Next Generation Scientists
Homecoming reunites alumni, introduces students to college traditions

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SPECIAL MESSAGE

The Franklin College Honorary Degrees Committee seeks nominations from alumni for future commencement and baccalaureate speakers and honorary degree recipients. If you would like to make a nomination, please provide a brief summary of the person’s accomplishments and, if applicable, their connections to the college and/or state of Indiana. Please be sure to include your name and phone number with the nomination. Email nominations by Feb. 1, 2016, to Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College David Brailow at dbrailow@FranklinCollege.edu or by U.S. mail c/o Franklin College, Office of Academic Affairs, David Brailow, 101 Branigin Boulevard, Franklin, Indiana 46131.
The Alumni Council also seeks nominations from alumni for Hail to Franklin award recipients to be recognized during Homecoming 2016. If you would like to make a nomination, provide a brief summary of the person’s professional accomplishments, service work and/or volunteerism on behalf of the college. Email nominations by Feb. 1, 2016, to Associate Director of Alumni Engagement Joanne Parish at jparish@FranklinCollege.edu or by U.S. mail c/o Franklin College, Office of Alumni Engagement, Joanne Parish, 101 Branigin Boulevard, Franklin, Indiana 46131.
It’s a gray, rainy August morning on the campus of Franklin College, one of many in a record-setting season for precipitation. The faculty-staff summer picnic, scheduled on the grounds later that day, will need to shift inside. It’s not the first such H2O-related obstacle encountered by Thomas J. Minar, Ph.D., the college’s new president, since his arrival on campus June 15. His office has just become open for occupancy after a malfunctioning air-conditioning unit caused water damage.

These are trivial matters for Minar, who shrugged off both his watery welcome and the impending picnic relocation. Representing the Grizzlies well in a navy blue blazer and similarly hued Allen Edmonds shoes with old-gold laces, he’s focused on his new role, which began officially on July 1. His overall goal: “Bring broader success to Franklin College.”

It’s a complex challenge, working with faculty, staff, students, alumni and community leaders locally and in the greater Indianapolis area, but one for which Minar is well-prepared.

Originally from the northern suburbs of Chicago, he worked in Illinois academic institutions for 23 years, including Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chicago Theological Seminary and Roosevelt University. After five years at the latter as vice president for institutional advancement and special assistant to the president, he relocated to take on the role of vice president of development and alumni relations at American University in Washington, D.C.

A Midwesterner at heart, he considers his transition from the nation’s capital to Johnson County as “a celebrated homecoming.” And that includes the bucolic setting of Franklin, even though it would seem to present a drastic change from the fast-paced intensity of Chicago and D.C.

With Indianapolis only 25 miles to the north, Franklin has a unique nature, he explains, retaining the feel and benefits of a small-town college area, but benefiting from the economic impact of the larger city to its north.

“That’s exciting,” he says. “To me, that’s a stimulus for coming to Franklin, Indiana. The growth in this region is really fascinating. And the economic growth and stimulus in the state is a part of the reason to be here. I think that Franklin College and other private institutions of higher education have a real role to play in that. And I want to be part of that. That’s a part of creating change for wonderful people in a wonderful place.”

Minar’s successful track record in development and alumni relations will be a driving force behind that change. At American University, for example, he oversaw the AnewAU campaign, which surpassed its $200 million goal by more than $14 million.

Already Minar has been on the road in his new role as the college’s 16th president, both in and out of the state, meeting with Franklin College alumni individually and in groups. But it’s not a matter of introducing himself and going for “the ask” for donations. Minar wants former Grizzlies to be involved from the heart, whether that...
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means speaking to current Franklin College classes, providing internships, mentoring students or simply attending college events. The dollars, he says, will follow.

“People think that I’m just a fundraiser and that I’m going to focus on the money,” he says. “Money’s a critical part of engagement, and yes, I think alumni should support the institution financially, but it springs forth from the passion that they have for the institution and what we do. And they can’t even have that passion if they’re not somehow engaged and involved.”

It was Minar’s own passion — for liberal arts education, for building internal and external collaborative relationships, for building bridges with the greater Indianapolis area business community — that appealed to Franklin College’s board of directors, said Christi Fields ’74, the board chair. That passion, combined with Minar’s energy and enthusiasm, make him “a visionary leader,” she explains.

It’s a sentiment shared by Minar’s former employer, American University President Cornelius M. Kerwin. “Tom
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has been a transformative leader for American University, building the infrastructure and professionalizing our alumni and development operations across the institution to improve dramatically alumni engagement and philanthropy,” Kerwin said after hearing Franklin College’s announcement of Minar’s hiring.

Such connections and development provide new and enhanced opportunities for students, another keystone in Minar’s vision. Now 51, he looks back fondly on his own undergraduate days at Pomona College, a small liberal arts school in Southern California, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in government. Pomona enabled him to get to know the professors and administrators, including the president, and benefit from their advice and expertise.

“My Pomona experience, both as a student and an alumnus, really helped shape who I am and my drive to spend the rest of my career in the residential college environment,” he explains. “It affects what I do every day here. It affects my understanding of the importance of interaction with students and with faculty and staff around campus. . . . I know how much impact we each, as individuals, can have on our students. Every time I walk out onto the mall here, that’s what I think about and that’s what drives me.”

He’s apparently quickly making an impression. Only six weeks into his new role, he was already known and notable among students, Fields said. Some even suggested to her that the college make bow-tie T-shirts in honor of Minar’s trademark neckwear (the marketing office later did).

He realizes that today’s undergrads face a set of challenges specific to the times. A still recovering economy combined with parental expectations and larger philosophical questions of sustainability on a number of domestic and global fronts can result in student worries, both personal and societal.

“Young people are so driven today, and they’re so concerned,” he says. “I think they’re just worried, in a state of anxiety, because of the speed of our environment. They express a lot of that anxiety in their concern for their world. They see folks in a couple of earlier aged cohorts as prosperous and having had lots of opportunity, and they’re concerned about whether they’re going to have the same opportunity for success and prosperity.”

Franklin College, Minar believes, addresses those concerns through formal instruction and what he calls “engaged learning opportunities” — forays beyond the classroom into the students’ fields of choice, whether those encompass the Biological Field Station on the college campus, the political halls of Washington, D.C., or the film studios of Los Angeles.

“We’re determined to take advantage of all of our connectivity to find students those kinds of pragmatic learning experiences with which to enhance the classroom.”

Even more important, Minar adds, is the role a liberal arts college plays in preparing students for the reality that they most likely will switch jobs — even careers — several times in their lives. Long gone are the days when a new college grad entered the work world confident that he would remain an
architect or an engineer or a teacher until retirement. He cites a college classmate who majored in music and today is a dentist.

“Liberal education, more than vocational education, educates people in a way that facilitates retraining throughout their lives, and this is the beauty of what we do at Franklin College,” he says. “These people are prepared to retool themselves through the five or seven careers they’re likely to have. This isn’t about task learning when you’re 18 to 22 years old. This is about maturing intellects that will enable you to retool, to do anything you want to do.”

It’s no surprise that Minar entered the world of academia. He’s fond of calling it “the family business,” so much so that he jokes that Deidra Baumgardner, the college’s director of communications, will tire of hearing the phrase from the number of interviews he’s given. His father was a political scientist at Northwestern University, his mother an educator in a variety of roles, and his brother is the chairman of the philosophy department at the University of Arkansas.

His father died when Minar was young, but he remains close to his brother, Edward H. Minar, and mom, Carola Minar McMullen. The sound of a barking canine suddenly drifts across the room, the ring tone for his mother, a dog lover. A few minutes later, a second ring tone, this time an old-fashioned telephone, calls out. It’s his spouse, Dr. Frank S. Becker, an academic physician at Northwestern University and the director of pulmonary and critical care at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, who was spending the day with Minar’s mom. “They’re really not giving up, are they?” he says, laughing. “They’re together. If I didn’t answer for one . . .”

The calls, he speculates, could be related to the arrival of an eagerly awaited gas grill at the president’s residence, home to a spacious patio perfect for cooking salmon. Cooking is one of Minar’s favorite pastimes, as is dining at a variety of restaurants. “I like food, perhaps a little too much.”

He burns off excess calories by working out, something he also enjoys. It’s common for students to see “that guy on a bike,” casually dressed and pedaling around campus. His travels reach much farther, however. Minar has racked up visits on seven continents and to 50 states, savoring the “joy around cultural differences” and the personal growth that results from such trips.

Amsterdam and Bangkok stand out “because they’re sort of crazy and because there’s a lot of energy in those places,” he says. Other favorite destinations: “places where mountains meet water”—Norwegian fjords, Alaskan waterways, the California coast. Sometimes those stays are at campgrounds in an aluminum Airstream trailer.

An avid photographer, Minar records his travels through the lens, often with striking results. He recalls standing in the bottom of the newly carved out Panama Canal expansion. “Now there are photos, let me tell you,” he says. “Experiences like that can’t be duplicated. And you can’t have them on your back doorstep.”

On this day, however, there’s a (now inside) picnic to attend. Afterward, Minar departs on another trip to meet alumni. During his first 12 months in the president’s office, he plans to lead the college through a strategic planning process “and then talk about the identity of the college, so that we have common language by which to explain the college to people on the outside.”

The schedule can be exhausting, but the rewards of the “family business” keep him engaged and energized.

“We do this to help people lift themselves up and help them find their lives,” he says. “Sometimes it’s their professional lives. Sometimes it’s finding themselves personally. We enhance who they are as people, so that they live happier and better. We teach them to be service-oriented. We teach them to be leaders. All for the good of others. And that’s really important.”
Providing more value for the money

Money magazine recently announced its rankings of the top 50 U.S. colleges and universities that add the most value to their degrees, ranking Franklin College 44th — the only Indiana school to make the elite list.

Often, high-achieving graduates initially arrive at college with strong academic talent, abundant resources and financial stability to help them thrive and succeed. Money magazine measured its ranking, instead, on a college’s ability to help students do far better than expected based on the students’ academic and economic backgrounds and the mix of majors at the schools.

“We are pleased to be recognized by Money magazine as one of the top value-added colleges in the nation,” said Tim Garner ’79, Ph.D., interim vice president for enrollment and marketing. “The transformational learning experience we provide for our students has proven effective in yielding a great return on their investment . . . an investment that contributes to their success at Franklin College and throughout their lives.”

Money also ranked 736 schools from across the nation in their Best Colleges list. Franklin ranked fifth among the state’s private colleges and seventh in the state overall.

Money’s ranking of the 736 schools began with roughly 1,500 four-year colleges and universities from across the nation. Nearly half were cut from the list initially based on poor graduation rates, financial difficulties, lack of sufficient data and all military academies requiring a commitment of service in exchange for free tuition. The 736 remaining schools were ranked on 21 factors in the categories of quality of education, affordability and outcomes.

Performing strong among the best colleges

Following on the heels of Money magazine, U.S. News and World Report released its “Best Colleges 2016” rankings. In the Midwest region, Franklin College was ranked ninth in the Best Value category, 11th in the Best Regional Colleges category and eighth in the Best Regional Colleges for Veterans category.

