YOUNG AND ENTREPRENEURIAL

Recent MC grads already have dream jobs.
At the second annual “Peds4x-Paul” event during Homecoming weekend on Oct. 5, more than 88 riders logged 2,700 miles in memory of MC student Paul Ziegler, who died in an accident last year. Donors gave more than $10,500 to the Paul Ziegler Memorial Scholarship to honor him. This year Peds4x-Paul brought the addition of a Bike Safety Fridge for young cyclists. Read more about Homecoming events on page 22.

The Bulldog Bash (new last year to Homecoming) allows alumni to reconnect with their classmates at designated tables for their reunion class. As the reunion goes broader various gourmet food stations throughout Mingenback Theatre, the Student Union and the campus lawns in-between, they were able to connect with other alumni, MC friends, faculty, staff and current students.

Returning, remembering and reconnecting rang true this Homecoming as six alumni from the classes of 1981 and 1987 decided to gather this year, even though it was not their reunion year. Jeff “Guff” Gufarotti, Bobby “Beanzo” Knechtel, Frank “Da B” Berens, Howard “Styne” Skinner, Dennis “Dick” Hodomick and Joe “The Organizer” Miller all moved from the Northern Atlantic states to attend McPherson College and became close friends. On a whim, the group decided to meet in McPherson during Homecoming 2013. Although some members of the “187” were unable to attend, they all agreed to make the trip again for their respective reunion years.

Of course, we complete one Homecoming and immediately begin planning for the next. Homecoming 2014 will be Oct. 17, 18 and 19, and will be the first year that all reunion classes will meet on the same weekend. In addition we will host a reunion of all former residents of Dotzour and Metzler Halls. We hope you will make plans now to return, remember and reconnect on this weekend.

McPherson College loves to see you!

Anna Rudin
Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations

P.S. – My job as Alumni Director is greatly enhanced by the members of our McPherson College Alumni Board, they are:

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McPherson College welcomes its newest faculty and staff:

Michael Baker, adjunct faculty in psychology
Brandt Buse, resident director in Metzler Hall
Dr. Bruce Carter, associate professor of education
Michelle Cracker, assistant athletic coordinator
Dara Dix, payroll and accounting clerk
Jodi Ehlig, assistant professor of physical education
Michael Gorratt, assistant for enrollment management
Michaela Groebelacher, instructor of art (fall semester)
Stephanie Herbstler, assistant professor of mathematics
Stephen Harrington, assistant professor of business
Katie Hill, advancement officer (returning)
Logan Hoch, assistant baseball coach and athletic grounds assistant
Kyle Hopkins, associate professor of music and director of bands
Dr. Shannon Jones, assistant professor of business
Kristen Marble, adjunct faculty in English
Lorena Medrano, assistant professor of Spanish
Tara Nicholson, assistant for external communications
Martin Sartin, assistant baseball coach
Bethany Schoenwetter, adjunct faculty in art
Erica Shook, adjunct faculty in English
Lynndawne Standing, assistant in Stenger Hall
Amy White, coordinator of athletic operations

Congratulations to the following staff on recent promotions:
Philip Schoenwetter, promoted to head athletic trainer
Anna Ruston, promoted to the director of alumni and constituent relations

Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, has been keeping a blog at Motorkbooks.com, featuring a different automotive restoration student project each month. Entries may be found at: http://www.motorkbooks.com/blog-contributor/ed-barr/20.

Motorbooks recently published a Japanese translation of his book "Professional Sheet Metal Fabrication." A web-only article about Barr, the book, and the restoration program entitled "By the Book" was published at www.flyours.net/item/16399-the-book.html. His article "Shaping Minds and Metal" about the restoration program appeared in the "Forming & Fabrication Journal" in October. The journal has a circulation of about 4,000. Two excerpts from the book were printed in "Auto Restorer Magazine" in July and August.

The "Forming and Fabrication Journal" invited Barr to serve as visiting sheet metal educator at their booth at FabTech 2013 in Chicago on Nov. 20. FabTech is North America’s largest metal forming, fabricating, welding, and finishing trade show and conference, with about 35,000 attendees and 1,500 exhibiting companies.

Dr. Rick Tyler, professor of speech and theatre, hosted the fifth alumni show during homecoming weekend, Oct. 4 and 5. "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig featured eight alumni actors returning to McPherson College to perform the show after only one week of rehearsals.

Dr. Ku-Sup Chin, associate professor of sociology, wrote a paper, titled “Re-conceptualization of State Transnationalism,” which was accepted for either the spring 2014 edition of “Global Networks” The journal was ranked fifth by “Impact Factor” in the field of sociology in 2004. Dr. Chin served as a reviewer for the journal in 2013. The co-author is Dr. David Smith at the University of California, Irvine. The study was partially supported by the McPherson College Academic Development Grant, of which Dr. Chin was the first recipient in 2011.

Dr. Kenny Dobbins, assistant professor of history, continues to use “Reacting to the Past” curriculum in her history courses - which present historical information in the form of an interactive game lasting weeks. This year, she added a new twist by encouraging students in two of the classes to send out Twitter posts like they imagine the historical characters would have sent had the social media service been available at the time. The posts can still be seen by looking for the Twitter handles @MacAmRev (the American Revolution in New York City 1775-1776) and @MacRome44 (the Iliad of March; Rome in 44 B.C.). The classes were highlighted in a feature article October 2013 in the local “McPherson Sentinel.”

Dr. Jonathan Frye, professor of natural science, received word that the Ecological Society of America – SEEDS (Strategies for Ecology Education, Diversity and Sustainability) approved his proposed research grant. He proposed conducting long-term student research in the Northeast Ecological Corridor of Puerto Rico, in cooperation with the McPherson College student SEEDS chapter, the University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras student SEEDS chapter, and the non-profit organization called GAIA (Grupos Ambientales Interdisciplinarios Aliados, which translates to “Allied Interdisciplinary Environmental Groups”).

