Scholarship.

Participation.

Service.

THREE ALUMNI who bear the face of the McPherson College mission.
Dear MC alumni and friends,

Many opportunities and blessings come to us during our lifetimes. We rejoice in some and regret others. My move to new opportunities, I feel confident that you will be forever grateful for my time at your Alma Mater. I will be forever grateful for my time at McPherson College.

I wish to thank all of the McPherson College alumni for their tremendous love and support for their alma mater. I will be forever grateful for my time at McPherson College.

Sincerely,

Anna Ruxlow
Dr. Allan Ayella, associate professor of biology, helped review more than 20 scientific articles for publication in life science journals during the last academic year. Outside of campus, Dr. Ayella and Rotarian Michal Mills obtained a grant to improve water sanitation in his native country of Uganda. Rotary Clubs in Kansas and the Rotary district funded the grant, and it was executed through the Rotary Club of Bushenyi, Uganda. As adviser to the campus Rotaract Club, Dr. Ayella also took three MC students to the fourth annual Kansas Hunger Dialogue, which was held in Wichita, Kan., on March 5.

Dr. Becki Bowman, associate professor of communication; Dr. Allan Ayella, associate professor of biology; and Kristen Marble, adjunct professor of English, presented a session titled “Quantum Chromodynamic Fluctuation #3,” which Conyers co-authored. The session was part of the “Physics Education Research Topical Conference” and the “International Conference on Physics Education Research.”

Wayne Conyers, professor of art, was selected to attend the “Green Chemistry in Education Workshop” at the University of Oregon. The prestigious five-day workshop is for educators in chemistry science who want to integrate “green” and sustainability concepts into their curriculum and laboratory work. Conyers has also been selected as a W.T. Grant Summer Research Fellow at Wichita State University this summer. The selective program helps teachers of science add depth and experiential learning to the classroom across eight weeks.

Dr. Sheron Lawson, assistant professor of business, submitted her article “Analysis of Knowledge Management and Market Culture in Jamaica” to the “Journal of International Politics and Development.” It was published in the June 2013 edition of the journal. The article examines knowledge management in the banking industry in Jamaica - that is, initiatives to make decision-making in the Jamaican banking industry more in line with the most advanced knowledge.

Ami Martinez, assistant professor of English, Garrick Green, associate professor of technology; and Dr. Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology, were named Coleman Fellows in Entrepreneurship and attended the annual conference in Chicago in October 2013. As a part of the fellowship, Martinez, Green and Wilgers redesigned or created a new course to incorporate entrepreneurship. Martinez changed the Rhetoric II course to include an entrepreneurial discussion panel, among other aspects. The panel consisted of two student entrepreneurs and three entrepreneurs from the local area. All students in the sections had the opportunity to interact with this panel and used the information learned in their final research papers, based on the topic of entrepreneurship. Green is developing a one-credit-hour course that may be added to the automotive restoration machining technology course. It will focus on job creation, self-employment and entrepreneurial use of machining skills. The class will also consider the viability of producing replacement parts for antique vehicles for profit and using 3D printing and scanning to affordably produce new custom-made parts. Wilgers modeled his spring 2013 Environmental Science class to incorporate entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation to address environmental concerns in the society. He will also include a rain barrel assignment, where students will re-use and repurpose materials for greater environmental responsibility.

Dr. Herb Smith, Burton Metzler chair of religion & philosophy and professor of philosophy and religion, led students on a trip to Ethiopia in April. In June, he will present a series of lectures entitled “Global Christianity” to the Pennsylvania Chautauqua Society and in July he will present his lecture “Yom Kippur and the Tabernacle” to the United Methodist Bible Conference. Dr. Smith will lead a trip to Israel – “Landscape of the Biblical Sages” - Jan. 14-23, 2013. Interested alumni may contact Dr. Smith at smith_h@mcpherson.edu for a brochure.

Dr. Dustin Wilgers, assistant professor of biology, learned that his paper titled “Detection of predatory caddiswaters alters mating tactics in male wolf spiders” was accepted for publication in the journal “Behavior” this year. Dr. Wilgers has completed the first year of his research project studying spider diversity in the Kansas sandhills, involving four McPherson College students, as well as one more student this summer. Dr. Wilgers also attended the Kansas Academy of Science meeting in April with four MC students. Both Dr. Wilgers and the students presented research projects.

Ann Zenger, associate professor of art, had her work accepted by Wichita City Arts as a featured artist in an exhibition called “Carved Visions.” The exhibit of stone carvings ran through January 2014.
For as long as I can remember, McPherson College has been an important part of my life. From the time I was young, family members and friends connected with the college would visit in our home, and sometimes my family hosted student deputation teams, which traveled to Brethren congregations representing the college.

McPherson College acquired a new posurity for me when Alice, my oldest sister and second mother, "left our home in East Central Iowa and traveled 300 miles to become a freshman at McPherson College. With Alice's college enrollment, my parents–Glen and Esther Florey–my sister, Christina, and I began our annual trips to McPherson each October. I recall walking around the campus and being introduced as one of the little sisters of a college student. Sometimes our visits included an overnight stay in the dorm with one of my big sisters. Thus, I thought, was "really cool!"

Predictably, I always expected to go to college, and I never considered any other undergraduate college than McPherson College! When I was a high school senior, I was delighted to learn that McPherson College had awarded me a $1,000 scholarship to be a good fit for them. "We're rewarding them for what they've done for the last four years to sample McPherson College life and academics with a "mock class," have had the opportunity to be active and contribute to campus."

When our father died in 1989, it seemed only fitting that a portion of his memorial fund should go into the scholarship. The name of the fund then became The Christina Florey Fischer/Glen E. Florey Scholarship.

Years passed, and various family members contributed to the fund periodically. In 2012, it was decided to change the name of the scholarship once again. The Glen E. Florey Family Memorial Scholarship seemed an appropriate name to honor our father's encouragement of his children and many others to attend McPherson College as well as his years on staff at the college.

Although it now has been nearly 50 years since I was a student at McPherson College, the memories of my student years remain fresh and new. My debt to the college is enormous. The college prepared me very well for a professional career, subsequent graduate degree programs, and a lifetime of participating and serving in ways I learned in college. It is my prayer that by supporting The Glen E. Florey Family Memorial Scholarship, I can repay a small portion of my debt to the college by helping some of today's students receive the best education possible. A scholarship seemed an appropriate name to honor our father's legacy lived on through the scholarship.

The weekends have included dinner at the local country club or a downtown restaurant, bowling and a tour of Etch - the student-run non-profit design firm for non-profits. On campus, the scholars have had the opportunity to sample McPherson College life and academics with a "mock class" campus tour and student panels - so they can hear directly from current students what McPherson College life is like.

