CONVERGENT MEDIA CENTER

Capital University’s Convergent Media Center (CMC) is a deliberate step into the future of education. We’re creating an environment that mirrors the real world, a place where collaboration is expected and essential, just as it is in professional settings.

THE GOAL
As the lines between professions continue to blur, so too, must our academic disciplines begin to merge, reflecting an increasingly collaborative workplace that draws on both technical and interpersonal competencies. Natural affinities between faculty and students in fields like writing, art, music and media led to the creation of the Convergent Media Center, a tangible realization of the very latest ideas in higher-education thinking and the central role of collaboration.

THE BUILDING
Designed to complement existing architecture on campus, the CMC is an open-concept, Collegiate Gothic-style structure designed to spark collaboration and interaction. Facing outward along College Avenue with three distinctive levels, this inventively constructed space will enhance opportunities for interdisciplinary work, with large-capacity classrooms, expansive rehearsal spaces, state-of-the-art labs and numerous common gathering spots.

THE PROGRAMS
The building will be rich with educational resources that will serve existing programs with demonstrated promise through enrollment growth and innovative teaching, including: music technology; communication, including electronic media, film, radio and television; journalism, professional and creative writing; marketing; and studio art and art therapy.

THE SPACES
In addition to classrooms, common space and faculty offices, the CMC will house studios for WXCU, Capital’s student-run radio station; a work room, control room and TV studio for CapTV; event space, conference and production space for The Chimes, Capital’s student newspaper, as well as other student publications; and a rehearsal space for Conservatory ensembles.
Transitioning with Purpose & Momentum

With the start of fall classes and the transition of our newest incoming class to life at Capital under way, I have begun a transition of my own. This academic year marks my 10th and final year as president of this distinguished university. I have informed the Board of Trustees of my intention to retire as president, effective July 1, 2016. I’m announcing my decision now so that I can continue to provide steady leadership as the University conducts a national search for its next president and coordinates an effective transition to new leadership.

It has been my honor to lead our great University and to champion the transformative education we deliver through the remarkable work of our engaged faculty, dedicated staff and talented students. In some ways, I’ve never left the classroom, having found myself – as most leaders do – in the role of both a teacher and student at various times throughout the last decade. So I look forward to returning to the classroom and my first passion of teaching and scholarship as a professor of history.

But before I do, I will solidify the framework we’ve put in place to assure the sustainable excellence of Capital. Working from this framework, Capital’s next leader will be positioned to grow the University by reaching out to new student populations; to diversify its offerings by blending technology and the classroom to optimize teaching and learning; and to invest for distinction so Capital is a destination school even in this competitive landscape.

As I survey the landscape of Capital University as it stands today, and look back on the peaks and valleys we have traversed, I am gratified by all we have accomplished together. I see a strong financial foundation, with annual operating surpluses that have afforded unprecedented reinvestment in the University’s infrastructure. I see a diverse, academically talented and growing student body eager to put its knowledge, skills and talents to work for good.

I see an invigorated academic mission carried out by a faculty that’s passionate about teaching, learning, advising and scholarship – professors and mentors who embrace high-impact practices and innovative approaches to improve student outcomes and success. And I see a community of alumni and donors who are engaged, successful and generous champions of the causes that will impact Capital and its students for generations to come. I see a collection of stories – some published on these very pages, others yet to be written – of people from all walks of life who are drawn to this place, generation after generation, for discovery, for opportunity, for community and transformation. For the common good. They are stories of significance and impact that flow from Capital and extend to every corner of the world.

I thank you for your engagement in all that we are doing at Capital, and I invite you to join me in continuing the momentum as we imagine new heights for Capital University.

Respectfully,

Denny A. Bowman, Ph.D.
President
TRENDING

#CapSO15
(Summer Orientation):
“Wow so much information at #CapSO15 but definitely fun, and I’m not as freaked out so that’s a plus.”

#MoveToCap15
(Class of 2019 Move-In Day):
“I love @Capital_U so much. I walked onto campus today and felt like I was home. #CapFam #MoveToCap15”

#RiseUpELCA
(2015 ELCA Youth Gathering):
“Constantly amazed by how far the #CapFam reaches! #RiseUpELCA”

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THE Imitation Game
Brian Brokate (Law, ’79) is a leader in the fight to stop the illicit trade of counterfeit goods.

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No Fear
George Troutman (Accounting, ’83) was an unexpected standout for the Crusaders football team. Today he helps an ambitious Internet company compete against the big guys.
“We’re breaking ground on a technical arts and convergent media center, where classroom instruction will ensure that our students keep pace with change in a digital age.”

PRESIDENT DENVY A. BOWMAN, PH.D.,
at the Convergent Media Center groundbreaking, July 2015

“By its very nature, the Convergent Media Center is about innovation, intersection and integration. Students’ experiences in the new space will stretch learning outcomes across academic disciplines, creatively combine liberal education with technical invention and foster interdisciplinarity.”

MARJORY PIZZUTI,
Goodwill Columbus President and Chief Executive Officer, in her keynote address at Capital University’s Commencement Ceremony, May 2015

“Value and nurture your own personal brand. Be mindful of how you want to be defined because, folks, in a world consumed by 30-second sound bites and pre-packaged everything, authenticity matters.”

PROVOST RICHARD M. ASHBROOK, PH.D.,
at the Convergent Media Center groundbreaking, July 2015
SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 12
CRUSADER DAY OF SERVICE
Students, faculty and staff connect with various community partners to provide service throughout the city of Columbus.

SEPTEMBER 14-DECEMBER 4
SELECTED WORKS FROM THE SCHUMACHER GALLERY’S PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION
The Schumacher Gallery

SEPTEMBER 26
FALL FAMILY DAY
Families of Capital students experience life at Capital.

FALL OPEN HOUSE
Visit campus with a high school student and explore academic majors.

FIRST FOOTBALL GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS
Capital vs. Muskingum

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 8-11
UNIVERSITY THEATRE
“Metamorphoses,” based on the transformation myths by Ovid.

OCTOBER 9
SCHOOL OF NURSING ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON
Celebrate the 65th anniversary of Capital’s nursing program.

OCTOBER 9-11
HOMECOMING WEEK
11/9 Professors Hall of Honor, Alumni Party on the Plaza, and Choral Celebration
11/10 CapFest, Football and Post-Game Tailgate
11/11 Worship

OCTOBER 10
UNIVERSITY THEATRE PRODUCTION AND ALUMNI REUNION
Celebrate the 100th anniversary of Capital’s theatre program with “Metamorphoses.”

HOMECOMING GROUP VISIT DAY
Tour campus with a high school student and learn what makes Capital great.

OCTOBER 21
SCIENCE VISIT DAY
Visit campus with a high school student and explore our science and nursing programs.

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 6
MUSIC VISIT DAY
Visit campus with a high school student, learn about our Conservatory of Music programs and attend Recital Hour.

NOVEMBER 14
FALL OPEN HOUSE
Visit campus with a high school student and explore academic majors.

NOVEMBER 19-22
UNIVERSITY THEATRE
Performing the 1966 musical “Cabaret.”

NOVEMBER 20
WILDLIGHTS
An evening of wild fun for alumni at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 3-6
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Celebrate the holidays with this gift of music from the Chapel Choir and other Conservatory groups.

JANUARY

JANUARY 18
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF LEARNING
Join us in honoring the accomplishments of this Civil Rights leader at Capital’s 25th annual event.

JANUARY 18-MARCH 23
“ELEMENTS”
The Schumacher Gallery

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 6-7
KIDS AND SIBS WEEKEND
Currently have a student at Capital? This weekend is the perfect opportunity for his or her younger siblings to experience life as a college student.

FEBRUARY 9
ALUMNI GATHERING AT COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS
Join your fellow Capital alumni as the CBJ take on the New York Islanders.

FEBRUARY 13
HALL OF FAME
Celebrate with us as we induct outstanding Crusader athletes into the Hall of Fame.

MARCH

MARCH 19
SPRING OPEN HOUSE
Visit campus with a high school student and learn what makes Capital great.

APRIL

APRIL 11-26
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
The Schumacher Gallery

APRIL 14-17
UNIVERSITY THEATRE
“(The World’s Worse Production of) Cats,” a parodic adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Broadway sensation.

APRIL 19
SYMPOSIUM ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SPECIAL EVENT
Celebrating the Symposium’s 20th anniversary with a presentation by Capital alumni Kathryn Bell ’98, Brian Murphy ’03 and Rachel Yoho ’12.

APRIL 20
HONORS CONVOCATION AND SYMPOSIUM ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
Honor the many academic and personal accomplishments of Capital students, faculty and staff at this annual celebration.

APRIL 21-24
ALUMNI WEEKEND
Reunite with your classmates and celebrate Capital’s past and future with a weekend full of fun.

OCTOBER 22
GERHOLD LECTURE
Featuring Michael Cunningham, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “The Hours.”

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Food for Thought

NEW DINING SERVICES PARTNER OFFERS FRESH IDEAS

Great thinking requires even better nutrition. To help students get the fuel they need when they need it, Capital has entered a new partnership for dining services with Aramark Higher Education, a hospitality company that provides custom services to more than 600 colleges and universities in North America.

The transition took place after commencement in May. Capital awarded Aramark the contract following a review of proposals for a fresh, new approach for dining services. “We were impressed by Aramark Higher Education’s vision to bring new ideas to Capital and its commitment to continually invest the very best in quality and service,” says Dr. Michael Horan, Capital’s vice president for Business and Finance.