Dr. O’Dell, professor of accounting, was selected to participate in the Men’s Republican Leadership Series in May 2013. The series selected only 30 individuals from Kansas. The Kansas Republican Men’s Leadership Series is six months of training intended to provide Kansas with leaders prepared to serve as elected or appointed office holders or on campaigns for Republican candidates. The class of 30 attended sessions across the state featuring legislative, civic, and district leaders, who discussed a range of topics important to Kansas. Some of the topics included state government, taxation and spending, social issues and local government, and education. Graduation was in October 2013.

Dr. Shane Kirchner, assistant professor of education, has been named president-elect of the Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (KACTE). In this role, he planned the full conference held Nov. 1, arranging for keynote speaker Sue Boldra - MC alumna and Dayton Rotbrock Award winner and currently instructor at Fort Hays State in the Teacher Education Program and Kansas Representative for the 111th district.

Dr. Herb Smith, professor of philosophy and religion, and Dr. Jeanne Smith, professor emerita of education, will teach at the Goisern School of Theology of the Church of North India in February 2014. This is the fourth year in a row. Also for the fourth year, they will lead students and other friends to Lalibela, Ethiopia, in April 2014. They will meet with the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and bring school supplies and “Personal Energy Transport” wheelchairs for polio victims.

Dr. Tom Whalen, assistant professor of business, presented his research - "Utilizing the Social Transaction Theory of Social Ontology to Understand Organizational Culture Change" - at an academic conference in Breckenridge, Colo., in August 2013. The research puts forth a social theory Dr. Whalen has developed during the last four years that attempts to explain why organizations have experienced poor track records in attempting to change the culture of their organization. The "International Business & Economics Research Journal" accepted the resulting paper from the research for publication. Dee Eweay Sherwood, associate professor and program director of graphic design, provided the graphics for Dr. Whalen’s presentation.

Thanks to the generosity of two alumni, McPherson College is pleased to establish the David G. and Doris K. Metzler Endowed Scholarship Fund. MC will award this scholarship annually to an outstanding student enrolled full-time preparing for the ministry or Christian service or PC-12 classroom teaching.

Longtime members of the Church of the Brethren with multi-generational ties to the College, the Metzlers understand the value of a liberal arts, inter-disciplinary preparation in the context of a church-related setting. Their lives mirror the values of their alma mater – service, community, and a holistic lifestyle. Because of their foresight, future generations of students will have the opportunity to pursue a McPherson College education.

David has passed away since he and Doris first planned to establish the scholarship, and Doris has now followed through on their mutual intentions. David was an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren and was a professor at Bridgewater College from 1956 to 1982 and 1986 to 1995. He also taught at the University of Los in Nigeria 1981 to 1983, while also serving as the head of the Department of Religious Studies there. David held a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and religion from McPherson College, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary, a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Doctor of Theology degree from Boston University.He also studied overseas at the Ecumenical Study Center in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur in Jerusalem, Israel.

Doris completed a career of 24 years teaching second and third grade students in Massachusetts, at Hillcrest School in Nigeria, and in Bridgewater, Va. Doris also worked as a homemaker as she raised their five children. In their retirement, they resided in their country home which David designed and built with help from family and friends.
**MC Hires New VP With Enrollment Focus**

Enrolling students and guiding them through to graduation are the two perennial challenges of every college and university. McPherson College has hired Michael Gravitt as vice president for enrollment management - a newly created job - to make enrollment and retention MC's areas of greatest strength.

President Michael Schneider said he was pleased Gravitt has joined the MC family.

“He connects with us,” Schneider said. “His experience and perspective are welcomed as we continue to grow.”

Gravitt now oversees all aspects related to successful enrollment and retention at McPherson College - including admissions, financial aid, marketing, and retention.

His career has been focused on enrollment and student services in higher education, and he holds a bachelor’s degree in piano performance and a master’s degree in higher education from the University of Iowa. Most recently, he was the vice president for enrollment management and student achievement at the Kansas City Art Institute.

His history of managing enrollment for institutions with a niche market fits well with MC’s approach to liberal arts education.

“Trampoline.”

Congratulations to Miranda Clark, sophomore, Russell, Kan., who learned in October that she won People’s Choice in this year’s Kansas State Fair photo contest with this picture (above) - “Trampoline.”

The contest had 427 pictures taken by 50 area students, of which 17 were chosen as finalists for People’s Choice. Of those 17, three of them were taken by Clark.

**Student Wins State Fair Photo Contest**

College memories fade and class notes get misplaced, but for Kyle Hopkins being a musician means always learning something new.

“It’s something you have for your entire life,” Hopkins said. “It’s such an integral part of our humanity.”

Now Hopkins’ passion for music is helping the campus revitalize its instrumental music program as band director and associate professor of music. He started in August, and has been driving ahead at full steam ever since - establishing a woodwind ensemble of eight, a brass quartet, a mallet trio and drum line performing primarily at athletic events. Hopkins said the program is progressing well.

“Attributes are positive, kids are experiencing high quality music and the future looks very bright,” Hopkins said.

Dr. Kent Eaton, provost, described Hopkins as approachable, relational, and a person with global interests.

“I think he brings exceptional experience and energy,” Dr. Eaton said. “We expect that five years from now when people think of McPherson College, strong instrumental music program will be one of the first things that comes to mind.”

Most recently director of bands for 12 years at McPherson High School and McPherson Middle School, he is no stranger to the MC campus, either, having served as adjunct faculty at both MC and Bethany College. A talented horn player, he has performed with the Topeka Symphony and Kansas City Philharmonia and currently performs as principal horn with the Wichita Grand Opera and the Salina Symphony.