"We're rewarding them for what they've done for the last four years and showing off the college and community," Pfannenstiel said. "They can just be themselves and see whether McPherson College would be a good fit for them."
MC Connects with COB Youth

McPherson College’s roots in the Church of the Brethren go back to its founding, and that connection remains strong as MC supports the future of the church in the form of its youth. Jen Jensen, admissions counselor, focuses on Church of the Brethren relations and student recruitment at McPherson College. She said that the church is critical to MC.

“It’s really in our interest to look at who we are, where we’ve been and who we want to be,” she said.

As part of that connection, this year MC hosted the annual Regional Youth Conference on campus March 28-30, bringing about 40 Church of the Brethren youth from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri and Nebraska. The event included a youth-led worship service, workshops, fellowship time and guest speakers.

This year also brings a rarer opportunity for MC to reach out to Brethren youth as they make their way to Colorado. The college will continue on the next morning.

To help ease the cost of travel and lodging of those going to the national conference, MC will open the residence halls to about 300 Brethren youth as they make their way to Colorado. The college will also have the opportunity to take those students on a campus tour, hold a small worship service, and serve them breakfast before they continue on the next morning.

“It’s not very often we get 300 Brethren students on campus. It’s a pretty big opportunity for us,” Jensen said. “We’re wanting to take advantage of it.”

Jensen said these opportunities fit well into a larger emphasis and direction at the college to deepen the relationship with the church. The effort includes a Brethren recruitment and retention task force, and that connection remains strong as MC supports the future of the church in the form of its youth.

National Campus Compact Recognizes Newman Civic Fellow

The national non-profit Campus Compact has named McPherson College junior Danna Jacks of Stafford, Kan., with the prestigious honor of Newman Civic Fellow.

“Danna is a great example of a McPherson college student who takes pride in her service to others” said Dr. Allan Ayella, professor of natural sciences and adviser to the Rotaract Club. “She selflessly donates her time and energy to cause that benefit society. I hope she continues to inspire others in her generation.”

Campus Compact supports students, college campuses and organizations in an effort to encourage greater service and service-learning. Each year, the presidents of member colleges can nominate students to receive the Newman Civic Fellow award, which is named after Dr. Frank Newman - one of the co-founders of Campus Compact.

The award is sponsored by the KPMG Foundation, and this honor honored just 197 students nationwide for their leadership and demonstrated commitment to service, to advocacy and to positive, lasting change in the community.

Jacks is the first McPherson College student ever to receive this national honor. In her three years at McPherson College, Jacks has proved an instrumental leader in the campus Rotaract Club, serving as president one year, and in helping fund the Campus Ministry Leadership Team at McPherson College.

She has also volunteered for the Mt. Hope Center, an organization to help abused women and their children; the PETS project in Moundridge, Kan., making wheelchairs for those in need around the world; and spearheaded fundraising for the Shelter Box Project, which provides basic shelter and relief supplies to disaster areas.

Married Educators Receive Dayton Rothrock Award

Since 2004, the Dayton Rothrock Award has honored outstanding MC teacher education alumni. This year two jointly received the award that honors the MC professor who passed away this year.

Dr. Gayle ’76 and Dr. Rick Doll ’76 not only received their undergraduate education at MC, they also met each other at the college - leading to a happy marriage.

Gayle studied art education at MC, then went on to teach art in the Hermitage School District. Later she worked as a freelance artist, with a particular expertise in quilling. She then continued her education at Kansas State University earning a masters and a Ph.D in health sciences with a focus on aging.

Today, she is the director of the Center on Aging at Kansas State, where she advises master’s and doctoral students, teaches several courses every year, reviews professional journals, writes articles of her own and completes grant applications for the center - which have garnered more than $500,000 since 2010. Among her many awards are the Great Plains IDEA Faculty Fellowship Award.

Rick began his 38-year career in education by studying history at McPherson College. He then went on to teach history and political science in Herington. He was promoted to assistant principal, then principal, of Herington High School. He then served six years at Wamego High School, then returned to McPherson, where he was the assistant superintendent for four years.

He also attended Kansas State University for his master’s and EdD degrees in educational administration and taught there for several years. Following, he served as superintendent for Rock Creek, Louisburg and most recently Lawrence, Kan., starting in 2009. This year, he was named Superintendent of the Year by the Kansas School Superintendents Association.

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In February, the McPherson College community learned that Dayton Rothrock, a loved and respected former education professor at McPherson College, passed away.

Rothrock taught at McPherson College for 29 years, and the Dr. Dayton Rothrock Teacher Education Award is named in his honor.

We hope that you join us in celebrating the life of Dr. Rothrock and mourning his loss.
‘Ventures’ Offers Classes for Christian Disciples

Church leaders and entrepreneurs have much in common. Both must do their best with limited resources, rely on their wits and creativity, and must seek out the expertise of others to grow.

As a college focused on the entrepreneurial mindset and rooted in the Church of the Brethren, MC found an innovative way to give back to the faith by helping its leaders learn and succeed.

This year, McPherson College introduced the brand-new “Ventures in Christian Discipleship” - a series of classes focused on everything from practical questions of church finances to social justice to church history and more.

Dr. Steve Cran, campus pastor, said that the program grew out of a conversation in the Plains to the Pacific Roundtable - a “think tank” group within the Church of the Brethren. The Roundtable asked three people to launch Ventures: Cran and Ken ‘51 and Else McPhee Holderread '58 - alumni of MC who have a long record of leadership within the Church of the Brethren.

The Holderreads said that it proved a successful beginning, with about 150 people taking the classes - both on campus and in online courses.

“For the first year, we are quite pleased,” Ken Holderread said. “We got solid, positive feedback from the participants.”

Courses will again be offered in 2014-2015 in four general topic areas: developing a positive vision for small congregations, human resources, legal and financial skills, and church history and leadership.

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**Purpose:** to equip lay persons of all ages and education levels with skills and understandings for faithful and dynamic Christian living, action, and leadership, with special emphasis on small congregations

** COURSE OFFERINGS 2014-2015 **

**Nov. 8 - Duane Grady**

9 a.m.-noon Beyond the numbers. The power of small places (Think small).

1:30-4:30 p.m. Laughing at Jonah and sustaining ourselves.

**Jan. 10 - Carol Wise**

9 a.m.-noon A Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness: Engaging Social Justice Movements

1:30-4:30 p.m. Starting with the Basics: Language, Sex and Gender

**Feb. 7 - Jd. Bowman**

9 a.m.-noon Innovation on a Timeline: Embracing Your Creativity Angels

1:30-4:30 p.m. Come to the Table, but Bring Your Crayons

**March 14 - Bob Bowman**

9 a.m.-noon Reading the Bible for Spiritual Growth

1:30-4:30 p.m. Reading Church History for Spiritual Growth

**With the addition of six members to the McPherson College Entrepreneurship Team, all major divisions of the college are now represented.**

The team consists of faculty and staff who are tasked with providing vision, direction and leadership to the entrepreneurship team at MC.

