Mission Accomplished
“IF PASSION DRIVES, LET REASON HOLD THE REINS.”

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

At Commencement the faces of our graduating seniors bore witness to transformations in their minds, lives and prospects. Encouraged, challenged and supported by faculty, staff and fellow students, these young men and women made discoveries about themselves and about the world in which they will be engaged learners and leaders. They forged relationships and made memories they will never forget. They fulfilled the dream of earning a Franklin College degree, and they take with them personal integrity, unquenchable curiosity, a sound work ethic, strong communication skills, an ability to work in problem-solving teams and the capacity to make a difference. The Class of 2014 exemplifies why we do what we do at Franklin College.

It hardly seems possible that Candace and I have had the privilege of congratulating 12 graduating classes at Franklin College. Next year’s class will be our last. As you may know, we plan to retire June 30, 2015. Both personally and professionally, Franklin College has exceeded our every expectation. We are grateful for such meaningful years.

We will remain enthusiastically involved at Franklin College. This year my priorities include continuing execution of the Strategic Plan, with special emphasis on making our science curriculum and facilities relevant and rewarding for our students, faculty and the community. With Central Indiana’s reputation as an emerging leader in the life sciences, Franklin College is definitely the right place, and this is the right time to move forward.

CORRECTIONS:
The Franklin College Magazine spring ’14 issue indicated Tanner May ’14 was the Grizzlies’ first male cheerleader. However, according to college archivist Ruth Dorrel, the yearbooks show a long history of male cheerleaders, dating back as early as 1917. The men then were called “yell leaders.” Cheerleading rosters in the yearbooks didn’t begin including women until 1945.

Class of 2014 marches onward and upward

Catch up with the new graduates in our six-page recap, including awards presentations, speech excerpts and photo albums.

College employees pursue lifelong learning

Learn which faculty and staff members were recently guest speakers, exhibitors, researchers, collaborators, published authors and award winners.

Student-athletes shine through spring season

Check out the team and individual accomplishments that gave the Grizzlies and their fans plenty to roar about!

Students selected summer research fellows

Meet two women engaging in undergraduate research that will help build their skills and careers.
In accordance with the Strategic Plan, I will be deeply involved in working with faculty, staff and trustees to address the college’s long-term human, physical and capital needs. Additionally, I will continue to partner with the board of trustees and cabinet members on risk prevention and other ways to strengthen the college’s fiscal integrity, further improving its position for the future.

As this important work continues, Candace and I strongly hope to cross paths with many of you between now and next June. Thank you for welcoming us into the Franklin family in 2002 and for sharing in the projects, programs, and progress that have been so meaningful for the students Franklin College serves so well.

Sincerely,

Jay Moseley
Franklin College President
Tyler Heavin ’14, a biology and chemistry major, received the Gold Quill Trophy. The annual award is presented to a student chosen by the faculty for excelling in academics, campus leadership positions and community service.

Franklin College Minister Rev. David Weatherspoon and Quaker pastor Philip Gulley, Ph.D., don Commencement regalia prior to leading baccalaureate services.

“A liberal arts education wasn’t just meant to prepare you for a vocation. It was intended to prepare you for life . . .”

—Philip Gulley, Ph.D.
Gulley said, “As wonderful as the college experience can be, you want to make sure it isn’t the best thing you’ll ever do. You don’t want to peak too early. Don’t let these past four years be the best part of your life. Let them be the start of something wonderful, something you can build upon.”

Gulley continued with a reference to scripture, encouraging the students to learn from history. He said, “You don’t want to spend your life looking over your shoulder, longing for Egypt, like those Hebrews, who found themselves in the wilderness and dreamed of the old days instead of looking toward the future.”

Gulley cautioned graduates that they will at some point find themselves feeling lost, as uncertainty is a common human experience. He reminded the graduates to remain hopeful.

“A liberal arts education wasn’t just meant to prepare you for a vocation. It was intended to prepare you for life, to take you in directions you didn’t anticipate, to move you forward and thereby move humanity forward,” said Gulley.

As an example, Gulley cited that one month before he signed the Emancipation Proclamation Abraham Lincoln sent Congress a letter in which he implored the members to think and act anew to abolish slavery.

Gulley said, “Great people, great cultures, great nations, think anew. They appreciate history, but are not enslaved by it. They do not renew the prejudices of the previous generation; they do not build upon past bigotries; they overcome them. Wherever history closes a door, great people open it. They think anew; they act anew. They follow the pillar of fire in front of them, not the dusty rut behind.”

In concluding his sermon, Gulley said, “Friends, you have not been educated to walk in the dusty ruts of the past. You have been educated to think anew and act anew. You have been educated to be the burr in society’s saddle, to spur humanity forward — ethically, intellectually, scientifically, morally and spiritually.

“Treasure your education, and use it, not to delay progress and justice,
but to promote them. Not just for personal enhancement, but for the world’s enhancement. There are plenty of people content to live in the past. Don’t you be one of them. You build our future. You think anew. You act anew. Leave the dust. Follow the fire.”

Honoring excellence

On May 24, the day after baccalaureate, Commencement activities for 212 graduates took place in the Spurlock Center gymnasium. Special presentations included the Scholarship Cup and Gold Quill Trophy awarded to J.T. Barton ’14 and Tyler Heavin ’14, respectively.

Additional presentations included the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award to Sarah Mordan-McCombs, assistant professor of biology; the Faculty Excellence in Scholarship Award to David Cunningham, assistant professor of fine arts; the Faculty Steering Committee Distinguished Service Award to Linda Airey, professor of education; and the Clifford and Paula Dietz Award for Faculty Excellence to Susan Crisafulli, professor of English. Commencement also included recognition of retiring faculty member Bonnie Pribush, who was granted emerita status by the board of trustees. Read more about Pribush on pages 20–21.

Other awards included honorary doctorates of humanities presented to J. Thomas (Tom) Howald ’64 and Susan Johnson DeVoss ’65. Howald, a professor emeritus, was recognized for the myriad ways in which he has demonstrated loyalty to his alma mater and served students, thereby helping advance the college mission. Howald taught philosophy, medieval history, earth science and religion at Franklin College and served as Philosophy and Religion Department chair, faculty marshal and the institutional accreditation liaison. He received several teaching excellence awards over the course of his 45-year career.

DeVoss, immediate past chair of the Franklin College Board of Trustees, also was recognized for loyalty and service on behalf of her alma mater. She has served as a trustee since 1997 and was the first woman ever appointed to serve as the board chair, filling the position for five years. Leadership has been a hallmark of DeVoss’s personal and professional identities. She is retired from The Chase Manhattan Bank, where she worked in human resources for 31 years, residing some of that time in Hong Kong, where she assisted more than 3,000 Chase employees in 12 countries in Asia and the Pacific.

DeVoss was a guest speaker for the Franklin College Tull Lecture series in 1987 and chaired regional fundraisers during the college’s Leaders for Life campaign from 1999 to 2002. Her ties to Franklin College span 132 years, starting with her great-grandfather, Andrew Johnson, who served as secretary of the board from 1882 to 1903. She shares alumni status with many family members, including her parents, the late Robert A. ’41 and Elizabeth (Flinn) Johnson ’41, and her husband, Jay M. DeVoss ’64.

Reaching mileposts

Honorary degree recipient John C. Lechleiter, chairman, president and CEO of Eli Lilly and Co., was keynote speaker, delivering the address “Three Mileposts for the Journey Ahead.” Lechleiter encouraged the graduates to not only reflect on their college careers but also to look ahead with anticipation.

He said, “I’d like to offer you some advice based on what I’ve learned so far on what Churchill once referred to as this ‘grand journey’ of life that we share together. My first and most important piece of advice is this: Dream big, dare to be great and never sell yourself short.”

As example, Lechleiter referenced George Walden 1917. After graduating from Franklin College with a degree in chemistry, Walden joined Eli Lilly and Co., where five years later he took on a special assignment that changed medical history.

He perfected a technique called isoelectric precipitation that led to improved quantities of more pure and potent insulin during the
production process. Lilly insulin, known in those days as Iletin, was made commercially available shortly thereafter, immediately lifting death sentences for thousands of people with Type I diabetes, enabling them instead to lead normal and productive lives. Walden played a key role 20 years later in helping develop a large scale process for manufacturing penicillin, another lifesaving medicine that ushered in the era of modern antibiotics.

Lechleiter indicated Walden’s accomplishments were possible because he dared to dream and take a risk.

He said, “None of us can predict the future. None of us knows exactly what the future holds. But you can certainly choose to accept and acknowledge the special gifts that are uniquely your own and recognize that you leave here today having received a wonderful education at Franklin College and that you’re bound and destined to contribute to this world of ours in some important way. Don’t ever believe otherwise, and don’t ever let anyone tell you otherwise.”

Lechleiter’s second bit of advice focused on expecting the unexpected. He shared a personal example, citing how a medical condition required an extended leave of absence from his work at a critical time in the company’s history. He told how the challenging time brought him closer to loved ones and co-workers and provided significant life lessons.

“Look, the fact is, we don’t always know what lies ahead, or sometimes even what’s around the corner! Things do happen! But we’re also not helpless,” said Lechleiter. “The education you’ve received at Franklin College may today be pointing you to a specific job or vocation or to a graduate school program. But, it’s more than that. The learning you’ve experienced here is meant to prepare you to adjust and to adapt to a rapidly changing world and to find in those unexpected events, when they come along, opportunities, if only we will see it that way.”

Lechleiter’s final bit of advice focused on character, specifically preserving and protecting one’s self in an age of social media, bullying and pressure to conform. He shared how as CEO he constantly receives advice and criticism regarding Lilly’s business operations. He shared how adhering to the company’s mission and timeless core values has kept business on course. He shared how protecting one’s self in an age of social media, bullying and pressure to conform is yet to come. All of us are fortunate to have the tools to be great, but we must not become so passionate in our careers that we lose sight of recreation. Let’s make the rest of our lives full of fun and enjoyable memories so that when we meet at a reunion or Homecoming we will be able to share stories about our great lives. I am honored to call the Class of 2014 my Franklin College Family.”

—John C. Lechleiter
Eli Lilly and Co.
Chairman, President, CEO
CONGRATULATIONS,
CLASS OF 2014!

1 Torie Zeiner '15,
Nicole Brand '14 and
Leslie Johnson '14

2 Susan Crisafulli, professor of
English, Lacey Jackson '14,
and Nick Crisafulli, professor
of theatre

3 Eduardo Castillo '14

4 Robbie Hixon '14

5 Chris Hope '14

6 In the foreground are
Olivia Ralston '14, Kaize
Hopf '14 and Megan
Springer '14. In the back-
ground are Maria Wagner '14,
Brandon Walker '14 and
Zac Wilson '14.

7 Laurie Hargrove '14,
LaDarrius Calvin '14,
Ezana Berhe '14, Brandon
Walker '14, Dominique
Boyd '14, Ray Brents '14,
Brandon Brooks '14, Phillip
Dobson '14 and Shanice
Myers '14

8 Hal Enkoff '14, Jill Baum '14,
Arika Yager '14 and
Nick Stoia '14

9 Ben O'Neal, assistant
professor of biology, and
Trey Thurston '14

10 Johnny White '14,
Bryant Condor '14,
Brandon Mullens '14 and
Chris Parker '14

11 Meghan Bender '14

12 Brittany Jameson '14,
Antonio Cordero '14 and
Emily Winship '14

13 Shelby Gentry '14, Megan
Springer '14 and Morgan
McClellan '14
Celebrating a Franklin first …

The Class of 2014 included a group of 19 distinguished graduates who hold a permanent place in Franklin College history. They are the inaugural group of Franklin First Scholars. Their experiences in what began as a grant-funded pilot program have had a significant impact on helping the college learn ways to improve the wellbeing, performance and retention not only of first-generation scholars but of all first-year students.

With a grant from the Walmart Foundation and the Council of Independent Colleges, Franklin College rolled out the First Scholars and First Families program in 2010 to address the unique needs of its first-generation population, who consistently have composed one-third of the student body for the last 20 years. The program addressed three factors of particular impact on the retention, graduation and placement of first-generation students: Student and family awareness of the academic and social expectations of college, student and family ability to negotiate college systems and environment, and student and family access to a network of contacts.

“There was a good deal of research that indicated these factors work to inhibit the persistence and success of first-generation students,” said David Brailow, vice president for academic affairs. “We believed if we could do something significant for first-generation students then we might also be able to develop programs to help all new students.”

Before launching the program, the college appointed an oversight committee of faculty and staff and revamped an existing New Student Coordinator position, adding management of the First Scholars and First Families program.

The inaugural First Scholars, First Families program included a summer orientation event with a service learning project, a mentoring component that paired students and their families with an alumnus/a or friend of the college and two special sections of the New Student Leadership Seminar dedicated to the group. Additional activities for the First Families included three webinars addressing the liberal arts, career planning and choosing a major.