“I am thrilled that Franklin College is being recognized nationally for its high quality education and lower net cost,” said Franklin College President Thomas J. Minar, Ph.D. “We pride ourselves on providing an environment where students grow through meaningful relationships, discover opportunities and experiences they never before dreamed, exceed their own expectations, engage in pivotal leadership and service programs and graduate ready to succeed as leaders in careers, professions and society. A Franklin College education produces a lifetime of valuable returns.”

In the Best Regional Colleges category, Franklin College, with an overall score of 78 out of 100, tied with Buena Vista University in Iowa; in the Best Regional Colleges for Veterans category, the rankings are reflective of the schools participating in federal initiatives helping veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees; and in the Best Value category, the rankings took into account factors such as the percent of students receiving need-based grants, the average cost after receiving need-based grants and the average discount rate from total cost.

“The value of a Franklin College education is now being recognized nationally,” said Tim Garner ’79, Ph.D., interim vice president for enrollment and marketing. “And not only by our alumni, prospective students, current students and other constituents, but by independent entities that study and assess higher education.”

U.S. News and World Report describes the schools in the Regional Colleges group as those that focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience offering a broad range of programs in the liberal arts and in fields such as business, nursing and education. The Regional Colleges group includes 363 colleges across the country, and for ranking purposes they are divided into subgroups based on location: North, South, Midwest and West.
Franklin College begins building awareness of its mission on the first full day of orientation for new and transfer students. The Franklin Offering the Community Unselfish Service (FOCUS) Day program, now in its 15th year, revolves around serving with integrity and building relationships through teamwork.

Each year FOCUS Day coordinator Doug Grant, the college’s director of civic engagement and service learning, places new and transfer students in small groups with faculty, staff, upper class student leaders, alumni and community volunteers and facilitates transportation or provides walking directions to a variety of nonprofit organizations in Johnson County. Upon arrival, the groups meet with staff members who provide an overview of their organization’s role in the community and the clients’ needs. After the introductions, groups engage in hands-on service projects.

This year’s groups tackled sprucing up monuments at Camp Atterbury military installation, playing games, making crafts and exercising with residents at Morning Pointe Assisted Living, Homeview Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Indiana Masonic Home, detailing a fleet of public service vehicles for ACCESS Johnson County and landscaping at Needham Elementary School, among other projects.

Grant said, “There are three main goals to FOCUS Day: To make a significant difference in the community, to help incoming students develop friendships through meaningful work and to emphasize from their very first full day on campus the college’s mission to prepare graduates, through the liberal arts, to think independently, to lead responsibly and to serve with integrity in their professions, their communities and the world.”

Grant added, “FOCUS Day provides every Franklin College student with that first small step toward not only four years, but a lifetime of civic engagement.”
Homecoming festivities included two recognition dinners to thank individuals for their positive impact on the college and to celebrate their personal and professional accomplishments.

First was the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, held on Thursday, Oct. 15, in recognition of three former student-athletes.

**Jodi (Graber) Berry ’94, Bryan Epperson ’93 and Robbie Ray ’80.** As part of the induction, their names and portraits were engraved upon a bronze recognition plaque permanently displayed in Spurlock Center. They also were recognized during halftime of Saturday’s football game against Mount St. Joseph University. Highlights of their athletic achievements follow.

Inductee Berry was a standout athlete from 1990–94 in women’s basketball and softball. She earned three Heartland Conference for Women all-conference honors, including two in softball, and helped Franklin’s women’s basketball team to its first NCAA Division III postseason appearance after winning the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament title in 1994.

Further, Berry led the softball team in batting average during each of her three seasons competing on the diamond. She ranked in the top-10 nationally in four statistical categories in 1992–93; in slugging percentage, she was second at .910; in doubles per game, she was third at .58; in batting average, she was fifth at .517; and in triples per game, she was seventh at .27.

Berry currently serves as director of instruction and technology for North Daviess Community Schools in Elhnora, Ind., and has been a successful head softball coach at North Daviess High School. She has won 354 games and 11 sectional championships, and two of her teams have been runners up in the state tournament.

Inductee Epperson was a four-time captain and MVP of the track and field team. He graduated with college records in the indoor shot put (52 feet, 10 inches) and outdoor discuss throw (160 feet, 4 inches), and was the 1991 NAIA District 21 champion and record holder in the discus.

Additionally, Epperson became the college’s first Division III All-American when he placed eighth in the shot put at the 1993 NCAA indoor track and field national championships. He later added a sixth-place effort to once again earn All-America accolades at the 1993 NCAA outdoor championships — the second of four times as a national track and field championship qualifier. In his post-Franklin career, Epperson has spent 16 years in the financial services industry and currently is a consultant with Hilliard Lyons in Franklin.

Inductee Ray was recognized posthumously during the awards dinner. He was honored for earning NAIA All-American football honors as a wide receiver and being named the Heartland Conference’s MVP in 1979. That senior season he caught 63 passes for 987 yards, including a crucial touchdown catch to seal a victory in the Homecoming game.

After his college graduation, Ray worked for Ernst & Young in Indianapolis, later transitioning to Woodbury and Co., CPA, in Franklin, and eventually becoming owner of the firm. He lost a courageous four-year battle with cancer on June 8, 2009, and...
Franklin College. Ray’s son, Kyle ’11, accepted his father’s award at the dinner and shared how meaningful it had been to follow in his father’s footsteps and play football for the Grizzlies.

One day after the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner, alumni and friends gathered on campus for the Hail to Fame dinner, alumni and friends with awards in recognition of contributions to their professions, their communities and the college.

Young Alumni Award recipient Audra J. Ferguson-Allen ’04 is an accomplished attorney, influential community leader and engaged Franklin College alumna in addition to being a busy wife and mother. Exemplary career success and a deep commitment to the betterment of others make Ferguson-Allen a remarkable individual.

Ferguson-Allen’s career success began building at Franklin College, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing and finance, graduating magna cum laude. During college, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi, Marketing Club, Student Foundation and the Laurels and Lancers Honor Society. She went on to earn a juris doctorate in 2008 from the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis (since renamed the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law). As a law student, she not only graduated summa cum laude but was first in her class.

She recently became a partner at the law firm Ice Miller, where she specializes in products liability litigation and drug and device law. She primarily defends large, multinational corporations in cases that often reach federal court and involve claims from thousands of plaintiffs.

Her community service work is widespread. She finds helping the Neighborhood Christian Counsel address immigration issues rewarding. She also enjoys mentoring young, female attorneys. At her alma mater, she mentors students through the Franklin Professional Partners program, volunteers as treasurer of the Pi Beta Phi Chapter House Corp. and serves as advisory board chair for the Elmon and Lucile Williams Chair in Law and Public Service. Most recently, Ferguson-Allen helped arrange a panel on legal careers that Ice Miller hosted for Franklin students. She also supported the establishment of a Franklin College scholarship program in collaboration with the McKinney School of Law.

She previously served on the Indianapolis Bar Association’s grant-making committee and helped choose community service programs to support. She currently is active in the Defense Research Institute and is a member of its young lawyers and drug and device subgroups. She also is a graduate of the International Association of Defense Counsel Trial Academy, an invitation-only program hosted at Stanford University.

Community Service Award recipient Merry Ann (Thompson) Wright ’65 is a remarkable historian, dedicated philanthropist and impressive fundraiser. She also is a busy wife, mother and grandmother, noting that “Every day is an adventure.”

One of the most significant adventures in Wright’s life has been realized through 48 years of membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) genealogical society. After serving at every level with the DAR’s governing body, the National Society, Wright advanced in 2010 to the highest executive office within the organization, president general. She is one of few women to have worked through the ranks to reach the top, giving her keen insight into the complexities of operating the multifaceted membership organization.

During her installation speech, Wright said the theme of her tenure would be “Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present and Invest in the Future.” Throughout her presidency, Wright adhered to these guiding principles when making decisions about how to carry out the DAR mission in support of historic preservation, education and patriotism.

She guided the grassroots efforts of their 3,000 DAR chapters in the United States and 13 foreign countries. Wright also led a professional staff of 140 women at the DAR headquarters in Washington, D.C., only two blocks from the White House. Wright and the staff not only performed day-to-day operations but had an obligation to promote the headquarters as a National Historic Landmark, which was open to the public daily.

Under Wright’s leadership, the DAR achieved several noteworthy milestones, including providing more than $750,000 in grants to over 200 nonprofits, increasing worldwide chapter involvement in mission-driven activities and refurbishing and restoring the iconic glass ceiling in the Genealogical Library at the headquarters. Wright’s team raised $2.5 million in only 12 months for the restoration, which was vital to preserving the National Historic Landmark and its contents.

In 2012, she was the guest speaker during Franklin College’s annual Women’s History Month Luncheon and Lecture, where she presented “The Changing Roles of Women in American History.”

Wright retired from the DAR in 2013. Today, she enjoys volunteering at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where she was a founding member of the endowment board and its chair for six years. She resides in Leland, N.C.
1. Class of '75 reunion attendees in the first row are Mary J. (Madigan) Hargis, Ellen (Dethiefs) Miles, Kathleen (Hodgen) Schutz, Sue (Poland) Gillock and Dan Gillock. In the second row are Jeannie Winstead-Rosser, Terri (Neale) LaVecchia, Melissa Madigan, Betty Dehoney and Marcia (Busenbark) Kinderman.

2. Additional Class of '75 reunion attendees include Tom Martin, Jim Combs and Joe Bath.

3. Class of '65 reunion attendees seated in the first row are Mike Maguire, Susan (Bright) Maguire, Steve DeLong, Merry Ann (Thompson) Wright, Mary Alice Yost, Richard J. Ronan and Katherine (Bultman) Stephan. In the second row are Donald A. Treibic, Candace (Poindexter) Treibic, Mary Jane (Phillips) Trueblood, Amy (Hadley) Nance, Larry Martin, Jan (Stephenson) Stafford and Diana "Dee" Black. Standing in the third row are Kathryn (Miller) Britton, Susan (Johnson) DeVoss, Larry Oswalt, Noel Marquis, Linda (Drake) Kenny and Robert D. Schafstall.
4. Class of '05 reunion attendees in the first row are Angela (Mapes) Turner, Jenny (Piland) Cataldi, Stephanie Wagner, Stacey Fehr, Amber (Hicks) Weatherford, Kara (Bower) Adams, Karen (Dunn) Biehle and her daughter, McKenna. In the second row are Kristin Owens, Ashlie Meadows, Andrea (Merk) Fullbeck, Laura (Osterman) Wolf, Tara (Hettinger) Schmele, Darren Covington, Kristen Rissler and Clint Whitson.

5. Class of '85 reunion attendees in the first row are Kevin Elmore, Rebecca “BK” (Smith) Jones, Deborah (Pilley) Messinger and Lisa (Watts) Copsey. In the second row are Drew Wildman, Denise (Stauffer) Wildman, Johanna (Butler) Finneran, Kim (Stafford) Murphy and Curt Henry.

