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Honor the many academic and personal accomplishments of Capital students, faculty and staff at this annual celebration.

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Reunite with your classmates and celebrate Capital’s past and future with a weekend full of fun.

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**MAY 7**
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An opportunity for students who will be high school seniors and juniors in fall 2016 to explore Capital.

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Celebrate the red, white and blue with games, crafts, music, food and fireworks.

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**HOMECOMING**
“Three-quarters of respondents predict their companies will experience increased revenues, more than 60 percent forecast higher profits, and over 65 percent foresee productivity increases in the next 12 months. More than half also expect to increase staffing, while 48.5 percent plan to increase spending on training and development, and 77.6 percent anticipate increasing employee salaries (the majority by less than five percent).”

KEIRSTEN S. MOORE, PH.D.
Capital associate professor of business, with Beckett A. Broh, Ph.D., on Central Ohio CEOs’ outlook on the Columbus business climate, Columbus CEO December 2015 issue.

“Right before the start of every home game in Mapfre Stadium, a locally made anthem blares from loudspeakers to energize Columbus Crew fans. The dubstep-tinged Lights (#dropittwice) – a jittery, foot-stomping song that blends synths and snare hits with soaring vocal whoaa-oh-oohs – comes courtesy of Kid Runner, an indie-pop quintet from central Ohio.”

KEVIN JOY
Columbus Dispatch reporter on homegrown quintet Kid Runner’s hit Crew anthem. Kid Runner includes 2011 Conservatory alumni Scott Griffin, Fran Litterski and Kurt Keaner.

“I think it’s awesome. I think the boys are excited. We just watched them walk in, and they’re all excited about playing a night game under their own lights.”

DAVID WARD
Capital Football Parent, on NBC 4, September 26, during Capital’s first football game under the lights in Bernlohr Stadium.

“Independence Day might be six months away, but that won’t stop Capital University students from dressing in their best red, white and blue for ‘Merica Day’ during the men’s basketball game on Wednesday. And even though winter is at hand, fans will don boat shoes, pastels, polo shirts and other stereotypically preppy attire for ‘Country Club Day’ during the matchup on Saturday. The student section for the Crusaders is called the Cap Crazies for a reason.”

REPORTER ALLISON WARD
In Cap Crazies hold court, raise spirit at Capital University Crusaders’ games, Columbus Dispatch, January 7, 2016.
4  CAPITAL UNIVERSITY
It is our great pleasure to introduce Elizabeth L. Paul, Ph.D., as the 16th president of Capital University. Acting on a recommendation from the Presidential Search Committee, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Paul as Capital’s president and the next visionary of our distinguished institution. She will begin July 1.

Dr. Paul comes to Capital from Central Florida’s Stetson University, an independent university of about 4,300 undergraduate and graduate students. Since 2009, she has served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and, since 2015, as executive vice president and provost. Her many accomplishments there include redesigning the financial and data infrastructure to support data-driven decision-making; introducing multiyear budgeting and planning models, as well as strategic enrollment management, impressive growth in Stetson’s diversity, strengthened academic programs and renewed university marketing strategy; championing organizational culture change to connect and unite everyone behind one university mission; and leading a university-wide inclusive excellence initiative.

Prior to her work at Stetson, Dr. Paul was a member of the senior leadership team at The College of New Jersey, in Ewing, N.J., from 2005 to 2009, where she served as interim vice president for Student Life, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and vice provost. She is a tenured professor of psychology at Stetson, as she had been at The College of New Jersey since 1992, also serving as department chair from 2003 to 2005.

The Board’s vote followed a nine-month national search that began last spring after President Denvy A. Bowman, Ph.D., announced he would retire at the end of his 10th year as president in June 2016. The Board convened a 16-member Presidential Search Committee composed of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and students. Facilitated by AGB Search, the committee cultivated and then narrowed a talented, diverse and robust pool of candidates for this coveted leadership position. The caliber of individuals who expressed their interest is a testament to Capital’s strong foundation, reputation as a mission-driven institution, and its potential. Our community should be proud.

Following an extensive series of interviews, meetings and question-and-answer sessions with a broad cross-section of University and community stakeholders, Dr. Paul emerged as the clear candidate of choice. Her proven senior leadership prowess, strong command of finances and operations, and business and innovation acumen distinguished her early on. We are equally excited about her passion for education, her boundless energy and her “fit” with the entire Cap Family. She has demonstrated, in the short amount of time we have known her, an ability to connect with multiple constituencies and display an intimate knowledge of Capital that shows her commitment to being a thoughtful, visionary leader.