He also brings his talents as a musician to the MC ensembles - as a part of the ensemble.

“Rather than me just directing in front of the ensembles, I’m playing in them with the students,” he said. “This gives the students a more authentic chamber music experience, and is a catalyst for them to develop their own listening and musical skills for intonation, balance and blend, and style - rather than having a director just tell them what to do.”

He earned a bachelor of arts from the University of Kansas in 1989, then studied Russian language and culture at KU and the Gomyi Institute in Lenigrad, USSR (now St. Petersburg, Russia), before earning a bachelor of music education from Washburn University in 1999 and a master of music from Kansas State University in 2009. His honors include USD 418’s “Teacher of the Year” in 2011 and the district’s nominee for “Kansas Teacher of the Year” in 2012.

Dr. Eaton said Hopkins and a strong instrumental music program at McPherson College will benefit the entire campus.

“It means a much more rounded education for us all, not just for the students in music,” he said. “Having a strong music program raises us all to a higher appreciation of music.”

That parallels Hopkins’ goals to create a stronger community among the band members and across the campus. Within three or four years, Hopkins would like a 40-piece concert band and many smaller groups such as jazz, brass quintet, woodwind quintet and drum line. To get there, he’s building up current student players to serve as examples and going out actively on the road to recruit, including visits to area schools, leading marching band clinics, and even directing at week-long band camp with 400 attendees last July.

The college has also committed to providing new fine arts scholarships to attract top musicians.

For Hopkins, music education extends past being a “study” into a spiritual endeavor.

“When we study music,” he said, “we’re studying our very existence and driving deeper into what it means to be human.”

**Refer a Student**

Chances are, you know a student who would be a great fit at MC.

But there’s also a chance that they’ve never heard of us. So we’d like your help.

Please take a moment to send us the name and address of a student you think should give a McPherson College a look. Suggestions may be sent to the college Admissions Office at admis@mcpherson.edu or using the form at www2.mcpherson.edu/alumni/referral.
McPherson College Lecture Series Features
Big Names, Unique Perspectives

The remaining lecturers of the 2013-2014 McPherson College Lecture Series include a Hugo-award winning novelist, an alumnus specializing in living organ and tissue donation, and an expert in marketing to a diverse marketplace.

The start of the series was impressive, too, with a counterterrorism correspondent for National Public Radio and the originator of an Oscar-award winning movie.

The annual series began with the Religious Heritage Lecture on Sept. 15 with Sister Helen Prejean - author of “Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty.” Sister Prejean is an advocate against capital punishment and for victims’ rights.

Through her prison ministry, Sister Helen Prejean encountered Patrick Sonnier, convicted of killing two teenagers and sentenced to death by electric chair. Her experiences with Sonnier’s spiritual adviser led her to write “Dead Man Walking,” which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and rose to number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for eight months. The book appears regularly on national NPR news programs.

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Helen Prejean was also Bloomberg’s correspondent for National Public Radio in Asia and during the Clinton Administration, covering “Behind the Scenes of Today’s Terrorism Cases.”

She’s also an award-winning author, including “A Death in Texas” - which won the Barnes & Noble Discover Award and was chosen as one of the Best Books of 2002 by the “Washington Post.”

Soon after the start of 2004, the college will present a special McPherson College Lecture entitled “What if? What Alternate History Fiction Tells Us About Our Past, Present and Future” at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 in Miller Library, funded by the Harter family.

Dr. Harry Turtledove is a master author in the genres of science fiction and fantasy. But he’s best known for his work in alternate history - which takes elements of historical fact and blends them with alternate scenarios both realistic and fantastic. Dr. Turtledove earned his degree from UCLA in Byzantine history and has written more than 100 books since his first novel in 1979 - including the 1994 Hugo Award for Best Novella with “Down in the Bottonlands.”

Some of his most famous works are “Guns of the South,” which starts from a Southern victory in the Civil War, the “Warhorse” series which assumes an alien invasion at the beginning of World War II, and the “Atlantis” series, which places a hypothetical continent in the Atlantic between North America and Europe.

Dr. Turtledove will talk about the implications of alternate history and how it can help us understand our own past, present and future.

“It makes you look at the world you actually live in, in a funhouse mirror that you can’t get any other way,” he said.

He also plans to speak on the writing process and offer advice to young creative students.

“I read a lot. I write a lot. I apply my behord to the chair and my pen to the paper,” he said. “Writing is inspiration. Writing is joy. Writing is also work. They just aren’t making elves with a decent prose style these days.”

For the Mohler Lecture, at 4 p.m. March 9 at the McPherson Church of the Brethren, Dr. Galen Switzer - a 1985 alumnus of McPherson College - will talk about a supremely altruistic act with “Gifts of Life: Living Organ and Tissue Donation.”

Dr. Switzer is professor of medicine and psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh and co-chief of Measurement Care at the VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion.

Dr. Switzer joined the University in 1996 after a strong career teaching in higher education. He’s currently researching the psychological issues surrounding organ and tissue donation and transplantation from live donors. In particular, he works closely with the National Marrow Donor Program to look into the motivations that underlie a donor’s decision to give their stem cells to someone unrelated to them.

The lecture series will round out with lessons on how to empathize and reach out to groups unlike oneself in marketing and advertising. Kelly McDonald, author and CEO of McDonald Marketing, will present the Harter Lecture - titled “How to Market to People Who Are Not Like You: The New Market Segmentation” - at noon April 2 in Mingenback Theatre.

McDonald is recognized nationally as a marketing expert, especially in multicultural marketing, and has clients including Toyota, Harley-Davidson, Sherwin-Williams, State Farm and MillerCoors. She’s appeared as an expert on CNBC, in “BusinessWeek,” on CNBCMoney.com and on Sirius/XM Radio.