6. Class of '95 reunion attendees in the first row are Kim (Wall) Morehouse, Hillari (Hardman) Yentz, Wendi (Wigh) Hendricks, Melissa (Roetker) Rouzer, Debbie (Lacy) Guckenberger, Brad Coy and Tony Gambaiani. In the second row are Erin (Raasch) Bolhorst, Angel (Burch) Tarvin, Anne (Durham) Smith, Rachel (Peden) McCarty, Dana (Engleman) Kean, Sherry VanWey, Brenda (Thom) Ferguson, Jason Ferguson and Tom Wiser. In the third row are Simone (Headad) Brewer, Emily (Habel) Wood, Kristy Meyer, Kim (Minnick) Jeffers and D.J. Sigler. The class also maintained its tradition of posing with a tree planted in memory of classmate Tonya Lee, who died tragically on Oct. 16, 1995.

PHOTOS BY RENEE (KEAN) KNIGHT ’06
1. Marcus Brown and his son, defensive back Quentin Brown ’19
2. Immanuel Jones ’15 and Jasmine Hunt ’18
3. Bob Thomas ’73, Mick Fiorini ’73, Keith Fiedler ’74 and (in back) Don Woebeking ’74
4. Homecoming king Cody Warren ’16 and queen Paige Clark ’16
5. Holly Short ’19 and Ariel Halstead ’19
6. On the couch are, Chris Jurrema ’19, Ethan Caldwell ’17 and Collin Merkel ’19. Seated around the couch are Patrick Flynn ’17, Ben Vandivier ’13 and Warren Estes ’17. Standing are Andrew Goen ’17, Blake Williams ’16 and Robby Woehrle ’15. Beau, the dog, belongs to Kelsey Brunsman ’18.
7. Shirley Lyster ’51, Leah McCombs Hooker ’54 and Ginny (Joyce) Rouse ’49
8. Brittny Balog ’18 and Erika Brock ’17
9. Sylas England, 10, and Bella McMahan, 6, friends of Dylan Jenney ’16, tight end for the Grizzlies
10. Ally Marlow ’16 and Rachel Bowden ’17
11. Standing shoulder to shoulder are Cameron Cary ’17, Jeff Willoughby (Bailey’s father), Laura Olivo ’16, Regina Solik ’16 and Kaitlin Mans ’17. Behind them are Seth Morin ’15, Bailey Willoughby ’17, Joel Foreman ’16 and Mackenzie Dwyer ’19.
The legacy continues . . .

Following in the footsteps of relatives who are attending or have graduated from Franklin College is a family tradition for many students. Within a family, the custom may even span multiple generations. Each student — past or present — represents their family’s Franklin College legacy.

This fall, some of the new students who proudly carry on their family’s legacy and share a place in Franklin College history gathered for a voluntary photo. The new students’ names appear in italics, and their relatives’ names appear in bold and parentheses. We’re proud to have all of them in the Franklin family.

Class of 2019 legacy students seated in row one are Joseph Stevenson (sister, Amanda Stevenson Holmes ’99; brother, Zachary Stevenson ’13), Cory Bugelholl (sisters, Sarah Bugelholl ’16 and Katherine Bugelholl ’16), Ricky Smith (sister, Megan E. Smith ’14), Bethany Moll (sister, Erin Moll ’16) and Jessica Kaiser (aunt, Linda Reed LaFary ’70).

In row two are Zach Carnes (sister, Justise Northrup ’18), Keely Townsend (sister, Kacey Bennett ’12), Chase Loyd (grandfather, Mark Loyd ’79), Noel Butler (cousin, Amber Mahan ’13; aunt, DaneeButlerLarrison’03), Shelby Hunter (brother, Austin Hunter ’17) and Nicole Salwowski (father, Brian Salwowski ’81; mother, Karen Simone Salwowski ’82; aunt, Susan Salwowski Edwards ’79).

In row three are Nicholas Hoyt (brothers, Matthew Hoyt ’08 and Patrick Hoyt ’12), Anne Kendall (uncle, Joe Ardizzone ’16), Mary Jane DeWitt (grandmother, Ruth Branigin Ballard ’29), Matthew Thomas (aunt, Lisa Stephan Shapleigh ’84), Ashley Burns (mother, Michele Smith Burns ’91) and Rebekah Eaker (uncle, Michael Flaherty ’94).

In row four are Cody Burker (father, Douglas Burker ’93); Zac Cleaver (father, Rob Cleaver ’92), Nick Brems (father, Bill Brems ’87; mother, Nora Lowe Brems ’87; brother, Matt Brems ’13), Chris Jurrema (sister, Briana Jurrema ’14) and Jonathan “J.T.” Sargent (father, Paul Sargent ’91; mother, Elizabeth “Nicci” Sargent ’92; sister, Loren Sargent ’16).
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

No one better understands the value of a Franklin College liberal arts and sciences education than you. You give your time, talent and treasure to this institution because you believe in the mission and the way in which our education is delivered. You realize a liberal arts education facilitates retraining throughout students’ entire lives, giving them opportunities to keep growing, adapting and contributing in meaningful ways to society.

You also may recognize institutions like ours face tremendous scrutiny and competition in today’s economy, constantly having to demonstrate our value or risk becoming fossilized by the changing social and economic environment. You want what’s best for the future of Franklin College and our students, and so do we.

That is why Franklin College is thinking forward. We are changing to meet the times and to keep liberal arts and sciences education relevant to today’s world. We are evolving to serve our students and to meet the needs of Indiana’s economy better.

With more than 6,300 alumni living in Indiana, and nearly 1,200 of those individuals residing in Indianapolis, our opportunities for strategic partnerships are tremendous. During the last Winter Term, 185 Franklin students participated in internships and field experiences, some of them with Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard’s office, Lilly Research Laboratories, WFYI, Celadon and Cummins.

As we think about building opportunities for strategic partnerships, we will give careful consideration to the college’s potential role in Indiana’s booming life sciences economy. We already know there is a strong need for the type of human capital Franklin College can provide.

The sciences are the largest group of majors among the student body at Franklin College, and 40 percent of our new students in 2014 declared majors in the sciences or STEM-related fields. That is why we have shifted our undergraduate athletic training program to a master’s degree program and started developing a physician assistant studies master’s degree program. We also have helped the City of Franklin and the Johnson County Development Corp. bring B2S, a biotherapeutic drug and diagnostics service provider, to our area. The college will provide B2S with interns and a pipeline to future employees who bring critical-thinking skills and hands-on experience to the table. We have exciting momentum, but there is pivotal work ahead.

Our preparations for a new strategic plan are underway to help set goals and identify the resources it will take to propel Franklin College into the future. I’m asking you to join me in the process and be part of the conversation at #FCThinkingForward.

Together, we will position our students as the state’s first choice for next generation scientists, educators, executives and thought leaders. Go Grizzlies!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Minar
President
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As 204 students completed their courses and participated in commencement activities in May, the college prepared for a transition in its presidency, thanking James G. ‘Jay’ Moseley, Ph.D., for his leadership and legacy and welcoming Thomas J. Minar, Ph.D., as the 16th president.

The 2014–15 fiscal year always will hold a special place in college history as the capstone to an era of remarkable progress and the threshold to thinking forward with a new strategic plan. While we focus on the future, we also must reflect on the past, taking time to recognize the many donors whose support is critical to Franklin College’s strength and advancement.

Alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends, trustees, community partners, charitable organizations and churches all contributed to the noteworthy fiscal year. A few highlights included a new partnership between Franklin College and the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law. The partnership enables Franklin students and alumni to be eligible for a minimum of a half-tuition scholarship to the law school; two recent graduates were the inaugural recipients. Additionally, the college named an accreditation coordinator for its master’s degree program in physician assistant studies, made possible by a nearly $1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, as part of its Initiative to Promote Opportunities Through Educational Collaborations. Further, the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement raised $680,867 for the Franklin Fund, exceeding the goal of $625,000. Furthermore, the Office of Admissions met its full-time enrollment goal for the Class of 2019, with 320 students.

To the casual observer, it may be difficult to see how donor support propels such accomplishments, but this Annual Report and its stories about some Franklin students, faculty and alumni tell the outcomes in a deeply personal way. Their stories about innovation, success and fortitude are fueled by your generosity.

Your gifts make an impact that will ripple across future generations, as Franklin graduates live out the college mission of thinking independently, leading responsibly and serving with integrity in their professions, their communities and the world. Thank you for your volunteerism and financial support during the fiscal year. We appreciate your loyalty and invite your participation in conversations about Franklin College’s future; join us at #FCThinkingForward.

Sincerely,

Christine S. ‘Christi’ Fields ’74
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2015

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents ........................................ $ 2,778,010
Accounts receivable, net ........................................... 3,454,708
Pledges receivable, net of allowance .............................. 1,023,876
Investments .......................................................... 83,592,507
Investments in plant, net ............................................ 49,134,674
Bond issue costs .................................................... 108,798
Cash surrender value of life insurance ......................... 165,877
Total assets .................................................................... $ 140,868,971

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable ....................................................... 343,327
Accrued payroll and other ........................................... 1,008,147
Advances under lines of credit .................................... 2,670,000
Long-term debt ........................................................ 7,496,500
Liabilities under charitable annuity unitrust agreements ... 898,051
Capital lease obligation .............................................. 387,037
Deferred tuition, fees and deposits ............................... 273,227
Funds held for campus organizations ......................... 151,219
Total liabilities ........................................................ $ 14,964,347

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted .............................................................. 67,261,969
Temporarily restricted ................................................ 16,684,410
Permanently restricted ............................................... 41,958,245
Total NET ASSETS .................................................. $ 125,904,624

ENDOWMENT COMPOSITION

The Franklin College Endowment assets are invested according to the asset allocation policy adopted by the board of trustees. The Investment Committee of the board directs and reviews the endowment investment policies and performance.

The total assets of the endowment equals $85,613,945 as of June 30, 2015. The majority of the assets are designated to the endowment pool; others are invested individually due to donor restrictions. Twenty-one investment managers are used to invest the endowment pool. The endowment pool has a balance of $83,093,474 allocated as shown below:

Cash and cash equivalents 2.3% ..................................... $ 1,906,188
Bond funds and ETFs 14.1% .......................................... 11,746,398
Stock funds and ETFs 43.3% ......................................... 35,958,209
Funds of funds 9.8% .................................................. 8,160,002
Alternative investments 26.0% ...................................... 21,372,677
Real estate 4.5% ....................................................... 3,750,000
Total ............................................................................ $ 83,093,474

Other endowment assets are invested according to donor instructions. These funds total $2,520,471. This amount includes life insurance and annuity balances with a market value of $1,430,057.

REVENUES

- Tuition and fees 65.1%
- Auxiliaries 15.4%
- Investment income 10.9%
- Contributions including pledges 8.3%
- Miscellaneous 3%

EXPENDITURES

- Student aid 32.7%
- Instruction 22.1%
- Student services 16.7%
- Auxiliary services 10.4%
- Academic support 8.0%
- Institution support 6.9%
- Fundraising 3.2%

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Premed major Elyse Hoy ’18 has an unusual early childhood memory that drives her professional aspirations. “When I was 5 or 6 years old, I would go to work with my aunt, who was a surgical nurse, and I would sit in the gallery overlooking the operating room and watch the procedures,” said Hoy. “I remember asking her to let me stay longer.”

Hoy’s interest in the medical field intensified during adolescence when she injured her knee in gymnastics and underwent surgery and rehabilitation. “My care team knew how much I loved my sport and wanted to get back to it, and I really appreciated all the steps they took to make it happen. During my recovery, I started thinking about how I’ve always loved sports and that focusing on helping athletes could be my career, and that’s when I connected everything to medicine.”