Aramark brings with it an up-front $3.1 million investment and an annual $100,000 allowance for improvements to dining services in support of the university’s goal of enhancing the living and learning environment for students. Early on, students, faculty and staff will experience Aramark’s new menu in One Main Café and a locally sourced coffee shop in Saylor-Ackermann’s Capital Grounds (formerly Cru Brew) featuring Crimson Cup coffee, grab-n-go meals and snacks in a relaxing, contemporary lounge.

“We’re proud to partner with Capital University,” says Tom Dorer, regional vice president, Aramark Higher Education. “There will be many enhancements made on campus in preparation for the fall semester and beyond.” New dining venues will include a mix of national and proprietary brands.

The university and Aramark worked diligently over the summer freshening up the Capital Court and adding a new salad bar with an action station and “living lettuce” that assures students the freshest produce for their salads. Aramark will work with Student Government and other student groups to generate ideas for additional improvements to the Capital Court, with the intention of making those improvements during Christmas break and in future years. There are also plans to add an Einstein Bros. Bagels to the vending area in Blackmore Library in summer 2016, which will extend dining options across campus to also serve students who attend evening classes, instead of centralizing them in the Harry C. Moores Student Union.

The new menu in One Main Café offers quick, casual dining that features made-to-order hot and cold sandwiches with fresh meats, cheeses and vegetarian options, hot-off-the-grill burgers, hearty flatbreads, soups and sides.
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Calorie counts and nutritional icons will be included on the menu boards and/or available in printed format in all Capital dining locations. Students can access all the menus, nutrition content, hours of operation and much more at www.capitalcampusdish.com and its corresponding app. Further nutritional support is available via a partnership with MyFitnessPal, where Capital Court menus can be used.

Based on input from students, faculty and staff, Aramark will spearhead several other changes to campus dining, including more flexible meal plans, increased opportunities for food donations, healthier options and new special events and meal themes.

To the sustained sound of respectful applause and the sight of tears in many eyes, Michelle and Rodney Riley accepted the diploma of their son, Army Specialist Joseph “Joey” Riley, during Capital’s 165th Commencement, held May 2, 2015.

An infantryman, Riley died Nov. 24, 2014, at age 27, while serving in Afghanistan. He was a criminology major and a member of the football team during his time at Capital. Riley joined the Army in June 2012. According to the Department of Defense, he died in Kabul of wounds suffered when an enemy attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. He was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Spc. Riley was a superb paratrooper who I will remember as having an infectious positive attitude,” said battalion commander Lt. Col. Matthew Konz. “He was able to lift the spirits of those around him, even in the worst conditions. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to know and serve with him.”

Riley’s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and Basic Parachutist Badge.
CAP 101
AN INNOVATIVE, INTERACTIVE APPROACH TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Capital University’s Class of 2019 prepared for life on campus in a way that’s different than ever before. Through a pilot online program called CAP 101, incoming students started their college transition before they ever set foot on campus. Capital introduced the program during summer orientation, then rolled it out step-by-step over six weeks.

“Many schools introduce new students to offices and support programs during the first semester,” says Dr. Jody Fournier, associate provost. “We know from our work with students who experience barriers to success that this is often too late.

“If a student is introduced to tutoring options in week four or the health center in week five of the semester, we may miss an opportunity to connect with someone who needs help. We knew we had to invent a way to introduce students as early as possible to all of the great support systems Capital has in place.”

Beginning the first week of July, students embarked on a six-week journey that introduced them to every aspect of Capital life through videos, quizzes and surveys.

STEP 1: ENGAGEMENT
In this step, students are introduced to a variety of offices that will help them get involved on campus, including Student and Community Engagement; Diversity and Inclusion; International Education and Study Abroad; and Residential and Commuter Life.

Deanna Wagner, director of Student and Community Engagement, says, “Research has shown us that students who connect to our community, through student organizations, community engagement and high-impact practices, including service-learning courses and study abroad, graduate at higher rates than their peers who do not. Exposing students to the options available to them before they arrive allows them to look forward to living on campus, starting classes and getting involved.”

STEP 2: WELLNESS
Step 2 connects students with resources to help them maintain the levels of wellness they need, including their physical and mental health, financial wellness and spiritual wellness.

STEP 3: ACADEMICS
In Step 3, students take a proficiency profile test to assess their learning and ensure they are placed in the proper classes.

STEP 4: SUCCESS
Step 4 introduces students to people who can help them succeed academically – from library liaisons whose knowledge base is aligned with specific academic disciplines, to student tutors, peer mentors and more.

STEP 5: VOCATION
During this step, students are introduced to the services offered by Career Development, such as choosing and changing majors; developing career goals; applying for internships and jobs; writing résumés and developing interview skills; and applying to graduate programs.

STEP 6: YOUR STORY STARTS NOW
This step solicits open feedback from students, asking them to tell about their past and the influences that have shaped them, which leads them to envision the story they’d like to tell four years later on graduation day.

CAP 101 is the first of its kind at Capital, and data is still being compiled and analyzed. But an early look at the participation rate and open-ended comments from students is encouraging.

“We are really excited and encouraged by the feedback and results from the CAP 101 rollout,” says Associate Provost Fournier. “We are already working on ways to improve the experience for next year’s incoming class and also are discussing ways to get incoming transfer students involved.”
Capital University is now the first institution in Ohio to offer an option for aspiring attorneys to save the costs of a full year of college by earning their bachelor’s and Juris Doctor degrees at the same time.

The 3+3 B.A./J.D. program is the first of its kind in the state, and could save Capital students a year of tuition and living costs through an accelerated curriculum. Capital is the latest of about 30 institutions nationwide to offer such an option.

A career in law typically requires seven years of undergraduate and doctoral education, but future law students at Capital may choose to earn their dual accelerated degrees in just six years. The program will be open to undergraduate students of all majors.

The 3+3 program could be a game-changer for Capital University Law School, says Rachel Janutis, interim dean and professor of law.

Time and financial investment “can be discouraging to undergraduate students pursuing their dreams to obtain a law degree,” says Janutis. The 3+3 option will “allow Capital University and Capital University Law School to tap into a wider and more-talented pool of candidates.”

The new option will align with university values that ensure education is “rigorous, relevant and accessible” to students of all backgrounds and incomes, Janutis says. Despite its abbreviated timeline, the 3+3 option will not be easy – students will work at a heightened pace to complete the 100 credit hours required for an accelerated Bachelor of Arts degree in just three years. To help them succeed, students will be advised to plan their undergraduate coursework in advance and to work closely with Capital University faculty.

Another program upside to the dual-degree program, says Capital University President Denvy A. Bowman: “It allows our students to extend their Capital experience.”

This is “an innovative solution for highly motivated students who are looking for a clearer and more efficient path toward earning a law degree and entering the legal profession,” Bowman says.

In 2014, Capital University Law School achieved enrollment growth and welcomed the second largest class of incoming law students in the state of Ohio. Capital Law faculty and administrators are confident the new 3+3 option will attract even more top students and poise the Law School for continued growth.
Law student Caitlin Schultz credits Capital’s culture of academic independence for her immersive experience in Beijing, China last summer. Schultz, editor-in-chief of the Capital University Law Review, spent six weeks studying at Peking University and three weeks externing at an office of the prestigious American law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton.

Schultz worked closely with Capital University Law School faculty to plan her independent coursework in Asia. “No one told me I couldn’t do it,” she says. “I have a focused path, and it’s unique. Everyone was supportive of doing this on my own.”

Her coursework at Peking University explored the Chinese legal system in relation to business, property, tort and administrative law. She later shocked colleagues at her externship when she mentioned touring the Supreme People’s Court (roughly equivalent to the U.S. Supreme Court) and speaking directly with a judge there. “Very few people get that opportunity,” Schultz says.

After living on campus for her classes, she moved to a rented room in a home closer to her three-week externship. Thanks to an earlier undergrad experience in China, Schultz was proficient in Mandarin and found the listing in a local Chinese language classified ad.

Her challenging externship – focused on Chinese and American business law – revealed how fundamentally different China’s “inquisitorial” system is compared to the American adversarial model. “In China, the judge and defense are part of finding out the truth, so they’re involved in the investigative process the whole time,” she says. “It felt very different to us.”

Schultz’s work required reading and writing in both languages, understanding government regulations and explaining those laws in basic terms for both American and Chinese entrepreneurs. Schultz created memos on complex topics such as Chinese e-commerce law and American banking regulations, some of which were published on the firm’s website. Her Chinese colleagues frequently asked her opinion about how to best communicate with American entrepreneurs.
Schultz originally planned to pursue a career in journalism, but became interested in law after working as a video producer in the Ohio statehouse and, later, the Ohio Supreme Court. The court was so fascinating, she says, she applied to law school after her first day in that role. Capital has given her a range of meaningful experiences since then. “This is a very positive and collaborative environment,” Schultz says. “It’s challenging, but everyone supports you. Those relationships are really valuable.”

Preparing law students to be job seekers

NEW JOB-SEEKER CURRICULUM WILL OFFER UNIVERSAL TRAINING TO HELP ASPIRING LAWYERS BECOME SUCCESSFUL NEW HIRES

Preparation to enter the job market now begins on day one for all students at Capital University Law School. Capital Law now offers a school-wide professional development curriculum that will build the necessary skills students need to be as successful in the job search as in the practice of law.