This step will allow the membership of the team to begin cycling on a rotating basis to pull in as many voices and perspectives as possible.

The new team members are: Jd. Bowman, associate professor of theatre; Dr. Ku-Sup Chin, associate professor of sociology; Garrick Green, associate professor of technology; Ami Martinez, assistant professor of English; Dara Dix, payroll and accounting clerk; and Marty Sigwing, director of facilities.

MC Entrepreneurship Receives ‘Huffington Post’ Mention

William T. Abare, Jr., president of Flagler College, could have been describing McPherson College in one of his columns for “The Huffington Post” - one of the largest, most popular and most professional blog and news websites.

Turns out, he was describing MC.

Abare described his personal view on entrepreneurship in the context of liberal arts education.

“From my own experience as the president of Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida and from what I have learned from my counterparts at small private schools around the country,” he wrote, “I believe that we can rival business schools in the job we do in educating students and preparing them to be entrepreneurs.”

Later in his article, Abare highlighted McPherson College specifically, bringing particular attention to the transformative entrepreneurship minor and the college’s Horizon Fund.

It’s one more piece of evidence that those who care about entrepreneurship in liberal arts education are taking notice of McPherson College.

For a link to Abare’s full article, visit www.mcpherson.edu/review.

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 McPherson College a look. Suggestions may be sent to the college Admissions Office at admissions@mcpherson.edu or using the form at www.mcpherson.edu/alumni.
A this internship this year, one MCPerson College student and middle linebacker discovered a career that’s full of tough people:

Human resources.

For his internship during the academic year, Chris Barnes, senior, Los Angeles, Calif., shadowed human resources director Richard Brauer of American Maplan - a piping and plastics company located in McPherson.

“I got a good perspective of what that job entails,” Barnes said. “My job was really to learn. Human resources is a big monster. It’s not for the faint of heart.”

In addition to some practical job requirements - such as paperwork and safety walkthroughs - he spent most of his time following Brauer and seeing how he went about changing the corporate culture to better emphasize safety, the value of workers and employee happiness.

“It’s the psychology of how people work as they do and how to work more efficiently,” Barnes said. “Yes, we can be successful, but we can have happy workers, too, at the same time. You want to take care of your workers because your workers will take care of you.”

Brauer, in particular, proved a particularly interesting role-model, Barnes said, because he is completely sight impaired. Barnes said this emphasized the importance of listening, removing personal bias and ensuring the safety of employees.

“He really analyzes the situation for what it is and not any personal perception,” he said. “Every move is a calculated step for him.”

Barnes said that overall, the internship taught him the best attitude and approach to human resources.

“It’s not telling someone what to do,” Barnes said. “It’s doing it with them.”

Following graduation with a degree in psychology, health and human services, Barnes plans to attend Cal Baptist University in Riverside, Calif., to pursue a master’s degree in leadership organizational studies. Ultimately, he wants to work professionally to change the culture of companies to have a more positive environment - making safety and happiness as much of a corporate norm as profit.

He said McPherson College has helped him all along the way toward this goal, not only with his internship, but with opportunities such as the Horizon Fund, working as a resident assistant, founding and leading a new faith group called “Takeover,” and serving as captain of the McPherson College football team.

“I’m doing all these things that other colleges may limit you on,” he said. “Or not allow.”

Internship Profile

Student Learns Workplace Psychology with Learning Internship in McPherson

Who’s Who Students Selected

Each year, professors select McPherson College’s standout seniors to represent MC as the “Who’s Who” award winners. The students exemplify the college’s values of scholarship, participation, service. More than 50 percent of faculty and administrators vote for each winner.

Chris Barnes

Cord Cunningham, senior, Ottawa, Kan., received his first award in December in the Five State Photography Exhibition in Hays, Kan. He received a Juror’s Merit Award for his photograph at right, being one of only about 1,000 finalists selected from more than 16,000 submissions nationwide.

Cunningham said the picture is of his high school friend, who now lives in Louisiana, taken near an abandoned bus near his hometown. It was one of only two similar pictures he took during the shoot.

“I knew one of them was the money shot,” he said.

Who’s Who Students Selected

Natural Chaney

Edgerton, Kan.
Major: Business Administration
Finance and Management

Jacob Patrick

Elizabeth, Ohio.
Major: Communication
Minor: Transformational Entrepreneurship

Sebastian Toro

Northridge, Calif.
Major: Biology

Aspen Frey

Newton, Kan.
Major: Elementary Education

Megan Pohlmann

Dexter, Neb.
Major: History - Licensure

Aspen Ulrich

Sylvan Grove, Kan.
Major: Business Administration
Accounting/Finance

Heath Hewitt

Sterling, Kan.
Major: Biology - Licensure.
Minor: Mathematics

Kelsey Stocky

Cimarron, Kan.
Major: Elementary Education

Internship Profile

MC Photgrapher Wins Regional, National Honors

One MC student received high-profile recognition for his artistry behind the camera lens.

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A different photograph by Cunningham was a finalist in the 34th Best of College & High School Photography Contest, sponsored by Nikon. His image was one of only 1,000 finalists selected from more than 40,000 submissions nationwide. The image will be published in a upcoming book that includes all of the contest finalists.

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Mission Accomplished:

Three Alumni Who Exemplify ‘Scholarship. Participation. Service’

Just three little words - “Scholarship. Participation. Service.” Yet although the words of the McPherson College mission appear unassuming, no amount of writing better reflects the personality, history and direction of the college.

Still, they are only words without actions, until you see them reflected in the lives of MC alumni who have taken these words to heart and live them out daily. Here, then, are three such alumni, each of whom strongly reflect an aspect of the MC mission: Adam Smith ’94, Allison Snyder ’13 and Paul Ullom-Minnich ’89.

These are, of course, not the only three alumni to reflect these traits, and each of them spans the categories as well, but in looking at their lives and work, one sees what is meant by the MC mission in a more profound way.

Scholarship: Adam Smith ’94

A first graduating from McPherson College with a degree in biology, Adam Smith went on to pursue a PhD in ecology. It was a horrible experience. McPherson College prepared him for much, he said, but practical experience dealing with “mean people” was not one of them. He opted to pursue a master’s degree instead.

“Up until then I envisioned my life as if it were a game of bowling,” he said. “You only get one shot, and it had better be straight or you’ll miss the goal, or at least I thought. So leaving there, I felt like a gutter ball.”

But Smith had only played the first frame of his game. Little did he know, he would have many powerful opportunities to achieve strikes. The first of these came back at his alma mater, as he was offered a job teaching as an intern professor of biology at McPherson College. It was his first practical experience teaching, and he especially enjoyed helping struggling students. The students recognized it, too, naming him professor of the year.

