofit sector when the Omaha Children’s Museum hired her as its new special events coordinator and assistant to the director of marketing in 2007. After a year in the industry, she chose Doane for her master’s because of the MAM coursework: grant writing, consumer negotiation and strategic management, all infused with interpersonal communication.

Kate found Doane’s classrooms—predicated on learning together as a cohort and from faculty who were working professionals in their field—enhanced the education.

“I could read the text book, be a part of the class discussion, hear a variety of people share about their experiences from a world of different backgrounds and then I could take that into my organization and use those skills immediately,” Kate says. »

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- ▶ On top of a full-time job and pursuing her master's through Doane, Nichole Berney '11L, '16A is an entrepreneur. She started selling gluten- and wheat-free dog treats through her business Beyond the Dish bakery in 2012.
- ▼ Nichole's test subjects for her dog treat recipes are her two puggles (a crossbreed between a pug and beagle), Bindi (left) and Ollie (right).



"That was what was missing for me in a traditional MBA program. (The MBA) didn't connect to the work that I was doing at that time of my life."

Nichole found the same advantages at Doane.

After starting her career in retail, she graduated from Southeast Community College's dental assisting program, and became a chair-side dental assistant and eventually the office manager of a private practice in Lincoln. She even returned to SCC as an instructor in the dental assisting program.

During that time, Nichole completed her undergraduate degree through Doane's adult education program in Lincoln.

"It's geared toward nontraditional students," says Nichole, who graduated with a bachelor's in business. "It's a great atmosphere for learning and

wanting to take your career to the next level."

In 2012, she started her own business, Beyond the Dish bakery, which makes gluten- and wheat-free dog treats, and has been running it on the side ever since. She currently works full-time as an optometry consultant for Williams Group.

When she was ready to advance her career, she went back to Doane because of the recommendations of several recent MAM graduates.

"Every one of them that I spoke to said that Doane's grad program changed their life," Nichole says. "They were all at a point in their careers where they had jobs that they were successful in, but they were looking for more of the nontraditional grad program where they were going to learn more about themselves and not just policies and procedures."

Kate and Nichole both fell in love with Doane because of the people. The connections they made with MAM faculty like Kerry Fina and Ted Hill and Director of

Career Development Susan Rocker gave them a comfort zone to learn in.

"The instructors work in the field right now," says Nichole, who started the Leading Edge in March. "They too have gone to class at night working a full day like I have. They also have real-world applications, not just case studies in a book. We're really discussing what happened in today's world or marketplace."

Kate was so impacted by her MAM experience that when Dr. Miller reached out to her in 2013 to become an adjunct instructor in the Leading Edge, she couldn't say no.

"Doane, the MAM Program and the Leading Edge component of it had been so impactful for me I felt like it was a way to give back," Kate says. "I almost had an obligation and a responsibility to share this great thing with other people."

Both Nichole and Kate can tell that the MAM program—with emphases in human relations, leadership and project management—hasn't just taken them to new heights in their careers, but also impacted them on a personal level.

"It's changed me as a person," Nichole says. "It's not just given me the knowledge and skills from the textbook or real-world examples. It's really made me examine myself." ■

## Setting the stage

Senior Kayleigh Schadwinkel is looking forward to the future with her Put On Your Dancing Shoes project.

Story by **Lucas Fahrer**

**K**ayleigh Schadwinkel '16 couldn't get it out of her head.

The same four words just kept following her around during her first few semesters at Doane: "Do what you love."

No matter where she looked or what she heard on campus, something or someone kept saying it to her.

She was busy, sure. A business administration major pursuing minors in leadership and accounting, a member of three national honor societies and a Tiger Volleyball student-athlete.

But ask her if any of those activities was her true passion, and she knew, in her heart of hearts, the answer was no.

Dance and choreography—talents Kayleigh uncovered in high school—were what she truly loved to do, and it was more than just a hobby. She choreographed the 15-minute dream scene in the musical "Oklahoma" as a junior at Gering High School and, as a first-year student at Doane, helped a religious studies major develop and perform an interpretive dance for her senior capstone project.

The reactions of both the Gering and Doane communities to her work were so positive that it gave her confidence to finally commit to doing what she loved in college.

"I realized that my passion is with dance," Kayleigh said. "So I took a risk,

decided to quit volleyball and sent out a mass email to the whole student body saying, 'Come to the dance studio.'"

Two years later, she's glad she hit send on that email. If she hadn't taken the chance, Doane wouldn't know her as the catalyst, president and founder behind Put On Your Dancing Shoes, one of the most popular student organizations on the Crete campus.

Out of those initial auditions in the George and Sally Haddix Recreation and Athletic Center's dance studio back in the spring of 2014, she cobbled together a group of 20 dancers and five stage technicians and at one of their first meetings, harnessed their inspiration to build something together. »

“It's a great atmosphere for learning and wanting to take your career to the next level.”

—Nichole Berney '11L, '16A



► Kayleigh Schadwinkel '16 (right) performs in Put On Your Dancing Shoes' 2015 production in Heckman Auditorium.

*Cassandra Kennedy*

▼ Schadwinkel demonstrates technique and choreography to her dancers at a POYDS practice in the George and Sally Haddix Recreation and Athletic Center's dance studio. *Andrew Mattson*



"I remember telling my dancers 'A dance project like this has never been done before on campus. We have no idea what this is going to turn out to be, but we could be setting a standard and a precedent at Doane by developing this dance production,'" Kayleigh recalls. "You could just tell the passion in the room was ignited."

Those were the humble beginnings of POYDS. Three years later, it's expanded into a dance theatre production bringing 150 students together from all over the Crete campus.

- Acting and directing students from the theatre department.
- Speech performers from the nationally ranked Doane Forensics team.
- Doane Music instrumentalists and the Doublewide men's a cappella group.
- Varsity student-athletes from sports like basketball, cheerleading, dance, track and volleyball.
- Representation from eight out of 10 Greek Life organizations.
- And dancers of all skill levels, from those with no experience to a lifetime in the spotlight.

"We definitely have people who come from all different walks of life and all different creative outlets," says POYDS Vice President **Michaela Steager '18**, a Fremont native who was a two-year dance team captain at Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo. "We have people who have never danced a day in their life...and then people like me and Kayleigh who've been dancing ever since we could walk. It taps into people's creativity."

POYDS—as Kayleigh can recite by heart—is here to educate, instill confidence and bring people together. Dancers, no matter their experience, are welcome to join.

The group spends each academic year developing, practicing and performing a year-end production. In 2014, its first established year, POYDS put on a movie-inspired performance show including references to "The Great Gatsby," "Singin' in the Rain" and "Titanic." Last year the show was an ode to Nebraska's history, specifically its involvement in World War II with an homage to Doane's V5/V12 training programs for U.S. Navy officers.

In its final year with Kayleigh, the

group looked back while looking forward at the process of growing up in the 2016 production "That's Life: The Rhythm of Life: The Beat Goes On." It integrated performing arts beyond dance including acting, slam poetry, vocal arrangements and musical medleys.

Over time, POYDS has become a perfect exercise in leadership for Kayleigh. She's discovered, along with her own talents, some shortcomings but capitalized on each of them as an opportunity to share the spotlight with other performers at Doane.

"I've been trying to be really in tune with my strengths and weaknesses and delegate tasks to fellow POYDS members and others on campus to utilize their talents and showcase them," Kayleigh says.