Dr. Paul holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology, with a minor in statistics, and a Ph.D. in personality psychology from Boston University. She completed a National Institute of Mental Health predoctoral training program and also holds a certificate from the Harvard Institute for Educational Management, and the National Incident Management System and Unified Incident Command Certificate from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

A national leader in higher education, Dr. Paul is past president of the Council on Undergraduate Research, a board member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, task force chair of the Council of Independent Colleges, and a long-time leader in the Bonner Foundation’s national network of colleges and universities dedicated to community engagement.

For more information about President Paul, go to www.capital.edu/our-16th-president
A VERY DESIRABLE PLACE, INDEED.
Dr. Denvy A. Bowman spent 10 years as president of Capital University. As he prepares to retire from the presidency, university leaders reflect on the positive impact he has made in nearly every corner of campus.

Dr. Denvy Bowman would rather tend to unfinished work, even as retirement beckons. But his office door has always been open, and today he pauses to reflect on his decade-long tenure as Capital University president. True to the Lutheran value of selflessness so central to Capital’s mission, Bowman seems almost embarrassed to talk about accomplishments. He prefers to listen with an intensity noted by many of his campus peers. Responding to compliments from those he works with, he graciously chooses to say “we,” not “I,” preferring to let light shine on others instead of himself. His personal pride is set aside to credit achievements under his watch to the Cap Family.

“I’ve been very fortunate,” says Bowman, who will retire as Capital University president July 1 and return to teaching history here. “I have a great team. It really wasn’t my effort. It was the effort of the community as a whole.”
Under Bowman’s leadership, Capital has become more diverse yet tightly united in spirit and vision, and is poised for an even brighter future. There’s eagerness around campus for what lies ahead. Bowman has led with an empathetic, personable style and a commitment to breaking down walls that inhibit growth in a fast-twitch, multi-connected world where knowledge lies in the intersections. This palpable momentum is fueled by a shared sense of purpose and place, supported by a sound financial base. The next president will inherit a thriving university.

“Observing his passion for others has been inspiring to say the least.”

Thomas Siwo (L’11)

The contentment and growth on campus today is a sharp contrast to the atmosphere when Bowman accepted the presidency in March 2007, following a 10-month term as interim. His calm style and belief in shared governance infused the university’s strategic plans; institutional mentality shifted from “This is how we’ve always done it” to embracing the shared value of fiscal stewardship at every level of decision-making. Likewise, his relentless mining of data, paired with careful and informed analysis, and grounded in an unwavering commitment to the student interest, recalibrated guiding principles and set a new norm.

Capital’s endowment has since increased to $69 million and its total investments and cash equivalents to $105 million. At the end of 2015, alumni engagement and giving reached an all-time high.

“We spent a lot of our time making sure we had a strong financial foundation,” Bowman says. “And then we started asking questions. What do we do to secure the institution’s future?”

Studies show that academic success and degree attainment are tied to improved student experiences, a valuable recruiting message at a time when competition for enrollment is fierce. So investments were made to improve technology (including a celebrated move to campus-wide WiFi), residence halls, student life programming, and safety and security. Today, nearly half of Capital’s 3,500 students live on campus. Fraternity and sorority life has blossomed, with a focus on academics, philanthropy and community service. Environmental changes enhance the campus grounds, evident in updated building signage and the Reflections fountain that serves as a central gathering place. “President Bowman has consistently sought out and supported initiatives that create a more diverse and opportunistic campus life for students and faculty, so they get the most out of their time here,” says Brent Bowers (’12), a former Student Government president and now enrolled as an MBA student.

All this change, coupled with Bowman’s efforts to open the Bexley campus up to the surrounding community — literally inviting the public in — brought the center of campus to life with vibrant sights and sounds. And, yes, that was Bowman seemingly everywhere, at musical performances, sporting events, student organization dinners and even handing out ice cream to passing students on Fridays because, well, why not? “He has made Capital a very desirable place for students, faculty, staff and administrators,” says Dr. Stephen Bruning, director of Athletics and Recreation, and professor of communication. “Having an energetic residential campus translates into a vibrant student experience. Everyone benefits – students, faculty, staff and administrators – when Capital is a fun, challenging, engaging and dynamic place.”

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

Buffered by seven consecutive operating surpluses under Bowman, Capital invested tens of millions of dollars into the academic mission by improving university buildings and grounds. Extensive renovation projects included Blackmore Library, the Harry C. Moores Student Union and Kerns Religious Life Center.

Most notably, the university began construction last year on the new $16 million Convergent Media Center, which is emblematic of Capital’s commitment to teaching, learning, communicating and problem-solving across disciplines. This approach leverages contemporary, active-learning environments and teaching practices that reflect 21st century work environments. The 34,430-square-foot, technology-rich learning space will blend teaching, learning and doing across multiple disciplines and degree programs in an open environment. It’s slated to open in the spring of 2017.