The new program starts with admission to law school and continues post-graduation. The curriculum will include practical activities that develop important core skills such as professional networking, interviewing and honest self-assessments of personal strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Many of these offerings were already available to students one-on-one from the Office of Professional Development or individual faculty members – for students who sought it out. This new approach helps assure every law student benefits from this guidance.

To build the program, a committee of faculty and administrators met regularly for a year to gather alumni input, study several years of recent graduates’ hiring experiences, and review best practices at law schools nationwide.

“(We) put ourselves under the microscope,” says Shawn Beem, the Law School’s assistant dean for Professional Development. “(We) said, ‘There is a better, more nuanced way to do this.’” The new curriculum, Beem adds, “brings together a comprehensive plan, in and out of the classroom, to help students and graduates be the best job seekers they can be.”

The resulting curriculum, Beem says, will deliver “a more strategic, more holistic experience designed to prepare every Capital Law student to compete at the highest level in the job market.”

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Shawn Beem, assistant dean for Professional Development
Trademark enforcement expert Brian Brokate credits Capital Law School for helping him succeed in the lofty legal world of New York City.

The law offices of Gibney, Anthony & Flaherty overlook the exclusive Fifth Avenue shopping district of Midtown Manhattan. In this rarified retail world, brand names mean everything. Gucci, Rolex, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co. signify luxury, excellence, the best of the best. “Brands are a huge asset to these companies,” says Brian Brokate, the head of the firm’s intellectual property practice. “They have tremendous value, so they have to be protected.”

For nearly three decades, that’s what Brokate has done. On this morning in late June, Brokate, a 1979 Capital Law School graduate, shows off his firm’s latest initiative to stay ahead of the increasingly sophisticated global counterfeit black market. He stands in the Internet research room in his law firm’s New York headquarters, where five tech-savvy college students scour the Web for copycat watches, handbags, beauty products and hard drives. Instead of looking in the traditional counterfeit hotspots – urban bazaars like nearby Canal Street in Manhattan’s Chinatown or Santee Alley in Los Angeles’ Fashion District – these part-time online sleuths focus on Internet marketplaces such as Alibaba and eBay. They search for red flags such as uncharacteristic packaging and too-good-to-be-true prices that can indicate someone’s trying to rip off one of Gibney’s clients, which include well-known luxury brands, tech companies, toymakers and fashion houses.
Brokate’s Internet Research Team is just one of his many contributions in the battle to stop the spread of phony goods. The friendly Westchester County native – dressed in a dark suit, red tie and matching pocket square – is considered a leader in the field, which has grown more significant as the illicit trade of counterfeit goods has emerged as a major global economic concern, one that amounts to about $650 billion per year, according to the International Chamber of Commerce. Brokate’s legal and public advocacy work has fleshed out and strengthened the rights of intellectual property owners, providing a protective foundation that industry leaders continue to build upon today. “He’s really played a leadership role in the broader anti-counterfeiting community,” says Travis Johnson, vice president and senior counsel for the International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition (IACC).

Brokate credits his achievements in large part to what he learned at Capital. He says the training, support and mentorship he received in Bexley has helped him succeed in New York’s lofty legal world, competing successfully against attorneys who graduated from higher-profile schools. “They didn’t get any better legal education than I did,” Brokate says.

ROLLING THE DICE

Brokate got his first real taste of the law when he took a job following his sophomore year at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, working in the mailroom of a major New York City corporate law firm. He showed an early aptitude for the field when the firm sent him to deliver some important documents to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

When he arrived at the SEC, a clerk informed Brokate that the filings were improperly prepared. Rather than head back to New York, Brokate fixed the problem himself, following the instructions of the clerk. Brokate’s initiative impressed his superiors. When he returned to the firm’s Wall Street office, a standing ovation greeted him. “That was my last day in the mailroom,” says Brokate, who was promoted to a new position assisting paralegals.

Brokate admits he was largely “rolling the dice” when he chose to attend Capital Law School, which he learned about at Gettysburg, also a Lutheran school. Like a lot of East Coasters, he was unfamiliar with the Crusader campus. “But sometimes those are the best decisions you make,” he says.

Capital impressed him right away. Brokate recalls the encouragement Dean Robert Goostree gave students at Brokate’s first law school convocation. “He said, ‘Look to your left and look to your right. In three years, it’s our goal that each one of you will still be here,’” Brokate recalls. “I thought that was so unique because I was so used to the other speech: ‘Look to your left, look to your right. In three years, one of you will be gone.’”

A TIMELY SPECIALIZATION

Brokate returned to New York after graduating from Capital Law School, taking a job with Gibney, then a small firm of about nine lawyers. Back then, Gibney primarily focused on corporate law and tax, but the firm encouraged Brokate shortly after he was hired to develop a specialty in trademark law in the early 1980s, to address problems with counterfeits the firm’s clients were starting to experience.
The niche proved a good fit, and Intellectual Property (IP) became one of the firm’s key practice areas. Brokate now oversees a team of 10 lawyers and 10 paralegals, while the firm overall has grown to include about 50 lawyers, a second office in San Francisco and associated offices in London, Geneva and Zurich.

Over the past three decades, Brokate has litigated hundreds of anti-counterfeiting cases and helped write federal and state legislation that protects intellectual property. He’s also served as a mentor to younger attorneys interested in copyright and trademark law, both in his private practice and with anti-counterfeiting organizations like IACC. Brokate sits on the executive board of the Washington, D.C.-based trade group. “When I was starting with IACC, I knew he was one of the resources I could easily turn to and have every expectation that he would bend over backwards to help me out in any way he could,” says Johnson, IACC’s general counsel.

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This fall, Brokate plans to return to Capital to talk to law students about IP work. “I think it’s one of the hottest areas of the law,” he says. He also wants to share his experiences working in New York, where he and a handful of other Capital Law graduates have built successful practices. “I’ve certainly been able to hold my own with lawyers from Ivy League and much bigger schools,” he says. “I learned great fundamentals at Capital.”
Angela Grate’s LinkedIn profile rivals that of many people twice her age. This ambitious junior balances a heavy academic workload with an almost impossible array of jobs, internships and service activities. In her first two years at Capital she served as a Peer Tutor and Compass Leader, assisted Dr. Daniel Skinner with health care policy research, served as a page in the Ohio House of Representatives, and shadowed two judges and a magistrate. Her academic honors and memberships are too long to list, and thanks to ample college credit earned in high school, she could graduate early. Instead, she’s taking full advantage of her scholarship to soak up as much experience, learning and fellowship as she can before graduation. And after that? This inveterate planner says law school — something she’s wanted to do since fifth grade.

**Q:** How did you choose Capital for your undergraduate degree?

**A:** I had never heard of Capital before I found it — or it found me — at the Pittsburgh College Fair. I thought it meant the Capital of Washington, D.C., which drew me to the booth. I met former admission counselor Extraordinaire Lindsey Sherwood, and she convinced me of the benefits of a smaller school. I realized attending school in a state capital would likely yield some political experience, as it did my freshman year.

**Q:** What did you learn shadowing judges?

**A:** I dislike how politicized the justice system has become. I’m thankful for the judges I shadowed, however, who taught me that the quality of decisions is typically more important for re-election than the political ideology espoused. The men and women I met are truly some of the wisest, most caring, compassionate and decent people this world offers. Working with difficult cases, heartbreaking situations and painful circumstances … the grace they each exuded toward clients, lawyers and me was remarkable.

**Q:** Where do you hope all this hard work takes you?

**A:** I hope to be a lawyer and ultimately a judge. I feel called to try to live out Proverbs 31:8-9, “Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are dispossessed. Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy.” I want to be a lawyer so I can provide the essential service of legal counsel to people who have been wronged.

**Q:** What areas of law interest you?

**A:** I’m very passionate about health care, domestic violence, death penalty cases and immigration issues from my job-shadowing and researching experiences. I love fixing problems, and while the justice system has its own issues, it is the best system in the world to remedy injustice. As a judge, I hope to create just precedent through legal decisions that will affect even more lives and decisions.

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**Q:** Your current part-time job, as an intern for a software consulting company, sounds like a departure for you.

**A:** I had zero skills in this realm prior to the internship, but I’ve trained my mind to work in an analytical and engineering manner, two vastly different but critical skills in today’s world. Working in this capacity has truly taught me that college isn’t only about the degree you earn, but about the skills, abilities and personality you cultivate during the four years.
“While the justice system has its own issues, it is the best system in the world to remedy injustice.”
Capital has a long history of balancing liberal arts with professional programs, bridging the gap between knowing with doing, and driving excellence with distinction. The Convergent Media Center will fit within these two ideals and be a space for many programs to not only maintain their competitive edge, but flourish within the academic community.

For this issue of the magazine, I was asked to address what the new Convergent Media Center will mean for our students at Capital University. I am honored to share my perspective, as this is a very exciting project for the university as a whole. In short, this building brings more opportunities for collaboration, innovation and passion to the #capfam.

Put simply, the building will make it easier for student-led groups such as The Chimes, CapTV (formerly Skyline Columbus), and WXCU Radio to work together sharing content and leveraging their unique voices and mediums. The building will also enhance innovation efforts among faculty in these areas, as well as show Capital’s commitment and passion for students involved in these student-led media groups.