She's surrounded herself with the talents of others. Kayleigh teaches many of the dance portions but also seeks mentoring from Rhea Gill, an adjunct professor at Doane with an extensive dance career. They've taught the group how to incorporate elements of ballet, contemporary, country, East Coast swing, hip hop, jazz, tap and several other dance styles

into their choreography.

In the creative process, Kayleigh involves anyone and everyone.

"Just watching her dance or talk to anybody, you can see those cogs turning in her head. At the same time, she's super laid back and just loves having fun," Michaela says.

"She gives off such incredible energy."

On the business side of things, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Carrie Lovelace Petr and former Vice President of Advancement Kevin Meyer mentored her on starting, sustaining and fundraising for the group. She's worked with several other faculty and staff members to make the production into what it is today.

"The 'College of doing what you love' is one of my favorite sayings because it's so true," says Kayleigh, referencing one of Doane's marketing taglines. "So many faculty members have helped me attain my goal and even reach beyond it. I've been able to share my ideas and what I'd like to do with the dance projects with faculty and staff at Doane, and they've provided avenues for me to achieve my goals and to aspire higher than the standards set before me."

And on a small campus like Doane's,

The 'College of doing what you love' is one of my favorite sayings because it's so true.

-Kayleigh Schadwinkel '16

just about everyone knows someone involved in the project. Community is the esprit de corps.

"It creates a sense of family and home," says **Carl Santiago '16**, a theatre major from Bellevue and the director of the production's acting segments. "It's just a group of people who love dancing and being with each other and having fun. I think that's what makes it so impactful. Doane is supposed to be a family, and POYDS represents that."

Aside from the 25 hours a week Kayleigh worked on burnishing the group's performance, she planned for her future after graduation. The Gering native doesn't want to leave this group in the past—at Doane or in her own life. Michaela wants to keep dance projects going on campus after Kayleigh graduates in May, and Kayleigh wants to continue to educate and share her passion for dance with others.

She's already reaching out to professional dance performers and business owners, writing a business plan and looking for jobs in performing arts venues that will allow her to utilize her skills in choreography, event planning and marketing. In the future, Kayleigh wants to put her own dancing shoes back on and make POYDS into a dance company and choreography business.

It's all been one big learning process for Kayleigh, but you wouldn't know it by the way her POYDS family follows her.

When she's dancing, they can tell she's doing what she loves.

"She is passionate, she is caring, she has a drive and she just has a spirit that gives off a good aura," Carl says. ■



► Drew Hostert '17 performs POYDS' 2015 show. *Cassandra Kennedy*





# OPPOSITES ATTRACT

From high school rivals to college teammates, seniors Shelbi Bittinger and Heather Broman left their mark on Tiger Women's Basketball together.

by **Lucas Fahrer**

If they're being completely honest, **Shelbi Bittinger '16** and **Heather Broman '16** weren't sure they'd play basketball beyond high school.

They weren't even sure they'd be friends.

Luckily, first impressions aren't everything.

The two Doane seniors vividly remember trading shots—volleyball spikes and three-pointers—on opposite sides of feuding high schools in Class C basketball and volleyball. Heather played for Fillmore Central High School in Geneva while Shelbi suited up for Milford High.

As Southern Nebraska Conference rivals, they recall a certain mutual resentment.

"We did not even like each other in high school," Shelbi says.

After three years of playing on opposite teams, Heather and Shelbi spent their senior year of high school playing for South Central Volleyball, a club team out of Aurora. Once they finally put on the same jersey, bygones became bygones—and they've been close ever since.

"We were rivals," says Heather, grinning now after spending the last five years as teammates. "We did not get along at all until we started playing club together."

Back in high school, they were both convinced that, if anything, they'd be college volleyball players—not future 1,000-point scorers for Tiger Women's Basketball and coach **Tracee Fairbanks '96, '98E**.

Former Tiger Volleyball coach Cindy Meyer started the duo's recruitment, but it was Fairbanks who finished it, learning of the two separately through her own Doane connections. Her friend, fellow 1996 Crete campus graduate and former Tiger Men's Basketball player **Mark Madison '96, '04E**, was Heather's high school basketball coach. **Savannah Lohmeier '13**, a player for Fairbanks at the time, had been Shelbi's teammate at Milford. Both had glowing recommendations for Heather and Shelbi as future basketball players.

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-Tracee Fairbanks

The rest is history; they each signed with the Tigers and quickly embedded themselves as contributors in the program for the next four years with a combined 207 starts.

Focusing on one sport harnessed their innate athleticism and pushed them into the program's record books.

"Where they really have evolved is what they're giving us on the basketball court," Fairbanks says. "Now, their athleticism is really being used to be basketball players, and both of them have led us in probably almost every game this year in some category."

It's true of their entire Doane careers. Heather or Shelbi led the Tigers in scoring on 52 occasions and rebounding 57 times, and yet they go about their business on the court in much different ways.

Shelbi is a versatile athlete, a two-sport standout who's annually qualified for NAIA nationals as an all-conference high jumper for Doane Outdoor Track and Field. On the basketball court, the 5-foot-9 senior does a little bit of everything. Think of her as the team's utility player; in any given contest, she logged time at point guard, shooting guard, small forward and power forward.

Adept running the point as she was operating on the wing or feeding the ball into the post, Shelbi padded the stat sheet in several different categories, finishing her career with 1,259 points, 707 rebounds, 263 assists and 244 steals.

"I know that she's definitely one

of the best guards when it comes to passing in the post because I always know it's going to get there and it's going to be a good pass," Heather says. "Being able to knock down the shot or drive makes her really hard to stop."

While Shelbi played everything from the one through the four, Heather was always the five: the Tigers' go-to post player.

Though shorter than most at the position, the 5-11 Fairmont product used her speed and agility to become a leading scorer. She wrapped up her career with 1,408 points, 634 boards and a well-earned reputation as a physical inside player. »

◀ Shelbi Bittinger (left) and Heather Broman (right) were high school rivals before college teammates. *Andrew Mattson*

▼ Bittinger led Tiger Women's Basketball in assists (95) and steals (66) in the 2015-16 season. *Tiger Athletics*







► Broman was the Tigers' leading scorer (495 points) and rebounder (208) in 2015-16. *Tiger Athletics*

"She's a really hard post to guard because she's very quick compared to, really, any other post in the conference," Shelbi says. "I've taken a couple of elbows from her in practice. She's pretty feisty."

All of that comes while playing in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, which has produced 11 NAIA Division II women's basketball national champions since 2001. They quickly learned that taking a night off wasn't an option.

"It's a conference that you can't predict who will win a game," Shelbi says. "It makes every game fun."

Progress didn't always show up in the win column, but the team improved its record each year Shelbi and Heather suited up. From a 6-22 debut season in 2012-13 to a 15-15 mark with six upsets of ranked teams this year, the seniors are leaving the program in a better place than they found it.

"It goes to show what we had developed in our program that freshman year and that they wanted to be a part of something," Fairbanks says. "They have, every year, gutted it

out and our record has gotten better every year that they've been here."

Plus, reaching that aforementioned 1,000-point plateau was the same kind of grind—a combined 6,108 minutes on the floor and 235 games to be exact. Heather and Shelbi are two of four players in the program to pass 1,000 points in the last two years. While Heather and Shelbi reached the mark within a week of each other last fall (Nov. 24 and 29 respectively), **Hannah Dostal '15** (Atkinson) accomplished the feat during the 2014-15 campaign and **Hanah Barnard '17** (Beatrice) joined them on Feb. 6.