The new building and other changes, says music professor Tianshu Wang, D.M.A., “makes a strong statement that we’re able to provide our students the best, most up-to-date educational facilities to benefit many generations of students and faculty.”
UNIVERSITY-WIDE PERSPECTIVES

While brick-and-mortar changes are visible to all throughout Capital, a subtler change instituted by Bowman gave hint to his leadership philosophy. Bowman craved university-wide perspective in decision-making. New voices, he believed, would make him more attuned to the institution's nuances — and it would empower others. This belief in democratic, shared governance led him to take the uncommon step of appointing the Faculty Senate Chair to the President’s Cabinet. “I served on many committees with Denovy to chart Capital’s course, with difficult and sometimes unpopular decisions to be made,” says Jane Baldwin, professor emerita of mathematics and former Faculty Senate Chair who first served on the cabinet. “I appreciated the access granted to me to articulate faculty positions and to work together when compromises were necessary.”

Faculty composition also changed under Bowman, an academician at heart, through new hires and an increase of professors with terminal degrees. Ashbrook credits the president for shifting academic emphasis toward high-impact practices, undergraduate scholarship and immersive experiences. Retention and degree attainment also improved. Such changes, along with the diversifying of faculty and administrative support for scholarship among faculty, “has led to Capital’s growing international reputation,” says history professor Alexander Pantsov, Ph.D.

SUSTAINED AND MEANINGFUL IMPACT

While strengthening academic credentials, Capital also dramatically shifted the makeup of its student body. Data study and enhanced recruitment practices paved the way for more diversity on campus. “We really had to think about the mission and the values of the university, and how they would be reflected in our classes,” says Dr. Amy Adams, interim vice president for Enrollment Services. “So we became much more strategic.”

Acting on the shared value of welcoming people from all backgrounds and experiences, Bowman championed making Capital more accessible to underrepresented populations. The result was an increase in the university’s minority student enrollment, from 12 percent a decade earlier to a record 26 percent in the 2015 freshman class. That class of 671 is also made up of 27 percent first-generation Capital students, bringing a broad cross-section of experiences and viewpoints. Academic profile improved, as well: average freshman ACT scores rose from 23 to 25. “You can walk across our campus and see the diversity and what a powerful engine it has been for education,” says Bowman.

Capital continues to shape a formal strategic diversity and inclusion initiative that will eventually be proposed to the Board of Trustees. The work extends the thought-leadership efforts initiated by Bowman, such as the Empathy Experiment, which encouraged inclusive principles to flourish on campus through intense immersive learning experiences. The former Office of Multicultural Affairs was transformed into the Office of Diversity and Inclusion with a broader focus on dignity and social justice to serve the entire campus, not just a specific group of students. Almar Walter took quick note of Capital’s commitment last year when he was hired from the outside to become director of that office.

“It was apparent they were concerned about the general health of the institution, as well as bringing diversity and inclusion more to the center of the university’s core,” Walter says. “And they weren’t doing that with lip service. They were actually putting measures and initiatives in place to make sure that it could be sustained and have a meaningful impact on our student body.”

COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS

Figuratively removing barriers among students has been part of a three-prong plan to grow through outreach, redesign by blending and invest in distinction. Likewise, the opening up of campus has allowed Capital to no longer feel closed off from the Bexley and Central Ohio communities. Off-campus internship opportunities have greatly increased for students in the past decade. And the private university has opened itself to visitors more than ever, hosting hundreds of public lectures, performances, athletic competitions and other events throughout the year.

“We’ve worked very hard to extend an invitation to whoever might visit and share in some of the good things that are happening here,” Bowman says.

A vivid example of this happened in 2012, when, for the first time in Capital’s history, the nation’s president visited campus. President Barack Obama spoke to an outdoor crowd of 3,300 on a sunny afternoon in August that year, part of his re-election campaign. Presidential races also brought to Capital candidates as diverse as Republican Senator John McCain and running mate Governor Sarah Palin, Republican Mitt Romney, Libertarian Bob Barr and Constitution Party candidate Chuck Baldwin. “Our values aren’t shaped simply by our faith traditions, but also our democratic ideals,” Bowman says.
Bowman made certain journalists from Capital’s student newspaper were granted national press passes so they’d gain access and practical experience from politicians’ visits. “Learning opportunities come on a big level and on a small level,” Bowman says. “We always made sure these politicians’ visits would be personal.”

Capital’s connection to a bigger community goes beyond the speeches of visiting dignitaries. It can be seen in the mingling of students and citizens in the renovated Blackmore Library, and in the confidence they carry when venturing off campus for internships. It can be seen when a local family stops by to let children splash in the fountain, and when 14,000 people come to campus to participate in the Bexley Fourth of July celebration. Big levels and small levels. The university has firmly placed itself in the world under Bowman, who has guided with a personal touch grounded in the principles of liberal education. By doing so, the out-going president has been symbolic of where Capital is headed.