It has been exciting to be involved with all development stages of the building. From my perspective, Capital has made every effort to consult with various building end-users on campus to make this a truly successful collaborative undertaking. As a teacher, my students are already buzzing about the building.

Media and creative industries are unique in that they require both hard and soft skill sets from individual workers. For instance, tech companies are discovering that a worker with a liberal arts education makes companies stronger in the marketplace. Employees who are able to critically understand and analyze, and communicate with technical and non-technical types, are able to successfully market themselves in this ever-changing workforce.

There is a shift happening in the workforce where jobs are not only task-oriented but all workers must add value to the company by generating ideas and implementing action in a data-rich world. A great read on this topic is “The Second Machine Age” (2014) by Brynjolfsson and McAfee. Keeping these points in mind will help empower Capital students for this highly competitive job market they will face when they graduate.

Maintaining and growing this culture of collaboration across a wide range of disciplines will prepare our students to be stewards of an ever-changing job and career landscape. Great learning experiences are driven by adaptable teaching structures that allow students a freedom to test out new ideas, while working along side experienced faculty mentors. A great example of this is a collaborative project growing between Athletics and the Communication department. Soon alumni will have the ability to watch student-produced athletic events live online. While this project will not be housed in the new building, it speaks to the interest of our student body and determination of the faculty to create more media areas for students to immerse themselves in a hands-on professional activity.
Media and creative industries employ the talents of writers, performers, videographers, editors, composers, film reviewers, arts administrators and archivists. This is a population distinguished by its creativity, its currency of knowledge and its commitment to excellence. The Convergent Media Center will similarly be driven by these talents.

Visually and aurally acute, media professionals understand the power of the media to educate and entertain. As responsible citizens, students recognize the power of the media to fuel opinions and decisions that will shape society’s future. Capital, enhanced by the new building, will be a place they can try on many hats, find their passion and harness their unique voices.

BETSY PIKE, PH.D.

A 2004 Capital graduate, Dr. Betsy Pike is director of Electronic Media and Film and an assistant professor in the department of Communication. Her research focuses on student-led media production and experiential learning. She is passionate about hands-on learning, service learning and giving students projects they can own and master. She has facilitated projects between Capital students and local organizations such as the Columbus Police Department, Westside Free Store, the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and many others.
NO FEAR
George Troutman (Accounting, ’83) was an unexpected standout for the Crusaders football team. Today he helps an ambitious Internet company compete against the big guys.

George Troutman stands out at Manta Media, Inc. The gray-haired businessman, in a crisp orange oxford shirt and frameless glasses, gives a tour of the Columbus-based Internet company’s office, a paragon of youthful startup chic. A young coder in a Space Ghost T-shirt lounges on a couch, while other millennials sit at open workstations designed to foster collaboration. A ping pong table is part of the mix, as are conference rooms with quirky names such as Narnia, Camelot and Hogwarts. “As you can tell, I bring the average age way up,” Troutman says with a laugh.

For the past seven years, Troutman has served as Manta’s chief financial officer. The 1983 Capital University graduate has guided the company’s financial strategy as the website has grown into a popular Internet resource for small businesses, attracting 15 million unique monthly visitors and boasting 33 million profiles of small- and medium-size companies. He’s also been a constant among the company’s senior leadership as Manta has gone through the kind of pivots and transitions typical in the tech startup world.
Troutman loves the creativity, excitement and freedom of working for emerging growth companies. Eighteen years ago, he left the stability of a senior management role with accounting giant Ernst & Young to pursue his passion of helping small and medium-size businesses succeed. “It’s not as rigid,” Troutman says. “I really like the flexibility and the challenges it brings each day.”

It’s not surprising that Troutman prefers working for a scrappy upstart. That’s what he was at Capital, after all. Troutman starred as a wide receiver for the Crusaders despite never playing football in high school. Following in the footsteps of his late father – a Capital assistant football coach and an offensive lineman for the Crusaders in the 1950s – Troutman lettered for three years and was named all-conference and an academic All-American his senior year.

“It was great to have that opportunity to fulfill something I knew my father had a passion for,” Troutman says.

**A RICH CAPITAL LEGACY**

Following his own All-American career at Capital, Troutman’s father, also named George, was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. But he decided to forgo pro football to pursue his true passion, coaching. He was a physical education professor and offensive coordinator for Capital when he suffered a fatal heart attack in 1974. Just 13 when his father died, Troutman and his family benefited from support from the Capital community. “A great deal of the coaching staff and faculty were close with my mom and made sure we remained a part of the Capital family and kept us all involved with the university,” Troutman recalls. “So we would attend Capital events throughout the year, such as Chapel Choir concerts and various sporting events.”

Offered tuition remission from the university, Troutman, who grew up in Groveport just southeast of Columbus, chose Capital after graduating from high school. He was attracted by Capital’s strong accounting program and his family’s rich legacy at the school. Not only was his father a graduate, but so were his grandfather and great-grandfather (both were Lutheran ministers), and more than 40 other family members. Troutman Hall on campus is named for his family.

Like his father, Troutman was a good athlete. He played golf and tennis in high school, and he loved football. But he was small – he wrestled at 98 pounds and didn’t try out for his high school football team. After his freshman year at Capital, however, he bulked up to about 160 pounds and decided to give football a chance, inspired in part by the memory of his father. Playing for the Crusaders, he says, “was one of the greatest rewards I received from my college experience.”
FINDING HIS NICHE

Capital also helped him find his place in the business world. Through the university, Troutman secured a part-time job with the accounting firm Ernst & Whinney (later renamed Ernst & Young) while still in school. The job led to a full-time position after Troutman graduated. While at the firm, he worked in the emerging business group. “I found I really gravitated toward the high-tech market and companies,” he says.

RE-ENGAGING WITH CAPITAL

Earlier this year, Troutman joined the Capital Alumni Advisory Board, a group that serves as a sounding board for university officials, as well as ambassadors to the wider alumni community. Former board member Michele Disbro (’83, education) says Troutman’s love for Capital makes him an ideal board member. “He’s a person who gives to Capital, cares about Capital, participates in events, and is well thought of in the community,” says Disbro, who went to school with Troutman and his wife, Marianne, a 1983 nursing graduate.

After 14 years with Ernst & Young, Troutman accepted a job with one of those high-tech companies, Pathlore Software Corporation, in 1997. During his seven years as Pathlore’s CFO, he helped the company grow from $7 million in annual revenue to about $30 million. After Pathlore, he worked as an independent consultant for a short period of time and as the CFO for a public registrant, Pinnacle Data Systems, before joining a Columbus startup, ECNext, Inc., in 2008.

At the time, ECNext – an online outsourcing business for publishers of content, such as McGraw Hill – was developing a new product called Manta that published business profiles of small and medium-size businesses compiled from third-party providers. This service allowed business owners to claim their data and update it to make it more relevant. The new product soon surpassed the traditional business, and the company renamed itself Manta Media, Inc.

Over the past couple of years, Manta has begun to reinvent itself again. The company, which has 65 employees and a second office in Oakland, California, now positions itself as a trusted adviser for small businesses. “We offer them the ability to grow, be recognized on the web and figure out ways to solve their small-business issues,” Troutman says.

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George Troutman (Accounting, ’83)

Troutman credits the wide-reaching liberal arts education he received at Capital for much of the success he’s enjoyed in his career. “It provided me with a great skill set and the knowledge I needed for my discipline, but also prepared me to be a well-rounded individual capable of critical thinking and problem solving,” he says. They’re qualities he’s happy to share with Capital and the business community-at-large.
A family sees potential and challenges each member to live up to that potential in every way possible. Most importantly, a family knows exactly how to support each other when help is needed most. It’s just what families do. We are #CapFamily
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Five light fixture poles are strategically positioned around the stadium to provide maximum on-field lighting, while ensuring virtually no light spill outside the facility. Limitations on its usage will allow for a total of 30 Capital or approved community athletic events; 24 licenses to play night games until 9:30 p.m.; and one license to hold an athletic event until 11 p.m. Additional restrictions are in place for light usage during practices.

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The 2015-16 athletic season will feature a total of six head coaches donning the Purple and White for the first time, with some anticipating their first head-coaching experiences of their careers.

Women’s basketball head coach Dixie Jeffers is the longest-tenured head coach on the Capital staff, approaching her 30th year with the Crusaders. She remembers what it was like to be the “new person on the floor,” and has translated those memories and her wealth of administrative plus coaching experience into an innate ability to identify coaching talent.

“Those people are all going to have success,” said Jeffers. “We’re very excited about our new coaches because they all have essential qualities to be successful: good work habits, open communication, strong organizational skills and great ethics. They all are enthusiastic individuals and can relate well to our student-athletes very quickly.”

Over the last two years alone, various Crusaders teams have proved Jeffers correct. In 2014, Capital started its men’s and women’s lacrosse programs from scratch with first-year head coaches. Women’s lacrosse head coach Stacey Wood led her team to a 10-win season in her first year. After men’s lacrosse head coach Bill Olin’s squad posted eight wins in their inaugural year, his sophomore season at the helm produced an Ohio Athletic Conference regular-season championship behind an undefeated conference record, and an OAC Tournament finals appearance.

The departure of a head coach from any athletic program has the tendency to leave uncertainty in the minds of many. Yet, Capital University has prided itself on hiring highly successful coaches that lead young men and women onto their respective field of play and in life beyond the gates of Capital.