"I believe in my 17 years here, this is the first time we've had three in a season get the 1,000-point mark," Tracee says.

Fairbanks emphasizes to all of her players to be cognizant of their jobs on and off the court. With Heather and Shelbi, she never had to worry about work ethic.

"They've just continued to show that they know what it takes to be a solid college student-athlete," their coach says.

The all-conference players are on track to graduate in May. Shelbi will earn her bachelor's degree in psychology while Heather, a double major in accounting and business, will be preparing for her CPA exam.

As they look back, all of the games run together—but all of the other experiences stand out. They'll remember the friendships. The relationships. Their chemistry on the court. The no-look passes. The high-fives from teammates. Coach Fairbanks. Study hall. Basketball trips to Hawaii and Daytona Beach, Florida. Dancing before games.

It's the camaraderie—not the stats—that drove them all along.

"We're a very close team," Heather says, "and that's what I'm going to miss the most." ■

## 2015-16 DOANE TIGERS FALL & WINTER SPORTS



▲ Nate Meier '17

### FOOTBALL

The Tigers posted a 9-2 record this year, qualifying for the NAIA playoffs for the first time since 1999. Doane finished ranked No. 9 in the NAIA and second in the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

The season opened with nine straight wins, including two Top 25 battles, each dubbed the NAIA Game of the Week. The only GPAC loss came in the final game of the regular season at Morningside. In the playoffs, the Tigers' season ended in a two-point loss to Tabor College (Kansas) in a great defensive game.

Running back **Nate Meier '17** (Pierce) was a second-team NAIA All-American for the Tigers, leading the GPAC in rushing (122.1 yards per game) and scoring 11 touchdowns. Linebacker **Garrett Borchert '16** (Pawnee City), offensive lineman **Blake Bunner '16** (Blue Hill), kicker **Jordan Pedersen '16** (Crete), kick returner **Drew Klein '18** (Papillion) and defensive back **Cole Wiseman '18** (Sutton) joined Meier on the All-GPAC First Team. All told, 24 Tiger Football student-athletes received all-conference honors this year.

Pedersen set the single-season record for points scored by a kicker (73) while **Jacob Cornelius '18** (Grand Island) tied the school record for receiving touchdowns (11).

Borchert was named a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American for the second straight year, and was joined on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete list by **Andrew Vinton '15** (North Platte), **Mitchell Marvin '17** (Crete) and **Aaron Hanlin '17** (Pierce).

### VOLLEYBALL

The Tigers had a hot start to the season by knocking off three ranked opponents in the first two weekends of play, vaulting the squad into the Top 25. The squad recorded a 19-13 season and finished sixth in the GPAC.

Three players received All-GPAC honors for their efforts this year. Outside hitter **Shelbi Mlynczak '17** (Omaha) was named a second-team All-GPAC performer, leading the team with 3.18 kills per set and 55 ace serves. **Haley Norvell '16** (Geneva) and **Breanna Fye '16** (Crete) made the all-conference honorable mention list. Norvell finished eighth all-time at Doane with 1,710 set assists while Fye led the team in blocks and finished eighth all-time with 253 assist blocks.

Academic excellence continues for the volleyball team as six players were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes: **Megan Fletcher '16** (York), Fye, Norvell, **Erin Keetle '17** (Neligh), **Shayla Wichmann '17** (Palmer) and **Rachel Wieser '17** (Norfolk). »



▲ Haley Norvell '16





### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Posting six wins over nationally ranked teams this year, Tiger Women's Basketball finished the year 15-15 and weren't knocked out of the conference

tournament until the final day. In the last home game of the year, Doane beat Nebraska Wesleyan handily, 100-61, in their final meeting as conference opponents by hitting a school-record 16 3-point baskets in the blowout.

The 1,000-point club grew by three this year as **Heather Broman '16** (Fairmont), **Shelbi Bittinger '16** (Milford) and **Hanah Barnard '17** (Beatrice) eclipsed the career milestone. Broman and Bittinger hit the mark in the same week in November while Barnard passed the mark in February.

The trio earned All-GPAC honors this year. Broman, one of the top forwards in the GPAC, was a first-team honoree, Barnard received second-team recognition and Bittinger garnered honorable mention.

Broman was also recognized off the court as a CoSIDA second-team Academic All-American, the first recipient of the award in program history. Broman was one of six NAIA Scholar-Athletes on the team, joined by **Claire Phillips '16** (Wisner), **Breanna Hagedorn '17** (Norfolk), **Morgan Hill '17** (Crete), **Jenna Nieveen '17** (Sterling) and **Allie Satterly '17** (Burlington, Colorado).

- ▲ Trevor Cyboron '16
- ◆ Hanah Barnard '17



### MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team pushed for postseason contention into the final week of the season but fell short, stung by close losses during a 10-20 campaign. In conference play, the Tigers swept Hastings and defeated Midland, one of the better teams in the conference, by three points in January.

**Deonte "Hudy" Holt '15** eclipsed the 1,000-career point mark early in the season and earned second-team All-GPAC honors. **Trevor Cyboron '16** (Ravenna) and **Nate Kuhl '17** (Tecumseh) were all All-GPAC honorable mention, and **Mitchell Mailloux '17** (Pender) represented the team on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete list.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Competing up until the very end, Tiger Women's Soccer was edged out of the GPAC postseason tournament on the final day of the season. Though finishing the year at 6-11 in conference play, Doane pulled an upset over eventual national tournament entrant Morningside with a 2-1 win on the road late in October.

Forward **Sara Cushing '16** (Papillion) once again had a solid season for the Tigers, landing on the All-GPAC First Team for the fourth time in her career. Her steady play as a Tiger allowed Cushing to break a 15-year-old record, becoming the school's all-time leading goal scorer. The Papillion-La Vista South product finished with 65 career goals and 146 points, both school records.

Midfielder **Meghan Voight '16** (Omaha) joined Cushing on the first-team All-GPAC list for the second straight year, finishing her final season with seven goals and four assists.

Cushing also received CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American honors. Joining her on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete list were

**Kylee Horton '16** (Papillion), **Michela James '17** (Santa Clarita, California) and **Kayli King '17** (Elkhorn).

### MEN'S SOCCER

Doane posted a strong season, going 9-7-3 overall and advancing to the GPAC Tournament semifinals. The Tigers' signature wins came in nonconference play, defeating No. 15 Ashford (Iowa) 1-0 for the first-ever win over a Top 25 team and defeating Baker (Kansas)—which ended the season in the NAIA Top 5—1-0 on the road.

Five players received All-GPAC honors led by first-team defender **Gabe Garbin '17** (Lincoln). **TJ Kulawik '16** (Lincoln), **Quinn Selby '16** (Turlock, California) and **Mark Wallace '17** (Omaha) received second-team honors with **Casey Clark '16** (Denair, California) following as an honorable mention.

For work in the classroom, Garbin was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team. **Nik Stevenson '16** (Papillion), **Taylor Hayes '17** (Grand Island), **Riley Jones '17** (Elkhorn) and **Alex Wells '17** (Papillion) joined Garbin on the NAIA Scholar-Athlete list.