“In short,” Bruning says, “he has helped to put Capital in an exceptionally positive position moving into the future.”

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President Denvy Bowman
Dr. Amy Adams was very pleased with the incoming crop of Capital freshmen last fall. The 671 new students represent the school’s fifth largest class in history. The students came to Capital with an average ACT score of 25 and an average GPA of 3.51, the best academic profile of any incoming class. And the class is the most diverse – nearly 26 percent are underrepresented students, up from 12 percent less than a decade ago. “We’re very proud of these students,” says Adams, Capital’s interim vice president for Enrollment Services.

The change in freshman demographics and academic profile didn’t come by accident. Capital’s 2012 Multiyear Enrollment Plan, an offshoot of the school’s strategic plan, called for improving the quality and diversity of incoming classes to have more balanced economic, racial, ethnic, religious and geographic distributions.

The university, with support from the President’s Cabinet and Board of Trustees, made it a priority to build a diverse and academically talented student body. “These are things we’ve been working on for a number of years,” says Adams. “We’re building toward having this type of profile because we believe it’s important.

“Diversifying the class and building an inclusive culture elevates the university and makes it more reflective of the world and workplace we’re preparing our students for,” says Adams. “It strengthens the education and student experience, develops cultural competence and reinforces a global perspective.

The Multiyear Enrollment Plan also addressed the need for Capital to focus on attracting more students overall. According to the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio’s population is declining. Adams says competition to attract, enroll and retain students is fierce among the state’s numerous public and community schools and its 51 private universities and colleges.

“Some smaller Ohio private schools don’t have name recognition beyond a small radius,” asserts Adams. “We’ve been very fortunate. We’ve done a very good job of recruiting in the state of Ohio. But we know we need to increase our recruiting out of state, which every school here is starting to do.”

Adams stresses that the university is not interested in recruiting just to meet a certain number goal. “We not only want to recruit the right students, we want them to stay and graduate, and be a continuing part of the Capital University family,” she says. “We’re proud of our relationship building, and clearly we’re doing something right.”
MLK DAY OF LEARNING

Several hundred students, faculty, staff and community members came together on Jan. 18 to proudly celebrate the 25th anniversary of Capital University’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Learning. The highlight of the day was the keynote address by Dr. Terrence Roberts, one of the “Little Rock Nine” African-American high school students who desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957, despite intimidation by the Arkansas National Guard and threats from segregationists. The day also featured workshops on rights and racism today, works from The Schumacher Gallery, a jazz luncheon and activities for children.

YEAH, I’M GONNA LIKE IT HERE

We all remember that little bit of anxiety we felt walking through Capital’s Memorial Gateway for the first time as a new student. That’s where our message starts in the latest Capital brand campaign that began earlier this month. Between television commercials and digital media (such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Pandora), we hope to increase awareness of the university and encourage prospective students and their parents to see what sets Capital apart from other institutions of higher education. To see for yourself, go to www.capital.edu/capfam.

(Spoiler alert: Morgan and Cedric soon discover their initial jitters were nothing to worry about. Just like we all did.)
A Grant for Growth
CAPITAL'S NURSING PROGRAM EXPANDS AFTER AN INFUSION OF NEW FUNDS

Capital University's nursing program, already growing in enrollment as one of the institution's largest programs, is creating new space and opportunities for students, thanks to a recent infusion of state money.

In September, Capital received the first portion of a $200,000 Nursing Education Grant awarded by the Ohio Board of Nursing. "It was a great way to start the fall semester," says Dr. Ann Peden, dean of nursing.

The funding will help increase the program's technology and laboratory space, which should attract more students at a time when a shortage of nurses is projected for Ohio and the entire nation due to workforce retirements.

"We've tripled the capacity for patient simulations and doubled our nursing skill labs," says Dr. Renee Dunnington, professor of nursing at Capital. Simulations allow students to more accurately deal with real-life scenarios by working on complex mannequins that mimic a human's breathing, heartbeat and other functions.

Capital's nursing enrollment jumped 20 percent in the fall after a donor gift paid for a second patient simulation lab in 2014. This year's Nursing Education Grant allowed Capital to add a third lab with six beds for regular nursing skills and two beds for patient simulations, each of which cost about $50,000.

Capital also plans to use a portion of the Nursing Education Grant to fund a new accelerated track. Set to launch in summer 2017, the hybrid online, weekend and evening program will give students flexible new learning options.