Hoy is grateful for the hands-on experience she is gaining in her second year as a lab assistant to biology professor and natural science division head Steve Browder. “It means a lot that he saw my potential, even as a freshman, and trusted in my ability enough to offer me the position.” She also is involved with classmate Brooke Harvey ’18 and chemistry professor Edward Chikwana in an ongoing research project drawing correlations between geographic locations and diseases.

This Winter Term, Hoy will intern at Johnson Memorial Hospital, where she’ll do four one-week rotations. She is particularly interested in wound care and emergency services, both of which correlate to her dream career in health and safety care for race car drivers. “Racing is a particularly dangerous sport so there’s always a need for research in how to prevent or minimize injury to the drivers; I’d really like to be involved in that side of it and be able to use the findings to also help the public.”
PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE
Franklin College recognizes donors who made gifts to the college from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. Corporate matching gifts, gifts made through a donor’s company and memorial gifts are also counted toward the giving society. The President’s Circle is a special recognition given to donors who made gifts of $1,000 or more.

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Midway Services, Inc.  
Monarch Beverage  
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Charitable Trust (M)  
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When J.D. Crawley ’12 was up late solving a single math problem that took two hours, he sometimes doubted he was heading down the right career path. He had to remind himself the hard work would pay off when he earned two degrees in five years through the joint engineering program between Franklin College and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Crawley’s goal to be highly marketable upon graduation drove him to becoming the first-ever student to complete the program. While dually enrolled at IUPUI his senior year, Crawley earned a Franklin bachelor’s degree in applied mathematics. Upon his graduation, he spent one year enrolled full time at IUPUI, completing a degree in mechanical engineering.

With a few years to reflect on the program, Crawley has a deeper appreciation for his faculty mentors and scholarship donors.

Two mathematics professors were instrumental.

“Drs. Robert Talbert and John Boardman had a real passion to get the program off the ground. They laid out an impressive plan and, fortunately, let me blaze the trail with them,” said Crawley.

Scholarship donors John Grimmer (HD ’12), an honorary college trustee, and his wife, Barbara, also were key.

“I’ll always be grateful that they helped me pay for college. It means a lot that they believed in students like me and our potential to benefit from a new kind of program. I credit the breadth of the program with the early success I’ve had in my short career,” said Crawley.

Crawley interned twice during college with Stanley Black & Decker in Indianapolis and later was hired full time as a productivity engineer. Recently, he also was appointed the environmental, health, safety and sustainability manager. He is especially proud of his involvement in developing recycling solutions that helped the company achieve zero-waste production, strengthening its standing as a good corporate citizen and saving approximately $2.5 million annually.
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Thinking forward about humanity

“Transformative” is the word Rachel Hancock ’13 uses to sum up the Franklin College experience that stirred her heart and inspired her soul. She credits four faculty and staff members for their positive influence, professor of fine arts Svetlana Rakic, vice president for student affairs and dean of students Ellis Hall, professor of philosophy and religion David Chandler and college archivist Ruth Dorrel.

Rakic’s classes provided historical perspective on how world cultures and religions shaped art movements, and Hall’s geography class inspired thought-provoking discussions on international events. “I felt like I gained global exposure even though Franklin is in the middle of Indiana,” said Hancock. A Winter Term trip to Turkey with Chandler’s class was most pivotal. “The art I’d been studying materialized in front of me, and everything from books and classes began connecting,” she recalled.

Hancock realized with her double major in studio art and art history she could play a role in preserving treasures and enlightening future generations. With her sights set on graduate school, she transitioned from a work-study position at the B.F. Hamilton Library reference desk to the archives, where she learned processes from Dorrel. She also interned at the McGrady-Brockman House in Vincennes, Ind., where she learned how to care for 19th century court documents.

Today Hancock has a master’s degree and serves as an Indiana University librarian and archivist, specializing in modern political papers. She currently is archiving a collection of materials gifted from former Indiana Sen. Richard G. Lugar. Additionally, she is working toward qualifying for Marine Corps Officer Candidates School.

“Franklin College definitely instilled the value of lifelong learning. That desire and my competitive nature keep me thinking about what I can do to challenge and better myself and how that then can benefit others. Serving in the military will help me take the next step while challenging myself physically and intellectually.”
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Thinking forward about conservation

Family vacations in northern Minnesota provided Spencer Wesche ‘16 early exposure to a variety of wildlife and rugged wilderness, inspiring her love of the outdoors. In recent years, Wesche noticed changes to the area—plots of pine trees replaced by rental cabins and once quiet fishing holes trafficked heavily by boats and humans. Wesche’s deep concern about the impact of these environmental changes influenced her to choose a biology major with specialization in ecology and conservation.

She had many college options but felt Franklin was the right fit. “Franklin was different because the biology professors were so approachable. From day one, Drs. Alice Heikens and Ben O’Neal knew research opportunities were important to me, and they promised I would get them if I chose Franklin. They definitely followed through, and for that I can’t thank them enough.”

Since her freshman year, Wesche has been involved in a research project with classmate Elizabeth (Hendershot) Barker ‘16 and Heikens. At the college’s biological field station, Hougham Woods, the trio discovered and collected Beechdrops, a plant previously undocumented in Johnson County. They have continued documenting details about the plant’s ecosystem and growth in subsequent years. They also have presented the findings at state and regional science conferences and earned first place with their original research at a national conference.

“I was in shock because we were up against grad students,” recalled Wesche. This January, they will wrap up the project with a journal submission to the Indiana Academy of Science.

Wesche also has benefited from internships with the National Outdoor Leadership School and Audubon Center of the North Woods. Through one internship, she learned wilderness survival skills essential to scientific exploration, and through the other she tracked and observed wolves. Both gave her field research experience to build upon in graduate school.
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Joshua Fisher ’11, D.P.M., was an inquisitive child, who, over time, realized science was the means by which he could address many of life’s mysteries. As his intellectual curiosity flourished through adolescence, he set his sights on a biology degree.

But, two years into his first college experience, Fisher worried that the academic rigor was secondary to the emphasis on athletics, and that it would jeopardize his chances for future success. Research on alternative institutions led Fisher to Franklin College, which he read had a strong natural science division and held students accountable foremost for their performance in the classroom. He transferred and found both claims were true, as he balanced academics and football.

“Prior to Franklin, my plans for the future were up in the air, but my adviser, Dr. Steve Browder encouraged me to enroll in the Premedical Program,” said Fisher. Browder, the natural science division head, also helped Fisher arrange an internship with Scott M. Benjamin, D.P.M., in Columbus, Ind. The internship turned out to be a perfect fit.

“I realized what an amazing opportunity podiatrists have; they manage the very structure that carries people through their day,” said Fisher. “Any given day might include making custom orthotics, providing physical therapy or performing surgery.”

After the internship, Fisher knew a podiatry career was in his future, but he wasn’t sure how to proceed until an influential biology professor intervened.

“Dr. Alice Heikens truly went above and beyond to guide me through making my newfound passion, podiatry, a reality,” said Fisher. Upon his graduation from Franklin, Fisher enrolled at Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine in Ohio. He currently is a resident at the Saint Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland, where he earned a surgical residency in forefoot, rearfoot and ankle reconstructive surgery. The program only selects three residents from across the nation annually.

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After making a pilgrimage to Taizé, France, Alexis Bullock ‘18 returned home spiritually renewed and eager to help others find peace. Bullock’s trip was made possible by sponsorship from the American Baptist Churches (ABC) USA. “The main purpose of Taizé was to center your life and really focus on where you want your life to go,” said Bullock.

Taizé is an international religious community emphasizing service work and ecumenicalism, particularly reconciliation between divided peoples and divided Christians. Tens of thousands of pilgrims visit annually. Its cornerstone is a candlelight prayer service in which there is no preaching, only meditation and chanting.

“I tend to be a very outwardly focused person. Because the focus was inward, the pilgrimage was designed for people like me; it was a chance to really figure out this whole life thing and focus on my spiritual relationship with God.”

She is grateful for the encouragement and support of faculty and staff who helped her reach Taizé. “Reverend Leah Rumsey (campus minister) gave me a brochure for the trip and helped me find funding to cover the entire cost. It really was a blessing,” said Bullock.

The college’s Wymer Religious Travel Grant covered Bullock’s airfare while trip organizer and ABC pastor Brad Berglund helped secure private donations to cover her two weeks in France. Beyond Taizé, she visited Beaune, Chartes, Chalon-sur-Saône, Vezelay and Paris.

“I was able to find new peace in the midst of being a very busy student. The experience really made me focus on when a break was needed and the importance of a Sabbath. In a religious light, I heard the voice of God speak to me in a way that I had never heard before, and it was really wonderful,” said Bullock.

Bullock hopes to conduct Taizé-style worship services in the college’s Richardson Chapel this year to help her peers find spiritual renewal.

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Thinking forward about future generations

With only one semester remaining until his graduation, Spanish and secondary education major Conner McNeely ’16 is feeling sentimental about his transformational college journey. College initially intimidated the first-generation student, but his determination to become a teacher was stronger than his fear of failure. As McNeely focused on pursuing a career in which he could change the lives of others, he was in turn changed by the relationships he built and the opportunities he seized.

“I thought I would get my bachelor’s degree, and that would be it,” said McNeely. “But, college is about so much more. I wish every freshman would realize from the start that the options are limitless; you just have to keep pushing forward and be open to the possibilities.”

McNeely’s transformation from insecure freshman to campus leader was fueled by participation in the Franklin College Latino Advocacy and Awareness Association (FCLA3). He later became a New Student Mentor, imparting upperclassman wisdom to younger Grizzlies needing encouragement, and he joined the Religious Life Team. He also continued to work on improving himself; he studied away in Costa Rica to strengthen his Spanish-language skills and opted to live this year in the college’s Modern Language House, where residents refrain from using English and host campus activities to promote cultural awareness. McNeely hopes the collective experiences will enhance his effectiveness as a teacher.

He also plans to emulate some of his campus mentors, assistant professor of Spanish Dan Alsop, Ph.D., and assistant professor of education Connie Ables-Rigsbee, Ph.D.

“They can be as busy as can be, but when you walk into their offices they will drop everything to help you,” said McNeely. His passion lies in giving his future students the same individualized attention and inspiration to succeed.

“I want them to know the sky is the limit,” he said.
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In 2013, two professors collaborated to develop an innovative academic minor that would bridge the natural and social science divisions, and neuroscience was born at Franklin College.

The creators, professor of biology Sam Rhodes, Ph.D., and assistant professor of psychology Amy Bracken, Ph.D., had a clear vision.

“We were motivated by the needs of our students and the liberal arts mission of Franklin College as well as the American Psychological Association, which updated its professional guidelines. Neuroscience plays a big part in the future of psychology,” said Bracken.

Bracken’s own background is in neuroscience, while Rhodes’ is in zoology and physiology. Their combined knowledge covers a broad spectrum from which students may benefit.

The neuroscience minor, in the short time it has been available, has garnered strong interest. Currently, 16 students are pursuing the minor, which requires completion of a neuroscience-related internship or research experience. This engaged learning component is the “hallmark of the neuroscience minor,” said Bracken.