The college invited 80 incoming first-generation students and their families to participate; 25 students accepted the opportunity. Of that cohort, 19 were graduated in May. Their retention rate from first to second year was 88 percent, much higher than the program goal; their graduation rate of 76 percent also was higher than the college’s current five-year average.

Other significant Franklin First Scholars program data was collected through student wellbeing surveys administered by an external firm and paid for by a grant from the Bringing Theory to Practice project of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The data from these surveys confirmed that Franklin First Scholars scored significantly better than control groups (other first-year students and other first-generation students who did not participate in the program) on important indicators of wellbeing, including coping and adaptation, self-efficacy, positive growth, social adjustments, feelings of self-worth and behaviors related to alcohol and drug use. Further, focus group interviews indicated that meaningful social bonding took place among the Franklin First Scholars, especially during the summer experience, and was the single most important causative factor in retention and other results, with the level of support from faculty and staff, second.

The college made some adjustments to the First Scholars and First Families program based on the inaugural participants’ feedback and lessons learned, and continued offering the program to larger and larger cohorts over the last four years. This year’s Franklin First Scholars program will enroll the largest group of students yet.

Brailow is pleased not only with the program’s direct results but with the peripheral ways it has impacted the college community. “Franklin First Scholars transformed the way we work with incoming students and generated new enthusiasm and energy among faculty, changing the way a number of them teach and learn,” said Brailow.

Brailow indicated that some other higher-learning institutions offer similar “bridge” programs, but they are focused on remediation whereas Franklin College focuses on cohort building and raising awareness about academic expectations.

“We’ve found we’re nearly unique in that way,” said Brailow. In addition, few schools offer short summer programs as part of a larger effort, and few other schools include a service-learning component during summer bridge programs.

Brailow said, “From the onset, we felt the college could best serve students with programs that were short, sustained and intensive. We’ve gained national recognition in response to our outcomes and been asked to present at several education colloquia and conferences. We’ve also had representatives from other institutions visit the campus to learn more.”

Success of the First Scholars program spawned the development of several others at the college designed to help specific groups of students “bridge” from high school to college. Franklin College currently offers programs in English, mathematics, leadership and music theory. The football and baseball programs also...
New trustee on board

Katharine Kruse has been elected to the Franklin College Board of Trustees. She is a graduate of Colorado Women’s College with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. She has owned the retail stores Pan Handles and John Simmons. She also has managed the gift shop at the interactive history park Conner Prairie. She was a museum store consultant for more than 20 years before she retired. She now serves at the helm of a small, family-owned charity, Mothershead Foundation, which primarily makes gifts to Central Indiana organizations.

Kruse is an active community volunteer, serving as a board member for the Indiana Historical Society and an honorary board member for the Indianapolis Civic Theatre. She also serves as a board adviser for the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art and an advisory board member for the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis. Additionally, she serves with the board of incorporators for Crown Hill Cemetery and the foundation board for the Woodstock Club. She is a member of the Museum Store Association.

She and her husband, Richard, reside in Indianapolis and have three grown children. Kruse enjoys golfing, sailing and reading.

The Franklin College Board of Trustees consists of 40 elected voting members, each serving a three-year term. There is no limit to the number of terms served. Three members are elected by the board upon recommendation by the Alumni Council. ■

Incoming class largest in recent years

The college has exceeded its enrollment goal for the fall semester. With students continuing to register for courses starting in August, the Class of 2018 enrollment stands at 390, as of July 2. It is the largest entering class since 2007.

“Strong enrollment indicates the Franklin College message of value and quality is resonating with students and parents,” said President Jay Moseley. “Our outstanding professors and high-impact learning practices in small, personalized classes continue to produce the successful student outcomes on which Franklin College has built its reputation. We’re proud that awareness of Franklin College’s educational excellence continues to grow.”

Alan Hill, vice president for enrollment and marketing, shared these facts about the Class of 2018:

■ Fifty eight percent of the incoming class is female
■ Multicultural and out-of-state students represent 24 percent of the class
■ Forty eight students are Johnson County (Ind.) residents
■ The students represent 69 Indiana counties and 14 states
■ More than one-third of the students were in the top 20 percent of their high school class
■ The class holds an average GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale

New student move-in day for the 2014–15 academic year is Friday, Aug. 22. ■

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Franklin College among top in producing effective teachers

According to an educator ratings report recently released by the Indiana Department of Education, Franklin College has produced highly effective teachers for the last three consecutive years.

The report noted educators trained at private colleges were more effective than those trained at public colleges; Franklin ranked in the top three in the private college category.

Indiana educators were rated on a four-point scale in the study — highly effective, effective, improvement necessary and ineffective. The study assessed the effectiveness of teachers and administrators and compared that to where they earned their degrees.

Of the first- and second-year teachers who graduated from Franklin College, 40 percent were rated as highly effective and the other 60 percent were rated as effective, with no first- or second-year teachers ranked in the lowest categories.

Franklin College Education Department faculty members said the key to graduates’ success as teachers is early and continuous emphasis on field work throughout the program. Franklin College education majors are required to experience at least six placements in classrooms of various grade levels and to clock at least 1,000 hours of working in classrooms before their graduation.

“'We make sure our students are prepared,” said Karen Burgard, Education Department chair. “They get real-world experience in real-world classrooms. More importantly, they experience the daily art and science of teaching. We believe that the only way for our students to become excellent teachers is to have them in classrooms being able to teach.”

Franklin College has a high job placement rate for education majors. The 2013 graduates had a success rate of more than 95 percent, and several education majors in the class of 2014 had secured positions prior to Commencement.

Business majors’ exam scores among nation’s highest

Franklin seniors majoring in business continued a tradition of excellence this year on the Major Field Test (MFT) in business; they scored in the nation’s top 9 percent. There were 128,136 examinees at 662 institutions across the country who took the test.

The high-scoring Class of 2014 business majors were Jill Baum, Allison Bayley, Blake Bowers, Griffen Brown, Hal Enkoff, Leighton Gough, William Hilgendorf, Lucas Hill, Tess Howard, Jordan Segner, Nick Stoia, Todd Trotter, John White and Arika Yager.

Since the first MFT was administered to Franklin students in 1992, they have consistently scored at or near the top 10 percent in the nation. The MFT is a degree requirement for business majors and is used to measure student academic achievement and assess educational outcomes of the program.

Several of the senior business majors also participated in an induction ceremony welcoming new members into the Franklin College chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a business and economics honorary society. New members are selected based on academic excellence and a drive to succeed in the business world. The induction ceremony was preceded by a dinner for students and their families.

Delta Mu Delta was founded in 1913 by a Harvard University dean and four Yale University professors and has nearly 70 international chapters that promote its high standards and academic excellence.

Delta Mu Delta’s new members include Linda Greathouse ’14, Sam Otley ’15, Lindsey Dall ’15, Ryan Hammer ’15, Hila Collier ’15, Anna Murdock ’15, Lincoln Jones ’15, Leighton Gough ’14, Jacob Evans ’14, Kayla Dragstrem ’15 and Erin Truax ’15.
Performing live

This spring a junior theatre major landed a lead role and his first paid acting gig in the Phoenix Theatre’s production of I and You in Indianapolis. Eli Curry ’15 said he’s still “amazed” that he was paid to do what he loves!

The critically acclaimed I and You was selected a national finalist for the 2014 Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award, recognizing playwrights for the best scripts that premiered professionally outside New York City during 2013. The play, written by Lauren Gunderson and directed by Martha Jacobs, follows the story of two high-school students, the moody, chronically ill Caroline and the practical basketball player Anthony (Curry). After their teacher assigns them to collaborate on deconstructing a poem about interconnectedness they begin growing closer and sharing personal secrets.

In preparation for the role, Curry said he read Walt Whitman and reflected on his high school days, particularly examining cliques. Curry also credited the theatre program at his alma mater for making him ready for the stage.

“Franklin College prepared me by making me push myself as hard as I could in my theatrical pursuits,” Curry said.

“Working at the Phoenix in a professional capacity actually exceeded the joys of acting that I thought I would experience. I know now that this profession is the one that I’m going to pursue once I have completed my education at Franklin College.”

While it was Curry’s first role at the Phoenix Theatre, his previous credits include parts in the Franklin College productions of Anonymous and A Perfect Couple.

Moving abroad to teach, learn

Shanice Myers ’14 owns two indispensible documents, her Franklin College bachelor’s degree diploma and her U.S. passport. Both are part of her preparations for moving to Japan, where she’ll live for two years while serving as a teacher and cultural ambassador.

Myers, a former political science major, is helping continue a goodwill program the city of Franklin maintains with its sister-city Kuji. Since 1988, Franklin College leaders and Kuji city leaders have partnered in offering alumni an opportunity to teach English abroad to elementary and middle-school students. The position also involves assisting in the Kuji mayor’s office. Myers begins her commitment in August.

“I see this program as an excellent opportunity to begin to speak Japanese and further my long-term goal to attend law school and pursue a career in public policy and service,” Myers said.

Myers previously traveled abroad during Winter Term 2013, when she participated in a service-learning course in Uganda.

“Throughout the trip I maintained an open mind to learn Ugandan cultural and social norms, try new food and meet new people. By doing so, I quickly learned of many commonalities I shared with the Ugandan people,” she said.

Myers has many tasks to accomplish before her move abroad, but she is calm and focused.

“I will try to learn as much Japanese as I can before I depart and seek advice and insight from the two program participants currently in Kuji,” she said.

“We make sure our students are prepared. They get real-world experience in real-world classrooms.”

—Karen Burgard,
Education Department Chair
Franklin College

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Franklin Fast Facts

55 majors, 41 minors, 11 pre-professional programs, 4 cooperatives
96% of students receive some form of financial assistance

Average class size, 15 students

74 full-time teaching faculty, 0 teaching assistants

12:1 student to faculty ratio

100% of students complete at least two service-learning experiences prior to graduation

95% of Franklin graduates are employed or attending graduate school within six months of earning their degree

50+ clubs and student organizations

100% of students complete at least one internship or intensive research experience before graduation

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Upcoming lecture series encourages lifelong learning

Franklin College hosts an annual Convocation Lecture Series supporting the institution’s five core values: Respect, honesty, responsibility, faith and lifelong pursuit of learning. The upcoming series focuses on lifelong learning and includes speakers with a diverse range of professional, political and social perspectives. The college aims for the series to enrich its liberal arts curriculum and help guide students toward development of a personal values system. As a community partner, the college also offers free admission to the public. The full 2014–15 schedule follows:

“Two Unlikely Friends: On the Road to Reconciliation”
Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center
Robi Damelin, an Israeli, and Aramin Bassam, a Palestinian, are spokes-
persons and members of the Parents Circle–Families Forum, an organization of more than 600 bereaved families, all of whom have lost a close family member as a result of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The organization works to create a framework for reconciliation between citizens of the warring nations. Damelin and Bassam will share their personal stories of loss due to the conflict and discuss the transformative power of choosing reconciliation over revenge. As a prelude to this lecture, the documentary film “One Day After Peace” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, in Richardson Chapel.

“Where Am I Wearing?”
Thursday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.
Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center
When journalist Kelsey Timmerman wanted to know where his clothes came from and who made them, he began an adventure that would take him from Honduras to Bangladesh to Cambodia to China and back again. Now he travels the world and shares the stories of the people he meets, educating audiences and promoting dialogue about how to improve our world economy. Timmerman humanizes the issues of globalization, bridging the gap between global producers and consumers. “Where Am I Wearing?” has been featured in TIME, Financial Times, U.S. News and World Report and The Christian Science Monitor.

“Why We Can’t Wait: Taking Lessons from the Past to Improve the Future”
Martin Luther King Day Lecture
Monday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Richardson Chapel
Terri Hurdle, Ed.D., diversity educator, will talk about Dr. King’s book, “Why We Can’t Wait,” in which he chronicled the events that led to “the Negro Revolution,” e.g., the slow implementation of Brown vs. Board of Education economic conditions. Hurdle will address how the events prompted change in America and brought about advancements in civil rights that still impact today. She also will talk about building on lessons from the past to improve education for a number of currently marginalized groups and to increase living wages for families.

“Defining Moments: Black, Christian and Gay — A Life of Learning, Healing, Growth and Change”
Black History Month Lecture
Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.
Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center
The Rev. Jamie Washington, Ph.D., is president and founder of the Washington Consulting Group, a multicultural organizational development firm based in Maryland. He also is the president and a co-founder of the Social Justice Training Institute. Additionally, he serves as visiting assistant professor of religion and social ethics at Winston-Salem State University. He lives and works at the intersection of his identities. He will share his journey of learning, growth and change and inspire others to live full, true lives.