"This is helping to continue the fine reputation that we've always had," says Dunnington, "and it will help us serve our community interests better." ■

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We’re pleased to announce a step in the evolution of CAPITAL magazine. You can now find the digital magazine on our website, making it easier for you to learn of student, faculty and alumni accomplishments whenever and wherever you have Internet access.

Don’t worry, we’re not doing away with the printed version. We’re simply sharing the magazine in a new way to increase engagement, give readers more options, and extend Capital’s story to more people through the power of social sharing.

With constraints on space and time, a printed publication limits how much of our story we can tell. In the future, we hope the online magazine will evolve to become a companion piece to the printed version. One that will offer interactive possibilities, expanded articles, fresh perspective through words, images and other media, and new ways of sharing all that’s going on at Capital.

An online version also expands our readership beyond the traditional Cap Family to include prospective students, parents, other thought-leaders in higher education and business, the media and – well – the world. ■

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Successful companies are always on the lookout for fresh talent to help build their business. The Shipyard, a Columbus-based digital marketing and customer acquisition firm, is no exception. Jake Wilk, a sales executive with the company (whose client roster includes Scotts Miracle-Gro, Nationwide Insurance and Frigidaire), realized a pool of potential new hires was just four miles away – sitting in Capital business and marketing classes.

To tap their potential, Wilk (MBA’14) devised a case study competition for Capital students that ran in the fall of 2015. The goal was to give students the practical experience of studying a prospective client and creating a business-development strategy, based on The Shipyard’s capabilities. The benefit for The Shipyard: to see the students’ creativity and problem-solving abilities in action, with the intent of finding promising interns and perhaps new employees down the road.

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With assistance from Dr. Elene Kent, interim dean of the Capital business school, and professors Dr. Keirsten Moore and Dr. Lynn Dailey, Wilk pitched the idea to eight business and marketing classes early in the fall semester. “I positioned it as an opportunity to work with an up-and-coming company and get tangible work experiences on their résumés,” says Wilk. “It was also an opportunity for the students to compete for a cash prize and internships we were starting in January.”

The 25 slots for the competition were filled five minutes after the sign-up was posted online. Students were divided into five teams and each was assigned a company that would be a good fit for The Shipyard’s services. Shipyard employees mentored and advised the teams throughout the semester. Students worked on the case studies on their own time and did not receive extra credit in their classes.

In November, the teams presented their ideas and collateral materials to The Shipyard’s executive board. The winning team, which earned $1,000 for their work, included seniors Nick Reade, Libby Baker, Alora Conner, Jackie Niese and Jennie Schott. The team’s presentation targeted publisher Highlights for Children as a strong prospect for Shipyard services.

For Kent, the competition was a creative way for an alumnus to give back to the university. When it comes to alumni giving, Kent says, “People often think, ‘Write a check.’ But that’s just one way to give back. Something like this is huge because it gave so many experiences and opportunities to our students that they wouldn’t have had. It was a gift of time and talent to the students.”

After the competition, 15 of the participating students applied and interviewed for five paid internships with The Shipyard. The internships, which started in January, were given to junior Ivy Klock and senior Allison Fulk in account management, senior Amanda (Saree) Ochs in sales research, senior Sydney Boyd in the paid media department and junior Emily Yocum in project management.
The physician anxiously listened to the question in the deposition, a probing inquiry to a case that resulted in a malpractice suit. It was a difficult question but the doctor felt confident in his answer – until the next hard-hitting question came.

This was no ordinary deposition. It was the final exam for law students in Capital’s newest course. The innovative class – first launched this past fall – paired residents from Grant Medical Center with Capital law students to teach the basics of preparing and conducting depositions, critical to discovery in civil litigation. The course was developed by Capital adjunct professors Kevin Foley and Zachary Pyers, with input from Dr. Sarah Sams of Grant, who had been teaching their residents about the deposition process.

Students learned necessary deposition skills such as developing strategies and outlines, preparing witnesses and conducting and defending lay and expert witnesses. For the medical residents, working with the future lawyers gave them real experience on the witness side of the deposition table they can use if they are ever sued or called upon as an expert in other situations.

“We looked at it as a very practical course that would prepare the law students for practicing once they get their license,” says Foley, a trial advocacy professor and a partner at Reminger Co. L.P.A.’s Columbus office. “The reality is these students could be called on their first week of practice to take a deposition. We wanted to give them as much exposure to the deposition process as possible, and make them feel comfortable and familiar with it.”

Foley, along with Pyers (L’08, LL.M.’09), co-taught the intensive 20-hour class over two weekends, with the mock depositions serving as the final exam. Each deposition was recorded so students, residents and instructors could review them and assess the strengths and weaknesses of both the doctor-witnesses and law students.

