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A PEEK AT FALL PEAK

When fall peaks, Franklin College’s tree-lined campus explodes with color. Though the leaves change, fade and eventually drop, the iconic Wellhouse, built in 1916, remains constant. Passersby pictured here are Jade Harris ’20, Brandon Eades ’21 and Brynne Newland ’22.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

We head into the new year with an optimistic spirit inspired by Franklin College’s resilience. From historic U.S. battles and world wars, to campus fires and a flood, the college has withstood the most challenging of times since its founding in 1834. With every obstacle, the college has grown stronger, buoyed by the loyal and caring trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends who committed to persevering.

If ever there were a time when Franklin College once again needs our abiding community, it is today.

Franklin, like all liberal arts colleges across the United States, is the target of widespread cynicism that significantly impacts public perception of our educational relevance and value. While we focus daily on fulfilling the Franklin College mission of delivering a transformational student experience, we also find ourselves defending the role of liberal arts education, and how it fits into the fabric of the nation and today’s economy.

Helping the college thrive in this challenging landscape has been a focus of mine since becoming president in 2015. As a college, we have taken significant steps to reinforce admissions messaging to better inform prospective students and their families, reimagine and reform undergraduate curriculum across the board and rework our approach to first-year experience, transition and retention.

We also can point to Franklin College data as well as national findings that counter most public misconceptions and criticisms of the liberal arts. Rest assured, Franklin College is doing the right things at the right time. However, we continue to need your support — and voice — so that we may advance Franklin and prepare students for their life’s work after college.

Included in these pages are stories that I hope will deepen your Franklin College pride and inspire your engagement in our strategic priorities. With your partnership, Franklin will remain resilient in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN COLLEGE PRESIDENT

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The inaugural Tower Tradition was a highlight of Welcome Week 2019. During the outdoor ceremony on the Dame Mall ellipse, college alumni and employees pinned symbolic Old Main bell towers to the shirts of new students, as a narrative of college history was read aloud. The history told of the college’s challenges and resilience over the last 185 years, as U.S. battles, world wars, campus fires and other circumstances threatened its permanent closure. The ceremony was intended to help students gain an understanding of how the college’s past, present and future intersect, and to inspire the students’ perseverance, as they pursue their own place in college history. At the ceremony’s conclusion, participants joined in a candlelit circle and sang the alma mater, “Hail to Franklin.”
The words above provide the platform from which Julie Lythcott-Haims speaks, writes and strives to relate to humanity.

As a traveling lecturer with the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program, she routinely delves into and candidly engages with audiences on the topics of authenticity, forging a self, crafting a life, harmful over-parenting and race identity. Her professional bio sheds light on why these themes guide her work, stating, “We humans need agency in order to make our way forward; I am deeply interested in what impedes us.”

Franklin College proudly hosted Lythcott-Haims and offered a free public lecture on Oct. 9, signaling the start to Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. Her lecture also was the opening to the college’s 2019-20 Convocation Lecture Series and the inaugural lecture underwritten by the Tillman Lecture Fund, made possible by college trustee Doug Tillman ’70.

Lythcott-Haims holds a doctorate of law and a master of fine arts degree. Her previous career as a Stanford University dean was the impetus for her first book, an antihelicopter parenting manifesto, called How to Raise an Adult. It landed her on the New York Times best-selling authors list, was published in more than two dozen countries and became one of the top TED Talks of 2016, with over 4 million views. Her second book, Real American: A Memoir, is an award-winning prose poetry book that illustrates her experience with racism and her journey toward self-acceptance.

The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows Program, offered through the Council of Independent Colleges and designed to make high-impact programming accessible, offers a roster of more than 100 professionals distinguished in their fields. Colleges invite the Fellows to classes, seminars, workshops, lectures and other activities to address topics that can help students create better understanding and new connections between the academic and nonacademic worlds.

During three days of activities with Franklin students, Lythcott-Haims shared both practical and entertaining information about how to be an adult. At the public lecture, she also previewed her forthcoming book on adulting, which she described as, “one part having to, one part wanting to and one part knowing how.”

“Let my work be a LOVE letter to humans.

Let me be GENUEROUS and DECENT.
Let me uplift and assist wherever possible.

LET ME DO NO HARM.”
For 65 years, the Alumni Council has called some of the most inspiring Grizzlies back home for the Hail to Franklin reception, a highlight of the Homecoming and Alumni Weekend tradition.

During the reception, the Alumni Council conducts an awards program recognizing these distinguished individuals for their accomplishments and contributions. Criteria include leadership, volunteerism, professional excellence and/or college loyalty. The 2019 Hail to Franklin honorees were Suzanne (Crowe) Hahn ’94, Jeffrey G. Huxford ’99, M.D., and Ann (Miller) Smith ’69 (posthumously).

The athletics department also conducts an annual awards program recognizing college alumni and friends for coaching/playing achievements and/or college loyalty. The honorees are inducted into the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame, recognized at a dinner banquet and invited onto the field during halftime of the Homecoming football game. The 2019 honorees were Craig Bland ’03, Roger Schroder ’58 and Bill Schwab ’77.

Congratulations to all of the award winners! Learn more about them on the next pages.

To nominate future Hail to Franklin honorees, email the Director of Alumni Engagement and Campus Partnerships, Emily (Habel) Wood ’95, at ewood@FranklinCollege.edu. Per Athletic Hall of Fame criteria, nominations are only accepted from former letter winners at Franklin College, and they can be directed to the Director of Athletics, Kerry Prather, at kprather@FranklinCollege.edu.
After two decades, Suzanne (Crowe) Hahn ’94 remains passionate about a career focused on connecting people to the past.

Hahn serves as vice president, archives and library at the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) in Indianapolis, where she has worked since 2000. She is involved daily in work that helps inspire others to collect, preserve and share information that sustains state history and binds society. With a bachelor’s degree in history and a master’s degree in library science, Hahn is a strong resource on which colleagues and library patrons can rely.

“It is a privilege to help tell the stories of Hoosiers, and I have enjoyed watching people of all ages, from all over the world and with different backgrounds, make connections to the millions of photographs, books, letters and documents in our library,” Hahn said.

She is diligent in making accurate information available, and helping people find it. Recently, Hahn collaborated with Meredith Clark-Wiltz, Franklin College associate professor of history and director of American studies, in producing a winning grant proposal for the Independent Colleges of Indiana’s inaugural cohort of Humanities Research for the Public Good.

The grant will involve faculty and students in researching Roger D. Branigin 1923, the 42nd governor of Indiana. Their findings will be made available to help Indiana’s K-12 teachers construct lesson plans in U.S. history and civics education. Furthermore, Hahn will offer students guidance on best practices in archiving, digitizing and cataloging the collection of Honor-able Roger D. Branigin Archives at the college’s B.F. Hamilton Library. Partnering with her alma mater on this project gives Hahn tremendous pride.

Prior to joining the IHS staff, Hahn worked for the Library of Congress and the CNA’s Center for Naval Analyses, both in Washington, D.C.

She and her spouse, Matt, are the parents of a son, Ben. They reside in Indianapolis.
Finding Normal is more than an intriguing book title by Jeffrey Huxford ’99, M.D. It is his candid memoir exploring what it feels like to have been changed suddenly from the person he had been to the person he is, in the wake of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Huxford’s memoir recounts how after graduating from Franklin College and medical school, he was living the quintessential American dream. He was married, had two children and practiced family medicine at a successful business in his wife’s hometown, DeMotte, Indiana.

Life, as he knew it, changed during a routine trip to the local hardware store on May 3, 2012.

Huxford was hit by a full-size work truck that failed to stop at a flashing red light. This first impact resulted in Huxford’s truck being pushed into and wrapped around a concrete utility pole. The second impact forced Huxford’s head through his driver’s side window and against the pole. He nearly died at the scene.

Doctors said Huxford’s survival was a miracle. They also said his life would never be the same, as the result of TBI. Eight months later, he defied the odds and returned to working at his medical practice. But, three years later, TBI further complicated life and forced Huxford to retire as a physician.

“In those days, brain injury defined me,” Huxford said. “My whole life seemed to revolve around it.”

Today, he prefers to say TBI “refines” his life, helping him focus on improving and perfecting what he can do.

“I believe the approach we choose in response to our inevitable struggles or hardships can make a profound difference in the trajectory and quality of our lives,” he said.

Huxford’s continued spiritual journey and healing are made richer by opportunities to share his story and connect with other TBI survivors and families. He is an active blogger, author and speaker.

He and his spouse, Jacqui, have two children, Jayse and Jenna. They reside in Franklin, Tennessee.
Her deep devotion to helping families with children who have disabilities and special needs gave Ann (Miller) Smith ’69 the opportunity to meaningfully impact thousands of lives during her 32-year career with Easterseals New Hampshire.