She wrote “How to Market to People Not Like You: Know It or Blow It: Rules for Reaching Diverse Customers,” which “Inc.” magazine’s “800-CEO-READ” and “Forbes” magazine named a top business book of 2011. In the book, McDonald says that diversity awareness is -- and will remain -- essential to successful marketing. Her second book “Crafting the Customer Service Experience for People Not Like You” focuses on diversity in the realm of customer service.

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In addition, MC is introducing Fine Arts Scholarships for students involved in art, music or theatre. The amount of these scholarships can range from $500 to $10,000, on top of students’ academic merit scholarships.

The scholarships for art are open to students majoring in graphic design or studio art. However, just as McPherson College students can be in any major and receive a scholarship to play sports, new students in all majors will have an opportunity to receive fine arts scholarships to participate in band, choir or theatre.

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‘Set an Example…’

Although Young, McPherson College Students Serve Area Congregation as Preachers

Everyone you in your Bibles to I Timothy 4:12, and let us read aloud together from Paul’s letter: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

The apostle Paul may as well have been writing these words to MC students Isabelle Moyer and Michael Himlie today, rather than the young Timothy 2,000 years ago.

You see; while Moyer, of McPherson, Kan., and Himlie, of Harmony, Minn., were still freshmen at McPherson College, they were already critical to the Buckeye Church of the Brethren in Abilene, Kan. — as two of the congregation’s preachers.

Now sophomores, Himlie and Moyer are continuing to serve in the Church of the Brethren — Moyer continuing as a preacher at the Buckeye Church of the Brethren and Himlie is spending a semester away from McPherson with Brethren Disaster Ministries — helping to build and rebuild after a natural disaster.

The story of how a couple of McPherson College freshmen ended up as preachers — even before they boasted a “2” at the beginning of their age — all begins with a conversation between Dr. Steve Crain, executive minister with the campus pastor at McPherson College, and Sonja Griffith, district minister to a congregation twice his age or more with many more years of life experience.

“If I was ready to do it,” he said. “I knew that it was going to be a challenge, but I also knew I really wanted to move forward with this process.”

And following close on the heels of excitement... there was fear. He compared the feeling to a young three-year-old he saw later while serving at Buckeye Church of the Brethren. Himlie wanted to come forward during the time for children’s sermon, but was also scared to do so. In that moment, he felt a close connection to the child.

“I felt at peace. I felt at home preaching.”

The path to being a young minister started as a rough one for Himlie when she arrived at MC earlier this year, Congress authorized an opportunity for charitable giving through one’s retirement accounts, specifically through the IRA Rollover. At age 70.5 persons must take a required minimum distribution from these IRA. Retirees are allowed to rollover up to $100,000 from their IRA to charity. The IRA Rollover to charity means that taxable income is not increased, and the individual or couple avoids any additional tax. These tax-free charitable gifts -whether at the $500, $5,000, $50,000 or any other level – can help satisfy the minimum distribution requirement. The current charitable IRA Rollover is authorized through Dec. 31, 2013.

Uncle Sam?”

You are encouraged to visit with your tax advisor or financial planner to assist in providing resources that allow current students to afford to be here, that provide for a quality liberal arts education within our value system, and that will secure the future of this institution for future generations. You are encouraged to visit with your tax advisor or financial planner and to request that an amount be transferred to charity. Not only would McPherson College receive a nice gift, but you would avoid any additional tax and meet the required minimum distribution for your IRA.

Should you have further questions, please contact Steven Gustafson, director for planned giving, at gustafsons@mcpherson.edu or (620) 242-0524.

If you Remember Uncle Sam in Your Will?” In that same spirit, many of us might ask, “Wouldn’t I rather reduce my tax liability through a year-end gift to McPherson College or another charity rather than paying Uncle Sam?”

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Likely your IRA has grown tax-free over a number of years, and you may have more income than what you currently need. The IRA Rollover is a wonderful way to help students at McPherson College. MC relies on its constituents to assist in providing resources that allow current students to afford to be here, that provide for a quality liberal arts education within our value system, and that will secure the future of this institution for future generations. You are encouraged to visit with your tax advisor or financial planner and to request that an amount be transferred to charity. Not only would McPherson College receive a nice gift, but you would avoid any additional tax and meet the required minimum distribution for your IRA.

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Looking at It,” in which she used the extended metaphor of two opposite reactions. First, excitement. “I was ready to do it,” he said. “I knew that it was going to be a challenge, but I also knew I really wanted to move forward with this process.”

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For example, one of his first sermons came from Ephesians 4:11-16, which talks about spiritual gifts and each person's role in the body of Christ. He called it “When All Else Fails, Read the Directions,” and made the point that all need to study scripture and pray to discern how God wants them to use their gifts.

Himlie agreed and praised him, but also respected him enough to give advice - talk slower, talk louder.

“Thank you to all of our donors for supporting McPherson College!”

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TV Newsroom Internship Gives Reporting Experience to MC Student

Barefoot and shin-deep in frigid river water, Laurina Hannan speaks to the camera with an earnest shiver in her voice: “After only a few moments in the water, I’m ready to get out,” she says.

Hannan, junior, Wamego, Kans., went to great lengths such as these to get the best story possible during her summer reporting internship at KFYR-TV in Bismarck, N.D.

In this case, she was working on a story about official warnings to not go swimming in North Dakota rivers, even in the summer. Taking to the water for a bit herself proved an effective illustration of “augura.

During the internship, Hannan had the opportunity to report, write, record and edit about 30 stories for the NBC affiliate from June 17 to Aug. 1. Her favorite was covering a community-supported agriculture farm, where they take organic foods to a higher level – even using draft horses instead of tractors.

Because she knew nothing about this type of farm before, that story in particular encapsulated what she loves about reporting.

“I get to learn everything I can about a topic,” she said. “And then share that story with others.”