“It went extremely well for our first time offering this course,” says Pyers, a coach for Capital’s Mock Trial Competition Team and also a partner at Reminger. “At the final, it seemed to be a real-life experience for those residents. They were nervous as if they were literally being sued. The law students also acted as if it was real, and came into it unbelievably prepared, asking great questions.”

The course is slated to repeat again in summer 2016, and both Foley and Pyers are committed to teaching as many sections of the course as needed.

“Law school is historically based on the Socratic method, which is mostly theory, and you never get a chance to put it into practical application,” says Foley. “Capital has been on the forefront of offering practical courses where you get hands-on experience.”
First Energy Law Fellow Selected

Bradley Marzola (L’16) has been named the first Energy Law Research Student Fellow by the Midwest Center for Energy Law and Policy at Capital University Law School.

“I’m most honored,” says Marzola, a third-year day student from Westerville, Ohio. “I look forward to the opportunity to expand Capital University’s ever-growing energy law profile.”

Marzola’s interests and strengths make him a natural candidate for the new fellowship. The fellowship trains a Capital Juris Doctor student as an expert in energy law and policy, using interdisciplinary methods to understand how this domestic industry is shaped by broader trends in energy markets. Marzola will work under the supervision of Dr. Fenner Stewart, MCELP’s director of Academic Affairs, in managing the day-to-day operations of the center. Marzola will also help design and facilitate academic, curricular and research projects with the center’s affiliated faculty.

MCELP promotes the study of Ohio’s energy laws and regulation. It also functions as a forum for discussion about how to balance the demand for energy resources and its associated economic benefits with the demand to reduce the environmental effects of such activities.

The MCELP Energy Law Research Student Fellow is a paid annual position. The ideal candidate is an elite second- or third-year J.D. student, who possesses solid written communication skills and some experience in the energy sector.

Capital Honors Ohio’s Supreme Court Chief Justice with Esther Brocker Award

BROCKER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO LAW STUDENT LAUREN HAMMERSMITH

Back in Esther Brocker’s day, female attorneys were a rarity. But that didn’t stop her from pursuing her dream. In 1926 she was the first woman to graduate from Capital’s law school, then known as the Columbus School of Law. Today nearly half of Capital law students are women, and the memory of Brocker’s achievement continues with an award and scholarship bearing her name.

The second annual Esther H. Brocker Award was given to the Hon. Maureen O’Connor, chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, at a reception in November 2015. The award is given to a woman who has made significant contributions to advancing the status of women in the legal profession and the Columbus community. The event was held at the Columbus office of the BakerHostetler law firm. In attendance were Capital alumni, students and partners at the firm.

In addition, a $250 scholarship in Brocker’s name was awarded for the first time to second-year law student Lauren Hammersmith of Defiance, Ohio, out of a pool of 20 applicants. The award and scholarship were made possible by Capital Law alumnae Jane Miller (L’76) and Georgeann Peters (L’83), who established an endowment fund to support the recognition. With the initial contributions by Miller and Peters and additional donations, the endowed fund for the scholarship reached the $25,000 mark in 2015, allowing the cash award to be given.

O’Connor accepted the honor from the recipient of the first Esther H. Brocker Award, former Ohio congresswoman Deborah D. Pryce (L’76, H’94). O’Connor is the state’s 10th chief justice and the first woman to lead the Ohio judicial branch. She earned her Bachelor of Arts at Seton Hill College in 1973, before earning her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1980. O’Connor later served as a magistrate in Summit County before becoming a common pleas court judge in 1993.

In 1998, Justice O’Connor was elected Ohio’s lieutenant governor. She became Governor Robert Taft’s chief adviser on criminal justice issues and served as director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety; and as chair of both the state’s Security Task Force and Building Security Review Committee. Her first statewide judicial election in 2002 made her the 148th justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio and the sixth woman to join the court. She was elected chief justice in 2010.

Donations to the Esther H. Brocker Scholarship Fund are welcomed. Visit www.law.capital.edu/give.aspx to make a contribution.
A day in the life of a hospital nurse, making the rounds and caring for patients, is very different from that of the hospital administrator running the place. Nurses monitor patient care; executives monitor the organization’s performance to quality, patient experience, work culture and the financial bottom line. Each has unique skills vital to patient success. Yet that’s where the similarities typically end. Often, there isn’t a lot of crossover between these worlds.

Three Capital nursing graduates are an exception to this rule.
Cheryl Herbert (‘79), Kevin W. Sowers (‘85), and Martha (Marti) Croll Taylor (‘86), serve in executive positions within the OhioHealth, Duke University, and Ohio State University hospital systems, respectively. Herbert and Taylor were honored last October with Capital’s Distinguished Service to Nursing Award, the highest distinction given by the program; Sowers received the award in 2010. And each started their careers much like the other 3,500 nursing graduates the program has produced since 1950.