“Human Trafficking, Past and Present”
Women’s History Month Lecture
Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.
Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center
The term “human trafficking” conjures images of foreign people and faraway places. The reality is that hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens are trafficked each year. Responding to this problem requires a collaboration from a wide range of agencies and professionals. Join us for a panel discussion of the social, economic, legal and gender dynamics involved in human trafficking. Panelists include Tracy McDaniel, care coordinator of the Julian Center; Stacey Robertson, co-director of Historians Against Slavery; Abigail Kuzma, director and chief counsel of consumer protection and senior policy advisor for the Indiana Attorney General’s office; and Mary Hutchinson, Marion County deputy prosecutor.

“Body 3.0”
Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center
Nina Tandon, Ph.D., CEO and co-founder of EpiBone, believes the era of engineered tissues — such as a replacement kidney grown in a lab — is just beginning. In this talk, Tandon will show how we (and our bodies) have lived through most of history (Body 1.0) and how we evolved into “cyborgs” with implants (such as pacemakers and artificial joints, Body 2.0). She predicts Body 3.0 will involve growing our own body parts. For her doctoral thesis, Tandon grew cardiac cells able to beat like tiny hearts. During her lecture, she will explain the process of growing tissue and transplants and the impact on the future of medical science.

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Franklin’s dedicated, caring faculty and staff members are devoted to teaching and mentoring students, and they provide leadership and service in their disciplines, communities and the world. As scholars, researchers, writers, consultants and artists, their professional contributions reflect tremendous breadth and depth. The Faculty/Staff Notes provide a glimpse of their recent activities and accomplishments.

Connie Ables-Rigsbee, assistant professor of education, had material selected for inclusion on the National Geographic Education website. Her work is a resource for elementary school teachers whose students are studying the IMAX film “Jerusalem.” Ables-Rigsbee also was involved in helping Franklin education majors create an English Language Learners Club in collaboration with teachers at Homecroft Elementary School in Southport, Ind. In addition, she facilitated an opportunity for Franklin students’ involvement in an Indiana dentist’s public awareness campaign about the effects of sports drinks on teeth.

Denise Baird, professor of sociology, was an invited speaker at Marian University, where she gave the lecture, “Learning, The Liberal Arts and The Changing Landscape of Higher Education: What I Learned About Higher Education from the Nonprofit Social Service Sector.” More recently, she presented “Sociology & Careers in Nonprofits” at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association.

Bob Beasley, professor of computing, has written the book, Software Engineering: Activities and Tasks, available through LAD Publishing. He also gave the presentation “Using Confidence Weighting to Enhance Multiple-Choice Assessment” at Kun Shan University in Tainan City, Taiwan, and a related presentation at National Kaohsiung Normal University, in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

Amy Bracken, assistant professor of psychology, and her colleagues Kristin Flora and Jamie Bromley, were co-presenters of “Is Learning Psychology all Fun and Games?” at the Midwestern Psychological Association’s annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. She also was faculty sponsor of five student presenters at the Butler Undergraduate Research Conference, where groups of psychology majors presented original experimental research.

Jamie Bromley, assistant professor of psychology, and her colleagues, Amy Bracken and Kristin Flora, were co-presenters of “Curricular Design to Harness the Power of Peer Learning” at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Jarrod Brown, assistant professor of Spanish, presented “No pudo atravesar su fantasma: Memory and Trauma in Ronald Flores’ Ultimo silencio” at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

Dan Callon ’77, professor of mathematics, presented a paper, “Student-Centered Assessment,” at the Joint Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) and the American Mathematical Society in Baltimore, Md., in January and at the spring meeting of the Indiana Section of the MAA in Fort Wayne, Ind., in April. He also served as a grader for the Indiana Collegiate Mathematics Competition.

David Carlson, professor of philosophy and religion, has written a piece selected as a chapter in the forthcoming Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: A North American Response to “A Common Word Between Us and You” by editors Nathan R. Kollar and Mohammad Shafiq. Carlson’s contribution is titled “Discovering the Common Word Among Those
in Need: A Post 9/11 Ethic for Muslims and Christians.”

Barbara Chambers, administrative assistant to the Franklin College Finance Department, received the Swimming Official of the Year award during the 2013–14 IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Championships in Indianapolis. Chambers has been an official for 28 years with USA Swimming. She began officiating high school swimming while living in Seattle when her oldest son was a freshman in 1991. She continued at that level after moving to Indiana in 1993. Chambers also is an evaluator of officials; she helps others improve their skills to become better officials. Chambers previously received the Swimming Official of the Year award in 2010. She is the only individual who has won the award twice.

David Chandler, professor of philosophy and religion, recently attended the biennial Glasgow Philosophy of Religion Seminar in Scotland. The seminar provided an international platform for discussion of work in analytic philosophy of religion and was sponsored by the University of Glasgow and the Royal Institute of Philosophy.

Meredith Clark-Wiltz, assistant professor of history, received a grant, Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle, from the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History and the NEH; the grant provides Franklin College the opportunity to screen three documentaries and host programming that emphasizes diversity and race relations in the U.S., past and present. She also received a grant, Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963 sponsored by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture and National Museum of American History, the NEH and the American Library Association. Franklin College is one of 50 sites nationwide and the only one in Indiana that will host this traveling exhibit.

David Cunningham, assistant professor of fine arts, is attending the international art colony “Pliva 2014” in Bosnia this summer. He will join 15 artists from around the world for 10 days of creative work and collaboration. Cunningham is the only U.S. participant and received an all-expenses paid invitation. In September, he’ll participate in a four-person Hoosier Salon art exhibit, and in October he’ll participate in a small-works group exhibit at Arcadia Gallery in the SOHO arts district of New York City.

Kim Eiler, assistant professor of PE, was a co-presenter with colleague Beth Moore, assistant professor of education, at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Conference in Indianapolis. Their topic was “Integrated Physical Education: The Amazing Race.”

Kristin Flora, assistant professor of psychology, co-presented the paper “Being a Rock Star Undergrad: Careers, Internships, Research and More” at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Justin Gash, assistant professor of mathematics and computing, presented original research, “Collecting and Analyzing Personal Office Hour Data,” at the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference in Indianapolis.

Stacey Gaven, assistant professor of athletic training, recently presented at the International Patellofemoral Retreat and Clinical Symposium in Vancouver, Canada, and at the National Athletic Trainers’ Association
Clinical Symposia and AT Expo in Indianapolis. Gaven also was a peer manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Sport Rehabilitation and Gait and Posture. Additionally, she supervised five senior research projects involving athletic training students.

Rick Gawthrop, professor of history, presented the paper “The Thirty Years’ War (1618–48) and Cultural Change in Protestant Germany” at the Indiana Association of Historians annual meeting in Anderson, Ind. He also participated in a faculty development trip to China, sponsored by the Indiana Consortium of International Programs and the Confucius Institute.

Alice Heikens, professor of biology, and Megan Smith ’14 co-presented a paper at the Natural Areas Association annual meeting. The two received a first-place award for their two-year plant population study of the puttyroot orchid in Central Indiana. Heikens also was appointed to the Indiana Academy of Sciences Biodiversity Committee.

Nazir Khatri, professor of chemistry, partnered on a scientific research project with Vanessa Benham ’14 and J.T. Barton ’14. They presented a poster at Butler University’s 26th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference in Indianapolis. Khatri also co-published “Computational Studies of the Cholesterol Transport between NPC2 and the N-terminal domain of NPC1 (NPC1 [NTD]),” in the American Chemistry Society’s journal, Biochemistry.

Hisaya Kitaoka, assistant professor of economics, supervised research conducted by economics major Jill Baum ’14. She presented “Technology: Do Announcement Dates Matter for the Stock Markets?” at the 2014 Butler University Undergraduate Research Conference in Indianapolis. Kitaoka’s paper, “Beyond Attendance: Key Determinants to Improve Students’ Academic Performance at a Small Liberal Arts College” was published in the Journal of the Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Vol. 16, No. 2. He also was appointed adviser of Franklin College’s chapter of Delta Mu Delta, a business academic honors fraternity.

Jayne Marek, professor of English, co-presented poetry readings across the Midwest in 2013 and more recently gave a reading in Terre Haute, Ind., where she was an invited judge for the 2014 Max Ehrmann Poetry Awards.

Amanda McIntosh ’10, admissions counselor, received internal recognition as recipient of the Nancy McCoy Admissions and Financial Aid Distinguished Service Award. She is a member of the Indiana Association for College Admissions Counselors and the National Association for College Admissions Counselors.

Beth Moore, assistant professor of education, was co-organizer of the Indiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education spring program. She also collaborated with Special Services Johnson County Schools to implement INSPIRE mentoring with Franklin College students. Further, she organized and facilitated Math Club for second-graders at Franklin’s Webb Elementary, focusing on gifted students in the fall and remedial students in the spring. She also facilitated Math Night at Isom Elementary School in Greenwood, Ind.

Sarah Mordan-McCombs, assistant professor of biology, was a presenter at the fall meeting of the Indiana College Biology Teachers Association, where she spoke about new efforts by the Franklin College Natural Science Division faculty in advising first-year students for success in a challenging science curriculum. She also was a presenter at the Indiana Academy of Science annual meeting, where she discussed incorporating undergraduate research into catalog courses to maximize problem-based learning.

Kyra Noerr, instructor of exercise science, received Down syndrome Indiana’s 2013 STAR award for work in advocating for research and interventions for individuals with the condition. She also received a grant from the Indiana Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to produce “Adherence to a Home-Based Exercise DVD for Individuals with Down syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder.”

Hank Nuwer, professor of journalism, is invited to Spain to present a paper at the third International Conference on the American Literary West. Nuwer’s topic is “Sweet Compromised Land: The Politics of Exclusion in the Old West.” He is quoted in the recently released book, Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Tribute to Mothers. In addition, Nuwer’s expertise on hazing earned him an invitation to serve on the board of Campus Outreach Services, a national organization that provides presentations and other resources on wellness and student-risk issues.

Ben O’Neal, assistant professor of biology, was awarded a grant from the Hants Lake Conservancy to initiate a long-term wetland research and monitoring project involving Franklin College field biology students. He also co-wrote the article “Stopover Ecology of American Golden Plovers (Pluvialis dominica) in Midwestern Agricultural Fields” for The Condor: Ornithological Applications and co-presented
“Nesting Ecology of Waterbirds on Emiquon Preserve” at the Illinois chapter of the Wildlife Society’s annual meeting in Springfield, Ill.

Terri Roberts, coordinator of diversity and inclusion, recently received Sigma Gamma Rho sorority’s Ollie V. Greene Humanitarian Award for the Central Region. The award acknowledges individuals who do exemplary work in the areas of service and social justice.

Tandy Shuck, director of Leadership Johnson County, serves on boards of the Indiana Leadership Association and Franklin Chamber of Commerce.


Kerry Smith ’90, professor of computing, supervised a team of three students during a computer programming competition at the 20th Annual Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges: Midwest Conference. The team placed 10th out of 23 teams and was only one problem away from placing third.


Angie (Hughes) Walls ’88, director of the mathematics study center and a lecturer of mathematics, was a panelist during the Indiana Chapter of the Mathematical Association of America’s spring meeting. The topic was “Goals and Pedagogy for Remedial Mathematics.”

Jim Williams, professor of business and economics, helped lead another senior class to excellence on the Major Field Test in business; they scored in the nation’s top 9 percent. There were 128,136 examinees at 662 institutions across the country who took the test. Read the related article on page 12. Williams also was a guest artist with the Butler University Wind Ensemble. He also performed “Euphonium Concerto” composed by Juilliard faculty member Eric Ewazen. The composer was in attendance for the performance and inscribed Williams’ copy of the concerto with praise for a “glorious performance” and “gorgeous sound and amazing musicality.”

Kerry Smith ’90, professor of computing
Angie (Hughes) Walls ’88, director of the Mathematics Study Center
Retired professor leaves legacy of young leaders

Jacie Shoaf ’14
Pulliam Fellow

During her 33 years of service at Franklin College, professor Bonnie Pribush impacted the lives of countless students, colleagues and community members through the development of leadership courses and programs. In May, Pribush participated in her final Commencement ceremony as a full-time faculty member. Witnessing another group of young leaders accept their degrees was a bittersweet occasion for the now retired professor.

“The leadership program is not my legacy, the students are my legacy,” Pribush said.

While Pribush is most often associated with the college’s leadership program, she initially taught mathematics and computer science when she joined the faculty in 1981. She also served as the college’s interim vice president for academic affairs from 1990–92. During that time, Pribush and her colleagues were encouraged to explore new teaching and learning opportunities for the campus community.