Reflectioning on his first year as a head coach, Olin said, “Having veteran coaches to look up to is a big reason I came to Capital. I see how organized and scheduled they are and how they deal with different situations. I still feel like I learn when I watch coaches like Dixie Jeffers, Damon Goodwin (men’s basketball) and Nan Payne (softball) deal with different situations that come up for a team.”

Last year, Andy Garcia was elevated from assistant men’s golf coach and asked to lead the program forward. Lead he did, as his Crusaders were mere strokes away on the final day of the OAC Tournament from knocking off defending champion and rival Otterbein University. Garcia will hold the rare title of being a two-time first-year head coach after taking over the women’s golf program heading into 2015.

Other first-year head coaches include Leah Farrell (volleyball); Matt Ogden (women’s soccer); Hannah Weiss (men’s and women’s track & field and cross country); Marc Wurtzman (men’s tennis); and Chris Freeman (women’s tennis).

Despite their lack of tenure at the helm of a collegiate program, Ogden boasts a U-18 girls’ soccer championship. Weiss is an All-American middle-distance runner and was on the North Central College coaching staff when it won the 2011 NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field National Championship. Farrell has been an assistant coach at Nazareth College, one of the most successful Division III programs in northwest New York. Wurtzman was a four-year letter winner at Ohio State University and served as an assistant coach at two different Big 10 programs.
After serving as a member of Capital’s Alumni Advisory Board since 2013, I am honored and privileged to now represent our 41,000 alumni as its president.

For those of you who don’t know me, I served on the Capital faculty for over 30 years. I bring a different perspective to my role on the AAB and wanted to share my thoughts about our liberal arts tradition, one that is important to both alumni and current students.

It seems like just yesterday I was sitting in Dr. Langholz’s speech class my freshman year, wondering why I had to take this class as my palms got sweaty and my insides began to churn, thinking about standing up in front of people to deliver a speech. Being an accounting major, I knew my career would take me into the world of numbers and never demand that I endure such torture! But life’s journey takes us in many directions, and I ended up spending most of my career teaching Capital students, using those skills learned in that speech class on a daily basis.

I’m sure many of you have had similar experiences, applying knowledge and skills learned in those required core courses in a variety of ways. One of the facets of Capital’s mission is to prepare individuals to be knowledgeable, independent, critical thinkers – educated for lives of leadership and service in an increasingly diverse society. And one of the primary ways in which this occurs is through those core classes that all students are required to take.

While the common set of required classes has evolved over the years, the goal of providing a curriculum that balances liberal studies with professional and career fields has remained constant. The General Education program currently includes courses in communication, reasoning, global awareness and cultural diversity, fine arts, religion, the sciences, humanities and ethical thought.

Be assured that these classes continue to impact the lives of our students in many positive ways, equipping Capital students to lead lives of service and leadership in whatever field they find themselves.

I look forward to my new role with the AAB and working with all of you, beginning with Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 9–11. I’m excited to hear your ideas about how we can better serve our current – and future – alumni.

Dale Mittler
Alumni Advisory Board President
# SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING

October 9-11, 2015

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1960
ROW 1: Janet Nagy Janke, Emily Estep Badertscher, Carol Downing Towl, Carolyn Herath Wachtman
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ROW 1: Mary Focht, Mary Sweetfield, Joyce Sobditch Koppenhofer, Mary Cope, Alice Brandt Appel
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40th Reunion Group
ROW 1: Shelley Shalip ’76, Janice Pickelsimer Greear ’74, Nancy Christiansen Twinhom ’74, Deborah Shook ’75, Beverly Macalla Amstutz ’75, Mike Amstutz ’75
ROW 2: Janice Wilson Ramey ’76, Deborah Klopfer ’76, Christopher Krumm ’75, Kay Klamfoth Williamson ’75, Sandy Skamler Smith ’74
ROW 3: Charlie Swartzfager ’75, Paul Zietlow ’75, Mike Griffin ’75, Marc Hopkins ’75, David Wennberg ’75

35th Reunion Group
ROW 1: Patty Poorman Johnson ’80, Amy Kalmers Gruenberg ’81, Beth Remsburg-Bell ’80, Kara Riemenschneider Mendenhall ’81, Antoinette King Eberhardt ’79, Sherie Kessler ’80, David Reiss ’81
ROW 2: Christine Klopfer Jacobs ’79, Audrey Marshall Bigrigg ’80, Mary Anne Robinson Durst ’79, Terry Aukerman Stevens ’79, Debbie King Yoho ’80, Sandra Cheshire ’79, Kathy Shoemaker Wells ’80
ROW 3: Don Jones ’80, Shirley Jones ’80, Tresa Brooks Goodwin ’80, Fred Sutter ’81, Keith Mendenhall ’79

REUNIONS
30th Reunion Group

ROW 1: Kathy Schroeder Sheets ’86, Lisa Goff Bell ’85, Regie Kurtz Powell ’85, Karen Skamfer Facer ’85, Lori Congrove Kipfer ’85, Karen Westphal Sandberg ’86

ROW 2: Melea Troutman Wachtman ’86, Keri McBride Sutter ’86, Joy Graeser Longfellow ’85, Jody Dague Seidel ’86, Paula Stengel Stellhorn ’84, Gary Sandberg ’84

ROW 3: Steve Wachtman ’85, Kevin Sheets ’86, Judith Carrabine Clark ’85, Lynn Thompson Asp ’85, Jill Camlin Snyder ’85, Steve Stellhorn ’84

ROW 4: Kathy Schroer ’84, Louise Meuser Machemehl ’86, Robin Eastwood Roth ’85, David Powell ’85, Donald Clark ’86

1990

ROW 1: Anna Hughes, Kevin Maxey, Alyncia Bowen

2005

ROW 1: Jenny Frantz, Joy Walker Clem, Cait Beggs, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Layden, Rebecca Wade-Mdivanian, Kara Meek Nolan, Julie Monti Akers

ROW 2: Rachel Beecroft Barends, Jeani Martin Dredge, Erica Riesen, Jacqueline Coleman Warren, Heather Mooney Kirby, Katie Williams, Anna Wuerth

ROW 3: Susanna Lehman Mayo, Audrey Hirschfeld Ervin, David Ervin, Brad Hudson, Ashley Curl, Kirk Whestone, Marc Mobley
Sharing Fun – Alumni Style

CHEERS
Several Cap alumni finished off their June 16 workday by unwinding with a fantastic selection of craft brews and food from the Land Yacht BBQ food truck during a Young Alumni Happy Hour at Land-Grant Brewing Company in Downtown Columbus.

ROOT, ROOT, ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM
Whether you were a Tigers fan or an Indians fan, June 13 was a great day of MLB fun for the Cap Family at Comerica Park in Detroit. A picnic buffet on the party deck started off the event for Capital fans, as they watched Cleveland get a 5-4 win.

CREW VICTORY
The Cap Family sold out the VIP Terrace at MAPFRE Stadium on May 9 for a great evening of Black & Gold soccer fun, as the Columbus Crew SC came away with a 3-2 victory over the Seattle Sounders.

BROADWAY IN COLUMBUS
Alumni gathered at the Palace Theatre on April 30 to cheer on Cap alumna Megan Opalinski (‘01) as she took the stage as Sister Mary Lazarus in the musical “Sister Act.” Megan, who has been with the national tour since September 2014, held a meet-and-greet with her Capital fans after the show.
CLASS NOTES

We encourage your timely submission (within two years of the occurrence) of personal news through Class Notes and In Memoriam. Death notices are compiled from newspaper obituaries and information received directly from the family We include the name of the spouse and the names of survivors who are Capital University alumni (children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings, nieces and nephews). All notes are subject to editing for content, length, style and clarity. A Keep In Touch card is inserted in this magazine for your convenience. Send information to the Alumni Relations Office, 1 College and Main, Columbus, OH 43209, or email alumni@capital.edu.

1940s

Richard Johnston (‘45) has four published books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Capital University Library and in bookstores. He was professor of voice and director of the Women’s Chorus at Capital from 1950-79. Address: 1890 Beaver Creek Ct., Grove City, Ohio 43123; leroy110@yahoo.com

Raymond Fuller (‘49) is retired from active medical practice in cardiology at West Michigan Heart. He remains active in medical mission work and in a faith-based, inner-city clinic. In 2010 he received the Distinguished Physician’s Award from the Spectrum Health System. His wife of 64 years has had progressive Alzheimer’s dementia for seven years, requiring admission to a Memory Support Unit. The Fullers have five children, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Elmer Zick (‘50, S’53), age 92, served Christ Lutheran Church in Millersville, Maryland, for 36 years and was chaplain at Augsburg Lutheran Home for 10 years. He and his wife, Betty, have been married 59 years and have five children.

Jane Robinson (‘51) will be 85 years old on Oct. 4, 2015, and is no longer able to travel back to Columbus. Address: 617 12th St., Silvis, IL 61282; buckeye_jr@yahoo.com

Jean Ellis Graetz (‘53) completed her Bachelor of Science in elementary education, which she began in 1994 at Capital University – and graduated magna cum laude from Alabama State University on May 9, 2015. She and her husband, Robert Graetz (‘50), are consultants for the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture at ASU. Address: 1558 Dunbar St., Montgomery, AL 36106; jbgraetz@hotmail.com

1960s

Sandra Hodgson Burriss (‘61) was named a Conservation Hero in the April issue of “Field and Stream” for spearheading a $300,000 boardwalk renovation project at Magee Marsh. She sang in the choir for the 44th annual Messiah Sing-along at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. There has been a second printing of her cookbook, “Sandy B’s Favorites: A Collection of Recipes.” She and her husband, C. Richard “Dick” Burriss (‘61), have two sons and four grandchildren.