“They show the possibilities of what a nursing degree here can lead to,” says Dr. Ann Peden, Capital’s dean of Nursing. “It instills in students that there are no limits to what you can do. And it reinforces the focus on developing nursing leaders, which is an important outcome for us.”

Peden says it’s not uncommon for Capital baccalaureate nursing graduates to transition from registered nurse to some form of leadership in health care. But for these three, the journeys took them to the pinnacle of their organizations — opportunities, they say, that were virtually unheard of for nurses until only recently.

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CHERYL HERBERT
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF REGIONAL OPERATIONS AT OHIOHEALTH

Herbert’s desire to being acutely aware of the vital work of each OhioHealth hospital and the quality of care patients are receiving is a testament to her dedication. Her executive role at OhioHealth calls for driving between 500 and 600 miles a week throughout the state to meet with presidents, senior leadership, board councils and physicians at seven hospitals totaling about 700 beds.

The importance of in-person contact is rooted in her original ambition to be a staff nurse, as her mother was for 40 years in Baltimore, Md. “I didn’t have a reason to think that I would do anything different,” Herbert says.

Instead, a serendipitous career at several small hospitals unfolded for Herbert, who eventually earned an MBA at Ashland University. She says smaller facilities provided broader exposure to a variety of responsibilities. In a larger hospital, she might have encountered narrower roles and remained an expert in a specific duty. “Growing up professionally in smaller facilities, I tended to be more of a generalist,” Herbert says. “When opportunities were presented to me — to run departments that had nothing to do with nursing — I said yes. And then learned about it.”

Three years out of Capital, Herbert was asked to take on additional responsibilities at St. Ann’s Hospital, such as scheduling and other basic operations of a nursing unit. Hybrid roles kept coming, and she kept accepting them, even those requiring financial skills or departmental leadership that had nothing to do with nursing. She soaked up knowledge along the way, and learned something valuable for current nursing students to keep in mind.

“A very conscious decision has to be made about whether you pursue operations opportunities or continue to pursue nursing opportunities,” Herbert says. “Nurses have to explore different venues and different models of care, and be open to new experiences that will inform them later in their careers about what they love.”

For Herbert, her original love for nursing is reinforced when she walks into health care facilities every week. “It’s where we do what we do,” she says. “It’s why we do what we do. I like being in the hospitals. It takes me back to my roots.”
KEVIN SOWERS

PRESIDENT, DUKE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & CLINICS

Sowers cemented his passion for helping the sick after seeing his grandfather suffer from a brain tumor back home in Cable, Ohio. After graduation from Capital he joined the oncology nursing staff at Duke University Hospital, where his career quickly took an unexpected turn. He was asked to step in as interim nurse manager when someone quit a month prior to a new unit’s opening. He declined the offer, but Duke’s director of oncology nursing offered him blunt encouragement that sticks with him to this day.

“She said, ‘there will be times when an organization needs you to do something you may not want to do, but the organization needs you to do it,’” Sowers recalls. “‘This organization needs you to lead, and if you’re telling me no, then you’re being insubordinate.’ That’s how I got into leadership. That was a turning point for me.”

Although it sounded harsh, Sowers says the directive proved that others saw potential in him he didn’t see himself. Emboldened, he moved up the chain of administrative roles at Duke Hospital to eventually serve as interim chief executive officer of Durham Regional Hospital.

In 2003, Sowers became the chief operating officer of Duke Hospital and then ascended to become the CEO in 2009.

Despite the distance from Columbus he remains close to Capital, where he’s indebted to the fundamental lessons learned as a nursing student. “There are so many opportunities in terms of what nurses can do and can be,” Sowers says. “But at the beginning of your career, you need to ground yourself in the core of what nursing is, and that is: Do you understand how to think critically about caring for complex patients and their families?”

In 2009, Sowers created a named scholarship to assist high-performing nursing students who face financial hardship. The credenza in his office at Duke is decorated with photos of students who’ve benefited from his generosity.

“You reach a point in your career and your life when giving back so others can pursue their dreams is just as important, if not more important, than trying to figure out how you can continue your own journey,” Sowers says. “That’s been an important part of my relationship with Capital.”
MARTI CROLL TAYLOR
CEO, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & THE ROSS HEART HOSPITAL

Despite her executive title, Taylor remains a nurse at heart. She still makes the rounds as part of overseeing management of about 800 beds at two Ohio State hospitals.

“You have to be out and among the people who are delivering the care or doing the research or doing the teaching,” Taylor says. “You have to get out there to understand it. You can’t sit here in the ivory tower and feel the connection.”