Smith died unexpectedly on Jan. 30, 2012, leaving behind a legacy of leadership in her profession, community and state. Her distinguished career with Easterseals included serving as a special education preschool teacher, case manager and interventionist, supervisor of outpatient programs and therapists, director of programs and advocate for statewide changes to best serve children and families in need.

Smith’s final position as director of medical rehabilitation services involved overseeing Easterseals programs in four Eastern states. She was a driving force behind ensuring availability, accessibility and quality of supports and services.

An example of Smith’s significant professional impact was her involvement in the implementation and passage of Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act. The law mandated special education services for all states, and a subcategory of the law was the pilot for what is now New Hampshire’s largest childhood intervention program, Family Centered Early Supports and Services. Smith guided how the program’s services would be implemented, and she developed the statewide evaluation tool for determining children’s eligibility. She also traveled the state to train providers in how to implement and evaluate the services.

“While doing all of this, Ann never lost sight of a parent’s right to choose what is best for their children, and she was a strong and tireless advocate for this cause. She served on many task forces, committees and strategic planning events that have helped to shape the political, legislative, policy and programmatic systems in New Hampshire and beyond,” said former Easterseals New Hampshire President and CEO Larry Gammon.

Editor’s note: Ann’s spouse, Stephen A. Smith ’69, nominated her posthumously for the Alumni Council’s consideration and was notified that she was selected a winner. Sadly, he died on Sept. 27, 2019, prior to Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. However, the Smiths’ daughter, Kim Falchek (pictured holding her mother’s photo), attended the Hail to Franklin reception in honor of her parents and accepted the award.
Craig Bland ’03 (pictured left) was inducted into the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame as an athlete. He was one of the most decorated student-athletes to ever represent the Grizzlies’ baseball program. A three-time Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference first-team selection, Bland was named the league’s MVP in 2002, after leading the Grizzlies to their first conference championship and a then-Franklin College record of 32 wins. Additionally, Bland was named a Collegiate Baseball Magazine pre-season All-American in 2003.

When his playing career concluded, he held Franklin College records for batting average, hits, doubles, triples and home runs. He ranked second in runs scored and fourth in runs batted in. Bland also finished with the best individual seasons for batting average, runs scored, at-bats, hits, doubles and home runs.

Bill Schwab ’77 (pictured middle) was inducted into the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame as an athlete. As a student-athlete, he achieved four years as a starter on the Grizzlies’ football team. A stalwart on the gridiron, Schwab was named an Honorable Mention All-National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) defensive lineman in 1975 and a First Team All-NAIA selection in 1976. During Schwab’s college career, the Grizzlies achieved four consecutive winning seasons, and he played a major role in the team’s success. He was voted team MVP in 1976 and also won the team’s Mental Attitude Award and Defensive Star Award that year while serving as a co-captain.

Roger Schroder ’58 (pictured right) was inducted into the Franklin College Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. He achieved a 31-year career as the head coach of basketball programs at Indianapolis’ Marshall and Broad Ripple high schools, where he led teams to 258 wins and three sectional championships. He also coached baseball at Howe and Marshall and golf at Broad Ripple.

As a Grizzly, he achieved four years as a starter for the baseball team and earned two varsity letters in basketball and one letter in track. He was bestowed the Franklin College Alumni Association Athletic Achievement Award in 1992, and many accolades followed, including the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015, and the Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame and Indianapolis Senior Softball Hall of Fame, both in 2017.
As he cleaned windows, swept floors and did other odd jobs at Franklin College, Emry Himes (pictured in white) would catch sight of Faught Stadium, surrounded by its brick grandeur and towering bleachers. He’d eye the football players at practice, grunting and sweating, and hugging like family. Some days, he’d let himself daydream about being part of the team.

In reality, Emry was a participant in the INSPIRE: Franklin College Program, administered by Earlywood Educational Services. INSPIRE stands for Individual Needs in Special Places to Increase Relevant Work Experiences, and it serves adults, ages 18-22, with developmental disabilities.

Upon completing the program, participants receive a certificate indicating they are ready to transition to paid employment, routine volunteerism or another training program. Franklin College and other sites throughout Johnson County are program partners.
Emry tailgated at every home game during his two years in the INSPIRE program. He lined up to fist bump players as they ran on and off the field. He danced to the music blaring on the loud speakers. He celebrated more than anyone else when the team pulled off a victory.

As his graduation approached in May 2018, Emry was glum. College was over. Football games were over. He didn’t know head football coach Mike Leonard was going to be the guest speaker at the INSPIRE graduation program. What happened at the dinner afterward was the biggest surprise.

Leonard had watched Emry talking to everyone, nonstop. Smiling. Laughing. Engaging. He’d heard that Emry loved football, and he’d seen him at all the games.

“Emry, I got a question for you,” Leonard said to him. “Would you want to be a football coach?”

Of course, in the beginning, the players and coaches were sure they were doing something for him.

Of course, that’s never how things turn out when a magical person like Emry is involved.

“We need him,” said Leonard, “more than he needs us.”

That’s how it was for the Himes family, too.

Only days old, Emry lay in the hospital alone, his birth mom in prison. The plan had been for them to start a mother-baby treatment program for women who were incarcerated. She had four driving while intoxicated arrests. She needed to get sober. But, after Emry was born with Down syndrome, only his mom was accepted into the program. Emry was destined for foster care until she could get back on her feet.

Barb Himes still remembers that winter day she was asked. A boy had been born Nov. 7, 1998. He needed a home. Her youngest of four children, daughter Katie, 10, had been begging for a baby brother or sister. Barb’s husband, David, happened to get home from work early that day.

“They held Emry with all the tubes attached to his body. Katie fell in love. So did her parents. Still, David expressed concern about getting attached to a baby who would eventually be returned to his birth mom.

But, it was getting close to Thanksgiving. “No one should be without family around the holidays,” said Barb. She, after all, knew how sad the holidays could be.

Barb and David had had five biological children. On Christmas Eve in 1981, they woke up to find their 2-month-old son, Jake, had died in his sleep from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

They understood how fragile life was. They understood that Emry needed someone to be there for him. On Dec. 2, 1998, the Himes brought him home to join their children Carrie, David, Nick and Katie.

Months later, in a selfless move, his biological mom realized the Himes’ home should be Emry’s permanent home.

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MAKING HISTORY, AGAIN

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A group of Franklin College students is helping a revered Hoosier basketball team make history, again.

The basketball team, known as the Wonder Five, was one of the early powerhouse squads in Indiana, representing Franklin High School, 1918–22, then Franklin College, 1922–26. When tickets went on sale for their games, lines wrapped around the block. Victory parades for the team were momentous.

“The Franklin community was obsessed with them,” said David Pfeiffer, director of the Johnson County Museum of History. “It was a huge, huge source of civic pride.”

Now, on top of championships, individual awards and hall of fame inductions, the team will be honored with an official state historical marker from the Indiana Historical Bureau. Franklin College students led the campaign to have the marker installed on campus, and it becomes just the fourth official marker in Johnson County.
The Wonder Five, led by coach Ernest “Griz” Wagner 1912 and star player Robert “Fuzzy” Vandivier 1927, was the Indiana high school state champion from 1920–22.

“That was kind of the kickoff of the whole ‘Hoosier Hysteria’ period,” Pfeiffer said. “Winning three straight championships, that wasn’t done again until the 1980s. For Indiana high school basketball, the Franklin Wonder Five was the bar.”

When Wagner took the head-coaching job at Franklin College, the men from the high school team followed. In 1923, they went undefeated and were considered the national champions. Their undefeated streak eventually reached 50 games over two years. There was no NCAA tournament at the time, but the team won two consecutive college state championships.

The impact on the community continues: Franklin College’s athletic teams are known as Grizzlies, named after Wagner. The local high school’s teams are the Grizzly Cubs for the same reason. The Boys and Girls Club of Franklin, former site of the high school gymnasium, is known today as the Wonder Five Center.

Wagner, Vandivier, Burl Friddle 1925, John Gant 1926, Paul Underwood 1931 were all inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Vandivier also is in The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

The idea to have the Wonder Five honored with a historical marker was born from Public History, a class co-taught by Meredith Clark-Wiltz, Ph.D., associate professor of history and director of American Studies, and Pfeiffer in the spring of 2019. With its emphasis on undergraduate research, civic learning and collaborating with a community organization, the course exemplifies key components of the Pursuit at Franklin College curriculum, and is a distinctive offering in the history department.

“It’s something we can point to for generations and say, ‘This is us,’” said Loyd. “The Wonder Five is part of our town’s identity, as well as one of the reasons Franklin has impacted the state’s history and helped define Indiana as the home of basketball.”

It took about two months for the historical bureau to approve the marker application and proposed installation site near the Franklin College Fitness Center. Loyd and her classmates, Jackson Barnes ’19, Emily Cart ’19, Camille Brown ’21, Dakota DeBaets ’19, Chris Jurrema ’19, Adam Rector ’20, Jarrod Smith ’20, Noah Tallman ’20 and Jacob Weir ’20, are anticipated to be among special guests at the upcoming marker celebration.