After this, Smith took on a completely new change of scene - rural Japan. He taught English for three years, and although his major at MC had been biology, the broad-based education at MC served him well, as he felt comfortable also delving into theatre, language and history as he taught in the public schools.

When he returned to the United States, he went to work for Trees for Life, a non-profit in Wichita that kindled his interest and learning even more personal - fatherhood.

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Participation: Allison Snyder ’13

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But it was her involvement in an MC event that took place far from campus that helped her realize that participation becomes more significant when it is for the benefit of others. In her junior year, she traveled to Ethiopia, helping to deliver wheelchairs to victims of polio and seeing conditions in the country.

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Among the questions he’s helping to investigate are how climate change will affect threatened plants and the direct costs of various consumption to nature.

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realized that helping people doesn’t mean making yourself look better,” she said. “It woke me up to the fact that I wasn’t doing as much with my life as I wanted to.”

Today, that impulse to an active and involved life has taken her to Talbert House in Cincinnati, Ohio, as her assignment with Brethren Volunteer Service. Established nearly 50 years ago, Talbert House was founded to re-integrate offenders back into the community. Today the organization serves men, women and children in the areas of substance use, mental health, community corrections and welfare to work. Last year, Talbert House served almost 29,000 clients face-to-face with an additional 36,000 receiving prevention and hotline services.

With such a large operation, Snyder’s service involves some general office work, but also an unexpected but essential assignment - eBay listings.

The agency’s “Donations to Dollars” program makes money for the program by selling as many as 20 items on the online auction site every week - including computers, vinyl records, jewelry and, once, a commemorative Bruce Springsteen jacket that went for $70.

“It’s something a little bit different every day,” she said.

As she works at Talbert House, she’s also involved in a wide variety of other activities, including writing poetry, finishing a draft of a young adult novel and writing a history paper on prostitution in the Old West or on the connection between McCarthy-era investigations of alleged communists and medieval witch hunts. All of this is for fun and practice.

“That’s the kind of person I am,” she said.

**Service: Paul Ullom-Minnich ‘89**

Life was successful and, honestly, comfortable, for Paul Ullom-Minnich after he graduated from McPherson College with an interdisciplinary degree in biology and ethics. He attended medical school and in 1996 founded a successful practice in the Midwest.

Service and giving were important in his life, too, working for a food bank in Phoenix, Ariz., for a year and serving in his congregation at McPherson College.

Then in 2010, he encountered Haiti.

Following the devastating earthquake there, he made a trip for a week of disaster relief providing health care and mental health services. Seeing the conditions was like a physical slap to the face. “I’d been to third world countries,” Ullom-Minnich said. “But Haiti is a third world country to third world countries.”

With raw emotion threatening to break through his voice, Ullom-Minnich tried to convey the extent of poverty in Haiti. A single pit toilet shared by a community is a luxury most Haitians don’t have.

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In one survey conducted with 550 Haitians, only three parents said that their children had enough to eat. An average income is just $2 per day. Ullom-Minnich said the goal now is to make the Haiti Medical Project completely self-funded and self-sustaining and to start looking at other areas of need - such as education and public health initiatives. He’s hopeful but acknowledges the problems in Haiti are daunting.

“It’s like a garden with weeds everywhere,” he said. “You have to start somewhere to get the weeds out.”

He became one of the founding members of the Haiti Medical Project, which has established an annual mobile clinic initiative in the country. A staff of 10 paid Haitian physicians and support staff travel to a location and set up in a church, school or other facility to provide free medical care. The first year, 12 clinics were in operation. That then more than doubled to 25, and doubled again to the current number of 50 clinics.

Ullom-Minnich said he hadn’t gone to Haiti with any plans for long-term service. It just happened, but it has had an overwhelming effect on his life.

“Sometimes in your life, things just fall into place and move of their own accord,” he said. “Every year new things happen that I could never have guessed or planned.”

He also downplayed his own role in the project.

“There’s tons of people in the middle of all this,” he said. “It really is a grassroots thing. It’s not just me. McPherson College not only encouraged him in service, Ullom-Minnich said, but also prepared him for the diverse skills and interests he needs for this sort of service work - such as communication skills from working on “The Spectator” student newspaper.

“I got involved in all sorts of activities that I still use now,” he said.

“For this sort of project, it really taps a lot of areas of expertise that aren’t necessarily science and medicine.”

The Haiti Medical Project is now receiving $50,000 to $60,000 in annual giving per year, and its endowment has grown to nearly $200,000. Ullom-Minnich said the goal now is to make the Haiti Medical Project completely self-funded and self-sustaining and to start looking at other areas of need - such as education and public health initiatives. He’s hopeful but acknowledges the problems in Haiti are daunting.

“I think it’s a garden with weeds everywhere,” he said. “You have to start somewhere to get the weeds out.”

Paul Ullom-Minnich speaks with clinic patients in Haiti with the help of a translator.

**Paul Ullom-Minnich**
Schedule of Events Continued

9 a.m. Brunch
10 a.m. Presentation
Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch and Presentation
Branch in Friendship Hall
Presentation in Mingenback Theatre
$15 per person for brunch.
Registration is limited to guests of honor.
Honors: Carol Swenson (former director of athletic communications)

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Art display of Professor Wayne Conyers and Historical Display of McPherson College Friendship Hall

11:30 a.m. McPherson College Choir vs. University of St. Mary
McPherson College Stadium
Cheer on the Spires of the University of St. Mary.

1 to 5 p.m. Inflatable Games
Mingenback Hall area
For kids of all ages!

1 to 4 p.m. Dotzour Hall and Metzler Hall Reunions
Dotzour Hall and Metzler Hall Tour
Dotzour and Metzler Hall as they celebrate their 60th and 50th anniversaries. Check out the winners of the extreme dorm room makeover in each dorm and vote for the best. Refreshments available.

1 to 5 p.m. Carriage Rides
Circle Drive
Free rides around campus

1 to 5 p.m. Historical Photos
Mingenback Theatre
Take a stroll down memory lane and help Miller Library historians identify people and events in McPherson College photos. This is a come-and-go event. Refreshments available.

1 p.m. Pedals for Paul
Mingenback Theatre
Front steps 5, 10 or 20 mile bike ride in memory of Paul Ziegler. Check-in and warm up at 1 p.m. Don’t want to ride outside or don’t have your own bike? Stationary bikes are available in the basement of the Student Union. Log miles to add to Paul’s vision of riding for peace! No pre-registration required, no entry fee, donations accepted for the Paul Ziegler Memorial Scholarship Fund

1:30 to 5 p.m. Presentation of Homecoming Court
McPherson College Stadium
Presentation of the Homecoming Court and recognition of Young Alumni Award recipients and Hall of Fame inductees preceding the men’s soccer game.