### CROSS COUNTRY

Doane hosted the 2015 GPAC Cross Country Championships in November to a large crowd of spectators, and the men finished fifth in the conference meet while the women took home sixth. During the season, the women won two meets and the men took home one team championship.

**Marissa DeWispelare '17** (David City) was the GPAC Individual Medalist this year, earning All-GPAC honors and capping off an outstanding season with All-American honors at the NAIA National Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina. She placed 20th overall at the national meet and was the GPAC Runner-of-the-Week four times.

**Eric Weers '17** (Bellevue) and **Kris Thomsen '16** (Littleton, Colorado) were all-conference honorees on the men's side, and Weers qualified for the national meet as well, placing 179th out of 326 runners.

Academically, four members of the women's team were named to the NAIA Scholar-Athlete list: DeWispelare, **Sydney Holtmeier '16** (DeWitt), **Marissa Moore '16** (Norfolk) and **Cassa McConville '17** (Indianola). »

- ▲ Eric Weers '17
- ◆ Meghan Voight '16
- ▶ Gabe Garbin '17







year out of school, and placed eighth at the national meet in the 197-pound bracket.

**John Hedge '16** (Springfield, Oregon) and **Martin Phillips '18** (David City) also qualified for nationals and narrowly missed advancing into the All-American stages of the tournament.

As a team, the Tigers tied for sixth at the national meet, the best team finish by any school in the GPAC.

### WRESTLING

Doane had its first-ever individual national champion at the NAIA Wrestling Championships, capping a historic season with a 12-6 record in duals and a top-20 final ranking in the NAIA.

Tiger Wrestling qualified a program-best five wrestlers for nationals this year. Cumberland University transfer **Cody Linton '16** (Winters, California) joined the Tigers in the fall and made an immediate impact as a senior in the 197-pound division. He won the regional championship and was seeded fourth in his weight class for nationals. He won his first three matches by pin before an overtime victory over the No. 1 seed to make the NAIA Wrestling Championships title match. Trailing by three points entering the final period, he outscored his opponent 8-0 in the final two minutes to win the national title in Topeka, Kansas.

**Kevin Corbett '16** (Honolulu, Hawaii) became the Tigers' first two-time All-American as he placed sixth nationally at 174 pounds. **Chandler Knight '18** (Colville, Washington) earned All-American honors after returning to Doane this year after a

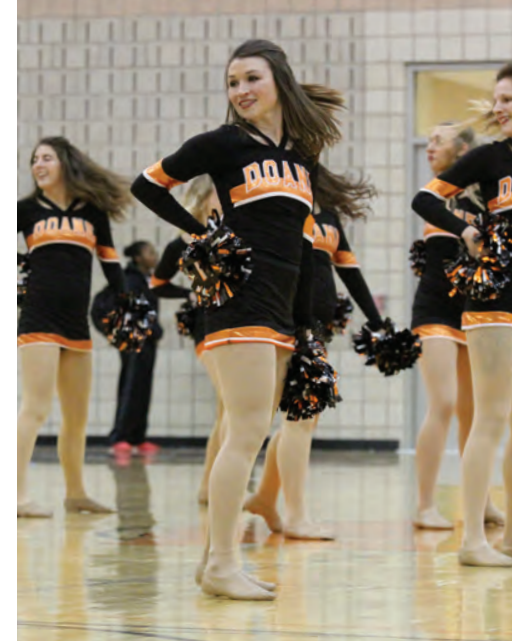
### INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Honors and achievements are never lacking for Tiger Track and Field, and Doane claimed the men's and women's indoor GPAC crowns once again, sweeping the championships for the eighth time in 10 years. Coach **Ed Fye '82** was named the GPAC Coach-of-the-Year for both the men and the women while **Kale Wolken '16** (Tecumseh) took home GPAC Male Athlete-of-the-Year.

At the national meet, the Tigers rode 32 NAIA All-American performances to national placings. The women brought home hardware as the national runner-up and upset meet favorite Indiana Tech by half a point in the final standings. **Paige Hervert '19** (Ravenna) won the women's pentathlon while **Tameca Wallace '16** (Mandeville, Jamaica) won the women's triple jump. **Breanna Fye '16** (Crete) brought home a national runner-up finish in the pentathlon.

The men's team placed fifth overall and was just two points from a top-four finish. Wolken won the men's heptathlon for the third straight year and **Kevin Murphy '16** (St. Paul, Minnesota) won the men's long jump. **Andy Tatum '16** (Lincoln) was the national runner-up in pole vault.

Hervert was named the NAIA Midwest Regional Field Athlete-of-the-Year by the track coaches' association and Fye received Midwest Regional Coach-of-the-Year for the men and women.



### CHEER AND DANCE

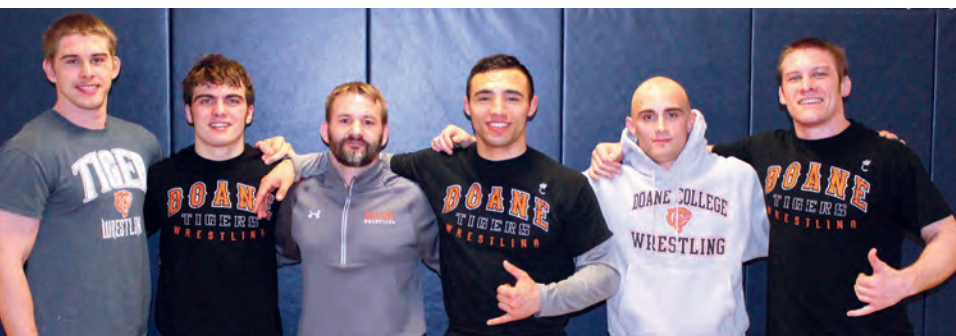
The cheer and dance teams showed continued improvement this year from start to finish. Doane's team scores increased with noticeable improvements in skill level.

At the conference championships in Sioux City, Iowa, the cheer team competed in the stunt division and placed fourth before taking fifth at the NAIA regional. The dance team placed eighth at the conference meet and seventh at the regional.

Academically, this is the first year that the NAIA has awarded scholar-athletes for cheer and dance. Four members of the teams were named to the list: Tiger dancers **Erin Heuermann '16** (Roca), **Kassie Schirmer '16** (Ravenna) and **Alexis Reinert '17** (Seward) and cheerleader **Nikole Hevelone '17** (Lincoln). ■

▲ Cody Linton '16

▼ From left to right, Chandler Knight '18, Martin Phillips '18, Head Coach Matt Hansen, Kevin Corbett '16, John Hedge '16 and Linton.



▲ Kassie Schirmer '16

▼ Doane's 2015-16 Tiger Cheer squad.



# TOP TIGERS

The Doane Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed five new members on April 8.



### LOUIS COOPER '71

FOOTBALL

An imposing member of Tiger Football, the 6-foot-8, 285-pounder hailed from Chicago and was a staple on the defensive line for two stalwart, undefeated Doane teams.

### TOM HOOD '71

ASSISTANT COACH, FOOTBALL

A three-sport athlete (baseball, football and track and field), Hood began a 26-year coaching tenure with Tiger Football in 1977 and directed a perennially stout defense across three different decades.



### CHRIS DAHL '96

BASKETBALL

A three-year starter and NAIA All-American for legendary coach **Bob Erickson '57**, the Ralston product is third on the all-time scoring charts with an impressive 55.6 career shooting percentage for Tiger Men's Basketball.