“I’m really excited for them, that there’s literally going to be a concrete endpoint of their work,” Pfeiffer said.
They forge their own path ahead
but make room for those who follow.

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COACH PLAYS NEW ROLE

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OFF THE CLOCK

The college recognized biology professor emeritus Jim Curry for his longtime volunteerism with the athletics department during halftime of the first 2019 home football game.

Afterward, Kerry Prather, director of athletics and head men’s basketball coach, said, “For 40 years, we were privileged to have Jim’s loyal service as clock operator at home football games. During and after his impressive 38-year tenure as a biology professor, Jim continued to give back to FC by supporting our athletic programs.

“For many years, he also served as shot-clock operator at home basketball games. Jim’s most important contributions are obviously reflected in the many alumni who benefited from his teaching expertise, but we are so grateful that he also took such an interest in Griz sports.

“I know that support will continue, albeit from a more comfortable seat in the bleachers. Franklin College is special because of the special people who have made it so. Jim is just such a person.”

Kerry Prather, director of athletics, Jim Curry, biology professor emeritus, and Mike Leonard, then head football coach.

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The new trustees, Jon Almeras '92, E. Lynn Grayson '83 and Deana (Baker) Haworth '99, bring a variety of professional expertise and leadership skills to their board roles. Almeras is a tax attorney and the managing director, taxes at Airlines for America (A4A) in Washington, D.C. A4A is the primary trade association for passenger and cargo airlines of the United States. He is responsible for advising member airlines and advocating for the industry in the areas of federal, state and international taxation of aviation.

He is a graduate of Franklin College, Indiana University School of Law and Georgetown University Law Center. His strongest philanthropic interests are education and medical research.

Upon accepting his trustee appointment, Almeras said, “Franklin College accomplished its mission with me, giving me a great education and the tools to grow and succeed. I am grateful for that and want to ensure that the college has the means and support to continue its mission for generations of students to come.”

Grayson is a partner in the environmental law firm Nijman-Franzetti LLP in Chicago. She is consistently recognized as a leading environmental attorney by Chambers USA and The Best Lawyers in America. Grayson is a past recipient of the National Law Journal’s Energy and Environmental Trailblazer Award and previously was recognized by Best Lawyers as Environmental Lawyer of the Year in Chicago. For her work to promote diversity in the legal profession, she was the recipient of the Chicago Bar Association’s first Alta May Hulett Award, among others.

Grayson is a prolific author and frequent speaker on environmental law and policy matters, and she teaches natural-resources law as an adjunct faculty member. She also serves on the board of directors for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington D.C. In 2019, she was elected second vice president of the Chicago Bar Association.

Grayson is a graduate of Franklin College and Indiana University School of Law. She is admitted to the Illinois State Bar Association and U.S. Supreme Court.

Grayson said, “I welcome the opportunity to work with the board to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of Franklin College. Higher education is in the midst of a significant transformation, with many challenges facing small, liberal arts institutions. Franklin College is uniquely situated to succeed in this...”
changing environment through ongoing efforts focused on innovative thinking, corporate partnerships and community outreach.”

Haworth is the chief operating officer (COO) at Hirons, a Midwest advertising, public relations and digital agency with offices in Indianapolis and Chicago. She launched her career in communications at Hirons 19 years ago and persistently pursued an upward trajectory leading to her current role as the first female COO in the firm’s history.

She was recognized as one of Indianapolis’ 2018 Women of Influence by the Indianapolis Business Journal. She has a long history of consulting clients on key initiatives, including successfully launching INBiz, a web portal that streamlined business processes for Indiana businesses and today is used by more than 400,000 business owners across the state, and garnering support for the Wishard to Eskenazi Health referendum to improve healthcare in Indianapolis. Further, she conceived and oversees Hirons’ proprietary Rural Reach program, bringing clients unique communications strategies for reaching rural U.S. populations.

Haworth has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Franklin College and a master’s degree in public relations from Ball State University. She is Public Relations Society of America accredited.

Haworth said, “My first impression of Franklin College was during the Indiana High School Press Association’s annual summer camp hosted at the Pulliam School of Journalism. There I saw the emphasis on strong work ethic and, in particular, the merits of innovation and leadership. Those early impressions, paired with my experience at Franklin College as a student, have stuck with me throughout my career. I believe it’s important to impart those values in the students and young professionals who will serve as future collaborators and innovators within our workplaces and communities.”

Three trustees, Samuel D. Bush, Mary Ann Collier and Robert D. Schafstall ’65, retired from the Franklin College Board, leaving a legacy of 48 years combined service.

Bush had served on the board since 2014. He is the senior vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of Saga Communications, Inc., based in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. He is a member of the college’s Old Main Society gift club.

Collier had served on the board since 2001. She is a retired senior director of Cisco Systems. In her early career, she worked four years at Franklin College in the area formerly known as student affairs. She also instructed mathematics at Franklin. She is a member of the college’s Founders Circle gift club. In 2005, she received the college’s Associate Alumni Award in recognition of her longtime loyalty, volunteerism and generosity. She resides in San Francisco, California.

Schafstall had served on the board since 1994. He is a retired Franklin City Court Judge, and he remains an attorney of counsel with the law firm Schafstall Admire, LLP, where his son practices. Beyond Schafstall’s board service, he volunteered 45 years as a timekeeper for the Franklin College men’s basketball team. He is a charter member of the basketball booster program, the Goaltenders Club. In 2018, he was inducted into the college’s athletic hall of fame for his loyal support. He also received the college’s Alumni Citation in 1991, recognizing his generosity of time and treasure. He is a member of the college’s Founders Circle gift club. He resides in Franklin, Indiana.
FURTHERING SCIENCE EDUCATION

An Arizona couple recently established their Franklin College namesake, the Dr. Jerry T. ’57 and Candice T. Justus Endowed Scholarship in Biology. As loyal college supporters for many decades, Jerry and Candice wanted to further endorse science education and undergraduate research with a scholarship that will help attract and retain students.

Jerry’s own decision to attend Franklin was influenced by several of his family members who were alumni, including his mother, Harriet (McFarren) Justus 1923, his father, Harry V. Justus 1923, his grandfather, Harry A. McFarren 1899, and his uncle, Robert McFarren ’42. Coincidentally, Jerry’s grandfather instilled in him a strong philanthropic spirit by his own example of funding a Franklin College scholarship. The new Justus scholarship is intended to honor those strong family ties.

“Franklin College prepared me well for advanced degrees in biology and almost three decades of teaching at the university level,” Jerry said. “Mostly, however, Franklin College and the faculty allowed me to become what I am today.”

SHARING A VALUED EXPERIENCE

The college recently received an estate gift from the late Jerry W. Greenlee ’67, in the form of a 220-acre farm in Decatur County, Indiana. In the future, funds generated from the gift will be used to establish the Jerry W. Greenlee Endowed Scholarship.

Widow Jan Mivelaz Foster Greenlee said, “Throughout Jerry’s life, he valued the education he received at Franklin College and the relationships he formed with his professors, due to the intimate class sizes. It was important to him to leave a gift to the college so that others could share that same experience.”

Greenlee was a devoted public school teacher for 39 years in Columbus, Indiana. After retiring, his dedication to helping others continued. He taught basic life skills to prison inmates and led GED classes for adults at a community center. He died March 20, 2010.

PAYING IT FORWARD

Aubrey Magodlyo ’15, manager of product experience analytics at Facebook, and Edward Chikwana, Ph.D., former Franklin College chemistry professor, are the co-founders of the Tapiwa International Student Scholarship Fund. Tapiwa means “we have been given” in Shona, one of the major languages spoken in Zimbabwe, the native country of both men. The fund will assist international students with tuition, housing, books, technology or academic supplies.

In his 10 years of teaching at Franklin, Chikwana mentored many international students, including Magodlyo, and he was inspired by his countless colleagues who also generously assisted the students emotionally and financially. Their selfless acts, coupled with what the former students have achieved professionally beyond Franklin College, are the inspiration behind the scholarship.
Funding for this scholarship also is made possible through generous donations from Franklin’s international alumni, Chikwana’s friends who came to the U.S. to study and fully understand the financial challenges faced by international students at small colleges, and other well-wishers who have worked with international students and alumni, and value their contributions in enriching the lives of those around them.

**ENCOURAGING CAREERS IN LAW**

Jeff Atwood ’81 and his spouse, Mitzi Harris Martin, are co-founders of the Atwood-Martin Law Study Award. The award recognizes academic excellence and is designated for a graduating senior who has been accepted to the Indiana University McKinney School of Law. Annual recipients will be selected by Franklin College’s Pre-Law Committee. Atwood is a manufacturing planner for Visteon Corp., and Martin is an attorney, who earned her law degree from IU-McKinney.

**EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES**

Susan Loomis and her spouse, Joe, both friends of Franklin College, gifted the chemistry and physics department with funding for an ultrasound device. The imaging tool uses sound waves to create pictures of organs, tissues and other structures inside the body.

Susan’s father, the late Raymond Cowan, taught physics at Franklin College from 1955–85. After retiring, he made a habit of enrolling in college courses that piqued his broad interests. He audited dozens of classes, pursuing the pure joy of learning rather than credit. Cowan’s intellectual curiosity also spawned his travels to more than 40 countries. The ultrasound device gifted in Cowan’s memory will support students in their own pursuits of scientific curiosity.

Arbin Thapaliya, Ph.D., assistant professor and department chair, said, “We have a growing number of students interested in health science careers, including athletic training, exercise science and veterinary medicine. With ultrasound technology being a widely used diagnostic tool in these professional fields, Franklin students will benefit tremendously from having access to it during their undergraduate careers.”

**PRESERVING HISTORY**

The Napolitan Alumni House, gifted in 2005 by college trustee Jim Napolitan (HD ’12), Ph.D., and his spouse, Sandra (Mock) ’60, Ph.D., is a gathering place for special events, and accommodates distinguished campus guests. The couple want to make sure the home remains available for future generations to enjoy, and they have created an endowed fund to cover costs of the special maintenance the historic home requires for its preservation into the next century.
MAKING MOVIES

Associate professor of fine arts and theatre department chair Gordon Strain was involved in producing two movies featured in the Heartland International Film Festival in October 2019.

*The MisEducation of Bindu* centers around a tormented high school student and premiered at the Mill Valley Film Festival in California. *Ms. White Light* premiered at South by Southwest Film Festival in Texas and focuses on a young woman who skillfully counsels terminally ill clients and provides comforting perspective on death but struggles in her own life to connect with people and build relationships.

Both films were produced by Pigasus Pictures, LLC, an Indiana-based production company that was co-founded by CEO Zachary Spicer and COO John Armstrong, both Hoosiers. Strain, a Pigasus co-owner, met Spicer and Armstrong, as well as director Paul Shoulberg, while attending Indiana University. The four friends previously worked together on *The Good Catholic*, the first feature film by Pigasus in 2017.

Besides film making, Strain freelances design work for the Indiana Repertory Theatre, Phoenix Theatre and Indianapolis Shakespeare Co. He also has completed several large-scale public art projects through his company, Franklin Department of Public Art.

ENHANCING CAMPUS LIFE

In September, Andrew Jones, Ed.D., began the role of vice president for campus life and dean of students at Franklin College, where he also serves on the President’s Cabinet. Jones’ vice presidential role encompasses oversight of student housing, the counseling and health centers, Greek life, the center for diversity and inclusion, and the center for student involvement.

He brings more than 20 years of higher education experience to his new role. Since 2014, he had served as associate provost and dean of student success at Illinois College, where he also had been founding director of the Center for Academic Excellence. Prior to that, Jones worked at Butler University in admission and student-support areas. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in music education and a Master of Science in education administration from Butler, and a Doctor of Education in higher education and student affairs from Indiana University.

PRODUCING POETRY

*Look Look Look*, the debut full-length poetry collection by Calista Buchen, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, published in October 2019. She calls it a culmination of eight years of creative research and reflection “about the early days of motherhood and the challenges in those days.”
Buchen began drafting the poems when she was pregnant with her first child, as an attempt to make sense of the uncertainty she experienced as a new mother. The title — *Look Look Look* — is her attempt to reconcile her personal history with the lack of visibility she said all mothers share.

“What I was interested in was this idea of ‘seeing,’” Buchen said. “What would it mean to really see mothers, to really see myself and to feel seen during this time? I liked the idea that the book would ask readers for their attention.”

Buchen previously published the chapbooks *Double-Mouthed* (2016) and *The Bloody Planet* (2015). Her poems have appeared in numerous journals. In May 2019, her poem, “Taking Care,” was nominated for inclusion in the *Orison Anthology*. Buchen directs the college’s visiting writers-reading series and advises the student-led literary journal, *Apogee*.

**SHARING DUCK TALES**

Tune in to the Ducks Unlimited (DU) podcast series to hear associate professor of biology Ben O’Neal, Ph.D., weigh in with hosts Chris Jennings and Mike Brasher, Ph.D., about waterfowl conservation. DU regularly features researchers, state and federal biologists, and hunting experts from throughout North America. O’Neal participated in episodes nine and 10 during 2019, sharing insights about his collaborative research with students on urban mallards near metro areas.

O’Neal has secured multiple significant research grants in recent years to study urban wildlife, including the college’s largest ever, a $250,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act. DU’s podcasts are available through popular streaming services.
Staying in touch with college friends after graduation takes work, but Grizzlies who are in the habit of socializing truly benefit.

“Informal gatherings can help recharge pride and remind alumni of the enduring value of their Franklin College experience,” said Lee Ann Jourdan, assistant vice president for annual giving and alumni engagement.

Whether an annual picnic in the park, golf tournament, special destination, book club or bowling team, informal activities can help sustain our emotional ties to Franklin. They give us a chance to rekindle our sense of community, relive shared experiences and discover new common interests at different stages of our lives.

“Over time, alumni build strong networks through the relationships they sustain,” said Thomas J. Minar, Ph. D., college president. “It’s a great way to create a supportive professional community for one’s self. Alumni networks, no matter how informal, present an opportunity to get career advice or be a mentor, gain insight into industries and expand your circle, since you’re likely to become acquainted with the family members and friends of the alumni you already know.”

The Franklin College alumni network is brimming with individuals who have been keeping friendships strong.

Don Treibic ’65 is organizer of an annual golf outing that brings together men who directly or indirectly were involved in football. Most of them played under the leadership of legendary head coach Stewart “Red” Faught. His death in 2005 was the impetus for starting a new tradition.

“So many of us hadn’t seen each other in years, and years. After being at Red’s funeral, we decided we ought to get together again,” said Treibic. In 2006, he and Harold “Butch” Lawson ’65, Larry Trueblood ’65, Bob Strong ’65 (now deceased), college trustee John Chiarotti ’67, Al Harants ’64, Ron Wilson ’64 and Larry Ross ’65 began golfing.

“Eventually, they started identifying other guys to invite, and it just mushroomed over the years,” said Treibic.

The now annual event, known as the Old Guard Golf Outing, a name inspired by Ross, draws 30-plus participants.

“I do the communications, but if it weren’t for the guys’ willingness to show up, this wouldn’t go on,” said Treibic.

A subset of the golfers also plays weekly.

“Getting together today has nothing to do with football, except that Red coached it. It has to do with the relationship we had at Franklin College through him. It helped define how we grew as people. We honor that relationship through the Old Guard.”

A group of nine alumnae have their own special way of celebrating friendship. For 40 years, Pi Beta Phi members Terri (Zuffa) Wagoner ’77, Michelle (Omahana) Martzel ’77, Becky (James) Lawrie ’77, Nancy (Williams) Bennett ’77, Julie (Dygert) Frey ’77, Tricia (Auld) Zachidny ’78, Connie (Lusk) Brinson ’78, Vickie Vandivier ’79 and Tri Delta member Teresa (Hagee) Duffey ’77 have maintained an annual tradition.

“Right out of college, it seemed like Michelle and I were always going to Franklin for our friends’ weddings and bridal showers. She was living in Chicago and I was in northern Indiana at that time, so one year we decided it was our turn to have everyone else drive up. We had Thanksgiving — our version of what people now call Friendsgiving — at my house,”
“I’m not sure if he needed us more,” Barb said, “or we needed him more.” Actually, she knows the answer. Like the football team, they needed Emry. When Emry walks onto the gridiron, he transforms into a Grizzly. Defensive back Michael Heading ’23 passes him. “What up, bro?” Emry asks.

“He’s super energetic,” said linebacker Brayton Shannon ’21. “He’s always fun to be around, just always a joy.” Emry said he likes to say he has Up syndrome — rather than Down syndrome. Leonard taught him that Franklin College football is all about positivity. Plus, that’s his role on the team, keeping the players fired up, focused on what matters — and happy.

“My favorite part of football is getting them motivated and getting them loose,” said Emry. “Just having fun and being a coach is so fun. To be a coach, stand up, be prepared, get aggressive, you know, be a charger. Just be prepared and stay positive.”

Dave Marendt, wide receivers coach, said there is only one way to describe Emry, “He’s a fireball.” Recently, several of the women decided to honor their friendship in a new way, funding the Circle of Friends Recruitment Scholarship Award at Franklin College. The award demonstrates gratitude for their college experience and offers support to incoming female students in good standing with demonstrated financial need. Each award recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the circle of friends, and it will relay their college story.