“There’s a wide variety of different career interests that students with a neuroscience minor have. The engaged learning opportunity really allows students to make neuroscience relevant to their goals.”

The minor also embodies what Bracken refers to as interdisciplinary work, enabling students to invest time in two fields, psychology and biology.

“Interdisciplinary work is really the future of academics, and I think the future of thought, even. It’s certainly the premise of a liberal arts education, which teaches students how to think at a higher level and to make connections between disciplines.”

Evaluation and evolution of the neuroscience minor will continue, but Bracken is pleased with the results so far.

“It was my goal when I joined Franklin to have a student pursue neuroscience and want to get a Ph.D. I have one advisee right now who is applying to doctoral programs, and I’m pretty excited about that,” said Bracken.
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**John Boardman,** professor of mathematics, attended the Mathematical Association of America preparatory workshop “Teaching the Process of Statistical Investigations with a Randomization-Based Curriculum” at Hollins University in Virginia in July. Boardman participated in preparation of helping transition Franklin College’s applied statistics course from a traditional approach to a randomization/simulation approach.

**David Carlson,** professor of philosophy and religion, was the keynote speaker during Julianfest at the (monastic) Order of Julian in Kenosha, Wis., in May. He also was the guest speaker at the Ahmadayya Muslim National Convention in Harrisburg, Pa., in August.

**Justin Gash,** associate professor of mathematics, was an invited speaker at the DePauw University mathematics colloquium in September. His presentation, “Understanding Grobner Bases [and Why Cryptographers Should Care],” is related to his thesis and an overview of some methods used for solving very large systems of equations with thousands of variables. Gash explained that current cryptologic standards are based upon this process being difficult enough to prevent hacking.

**Stacey Gaven,** assistant professor of athletic training, co-presented two case studies and posters at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium in St. Louis, in June. The topics were “Impaction Fracture of the Cuboid and Multiple Tarsal Bony Contusions in a 22-year-old Division III Football Offensive Lineman” and “Open Partial Excision of the Proximal Patellar Tendon and Distal Patella in a Former Collegiate Soccer Player.”

**Hisaya Kitaoka,** professor of biology, was co-presenter of “Grasses with native prairie plants. His presentation, “This fall, but the long-term goal is to replace eight acres of turf grasses with native prairie plants.”

**Alice Heikens,** professor of biology, with her former student and research partner Megan Smith ’14, co-produced the paper “A Two-Year Population Ecology Study on Puttyroot Orchid in Central Indiana,” which the Indiana Academy of Sciences published. Heikens also received a grant from the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society to develop a small prairie in the college’s Grizzly Park athletics complex. One acre was planted this fall, but the long-term goal is to replace eight acres of turf grasses with native prairie plants.

**Ben O’Neal,** assistant professor of biology, was co-presenter of “Estimating Stopover Duration of Ducks Using Weather Radar and Aerial Surveys” at the joint meeting of the American Ornithologists Union and the Cooper Ornithological Society in Norman, Okla. For the second consecutive year, he has received funding through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Research Grant for his exploration of spatial ecology, harvest contribution and natural history of mallards that breed in suburban/urban environments. For the third consecutive year, he has received funding through an Illinois Ornithological Society Research Grant for his investigation of the nesting ecology of marsh birds relative to vegetation and hydrology conditions.

**Hank Nuwer,** professor of journalism and anti-hazing activist, represented Franklin College, the National Center for Safety Initiatives and the Virginia Tech Family Survivors while speaking about hazing prevention and accountability in August at the College and University Police and Investigators Conference in Washington, D.C.
Kathy Taylor Remsburg, athletic training program director since 1999, has been promoted to full professor. She currently oversees the athletic training program, teaches courses and serves as head of the health sciences division.

Terri L. Roberts, director of the office of diversity and inclusion, graduated from the Leadership Johnson County program in May. She recently was named to the board of directors for Windrose Health Network and also serves on the executive board of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, Alpha Sigma Chapter, as the scholarship chair. In October, she presented “Shouldering Racial Responsibility” at the Indiana Student Affairs Association Conference.

Wendy Shapiro, assistant professor of art and journalism, recently was invited to exhibit her work in Chicago at the Morpho Gallery and in Indianapolis at the Meridian Street Gallery. She also was the recipient of a grant that funded her participation in typography workshops at the Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum in Two Rivers, Wis.

Jennifer Smith, assistant professor of English, had an article, “Teaching the Short Story Cycle, Teaching American Literature,” published in the journal Pedagogy and an essay, “Collections, Cycles, Sequences,” published in The Edinburgh Companion to the Short Story in English. She also presented “Viral Languages in Gertrude Stein, Neal Stephenson, and Jennifer Egan” during the Transforming Contagion conference at Arizona State University West in October.

Imagination takes flight in new sculpture garden

A sculpture by Gordon Strain, associate professor of fine arts, was unveiled during the Franklin Fall Festival in October.

Strain’s sculpture, titled “Emily,” is a crane made of metal, wood, fiberglass and fabric. It stands approximately seven feet tall and has a wingspan of nearly eight feet. It is located in the Franklin Art Garden at 229 S. Main St. in downtown Franklin. The art garden is a project of Meg Jones and Richard Goss, owners of Richard’s Kitchen and Richard’s Brick Oven Pizza. Using a parcel of land behind their restaurant, the pair designed a tranquil green space that showcases the work of local artists as well as natural Indiana beauty.

Strain’s inspiration was a former elementary school classmate who had leukemia. He vividly recalls how the school rallied behind Emily during her illness.

Strain said, “One year the school brought in a storyteller, and we learned the Japanese tale of the thousand cranes. Essentially, if you folded 1,000 origami paper cranes they would bring good luck or good health to the person you gave them to. As you can imagine, our class immediately got to folding cranes.”

Unfortunately, Emily died, but Strain’s classmates formed a bond that remains a testament to her spirit.

Strain said, “Some of my closest friends to this day are from elementary school. After making the cranes, I started to really love origami. It’s something I continued doing all the time. When my sister was in the hospital for heart problems, we folded origami together. My daughters and I fold it together. I’ve even taught classes on folding paper. So the idea for the sculpture was born out of my love for origami, which came from my friend Emily.”

In addition to Strain’s work, the art garden features three pieces by Franklin metalworker Larry Gordon and a shrubbery labyrinth created by Jones. The garden will continue to evolve with work and will be open from dawn to dusk throughout the year for public enjoyment as well special events, such as weddings.
Grizzlies slay the Lions

By Dale Long
Sports Information Director

Big plays highlighted the Grizzlies Homecoming victory over the Mount St. Joseph University Lions on Oct. 17 at Faught Stadium. The Grizzlies scored four touchdowns, with each covering 46 or more yards, on the way to a final score of 52–13 during Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play.

Franklin (then 5–2, 5–0 HCAC) used a 31-point second quarter to break the game open. Chase Burton ’18 threw for 395 yards and three touchdowns. He added a rushing touchdown in the victory. The Grizzlies gained 589 yards of offense, including 400 passing yards. The team rushed for 189 yards, marking the fifth straight game of gaining 150 or more yards. Burton hooked up with Lee Wroblewski ’18 for a 70-yard touchdown pass with 10:35 remaining in the first quarter.

Franklin took a 14-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter with a 48-yard pass to senior Mason Deal ’16. He had five receptions for 81 yards in the contest. Later, Burton threw his third touchdown pass of the game on a 46-yard strike to Kendal Butler ’16 at the 12:36 mark of the second quarter. Butler led the receivers with seven catches for 103 yards and the one touchdown.

Stephen Colligan ’18 connected on a 21-yard field goal to extend the lead to 24-0 with 9:22 left in the first half. Kole Stogner ’17 rushed 56 yards for a score to give the hosts a 31-0 advantage.

Burton capped the team’s first-half scoring on a two-yard touchdown rush. Franklin led 38-7 at the halftime break.

In the second half, the Grizzlies added rushing touchdowns by Ty’Ronte Files ’17 and Jordan Brown ’18. Files gained a game-high 65 yards on the ground. Defensively, Nate Bryan ’16 registered a game-high eight tackles. Jeremiah Windell ’16 made seven tackles, while his twin brother, Lucas Windell ’16, made six tackles.

Up-to-the-minute game information for all your favorite teams of Grizzlies is available on Twitter (@FCAthletics). Be sure to like the Grizzlies on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FranklinCollegeAthletics) and on Instagram (@FCGrizzlies).
Indianapolis Colts internship gives athletic training student new perspective

By Juliana Eckel ’17 and Danielle Faczan ’16
Pulliam Fellows

His love of sports and deep respect for the athletic trainers who helped him recover from sports injuries during high school influenced his choice of college major, and program reputation persuaded Grant Finlan ’16 to choose the Franklin College Athletic Training Program. Now a senior, Finlan has gained a lot of valuable experience for graduate school.

Finlan has been interning with the Indianapolis Colts football team, where he’s working side by side with professional athletic trainers and getting a behind the scenes glimpse of the role they play in helping the team succeed on the gridiron.

Finlan’s internship began during last spring’s organized team activities and continued through summer minicamp, training camp and preseason games. He also helped during the Colts’ regular-season home opener against the New York Jets and was scheduled to work on the sidelines during five additional home games this season. Finlan primarily attended to the outside linebackers but helped in other ways as needed.

Finlan said, “There’s a lot for the interns to do. The athletic training staff gave us great opportunities to get hands-on experience and observe them as they worked.”

Finlan’s internship included packing athletic training equipment for the Colts’ training camp, helping players rehabilitate from past injuries, taping players before practice sessions, making backup mouthpieces for players and setting up training equipment on the field for practice. When he wasn’t working with an athlete, Finlan spent time observing the athletic training staff.

“Athletic training interns work hard to help things run smoothly for the professional athletic training staff. If they needed something, they relied heavily on us to get things done,” Finlan said.

Finlan’s internship included many long days, often culminating in more than 100 hours a week. According to Finlan, athletic trainers are usually the first people to arrive at the team’s practice facilities and the last to leave.

A highlight of Finlan’s internship was traveling to the Colts’ first pre-season game in Philadelphia. He flew out with the team the day prior and assisted the staff throughout the weekend by helping set up equipment at the field and performing treatments at the team hotel.

The internship gave Finlan a glimpse of the fanfare that follows the team, but he said it was simple to stay focused on his responsibilities because he wanted to make a good impression.

“We’re always busy with something on the sideline during a game, so you don’t always notice the fans being there,” he said.

Some of his favorite perks of the internship included free Colts apparel and access to use the team’s weight room and top-notch training facilities.

“Working with and getting to know NFL players are some things few people can say they have done. Learning from and networking with some of the best athletic trainers in the profession will benefit me in whatever setting I choose to work,” said Finlan, who is planning to study physical therapy in graduate school.

Prior to interning with the Colts, Finlan served as a student athletic trainer at Butler University and assisted athletic trainers with the Indian Creek and Franklin Community high school football teams. He currently serves as a student athletic trainer for the Franklin College women’s soccer team. Franklin’s athletic training majors have the opportunity for engaged learning with different teams through field rotations that are built into their program curriculum. The variety of experiences has helped Finlan realize some valuable lessons.