“As I read modern leadership theory, I realized that leadership is exactly the goal of a liberal arts education,” Pribush said. “It is to teach people to think critically, to think ethically, to take action and to make a difference in the world. If you define leadership that way, then it’s the natural mission of Franklin College."

In the ’90s, Pribush and her colleagues received trustee support and encouragement to pursue developing a leadership program, and they earned a grant from Lilly Endowment to begin the work. Initially, the goal of the program was to train faculty to encourage leadership in their classrooms. The strategy, now called engaged learning, was a novel idea that back then gave Franklin College national recognition.

As the program concept evolved, Pribush took on the responsibility of teaching leadership classes directly to students, thus creating Franklin College’s Leadership Department. In recent years, the college has fully integrated leadership studies through its Liberal Arts (LA) curriculum and co-curricular activities. For students with strong interest, the college offers a leadership minor. Pribush is proud of the college’s growth in this area.

“The college challenged me, pushed me to do things I didn’t think I could do and gave me opportunities in areas I had never thought about,” she said. “And that’s what I think a good liberal arts school does — not just for its students but also for its faculty and staff.”

In addition to directing the Leadership Department, some of Pribush’s fondest Franklin College memories include organizing a cultural exchange program with Russian students in 2003 and negotiating an agreement with Norway’s Telemark University, where Franklin students are still able to attend. She also helped initiate Winter Term travel-study trips to Uganda, where previous groups of students have performed service work, including Habitat for Humanity-affiliated construction, delivery of school supplies and assistance at orphanages. Franklin College will offer its next travel-study course to Uganda during Winter Term 2015.

“Because I am passionate about the importance of other cultures and the appreciation and connection with other cultures, those are some of the things that have been most important to me,” Pribush said.

She recently received the Marjorie Klinck Award from the Indiana
Leadership Association for her work with Leadership Johnson County (LJC), an organization she helped found that is celebrating its 20th graduating class this year. LJC is a non-political, nonprofit organization that exists to promote widespread involvement in creative community problem solving. Its mission is to cultivate and develop informed and involved citizens working to make the community better.

Pribush is such an example. She is a two-time recipient of Franklin College’s Clifford and Paula Dietz Award for Faculty Excellence and also has been honored with multiple community service awards.

“For me it’s not about awards,” she said. “It’s much more of a reward for me that these students know and remember me and are in touch with me. That’s what really counts. I have been fortunate. The college has been very generous in its recognition of me, and I do appreciate that.”

Pribush plans to travel with her husband this summer, making a stop in Russia to visit previous exchange students. In an effort to enjoy her final semester of teaching and to stay focused on students, Pribush didn’t allow herself to plan much beyond the summer.

“I haven’t given a whole lot of thought to it, but something will come up. I’m not worried,” Pribush said.

As for the Leadership Department, Pribush said she doesn’t want to put constraints on those who follow her.

“I have enjoyed designing and creating what it is now, and somebody else should have the joy and freedom to take it new places,” she said.

As a retirement gift for Pribush, her former student, Wayne Stanley ’08, recently called upon alumni and current students to share stories about the ways in which they were impacted by the leadership professor. Stanley compiled the comments and photos into a tribute video currently posted on YouTube. He also shared some of the comments for use in this publication:

“Bonnie was one of my favorite and most inspirational professors. I appreciated all of her emails to me as a student-athlete and how she saw that my leadership skills transferred from the classroom onto the football field. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from her, and I wish her all the best.”

—Zack Corpe ’14,
recreation major, leadership minor

“In 2006, I was a few months away from graduation when Bonnie called me into her office. She expressed how much she enjoyed having me in class and was interested in what my future plans were. She offered her support in any way that she could, and her sincerity in that moment has always stuck out in my mind. I’m fortunate to have had Bonnie as a mentor. She always was willing to help those who asked for it, and I’m glad I was in that crowd.”

—Julius Vaughns ’06,
communications specialist for Aurora (Colo.) Public Schools

“In the classroom, Bonnie taught me how to find the leader within myself and how to motivate others by being the leader they need. Outside the classroom, during my work-study hours and in our time spent as friends, she taught me the power of strength, compassion and support. I cherish all the lessons Bonnie taught me as a professor and a friend.”

—Rachel (Lawson) Coats ’07,
title XVI claims representative for the Social Security Administration

“My favorite memory of Bonnie was her reaction when I told her I was accepted into the Uganda Winter Term 2015 study-abroad program. Throughout the application process I had worried about not being able to go. When I told her I was accepted, she kept saying, ‘I told you not to worry. I told you you’d get in,’ while hugging and happy dancing with me. Bonnie is by far the most influential person, to me, at Franklin College. I’m sad to see her leave, but I’ll know we’ll stay in touch, and she’ll continue to impact my life.”

—Danielle Faczan ’16,
journalism major, leadership minor

“Bonnie taught me that things do not always go as planned, but they always work out in the end. Without her, I would not have met my first principal, nor would I have found my calling in life — becoming a school counselor. Bonnie has been a constant source of encouragement and a shoulder to cry on (which I did many times in her office!). She is someone who sincerely cares about her students. As an educator, it would be such a profound moment to know I have touched as many lives as she has. At 28 years young, I attribute most of my success to her.”

—Katie (Burton) Beyer ’08,
Greensburg (Ind.) Junior High School guidance counselor

The 2014 graduates who minored in leadership studies pose with professor Bonnie Pribush on Commencement day. Pictured in the first row are Morgan McClellan, Corinne Beyer, Mary Angle, Natalie Miller, Jill Baum and Pribush. In the second row are Zachary Zebren, Ray Brents, LaDarrius Calvin, Jacob Evans, Johnny Bretz and Nathan Rogers.
Athletics rewind, winter/spring

By Dale Long
Sports Information Director

Baseball

The Franklin College baseball program continues to showcase why it is the model of consistency within the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC). The Grizzlies qualified for their seventh straight conference tournament, the longest active current streak in the 10-team HCAC.

The 2014 campaign also featured individual milestones and records set. Head Coach Lance Marshall recorded his 400th coaching victory in a 10–1 home victory over Bluffton University on May 2.

During the same game, outfielder Scott Windler ’14 became the program’s all-time hit leader, passing Nick Stoia ’13 with his 233rd base hit. Ironically, it marked the second-straight season the hit record has fallen with a home run during Senior Weekend. One day later, Windler broke the career stolen base mark with his 58th successful steal. Windler concluded his four-year career with 237 hits and 59 stolen bases.

Franklin won 24 games and had three first-team All-HCAC selections and eight players receive all conference honors in 2014. Outfielder Jameson Brock ’15 set new school and conference records and was named to the HCAC’s first-team. He recorded 76 base hits to sit atop the program’s single-season record book, highlighted by 49 hits coming in HCAC play. Brock also tied the mark with 19 doubles.

Pitcher Chris Hoopingarner ’14 and Windler joined Brock on receiving first-team All-HCAC honors. Meanwhile, shortstop Mitch Frey ’15 was a second-team all-league selection. Pitchers Taylor Glaze ’14, Hayden Cleveland ’16 and Seth Powers ’15 received honorable mention accolades.

The Grizzlies had six players earn HCAC Players of the Week, and four players received D3baseball.com Team of the Week honors for strong play throughout the 2014 season. Cleveland was named Honorable Mention National Pitcher of the Week by the National Baseball Writer’s Association after complete-game victories against nationally-ranked Augustana College and Thomas More College in the first two weeks of the season.

Softball

It was a record-setting season on the softball diamond for Butch Zike ’72 and the Franklin College softball...
program in 2014. The Grizzlies won a school record 21 games and posted the second-winningest season in program history. The team also tied for fourth place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC).

Megan Lalioff ’17 was named the HCAC Freshman of the Year and was a second-team All-Central Region selection by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Lalioff became only the second player in Franklin history to be honored by the organization, joining Marlene Russo ’09 in 2009.

The Grizzlies posted a 21–17 record and went 8–8 in league play. The team recorded doubleheader sweeps over Defiance College and the College of Mount St. Joseph in HCAC action.

Lalioff helped set the table for an offensive attack that batted .341 on the season. The outfielder led the team with a .479 batting average and 13 stolen bases. Outfielder Katie Struewing ’16 batted .406 and legged out 18 doubles. McKensie Vanosdol ’16 drove in 25 runs and hit .384 at the plate. She also set a new school mark with 14 pitching victories. Struewing earned second-team All-HCAC honors, while Vanosdol was an honorable mention all-league performer in 2014.

Men’s tennis

The Franklin College men’s tennis team advanced to the semifinals of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) tournament for the third consecutive season in 2014. The Grizzlies avenged an early loss to Defiance with a 5–1 triumph in the opening round of the HCAC tournament at the West Indy Racquet Club.
The team concluded the season with a 7–7 record and was 4–4 in league play. Ryan Hammer ’15 received All-HCAC honors after tallying 13 victories at the top of the single and double lineups. Ethan Caldwell ’17 posted a 7–7 record at the No. 2 singles position and teamed with Hammer to win six doubles matches. Caldwell secured the team’s victory at rival Hanover on April 13.

The Grizzlies also recorded victories over the College of Mount St. Joseph, Hartwick College, Central State University, Anderson University and Manchester University. Evan Pierle ’15 was named the HCAC’s Player of the Week after leading the team in singles and doubles in a road victory over Mount St. Joseph on March 22.

Men’s golf
Chris Arnold ’15 tied for fifth place at the Heartland Conference Championships in earning all-league honors to lead the Franklin College men’s golf team during the 2014 season. Arnold also had a top-five finish at Ball State University’s E.Y. Memorial Invitational, an event that featured six NCAA Division I schools. The Grizzlies finished sixth at the HCAC Championships. The Grizzlies hosted the first two rounds of the 72-hole tournament at The Legends Golf Club from April 26–27. The final two rounds were competed in Defiance, Ohio.

The men’s golf team finished sixth at the Defiance Invitational during the team’s spring opener from April 12–13. Franklin competed in four
fall events, highlighted by hosting the Dick Park Invitational from Sept. 22–23. The Grizzlies placed sixth in the event.

**Track and field**

Franklin College’s track and field programs continue to produce individual conference champions and contend for team titles. The men’s team finished second at the Heartland Conference Indoor and Outdoor Championships, while the women’s team placed fourth and fifth in the competitive team standings at both events.

Patrick Ellis ’15 was named the HCAC’s Indoor Field Athlete of the Year after winning the triple jump and long jump events at the Anderson University meet. Kristopher Sandlin ’14 earned first-team All-HCAC honors in the 10,000-meter run at the outdoor championships at Defiance College from April 25–26.

Anna Murdock ’15 received the HCAC’s Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year Award for the second straight year. She won the 800- and 1,500-meter run events after placing first in the 800-meter run during the indoor championships. Murdock also received the Female Track Athlete of the Meet following the Indiana Intercollegiate Meet at DePauw University on April 12. Her strong efforts helped the Grizzlies finish third in the seven-team field.

The track and field teams combined to defeat rival Hanover College in the program’s only home meet of the season. The Grizzlies defeated the Panthers 91–67 on March 18. Franklin’s women’s team had runner-up performances in consecutive meets at DePauw during the indoor portion of the schedule in mid-February. Meanwhile, the men’s team recorded top-three finishes in eight of the 11 meets. Besides runner-up performances at the HCAC Championships, the Grizzlies also had second-place finishes at the Tiger Small College Invitational on Feb. 7 at DePauw and the Rose-Hulman Invitational on March 22.

**Men’s basketball**

Four stellar seniors and another appearance in the Heartland Conference tournament highlighted the men’s basketball 2013–14 season. Bailey Howard ’14 surpassed the 1,000-point plateau and was named a first-team All-HCAC selection during the 2013–14 season.

Bailey Howard ’14 surpassed the 1,000-point plateau and led the Grizzlies to victory over nationally-ranked Centre College. The guard scored 45 points, one point off the single-game scoring record, in the team’s road victory over Bluffton on Dec. 7. He finished the season averaging 19.4 points per game, the second highest mark in the HCAC. He led the league by making 45.7 percent of his three-point field goal attempts. Howard earned first-team All-HCAC honors.

Troy Porter ’14 averaged 10.7 points and shot 85.5 percent from the free throw line for the season. Terry Sargent ’14 ranked third on the team in scoring (11.7 ppg) and was second in rebounding (5.2 rpg).

The Grizzlies finished the season with a 10–16 record and qualified for the HCAC tournament for the third consecutive season. Three of its first
four games of the season went into overtime, tallying victories over Wabash College and Centre in the extra session.

The men’s basketball team earned home conference triumphs over Earlham College, Transylvania University, Anderson University and Bluffton University. The Grizzlies won at Hanover 74–68 on Dec. 4.