Diane Davis Monger (‘62), a chiropractor for nearly 50 years, is thinking about retiring. She has four sons: Seth, Nathan, Elisha and Corban. Her husband is deceased.

John Pride (‘63) and his wife, Sallie, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 8, 2014. Lois Carlson Hines (‘62) set them up on a blind date in 1962, and they have been together ever since. Address: 3603 Edelman Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906; jpride19@hotmail.com

Charles Arndt (‘64) retired July 30, 2015, from Cuyahoga Community College as director of Transfer and Partnerships. He served 50 years in education and earned his doctorate from Bowling Green State University in 1981.

Michaële Brady Daramus (‘64) and her husband, Tom, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 8, 2015, with a land cruise of 7,000 miles throughout the Midwest, seeing friends, family and historic sites. They have three children, including Aimee Daramus (‘98), who is working on her doctorate in psychology. Address: 3519 Kilmer Drive, Plant City, FL 33566.

Bette Behrens Kaltenbach (‘65) was honored by the Sandsky County Chamber of Commerce with the Award of Excellence for her volunteer work with ProMedica Memorial Hospital, St. John Lutheran Church, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center and other community organizations.

Diana “Jane” Blackburn (‘66) retired from Eckert Geriatrics as an adult and geriatric nurse practitioner.

Robert Everhart (‘66) retired in September 2014. Address: 3701 Zinnia St., Palmdale, CA 93550; leverhart@prodigy.net


Marilynn McCutcheon Patterson (‘69) graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in May 2014 with a Master of Arts in Church Music. Address: 93 Cherry Hills Dr., Aiken, SC 29803; lynnmpatterson@gmail.com

Donald Rowland (‘69) retired in 2013 after 44 years as a band director. His wife, Patricia Shawhan Rowland (‘71), was a librarian and retired in 2014 after 42 years. Don composed “We Are Hope” for the Joplin, Missouri, high school concert band and conducted its premiere in May 2015. The music is based on the 2011 tornado that devastated Joplin, and the recovery and rebuilding of the city and school.

1970s

John C. McBride (’70) was recognized by Lutheran Ministries Association upon his retirement in May 2015 for 33 years of parish ministry and three years as synod president of the Lutheran Church – International. He is the author of several books.

Roy Ott (’71) retired June 30, 2015, after 40 years in the ministry, serving churches in Mississippi, Texas, North Dakota and Iowa. Address: 1203 Heritage Drive, Osage, IA 50461; royott@osage.net

Patricia Shawhan Rowland (‘71) was a librarian and retired in 2014 after 42 years. Her husband, Donald Rowland (’69), retired in 2013 after 44 years as a band director.

Mark Will (’71) retired after 40 years of ministry, serving congregations in Montana, Alaska and California. He retired to Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

William Devenzio (’75, L’85) and his wife, Barbara Gross Devenzio (’75), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in London, England, in June 2015. They reside near Tipp City, Ohio.

Jim Schnell (’77) has been a visiting scholar at The Ohio State University Mershon Center for International Security Studies and teaching in its Security and Intelligence Program.

Irene Stocker Miller (’78) and her husband, James W. Miller Jr. (L’78) celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 8, 2014, and their daughter Jessica’s wedding Sept. 12, 2014.

Debbie Wright Jarrell (‘79) is an RN in labor and delivery. When she is not working, she can be found riding her horse. She lives in Pittsburg, California, and has two children, Aaron and Kristen.

Daniel Johnstone (’79) is pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in Caledonia, Ohio. His wife, Molly, is a health insurance broker, and his daughter, Jessica, is married and a social worker for mentally challenged adults. Address: Box 245, Caledonia, OH 43314.

Kathleen Beckstein Malkin (’79) was awarded the August Ortiz, M.D., Award for her work with underserved populations in Pima County, Arizona. She also received the Creative Achievement Award from the American Public Health Association in recognition of her leadership in public health programs that enhance the health of at-risk, underserved and marginalized Pima County populations.
1980s

Jeff Kelley (‘80) was promoted to director of human resources at Lanfair Center for Rehab and Nursing in Lancaster, Ohio. Address: P.O. Box 845, Lancaster, OH 43130.

Jim Perone (‘80) wrote “The Words and Music of Elvis Costello,” which was published by Praeger Publishers.

Rebecca Fitch Bennett (‘84, L’88) was appointed magistrate of Scioto County Probate and Juvenile Court on Feb. 9, 2015.

Rebecca Hamilton (‘85) celebrated 20 years as an independent communication consultant and writer. Her business, Sunnybrook Wordshop, has a national client base of direct sales, health care, logistics, hospitality and event production companies. She lives in Hilliard, Ohio, and has three sons, Haydn, Jack and Samson. Email: sunnybrookpr@live.com

Roger Hartmann (‘85) retired after 29 years as an intervention specialist in the Fairborn and Kettering city schools. He will be starting his second career as a fishing guide on Lake Norris, Tennessee, partnering with his good friend and former college roommate Richard Spitz (‘84). Roger and his wife, Suzy, are parents of Amy Hartmann (‘15), Scott Hartmann (‘17) and Kelly Hartmann (‘19). Email: rogerhartmann@me.com

Donna Hetrick (‘85) retired after teaching special education for 30 years in Springfield Northwestern Local Schools, where she also coached track and volleyball. She received the 2014-15 Excellence in Teaching Award/Teacher of the Year Award for Clark County. She recently moved to Fremont, Ohio, to be nearer to family of the Year Award for Clark County. She recently moved to Fremont, Ohio, to be nearer to family.

1990s

Michael Jones (‘91, L’94) graduated from the 58th Military Judge course at the Judge Advocate General’s School – University of Virginia. He is a Navy Reserve commander and Scioto County Domestic Relations Court magistrate. He is one of only five USN reservists worldwide to hold the position of Navy Reserve Trial Judge, which allows him to preside over military courts-martial.

2000s

Michael J. Shirtz (‘01) was honored by the Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce with the Distinguished Service Award for his efforts to increase the arts and enhance art education. He is dean of business, communication and the arts at Terra State Community College.

Andre T. Porter (‘02) was sworn in as chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, leading the state agency that oversees the regulation of electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water and commercial transportation companies.


Melissa Joliat (‘04) was promoted to assistant principal and athletic director at San Manuel Junior/Senior High School in Arizona.

Eric Weed (‘06) earned his doctorate in theology from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in May 2015.

Amy Schumaker Bliss (‘07) earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rutgers University in May 2015. She teaches euphonium at Rowan University.

LAW

Frank A. Titus (‘79) is a guest lecturer with The Ohio State University Political Science Department, lecturing on United Nations and international humanitarian law topics. Address: 1251 Harrison Ave., Columbus, OH 43201; titus92@wowway.com

James W. Miller Jr. (L’78) and his wife, Irene Stocker Miller (‘78), celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 8, 2014, and their daughter Jessica’s wedding Sept. 12, 2014.

William Devenzio (‘75, L’85) and his wife, Barbara Gross Devenzio (’75), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in London, England, in June 2015. They reside near Tipp City, Ohio.

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Kaitlin L. Madigan (L’11) joined the Columbus Office of Weston Hurd LLP. She will focus on international humanitarian law topics. Address: 101 N. Pearl St., Dayton, OH 45402; kmadigan@westonhurd.com

BIRTHS

Meghan Sorohan Brietzmann (‘00) and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Edith Day on March 3, 2014. She joins siblings Isaac and Elise.

Stacey Murphy Hunt (‘02) and her husband, David, announce the birth of George on April 16, 2015.

Hannah Ross Sackett (‘03) and her husband, Paul Sherman Sackett (‘03), welcomed Paul Ross on Jan. 27, 2015. He joins sisters Maddy and Emma.

Kelly Berninger Winters (‘03) and her husband, Jonathan Winters (‘00), announce the adoption of Bernadette Rose, born Feb. 3, 2015.

Sarah Lux Rohrer (‘06) and her husband, Dwayne, announce the birth of Zoëllia Trinity on April 19, 2015.

SEMINARY

Elmer Zick (‘50, S’53), age 92, served Christ Lutheran Church in Millersville, Maryland, for 36 years and was chaplain at Augsburg Lutheran Home for 10 years. He and his wife, Betty, have been married 59 years and have five children.
IN MEMORIAM

1930s

Gertrude White Fisher ('30), March 20, 2015, age 106. She taught for 28 years and served 17 years as an assistant principal.

Ruth Mohrhorf Sommerschied ('34), April 3, 2015, age 101. She was a teacher.

Paul Recknagel ('39), July 2, 2015, age 98. He worked for the Bureau of Aeronautics, Department of Aviation Design Research, U.S. Navy, working on a highly classified World War II mission to translate stolen German aeronautical documents. He helped develop the first jet engine for the Navy, translated the plans for the Buzz bomb, and published two dictionaries of aeronautical terms.

1940s

Loiretha “Reta” Horch Miller ('40), May 5, 2015, age 95. She taught in Unionville Center for 17 years and taught another 17 years at Ridgewood Elementary in Hilliard. Survivors include husband Frank.