“Athletic training, especially at the professional level, is a selfless profession,” he said.

Beyond the engaged learning opportunities, Finlan said that having caring Franklin College faculty and staff who can correlate their real-life athletic training experience with textbook theory and classroom instruction is helpful.

He added, “There also are Franklin athletic training alumni working in various job settings who are willing to help students find internships or jobs.”

“The Franklin College community truly feels like family. The education is challenging, but it prepares you for the future, and no matter what your interests are there are many opportunities to be involved on campus.”

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Franklin College has received final approval to offer the first-ever master’s degree program in its 181-year history. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association, the largest regional accreditor of higher education in the country, approved the college’s application this summer to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT).

“Preparing students for the health professions always has been a strength at Franklin College,” said David Brailow, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. “With the addition of this master’s degree program, we will be able to serve students and the health care providers in our region in an entirely new way.”

The college has the highest first-time aggregate passing rate of all Indiana colleges and universities for athletic training students taking the national Board of Certification exam, 96 percent over the course of the last three years. The national average is approximately 80 percent. Additionally, job placement for the college’s athletic training graduates is 100 percent.

The new master’s program also builds on the college’s overall strong track record in science and pre-professional health programs. One out of every five Franklin College graduates in recent years has majored in science or a pre-professional health program. Since 1981, approximately 83 percent of Franklin’s graduates who applied to medical school were accepted, more than 1.5 times the national average.

The program will enroll its first cohort of graduate students in the summer of 2016. Students enrolling as undergraduates at Franklin after 2013 may apply to the graduate program in their junior year. Students with bachelor’s degrees from other
Emerging master’s program gains advisory board

The college has created a physician assistant studies advisory board, including key hospital administrators, physicians and physician assistants, as well as college faculty and staff. The purpose of the board is to provide advice and guidance on the development of the college’s future physician assistant studies master’s program.  

“With a program as complex and as reliant on community and professional support as the physician assistant studies master’s program will be, the board is necessary as a way to ensure that health care professionals in the area have input into the planning and oversight of the program, that the college has sufficient support from the health care industry in the area to provide clinical rotations for students and ultimately job placements and that the program will maintain a focus on serving the region,” said David Brailow, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college.

Franklin College invited a large number of individuals from the health care industry to a town meeting when planning the original grant proposal to Lilly Endowment Inc. Some of those people indicated a strong interest in the physician assistant studies program and were invited to join the board. Since then, more health industry partners from the area, including an alumna, have expressed interest and joined, as well.

The program is made possible by a nearly $1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, as part of its Initiative to Promote Opportunities Through Educational Collaborations.

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- Steve Browder, Ph.D., natural science division head
- Tim Garner ’79, Ph.D., interim vice president for enrollment and marketing
- Megan Graves, M.P.A., board chair and accreditation coordinator for physician assistant studies
- Kathy Taylor Remsburg, MS, LAT, ATC, athletic training program director and professor
- Betsy Schmidt ’85, director of research and grants
- Brooke (Wagoner) Worland ’99, associate dean of alumni and student engagement

Board members are asked to attend meetings and help the college with specific goals, such as identifying faculty and staff for the program and identifying preceptors for clinical rotations.

The physician assistant studies master’s program will be the college’s second master’s program in the health science field, joining the Master of Science in Athletic Training (see Page 50). The physician assistant studies master’s program must receive national accreditation prior to implementation. Franklin College anticipates matriculating its first class in June 2019, pending achieving accreditation-provisional status in March 2019.

Memorial Foundation in 1951 to honor their son. The foundation primarily supports charitable organizations and educational institutions that serve residents of Greater Indianapolis, with an emphasis on Marion County, in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and human services, civic and community service and religion.

Previously, Franklin College received a $5,000 emergency grant from the foundation for recovery efforts after the campus and the city of Franklin experienced record flooding in 2008.

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Student helps research possible Alzheimer’s inhibitor

By Mia Taskey ‘16
Pulliam Fellow

Student scientist Stephanie Agba ‘17 spent 10 weeks this summer on the West Coast, where she participated in the Washington State University (WSU) College of Pharmacy Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF) Program. The program is funded by the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and by WSU College of Pharmacy.

Agba received a stipend for helping investigate a key enzyme that could help inhibit the onset of Alzheimer’s disease. Agba explained, “I was able to find a successful method to make a pure form of this enzyme inhibitor, which is a compound called CESP, after trying out different methods and changing several experimental conditions.”

The research was challenging but rewarding for Agba. She said, “I learned to think like a scientist, identify a problem and look for possible solutions. I worked directly under my lab supervisor, as there were no graduate students in my assigned lab. It taught me to work independently and to build more confidence in my work ethic.”

Agba worked under Travis T. Denton, Ph.D., a professor and researcher at the university. Denton was impressed with Agba’s abilities and performance.

In a letter to Agba’s Franklin College adviser, Denton wrote, “She was extremely passionate about the lab work, and her ethics in the lab were better than all of the graduate students I have had at WSU thus far. I wholeheartedly rate Stephanie with a very high mark and would happily take her back into my research lab at any time.”

For Agba, the SURF program was meaningful for two reasons, it was a way to gain experience relevant to her biochemistry/pre-physical therapy major as well as a way to serve others, since her work could help lead to a better quality of life for those with Alzheimer’s disease.

“People with Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative diseases go through a lot. Working on a research project that relates to this disease was fulfilling to me,” said Agba.

Agba, an international student from Nigeria, pursued the internship with help from her adviser, associate professor of chemistry Edward Chikwana, Ph.D. Agba also had a

Fellowship leads chemistry student to new career path

By Mia Taskey ‘16
Pulliam Fellow

Chemistry major Sam Ferran ‘16, who minors in biology and Spanish, found his dream job through a six-week Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) this summer. His REU fellowship with the San Jose State University 2015 Summer School in Nuclear Chemistry included a stipend funded by the Department of Energy.

Ferran learned about the internship from professor of chemistry Nazir Khatri, Ph.D., and assistant professor of biology Ben O’Neal, Ph.D. He also received encouragement from several other professors in the Franklin College Division of Natural Science.

“Drs. (Sarah) Mordan-McCombs, O’Neal, (Edward) Chikwana and Khatri all wrote letters of recommendation for me, and they helped me get ready for the internship as well, especially Drs. Khatri and Chikwana,” said Ferran.

Ferran received an introduction to nuclear chemistry in his General Chemistry class at Franklin and spent his summer fellowship delving deeper into the fundamentals of nuclear science and applications through lab exercises. Since Franklin College does not conduct any radiation chemistry
previous internship as a chemistry lab assistant at Franklin College, working with lab coordinator Chris Wach. Agba said Wach helped her greatly in the SURF application process by writing her recommendation letter. She also benefited from her Organic Chemistry course with chemistry professor Nazir Khatri, Ph.D. She noted that many of the skills she learned in Khatri’s class were transferrable to her fellowship at WSU. Further, engaged learning program assistant Diane Black and division of natural science executive secretary Natalie Haynes also played roles in helping Agba make it into the SURF program.

For the future, Agba plans to complete another internship in the physical therapy field and eventually attend graduate school.

In summarizing the SURF program, Agba said, “I met a lot of amazing people and made new connections. It was an amazing experience as I learned three very important secrets for success: Be willing to learn, work hard and be patient with yourself.”

Ferran was excited to be able to work with radioactive material and have a new experience.

“I was introduced to a brand new field of chemistry I had never even seen before,” said Ferran. “We learned lab safety around radioactive materials and learned about what’s being done to expand the field of nuclear chemistry.”

Ferran also had significant time to network during his fellowship, making important contacts with both active members in the nuclear chemistry field and with other students preparing for careers. “The program coordinators wanted us all to know each other, so that later on we would have those connections,” he said.

Ferran’s liberal arts background and foundation in science at Franklin helped him succeed in the REU and make a lasting impression on his program instructor, Patricia A. Baisden, Ph.D. She wrote in a letter to Franklin College faculty, “All of the students selected for the summer school were high quality, very competent students with a passion for learning. Sam was no exception.

“He was quick to absorb new concepts. He was not afraid to ask questions, thoughtful and often penetrating questions. Sam demonstrated a good work ethic. Overall, I would say Sam performed in the upper 25 percent of an already high performing class.”

Ferran, a glimpse into the life of a nuclear chemist was all it took to inspire a change of career paths. Prior to the REU, he was focused on becoming a pharmacist. Now his energies are redirected toward applying to graduate schools and pursuing a career in radiopharmaceutical production.

Radiopharmaceuticals are drugs that can be used as diagnostic and therapeutic agents. Mainly, they are used in imaging organ functions and body tissues, and they can show some details that other forms of X-rays cannot.

Ferran is excited about his new career plan for several reasons. “I could help the field by joining since there are so few people that are going into radiopharmaceuticals. Plus, I have wanted to go into the health care field since I was a child to help people. This would be a great way to do that and still go into a field of research as well.”

He has his sights set on attending graduate school at Missouri University of Science and Technology and studying radiopharmaceutical production. As a backup plan, he also is applying to Stanford University and the University of California, San Francisco.

Although Ferran received a stipend for his fellowship, what he gained in knowledge and experience was priceless, he said.

“I would absolutely recommend this to other students. It changed my life.”
Indiana teachers make giant leap in science education

By Danielle Faczan ’16
Pulliam Fellow

Michelle Bloomer ’99 has spent more than 10 years teaching on solid earth, but since this May she’s been experiencing what it’s like to learn and live on the moon. What she takes away from the experiences will help her students to infinity and beyond.

Bloomer and her colleague, Jamie Inskeep, are traveling around the country to study space exploration and history thanks to a $10,000 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship. Bloomer’s newfound knowledge will help support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) activities in her sixth-grade classes at Sugar Creek Elementary in New Palestine, Ind.

Lilly Endowment’s Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program gives Indiana teachers, principals and guidance counselors the financial support and encouragement to reinvigorate their commitment to education. The program advocates that as educators develop themselves intellectually, emotionally and physically they can better engage and challenge their students.

“The purpose of the grant is for renewal and to get teachers to reinvigorate their passion for teaching,” Bloomer said. “So the intent is to do things on your bucket list and carry that into your teaching to create a ripple effect.”

Bloomer and Inskeep spent weeks brainstorming ideas for a grant proposal, landing on the idea “One Giant Leap . . . A Mission Launching Dreams to Infinity and Beyond.”

“In teaching, there’s so much emphasis and stress put on standardized testing that sometimes we forget to think about the kids’ dreams and how to help them pursue their interests,” Bloomer said. “We want to inspire our students, and we thought space would give us some unique teaching opportunities.”

As part of their grant proposal, Bloomer and Inskeep had to summarize their idea in just 50 words and provide an overview of their rationale, project goals, activities, creative vision and projected instructional impact. They also had to create a tentative timeline, develop a budget, provide three letters of recommendation and sign a letter promising their intent to stay in education after using the grant.

In February, three months after submitting their proposal, the two received the news they had been waiting so patiently to learn. About 500 teachers applied and approximately 100 received grants; only three joint grants were given to teaching teams, including Bloomer and Inskeep. Bloomer recalls the day the envelope arrived with the good news.