Women’s basketball
The women’s basketball team recorded a third-place finish in the Heartland Conference and advanced to the semifinals of the league tournament during the 2013-14 season. The Grizzlies relied on seven freshmen, one sophomore, two juniors and one senior in posting the team’s 14–15 record, highlighted by a 12–7 conference mark. The team also finished the season ranked No. 2 nationally in attendance, averaging 967 fans per home game.

Franklin earned its most impressive victory of the season, defeating nationally-ranked Transylvania 91–83 on Jan. 22. The loss marked the only league setback for Transylvania during the regular season. Franklin also had a home victory over Hanover College 82–76 on Dec. 4.

The Grizzlies advanced to the semifinals of the HCAC tournament behind a 55-49 triumph over Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Katie Brewer ’16 led four players receiving postseason honors. The forward earned second-team All-HCAC honors after leading the team in scoring (10.8 ppg) and rebounding (8.2 rpg). She also tied the single-season school record with 68 blocks. Lindsey Dall ’15 and Nichole Thompson ’15 joined Lauren DeSutter ’17 in gaining honorable mention all-conference recognition. The Grizzlies posted their seventh consecutive winning season.

Swimming and diving
Franklin College’s men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams

Lauren DeSutter ’17 made 41 percent of her three-point field goal attempts, averaging 10.2 points during her freshman season in 2013–14.

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achieved many program firsts during the 2013–14 season. Both programs received a national ranking for the first time in school history. The men’s team reached as high as No. 34 while the women’s team followed closely behind with a No. 35 ranking.

Linville earned All-American honors following a record-breaking season in which he helped lead the Grizzlies to their fourth consecutive HCAC championship and appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The split end was a finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy as the nation’s top Division III football player and was a second-team Capital One Academic All-American.

Linville holds every single-season and career receiving record in Franklin College football history. He caught 108 passes for 1,374 yards and 14 touchdowns during his senior season. For his career, he totaled 308 receptions, and his 4,691 receiving yards and 53 receiving touchdowns were the most by any active player in all NCAA divisions (I-FBS, I-FCS, II and III).

Franklin posted eight victories and advanced to the second round of the NCAA playoffs for the third consecutive season. The Grizzlies defeated Washington University-St. Louis 17–10 in a home first-round contest last fall.

In June, Linville was named the 2013–14 Male Athlete of the Year for the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. The award, being presented for the first time this athletic year, was voted on by administrators at the HCAC’s 10 member-institutions.

Meanwhile, West is playing for the Turku Trojans in Finland.

“I am definitely excited about being able to continue playing football,” he said. “The offensive system is very similar to the one we used at Franklin. I am also looking forward to traveling and seeing a different part of the world.”

West holds Franklin’s school records for career passing yards (10,653), touchdowns (105), completions (894) and total offense (10,910). He was named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Offensive MVP in 2011 and 2013. West led all NCAA Division III quarterbacks with 3,939 passing yards last season.

Franklin won its fourth consecutive HCAC championship in 2013 and advanced to the second round of the Division III playoffs for the third consecutive season. The Grizzlies won eight games last season and have totaled 36 victories during the past four seasons.

Additionally, Artur Schneider ’17 became the first swimmer in Franklin College history to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships. Schneider’s strong effort at the championships earned him the Male Swimmer of the Meet Award. Head Coach Andy Hendricks was named the Men’s Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

The Franklin College Swimming and Diving Program also served as co-host with the Indiana Sports Corp. of the four-day national championship event at the IU Natatorium on the IUPUI campus in downtown Indianapolis. It marked the second time in the past three seasons the Grizzlies have had the honor of hosting the national championship event. Franklin College President Jay Moseley and his wife, Candace, participated in special activities during the championship meet. Additionally, Pam (Howard) Gibson ’74 and college trustee Carol (Summers) Tumey ’63, who have been deeply involved in coaching and athletics in Indiana, were invited to help present awards to several winning athletes.
Two students secure summer research fellowships

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

Rosette Nkulu ’15 and Tiffany Egan-Rojas ’15 both earned coveted positions in summer research programs coordinated through the University of Cincinnati. The women are gaining hands-on laboratory experience while learning from leading research authorities in the medical field. As both head into their senior year at Franklin College and look forward to graduate school, their new found skills and confidence will be assets.

Nkulu, a double major in chemistry and applied mathematics, was one of just five students selected from a pool of more than 280 applicants for the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship. The 10-week program aims to prepare participants for pursuing an advanced graduate degree and a future career as one of the next generation’s biomedical science leaders.

Nkulu is working under the supervision of faculty mentor Christy Holland, Ph.D., and postdoctoral student Jonathan Sutton, Ph.D., in the Image-Guided Ultrasound Therapeutics Laboratories at the Cardiovascular Center. Nkulu’s supervisors are showing her contemporary laboratory approaches and teaching her how to use various scientific instruments.

Her primary assignment is to investigate the effectiveness of a drug delivery system used to treat heart disease. Her work could help provide key findings that change the way some drugs are administered and, thereby, improve treatments and outcomes for patients.

“My summer research project allows me to be creative and to use my critical thinking to the maximum in order to identify all the different parameters of my project and reach conclusions based off my results,” Nkulu said.

In addition to working in the lab, Nkulu attends educational seminars, participates in professional meetings and gives presentations on her work.

“I’m networking with researchers of various levels of education and expertise,” she said.

At this time, Nkulu is undecided about whether her future career will be in academia or industry. However, she is certain she would like to attend graduate school and focus on a drug-research topic.

“My long-term career goal is to be able to use my scientific skills to improve other people’s lives and to make a difference in this world,” she said.

Nkulu’s classmate Egan-Rojas is a double major in biology and chemistry in the Franklin College pre-med program. She is among 150 students selected from a pool of more than 1,450 who applied for a summer undergraduate research fellowship with the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Her fellowship is focused on...
pulmonary research, specifically lung tissue samples that she is evaluating for signs of disease.

Egan-Rojas explained, “I’m taking lung tissue samples from humans, planting them in paraffin and examining them under a microscope for evidence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. After I analyze the lung tissues with a microscope, I compare the findings with MRI images. This is the perfect research project for me because I want to become a pulmonologist.”

Her summer mentor is Jason Woods, Ph.D., and director of the hospital’s Pulmonary Imaging Research Center. He is one of the world’s top authorities on using hyperpolarized gas for magnetic resonance imaging; the process excludes the radioactive component used in traditional imaging for the diagnoses of lung diseases. Egan-Rojas has the privilege of working side by side with the pioneering researcher.

“I think this fellowship will help me determine whether I want to become an M.D. or an M.D.-Ph.D.,” said Egan-Rojas. “All my previous internship experiences were clinical, but this one is solely research. I think this experience will reaffirm or dissuade my interest in becoming a full-time researcher.”

Student building leadership skills in wilderness

Spencer Wesche ’16 is spending the summer scanning the horizon for Grizzlies, but not the kind you might think!

She is far away from Franklin College on a wilderness backpacking expedition in Alaska, where she may cross paths with grizzly bears, black bears, moose, wolves and mountain goats. Through the National Outdoor Leadership School, Wesche is learning no-trace hiking and camping practices as well as survival techniques.

Prior to her departure, Wesche said, “I will be in a very small group with an instructor, and we will be in the backwoods of the Talkeetna Mountains for a month with no contact with the outside world except for a few supply drops from an NOLS pilot.”

The Talkeetna Mountains are a range of long-extinct volcanoes in Southcentral Alaska. In the backwoods, Wesche’s instructor is teaching students how to hike on tundra, track seasonal wildlife, identify birds and plants and, most importantly, keep safe, warm and dry in a variety of conditions.

Wesche is a biology major specializing in ecology. She is a member of EARTH Club, Franklin Outdoors and Passion for Paws.
The rewards of interning are exponential. Just ask David Comstock ’15. His Winter Term internship with Daniel Martin, DDS, an orthodontist with two Indiana practices, one in Franklin and the other in Columbus, provided valuable field experience and networking opportunities. The culmination is a summer undergraduate research position with the IU School of Dentistry in Indianapolis, and that gives Comstock several reasons to smile.

Comstock is a biology major in the Franklin College pre-dentistry program. His initial interest in the field of orthodontics was born from a personal experience. “Since going through my own orthodontic process and the physical and mental transformations that came from wearing braces, I’ve had an interest in wanting to help others. Braces not only gave me a better smile but also boosted my confidence. I’d like to be in a profession I can use to help positively influence someone else’s self-image in that way,” said Comstock.

He added, “Having the chance over Winter Term to observe Dr. Martin and his staff interact with patients and provide them life-transforming results solidified my interest in orthodontics.”

As a result of Comstock’s internship performance and the interest he expressed in furthering his knowledge of facial transformation orthodontics, Martin networked on his behalf and contacted faculty at his alma mater. “Within an hour of Dr. Martin’s outreach I received an email from a faculty member at the IU School of Dentistry and that led to a contact that led to this internship. I’m extremely blessed to have this opportunity,” said Comstock.

During the internship, he’s working approximately 15 hours per week in the 3-D Imaging Craniofacial Center. His primary responsibility is measuring 30

A new partnership between the college, Hants Lake Conservancy and the Franklin Department of Parks and Recreation will provide hands-on learning opportunities for students in a wetlands environment five minutes from campus. The project is the result of a wetlands-mitigation effort.

In 1990, the U.S. adopted a no-net-loss-of-wetlands policy, stipulating that land developers must replace any diminished wetlands. The policy was an intervention, explained Franklin College assistant professor of biology Ben O’Neal.

“There was a time when wetlands were deemed troublesome because they held mosquito populations, weren’t adequate construction sites and were difficult to travel over with horse and buggy.”

In recent decades, views about wetlands have changed dramatically. “Scientists learned that wetlands perform very important functions for the overall health of the environment. Wetlands remove toxins, store flood water, sequester carbon and provide habitat for wildlife, among other functions,” said O’Neal.

Today when a wetland is diminished, land developers must arrange mitigation and document the process, according to federal guidelines. Most land developers seek professional consultants like O’Neal, who is a certified wetland delineator, to manage the process.

Hants Lake Conservancy is a Johnson County-area homeowners association that recently initiated a
Athletic training students test at top on national exam

Students in Franklin College’s athletic training program have the highest first-time passing rate and best overall passing rate in Indiana on the national Board of Certification (BOC) exam, as well as compared to most other athletic training programs across the country.

The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) recently declared a new standard requiring all athletic training programs in the country to submit the rate at which students pass the BOC exam on their first attempt over an aggregate three-year period. Additionally, they must report the students’ overall passing rate.

CAATE’s educational standards indicate programs must meet or exceed a 70 percent first-time pass rate on the BOC exam. Failure to do so could result in the program being put on probation and losing accreditation. Franklin College’s athletic training program surpassed the standards. Of roughly nine candidates per year, 96 percent of candidates passed on their first attempt, while 100 percent passed overall.

Three hundred and sixty-five professional athletic training programs across the country had students take the national BOC exam during the 2011–13 academic years. The first-time pass rate across all programs was 78 percent, while the overall pass rate across all programs was 90 percent. A total of 95 programs did not meet the standards. Rates for all athletic training programs across the country can be found at www.caate.net/accredited-programs/pass-rate.
Eyes on the prize

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96

Once Dr. Daniel R. Osborn ’87, M.D., set his sights on a career in medicine he never looked back.

During high school, Osborn had a natural curiosity about science, eagerly volunteering as an assistant in the biology lab, where he prepared frog and pig specimens for class dissections. He was as undaunted by the blood in the science lab as on the football field, his other significant interest at the time. As a student-athlete, he suffered several injuries that required medical care and, consequently, intensified his interest in medicine.

“I gravitated toward medicine from the beginning,” said Osborn. “Plus, I was a first-generation college student with few resources to consult about college. A lot of the science graduates I knew at the time had been able to go on and work for Eli Lilly. My chemistry major, I suppose, was a practical decision.”

Osborn recalls there were only two other chemistry majors in his Franklin College class, which allowed for tremendous personal interaction with professors Tom Hodge and Joe Kurek. He fondly recalls “bonding over football” with Hodge and receiving summer job referrals through Kurek.

“He did consulting work for chemical companies and helped me line up some summer jobs helping in their labs,” said Osborn, who also labored alongside teamsters on the loading docks. “It made me realize that medical school was a good idea. Working with people was a lot more interesting than being in a lab. After that I chose my course decisively.”

With his eyes on the prize, Osborn was graduated from Franklin College and accepted into the IU School of Medicine. The third year was pivotal. He was assigned to observe the pediatric anesthesiologists at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“I wasn’t too interested in the anesthesiologist’s work, but I couldn’t take my eyes off the surgeons who were working on eye muscles,” recalled Osborn. “Finally, one day, the department chair said, ‘Are you going to scrub in or stand there and stare at me all day?’ From that day forward I was hooked.”