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Bulldog Advocates for Women’s Issues

The fact that matters the least in advocating women’s rights and equality appears to be that Eric Sader is a man.

“I expected to get more backlash than I have,” Sader said. “I’ve been pleasantly surprised and haven’t really received any opposition from anyone.”

Sader ‘09 serves as the executive director of Jana’s Campaign based in Hays, Kan., and is the first full-time paid executive for the non-profit organization.

“Jana’s Campaign really sees women’s rights as a social issue and a human issue,” Sader said. “I find it very compelling that we are in more than the area of domestic violence, but also social justice. You begin to look at power in society as a whole - who has power and who doesn’t and whether it’s really fair that power is distributed that way.”

Jana’s Campaign began about five years ago after an ex-boyfriend killed University of Kansas law student Jana Mackey. A successful

Young and entrepreneurial

Entrepreneurship

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MC Grad Becomes Editor-in-Chief of Hometown Paper in Six Months

After graduating from McPherson College in 2012, Allison Hartley took a part time job taking photographs and reporting at her hometown newspaper in September 2012.

Half a year later, the owners of the “Chase County Leader-News” named Hartley editor-in-chief, and the paper has been growing ever since to levels it hasn’t seen in more than a decade.

“We’ve had so much positive feedback, I want to keep succeeding,” she said. “Especially because it’s my hometown, I take so much pride in wanting to make this paper better.”

About three weeks after Hartley started, a consultant from the “Emporia Gazette” - which owns the “Leader-News” – visited the struggling newspaper in Cottonwood Falls to determine ways to help it recover.

It wasn’t long before the consultant decided a big part of the answer was... Hartley.

During her years at McPherson College and related internships, Hartley learned how to write, take photographs, design pages, and generally how to plan and use her creativity.

Hartley took that education to the weekly “Chase County Leader-News” to add regular features, better local focus and high-quality photographs. She’s currently working on creating the paper’s first website as well.

The skills she developed at MC were essential for her rising to the top job in less than a year after graduation.

“That’s all stuff that I have to do on a daily basis now,” she said. “The professors were always there for you. To this day, if I emailed them to help me out, they would be there for me. I chose Mac because of the program, and I think it’s helped me tremendously to get here.”

Alum Re-entacts Old West History

James Temaat ’13 has died more than a thousand times - all in the interest of historic awareness.

“I die at least twice a day,” he said. “If not more.”

Fortunately for Temaat, all of those deaths have been simulated ones, as he’s worked as an 1870s gun fight re-enactor at the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Kan.

Since high school, Temaat has taken a summer job at the museum in the role of one of the unnamed “bad guy” minions in the twice-daily re-enactments. There’s emphasis on historical accuracy, with all players in full 1870s costume and using real weapons shooting blanks or black powder rifles filled only with the gunpowder. Temaat has also striven for accuracy as he’s taken those thousand imaginary bullets - a revolver shot might have him turning slightly, but he takes a full “rug pulled out” fall when stopped by a shotgun.

While there is an element of Hollywood entertainment, for Temaat it’s never been about violence but about helping visitors understand history.

“I’m out showing guests that that’s how it was,” he said. “It’s a flashback. That’s how it really was back then. People would die fast and often.”

When not in the middle of a re-enactment, the education major will give tours and speak to guests in-character. The experience has deepened his interest in history, as he discovered events of the past that happened in his own hometown. As he plans on pursuing a master’s degree in education - preferably in the new graduate program at McPherson College, Temaat said the re-enactment has directed his area of interest into history education. In the meantime, he plans to continue playing an Old West baddie every summer.

“I plan on doing this as long as I can,” he said. “That’s for sure.”
MC Master of Education Teachers Revive School With Entrepreneurship

Terry Fehrenbach (center), principal at Mt. Hope Elementary School and Dr. Mark Malaby (right), Master of Education program director at McPherson College and associate professor of education, admire one of the class rabbits that are part of Mt. Hope Elementary School's experience-based education.

The most serious occurred on May 27, 2013, less than three months before the school was scheduled to open. Fehrenbach and his wife were pulling fence posts in Reno County when a passing loader tractor struck him in the head. He was life-flighted to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita in critical condition, and then moved to Colorado a week later for recovery and extensive physical therapy.

With first his life and then his ability to ever walk again in question, opening the school with Fehrenbach at the helm became an open question as well. But from the moment he awoke after the accident and all through his recovery, the school was at the top of his mind. He kept in touch and was constantly talking about the school to doctors and nurses.

“People universally said, ‘That’s the kind of school I want for my kid,’” Fehrenbach said.

There was never a doubt in his mind - Fehrenbach was coming back to Mt. Hope. He was serving as principal. The kids enrolled at the school remained before him - his motivation.

“I probably needed to see those kids as badly as they needed to see me,” Fehrenbach said.

Fehrenbach emphasized that he’s only one piece of the Mt. Hope puzzle and Addis agreed. It’s been teachers, staff and the community of Mt. Hope.

“The community has been extremelly supportive here,” she said. “They’ve donated time. They’ve donated materials. It’s just been amazing.”

Today, 33 children are enrolled in the school, with Honeycutt teaching kindergarten through fourth and Addis teaching fifth through eighth.

Walk into either classroom, and one realizes it immediately - there are not traditional schoolrooms. In Addis’ room, it looks a bit like the contents of a furniture store were thrown in and shaken generously - there are traditional school desks and chairs, but also a couch, several rolling office chairs and even a red stool with a domed base - requiring careful balance. Addis said one of the first class assignments was for students to explore the classroom learning conditions, given the limitations and needs of a classroom.

“That’s why I like this looks it does,” she said. ‘This is the kids’ work’”.