“It was just as if we won the lottery but even better because this wasn’t just chance; we had worked for it and earned it,” she said. “We know what we do as teachers matters, but what an indescribably wonderful feeling to be recognized and valued by someone on the outside. It was as if the whole world was cheering us on.”

Bloomer’s love for science grew from her college majors, physical education and athletic training.

“Franklin College prepared me to meet challenges and step outside my comfort zone to pursue something I didn’t think was possible,” Bloomer said. “Some of the first people I told when we got the grant were my former Franklin College education professors. I wanted them to feel part of the journey, too, because they played a role in making it happen.”

Bloomer and Inskeep’s journey began in May at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., where they participated in the Space Camp for Educators.

The weeklong camp put the two through the paces of an actual space mission. Bloomer and Inskeep, along with nine other team members and two crew leaders, completed their mission on day three of camp. They dubbed themselves Team Unity and focused on working cooperatively.

“The whole process is much more involved and lengthy than the simple 3–2–1 blast off,” recalled Bloomer. “At T-90 minutes, there were many safety precautions, such as checking oxygen levels and cabin pressure leaks, for the shuttle-launch system. We were told that astronauts may sit on the launch pad two to six hours before taking off.”

The mission focused on traveling to a futuristic moon colony in the year 2052. While there, the team had to exchange two crew members, repair a control panel and replace solar panels. The camp also offered exposure to some of the training U.S. military personnel complete during their service. In one fictional scenario, Bloomer and Inskeep were in a helicopter shot down by enemy fire. They learned to escape by ziplining backward into a pond and swimming to a simulated rescue helicopter. Further, they learned how
to evacuate a helicopter submerging in water.

Bloomer said it’s impossible to describe the space camp in only a few words because it was an overall “amazing” experience.

“Team Unity included some very talented educators,” Bloomer said. “I took full advantage of every opportunity to discover what lessons, discipline tactics and test-taking strategies are used to make their classes, schools and districts successful.”

The kinship among the teachers was inspiring, according to Bloomer.

“It was a powerful and rare opportunity. Due to low budgets and lack of time, we just don’t get the luxury of networking very often with educators in our district, let alone outside our state. Though we came from different places on the globe and different places in our careers, a passion for learning, teaching and making a difference was a common bond we all shared,” she said.

With the remainder of their grant, Bloomer and Inskeep will visit the Kennedy Space Center in Orlando, Fla., featuring the “Up-Close Cape Canaveral: Then and Now” tour, the Waiakea Intermediate School in Hilo, Hawaii, the Imiloa Astronomy Center in Hawaii featuring the “Where Astronomy Meets Hawaiian Culture” program, and the Johnson Space Center in Houston featuring the Space Exploration Educator’s Conference. Based on their experience at the Space Camp for Educators, Bloomer and Inskeep are now building a proposal with the goal of becoming invited presenters at the conference.

“When we return to the classroom, our mission will prayerfully continue to inspire colleagues and students with us on our journey!” Bloomer said.

To join Bloomer and Inskeep on their journey, follow their blog twoteachersonajourney.blogspot.com.
The ’50s
Spencer M. Vawter ’59 introduced his new book, The Harder I Work, the Luckier I Get, and hosted a signing during Franklin College’s Homecoming festivities. He describes the book as a memoir of lessons he learned progressing from a Johnson County farm boy to a Franklin College physics major to a successful career as a CEO in the medical devices industry.

The ’70s
Phil Powell ’73 retired from the Franklin College Board of Trustees in October and was recognized for his service during Homecoming weekend. Powell had served on the board since 1998, most recently on the finance and physical facilities committees. He is a former Grizzlies’ quarterback, a member of the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame and the recipient of a 1993 Athletic Achievement Award. For several years he has chaired the annual Hugh K. Andrews Memorial Golf Outing to raise funds for the college athletic department. He is the owner of Allied Technologies Food Equipment, a company he created in 1980.

The ’80s
Todd Bemis ’84 has been selected to serve as an Alumni Council representative to the Franklin College Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the Alumni Council since 2009 and was slated by his peers and approved by the trustees for his new role over Homecoming weekend. He is the owner and president of the Johnson County-based Bemis Group, specializing in development, construction and design. Several major projects at the college have benefited from Bemis’ professional expertise over the years, including the Richardson Chapel remodel, the press box at Behrens Field and the Grizzly Park pavilion. Additionally, Bemis has been a Touchdown Club member since 2011.

Col. Jeffrey L. Kent ’85 recently assumed duties as senior military science instructor/officer in charge, U.S Army ROTC, at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts. He retired from active duty March 1, 2014, after almost 30 years of service. His numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal,
Daniel A. Sichting ’85, superintendent of Bloomfield School District, has been named 2016 Superintendent of the Year for District Four by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents. This is his second time to be selected District Four Superintendent of the Year; he also won the honor in 2014. Winners are selected by other superintendents in their district who consider the qualifications and accomplishments of area colleagues and their instructional leadership in a time of limited resources.

Nancy (Smock) Anderson ’89 was selected to chair the city of Anderson’s Sesquicentennial Celebration by Mayor Kevin Smith. She coordinated 50 volunteers and approximately a dozen events and legacy projects during the 16 months of planning preceding the celebration in August. Anderson is the director of the St. Vincent Anderson Regional Foundation and volunteers for a number of other Indiana organizations.

The ’90s

Tracy (Lovins) Martin ’92 was selected by the Jennings County (Ind.) Class of 2015 valedictorian as his most outstanding teacher. She was among 20 colleagues that were honored by the class’s top 20 seniors.

Marina (Dobrosavljevic) Marich ’96 researched and wrote Serbs in Chicagoland, a new book in Arcadia Publishing’s Images of

“Once I began working with people with disabilities, I realized it was rewarding and fulfilling work beyond a paycheck.”
—Brandy Emmons-Powell ’94

VIP Woman of the Year Circle welcomes health service leader

By Lisa Mancuso
National Association of Professional Women

Brandy Emmons-Powell ’94 was selected a 2015–16 inductee into the National Association of Professional Women’s (NAPW) VIP Woman of the Year Circle. She was recognized with the distinction for her leadership in health services.

“I’m pleased to recognize Brandy with this important honor,” said NAPW President Star Jones. “Her perseverance, work ethic and leadership qualities are an inspiration to all women.”

Emmons-Powell initially began her journey in the field of health services due to the flexible schedule it afforded her while in college. “Once I began working with people with disabilities, I realized it was rewarding and fulfilling work beyond a paycheck,” she said.

Today, Emmons-Powell is the director of quality development at Didlake, a nonprofit organization serving people with disabilities in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Services include job training that prepares individuals to enter the workforce and business solutions providing trainees with job placement opportunities.

In her role, Emmons-Powell is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of quality assurance and quality control initiatives for the organization’s contracts. To date, she has effectively ensured that each contract requirement is met primarily around quality control, reporting, inspection, auditing, sustainability and training. Currently, the quality assurance program is implemented on 14 federal contracts. Of all her noted achievements, Emmons-Powell is most proud of the contribution her work has on the lives of others to be able to experience greater independence and choice in their lives.

“I have worked hard to be part of Didlake’s mission ‘to create opportunities that enrich the lives of people with disabilities.’ Personally, my biggest accomplishment is my participation in improving and implementing processes that help people retain employment through a quality control-program that is tied directly to improving the work environment,” she said.

Emmons-Powell earned her Franklin bachelor’s degree in history and religious studies and also holds a master’s certificate in government contracting from The George Washington University and certification from Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis in museology/museum studies. During her time at Franklin, she studied abroad at Cheltenham–Gloucester College in Great Britain.

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Kelley Hoagland ’04

America series. Marich is a first-generation Serbian American and the owner of Dobro Communications based in Evanston, Ill.

Mike Olmstead ’96, KFJK-TV anchor and executive producer, won the Best News Anchor award from the Missouri Broadcasters Association in September. He is the inaugural award recipient.

Curt Holcroft ’98 has joined Franklin College as head men’s golf coach. He also teaches PE and health at Franklin Community High School, where he built successful programs in boys’ and girls’ golf over the last 16 years.

Heather (Bailey) Stietzel ’98 and her husband, Glen, are the parents of a son, Peter Andrew, born Aug. 28, 2015. He joins a stepbrother, William Henry. The family resides in Bristow, Va.

Kelley Hoagland ’04 recently celebrated her one-year anniversary of employment with the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County. As the program associate, she oversees scholarships, communications and marketing. She also continues to work part time at WORX/WXGO radio, where she has been on staff for a decade. She recently served as a committee member representing theatre during the creation of the Madison Area Arts Alliance and continues to volunteer for that organization and the Madison Community Players.

Eric Long ’04 has been named assistant principal at Indian Creek High School in Trafalgar, Ind. Previously, he served as the dean of students at Center Grove Middle School Central.

Wilson Mack ’06, an award-winning short film producer, recently vacated his chair behind the camera for a role in front of the lens. He was an actor in a short film called Dessert. The film was submitted for the Indianapolis 48 Hour Film Festival, where it won multiple honors: Best Film, Audience Choice, Best Writing and Best Use of Line. The film will go on to compete at Filmapalooza in Hollywood in early 2016.

Matt McCutcheon ’04 recently won two Emmys for his on-air reporting. His wins were in the categories of “Team Coverage” and “Continuing Coverage.” He joined the news team at WTHR-TV, Channel 13, Eyewitness News in Indianapolis in December of 2013 and reports live for the “Sunrise” program. He previously worked at WANE-TV in Fort Wayne, Ind., and WLKY-TV in Louisville, Ky.
Jason Sims ’07 and his wife, Shannon (McMurray) ’07, are the parents of a son, Caden Luke, born March 13, 2015. Jason is an assistant golf professional at Cascades Golf Course, and Shannon is a nurse at Riley Hospital for Children. The family resides in Bloomington, Ind.

Ashlee (Edgemon) Wasmund ’07 and her husband, Colin, are the parents of a daughter, Fiona Lorraine, born July 25, 2015. The family resides in Chicago.

Laura (Abbott) Smith ’08 and her husband, Jared, are the parents of a son, Owen James, born Nov. 7, 2014.

The ’10s
Adam Blackburn ’10 and Kayla Bachek ’11 married on June 19, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Union Station, in Indianapolis. Members of the wedding party included Mo Alrosan ’16, Sarah Dudley ’09, Mark Engleking ’09, Nick Ostergaard ’09, Samantha Pierson ’13, Kathleen Spencer ’10, Paul Strack ’10, Baylee (Pinnick) Williams ’11 and Amanda (Moore) Wiltsee ’11. Ushers were Jared Applegate ’09 and Trent Dahlstrom ’09, and the reader was Karle (Schaefer) Hougland ’09. Adam is employed as head brewer at Daredevil Brewing Co., and Kayla is an elementary school teacher in the Brownsburg Community School Corp. They reside in Indianapolis.

Katherine Stephens ’10 and Nelson Johnson married on Aug. 8, 2015, at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg, Ind. Their reception was at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. The bridal party included Brooke Brown ’11, Jenni (Searcy) Andrick ’09, Candace Beaty ’09, Kayla Cash ’11 and Martha Vance ’10. Readers were Rachel (Friedman) Barnstead ’11, Sara Talbert ’13 and Tiffany Tibbot ’11. Austin Andrick ’07 was an usher. The couple took a honeymoon to Riviera Maya, Mexico. They recently relocated from Washington, D.C., to Indianapolis.