Osborn later completed his residency with the IU Department of Ophthalmology. It was clear to him that he was on the right career path and that ophthalmology was the specialty on which to focus.

“I’m mechanically minded, and I enjoy precision work. Eye surgery requires both skill sets, and it’s very rewarding,” said Osborn.

The immediate gratification that results from helping people keeps Osborn excited about his work at the Missouri Eye Institute, where he is medical director and a founding owner.

“For many of my clients, the surgical results are immediate. They can get off the table with 20/20 vision or read charts that were impossible to see when their appointment started,” he said.

Osborn also enjoys his profession because it’s dynamic.

“I would estimate 80 percent of my clients are referrals so I constantly meet new people, and that provides new challenges every day. And, there’s always new technology to learn, which is exciting,” he said.

Osborn indicated advances in technology have impacted the types of instruments available for eye surgeries as well as the ways some procedures are performed. Additionally, technology has affected the ways in which he keeps his professional skills relevant.

“It used to be that medical conferences and visits to other practices were the only ways to update your skills, but, with today’s technology, you can observe any type of surgery in the world from your home or office; it’s all on YouTube,” said Osborn. “I also belong to some medical chat groups that allow me to consult with professionals around the world anytime.”
Other professionals who chat with Osborn are likely to ask about his knowledge of Intralase Bladeless LASIK surgery, a no-needle topical anesthesia for cataract surgery and corneal transplants. He is credited with introducing the procedure in the Ozarks. In addition to working in private practice, Osborn serves as an adjunct faculty member for University of Missouri-St. Louis’ Optometry School, and he is involved in providing annual continuing education classes for area professionals. The teaching role is another reason he likes to stay up-to-date with technology.

Osborn credits his Franklin College liberal arts background for helping instill an interest in lifelong learning and for giving him the confidence early in his career to take calculated risks.

“I had no formal training in business or economics when I accepted the challenge of growing the business,” he recalled. “But I had the ability to learn, solve problems and get things done. Besides helping make me a more interesting, well-rounded person, the liberal arts exposed me to experiences that helped in my career. Learning how to interact with people, look them in the eye and participate in meetings, all those things matter.”

“I think if you choose a school based solely on one curriculum, you could suffer for it later.”

As one example, Osborn shared an observation he made during his first semester of medical school.

“A large number of my classmates had gone to IU for undergraduate work. They seemed well-prepared during the first month of medical school, but after that they began struggling. They had learned how to study for tests and had more experience with some of the scientific instruments, but they hadn’t developed the problem-solving skills needed for in-depth work. I caught up with them in the skills area, and then I blew past them to the head of the class and never looked back.”

In fact, Osborn distinguished himself as one of the top 10 percent of medical students in the class.

Osborn is in his 18th year with Missouri Eye Institute, and he’s still not looking over his shoulder. He’s helped grow the private practice, which originally started with two physicians besides him, into a company with more than 100 employees, including eight physicians. They serve three surgery centers and 10 satellite offices.

“I’m very proud that this endeavor I invest most of my waking moments in has flourished and continues to be exciting and helpful to people,” he said.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As a development officer, I have the pleasure of traveling near and far to meet with friends and donors of the college. Since work frequently takes me away from campus, I find myself constantly rediscovering the things that make the college special. When I walk across Dame Mall to the Napolitan Student Center to grab a bite to eat or visit with colleagues, I am invigorated by the students’ energy, and consistently impressed by their love of learning and dedication to making the most of their time at Franklin. I am always grateful for the reminders of why we development officers do what we do.

As you may know, the overwhelming majority of Franklin College students qualify for and receive need-based financial aid, 96 percent of students, in fact. That means that as I look around at the student body, from the athletes to the students involved in the performing and visual arts to those students rising to the challenges of their academic endeavors, there is an excellent chance that I am seeing the faces of scholarship recipients.

Thankfully, Franklin College students can rely on you — alumni, parents, friends from the community, faculty and staff, corporate partners — each and every year. Donors to the Franklin Fund for Scholarships give anywhere from $5 to $15,000 on an annual basis, and every single one has a part in the success of the students who rely on aid to achieve their dreams of a Franklin College education.

If you have yet to begin your annual support of the Franklin Fund for Scholarships, I hope you will consider joining the family of Franklin donors in this very important common goal.

Rest assured, 100 percent of your contributions to the Franklin Fund for Scholarships will provide need-based financial aid. The giving cycle runs annually July 1 – June 30. Thanks in advance for your support.

Go Grizzlies!

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“My scholarship to Franklin College came at a great time for me as well as for my parents. My parents had three daughters in college at the same time. The financial aid that I received helped to defray the cost of my college education, an education that led to a professional career that has been rewarding beyond my belief.

“My husband and I have supported the Franklin Fund for Scholarships for many years. I consider the opportunity to give to be an honor. Giving back by helping to financially support Franklin College students as they pursue their chosen careers is tremendously rewarding. I encourage all Franklin alumni to contribute to the Franklin Fund for Scholarships. Regardless of the amount of your gift, you will be a participant in this important cause.”

—Carol (Summers) Tumey ’63
Franklin College Trustee
“As students, regardless if we were involved in Greek life, athletics, academic clubs or cause-driven organizations, our college experiences had a lot in common. In particular, the small campus community allowed us to develop lasting and meaningful relationships. We moved in with then-strangers and, four years later, had made countless memories with people who had become some of our closest friends. We had professors who became role models. Some of us even met the person with whom we will spend the rest of our lives! For these reasons — and more — I give to Franklin College.

“The Franklin Fund for Scholarships doesn’t just help people with 4.0 GPAs or people who come from lower-income backgrounds; it helps the majority of Franklin students — 96 percent. Chances are if you are a Franklin graduate, you received assistance through the Franklin Fund. As an alumnus, I feel it’s my turn to step up, pay it forward and help current and future students have the Franklin College experience. Join me. Giving just $5 can help build the Franklin Fund’s capacity to help additional students.”

—Matt Brems ’13,
Graduate Student,
The Ohio State University

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Partners in the Corporate Scholars Program contribute to the success of Franklin College students by providing annually funded scholarships. Starting at $1,000 annually, these corporate partners demonstrate an exceptional commitment to an outstanding liberal arts education that leads to real-world success.

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For more information on the Corporate Scholars Program, please contact Madeleine Smith, annual fund director, at (317) 738-8051.
**Hitting the road . . .**

The Office of Alumni Engagement is bringing Franklin College fun to several cities in the Midwest, Aug. 26 – 28! During their road tour, Brooke (Wagoner) Worland ’99, Joanne Parish and Emily (Habel) Wood ’95, the Grizzly Chics, will host a series of mini-reunions for Franklin College alumni and friends. The informal gatherings will include a meal or cocktails anchored by great conversation.

Cities on the road tour currently include the following but are subject to change:
- Columbus, Ind.
- Cincinnati, Ohio
- Fishers, Ind.
- Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Louisville, Ky
- Lafayette, Ind.

Be on the lookout for additional information via email, social media and the Franklin Alumni Network alumni.FranklinCollege.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Engagement for further information at (317) 738-8050. Follow #grizroadtrip.

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**New fund memorializes alumnus, assists students**

Family and friends of Daniel Schuetz ’97 have created a fund to honor his memory and to assist current students with fees for books and class supplies. Schuetz, a husband and father of two young daughters, died in 2013 after suffering a heart attack.

He had long been active in soccer, having played in the Franklin Parks and Recreation league for years before joining the Grizzlies’ team during college. He continued to play in various indoor and outdoor recreational leagues, later coaching the Franklin Community High School girls’ soccer team with his wife, Kristin. Most recently he had coached his daughters in Columbus, Ind., and he served as the Grizzlies’ booster club president. Schuetz also was active in college theatre and had a love for the performing and fine arts. He pursued lifelong learning through advanced degrees in library science and law, and practiced law in Franklin.

“Daniel was a modern-day Renaissance man. Daniel’s Book Fund is a fitting way to honor him while helping students explore and enjoy a variety of interests during college,” said Shaun Mahoney ’97, a friend and former soccer teammate. Mahoney currently is director of Student Financial Services and head men’s soccer coach at Franklin College. Each year he works directly with students who need help covering college costs.

“Most students budget well for books but even they stumble onto additional costs for classes that require lab or art supplies, for example. Daniel’s Book Fund will help students with legitimate needs bridge the gap.”

Daniel’s Book Fund was started with private donations, with some proceeds raised during last year’s Daniel Schuetz Community Classic, a four-team soccer match with family-friendly activities. Several high school and college friends were involved in organizing the inaugural event.

Gifts from Daniel’s Book Fund will be awarded beginning in August. Students may apply for consideration by contacting Mahoney. Students’ entire financial aid packages will be taken into consideration.

To support Daniel’s Book Fund, make checks payable to Franklin College and mail to Office of Development, 101 Branigin Boulevard, Franklin, Indiana 46131. Please write Daniel’s Book Fund on the memo line. If making your gift online at www.FranklinCollege.edu, please select “other areas of support” and be sure to indicate Daniel’s Book Fund in the comments section.
The ’70s
Geoffrey H. Doughty ’72 published his 25th book, the Great Northern Through Passenger Service. The book chronicles the postwar history of how the legendary passenger trains came to be and the economic impact that passenger service had on the railroads of the country. The book is available online through Arizona Hobbies.

Gregory Haworth ’77 was appointed to the partners board of the international law firm of Duane Morris LLP. The partners board is the primary governing body of the 700-attorney law firm that has 26 offices in the United States, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Haworth is an equity partner in the New Jersey office and specializes in litigation and bankruptcy matters on behalf of financial services companies.

The ’80s
Susan (Irwin) Brown ’86 was hired in January as faculty development coordinator at the University of Dayton. She has been an adjunct faculty member at University of Memphis, Miami University and Sinclair Community College. Brown lives with her husband and two children in Centerville, Ohio.

Bob Satnan ’86 has transitioned careers. After more than 25 years in professional newsrooms, he is teaching the next generation of journalists as part of his role as communications director for Sedalia (Mo.) School District 200. To prepare for his career change, Satnan accepted a fellowship at the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri in July 2013. He also is a weekly columnist for the Sedalia Democrat, after serving as editor of the newspaper for more than four years.

Brad Jones ’88, Franklin College business office manager, was inducted into the Indiana ASA/Wayne L. Myers Softball Hall of Fame. Jones began playing softball in 1991 and has since been a member of teams in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. As a shortstop, Jones has helped his teams win six national titles, among other awards. He also has been named All-American. Then and now...

Four members of the class of ’67 who were Tri-Delta pledge sisters recently celebrated 50 years of friendship by meeting in Lexington, Ky., the first week of June. From left to right are: Karen (Zeigler) Decker, Stevie (Pence) Stanley, Charlotte Erickson and Anne (McClelland) Motroni. For fun, the women posed in the same order they were photographed in ’66.
Pedal pushers unite for college tradition

Franklin College hosted its 35th annual Grizzly Grand Prix team bike race on May 3 at the Indiana Masonic Home’s circle drive. The event was free and open to the public. Student Foundation sponsored the event and provided kites for anyone wishing to participate in a kite-flying festival held on the home’s front lawn. A team of alumni and friends took second place in the coed cycling competition. Flanking the Griz mascot from left to right are, Dr. Scott Benjamin ’90, Kelly Benjamin, Dan LeClerc ’79, Amy Belisle ’98 (Alumni Council) and Dr. Jeff Van Valer ’90 (Alumni Council). LeClerc coordinated the GGP during his undergraduate years and was an alumni participant in recent years.

several times over the years. Besides his individual induction, Jones has been a member of two teams inducted into the hall of fame. He resides with his wife, Missy (Myers) ’92, and sons, Tyler and Trey, in Franklin, Ind.

The ’90s

Kevin Langford ’90 has been named Indiana banking president by First Financial. He is leading the bank’s operations throughout the state. Langford is based in Indianapolis and oversees the business development efforts for the consumer, commercial and wealth management teams and works closely with local leadership teams to develop the strategy in each community the bank serves. He and his wife, Teri, and three daughters reside in Carmel, Ind.

Kim Sedam ’90 is a sales representative for Juice Plus+® and Tower Garden® nutritional products. She resides in Indianapolis. Charley Scarber ’92, while serving as a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in August 2013, received the U.S. Attorney Award from the Western Judicial District of Kentucky and the Southern Judicial District of Indiana for his work on Operation Across the Pond. The multistate and multiagency collaborative...
Melanie (Padgett) Powers ’95

Kevin Langford ’90
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Registration is required for the class reunions, Roy E. Tillotson Golf Outing and Hail to Franklin and Athletic Hall of Fame dinners.

narcotics investigation resulted in 25 people being indicted and sentenced on federal firearms, narcotics and money laundering charges. Three months later, Scarber received the U.S. Attorney Award from the Southern Judicial District of Indiana for his work on Operation Gun Smoke. The investigation of a multistate drug and gun trafficking organization led to a group of individuals who obtained firearms in Indiana and traded them to the Gulf Cartel, a Mexico-based international criminal organization. Sixteen defendants were prosecuted and sentenced for narcotics and firearms violations. Thirty firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition were confiscated in the investigation. Scarber has since been promoted and now works in the Louisville, Ky., ATF office as resident agent in charge.