“Hopefully, we can help alleviate some financial burden for young women, and they will come away from Franklin with lifelong friends, as we did,” said Wagoner. •

Emry said he feels lucky to call the players his best friends. The players say they are the lucky ones. Back in the fall of 2018, Emry was still settling in, getting used to being part of a college team and being a coach. After a couple of weeks, Leonard decided they should have a talk.

“You know,” Leonard told him, “you’re not the coach.” Emry’s face fell for a minute, then turned to shock as Leonard went on, “You’re the GM.”

Emry looked at Leonard kind of funny and said, “GM — a great man.” Leonard knew then that what was ahead was going to be amazing.

Barb said the Grizzlies have given her son something immeasurable. “Sometimes, these people arrive in your life and they just are life changers, and the Franklin team is one of them,” she said. “They make him feel included, like he’s part of something. It’s just amazing.”

Emry has brought more to the team than Leonard ever imagined.

“Winning is important, don’t get us wrong,” Leonard said. “We take it seriously, but in the grand scheme of things it’s about how you treat and help people through this life.” •

Editor’s Note: Mike Leonard retired as head coach in November. Read more on Page 23.
Randy Stocklin ’00 knows a good thing when he sees it.

Inspiration for his entrepreneurial journey has come from different sources over the years: Undergraduate coursework at Franklin College, leadership books and articles, conversations with industry veterans and business conferences. But, the first and most impactful place he was ever inspired was at home.

“My father was my biggest influence. He got involved in real estate and built a small portfolio of residential rentals. I saw firsthand how hard he worked, buying properties and, by and large, doing all of the renovations himself. Seeing that process as I was growing up left a lasting impression,” Stocklin said.

Stocklin didn’t just watch his father. He asked questions, lots of them.

“I’ve always been pretty curious,” he said. Even as a teen, Stocklin wanted to know what drove his father’s business decisions.
“His primary reason for running a side business was to have more control over his retirement. That planted a seed I never lost sight of, and I came to realize I wanted to control my own professional destiny.”

Franklin College helped reinforce Stocklin’s entrepreneurial vision. As a student, he had no idea what type of business he wanted to launch, but he was intrigued by software technology and ecommerce.

“My first exposure to ecommerce was in senior seminar. I developed a rudimentary website for my friend’s father’s business that sold janitorial supplies. That project experience really stuck with me,” Stocklin said.

After graduating from Franklin College, Stocklin held a variety of technology positions in high-growth companies around Indianapolis, but after about four years, he was ready for more. With his partner, Angie Stocklin, he delved into researching entrepreneurial opportunities.

“We found out that we liked a lot of things about the value-sunglasses market,” he said.

After their first bid on a broker-offered sunglasses business fell through, they changed strategies. They wrote an open letter to business owners who met a target list of criteria and asked if they would consider selling. One day, someone said yes.

“If it hadn’t been for the owner of Sunglass Warehouse deciding it was the right time in his life for a transition, we may have never gotten into eyewear or ecommerce,” Stocklin said.

It has been nearly 15 years since One Click was launched from his home office, to offer people a convenient and affordable way to buy eyewear online. From the beginning, the company has been intentional in its drive to be the most people-focused company. That remains unchanged today, with One Click’s mission to become the world’s most people-focused eyewear company.

Stocklin, CEO, with the help of many dedicated team members over the years, has created a culture founded on strong core values, which has resulted in One Click being named one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana for four consecutive years. One Click, operating from its headquarters in Greenwood, Indiana, also has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing ecommerce businesses in the Midwest.

The accolades wouldn’t be possible without the One Click team, said Stocklin. “People matter most. We put a tremendous amount of emphasis on relationships, and we take amazing care of each other.”

Every year, each team member creates a professional development plan to ensure they’re checking things off their “make myself awesome” list. One Click also offers a leadership development series, professional education, library/book club and a mentorship program.

As a leader, Stocklin expects One Click’s team to take exceptional care of customers.

“We set an unreasonably high bar with the experience we provide for our customers across all of our brands. It’s something we feel differentiates us in the market,” he said.

Another facet of running a people-focused company is philanthropy.

“We recognize we’ve been incredibly blessed with this platform, and we should give back,” Stocklin said.

Team members receive two paid days each year to volunteer with an organization of their choice, and One Click has a partnership through which its eyeglass donations are delivered internationally to people in areas with limited access.

Doing good while maintaining daily operations and growing the company takes the right mix of talent. It’s no coincidence four Franklin College alumni, besides Stocklin, are on the One Click team.

Aaron Moore ‘12, director of operations, is one of them.
“People matter most. We put tremendous emphasis on relationships, and we take amazing care of each other.”

Randy Stocklin ’00

“We really live the ‘people matter most’ core value here, and I have my hands in a lot of things that help impact how we do that internally and externally,” he said.

Moore oversees the fulfillment, inventory and customer happiness departments: He is involved in hiring new talent as well as helping the team make the customer experience seamless, from the time an item is ordered online to the day it’s delivered. Every step is tailored with customer happiness in mind, and there is always room for improvement, he said.

“As a leader, I really like to empower people and foster their input. Everyone on the team has a different professional background and life experiences, and there can be such value in that. We lean on those differences,” Moore said.

Sometimes, clever incentives, such as the Lame Duck Award, help foster team input. The duck, a plush toy, made its rounds a couple of years ago, and was awarded each time a team member’s well-intended idea for improving a process or design ultimately failed.

“The duck has since retired, but it served its purpose well. It helped team members get used to trying new things, and learning lessons from failure,” Moore said.

Along with Moore, Elizabeth Kuka ’11, brand content...
I put together can really make somebody's day special when it arrives,” said Toler.

Finding passionate team members, like Toler, is no easy task, but Stocklin’s interests and volunteerism outside of One Click keep him connected to a pipeline of talent. He is an investor in early-stage technology companies. He also serves on advisory panels, a private board and the Franklin College Board of Trustees.

He frequently participates in the college’s networking events, career panels and mock interviews. He also established the One Click Internet Ventures, LLC Corporate Scholarship at Franklin College and has hired several student-interns over the years.

“I imagine I get 10 times the value the students get out of these interactions,” he said.

“It’s very refreshing to talk to someone at that stage of their life, and to hear about some of the things that excite them and some of the obstacles they believe are in their way.”

After all these years, Stocklin is still asking questions, lots of them. More importantly, he’s listening, learning and continuing to adapt as an entrepreneur and leader. As One Click heads into 2020, the mission remains clear, and the focus is on people.

Top to bottom: Anne (Schwomeyer) Toler ’17, Ashley (Konsdorf) Edlund ’13 and Elizabeth Kuka ’11
Learning new things feels good.

That’s what Shannon (Baunach) Anderson ’95 has discovered through her own continuing professional development, and that’s the idea she wants to resonate with her audiences, whether they’re students in a classroom or educators seeking ideas for creative renewal.

“When you love something, it’s kind of contagious. When they see you’re excited, they get excited, too,” she said.

During her 25-year teaching career, Anderson has continuously looked for new ways to spark students’ interest and imaginations, especially when it comes to reading and writing.

“I never want to see the kids get bored, and I don’t want to be bored either, so I’m always changing things up,” she said.

One of her early teaching strategies involved creating books with her first-grade class. Each student would write and illustrate a page, then Anderson would have the book printed, and every student would get a copy.

Today, she teaches the third-grade high-ability class at Van Rensselaer Elementary School in Rensselaer, Indiana. She’s modified the assignment, and now has students write and illustrate their own books.

Each student draws a main character that Anderson submits to a special manufacturer who creates stuffed-toy replicas. Later comes a reveal day when Anderson has the students remove their characters from the shipping boxes, and she records their reactions.

“It’s just so special because here’s something that they created in their own mind, and now it’s tangible,” Anderson said. “It’s really cool to see the kids be so proud of this thing.”

In June 2019, the “Today” show recognized Anderson for her innovative work in the classroom, specifically highlighting the stuffed-toy project.

Anderson found her passion for teaching and writing from a young age. From playing school with her younger siblings to winning her first writing competition in fifth grade, she knew she wanted to do the two things she loved most for a career.

She wanted to write books from the start, but she could never find the time.

“Teaching, it turns out, is a lot of work, and there’s not a lot of time for writing books,” Anderson said.

However, in 2010, she received a grant awarded to teachers to pursue outside passions. It was the start of her writing career.

“I feel fortunate being able to do a job that I love because I love teaching, and I love that I can do writing in that. But I also get to branch off of that,” Anderson said.

She has seven books published with five more on the way. Two of her new books are for teachers, one is a children’s book dealing with shyness, and two more are on growth mindset.

In her books, Anderson addresses real-life problems she sees students face every day. Her first book, I Am Not a Pirate, was about her daughter who has amblyopia, also known as lazy eye. Her daughter, like many other
children, had to wear an eyepatch at a young age, Anderson said.