### CHRISTINA HRUBY '97 BARBER

CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK AND FIELD

Barber came to Doane from Doniphan, and the distance runner won five conference championship races and became a three-time All-American in cross country and track.



### STACY VENDETTI '01 CORBIT

SOCCER

Second on the career scoring charts and a GPAC Player-of-the-Year for Tiger Women's Soccer, the LaVista native is the first soccer player to join Doane's Athletic Hall of Fame.



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### Alumni Designations

- A** Administrative arts and management master's program
- C** Counseling master's program
- E** Education masters' and advanced degree programs
- G** Grand Island campus bachelors' programs
- L** Lincoln campus bachelors' programs
- O** Omaha campus bachelors' programs
- V5** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II
- V12** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II

Graduates without a letter designation are alumni of Doane's School of Arts and Sciences in Crete.

### Half-Century News

**Suzanne Davison Baird '44**, Scottsbluff, lost her husband Herschel on Jan. 16, 2015. They were married for nearly 72 years.

**Hugh T. Morrison '49**, Phoenix, Arizona, was featured in the Wauneta Breeze & Imperial Republican newspapers for his work with the Arizona track scene. He spent 27 years working with the Senior Olympics in Arizona, and was inducted into the Phoenix Union District Sports Hall of Fame in December 2015.

**1 Marion Olsen Taylor '49**, Englewood, Colorado, celebrated her 90th birthday in January with more than 100 guests and many cards.

**Ramona Dreyer Wickenkamp '49**, North Platte, and her husband Wayne celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 3, 2015.

**Jackie Cink '59**, Crete, was inducted into the Crete High School Alumni Hall of Fame along with **Jody Kerssenbrock '58**, **John R. Lothrop '68**, **Larry Starr '65** and **Ken Barth '51** (posthumously) on Jan. 16.

**Joyce Wulff Ashley '62**, Omaha, lost her husband William. He passed away on June 30, 2014.

**Karen Merryman Loseke '64**, Gainesville, Texas, lost her husband Jerry on Nov. 3, 2014.

**2 Wayne '66 and Linda Tice '64 Martin**, Central City, Iowa, celebrated their 50th Anniversary in June at a party with family and friends in nearby Cedar Rapids. They reaffirmed their wedding vows in Alliance, Nebraska, at the same church in which they were married. They traveled their wedding trip route through Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, and finally ended

with a cruise up the Atlantic coast north to Canada.

### 1960s

**Daniel Depasquale '67**, Niagara Falls, New York, traveled to South Africa and went on a photo safari before heading north to the deserts of Namibia.

**James P. Boal '69**, Ballwin, Missouri, decided to move after living, teaching, raising children and retiring over a 35-year span living in Casper, Wyoming. He and his wife Carol moved to the St. Louis, Missouri, area to be closer to children and grandchildren.

**Joan E. Price '69**, Tularosa, New Mexico, presented "A Mimbres Assimilation of Mesoamerican Jaguar Cult Depicted at Three Rivers Petroglyph Site" lecture hosted by the El Paso Archaeological Society on Jan. 16. Joan has a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is a research associate with Jornada Research Institute in Tularosa and an educator with a strong focus on Native American cultural landscapes.

### 1970s

**James R. Beatty '70**, Omaha, president of NCS International, was named one of North America's Top 50 Site Consultants by Consultant Connect, a national economic development firm. Jim and his wife **Earlene Clay Beatty '71** live in Omaha.

**Charlie T. Tyrrel '73**, Mills, Wyoming, decided to run for the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican when U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis announced she was not seeking re-election in 2016. He is a current pizzeria owner in Casper.

**Lynn A. Hawkins '74**, Farmer City, Illinois, retired in 2013

after 39 years of teaching. He was enshrined in Illinois's Blue Ridge School District Wall of Fame for contributions made to the Blue Ridge School District community. Only one person is chosen for the honor each year and is voted on by a selection committee based on nominations from community members, former students, parents and colleagues. Lynn has been married to his wife Sherry for 41 years and enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren, traveling, playing golf and going to Chicago Cub baseball games and concerts.

**Marcia Fort Bergmeyer '78**, DeWitt, lost her husband Harley when he passed away peacefully at their home on Sept. 26, 2015.

### 1980s

**Bruce A. King '81**, Brenham, Texas, is starting his 30th year as head basketball coach and teacher at Class 5A Brenham High School near Houston. Bruce has a 655-253 overall record with the Cubs. His wife Monteen is teaching in nearby Waller. Their son Calvin is the first assistant basketball coach at Brenham and is getting married in June in Brenham. Bruce and Monteen's daughter Kelly works in Denver, and their other daughter Kacy is an event planner in Austin, Texas.

**Karen Grefe Reynolds '83**, Plymouth, received the Nebraska Choral Director of the Year award by the Nebraska Choral Directors Association during the annual Nebraska Music Educators Association luncheon on Nov. 20, 2015.

**Joel J. Dering '85**, Hallam, was inducted into the Cameron University (Oklahoma) Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 19. Dering was the athletic trainer from 1987-07, the department's trainer for CU's NAIA Football Championship

in 1987 and an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves and was called to active duty during the 2005-06 athletic season.

**Jeanne Borer Pashalek, '85, '10A**, Firth, was the third woman hired as a Lincoln firefighter and Lincoln's first female fire officer. She retired in September 2015 after 25-and-a-half years of service.

**Jacqueline Muckel Silva '86**, San Jose, California, lost her husband Fred on Nov. 1, 2015.

**Lisa Sand St. Louis '87**, Friend, received Southeast Community College's Outstanding Staff Award on Sept. 24, 2015. She is the purchasing director.

### 1990s

**Christina Plasek Hitz '93**, Seward, was featured in the Seward County Independent for her work as a sergeant for the Seward County Sheriff's office. Christina graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center program in 1997, and has been with the sheriff's office since 1999.

**3 Norm R. Pflanz '93**, Washington, D.C., became a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department in 2013, and accepted a position as the human rights officer at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. His duties included monitoring the internal political situation and drafting the annual Human Rights Report for Thailand. He previously served in Thailand as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2003-05. In 2014, Norm married Artiyut Chaitthammarit in Iowa, and they hosted wedding celebrations in Lincoln and Bangkok. Norm completed his Thailand tour in June 2015. The couple now resides in Washington, D.C. Norm is currently studying

Turkish for his next assignment as a consular officer at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, starting in April 2016.

**Steven K. Carlisle '94**, Broomfield, Colorado, and his fiancée Meghan Lynch welcomed a baby boy, Beckham Christopher, born Feb. 1.

**4 Linda Jordre Turner '94**, Pierre, South Dakota, was elected as a member at large for a three-year term with the National Association of State Directors of Special Education Board at its conference in October 2015.

**Charlotte M. Beran '96E**, Columbus, received the 2016 Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award. Charlotte teaches religion, language, writing and spelling to students in grades 4-6 at St. Anthony Elementary School.

**Jayne Mullally Arens '98, '05E**, Crofton, received the Nebraska Coaches Association 2015-16 Coach of the Year Award for girls' cross country.

**William M. Heard '98, '03E**, Gretna, received the Nebraska Coaches Association 2015-16 Coach of the Year Award for softball.

**Rick W. Vest '98L**, Lincoln, a retired BNSF railroad worker, announced a bid for an open seat in the Nebraska Legislature to be vacated in January 2017 because of term limits. If elected, he would focus on supporting public schools, early childhood development and the state's criminal justice and mental health system.