Melanie (Padgett) Powers ’95, started her own business, MelEdits, in October 2013, in which she offers writing, editing and social media strategy. Powers is a former weekly newspaper editor and reporter who has spent the last 14 years primarily as an editor and writer at nonprofit health associations in the Washington, D.C., area.

Jared Stagner ’96 and his family recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of their business, Educational Services Academy (ESA). The company started in 1964 when Stagner’s father, Harold, a teacher at the Indiana Boys School, began tutoring children and adults in his Plainfield, Ind., home. Stagner purchased the business from his father in 1995. He and his wife, Leanne, and daughter, Kaylee, 9, are still running the business and helping people achieve their academic goals. ESA helps people of all ages with math, reading, and study skills, as well as preparing students for SATs, ACTs or GEDs.

The ’00s

Tiffany (Stuckey) Johnson ’01 and her husband, Mark, are the parents of a daughter, Morgan Alana, born Feb. 11, 2014. She joins a sister, Alexis. The family resides in Chesterfield, Mo.

Jeff Pipkin ’01 recently celebrated one year of service as director of business develop-
ment for the Hendricks County (Ind.) Economic Development Partnership.

**Tanya G. (Jefferies) Brown ’02**

is now the executive director of marketing and public relations at the University of Tennessee’s College of Business Administration. She heads the newly created department of the same name. She is responsible for the overall branding and marketing/communications strategy of the college, which consists of more than 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students, six academic departments, and nine centers and institutes. Brown previously served as director of communications at the UT College of Law. She resides in Clinton, Tenn., with her husband, Ben, and their four children.

**Danielle (Mittman) Huff ’03** and her husband, Todd, are the parents of a daughter, Audrey Rose, born Jan. 16, 2014. She joins siblings Logan and Evelyn. The family resides in Monrovia, Ind.

**Jessica Dunham ’04** married Andrew Mardock on Sept. 27, 2013, in a snowy mountaintop ceremony in Granby, Colo., near Rocky Mountain National Park. They reside in Denver, Colo.,

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**Grrreat news about Franklin plates!**

Hoosiers, you can complete the entire Franklin College specialty license plate purchase or renewal process through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles’ website, by phone or by mail. After ordering or renewing, you should receive your license plate or renewal sticker in the mail within 14 days.

Every $25 plate sale supports the Franklin Fund for Scholarships, 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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where she teaches for Colorado State University, Pueblo, and he is a financial adviser.

Molly (Crone) Frische ’04 has opened a women’s clothing and accessory shop. The Brick Street Boutique is located in Franklin, Ind. Her husband, Daniel ’04, is working as a real estate agent with Smythe & Co. Real Estate. They reside with their children, Mason and Halle, in Trafalgar, Ind.

Shannon (Cerajewski) Walker ’04 graduated from Purdue University-West Lafayette in May 2014 with a master of science in leadership/technology. She is currently director of strategic communication for the Purdue libraries.

Kristin Kinnett ’05 and her fiancé, Del Smyser, are the parents of a daughter, Aurora, born Dec. 27, 2013. The family resides in Camby, Ind.

Heather (Watson) McManus ’06 and her husband, Dan ’08, are the parents of a son, Rhett Jacob, born Aug. 8, 2013. The family resides in Franklin, Ind.

Holly Wehr ’06 and Jordan Harley married on Sept. 28, 2013, at Tanglewood Farms in Versailles, Ind. Jenny Johnson ’06, Jen (Nebesny) Whitson ’06 and Elizabeth (Bennett) Schleicher ’06 were bridesmaids. Holly is the national academic adviser for Renaissance Learning and director of operations for Tanglewood Farms. Jordan is manager of the farms. They reside in Versailles, Ind.

Lance LaBonte ’07 was chosen as the 2013 James D. Pitzer Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year and was awarded the honor in May. The award is the DNR’s highest honor. He resides in Martinsville, Ind., with his wife, Brittany (Smithey) ’07, and their son, Lane.

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Fundraiser reunites sorority sisters

Amanda (Personett) Shelley ’07, public relations and marketing director for the National MS Society Indiana State Chapter, was conducting a fundraiser in Columbus, Ind., when she noticed a woman who looked familiar. After initiating a conversation, Shelley learned the woman was Jennifer (Sparkman) Colen ’04, a Zeta Tau Alpha sorority sister from Franklin College. Colen was at the event as team captain of JennStillSmyelin, a name chosen following her diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in 2011. Another sorority sister, Sara Hall ’04, was there walking as part of the team. Shelley said, “It was wonderful to reconnect with these ladies and know that my career efforts are helping a friend.” Colen serves as a kindergarten teacher for Madison Consolidated Schools in southern Indiana. Hall works as a pharmacist in North Vernon, Ind. Pictured from left to right are Hall, Shelley and Colen.

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—Amanda (Personett) Shelley ’07
Got a future Grizzly?

Share your baby’s birth announcement or adoption details and receive a special gift from the Alumni Engagement Office! There are two ways to submit your information: Go to alumni.FranklinCollege.edu and use the Class Notes submission form. With this method, you’ll have the chance to post your own photo. Or, email photos and information, including baby’s date of birth, your spouse’s name, names of your other children, your professions and your hometown, to aversteeg@FranklinCollege.edu. Photos will be published in the Franklin College Magazine, as space permits. Call (317) 738-8188 for assistance.

Pictured at left: Evelyn Mary, born Feb. 1, 2014, is the daughter of Angela (Mapes) Turner ’05 ad her husband, Shane. The family resides in Auburn, Ind. ■

Alisha Konkle ’08 recently was named Brownsburg East Middle School’s Teacher of the Year. She is an eighth-grade math teacher and the mathematics building department head. She resides in Lebanon, Ind.

Andrew M. Mapes ’08 graduated May 10, 2014, from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. He is a captain in the Army National Guard. An Afghanistan veteran, he is currently assigned as the data management officer in Headquarters Company of the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Shelbyville, Ind. He will be assistant general counsel for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission upon passing the bar exam. He also will be guest speaker at the annual Franklin College Veterans Day Luncheon, Monday, Nov. 10, 2014. He and his wife, Capt. Rikki Mapes, reside in Martinsville, Ind.

Colin Altevogt ’10 has been named head cross-country coach at Carmel (Ind.) High School. He and his wife, Cathleen (Nine) ’11, a law student, reside in Indianapolis.

Andrew Keinsley ’10, a doctoral student in the Department of Economics at The University
of Kansas (KU), is one of 480 students from 80 countries selected to attend a meeting in Lindau, Germany, this August. Nineteen past laureates of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences also will attend. Keinsley was nominated to attend the meeting by Shu Wu, associate professor, associate chair and graduate program director in economics at KU.

Erin Cataldi '11 left her position with Franklin College’s Hamilton Library to take a job as a teen and adult services librarian at the Clark Pleasant Branch of the Johnson County Public Library. In an email Cataldi shared, “It was sad to leave behind my alma mater and amazing co-workers, but I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to put my master’s degree to use and achieve my career goal of becoming an official librarian.”

Summer (French) Havron ‘11 and her husband, Chris, are the parents of a son, Westen Allen Caldwell, born April 10, 2014. The family resides in Indianapolis.

Aaron Hommell ‘11 recently earned his juris doctorate from Mississippi College School of Law. He worked for the Office of the Attorney General of Mississippi and the Carmody, Stewart and Mixon Law Firm during his three years of law school. He also served one term as the president of Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society’s Keady Inn.

Samantha Meyer ‘13 and Allen Giesting married on Oct. 19, 2013. She works as an English, speech, advanced speech and SAT/ACT preparatory teacher at North Decatur Junior-Senior High School in Greensburg, Ind. He owns a lawn care company and farms full time.

Group honored for heroism

The Center Grove Board of School Trustees recognized several people with a Shining Star Award at its May 15 meeting. The award is given to students or community members who have gone beyond the expected to make the Center Grove community in Johnson County, Ind., a better place. Board Vice President and Franklin College Trustee Carol (Summers) Tumey ’63 nominated several individuals for jumping into action when referee Ken Yott of Zionsville, Ind., suffered a heart attack and collapsed onto the court during a basketball game. The quick response from the Center Grove staff and White River Township emergency medical personnel helped Yott receive the care that saved his life.

A couple of days after the incident, Yott sent the school a thank-you note that said, “I know and will tell anyone who needs to know how much of a world-class place Center Grove High School (CGHS) is and how the people care about their fellow human beings. In the end, a visitor to your school can ask for nothing more.”

Pictured from left to right are the Shining Star honorees: Franklin Community High School athletic trainer Marcus Davis ’02, CGHS athletic trainer Dave Buchholz, CGHS athletic trainer Tasha Taylor ‘11, Indiana University Health team physician Dr. John Baldea, Center Grove Police Department officer Evan Preston, CGHS athletic director Jon Zwitt, CGHS Principal Doug Bird, registered nurse Madeline Wilson and CGHS Assistant Athletic Director Scott Knapp. Not pictured is CGHS Assistant Principal Benji Betts ’99.

GrizHoops hosts annual Dads Camp

The annual Dads Basketball Camp was held June 20–22. Sons and daughters joined their fathers for a weekend on campus, practicing basketball drills in Spurlock Center, eating together in the student dining room and bunking in Elsey Hall. The Dads Camp has become a tradition for many central Indiana families who return each summer with children 5 to 10 years old. Next year’s camp will be June 26–28. Registration will be available online at www.FranklinGrizzlies.com.

This year’s participants included five alumni and their children. Pictured are Brad Emmert ’94 and son Wes Coulter; Ed Hensley ’92 and son Ian; Dr. Cary Guse ’94 and son Jacob and daughter Jenna; and Dr. David Dunkle ’94 and son Evan. Not pictured are Wes Peek ’02 and son Logan.
The ’40s
Mary Ruth (McConnell) Kent ’42 died May 4, 2014. She attended Franklin College and later earned a master’s degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island. She was a long-term employee of the libraries of Connecticut College as a cataloger, serials librarian and special collections librarian. She was preceded in death by her husband, John F. ’41. Survivors include three children and three grandchildren. She was a resident of Bradenton, Fla.

Betty J. (Lambert) Schrepferman ’43 died May 28, 2014. After earning her degree in education, she taught PE and health at Anderson College [now university] in Indiana. She was active in the community of Hamilton, Ind., serving on the school board and lake association board. She also sang alto in the Hamilton United Methodist Church choir for many years. Hobbies she enjoyed with her husband, Wayne, included organic gardening, traveling and bird watching. Wayne preceded her in death. Survivors include their four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a resident of Hamilton, Ind.

Ina [Stanfill] Davidson ’47 died May 12, 2014. She attended Franklin College and was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She later returned to school and earned a master’s degree in art from The University of Texas at Tyler. She was an accomplished artist whose paintings were shown in numerous juried shows. She was an active community volunteer and served on the board of directors for the Red Cross for several years. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Dr. Jack L. ’49, two children, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her first-born son, William. She was a resident of Woodstock, Ga.

John E. Ogden ’48 died May 15, 2014. He was a U.S. Army veteran who began his service as a private and received an honorable discharge as 1st lieutenant. He was appointed a special agent with the FBI in 1947. He served as a special agent investigator in Cleveland for the Philadelphia Divisions, then later as special agent supervisor at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., and lastly as special agent investigator and supervisor for the Atlanta Division, where he retired in 1978. He served the state of Georgia as an investigator for the Judicial Qualifications Commission from 1978–95 before he retired. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Rosemarie. Survivors include two children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Largo, Fla.

Hallie J. Hamilton ’49, Ph.D., died Dec. 19, 2013. Her start at Franklin College in 1942 was interrupted by World War II. During his service with the U.S. Army, he was a basic training instructor, platoon sergeant and provost sergeant. Seven years later he graduated with honors, having earned his bachelor’s degree in journalism while also lettering in football and track. He went on to earn a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University and a doctorate in higher education and journalism from Indiana University. He worked for several newspapers in the Midwest before joining the Northern Illinois University [NIU] public relations staff in 1958. He eventually became a journalism instructor and was promoted over time to full professor before retiring in 1991. While at NIU, he earned a teaching excellence award and was inducted into its hall of fame. Survivors include his wife, Floann, three children, five grandchildren and a brother, John, who served as Franklin College’s director of publicity and public relations from 1962–65. His father, Hallie L. ’19, was an alumnus whose college career was also interrupted by a world war, and his late brother, Harry ’41, and late sister, Emma “Jane” (Hamilton) Reisinger ’42, attended Franklin College for two years each. He was a resident of DeKalb, Ill.