2 p.m. MC Men’s Soccer vs. University of St. Mary
McPherson College Stadium
Cheer on the Bulldogs as they take on the Spires of the University of St. Mary.

2 to 5 p.m. Homecoming Photo Booth
Dotzour Hall Lobby
Free photos to make Homecoming memories.

3 p.m. Puppet Show
Mingenback Theatre
What would happen if George Lucas turned his epic saga into a musical puppet show? Find out in this wacky "Star Wars" parody, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Death Star," written by Curt Bright and adapted for puppet theater and performed by puppeteer Mike Horner ’99. Fun for all ages!

4:30 to 6 p.m. Delores & The Pickin’-Fretter Musical Performance—joined by Al Nieves on bass
North of Miller Library
Enjoy the eclectic mix of acoustic folk, rock and gospel music performed by Jenny Stover-Brown ’97, Jeffrey Faus and Al Nieves.

7:30 p.m. Theatre Production
Brown Auditorium
Brown Auditorium
A musical review featuring songs from hit shows such as "The Lion King," "Mamma Mia!" and "The Book of Mormon." The show will highlight the different areas of the performing arts department.

Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal
McPherson Church of the Brethren

10 a.m. Worship Service
McPherson Church of the Brethren
All alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and community members are invited to worship together.

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Brunch Buffet
Hoffman Student Union
Pre-registration required. $8 adults/$6 children 5-12

2 p.m. McPherson College Choir Concert
McPherson Church of the Brethren
Pre-Registration is required for these events

Friday, October 17
- Champions Club Golf Tournament
  4-person Scramble. You may form a team, or individuals will be assigned at check-in. $75 per player, including green fees, cart and dinner. Contact Amy White for more information at 620.242.0758 or owhite@mcpherson.edu. Register online at www.macbuildgs.com. Payment for the Golf Tournament must be made separately from other Homecoming meals and events.

- List Team Members:

- Class of 1964 Reunion (Need for food count. Cost is $15 per person)

- Art Ray 5K $25 entry fee, includes long-sleeve T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Art Ray Track Scholarship.
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- Alumni and Friends Tennis Social No entry fee. List players below.

Saturday, October 18
- Art Ray 5K $25 entry fee, includes long-sleeve T-shirt. All proceeds benefit the Art Ray Track Scholarship.
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- Pre-Registration Events

- Pre-Registration is required for these events

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- Alumni and Friends Tennis Social No entry fee. List players below.

Sunday, October 19
- Brunch Buffet $16/adults/$8 children ages 5-12. Please specify if children.

Horizon Fund Surpasses 200 Students Helped in Four Years

When McPherson College started the Horizon Fund in 2010, it would have been hard to imagine how far it would go and how far the recipients of the fund would take it.

After this year brought another 33 micro-grants of up to $500 for 39 MC students to pursue and explore a great idea, the fund surpassed 200 students who have received grants in the four years of its existence. This year, it was particularly exciting to see how many grants were for underclassmen, showing that entrepreneurship and the Horizon Fund have become ingrained as part of the campus culture.

Here are the stories of two MC students who are taking the Horizon Fund grant they received this year and reaching for the next level. Read more at www.mcpherson.edu/review.

Jordyn Lipe, sophomore, Hutchinson, Kan.
Jordyn makes cupcakes, coffee cake and other baked goods. But it’s not just any coffee cake; she makes State-Fair winning, lick-your-fingers, three-and-then-some coffee cake from a family recipe. “I’d have them in my hand… and then they’d be gone,” Lipe said.

It was her developing passion for baking that actually led her to McPherson College for the Jump Start Kansas competition. The contest was open to any high school student in Kansas who had a great idea. As one of the finalists, she received an MC scholarship and a guaranteed Horizon Fund grant once she arrived at the college. As she presented her idea of a bake shop, she realized that McPherson College was the place for her.

“It felt more like home than home did,” Lipe said. “Being able to come here gave me a fresh start. I could be the person I wanted to be that I had when I was in high school. That’s what college is for - finding yourself and re-inventing yourself… finding your passion.”

Once she started at McPherson College, Lipe took advantage of her fellow students as their boss and discovering how to make a business profitable.

As essential as the Horizon Fund money, Lipe also benefitted from advice from the college’s director of facilities, the willingness of her business professor to allow her to miss class if an emergency arose with the business, and the college’s Student Government Association also granting her money to get The Dog Bowl started.

“At the moment, he’s working to get out the kinks of scaling up the entire process of starting an independent business, supervising her fellow students as their boss and discovering how to make a business profitable.

As a freshman, she has had the opportunity to learn the entire process of starting an independent business, supervising her fellow students as their boss and discovering how to make a business profitable.

For anyone still not convinced, Dullaghan said Jarlic increases the boldness of garlic and increases the level of beneficial enzymes, probiotics and vitamins. The Horizon Fund grant has helped Dullaghan develop a logo and set up the product website.

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At the moment, he’s working to get out the kinks of scaling up production while keeping the quality the same. His long-term goal is ambitious, but achievable, he said: “To be in Wal-Mart.”
The McPherson College Model T Build Team works on installing the engine in a race against the clock at the 15th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show.

**Classic Cars Sparkle at 15th Car Show**

Clear, sunny skies meant shimmering paint jobs, gleaming chrome and a huge turnout at the 15th annual C.A.R.S. Club Car Show at McPherson College on May 3.

Jeff Breault of Wichita, Kan., admired the sunlight reflecting off his white and chrome 1954 Cadillac El Dorado convertible. The Cadillac was one of the feature vehicles at the student-run show, which drew about 225 vehicles and about 1,000 visitors to campus. “Chrome is my favorite color,” Breault said. “I love the lines of the ‘50s El Dorado. It just says ‘class.’”

Breault said this was the debut show for “Marilyn” - his name for the long El Dorado convertible, which happens to be of the same make and model as one once owned by Marilyn Monroe.

“This show brings out a lot of great cars,” Redenbaugh said. “I like curves and big fins - classic ’50s and ’60s art deco style.”

The show entry from Rex Rosenberg of Hoisington, Kan., looks just like a classic Volkswagen Beetle - at least from the side. As you come around it looks a bit… flatter. One visitor to the show commented it looked like it had “been in a vice.” Cutting 19 inches out of the middle of a Beetle frame and putting it over a motorcycle engine gives it more of a two-dimensional look. Rosenberg calls it the “Bugwing.”

“One day the idea hit me to cut up a Bug body,” he said, by way of explanation.

The day included much more than cars parked on the campus lawn. Fifteen youngsters participated in the Hagerty Youth Judging program, which allows young people to interact directly with car owners, judge five vehicles for themselves, and grant a special award at the end of the day.

Other events included a sheet metal-shaping demonstration from Ed Barr, assistant professor of technology, and two demonstrations from two different teams of McPherson College students building a Model T from a pile of parts to a fully-functional vehicle as fast as they could. They competed against each other, but also against themselves to beat a challenge from MC President Michael Schneider - build it faster than 15 minutes and he’d buy them a steak dinner.