**5 Jung-Ah Yoo '99**, Seoul, South Korea, and her spouse Junmin, their son HyunW and daughter YeonW are ecstatic to welcome SunW into the world! She was born on June 20, 2015.

### 2000s

**Serina Ewoldt Bowen '02**, Fremont, was named director of student health at Midland University in January 2016.

**Natalie Kinnaman Campbell '02**, Seward, and her husband Jim welcomed a daughter, Marciella Ann, on Nov. 23, 2015.

**6 Chris '03 and Melissa Classen '06 Braun**, Humphrey, are happy to announce their new addition, Reid Michael, born Oct. 22, 2015.

**Daniel '03 and Natalie Nelsen '05 Schneider**, Ord, welcome a daughter, Hannah, on Nov. 4, 2015. She joins older sister Rowan.

**Jill Grooman Wineman '03**, Scottsbluff, was awarded the Girl Scout Volunteer of Excellence Award. Jill and husband **Kenny Wineman '04** have two daughters in the Girl Scouts.

**7 Cory A. Kibler '04**, Aurora, Colorado, recently released a new solo record, which was recorded by **Matt J. Wisecarver '03** in Omaha and mixed and mastered by **Chris "Howie" Howard '04** in Lawrence, Kansas. Listen to his new music at [corykibler.com](http://corykibler.com).

**8 M. Justin Kozisek '04**, Crete, and his wife Betsy are proud to announce the birth of their son Michael Harrison. He was born on Oct. 19, 2015, and joins older sister Tenley. »







**1 Duane M. McElvain '04,** Chicago, married Krisann Wooland on Oct. 24, 2015. Duane is a desktop support manager at PEAK6 Investments. ...

**2 Dan '04 and Megan Liedtke '06 Tesar,** Lincoln, welcomed a baby boy, Wyatt Daniel, on Feb. 9. Wyatt joins older brother Eli. ...

**3 Greg '04 and Hillary Brown '04 Veerhusen,** Henderson, welcomed a son, Clifton Jordan ("C.J.") on Sept. 12, 2015. ...

**4 Christopher '05 and Jessica Braun '05** Schidler, Minden, are excited to announce the birth of their third son, Alexander, born on Oct. 31, 2015. He joins big brothers Marcus and Ethan. ...

**Ryan D. Ziola '05,** Lincoln, is a physical education teacher at Irving Middle School and an assistant track coach at North Star High School, focusing on the horizontal jumps. Last year he coached the Nebraska all-class gold medalist in the long jump. ...

**Elizabeth "Libby" Bailey '06L,** Keaau, Hawaii, was hired

as the Title IX coordinator at University of Hawaii at Hilo. ...

**5 Michelle Kuskie Chesnut '06,** Lincoln, and her husband Nick Chesnut welcomed a son, Earl Warren, on Nov. 23, 2015. He joins big brother Emerson. ...

**6 Allyssa Doebele Hermreck '06,** Hickman, and husband Eric are proud to announce the birth of their son Miles Richard born May 20, 2015. Miles was welcomed home by big brother Grady. ...

**Jeffery C. Luebbe '06,** Seward, married Leslie Strong on Sept. 3, 2011, and their first child, Paige Lea, was born May 29, 2014. ...

**7 Chris G. Bombardier '07,** Denver, and Jessica Carter were married Oct. 2, 2015, at Boettcher Mansion in Golden, Colorado. ...

**Amanda "Mandie" Craven '07,** Wichita, Kansas, was named associate director of business operations for housing and residence life at Wichita State University. ...

**Tassandra Layman Little '07, '09E, '12E,** Omaha, and her husband Eric welcomed a baby boy, Jackson "Jack" Earl, on Sept. 17, 2015. Jack joined siblings Ava and Bailey. ...

**8 Cory '07 and Erin Schildt '07 Stickney,** Kearney, welcomed a baby boy, Cade Robert, on March 4, 2015. He joins big sisters Emma and Eva. ...

**9 Emily Hough Baird '08, '13E,** Kemmerer, Wyoming, and her husband Christopher welcomed daughter Havilah Grace on June 24, 2015. They celebrated Havilah's dedication after Thanksgiving. ...

**10 Drew '08 and Jessyca Livers '10, '13E Denker,**

Lincoln, would like to announce the birth of their daughter Blake Joelle, born Nov. 30, 2015. ...

**11 Nolan '08, '10E and Ashley Nauert '09, '11E DeWispelare,** Lincoln, had a baby boy, Landon Lee, on Jan. 9. He was welcomed home by his older sister Ellie. ...

**12 Katie Wilcox Maliszewski '08,** Omaha, and her husband Jim announced the arrival of Margaret "Maggie" Jane on Jan. 4. ...

**13 Michelle Goertzen Meyer '08,** Seward, and her husband Kellen Meyer welcomed their third daughter, Reese Elizabeth, on Sept. 28, 2015. Her new siblings are Kinslee and Emalyn. ...

**14 Nikki Scism Piper '08, '12E,** Crete, and her husband Ben and daughter Brynlee welcomed Ryker Charles on Aug. 23, 2015. Nikki holds the appointment of lecturer in education at Doane's School of Arts and Sciences in Crete. ...

**Sarah Statton Ruhrdanz '08,** Omaha, and her family moved back to Nebraska when her husband Andrew accepted a new job with Zurich Insurance. On June 13, 2015, they added Ila Alice to their family, joining big sister Eleanor. ...

**Margaret "Maggie" Sheehy '08,** Chicago, accepted a position as Harvard's EM Global Health Fellow for 2016-18. ...

**15 Courtney Woodman Widup '09,** York, and her husband Seth Widup welcomed a baby boy, Grady Scott, on Nov. 2, 2015. ...

#### 2010s

**16 Tyler '10 and Tomie Curry '08, '13A Cyboron,** Omaha, welcomed their daughter Nyla Rae on Jan. 30. ...

**17 Betsy Anderjaska Johanson '10, '12E,** Palisade, and her husband Nik welcomed Max Neil to the family on June 23, 2015. The new baby boy joins big brother Dane. ...

**Sara M. Bloom '11,** North Bend, won second place in her age group at the Austin 70.3 Ironman Competition, which qualified her for the 2016 World Championships 70.3 in Australia. ...

**18 Amanda M. Bouc '11,** Lincoln, married **Lucas J. Fahrer '11,** on Sept. 12, 2015. Amanda is an assistant forensics coach at Doane and communication instructor at Southeast Community College's Milford campus. Lucas is the editor of Doane Magazine and writer for Doane's Office of Strategic Communications. ...

**19 Erin M. Gonzalez '11E,** Crete, and her husband Matt welcomed their new daughter Andrea Rose on Nov. 3, 2015. She joins brother Asher and sister Dilyn. Erin is the Crete Elementary School principal, and Matt is an admissions counselor at Doane. ...

**20 Jason R. Murphy '11L,** Crete, and his wife Nancy announced a new daughter, Molly Ann, born on Nov. 5, 2015. Big sister Abby and brother Jon welcomed Molly. Jason is the production print solutions engineer at Ricoh-USA, and Nancy is Doane's assistant director of financial aid. ...

**21 Catherine McLey Niedermeyer '11,** Cook, and her husband Derek Niedermeyer welcomed daughter Ansley Marie on Aug. 20, 2015. ...