Josh Fisher ’11 and Lindsey Brand ’10 married on July 20, 2013. This May, Josh graduated from Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. He will be completing his podiatry residency at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center in Cleveland.

Jason Kaylor ’11 and his wife, Jenna (Daugherty) ’13, are the parents of a son, Jackson Earl, born Sept 23, 2015. Jason is an agent with State Farm Insurance, and Jenna is a data analyst with True Rx Management Services. The family resides in Vincennes, Ind.

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Gracen Leslie, born Feb. 23, 2015, is the daughter of Ashley (Burton) Wilcoxen ’12 and her husband, Ryan ’12.

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Kevin Martin ’11 and his wife, Shannon (Egold) ’12, are the parents of a daughter, Allana June, born Sept. 26, 2015.

Terrell Parker ’11 was nominated this summer for the UNITE Magazine Man of the Year award in recognition of his contribution to the Indianapolis LGBT community. He is in his second year of employment with Brothers United as a linkage-to-care specialist for newly diagnosed individuals who have HIV. He helps them eliminate barriers to health care, encourages them to stay positive and oversees their adherence to medical care. He also is chairman for Indiana Pride of Color, an organization whose mission is to educate, embrace and empower individuals through the black LGBT experience.

Ryan Wilcoxen ’12 and his wife, Ashley (Burton) ’12, are the parents of a daughter, Gracen Leslie, born Feb. 23, 2015. Ashley shared that Gracen has Down Syndrome and a congenital heart defect and underwent her first surgery at only three days old. “She’s absolutely amazing, the strongest person we know, and Ryan and I couldn’t be more proud to be her parents.” Ashley is a teacher at Eminence Jr.-Sr. High School, and Ryan is the athletic director at Eastern Greene High School. The family resides in Martinsville, Ind.

Samantha (Meyer) Giesting ’13 and her husband, Allen, are the parents of a daughter, Emmy Lou, born Aug. 3, 2015.

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Every $25 plate sale supports the Franklin Fund, a financial lifeline for the men and women who learn, grow and thrive on our campus. Our programs in professional development, leadership studies and community service distinguish Franklin’s liberal arts education and provide life-transforming skills for men and women who go on to make a difference in their careers, the community and the world.

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Looking back at scholarship impact

In 2005, the John Grimmer Endowment in Support of Mathematics and Sciences was established to help students realize their dreams of a Franklin College education. Five years later, the endowment founders, John (HD ’12), now an honorary college trustee, and his wife, Barbara, recognized an opportunity to help even more students engineer their futures.

In December 2010, the forward-thinking couple revised their scholarship guidelines, giving the college greater flexibility in choosing deserving recipients. Further, the Grimmers grew the endowment with an additional personal gift through the Johnson County Community Foundation. Since that time, the Grimmers’ endowment has awarded more than $51,000 and assisted 17 students enrolled in the cooperative engineering program between Franklin College and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

Program participants study at Franklin for three years in a broad liberal arts environment and then at IUPUI for two years under a rigorous engineering curriculum. Those who successfully complete all courses earn two degrees, a bachelor of arts from Franklin after the fourth year and a bachelor of science in engineering from the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology, IUPUI, after the fifth year. The degree programs include but are not limited to a bachelor of science in biomedical engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

J.D. Crawley ’12 was the first-ever Franklin graduate to complete the program. He earned a bachelor’s degree in applied mathematics from Franklin in 2012 and a mechanical engineering degree from Purdue in 2013. Today, Crawley is employed as a productivity engineer and environmental, health, safety and sustainability manager with Stanley Black & Decker in Indianapolis.

Read more about Crawley on Page 25 of the Annual Report.

Student newspaper archives available online

We can’t turn back the hands of time, but we can help you fill in the blanks the next time someone asks, “Remember when?” Read all about it in The Franklin student newspaper digital archives!

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The '60s

Inda J. (Martin) Fetters '65 died July 3, 2015. She attended Franklin College and later worked as a bank teller and bookkeeper in Indianapolis. She enjoyed reading and loved nature and was a genealogist. She was preceded in death by her husband, James. Survivors include a daughter and two grandchildren. She resided in Zionsville, Ind.

Linda K. (Hill) Lavengood '65 died Sept. 16, 2014. She majored in elementary education and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren. She resided in Zionsville, Ind.

The '00s

Heather (Waterman) Huneycutt '11 died Aug. 23, 2015. She was a double major in biology and chemistry as well as a standout cross-country and track athlete. She participated in the 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Cross-Country National Championship and earned All-American honors in 2011, among other accomplishments. She completed graduate work at North Carolina State University and Veterinary Medicine and had become a captain in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps. As a result of her love for distance running and animals, she had recently become involved in sled dog veterinary care and served as a veterinary student assistant during an endurance race in Norway. Survivors include her husband, Simon Basse, her husband’s daughter and two siblings. She resided in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Timothy "Pork Chop" Bowen died July 20, 2015. He worked as an executive chef for Sodexo food services at Franklin College. He had several passions, including sharing his culinary creations with other people. He also loved golf and coaching. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a daughter and three grandchildren. He resided in Indianapolis.

John "Kevin" Elizman died July 15, 2015. He was the sports information director at Franklin College for more than 25 years, covering men’s and women’s athletics. He also did part-time sports reporting for the Johnson County Daily Journal throughout his career. He was a sports fan and especially loved NASCAR and the Indianapolis 500. He collected Coca-Cola memorabilia and loved music by the Beatles. He graduated from Ball State University. Survivors include two sons, his mother and three siblings. He resided in Greenwood, Ind.

Nick Steph, Ph.D., a Franklin College professor emeritus, died Oct. 16, 2015. He taught physics and astronomy at Franklin from 1988 to 2013, when he retired. Prior to joining Franklin, he taught for four years at Lake Forest College in Chicago. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a signal analyst from 1969–72. He graduated from Southern Colorado University with a bachelor of science degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. He later earned master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees in physics from the University of Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, Karen, two stepchildren and nine stepgrandchildren.

Barbara E. (Kemp) Scudder '58 died July 24, 2015. She majored in elementary education and then earned her master’s degree in library science from the State University of New York. She taught for two years and later worked as a librarian at several locations; she is credited with bringing Roxbury Public Library into the computer age. She was a member of the Stamford United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school. Survivors include her husband, David, two sisters and many nieces and nephews. She resided in Goshen, Ind.
Adding to the extraordinary generosity demonstrated during their lifetimes, Clifford (HD ‘86) and Paula (HD ‘01) Dietz, remembered Franklin College in their estate plan with a bequest to establish the Clifford and Paula Dietz Professional Development Lecture Series.

This new endowed lecture series will bring nationally recognized, prestigious and knowledgeable leaders to campus to further the college’s mission in professional development and leadership. The lecture series will build upon the goals of the previously established Dietz Professional Development Program that engages students in pivotal leadership and service opportunities so they graduate ready to succeed in both their personal and professional lives.

“Cliff and Paula Dietz were truly devoted friends of Franklin College, and we are tremendously grateful for the foresight they demonstrated in making an estate gift. Its purpose exemplifies the caring spirit and visionary leadership that characterized the Dietzes’ entire lives. Our forthcoming lecture series will build on their incredible legacy and help shape the stories of Franklin College students and alumni for generations to come,” said President Thomas J. Minar, Ph.D.

The Dietzes are a part of Franklin College history. Over their lifetimes, they made a significant impact on the college community through their participation and generosity. Cliff served on the board of trustees from 1978–82 and was reappointed in 1983, continuing to serve until his death on May 23, 2013, at the age of 94. He served as secretary of the board of trustees from 1991–2010. In 1984, the Franklin College Alumni Council named Cliff an associate alumnus for steadfast and loyal service to the college. He also received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Franklin College in 1986.

Cliff’s cherished wife, Paula, died on July 19, 2014, at the age of 93. The Franklin College Alumni Council named Paula an associate alumna in 1984 for her service and loyalty to the college. She was also honored by the college with an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 2001. The Dietzes were married nearly 67 years and had three daughters, Sharon Dietz Wilson, Stephanie Dietz and Jennifer Dietz St. Martin ’77. The Dietzes also had several grandchildren.

The Dietzes were charter members of the Franklin College President’s Club and Leaders for Life gifting societies. Additional examples of their generosity span the campus from end to end. They established the Dietz Center for Professional Development in 1994. The facility was their idea as was the Professional Development Program (PDP), a specialized living/learning curriculum to instill students with, in Cliff’s words, the “polish” that can help give Franklin College graduates an edge over their peers. In addition, there is the Dietz Residence Hall, which along with Johnson Memorial Hall, replaced Bryan Hall, a dormitory lost to accidental fire in 1985.

In 2000, the college dedicated the John P. McDowell Memorial Baseball Field. The Dietzes donated the money for the field, which is named for their late grandson. A rare book collector, Cliff donated his own personal and complete collection of the National Geographic to Franklin College. The couple also established an endowment to purchase rare and special collections for the B. F. Hamilton Library.

More recently, the Dietzes made a gift toward construction of the Napolitan Student Center and the purchase of a home at 624 E. Monroe St., which serves as a hub for the college’s marketing and communications offices.

The Dietzes took great pleasure in recognizing the accomplishments of Franklin faculty and students. They established the Clifford and Paula Dietz Faculty Excellence Award, given annually to a professor who models outstanding teaching; the award also provides books for the library. For students, they established the Engineered Models Corp. Endowed Scholarship, Dietz Gifted and Talented Scholarship, Dietz Travel Endowment, Clifford and Paula Dietz Excellence Endowment Scholarship and the Dietz/McDowell Fund.

The Dietzes’ estate gift provides a capstone for a lifetime of giving to Franklin College.
Positive first impressions influenced Evan Vernon ’17 to choose Franklin College. Engaging, transformative experiences are what keep him here.

“Right away I liked Franklin’s small, friendly community and was impressed by the reputable education department,” said Vernon. It didn’t take long for the English and French education major to realize Franklin would provide him even more than the foundation for a teaching career. Franklin is a liberal arts college that prepares students to think independently, to serve responsibly and to serve with integrity in their professions, their communities and the world.

Vernon said, “Each discipline in the liberal arts gives us insight into ourselves and the world at large.” He credits the faculty for making courses interesting by ensuring they’re relevant to the real world. “We are constantly challenged to determine an assignment’s social, spiritual and/or personal significance,” he said.

Critical-thinking skills are especially useful to Vernon when he’s at the head of the class; like all Franklin education majors, he began exploratory teaching experiences his sophomore year. He will accrue more than 600 hours of teaching experience prior to his graduation. Beyond teaching, Vernon volunteers as a high school cross-country and track coach. He also is a college resident assistant and the service chair for Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

“Classes have given me content knowledge for the teaching field, and leadership experiences have given me the tools to live with confidence and direction,” said Vernon. He is a recipient of the Franklin College President’s Scholarship, Betty Flinn Johnson Endowed Scholarship and Ashley-Tracy French Award.

Your gifts to the Franklin Fund assist students like Vernon who will go on to make a difference in the world. Give online at www.FranklinCollege.edu/giving or call (317) 738-8040.