In Honeycutt’s classroom, one might glimpse an unusual device in the corner, that looks like the offspring of a loving marriage between an iPad and a Segway Human Transporter. That’s actually close to the truth. Honeycutt’s husband purchased the “Double” and has loaned it to the school. It consists of an iPad mounted on a wheeled stand that looks like the offspring of a loving marriage between a furniture store and an adventure store - to plan for change.

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MC welcomed Kara DeFrias as its keynote speaker on Nov. 15 to kickoff Global Entrepreneurship Week at McPherson College. She presented ‘Get Back to Get Ahead’ at an all-campus convocation.

Founded in 2008 by the Kauffman Foundation and Enterprise UK, Global Entrepreneurship Week promotes the development of entrepreneurs through events worldwide. Global Entrepreneurship Week boasts more than 40,000 events in 140 countries on six continents with more than 10 million worldwide participants. MC has participated in the week since 2010.

DeFrias started out as a English major from Elizabethtown College, which is a Church of the Brethren college like MC. From there, she has said ‘yes’ to one great opportunity after another, setting her on a path that ultimately led to advising the President of the United States in 2012-2013. Stops along the way have included ‘Time,’ CNN.com, ‘The Los Angeles Times,’ ‘The Oprah Winfrey Show,’ the 75th Annual Academy Awards, Super Bowl XXXVIII and Manchester United. She’s currently the senior user experience writer and innovation catalyst at Intuit, which creates the popular Turbo Tax software.

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White House Innovation Fellow Featured Entrepreneurship Speaker

Entrepreneurship
**Dale Schwartz**

A career in automotive parts had long been Schwartz’s plan even before the Horizon Fund. That plan got an extra twist, however, as a result of his Horizon Fund grant and a gentle nudge from his mother to try something creative and artistic.

When the Crystal Lake, Ill., native first revealed his creation in front of the Horizon Fund committee, it took a moment before they realized what they were looking at - a stylish lamp made entirely of authentic car parts.

Now Schwartz, who graduated in 2011, works full-time at his father’s business, Schwartz Performance, which builds performance-oriented muscle cars, and also manufactures chassis for them. They’ve received recent awards and honors, including “Pro Builder of the Year” by “Carcraft Magazine” and working on a car that was named “Popular Hot Rodding Magazine’s” “Muscle Car of the Year” in a racing and design competition in Columbus, Ohio.

But even during his regular job, his artistic brain never really turns off, especially because he handles all purchasing for the business.

“Pretty much every part that I look at, something hits me that makes me think of lamps,” he said, “I’m constantly researching, but not really meaning to. There’s a ton of possibilities.”

He’s now opened a shop at Etsy (www.etsy.com/shop/spedlamps) - a website for crafters to sell their handmade work directly to consumers. He’s also planning to have a tent at the “Fair Diddley” arts and crafts fair in Woodstock, Ill., next year and is considering putting some of his work on consignment in some family-owned shops in Woodstock Square.

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For example, if his girlfriend loses track of him at the store, there’s a sure bet of where she’s going to find him.

**Zack Gaddis**

Gaddis ‘12, Oklahoma, Okla., received a grant along with Jared Stevenson ‘11, Broken Arrow, Okla., to pay for initial copyrighting fees to start their own label called G-1 Entertainment (G-1 for “God first”).

The grant allowed them to secure copyright and for Gaddis to release his first album – “College Boy” - as a free download.

After graduation, Gaddis returned to Oklahoma. There his full-time careers have been solid - even though outside of the music industry - as an insurance agent with AAA Insurance and a student adviser at Mid America University since July 2012 in Oklahoma City.

The grant has still had a profound influence on his life, however, that he never would have access to without the Horizon Fund. He’s enjoyed something of a parallel or shadow career as a Christian music artist all along the way. This has led to opportunities to travel and perform - including Houston and San Antonio in Texas and Nashville, Tenn.

His largest audience so far has been a crowd of about 10,000 people at the Allen Event Center in Allen, Texas, in 2012 as he opened for the Reach Records concert tour. Reach Records is a large Christian hip-hop label out of Atlanta.

Gaddis also received an invitation in summer 2013 to perform...
Emily James

The community garden on the McPherson College campus has endured and thrived even after James of Westminster, Colo., graduated in 2013. This is largely because a current student - Lara Neher, junior, Grundy Center, Iowa - is still at MC and helping to organize work days and keep the project active.

But James also helped establish an idea with her Horizon Fund grant that both McPherson and McPherson College have embraced and made their own. The Horizon Fund grant helped with initial equipment such as fertilizers, hoses, wheelbarrows and other tools. It also helped set up infrastructure such as water pipes and compost bins.

“One of the things I like about community gardens is it’s an easy way for people to be involved in planting things and the environment,” James said.

While James still checks in from time to time on how the garden is doing, her direct involvement is minimal.

In her career, however, she has not strayed far from her interest in the environment and growing plants. Currently she’s part of the plant ecology lab at Utah State University, helping to map the status of grasslands at three sites in Idaho, New Mexico and Kansas. Her work builds upon a huge set of data at those sites, going back more than 50 years.

Using a device called a pantograph, her work involves precise record-keeping of each plant and blade of grass - by species - one square-meter plot at a time. Each plot takes 15 minutes to three hours to complete.

By the time she’s done with this mapping, she’ll have completed about 100 plots across the three sites. That is roughly akin to going to the grass tennis courts at Wimbledon and precisely recording each blade of grass on one side of the net.

The information has important implications for how cattle ranchers manage their land and for tracking how climate change is influencing - and may influence - the distribution of grasslands.

The community garden taught James about motivating others and organizing groups, she said, as well as convincing her of the importance of good communication with the wider public. That will be an important part of her future research.

On a personal level, it’s changed some of her own daily habits, such as keeping a personal garden of her own and learning how to can produce extra for later.