“It was more of a heart project, a personal thing I wanted to do to spread the word about amblyopia, but also help other kids who have to wear a patch,” Anderson said. “I enjoyed it so much, that I wondered what else I could write.”

Her other books stem from common emotional issues her high-ability students face, such as anxiety about achieving perfectionism to continue to be seen as the “smart kid.”

“My heartstrings are pulled to write for kids who have different types of emotional issues, and to try to help them,” she said.

Her two teacher guidebooks focus on practices she uses in the classroom to keep her students engaged. Those practices, she said, are skills she learned at Franklin College.

Anderson specifically noted her college mentor, Diana Bartnick-Schmidt, an emerita professor of the education program.

“She just had such a heart for teaching,” Anderson said. “When I think about some of the things I put in the book, Go the Extra Smile, I think back to her heart.”

Anderson said Franklin College is a special place, and she is grateful for the close relationships she had with faculty who taught her not only the technical elements of teaching but the importance of focusing on the students.

“It was also about the heart of it, making it fun for the kids.” Anderson said. “I feel like I left college prepared to be a teacher.”

Read more at ShannonIsTeaching.com •

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SHANNON (BAUNACH) ANDERSON ’95

Shannon (Baunach) Anderson ’95 has an annual tradition of buying a new white dress and inviting students to illustrate it with the storybook characters they invent. Anderson wears the dress to a special event where parents are invited to see the unveiling of their children’s original storybook and toy replica of the main character.
CLASS NOTES

'60s

Don Treibic '65 received a distinguished service award from his Kappa Delta Rho fraternity brothers during Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2019. Treibic was an inaugural member of the Epsilon Chapter’s alumni board of directors upon its incorporation in 1977. He was largely responsible for the Alumni Corporation’s procurement of the chapter house, having impacted the formal proceedings and informal relationships necessary for the undertaking. The house at 740 E. Jefferson St. remains the home and social center for today’s collegiate members. Treibic also helped revise the chapter’s pledging criteria and objectives when it was recolonized in the late ’70s. He is a previous recipient of the fraternity’s highest national recognition award for alumni, the Ordo Honorium, recently renamed the Ordo Honoris. He says today the award hangs proudly in his home office, along with his initiation plaque and the paddle gifted by his son, Paul Treibic '93, also an Epsilon Chapter alumnus.

Bob Epstein ’67 received a distinguished service award from his Kappa Delta Rho fraternity brothers during Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2019. Epstein was an inaugural member of the chapter’s alumni board of directors upon its incorporation in 1977. He also was the board’s first president and de facto legal adviser and officer. He was largely responsible for establishing the Alumni Corporation as a legitimate state-recognized entity, setting the organizational foundation that guides and supports the group today. Epstein’s early efforts...
provide the basis for today’s chapter house management and the benefit of 40-plus years of institutional experience to apply toward its advancement.

’70s

Margaret A. Height ’72 was elected to serve on the Germans from Russia Heritage Society Board of Directors. The society has headquarters in Bismarck, North Dakota, and promotes and preserves history, culture and genealogy. Her father, Franklin College professor emeritus Joseph S. Height, Ph.D., was a founding member of the society in 1971, during his tenure as professor of German and linguistic studies. She resides in Franklin, Indiana.

Rodney A. King ’72, Ed.D., is the recipient of the 2019 Interscholastic Athletic Official Award for excellence in track and field. He has been a licensed official for more than 50 years and has officiated more than 40 sectionals and 30 regionals, as well as one state final. His award is a joint-recognition effort of the Indiana High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of Interscholastic Officials Association. A committee of officials representing Indiana’s 24 athletic associations chose King for the award. He is a retired principal of Indiana’s Greensburg Junior High School. He and his spouse of 31 years, Nancy, have five children and 11 grandchildren.

Charles J.F. McHugh ’72, M.D., is a retired U.S. Army colonel, recently recalled to serve as a Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute faculty member at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He instructs advanced trauma life support and tactical emergency medicine training for doctors and nurses preparing for deployment abroad. He is an upcoming presenter at F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in Maryland and will be deploying to Israel in the spring of 2020.

PUT THEIR LOVE ON THE MAP

“Franklin College has always been a special place in our hearts,” wrote the Rev. Frank H. Knight ’52 in a recent letter to the Franklin College Magazine.

After all, it is where he and Joyce (Gordanier) ’55 fell in love. The college sweethearts married as Joyce completed her senior year at Franklin College, and as Frank finished his final year at Andover Newton Theological School in Massachusetts. The distance was tough on the newlyweds, but they persevered and went on to reach many more milestones together.

The Knights celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2019. They are the parents of two daughters, and they currently reside with one of them in Portland, Oregon.

The Knights are retired. Frank, an ordained American Baptist minister, served at churches throughout the East Coast from 1956 to 2017, and Joyce was a junior high school English teacher. Approximately 10 years into their marriage, they accepted missionary positions and moved to Hong Kong, where Frank also was a civilian Protestant chaplain to the U.S. armed forces. The position brought life full circle, as Frank had served in the U.S. Army, from 1946–48.

The Knights’ other world travels have included multiple visits to China, where they taught English to college students through a program run by a U.S. Christian organization. While abroad, they also visited the Holy Land and other parts of Asia and Europe. No matter where they have lived and traveled, they have maintained a fondness for Franklin, and the college campus where their love blossomed.

“We have always felt a spiritual closeness to Franklin College,” Frank shared. His letter cited “excellent teachers, classmates in the Independent Men and Women (now defunct organizations) and other students” for making his and Joyce’s college experiences meaningful. “God bless all the folks of Franklin College,” he wrote in closing.
'80s

Doug Daugherty '83 has been named executive dean of Indiana Wesleyan University. He has been employed with the university for 23 years as a professor of psychology and addictions. He previously served as dean of social behavioral sciences and business, and he co-founded LifeData Corp. He lives in Marion, Indiana, with his spouse, Becca (Nibarger) '88, and they have four grown children.

Christopher T. Gonzalez '86, long after his death, continues to make a positive impact in the LGBTQ community. A new, permanent exhibit at downtown Indianapolis' public library is named in his honor. The Chris Gonzalez Library and Archives include more than 7,000 books and other items that illuminate LGBTQ history, culture and stories. The display includes a plaque dedicated to those who contributed to it over the past three decades. Gonzalez was a community activist and founder of the Indiana Youth Group, an LGBTQ support organization. He died in 1994.

Andrea K. (Evans) McCord '87, J.D., took office in May 2019, beginning her appointment to a 14-year term as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Indiana. She earned her law degree from Indiana University McKinney School of Law, was admitted to the Indiana Bar Association in 1990 and was a law clerk for a judge with the Indiana Court of Appeals. She later had a private practice in Franklin, Indiana, and then served as a deputy prosecutor and a juvenile referee. In 2007, McCord was appointed, then elected and reelected to the Lawrence County Circuit Court in Indiana. Before being appointed to the court, she served as judge pro tem.
'90s

Stephanie (Taylor) Ferriell '91 began working for The Salem Leader and The Salem Democrat newspapers in 1993, and remained on staff for 26 years, the last 18 as editor. After retiring from the role, she received the unexpected opportunity to join the staff of The Corydon Democrat, a newspaper serving the town where she was raised. She noted that her new workplace is owned by the family of deceased former Indiana Gov. Frank O’Bannon, a Corydon, Indiana, native, who served eight years as a lieutenant governor and 18 years as a state senator. Working for O’Bannon Publishing brings Ferriell’s college journalism training full circle. “Early in his candidacy for lieutenant governor, he gave a speech at Corydon Central High School. At the time, I was a student at Franklin College, and the newspaper adviser urged me to try to get an interview with him. After the crowd departed, Mr. O’Bannon pulled up a chair and sat with me in the middle of the gymnasium, patiently answering every question. I’ve never forgotten him graciously giving me his time.” Ferriell and her husband, Darin, reside in Marengo, Indiana, with their children, Hays, Sylvia and Warner.

Eric Burns ’99 was hired as head women’s tennis coach at Northern Illinois University in August 2019. He previously coached at Purdue University – Fort Wayne and Wright State University. He was a four-year letterman in tennis as a Franklin College student.

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Joel Spriggs '04 has published his second novel, Another Dead Intern. The humorous fantasy-detective story takes place in Boston and deals with themes of organized crime and the supernatural.

Charla (Speer) Cummings '05 and her spouse, Ryan, are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Elaine, born Aug. 7, 2019. She joins a sister, Lila, 2. Charla is a kindergarten teacher at Brush Creek Elementary School. She was named Jennings County School Corp. Teacher of the Year for the 2018-19 school year. The family resides in North Vernon, Indiana.

Adam Dunigan '09 recently made a transition in his role at Franklin College, where he was a longtime information technology (IT) team member. Adam began his IT career in 2009 as a coordinator of student and event technology and took on increasing responsibilities over the next decade, serving as the administrator of client services, then data systems. More recently, he served as a programmer and senior systems analyst. Now, as part of the development and alumni engagement team, he serves as director of development information and analytics. He creates and maintains mission-critical data.