Helen Wilson Fish ('41), Feb. 23, 2015, age 96. She was a retired kindergarten and music teacher.

Claire Ett Magerlein ('42), Feb. 22, 2015, age 95. Survivors include brother Allen Ett ('49).

Ellen Vogt Rex ('42), Feb. 12, 2015, age 94. She taught in the Perry School District for over 30 years. Survivors include daughter Deborah Rex Reed ('71).

Betty Richards Currier ('43), July 1, 2015, age 93. She was a teacher and then a supervisor for the Mahoning County Board of Education.

Mary “Jane” Anderson Stiver ('43), July 3, 2015, age 93. She served as an Army Corps nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center. Following the war, she was a public health nurse in New Orleans and taught at Davis Hospital School of Nursing in Statesville, North Carolina. Survivors include son David Stiver ('74).

Donald Yackle ('43), March 30, 2015, age 93. After his ordination in 1946, he served churches in Illinois, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ohio. Survivors include wife Sylvia.

Elizabeth Fravel Lane ('44), June 3, 2015, age 92. She taught elementary school music and was a church organist. Survivors include daughters Virginia Lane Workman ('74) and Elizabeth Lane Williams ('77).

Elen Doermann Hillmer ('45), May 4, 2015, age 91. She served as an Army Corps nurse at Brooke Army Medical Center. Following the war, she was a public health nurse in New Orleans and taught at Davis Hospital School of Nursing in Statesville, North Carolina. Survivors include son David Stiver ('74).

Donald Yackle ('43), March 30, 2015, age 93. After his ordination in 1946, he served churches in Illinois, Massachusetts, Indiana and Ohio. Survivors include wife Sylvia.

William Boyer ('50), March 27, 2015, age 88. He was a collector of rare books and publications. Survivors include brother Robert Boyer ('51).

Richard Poock ('45, S'48), Jan. 21, 2014. He was a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a Korean War veteran. He served tours as a chaplain in the United States, Turkey, England, the Panama Canal and Korea. Survivors include son Gary Poock ('71); daughter and son-in-law Christopher Poock ('83) and Thelma Matyas Poock ('83); and grandson-in-law Marissa E. Poock ('11).

Ellen Doermann Hillmer ('45), July 1, 2015, age 93. She was a teacher.

Richard Ketner ('48), May 4, 2015, age 91. He had a long career in ministry. He graduated from the U.S. Army Chaplain’s College and the Commandant General Staff College. He was a chaplain for the Ohio Army National Guard, a full colonel, and a teacher for the Officer’s Candidate School. He also was a professor at Circleville Bible College. Survivors include wife Marjorie.

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1950s

William Boyer ('50), March 27, 2015, age 88. He was a collector of rare books and publications. Survivors include brother Robert Boyer ('51).

Donald Fase ('50), Feb. 6, 2015, age 93. A World War II veteran, he worked in the real estate, starting his own company in 1953. Survivors include wife Terry.

Richard Poock ('45, S'48), Jan. 21, 2014. He was a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a Korean War veteran. He served tours as a chaplain in the United States, Turkey, England, the Panama Canal and Korea. Survivors include son Gary Poock ('71); daughter and son-in-law Christopher Poock ('83) and Thelma Matyas Poock ('83); and grandson-in-law Marissa E. Poock ('11).

Evelyn Fritsche Ferguson ('49), Feb. 7, 2015, age 87. She taught for many years and was the organist at Advent Lutheran Church in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

Phyllis Smart Hackett ('49), Feb. 22, 2015, age 87. She was a teacher and school administrator, church organist and choir director. Survivors include daughter Linda Hackett Goodwin ('L78).

Richard Knitans ('49), April 20, 2015, age 91. He spent 40 years in the insurance industry after serving in World War II. Survivors include wife Loma.

James Shultz ('50), June 14, 2015, age 95. He served in the Army in World War II, then was vice president for Student Affairs at Capital University and director of planned giving with Lutheran Social Services in Illinois. Survivors include daughter Arloa Shultz Burbank ('69) and son Paul Shultz ('71).

Ruth Poth Smith ('50), Dec. 8, 2014, age 86.

Jack Benkert ('51), June 8, 2015, age 87. An Army veteran who served in Japan, he returned to the United States and earned a medical degree, specializing in occupational medicine. He was a general practitioner and also was the plant physician for General Motors. Survivors include brother and sister-in-law David Benkert ('56) and Joyce Voegle Benkert ('54).

Delores Angerer Ganzi ('51), Feb. 18, 2015, age 85.

Norma Butts Gorschuck ('51), Jan. 8, 2015, age 90. She was a teacher for 37 years.

William Heckenbauer ('51), Feb. 11, 2015, age 85. An Air Force combat veteran of the Korean War, he was an engineer and held three patents. Survivors include his wife, Janet.

Barthelie Schroeder-Pelz ('51), April 6, 2015, age 86. She was a teacher. Survivors include brother and sister-in-law Norbert Schroeder ('56) and Margaret Stielau Schroeder ('60).

Richard “Dick” Heuerman ('52), June 27, 2015, age 85. He was general counsel for Dow Corning and B.F. Goodrich, then was a partner in the Akron law firm of Roetzal and Andress. Survivors include wife Lois Mahlerwein Heuerman ('54) and son Mark Heuerman ('84).

William “Sandy” Sandbrink ('52), April 18, 2015, age 85. Following military service, he was a middle school teacher and then worked as a sales representative for Lutheran Brotherhood Life Insurance. Survivors include wife Carol Frey Sandbrink ('56).

Jeanette Chany Shimplin ('52), Jan. 20, 2015, age 85. She taught reading, history and gym to elementary school children.

Ruth Kressin Blair ('53), March 8, 2015, age 84. She was co-founder and CEO of J&K Quick Print in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Joyce Swepton Kelley ('53), Feb. 11, 2015, age 83. She worked at Mid-Arn Bank and The George Hafeltler Company.

Herbert Hutchison ('54), Feb. 28, 2015, age 86. An Army veteran, he taught middle school in California and Michigan, where he was a principal. Survivors include wife Darlene Hire Hutchison ('54); daughter Anne Hutchison Hing ('81); son Mark Hutchison ('80); and daughter-in-law John Hutchison ('88) and Sonja Napier Hutchison ('88); and brother Glenn Hutchison ('56).

Howard Linn ('54), March 25, 2015, age 82. He served with the U.S. Army in Korea, then was employed as a teacher and elementary school principal. Survivors include his wife, Patricia.
David Caton ('55), June 7, 2015, age 82. He was a salesman for Lazarus and Evans Carpet. Survivors include granddaughter Jamie Caton ('04).

Dorothy Sankiewicz Estes ('55), March 23, 2015. She was a teacher and a docent at the Toledo Museum of Art.

Howard Jones Jr. ('55), Feb. 20, 2015, age 82. An Army veteran, he was a real estate agent. Survivors include wife Marjorie Clarke Jones ('55); sister Maria Christianson Holle ('49); nephew Todd Holle ('74); niece Joan Holle Long ('78).

Richard Hofmann ('56), April 2, 2015, age 81. An ordained Lutheran minister for 54 years, he served as a visitation pastor and interim pastor. Survivors include wife Judith.

Lorena Mohrhoff Moyer ('56), April 18, 2015, age 80. Survivors include husband Paul Moyer ('53) and brother-in-law Richard Moyer ('56).

Charles Blakley ('57), July 15, 2015, age 85. He was an Air Force veteran and retired from COTA.

Marilyn Silves Johnson ('57), April 18, 2015, age 79. She was a piano teacher, church organist, and owner/operator of Geneva Golden Dawn. Survivors include husband William.

James Mercer ('57), March 11, 2015, age 79. His career spanned five decades of teaching music and performing, including as a church organist and member of The Ohio City Band, the Strongsville City Band and the Parma Symphony Orchestra. Survivors include wife Lucy Hlavas Mercer ('57) and daughter Deborah Mercer Schram ('79).

Barbara Miller Fodey ('58), July 6, 2015, age 85.

Edwin Garver ('58), May 24, 2015. He was a career military with the U.S. Air Force, then manager of the Columbus, Ohio, Teachers Federal Credit Union. Survivors include wife Janet and son Edwin Garver Jr. ('82).

Bruce Camlin ('59), March 1, 2015, age 77. He was a geological engineer. Survivors include wife Helen Quackenbush Camlin ('60); daughters Jane Camlin Hanzlick ('83) and Jill Camlin Snyder ('85).

Harry Hennick ('59), May 20, 2015, age 84. He was a Navy veteran and served in the Korean War, taking part in the Battle of Inchon. He retired as COO from Team Management Inc. Survivors include wife Janice.

George Kryder ('59), Feb. 11, 2015, age 82. An Army veteran, he operated an asphalt paving and excavating company. Survivors include wife Rita; brother and sister-in-law Stephen Kryder ('66) and Patricia Moorman Kryder ('68).

1960s

James Linker ('60), March 21, 2015, age 76. He taught school before going to Texas for pilot training with the Air Force. He served as a navigator instructor before returning to Capital University as alumni director and then going to Ohio Dominican University as assistant director of development. He had been a church choir director and owner of The Link Stamp Co. Survivors include wife Janet Rupp Linker ('60); sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth Linker Kenreich ('63) and Ron Kenreich ('63).

Jean Boye Neils ('60), Dec. 7, 2014, age 76. She was a CPA for 30 years. Survivors include husband Jon.