**22 Timothy W. Reed '11,** Omaha, and his wife Jenna welcomed a son, Duke Wallace, on Aug. 20, 2015. ...

**23 Anthony M. Bieck '12,** Omaha, married **Maire Rose Donnelly '13** on Jan. 2. ...

**24 Dionne M. Keys '12L,** Lincoln, and her family celebrated the life of her brother Sherdal D. Kelley on Nov. 20, 2015. Before he passed, Sherdal was an undergraduate student at Doane's School of Graduate and Professional Studies campus in Lincoln. ...

**25 Steven P. Rust '12,** Lincoln, married **Rachel A. Ryan '13** on Oct. 10, 2015. Rachel recently began working at Zillow as an associate account manager for their software team and Steve is a lead generation representative at Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers. ...

**Nikki A. Degenhardt '13,** Seward, married Andrew McGill on June 13, 2015. ...

**26 Kristine S. Filkins '13,** Crete, and Dustin Jasper had a baby girl, Atalie Hope Jasper, on July 12, 2015. ...

**Brittany M. Luettel '13,** Lincoln, married **Ryan W. Gruntorad '11** on July 18, 2015. ...

**Sonja Mangers Stice '13GI,** Stockton, Kansas, is a health home manager at High Plains Mental Health Center. She married Jared Stice in 2013 and they have a son, Jase. The family moved to Kansas, where Sonja will soon be starting school again to receive her psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner license. ...

**Kayla R. Tindle '13,** West Des Moines, Iowa, and **Ross A. Jenkins '13** were married, June 27, 2015. Doane Music brought them together! ...

**Amy J. Wolfskill '13L,** Lincoln, was recently named vice president of business and retail banking manager at NebraskaLand National Bank. She was named the manager of the year in 2014. ...

**Gentry A. Doane '14,** Tübingen, Germany, is a program assistant at Global Bridges e.V. in Germany. ...

**Nate E. Knobel '14,** Marietta, Ohio, accepted the position of coordinator of digital communications at Marietta College. ...

**Jenna K. Vogt '14,** Imperial, is a fifth grade teacher at Chase County Schools. ...

**Erica J. Buescher '15A,** Lincoln, married Don Sousek on June 1, 2015. ...

**Erin N. Drickey '15L,** Lincoln, married Steven Sindel on Sept. 6, 2015. ...

**Marni J. Parrack '15E,** Utica, began the 2015-16 school year as the new elementary principal at Centennial Public School. ■





IN MEMORY

For additional information available on any of these alumni, contact the Alumni Office at 402.826.8258.

LeRoy P. Robinson V5

Littleton, Colorado, May 24, 2012

William J. Boyd V12

Templeton, California, Sept. 2, 2006

William Alston “Otty” Hayne V12

Saint Helena, California, Nov. 14, 2015

L. Lee Humphries V12

Frisco, Texas, Dec. 4, 2014

William G. Major V12

Norwalk, Connecticut, Feb. 26, 2006

Vale H. Sorensen V12

Omaha, April 8, 2013

Herschel F. Webb V12

Shawnee, Kansas, June 5, 2011

Thomas B. McCray ’34

San Clemente, California, Oct. 31, 2015

Charlotte Blessing Meier ’40

Downey, California, July 31, 2014

Wilma Carsten Sykes ’40

Centennial, Colorado, Dec. 24, 2015

Margaret Prest Vanderkolk ’41

Northfield, Minnesota, Oct. 14, 2015

Deane E. Nutzman ’42

Nehawka, Oct. 9, 2012

Mary Adams Otto-Rohrs ’42

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 14, 2015

Ruth Spencer Yanney ’42

Omaha, Jan. 12, 2014

Mary E. Brande ’43

Norfolk (formerly Pierce), Oct. 24, 2015

Lois Carlson Loomis ’43

Denver, Jan. 26, 2010

Helen N. Morrow ’43

Wilmette, Illinois, Oct. 9, 2015

James J. Herrington ’45

Lincoln, Feb. 13, 2015

Margaret Joura Hervert ’46

Stockton, California, Apr. 26, 2012

Lester W. Rozdalovsky ’46

Schaumburg, Illinois, Feb. 8

Harold F. Daum ’47

Sedalia, Missouri, Dec. 28, 2015

Nancy Clem Hunt Hartley ’47

Rollo, Missouri, Oct. 11, 2012

Carol Blatter Douglas ’48

Phoenix, Aug. 18, 2015

Dorothy E. Marx ’48

Minnetonka, Minnesota, July 1, 2015

Myra Flau Wroble ’48

Harpers Ferry, Iowa, May 4, 2015

Shirley F. Hughes ’49

Dakota City, Apr. 16, 2014

Helen Nelson Raetz ’49

North Platte, June 15, 2015

Bill B. Svoboda ’49

Lincoln, Dec. 3, 2014

Lovell L. Keil ’50

Surprise, Arizona, Dec. 19, 2015

Richard E. Delaney ’51

Omaha, Jan. 11, 2014

Francis “Chip” Honaker ’51

Birmingham, Alabama, Jan. 6

Ruth E. Kelly ’51

New Canaan, Connecticut, Nov. 16, 2014

Melvyn G. Weiss ’51

Beloit, Wisconsin, Sept. 5, 2015

Frank M. Husak ’52

Riverside, California, Aug. 29, 2015

Charles J. Kozlik ’52

Portland, Oregon, Sept. 16, 2015

L. Richard Shaw ’52

Redwood City, California, Oct. 28, 2014

Virginia Fielding Rogers ’53

Granger, Indiana, Apr. 23, 2011

James W. Knisely ’54

Lincoln, Dec. 30, 2014

Robert W. Leishman ’54

Wheat Ridge, Colorado, June 21, 2015

William E. Moser ’55

Dorchester, Oct. 23, 2015

William J. Trepka ’55

Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Dec. 11, 2015

James A. Hoshor ’58

Fremont, Sept. 10, 2015

Robert R. Nienkamp ’58

Columbus, Oct. 27, 2015

Carol Martin Noah ’59

Kenyon, Minnesota, Oct. 9, 2015

G. John Lawler ’60

Lincoln, Nov. 7, 2015

Richard E. Moser ’60

Bellevue, Aug. 15, 2015

W. Keith Henning ’62

Los Angeles, California, Nov. 30, 2015

Robert G. Rulison ’66

Reading, Massachusetts, Jan. 15

James J. Kerrigan ’69

Rockledge, Florida, Dec. 7, 2010

Thomas F. Tonniges ’71

Omaha, Oct. 6, 2015

Paul F. Saenz ’75

Lincoln, June 4, 2015

Jeanette “Jan” Griffith Langfitt ’80

Wichita, Kansas, Sept. 22, 2013

Clifford W. Lant ’88L

Lincoln, June 12, 2013

H. Lee Bingham Jr. ’91L

Ogallala, Nov. 28, 2015

Gary D. Friesen ’95L

Lincoln, March 19, 2012

Eric A. Teply ’00L

Lincoln, Feb. 3

Kristina Bale Masters ’02

Ankeny, Iowa, Jan. 19

Howard L. Willett, Jr. ’03L

Indian Trail, North Carolina, April 6, 2013

Julie K. Dillon ’10E

Fremont, Aug. 10, 2015 ■



Trustee Spotlight

Ken James ’69

*Boundless opportunities. That’s what Ken James remembers of his Doane experience. Growing up in the Sandhills of Nebraska, the Mullen native came to Doane in 1965 wanting a small college that opened doors to experiences that he could have never dreamed of at other schools. The math major not only received those kind of opportunities—such as traveling with his singing group to Far East military bases with the United Service Organizations in 1967—but he returned the favor to his alma mater, making a huge impact serving as chairman of Doane’s Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2015.*

What have been the most gratifying things about being a Doane board member?