“Getting a Model T started in 15 minutes can be a challenge,” said Brian Martin, director of automotive restoration development.

The first team finished in 14 minutes, 39 seconds, and the second team blazed through the build at 9 minutes, 15 seconds. Jared Buckert, senior, Warsaw, Ill., and president of C.A.R.S. Club said that meant each team shaved about five minutes off their next-fastest practice time.

“They were ridiculously fast,” Buckert said. And, they’ll be enjoying some steak.

**MC Enters ‘Great Race’ Down American East Coast**

Last year, McPherson College entered the Great Race for the first time, traveling down the route of the Mississippi River and taking first place in the X-Cup division.

This year, students will again enter the college’s 1957 Ford Fairlane in MC red and white in the annual race of skill and endurance - this time following the East Coast instead of the Mighty Mississippi.

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.

Two drivers and two navigators will take on the challenge June 19-29 as they enter the race between Ogunquit, Maine, to The Villages, Fla. The students are Tony diValentin, senior, McPherson, Kan., Jake O’Gorman, junior, Eumimore, Ontario, Justin Smeltzer, sophomore, Glendora, Calif., and Austin Hiebert, sophomore, Newton, Kan.

McPherson College would like to invite all alumni and friends of McPherson College to come chat with the students and see all the great cars in the race at any stop along the route.

If you can’t make it in person, be sure to go to www.mcperson.edu/review for a link to a daily blog maintained by the student competitors chronicling the experience.

**McPherson College in The Great Race 2014**

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**Great Race Route**

June 26
Lunch: Clinton, N.C.
Overnight: Wilmington, N.C.

June 27
Lunch: Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Overnight: Mount Pleasant, S.C.

June 28
Lunch: Savannah, Ga.
Overnight: Jacksonville, Fla.

June 29
Lunch: Orlando, Fla.
Finish: The Villages, Fla.

**McPherson College in The Great Race 2014**

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AR Dinner Features
Author, ‘Barn Finds’ Expert

A ny long-time car enthusiast dreams of the moment they’ll discover a rare or desirable vehicle hidden in the cobwebs and shadows depths of a forgotten, ramshackle barn or garage.

These legendary “barn finds” were the area of expertise for this year’s speaker at the annual “Evening with Automotive Restoration” event at McPherson College - author and automotive restoration expert Tom Cotter.

The annual dinner, held this year on May 2, was an opportunity to support the AR program, enjoy good food and hear from expert special guests.

“I only wish the McPherson program existed when I was graduating high school,” Cotter said. “Instead, it took me 10 years to learn less than half of what a McPherson student learns.”

Cotter is the author of four popular books about automotive “barn finds” - “The Cobra in the Barn,” “The Hemi in the Barn,” “The Vincent in the Barn,” and “The Corvette in the Barn.” He’s also written two biographies on big names in the automotive field - “Dean Jeffries: 50 Fabulous Years in Hot Rods, Racing & Film” and “’TV’ Tommy Ivo: Drag Racing’s Master Showman.”

Before becoming an author, Cotter ran a highly successful public relations and marketing agency in motorsports with clients including NASCAR, Mercedes-Benz, Ford, Dodge, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, SPEED Channel, Lowe’s, McDonald’s and Sears.

He also serves on the advisory board for the automotive restoration program.

“I always promised I would ‘give back’ to the next generation of auto enthusiasts if I was lucky enough to make it,” he said. “Which is why I accepted a position on McPherson’s advisory board.”

In his speech, Cotter said one of his habits when he comes to a new town is to take about an hour driving around to see what old cars he can spot in the town. He spotted many in McPherson, but that wasn’t unusual, he said. Most towns have a more significant automotive heritage driving the streets than most people realize.

Cotter also shared his “21 Life Lessons” which included advice on listening more than talking, working hard, working beyond expectations and giving back once one sees success.

To read more about the Citation of Merit recipients, visit www.mcpherson.edu/review

2014 Citation of Merit Recipients

The McPherson College Citation of Merit is given to the college’s most distinguished alumni for lifetime accomplishments in service to profession, community, church and to McPherson College. The recipients are recommended by the Alumni Awards Committee and approved by the College Board of Trustees.

Steve Mohler
Major: Biology
Career Highlights:
Biology instructor, Central Missouri State University; President and co-owner, Insurance Associates of Johnson County; President/manager, treasurer/assistant manager, Johnson County Mutual Insurance Company; science and algebra teacher, Canadian Academy (Kobe, Japan), biology instructor, University of Kentucky/Hopkinsville Community College
MC Memories:
Meeting the woman (by accident) who would become his wife; it turned out his friend was trying to describe someone else. “It turns out to be the best mistake I ever made.”

“Part, not apart – That’s how I think of my place in the universe.”

June Switzer
Major: Pre-nursing
Career Highlights:
Nurse at Hutchinson Hospital; director of nursing at Hutchinson Clinic
MC Memories:
Making connections at the college with the “Big Sister” program offered by the college at the time, eating lots of meatloaf, and meeting her husband - Ed Switzer.

“Working in the emergency room was the kind of nursing I liked - the unexpected, the crisis management. I liked being so organized that no matter what happened, we’d be ready for it.”

Les Shenefelt
Major: Biology
Career Highlights:
State controller of the State of Colorado (1975-2008), preceded by various other accounting and financial positions.
MC Memories:
Playing games of hearts in the second floor lounge of Metzler Hall. Working on homecoming floats his junior year, where he met his wife.

“I wasn’t really interested in the corporate world. I looked at working as comptroller as public service, and I was more interested in that than helping someone make a lot of money.”
It’s About Time: 
MC Women’s Tennis Rolls through Conference

Lady Bulldogs Win First KCAC Championship since 1977

It was a long time coming for the women’s tennis program at McPherson College. At last, the players achieved KCAC Champion status - twice in one week - as they were named conference regular season and tournament champions, earning them their first-ever berth to the NAIA National Championships.

Head coach Jeff Benito said it was an incredible accomplishment for the women’s team to knock off a 10-time reigning conference champion twice in one season.

“Bethel definitely wanted it bad in the conference tournament, but we stayed mentally tough and were prepared for them,” Benito said. “It’s always difficult to defeat someone twice, but I think our players, and especially our seniors, really wanted it.”

Benito gave particular praise to Ashley Allmon and Kara Wright, who stuck with the program and now are enjoying the benefits.

The team had been rebuilding since the arrival of Coach Benito. They went 3-13 overall and 0-7 against conference play in his first year, and were 0-11 for the season and 0-1 for the year.

“This was a season that I don’t think any of the girls will ever forget,” said senior Kara Wright. “I wanted to beat them more than anything, and thanks to the amazing teammates I have, we finally were able to do so for the first time in a very long time.”