Linnie Leckrone Panning ('60), June 5, 2015, age 77. She was a substitute teacher and secretary for Pine Rest Psychiatric Hospital. Survivors include husband Eldor Panning ('56) and sister-in-law Esther Panning ('61).

Cecil Bradfield ('61), June 24, 2015, age 75. An ordained pastor, he served churches in Virginia and West Virginia. A member of the faculty of James Madison University, he also served as associate vice president of academic affairs. Survivors include wife Nancy.

Judy Zimmer Spurgeon ('61), Feb. 13, 2015, age 75. She was a teacher with Franklin Local School District. Survivors include sister-in-law Madelyn Weilh Zimmer ('61).

Paul Richard “Dick” Williams ('61), June 15, 2015, age 76. An ordained pastor, he served seven Ohio churches in his 50 years of ministry. He also was an assistant to the bishop of the Ohio District, American Lutheran Church, and served on Capital University’s Board of Trustees. Survivors include wife Jill Lossing Williams ('61); sister-in-law and husband Donna Lossing Jones ('66) and J. Weston Jones ('56).

Richard Heineman ('65), March 9, 2015, age 74. He was a pastor of Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Florida. Survivors include wife Carol.

Judy Higbea ('65), July 13, 2015, age 72. She was a teacher and principal.

Georgene Knauss Wayne ('66), May 29, 2015, age 70. She was a project engineer for IBM and managed franchise offices for H&R Block. Survivors include husband Stephen.

Georganne Sexton Wolf ('67), April 2, 2105, age 69. She worked at the Farm and Dairy for 26 years. Survivors include husband Paul.

Elizabeth Phillips McDowell ('68), March 7, 2015, age 68. She was a secretary for the Bluffton University Athletic Office and a chaplain at Sunny Side Village.

1970s

John Bateson ('71), Nov. 29, 2014, age 65. Survivors include wife Karen.

Cornelia Barnett Comedy ('74), March 15, 2015, age 79.

Holly Troy Brandes ('77), May 18, 2015, age 61. She taught English at Mount Vernon High School for 35 years, and specialized in helping students who spoke English as a Second Language.

Richard Alan Yost ('77), April 26, 2015, age 60. Survivors include wife Jill Lemon Yost ('77) and son Andrew “Brew” Yost ('96).

Gretchen Lutz Furlow ('78), April 9, 2015, age 68. She was an academic adviser in the Arts and Science department of The Ohio State University for 30 years. Survivors include husband John.

1980s

Steven Scheck ('80), March 10, 2015, age 57. Survivors include wife Julie and brother and sister-in-law David Scheck ('82) and Christine Werner Scheck ('83).

Mary Jo Mangia ('82), April 6, 2015, age 55. A CPA, she worked for Coopers & Lybrand, Algorithm and PaceJet. Survivors include sister Teresa Mangia ('88).

John “Jack” Martinek ('82), March 22, 2015, age 89. A World War II Navy veteran, he received the Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal. He was a quality control inspector for Ford Motor Company.

Elsbeth Sawyer Birdsall ('83), May 28, 2015, age 53. She taught piano and worked as a licensed occupational therapist in New Jersey schools. Survivors include husband Patrick.

William “Larry” Durian ('83), April 9, 2015, age 68. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a platoon leader and Vietnamese language interpreter, and received eight decorations from 1966-69. He retired as an administrative supervisor for Stark County Family Court. Survivors include wife Sue.

Velma Duncan Lindsay ('83), March 27, 2015, age 89. She taught for 32 years in the Sidney City School System. Survivors include husband O.B.

Byron Crawford ('84), Feb. 20, 2015, age 79. An Army colonel, he served as chief of staff of the 100th division. He also owned and operated Crawford (Gregory) Dry Cleaners and Crawford Insurance Agency. Survivors include wife Shelby.

Ronald Hamilton ('84), March 22, 2015, age 76. He was a longtime employee of the Columbus Dispatch, retiring as a key account executive in retail advertising.
1990s

William Locke ('90), July 1, 2015, age 76. A veteran, he received the U.S. Army Certificate of Achievement, the Vietnam Service Medal, a Letter of Commendation and a Letter of Appreciation. He was founder and president of St. Joseph Community Center. Survivors include wife Dorothy.

Patricia Livingston Martin ('90), March 10, 2015, age 89. She was a certified neonatal nurse practitioner and worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base during World War II, testing aircraft radar and radio equipment. She and her husband were foster parents to more than 50 newborns. She also worked at Columbus Children's Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and on the transport team.

Jill Pierson ('94), June 18, 2015, age 57. She was a critical care nurse at Community Hospital, and was a nursing educator at ITT Tech University.

David Duckworth ('96), Feb. 20, 2015, age 41. He was a software engineer. Survivors include wife Lori Hackney Duckworth ('95).

Laura Long Riley ('97), June 11, 2015, age 53. Survivors include husband Mike.

2000s

Kimberly Corbin-Brown ('02), Feb. 8, 2015, age 58. She was a nurse's assistant the VA Medical Center for 19 years.

Kerri Miller Doughty ('07), June 22, 2015. She was a CPA and employed at Nesser Consulting. Survivors include husband Brett Doughty ('07); brother and sister-in-law Anthony Miller ('06, SOM'14) and Heather McFeely Miller ('07, SOM'14).

LAW

Frederick "Fred" Fondriest (L'69), May 1, 2015, age 84. He worked for Battelle Memorial Institute, Martin Marietta and the Portland Cement Association, where he helped design bridges and dams and led research in concrete engineering. He also was chief of patents for Amoco Oil Company, and a pioneer in alternative energy sources, holding two U.S. patents.

Monte White (L'70), July 14, 2015, age 82. He was a Navy veteran during the Korean War. He worked for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System Project in Greenland, then was an engineer with the Lunar Docking Project for North American Aviation. Survivors include wife Jeanne.

Jacques "Jack" Kerber (L'75), March 3, 2015, age 70. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, in-house counsel, senior vice president and CEO for the Ohio League of Financial Institutions, then executive vice president and COO of the Ohio Banker's League.

Erwin Jason Bandy ('77), April 24, 2015, age 68. A Navy veteran who served during the Vietnam War, he was an attorney for 37 years, Paulding County assistant prosecutor, Paulding County Court judge and professor at Northwest State College. Survivors include wife Sandy.

Karen Bruner Hull (L'81), May 26, 2015, age 74. She taught courses in consumer economics at Iowa State and clerked for the chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, retiring in 1998 from her position as counsel to the Ohio Bar Association's Disciplinary Board.

James Johnson (L'82), March 26, 2015, age 57. He had a law practice in Somerville, New Jersey. Survivors include wife Terri.

Kristen Kelly Disti (L'95, T'96), May 7, 2015, age 48. She was an attorney for the Legal Aid Society and magistrate for the Domestic Relations Court of Greene County. Survivors include husband Anthony.

Gavin Beagle (L'04), May 17, 2015, age 43. He was a senior attorney with the Florida House of Representatives Education Committee. Survivors include wife Laura.

Kenneth Greer (L'13), March 22, 2015, age 30.

MANAGEMENT

Gordon Zeidman (SOM'78), Feb. 13, 2015, age 88. He worked at Battelle Memorial Institute, contributing to several patents and working on varied systems engineering assignments, including the Mississippi River levee design, the baggage-handling system at DFW, and early Xerox technology. Survivors include wife Jennie.

James Stewart (SOM'82), June 4, 2015, age 68. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked in logistics and retired from Midwest Express. Survivors include wife Sandy.

MUSIC

Marsha Owens (CON'12), March 17, 2015, age 36. She taught in the Trinity Area School District in Pennsylvania, most recently serving as choral music director at Trinity Senior High School.

SEMINARY

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Thomas Darrow ('47, S'51), March 20, 2015, age 90. He served established missions in Arizona and Nebraska, and served congregations in California, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas. He was a missionary in Ethiopia and was active in criminal justice and prison ministry. Survivors include wife Evelyn.

FACULTY/STAFF

James Linker ('50), March 21, 2015, age 76. He taught school before going to Texas for pilot training with the Air Force. He served as a navigator instructor before returning to Capital University as alumni director and then going to Ohio Dominican University as assistant director of development. He had been a church choir director and owner of The Link Stamp Co. Survivors include wife Janet Rupp Linker ('60); sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth Linker Kenreich ('63) and Ron Kenreich ('63).

Victor "Vic" Olsen, June 25, 2015, age 77. He was an economics and management professor. Survivors include wife Viviane and son Marc Olsen ('94).

Tobie Sanders, July 24, 2015, age 68. She was professor of education at Capital University and an expert in early childhood education, child development, and reading and literacy learning and teaching. She was honored with the Praestantia Award for Excellence in Teaching, the highest honor Capital bestows on its faculty members, and held the Homer and Isabelle Cotterman Chair in Education. Survivors include husband Robert and daughter Dana Sanders ('15).

James Shultz ('50), June 14, 2015, age 95. He served in the Army in World War II, then served as vice president for Student Affairs at Capital University and director of planned giving with Lutheran Social Services in Illinois. Survivors include daughter Arloa Shultz Burbank ('69) and son Paul Shultz ('71).

Martha Sites VanWinkle ('51), Jan. 30, 2015, age 85. A member of the clerical staff of Capital University library, she also was the receptionist for Bluebird Midwest School Bus Co. Survivors include nephew David H. Sites ('70).
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