Natalie Robinson '12 is deeply involved in the Iowa state chapter of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. She serves as a co-chair of the Coordinating Committee and a communications volunteer.

Amanda A. Williams ’12, M.D., is a primary care physician with Tree City Medical Partners in Greensburg, Indiana. She graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 2016. She completed her residency with Union Hospital Family Medicine in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she received the Union Hospital Foundation Research Award in 2018.

Alysa Hopkins '13 is working as an environmental manager for the Indiana Department of Energy Management Office of Land Quality.

Jaclyn (Slusher) Wehmeier '14 traveled to Belize during the summer of 2019 and studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife, while learning the methods communities are using to help conserve them. She is a second- and third-grade teacher at Christel House Academy. She lives in Franklin, Indiana, and is a graduate student in Miami University's Global Field Program.

Danielle Hopkins '15 works as an inorganic chemist with the Indiana State Department of Health.

Maximillian Larreur '15 recently had graduate research he conducted at Kansas State University accepted for publication in the journal, Landscape Ecology.

Mason Deal '16 is a recent hire at Greenwood Community High School of Indiana, where he teaches.

A.J. Barner '17, a native of Colorado, and Halie Solea '17, a native of New York, became acquainted as first-year students at Franklin College. By the time they graduated, they were a couple, and planning a gap year abroad together. In 2019, after lots of planning and saving, they realized their goal of traveling around the world, during a seven-month, self-guided journey. Read more on their blog, haliesolea.wixsite.com/the-worldalacarte.

Brittny Balog ’18 is enrolled in the doctoral program at Kent State University's College of Podiatric Medicine in Ohio.

Kyle Konkle ‘18 is a butterfly keeper for the Indianapolis Zoo.
Zoie Richey ‘18 is a digital media specialist with the Justus Cos. in Indianapolis.

Zach Turner ‘18 accepted a position involving crop research and agronomic consulting with the Gordon Ag Group in Morristown, Indiana.

John Zemkewicz ‘18 was admitted to the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He will begin in 2020, after he completes his master’s thesis in biomedical science.

Monica Llanes ‘19 is working for CSL Behring, a global biotech company in Bradley, Illinois.

**OBITUARIES**

**’40s**

Mary Alice (Wagner) Medlicott ’45 (HD ’10) died Aug. 27, 2019, after suffering a stroke. After her graduation from Franklin College, where she was initiated into Delta Zeta sorority, she earned a master’s degree from Hartford Theological Seminary. She remained in Connecticut for several years working at Central Baptist Church. Upon returning to Indiana, she met and married Indianapolis attorney Gordon Medlicott. After their two daughters were school age, Medlicott reenrolled at Franklin College to obtain her teaching certification, and she became a substitute teacher in the local community. Later, she was offered the job of historian and curator of special collections at Franklin College’s B.F. Hamilton Library, a position she held for more than 30 years prior to retiring. She was proud to be the niece of legendary basketball coach Ernest “Griz” Wagner 1912, for whom the Franklin College Grizzlies and Franklin Community High School Grizzly Cubs were named. She was an ardent supporter of Franklin College athletic programs and was inducted into the athletic hall of fame in 2016. She also was the recipient of the college’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003 and an honorary doctorate of letters in 2010. She was highly regarded by the city of Franklin and by the state of Indiana. She was named the city’s Senior Citizen of the Year in 2004 and later that same year a Sagamore of the Wabash, by then Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan. She was a lifelong member of Franklin First Baptist Church and was also involved in community organizations ranging from choral groups and animal advocacy to history and preservation. She was preceded in death by her spouse. Survivors include daughters Carol Medlicott ’83 and Jan Gummel, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She resided in Franklin, Indiana.

Wilfred “Bill” Dodgson ’46 died Dec. 27, 2018. He held a master’s degree in pharmacology from the University of Colorado and a doctorate of medicine from Temple University. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a captain in the Medical Corps, stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. Following his military service, he opened a private practice, then transitioned to a joint practice. In 1972, he joined the staff at Tod Children’s Hospital (now Akron Children’s Hospital) in Ohio, where he eventually retired as chief of pediatrics. He was a professor emeritus of Northeast Ohio Medical University’s College of Medicine and had served on the Council of Chiefs. He had a passion for antique automobiles, playing golf and stamp collecting. He was preceded in death by his spouse, Betsey. Survivors include five children and six grandchildren. He also leaves his two siblings, Kenneth Dodgson ’46 and Lucille (Dodgson) Mayo ’52. He resided in Boardman, Ohio.

Elizabeth “Liz” A. (Schmidt) Overton ’51 died Aug. 25, 2019. While a Franklin College student, she was initiated into Delta Zeta sorority, and she met her future spouse, Donald ’49. She enjoyed a 25-year career as the office manager and administrative assistant for Parkway South Junior High School in Missouri. She was a devout member of Ballwin Baptist Church. In her retirement years, she volunteered with a women’s mission group and made sandwiches for a homeless shelter. She also went on international mission trips to distribute Bibles. Survivors include two children, one grandchild and one great-grandchild. She resided in Chesterfield, Missouri.

Doris J. (Brown) Alexander ’53 died Nov. 4, 2019. She was a more than 50-year member of Delta Zeta sorority, as well as former chapter president. In addition to Franklin College, she also graduated from Indiana University and attended Ball State University for her deaf-education certification. She taught school for more than 34 years, working with children in Columbus and Franklin, and at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Her spouse, Scott Alexander ’51, preceded her in death.

**’50s**

Katherine “Kay” (Huffman) Ditmars ’47 died Aug. 29, 2019. She taught English courses at Indian Creek High School in Trafalgar, Indiana, for 10 years. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Tri Kappa sororities. She also was active at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, as an elder, trustee and Sunday school teacher. Plus, she volunteered at Johnson Memorial Hospital and the Johnson County Museum of History. She was preceded in death by her spouse, David ’50. Survivors include two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She resided in Franklin, Indiana.
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Philip L. Hawkins ’53 died Oct. 21, 2019. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He made a career as a medical supply salesman. He also owned an archery shop, where he sold equipment and gave lessons. His hobbies were hunting, wood carving, painting, fishing, and writing guest columns for hunting magazines. Survivors include his spouse, Charlene, three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He resided in Franklin, Indiana.

Alvin “George” Fisher Jr. ’54 died July 26, 2019. He met his future wife, Maxine (Meyers) ’55, while attending Franklin College. They were married 66 years prior to his death, she survives. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church, where he was ordained both as a deacon and an elder. He taught Sunday school and worked on church committees for several years, earning recognition as an outstanding senior member. He also volunteered with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Survivors include his spouse, Charlene, three children, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He resided in Franklin, Indiana.

Jake Conway “J.C.” Moffett ’54 died Oct. 4, 2019. While a Franklin College student, he played on the baseball team. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He participated in the first peacetime atomic bomb test held at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific Ocean in July 1946, and he earned numerous military service medals. He was employed at Ford Electronics and Refrigeration and its predecessors, Philco Corp. and Rex Manufacturing, where he worked 35 years in the supply department. After retiring, he became involved in owning and racing harness horses. He was preceded in death by his first spouse, Carolyn. His second spouse, Beverly, survives, as do three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, one step-child and three step-grandchildren. He resided in Connersville, Indiana.

Susan A. (Cobb) Moeller ’55 died Nov. 16, 2019. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and earned her master’s degree at Butler University, after graduating from Franklin College. She taught home economics for several years at Central Indiana’s Clark Pleasant Middle School. Survivors include three children. She resided in Indianapolis.

Joan (Diggs) Nimitz ’57 died July 2, 2019. While at Franklin College, she was active in Tri Delta sorority, cheerleading and multiple academic honoraries. She was selected for Who’s Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities, and chosen by the Franklin faculty as one of seven outstanding students in 1957. Upon graduation, she moved to California and built a 35-year career in education, teaching for the San Diego Unified School System. She also provided student counseling. She was an avid bridge player, meticulous quilt maker and world traveler. She donated one of her quilts to the Franklin College chapter of Tri Delta to be displayed in the suite. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren. She resided in San Diego, California.

Ann (Dixon) McClain ’58 died Oct. 25, 2019, from heart disease while fighting the flu. She proudly donated her body to Indiana University for medical studies. She met her future spouse, John ’57, while singing in the Franklin College Choir. They celebrated 51 years of marriage prior to his death in 2009.

She was a singer and organist, and served as a minister of music at churches for most of her life. She also was an officer for the American Baptist Women’s Convention and regularly participated in the Green Lake Music Conference. She served on many boards and committees and belonged to several clubs and circles. Her hobbies included Scrabble and spelling bees. Survivors include her three daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She previously resided in Manchester, Connecticut, but at her time of death resided in Franklin, Indiana.