The 2014 squad received numerous all-conference honors, including two KCAC Players of the Week awards, KCAC Player of the Year, KCAC Newcomer of the Year, and KCAC Coach of the Year.

“Some things were just very important to me, and I really tried hard to be playing my best all season long,” said KCAC Player of the Year Emma Sheehan. “I am so happy that all my hard work paid off, but ultimately I am happy that I could contribute to the team.”

After receiving his first-ever KCAC Women’s Coach of the Year award, Benito said that in his 12 years of coaching, this was his sixth ‘Coach of the Year’ honor of some form, but it was his first specifically in women’s tennis.

“I honestly could not have achieved this without the hard work day-in and out by my amazing group of talented young ladies,” he said. “This award is more a tribute to them than it is to me.”

Throughout the year, there were a few victories that meant more to the squad than any others.

Gearing up for their trip to California, McPherson College had a match with NCAA D-II Missouri Western State University. The Lady ‘Dogs grabbed a 2-1 lead after doubles, and with wins at the top three singles positions, MC claimed a meaningful win over the Griffins.

“Three of the six singles matches were won in full three sets, with McPherson College coming out on top,” Benito said. “The last remaining matches before Brittany Gourlay clinched the deal were going the distance, but I’m glad that we were able to shore it up.”

This season’s conference championships were the first for the women’s tennis team in 37 years and the first for any women’s athletic program at McPherson College since 2003.

On May 13, the Lady Bulldogs participated in the 2014 NAIA National Women’s Tennis National Championships. McPherson claimed the NAIA’s No. 12 Graceland University of Iowa. It was a tough-fought match but the Lady Yellowjackets took out MC 6-3, ending their season.

“Exactly two weeks later, the Bulldogs lined up to take on Bethel again, this time for the KCAC Tournament Championship and the honor of going to the NAIA National Championships.”

McPherson was able to take all three doubles matches this time and with wins at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, claimed the 5-1 victory over the Lady Threshers, earmarking a trip to nationals.

“We did not have everyone ready in the fall, but in our one head-to-head meeting with Bethel in the fall, we lost by one point and swept the squad,” Benito said. “The last remaining matches before Brittany Gourlay clinched the deal were going the distance, but I’m glad that we were able to shore it up.”

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McPherson came out slow in doubles but was able to recover and took a 2-1 lead into singles play. Once calmed down, McPherson rolled in five of the six positions, taking down the Threshers in straight sets. The top five Bulldogs won all but 24 games in their singles matches.

“I never like to look too far ahead, but I knew early on that we had a chance to do something quite amazing with the team,” Benito said. “We did not have everyone ready in the fall, but in our one head-to-head meeting with Bethel in the fall, we lost by one point and swept nearly every other conference opponent. I knew if we just remained level-headed and stayed focused on the goal, which wasn’t always easy, we could win it all.”

36 athletes were named All-KCAC Athletes

Becky Barton, Sacramento, Calif., junior, and Sharica Pleasant, Long Beach, Calif., earned All-American status at the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field Championships.

- 12 different All-KCAC Athletes

- 36 athletes were named All-KCAC for winter sports

- Women’s tennis – KCAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions

- First time since 1977

- Women’s tennis qualified for NAIA National Championships for the first time in the history of the program

- Emma Sheehan, junior from Fullerton, Calif., and Brooke Vorhees, junior from Riverside, Calif., were named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention

- Jeff Benito was named KCAC Coach of the Year for women’s tennis

- Men’s tennis – KCAC regular season and tournament runner-up

- Rafael Bulos, Rosmalen, Netherlands, junior, was named NAIA All-American Second Team and Joaquin Fajula Rodriguez, from Olot, Spain, was named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention

- Men’s and women’s track & field both won the KCAC Outdoor Championships

- Eight school records broken by the outdoor track & field teams

- 19 athletes qualified for the NAIA National Championships – the most in school history

- Cameron Magnall was named KCAC Coach of the Year for women’s track & field

- 35 athletes named All-KCAC for spring sports
Champions

Track and Field Teams Earn Victories in KCAC to Cap Record Year

In just three seasons, when track & field head coach Cameron Magnall started at McPherson College, the teams took fifth place for the men and seventh for the women in the 2012 conference meet. Just three years later, the teams achieved a pair of first place finishes in the 2014 KCAC Outdoor Championships.

“Our goal from the beginning was to establish a new culture in the program,” said head coach Cameron Magnall. “As a coaching staff, we strove to grow the program with quality student-athletes that would be successful in the classroom and in competition.”

In the indoor track & field championships this season, both McPherson squads took runners-up to Southwestern College, falling by six points for the men and 25 for the women. Throughout the indoor season, the two teams took down 16 school records with the women’s team knocking off 11 and the men breaking five.

The record-setting year continued for Bulldog track & field in the outdoor season as they snapped 11 records with the women’s unit being responsible for nine, some falling multiple times.

Heading into the KCAC Outdoor Championships, McPherson College was firing on all cylinders and entered the meet as favorites, with injuries, and we didn’t know how things would shake out. Having it come down to the 4x400 is always exciting, but also tough on a coach’s nerves.”

McPherson qualified 10 women and seven men for the NAIA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which were held in Gulf Shores, Ala., on May 22-24.

The women’s 4x100m relay team, consisting of Sharica Pleasant, Taylor Smiley, Kaley Kinnamon and Jasmine Alexander, finished fifth to claim NAIA All-American honors. Paul Rotering was the sole male McPherson athlete to score points, finishing eighth in the shot put for his first ever All-American award.

“What Coach Magnall and his staff have done with this program is truly amazing,” said McPherson College director of athletics, Doug Quint. “They took a very small program and grew it into the largest in the conference, earning two KCAC Championships along the way. I am very pleased with what they have done for McPherson track and field.”

Jasmine Helms, freshman, Washington, Kan., competes in triple jump at the KCAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

I chose McPherson College because I like the idea of being able to do a little bit of everything: both on-stage and backstage. I’ve worked on costuming, makeup, hair and sets, as well as singing and acting. I’ve had the opportunity to be in, or work on, six shows per year. You get a lot of hands-on, down-and-gritty experience here.

“It’s a good growing and socialization experience. You learn how to get along with everybody. I also got to know who I was and to know that who I am is OK. You pull out aspects of yourself and become more self-aware.

“The institutional scholarships that McPherson College gives to almost all students are so important. They made it possible for me to go to McPherson College.”

E. H. Petropulos

Year: Senior
Hometown: Larkspur, Colo.
Major: Performing Arts: Musical Theatre
Minor: Psychology
Scholarships: Theatre, Merit, Presidential, Music/Choir
Activities: Theatre, Choir, McPherson College Singers, secretary of Alpha Phi Omega, student ambassador, costume shop manager

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Larry Dresher '61, Prinone, Ore., volunteers as a veterinarian for the Littlered Sled Dog Race in Alaska. He recently taught an animal nursing class at the Veterinary Technology curriculum at Central Oregon Community College in Bend, Ore.