If an opportunity to do another community garden or similar project came her way, James said, she’d like to work on it again.

“I'm looking for ways that people can be involved in scientific understanding,” she said. “In a way that affects the choices they make.”

Three Professors Named Coleman Foundation Entrepreneurship Fellows

The Coleman Foundation, which provides grants for entrepreneurship education - this year named McPherson College for the first time to the Coleman Foundation Faculty Entrepreneurship Program.

The foundation enabled MC to select three professors for the faculty grant program, that is committed to developing entrepreneurial curriculum in areas of study outside the traditional focus on business.

The grants are intended promote entrepreneurial education outside of business departments and develop entrepreneurial educators in a variety of disciplines. The foundation has selected only about 20 colleges and universities in the United States across the course of its five-year history.

McPherson College congratulates Gami Groen, assistant professor of technology; Amy Martinez, assistant professor of English; and Dr. Dustin Wijgers, assistant professor of biology, whom MC selected to represent the college as Coleman Foundation Faculty Entrepreneurship Fellows.

Dr. Ken Gregg, vice president of entrepreneurship and innovation, is serving as director of the entrepreneurship fellows program at McPherson College. She will be responsible to help with the development and coordination of projects, as well as collaborating with the directors at the other colleges in the fellows program across the nation.

Green, Martinez, Dr. Wijgers and Dr. Gregg traveled to Chicago Oct. 31-Nov. 1 to join the select group of just 125 fellows from across the nation and to learn more and collaborate with other entrepreneurial educators about how to incorporate entrepreneurship into the curriculum at McPherson College.

As their primary task for receiving the grant, Green, Martinez and Wijgers will each develop a new course or refine an existing course within their discipline of study to include strong elements of entrepreneurship.

Look in an upcoming issue of The Review for a story about the results of their work. Read more about the program at www.colemanfoundation.com.
In athletics, the annual Golf Classic was moved to the afternoon on Friday to make it easier for people to participate. As usual, there was a tennis social competition on Saturday, but this year also added a men's and women's tennis reunion in Wichita, Kan., the day before. Football, men's soccer and women's soccer all held their homecoming games in the space of an afternoon and evening.

Also on Saturday, the second annual Pedals For Paul event logged enough miles to span the United States and raised more than $10,500 for the Paul Ziegler Memorial Scholarship.

Those who love the arts could see a rare treat with an all-alumni production of “Moon Over Buffalo.” They could also take in the intricate hand-made prints on exhibit in Friendship Hall by Deby Gilley ’78 or come Sunday for a McPherson College choir concert, as well as a performance by the college’s newly revived instrumental music program.

Visitors could try their hand at some impromptu art creation as well at the student fair, where the G.L.O.W. club offered an opportunity to pop paint-filled balloons to create abstract designs over several canvases.

“We decided to figure out for ourselves how to fill balloons with paint instead of Google it,” said Kayla Onstott, freshman, Kansas City, Kan. “It was a couple of mouthfuls of paint.”

The fair also offered “Spark Plug Races” from the C.A.R.S. Club. Chris Paulsen, assistant professor of technology raced against his daughter with confidence.

“They’re all in,” he declared. A brief glance, then Paulsen’s daughter quipped, “They’re not right” and kept going.

Across the sidewalk the Behavioral Science Club offered a chance to win the “comfy chair” that had long resided in the office of Dr. Laura Workman Eells, associate professor of sociology.

Dr. Bryan Midgley, associate professor of psychology, did his best to sell it.

“It’s probably seen more McPherson College butts than any other chair on campus,” he said with a laugh.

The evening brought the second annual Bulldog Bash, and in honor of the “royalty” reunion of past homecoming king and queen courts, at the center was a whole roasted pig in true aristocratic fashion. Earlier, the “Cinderella” theme was reinforced with horse and carriage rules for the homecoming court and, later, for anyone else who came for Homecoming 2013.
**MC Wins Division in ‘Great Race’**

Take 2,100 miles, 10 states, nine days, four team members and one division victory, and it all adds up to a “by the numbers” summary of McPherson College automotive restoration in the “Great Race” last summer.

Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development, and Tony DiValentin, senior, Fort Myers, Fla., were the two drivers for the MC team in the 2013 “Rally Down the Mississippi” June 22 to 30. Joining them in the red-and-white 1957 Ford Fairlane were Nik Montagna, junior, Narberth, Pa., and Joel Stocksdale, senior, Richmond, Ind., acting as navigators. Stocksdale also served as the team’s chronicler, posting daily blog updates and pictures.

“I was a little bit nervous going in and wasn’t sure what to expect during the trip,” Stocksdale said. “It turned out to be a whole lot of fun.”

Since 1983, the Great Race has attracted collector car owners and enthusiasts in a competition that’s based on precision rather than speed. Competitors are scored based on how close they come to a specific time at random checkpoints along the course.

This was MC’s first year to enter the competition, which loosely followed the channel of the Mississippi River from St. Paul, Minn., to Mobile, Ala. The MC team exceeded their original goal and won the “X-Cup” division for youth and educational institutions.

“Going in, we just wanted to finish,” Stocksdale said. “As things went along, we began to realize, ‘we can pull this off.’ In the end, we did pull it off, and we were just ecstatic.”

MC is already making plans to enter the Great Race again in 2014, this time in a race starting on June 1, 2014, down the East Coast of the United States from Ogunquit, Maine, to The Villages, Fla.

**AR Student Wins Writing Award for ‘Star’ Column**

A love of Mercedes-Benz and choosing McPherson College for his education led an automotive restoration student to a regular column in a national automotive magazine and a prestigious writing award.

Soon after coming to MC, Wes Anderson, junior, Valparaiso, Ind., joined the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, where he stood out on the forums as one of the youngest members. His writing so impressed the editor of "The Star" magazine - the national newsletter of the club - that he contacted Anderson and offered him a regular feature called “Fresh Perspectives.”