The ’50s
Jack H. Beatty ’50 died March 26, 2014. During World War II Beatty served with the U.S. Marines, first with the newly formed Raiders and later with the 5th Division. He fought in multiple battles in the Pacific, including Iwo Jima, where he was in the first wave of the assault and later received a Purple Heart for his wounds. At Franklin College, he lettered in football, basketball and baseball and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Jeanne. He retired in 1987 as president of Alexander National Life Insurance. Survivors include three children, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a resident of Columbus, Ind.

Rusty M. Thompson ’50 died Feb. 19, 2014. While at Franklin College, she was active in Delta Zeta sorority. After earning her bachelor’s degree in journalism, she worked as an editor at the Indiana Statehouse and for the newsletter produced by Diamond Chain of Indianapolis. She taught elementary school in San Diego and Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her husband, James O. Survivors include two children and one grandchild. She was a resident of San Diego, Calif.

Edwin “Ed” L. Arnold ’52 died Nov. 14, 2013. While at Franklin College, he was active in Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, during which he served as 1st lieutenant with the First Marine Division during 1953–54. In 1960, he served as administrative assistant to then Indiana Congressman Ralph Harvey. Subsequently, in 1966, he joined the Veterans Administration [VA] where he championed veterans’ rights throughout executive and legislative branches of the government. For more than 26 years, he held a number of managerial positions, which also accompanied and contributed to the transformation of the independent government agency into the existing cabinet-level Department of Veterans Affairs. Upon his retirement, he had the primary responsibility of serving as principal point of contact in dealing with the various veterans’ service organizations and community leaders across the United States. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Survivors include two children. He was a resident of Alexandria, Va.

Warren “Don” Shedden ’53 died March 6, 2014. He served during the Korean War and earned the rank of corporal before being honorably discharged in 1952. He pursued multiple endeavors throughout his life to provide for his family, ultimately retiring from the insurance industry. He was an avid photographer and held lifelong membership in the International Freelance Photographers Organization. He was active in his church as treasurer, adult Sunday school teacher, deacon and chairman of many committees and boards. Survivors include his wife, Roberta, four children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son. He was a resident of Appleton, Wis.

Barbara A. [Schaefer] Doles ’56 died March 15, 2014. She held a...
master’s degree from Indiana University and taught music for several years at Northwood Elementary School in Franklin, Ind. She also was the music director for Hopewell Presbyterian Church for 43 years and for First Baptist Church of Franklin for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Franklin as well as Delta Zeta and Delta Kappa Gamma sororities. Survivors include her husband, Bob ’57, three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Son Dan ’82 and grandson Jordan ’13 are alumni, while grandson Matt ’16 is a current Franklin College student. She was a resident of Franklin, Ind.

Ransom “Randy” A. Norris ’58 died Feb. 21, 2014. After serving in the military, he worked as a certified gardener in a nursery for many years. He was an avid history buff and amateur photographer. He also enjoyed spending time at his church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include two sisters, a niece and a nephew. He was a resident of Concord, Calif.

The ’60s
Mary Ruth (Evans) Collier ’60 died March 3, 2014. She was a retired school teacher, having taught at schools in the Indiana cities of Greencastle, Stilesville and Amo. She was a member of Amo Baptist Church, where she served as a secretary, pianist, teacher and board member. Survivors include her husband, Maurice, three children and 10 grandchildren. She was a resident of Coatesville, Ind.

Sally Wheeler ’61 died March 10, 2014. She attended Franklin College and was a retired cook for the Madison County Juvenile Center. She was a member of New Life Christian Church and Grace New Life Apostolic. She loved to play the organ. Survivors include a son. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, and granddaughter, Teresa. She was a resident of Anderson, Ind.

The ’70s
Rabbi Victor I. Beck ’70 died Jan. 18, 2014. He retired after many years as a cantor at B’nai Sholom of Rockville Centre in Long Island, N.Y. He was a past president and member of multiple Jewish organizations and founder of Congregation Eitz Chaim of Ahwatukee. He was part of a delegation of rabbis and cantors who had a private audience with Pope John Paul II. His melodious voice allowed him to perform at Carnegie Recital Hall as well as many other famous venues. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Sharon, and two children. He was a resident of Phoenix, Ariz.

The ’90s
R. Scott Wingo ’90 died May 4, 2014. He held a master’s degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and was employed as an investigator with Shelby County Child Protective Service. Scott and his wife, Kimberly [Stough] ’89, were Franklin Fund for Scholarships supporters and members of the Franklin College President’s Club. They also were active supporters of Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Kimberly survives as do two children, Catie ’17 and Jacob.

The ’00s
Christopher Maples ’00 died June 1, 2014. While a student, he was active in the Franklin College Democrats. His career included serving as director of advancement for Partners in Housing, an organization that provides low-income housing and support to Indianapolis residents. Survivors include his wife, Colleen, and two children. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Friends of Franklin College
Joan R. Ewing died March 28, 2014. She held a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from Indiana University and began her career with a two-year stint at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis before transitioning to Logansport Community Schools, where she taught Spanish and English for 39 years. She retired in 1994 after serving in education and nurturing students for more than four decades. During her retirement, she especially enjoyed spending winters in Florida and traveling in the summers to the annual Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, with Franklin College alumni and friends. She was a supporter of the Franklin Fund for Scholarships. She also was active in Rochester’s First Baptist Church, where she was a member for more than a half century. Survivors include a sister and several nieces and nephews. She was a resident of Logansport, Ind.

Mary E. Hamilton died Jan. 13, 2014. She was a graduate of Seymour High School (Ind.) and attended business school. She later married William S. “Bill” Hamilton and they moved to Columbus, Ind. The couple were part of the family who started a small business called Columbus Specialty Co. As the business grew, the name changed to Hamilton Cosco and eventually to COSCO. Mary was the bookkeeper in the beginning and helped market the original product of matchbox holders. She also was active in the community, volunteering during World War II with the Red Cross at Camp Atterbury and attending First Methodist Church, where she served as president of the Women’s Society of Christian Service. Mary was the daughter-in-law of B.F. Hamilton, the namesake of Franklin College’s library. She included the college in her estate plans with a financial gift to the library. Survivors include two children, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and their son, Stanley. She was a resident of Delray Beach, Fla.

Joyce E. [Ferrell] Mount died April 17, 2014. She retired from Franklin College in 1994 after serving many years as administrative assistant to the academic dean. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene. Survivors include five children and five grandchildren. She was a resident of Oviedo, Fla.

Thelma J. [Wainwright] Tsismanakis died May 10, 2014. She received her bachelor’s degree in education from Indiana University [IU], where she met her husband-to-be, Marcus Myers. They later moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where she taught elementary and secondary school. The couple had children prior to divorcing in 1959. With the children in tow, she relocated to Bloomington, Ind., where she returned to IU and completed a master’s degree in education and a doctorate in philosophy. She became employed at Franklin College in 1962 and remained a faculty member in the Education Department for 25 years. In 1963, she married George Tsismanakis, also a professor at Franklin College. The marriage lasted only a short time, but by then she had been dubbed “Dr. Tsis” and “Professor Tsis,” so she kept the unique name. Upon her retirement in 1987, she was a full professor, had earned tenure and was granted faculty emerita status by the college board of trustees. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was a resident of Franklin, Ind.
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Flower lady grows business, sows kindness

By Amy (Kean) VerSteeg ’96
Editor

If you’ve ever attended the Franklin College President’s Dinner, Veterans Day Luncheon or Commencement, you’ve probably seen her design team’s work. You might even have seen examples on TV during coverage of the Indianapolis Super Bowl; she worked closely with the city’s host committee as well as the NFL, CBS, NBC and Pepsi.

Pam Parker, widely known as “The Flower Lady,” is owner of two florist shops, one in Franklin, Ind., and the other in Indianapolis. The arrangements that she and her staff of designers produce are thematic works of art, oftentimes sculptural and sometimes even edible-organic.

“We’d like every arrangement to make a statement,” said Parker.

One might say Parker’s design philosophy has been indicative of her life. Parker was raised on a 140-acre farm in Needham, Ind. Driving tractors, baling hay and working in the soil were as much a ritual as attending school. Expectations were that a young woman would only leave the farm to marry and raise a family, Parker explained.

Sometimes when Parker imagined the world of possibilities beyond the family farm, she thought of two pioneering women in her family who had attended college and became teachers. Parker’s grandmother, Aurel Parker, and a great aunt, Edna (Scott) Parker 1911, built careers at a time when few women could.

“Theyir bravery really inspired me,” said Parker. Over time, a seedling of courage grew and blossomed in Parker’s heart, giving her the incentive to attend theological seminary in Cincinnati.

“I loved growing up on the farm,” said Parker. “But, as a young woman, I was hungry for diversity.”

Parker completed one year at seminary but felt uncertain about taking the next step of engaging in missionary work so she transferred to University of Indianapolis, where she began working toward a degree in education, emulating the women who had inspired her. After some stints of student-teaching, Parker realized education was not the right career fit. She later transferred to the University of Minnesota, where she pursued a degree in studio arts, enrolled in horticulture classes and worked part time as a florist to finance her education.

Parker said her floral designs often were “earthy,” reflective of her agricultural background. Her distinctive work garnered praise from customers and the business owner, who eventually hired her to run multiple flower shops. She resided in Minnesota for 13 years, until her father’s death, when she returned to Indiana to help her mother maintain the farm.

Growing up, there was always an emphasis on saving the farm. I don’t think my sister, Janet, or I could have imagined any other alternative to keeping the farm going,” said Parker.

But, they hadn’t imagined the farm would inspire another venture, JP Parker Flowers. The business, named after Janet and Pam, began in 1986. Pam made a pitch to Indianapolis’ Union Station, hoping to earn a fraction of a holiday decorating contract and instead earned the entire project.

“At the time, all I had was a briefcase! I remember signing the contract and thinking, ‘What am I going to do now,’” she recalled.

But, Parker was raised to be resourceful, and she was determined to succeed. She recruited family and friends to participate in floral arrangement assembly lines and provided examples of each arrangement that needed replicated. Sometimes the work took place in a barn on the family farm and other times in a dilapidated warehouse she rented.

“When it snowed outside, it also snowed inside,” she recalled.

In spite of conditions, the hard work paid off and generated referrals. The next year, Roche Diagnostics Corp. hired JP Parker Flowers to provide its holiday décor. Later, Indianapolis-based St Elmo’s Steakhouse and Harry & Izzy’s also became holiday clients.

In 2005, after achieving a consistent cash flow and hiring a team of talented designers, Parker opened a storefront in Franklin, on south Main Street. Several years later, she relocated the shop to Jefferson Street, where it continues operating today. Approximately seven years ago, she opened a second location in downtown Indianapolis to help give JP Parker Flowers greater visibility.

“I was raised to think, if you want it, you have to work for it,” said Parker.

“But, I recall how hard it was, especially in college, to work three jobs over the summer to save money for school. There was a point where I needed help, and I suspect there are currently some very talented Franklin College students who probably need help.”

It’s one of the reasons Parker recently became a supporter of the Franklin Fund for Scholarships.

Parker also has begun attending the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement’s networking events, where she has enjoyed meeting current students and sharing career advice. She also employs two alumnae, Rachel Konchinsky-Pate ’11 and Jacie Shoaf ’14, both of whom she said are “wonderfully creative.”

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Justin Coffey ’15 is a third-generation history buff, who delights in discussing the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, his two favorite periods in American history. While a high school senior, he discovered that his love for the past could be parlayed into a promising future.

“I began thinking about a career in education after my history teacher overhead me explaining a complex topic to another student and told me I’d done it well. I liked the idea of using teaching as a way to share my knowledge of history and make myself more marketable,” said Coffey.

“I chose Franklin College because I heard a lot of impressive comments about the education program and its high job placement rates for teachers.”

Through the college’s field experience program for education majors, Coffey, a double major in secondary education and history, is gaining skills, networking and making an impact in the community. He has been observing and co-teaching at area schools since his sophomore year.

“I’ve had rotations at six schools,” he said. “It’s been very reassuring to have school administrators tell me when positions come open at their schools that resumes from FC grads go on the top.”

Coffey is active in several leadership roles on campus, serving as a resident assistant, academic mentor and Admissions Office ambassador as well as participating in Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. The best part of campus life, much like the most enjoyable part of teaching, is “connecting with people,” he said.

“I had some amazing teachers, especially in high school. They made me want to learn. I’d like to be that inspiration for someone else, the way my teachers were for me.”

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