Kenneth Townsend ’58 died Oct. 11, 2017. He attended Franklin College, and he served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. Survivors include his spouse, Rosemae “Ricki” (Neher) ’57. He resided in Trafalgar, Indiana.

John A. Beard ’60 died Oct. 27, 2019. He held a Master of Business Administration from Indiana Central (now University of Indianapolis). He served in the U.S. Army and worked for Indiana Bell and Ameritech for 38 years, retiring as a district manager of finance. He was an Eagle Scout and a Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity member. He was preceded in death by his spouse, Barbara “Sue” (Handy) ’62. Survivors include two children and six grandchildren. He resided in Noblesville, Indiana.

William Bill K. Slayback ’61 died Oct. 9, 2019. He was a standout high-school athlete in Aurora, Indiana, where he was the first student to earn 16 varsity letters through basketball, football, baseball and track. While a Franklin College student in 1960, he bested all college basketball players in Indiana with 26 points per game and was named a NAIA All-American. He also set single-game, season and
career-scoring records at Franklin. Slayback’s love for the game continued post college, as he coached at North Dearborn, Aurora and later South Dearborn high schools. During his 20 seasons at Aurora, Slayback accumulated 258 victories, won eight sectional championships and led the 1977 team to the final eight of the state tournament, not classed at that time. He was inducted into the Franklin College Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2006. Survivors include his spouse, Gayle, four children, 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mike A Maguire ’65 died Sept. 26, 2019. As a Franklin College student, he played football, basketball and baseball. He was a Phi Delta Theta fraternity member. He went on to earn his master’s degree in education from Butler University. He made a career of teaching, coaching and administering at schools in Lebanon, Zionsville, and Clinton Indiana. He retired in 2001 and enjoyed traveling. He also served as a general manager of the Zionsville Golf Course for several years. Survivors include his spouse of 57 years, Susan (Bright) ’65, their two children and six grandchildren. He resided in Zionsville, Indiana.

Philip W. Hontz ’69 died March 31, 2019. He was a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, who was wounded in action. He was employed by the National Park Service for 25 years, and he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Survivors include his spouse, JoAnn, three children, two step-children and seven grandchildren. He resided in Bushkill, Pennsylvania.

Stephen A. Smith ’69 died Sept. 25, 2019. He worked for RGIS as an inventory clerk for many years before his retirement. Afterward, he was a substitute high school teacher. He also was an avid volunteer for Easterseals New Hampshire, where his spouse, Ann (Miller) ’69 worked, and for Job Corps and Pastoral Counseling Services in Manchester. He enjoyed traveling, reading and walking in nature. He was preceded in death by Ann. Survivors include their two children and six grandchildren. Prior to his death, he nominated Ann for an award, which she received posthumously during Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2019. Read more on Page 16.

’70s

Deborah A. (Getz) Gerbers ’71 died Oct. 21, 2019. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She graduated from Ivy Tech’s School of Nursing in 1985 and worked for a decade in a pediatric office. She later transitioned to neurology, then finished her career in the Alzheimer’s unit of a nursing home. She and her college sweetheart, Keith ’70, married and celebrated their 49-year anniversary prior to her death. He survives, as do their three children and seven grandchildren. She resided in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Andrew “Andy” E. Henderson ’75 died Oct. 12, 2019, after a courageous fight against cancer. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He worked for several large retail organizations before pursuing entrepreneurship and management of a family real estate company. His greatest passions were music, photography and unique vintage cars. He also enjoyed travel and fine dining. Survivors include his spouse, Jeannie, his parents, Gene Henderson ’50 (HD ’74), a Franklin College trustee emeritus, and Mary Lou (Beatty) ’52, and two siblings. He resided in Fishers, Indiana.

’80s

Carol K. (Poe) Herron ’84 died Oct. 8, 2019. She attended Franklin College. She was an accomplished baker and cake decorator, having worked for many years for Marsh grocery stores in Franklin and Greenwood, Indiana. She also was a country line-dancing instructor, licensed bartender and lifelong lover of Beatrix Potter and Peter Rabbit collectibles. Survivors include two children and one grandchild. Her parents, Daniel E. Poe ’64, and his spouse, Eva, both are retired from Franklin College. He is a professor emeritus of English, and she was a librarian. Herron resided in Franklin, Indiana.

Lori (Allison) Vaughn ’89 died Aug. 5, 2019. She was a member of Tri Delta sorority. She was employed as a chemist in various science laboratories in Indiana during the early part of her career, but she later discovered a love for teaching. She eventually earned a certificate enabling her to teach science classes, and she became a faculty member at Bloomfield High School in Missouri. She persevered teaching for more than five years after receiving a cancer diagnosis, and she continued to be a major source of support and encouragement for her two children, as well as her students, while she fought her own health battle. Her children survive. She resided in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

’90s

Charles E. Tice ’97 died Aug. 26, 2019, after a sudden battle with cancer. He was a sergeant with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department. He graduated from the police training academy in 2003 and early in his career discovered a niche in working with citywide collaborative teams aimed at reducing violent crime. He received several commendations and awards throughout his 16-year career. Survivors include his parents and two siblings.
Think back to your college experience and everything you gained — life lessons, friends, mentors, career experience, maybe even your spouse. When those priceless memories make your heart nearly burst with gratitude, show some love to your alma mater with a gift to the Franklin Fund, FranklinCollege.edu/giving/give-now.

Put a plate on it! Join the more than 760 Indiana motorists proudly showing their support with Franklin College license plates. Purchase plates online at www.in.gov/bmv. Live outside of Indiana? Shop for license plates frames at bkstr.com/franklinstore/home.

Advocate for Franklin College. Share stories of your meaningful college experiences with everyone you know, and refer prospective Grizzlies to the admissions team at franklincollege.edu/alumni/refer.

Volunteer. Consider sharing career advice on an alumni panel, conducting mock job interviews for students, coordinating internships in your area, reaching out to prospective students or participating in college-sponsored networking events. Email kbixler@FranklinCollege.edu for details.


Mark your calendar and be part of the tradition during Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, Oct. 7–11, 2020. Reunite with friends, attend your class reunion, get free Griz swag, eat great food, watch the football game and tailgate. Share pics on social media using #FCTradition.

Follow, like and share Franklin College on social media. Your engagement will help build awareness, involvement and Griz pride!
Greetings Grizzlies!

Did you know there are more than 10,000 Franklin College alumni living and working around the world? And every one of us — upon our graduation — gained instant membership in the Franklin College Alumni Association, entitling us to continued use of college resources supporting professional development, invitations to special events and a subscription to this magazine.

As volunteers elected to represent the Alumni Association, our Alumni Council works closely with the college’s development and alumni engagement team to explore issues that matter to graduates. We also serve on committees to help identify opportunities where alumni can help support the college mission and strategic plan. Some of our committee-work priorities in the year ahead focus on student success, professional development, fundraising and student/alumni engagement.

Time and distance may prevent you from joining us at the table, but we always can find ways for you to be part of the conversation. I encourage you to reach out to Director of Alumni Engagement and Campus Partnerships Emily (Habel) Wood ’95, at ewood@FranklinCollege.edu or 317.738.8283, for more information about getting involved with Franklin College, from wherever you live. Maybe you can help identify employers in your area who would hire student interns, or perhaps you could host an information table at a college fair in your area? Beyond these examples, there are several more on the opposite page that I hope you will consider.

In the meantime, I hope that the Alumni Council can count on you to join us in supporting the college’s next 24-hour fundraising challenge, #GivetoGRIZ, April 16, 2020. Make your gift and follow along on social media all day long for prize giveaways and real-time updates on fundraising challenges and class competitions, not to mention loads of pictures and videos of alumni and students.

As always, I also hope to see you back on campus for the next Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. There were approximately 2,000 alumni and friends at the 2019 festivities, which you can get a glimpse of at the front of this magazine. Save the dates Oct. 7–11, 2020, now!

As a Grizzly, I feel strongly that the best way to lead is by giving back. With Franklin’s wide variety of programs, initiatives and strategic goals, there are plenty of inspirational philanthropic opportunities. What will you pursue?

Sincerely,

Zeeshan Malik ’06
Alumni Council President

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Join us for Franklin College's eighth annual day of giving, #GivetoGRIZ!
Grizzlies around the world will come together to give back.

Gifts made during our 24-hour #GivetoGRIZ challenge will support every aspect of the Pursuit at Franklin College, from learning and discovery to technology and travel. #GivetoGRIZ also enables the college to be responsive to emerging opportunities and challenges because gifts made on this day are unrestricted, meaning they can be put toward any impactful purpose. As a result, #GivetoGRIZ gifts make an immediate difference in our campus community. They are an important complement to our endowment, which is invested for the long term.

Follow us on social media during #GivetoGRIZ to see class competition results, prize opportunities, participant videos, flashback photos and more. We are counting on you.