Jon Morrfield '61, Prinone, Ariz., is in his 10th year covering a once-per-week grief support group in his home.

Michael Bisceglia Jr. '69, Hampton, N.H., recently released a new novel, "Garlic and Biscue." In "Garlic and Biscue," Bisceglia explores the nature of being Irish-Ilian-American, and the resulting fun and mayhem.

Cynthia Mines '77, Skolnik, Glendale, Calif., was selected as the All Area Coach of the Year. Cindy was a starter for McPherson. This is Kyler, was a starter for McPherson. This is his third state basketball championship in March - this year in the 2A classification. This follows up a 1A championship in 2013.

Matt Richardson '90, Moundridge, Kan., in his ninth year as coach, led the Hesston High School golf's basketball team to a state championship in class 3A – the first in program history. Two of his daughters - junior Cayley and sophomore cameo – were members of the team. Richardson was selected as the All Area Coach of the Year.

Chenise “C. T.” Robinson '02, Oklahoma City, Okla., was one of three Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma employees to receive the 2013 Difference Maker of the Year Award. Presented with the award at a surprise ceremony held at the agency's corporate offices on Oct. 24, C.T. was given her award by Senator Rob Standridge, C.T. who serves as the state manager for the agency. was selected for her outstanding work and support of the agency's disabled participants working for employers throughout Central Oklahoma.

Luke '83 and Alicia Schoen '07, Chennell, Lincoln, Neb., recently purchased the Victorian Mansion at 1130 E. 11th in McPherson, Kan. The mansion has been the home of the McPherson Museum since 1968. The museum moved recently to its new home at 1111 E. Kansas. The mansion was built in the early 1920s by F.A. and Molly Vaniman of McPherson. The home at one time belonged to Alicia’s great-great-grand aunt. The Chennells plan to restore the home to its 1920s condition.

Clint Kinnamon '89, Saint John, Kan., won his third state baseball championship in March - this year in the 2A classification. This follows up a 1A championship in 2013.

67 years – James C. '49 and Ba Verne Lubahn '47 Stull, Glen Rose, Texas, Dec. 17, 2013
65 years – Paul '49 and Mary Metzger '49 Wagner, McPherson, Kan., May 27, 2014
55 years – James and Letha Miller '51 McKinney, Midlothian, Va., March 22, 2014
70s

Deaths
Betty Reeves Stern '50, Lacey, Wash., Sept. 2, 2013
Gerald L. Douglass '58, Hutchinson, Kan., Oct. 16, 2013
Thaddeus Johnson '11, Valley Center, Kan., Oct. 18, 2013
Leon B. Albert '55, San Diego, Calif., Oct. 21, 2013
Rosalie Cumplack McConnell '61, Costa Mesa, Calif., Oct. 28, 2013
Ernest A. Beehner '47, LaVerne, Calif., Oct. 30, 2013
Byron D. Franz '51, Fleming, Colo., Nov. 4, 2013
Andrew G. Birdge '97, Wichita, Kan., Nov. 12, 2013
Opal “Lee” Betz Bushman '44, Collierville, Tenn., Dec. 8, 2013
Kermit K. Hawley '60, McPherson, Kan., Dec. 15, 2013
June Shaw Blough '54, Chadron, Neb., Dec. 28, 2013
Ann Carpenter Petefish '55, Roseville, Calif., Dec. 29, 2013
LaVonne Albin Kruschwitz '61, Nevada, Iowa, Jan. 14, 2014
George Leon Brewer '63, Olath, Kan., Jan. 17, 2014
June McDaniel Widrig '58, Bedford, N.H., Jan. 24, 2014
Dayton G. Rotheck '47, McPherson, Kan., Feb. 6, 2014
B. Wayne Cress '43, Quanah, Kan., Feb. 8, 2014
John H. Messmer '49, Sun City, Ariz., Feb. 21, 2014
M. Louise Johnson Smith '52, Adel, Iowa, March 2, 2014
Gary Shelting '61, Sennecayt, N.Y., March 6, 2014
Marvin Blough '48, Melba, Idaho, March 7, 2014
Don Colberg '57, Lyons, Kan., March 15, 2014
O. Susan Benwellen Wilson '47, Alexandria, Va., March 19, 2014
Lyle G. Goering '50, McPherson, Kan., March 22, 2014
Sheryl Edgar Holtsma '75, McPherson, Kan., April 10, 2014
Mary Hutchison Holloway '73, McPherson, Kan., April 13, 2014
Mary Austria Holloway '73, McPherson, Kan., April 13, 2014
Marriages
Christover Lange '11 to Ramona Halla '12, Nov. 16, 2013, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Lindsay Hrab '13 to Dustin Arbinas, June 17, 2013, McPherson, Kan.
Births
Graham Joseph Ferel to Kevin Ferel and Josie Ireland Ferstl '06, June 17, 2013, Derby, Kan.
Maldyn Lattice to Gerald '85 and Stephanie Henderson, Feb. 9, 2014, McPherson, Kan.
Katherine Ida Farry to Matthew '88 and Jennifer Fenny, April 28, 2014, Conroe, Texas
New Zealand Adam Kiered-Smith to Adam Smith '94 and Danielle Kiersle, April 22, 2014, St. Louis, Mo.
More Than 150 Graduate in Class of 2014

Congratulations to the 151 McPherson College students, including the first nine graduates of the college’s new Master of Education program, who became McPherson College’s newest alumni on Sunday, May 25, at commencement.

If you weren’t able to attend the commencement of the class of 2014, you can still visit www.mcpherson.edu/graduation to view the entire video of the ceremony — including the bagpipe procession; homily by Rod Gieselman, associate professor of business; and a farewell commencement address from Dr. Kent Eaton, provost.

Adam Bruner, McPherson, Kan., gives Dr. Shay Maclin, assistant professor of education and dean of students, a hug following commencement.

COMING EVENTS

July 5
MC Alumni Reception, CoB Annual Conference
Columbus, Ohio

July 11
“Loyalists and Revolution in New York City, 1775–’76” (history game)
McPherson, Kan. - The Cedars

July 24-27
Western Plains District Conference
McPherson, Kan. - MC

Aug. 17
MC Alumni and Friends Picnic and Water Park
McPherson, Kan. - Water Park & Lakeside Park

Aug. 25
Fall classes begin
McPherson, Kan. - MC

Sept. 5-14
MC at Kansas State Fair
Hutchinson, Kan.

Oct. 17-19
Homecoming
McPherson, Kan. - MC

Nov. 21
Entrepreneurship Convocation
McPherson, Kan. - MC

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