Serving with good, quality board members who all have the same interest: making a good institution better. Serving as chair of the business committee and chair of the board and hoping that I had a positive impact. Interfacing with and seeing the quality of faculty and students improve over time.

What were the accomplishments you were most proud of during your time as chairman of the Doane Board of Trustees?

The board and staff are a team that works together, so it is hard to say “I accomplished it,” but I would like to hope that many of the things we positioned or implemented together will have a positive impact on the future growth and success of Doane. These include hiring a president who is interested in growing and trying new endeavors, expanding recruiting horizons, enhancing curriculum, improving fine arts facilities and expanding the adult education focus.

What are the biggest challenges the board currently faces?

Money is always a challenge. We always want more than we have. We need to be fiscally smart with the resources we have. We need to keep a continuous

influx of quality students and faculty. We need to make the educational opportunity meaningful and impactful in a rapidly changing environment. We need a society that will value the quality of a good, small liberal arts environment. The board must assure itself that we are doing the right things to make these key events happen.

What do you see in Doane’s future?

We are positioned well relative to our peers. At the same time, it is critical that we are successful with our current initiatives and continue to build on them. I believe this can happen.

With all the changes Doane has seen in the past few years, what excites you—or concerns you—most about the future of the school?

We all know that the pace of change in society is faster than ever before. Doane is no different. We need to be constantly changing and improving or we will go backwards. I am not sure that the alumni group collectively appreciates the required pace of change and the support necessary from all of us to make this happen. We all need to support change through time, talent and treasures. Our future can be bright. It is up to us collectively to make it so. ■

Save the Date

Upcoming Alumni Events

MAY

- 3 Go Big GIVE *Grand Island*
- 8 Spring Commencement *Crete*
- 26 Give to Lincoln Day *givetolincoln.razoo.com*

JUNE

- 4 Alumni Council Meeting *Grand Island*
- 26 Kansas City Alumni Chapter FAC *Kansas City area*
- 24-26 Tennis Reunion *Crete*

JULY

- 24 RMAC Student Send-Off *Denver*
- 20-27 Doane/AHI Travel Alumni Trip *Maine and New Brunswick*
- 31 Mahoney State Park Event *Ashland*

AUGUST

- 20 Alumni Council Meeting *Crete*

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Kansas City Alumni Chapter Football Tailgate *William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri*

OCTOBER

- 9-16 Homecoming Week
- 14 Capital Chapter Golf Tournament and Reunion FAC *Lincoln*
- 15 Homecoming Tailgate and Football Game (vs. Hastings) *Al Papik Field, Crete*
- Omega Psi Theta 100th Anniversary *Crete*
- Multicultural Support Center Dedication and Alumni Reunion *Crete*
- 16 Alumni Awards Banquet *Crete*

NOVEMBER

- 20 Doane/AHI Travel Alumni Trip *Cuba*

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- From there, you can view available tee times and courses by state, city and date! ■



## Volunteer Spotlight by Mary Olsen Steiner '80

The volunteer support of countless alumni and friends helps Doane continue to thrive. If you are interested in volunteering with the Alumni Council, please visit [doane.edu/alumni-council](http://doane.edu/alumni-council) or contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@doane.edu](mailto:alumni@doane.edu) or 402.826.6795.

Doane is a special place for me.

My family shared many memories about the school while I was growing up. However, it was my own personal connection with lifelong friends, dedicated professors and meaningful organizations that encouraged me to keep volunteering. I am a member of the Doane Alumni Council and enjoy

alumni programs that help develop students. I encourage you to join me in writing postcards through the Postcard Project to inspire prospective students! Another great opportunity is to share your expertise with our College to Career Center. We're looking for career success stories, panel discussions and professional development assistance.

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opened my eyes to the excellent alumni benefits Doane offers. Last fall, through the Doane/AHI Travel program, **Judy Steinkuhler Mulkey '80** and I took a memorable trip to Tuscany, Italy. AHI Travel is the best! The scenery was great, but my favorite part was encountering the life, people, history, art, architecture, food, wine and culture of the region. The

package was a tremendous value, and we didn't have to worry about additional on-site charges. I will never forget the fascinating crystal factory we visited that supplies the majority of crystal throughout Italy and a good portion of the world.

Tuscany was quite the site to see! Don't miss Doane Alumni's next trip—a journey through Cuba Nov. 20-28, 2016—this fall. ■

◀ Mary Olsen Steiner '80 (right) and Judy Steinkuhler Mulkey '80 (left) pose for a photo in Tuscany during Doane Alumni's trip to Italy. *Courtesy Photo*



## Alumni happenings



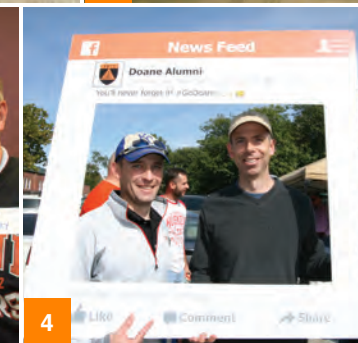
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1 Call it the adventure of a lifetime. Call it crazy. Call it anything but easy! **Greg Bruening '86** (center) and fellow Alpha Omega fraternity brothers **Lew Martin '84** (right) and **Rick Sparks '86** (left) took a trip down the John Muir Trail and through the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. Read more on their story at [doane.edu/blog](http://doane.edu/blog).

2 The Doane Forensics team celebrated more than 15 years of success at their reunion in February on the Crete campus. The next day, forensics alumni judged the Nebraska Intercollegiate Forensics Association's state tournament held at Doane.

3 **Joey DiNapoli '13L** and his family make it a point to stop by the Lincoln campus's Holiday Open House every year! Nearly 300 alumni, students and friends are treated to holiday treats, live music and a visit from Santa—who knows **Mark Klasek '81** very well!

4 **Kevin Faltin '97** (left) and **Tom Kruse '97** (right) know a good Facebook profile picture when they see it! From the cookout to face painting, the Homecoming Tailgate was the place to be before the big football game.

5 **Liz Resmondo Henning '85** (left) and **Charlene Albrecht Hill '85** (right) were excited to spend time together at the Fifth Quarter Party in Fuhrer Field House during Homecoming weekend.

6 **Larry Snyder '63** (left) and **Ed Schulenberg '82** (right) made their way to the Lucky Bucket Brewing Company event hosted by the Omaha Alumni Chapter last winter. Lucky Bucket employees took guests on a tour of their LaVista brewery.

7 The Doane ties run deep for the Newmyer family! The clan came together for graduation in 2014. Left to right are **Sam Newmyer '14**, **Mark Newmyer '08**, **Randy Newmyer '08**, **'14E**, **Susan Newmyer Evans '78**, **David Newmyer '75** and **Daniel K. Newmyer '50**. Only **R. Kent Newmyer '52** was missing!

8 Alumni, students and faculty gathered for lunch to celebrate the Doane Music program during the Nebraska Music Educators Association Conference in November 2015. ■





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