Now Anderson has received more recognition for his writing as the 2012 International Automotive Media Award, given by the International Society for Vehicle Preservation. Anderson received a bronze medal for "Fresh Perspectives" in the category "Column/blog/series: regularly published/scheduled piece/show."

The annual International Automotive Media Competition is open to all forms of automotive media across the world. Entries are judged by peers in the field on a 100-point scale. Bronze-standard winners must earn between 85 and 91 points.

Anderson said he didn’t believe at first that he’d won the award, as “The Star” submitted the entry for him. The award means being recognized for writing about the cars he loves the most - Mercedes-Benz.

“It’s all I’ve ever owned and all I’ve ever been interested in,” Anderson said. “It seems that Mercedes-Benz does things right. They’re beautiful cars.”
Two-time KCAC regular season and tournament champion coach Gordon Reimer joins McPherson College as the new women’s basketball coach following the resignation of Cy Rolfs in the summer of 2013. Reimer coached at Kansas Wesleyan University as the women’s coach from 2004 through 2012. He left after amassing 140 wins during the eight-year span.

Q: After being off for a year, how does it feel to be back in coaching?
A: I always tell my players to follow their passion in life. Mine happens to be coaching, and it feels great to be back at it.

Q: How difficult will it be to face your former assistant coach when you guys face off this season?
A: If I’ve done a good job preparing my previous assistant, it will be tough competition. Although the two programs are at different stages, I’m sure we both want to win. Some of the players I recruited will be playing against us, so I won’t be surprised if they have extra motivation to perform well.

Q: What were your first impressions when you saw the team that you’ll be coaching this year?
A: We are short! We have only two players six feet or taller. But what they lack in size is offset with great heart and eagerness to work hard.

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A: If I’ve done a good job preparing my previous assistant, it will be tough competition. Although the two programs are at different stages, I’m sure we both want to win. Some of the players I recruited will be playing against us, so I won’t be surprised if they have extra motivation to perform well.

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The conference featured presentations on various topics related to education, technology, and community engagement. Attendees had the opportunity to network and engage with experts in the field.

Sharon Hurtman Guthmiller ’68 of Rapid City, S.D., works full-time as a member of the McPherson College Board of Trustees.

Kevin Harshbarger ’62, Louisburg, Kan., works as a director for NextLife Investments in Overland Park, Kan.

Tom Nohel ’82, Rochester, Minn., accepted a position with Swiss Re as part of their Spring Boarding Program. He has been accepted into the MFA (poetry) program at the University of Iowa.

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The 2013 Dayton Rothrock Alumni Fellow Award has spent most of her career helping those most in need of attention special education students. “All children learn—not always at the same time or in the same way,” Jana Kocher ‘79 said. “But we’ve found the best way to teach them.”

McPherson College names the Rothrock Award annually to an alumna educator. Recipients of the award must demonstrate an orientation to service, a commitment to making all students successful, a dedication to collaboration and an effective blending of the art and science of teaching.

Retired as of spring 2013, Kocher served most recently as principal of Lincoln Elementary School in McPherson for eight years. Before then, she spent 24 years in the realm of special education. She’s seen many changes in special education during that time as it went from being self-contained classes for only special education to the students being incorporated into mainstream classrooms with specialist support.

One of the stories that stands out to her most from that time is a student with Down Syndrome who—unusually—started to refuse to come in from recess to social studies class. Then one day, he buried his social studies book in the playground. “That must be click, and they got the student into a life-skills class. They never had problems after that point.”

“We weren’t meeting his needs,” she said. “That was his way of communicating with us and letting us know that he wasn’t getting anything out of social studies if you can communicate with students, that’s key to opening up learning and limiting behavioral problems.”

In retirement, Kocher plans to continue working with special-needs children with a focus on the field of autism. Back when she was at McPherson College, Kocher took classes with Dayton Rothrock, for whom the award is named, and she credited the college for engaging her with her own learning and education. She could connect with professors one-on-one, get advice and even talk directly with then-president of McPherson College, Paul Hoffman.

“Everybody had time—time for you,” she said. “That’s important and I like that about McPherson College.”

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Greetings of the Season

May your holidays be filled with joy and cheer!

View a video Christmas card from the McPherson College singers at www.mcpherson.edu/review.

Dec. 6
McPherson College at the Cedars - Jd. Bowman
McPherson, Kan. - The Cedars Conference Center

Dec. 8
Christmas at McPherson Choir Concert
McPherson, Kan. - McPherson Church of the Brethren

Jan. 16
McPherson College Lecture - Harry Turtledove
McPherson, Kan. - Miller Library

Jan. 16-18
“Baby With the Bathwater”
McPherson, Kan. - Mingenback Theatre

Feb. 13-15
“Love Letters” (Fundraiser for Performing Arts)
McPherson, Kan. - Brown Auditorium

Feb. 28-March 1, March 7-8
“The Spittfire Grill”
McPherson, Kan. - Mingenback Theatre

March 7
“An Evening of Recognition” (Citation of Merit Award, Heritage Roll of Honor, President’s Club)
McPherson, Kan. - The Cedars Conference Center

March 9
Mohler Lecture
- Dr. Galen Switzer
McPherson, Kan. - McPherson Church of the Brethren

March 15-22
Choir Tour Southeast Pennsylvania

April 2
Harter Lecture
- Kelly McDonald
McPherson, Kan. - Mingenback Theatre

April 25
Gold Key Event
McPherson, Kan. - McPherson Museum

May 3
C.A.R.S. Club Car Show
McPherson, Kan.

May 4
Choir Spring Concert
McPherson, Kan. - McPherson Church of the Brethren

May 25
Commencement
McPherson, Kan.

July 5
Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Reception
Columbus, Ohio