Taylor, a native of Oak Harbor, Ohio, began her career in the cardiac intensive care unit at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Early on she was asked to serve as interim director of nursing education and eventually moved into administrative roles in cardiology. She soon realized a new set of skills was required: managing people. An executive coach helped her transition from “buddy to boss” by teaching her that staff expectations and boundaries must be quickly and clearly set.

Handling those and other duties propelled her through leadership roles at Duke, where she also earned her master’s degree in nursing. She served as director of heart center nursing, associate operating officer of the heart center clinical service unit and associate vice president of cardiovascular services, while also serving as a clinical associate with Duke’s School of Nursing. She returned to Columbus in 2011 as executive director of Ross Heart Hospital and chief operating officer of the OSU Heart and Vascular Center. She assumed her current title in December 2015.

Despite all the change, Taylor continues to draw on her nursing instincts to gauge the health and mood of the organization she leads. “What’s the tone at the top?” she asks. “What’s the mood in the middle? What’s the buzz at the base? Nursing helps me shape the culture because it’s such a human-touch profession. Nurses at the board table can help make sure that culture is represented, as well as the finances.”

A CELEBRATION OF 65 YEARS OF NURSING AT CAPITAL

Capital University celebrated 65 years of nursing education that has improved the lives and care of Central Ohioans and many others around the world. On Friday, October 9, the university honored eight nurse leaders for their contributions to the profession with the Distinguished Service to Nursing Award.

“With more than 3,500 alumni, Capital’s nursing program has fed into health care settings, particularly those in Ohio, a large number of exceptionally prepared nurses,” said Dr. Ann Peden, dean of Nursing at Capital. “Our unique preparation of nurse leaders supplies a steady stream of people who can manage and respond to ever-changing complexity in a meaningful, ethical and patient-centered way.”

Capital alumnus Kevin Sowers (’85), president of Duke University Hospital, delivered the keynote address on the topic of “Transformational Leadership in the Midst of Reform.”

The Distinguished Service honorees were:

Judith Broad (’65), retired, University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, and Tomah Veterans Administration Hospital and Clinics in Tomah, Wisconsin

Dr. Susan Weber Buchholz (’81), professor, College of Nursing at Rush University

Patricia Winters Goodyear (’58), retired psychiatric clinical nurse specialist and liaison nurse and consultant in Baltimore, Maryland

Cheryl Herbert (’79), senior vice president of Regional Operations at OhioHealth

M. Charlene Myers Long (’58), professor emerita, University of South Florida

Dr. Cora Muñoz, professor emerita at Capital University, Fulbright Scholar, diversity trainer, health advocate and community worker

Barbara Nash, advance practice nurse and former partner and corporate officer of PRN Continuing Education and Life Wise

Martha (Marti) Taylor (’86), chief executive officer of The Ohio State University Hospital and The Ross Heart Hospital
For most people, the journey from musician to orchestra conductor is a long one. But Stephen Spottswood has held the baton for nearly three years as director of Urban Strings Columbus Youth Orchestra, a group that offers underprivileged musicians the chance to hone their skills and perform in a variety of private and community events. Spottswood moves easily among musical roles: from performing violin, viola and cello, to rearranging classic compositions with modern themes, to recording clever music videos with his twin brother, also a gifted musician at Capital.

Q: You come from a very musical family. Tell us about your siblings and parents.

A: My identical twin brother, Stanley Jr., graduated from Capital with his degree in music technology. He’s a talented pianist, guitarist and producer. He and I have made music together our entire lives. In 2013 we released an album called “The Brother Project,” which can be found on iTunes. My younger brother, Simeon, is a sophomore at SUNY ESF studying dendrology. He enjoys playing guitar and singing. My sister Savolia is a freshman at West Virginia University studying forest resource management. She’s gifted in singing and piano. My mother has a good voice, but won’t claim it! My father is the choir director at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Maryland. He’s a true musician, an educator, composer, arranger, pianist, clinician – and a pastor.

Q: What’s involved in directing Urban Strings?

A: We rehearse three Saturdays a month at Mount Vernon AME church, free of charge – and for that we are eternally grateful. Great institutions like Capital and Mount Vernon embrace the arts and the education of our youth. We are unique from other youth orchestras, because we perform three to four times a month at community and private events. This exposure may be the most valuable aspect to our program.

Q: What attracted you to Capital? What has been a high point for you?

A: Capital’s Conservatory of Music is spectacular. And the value of the conservatory is the faculty. I have grown tremendously as an educator, learning from my professors’ experiences, knowledge and wisdom. My junior year, my brother and I arranged the “Habanera” movement from Bizet’s Carmen suite into a hip-hop/classical duet. We performed it with a beat, viola and grand piano, and we received a standing ovation from the conservatory. Several professors offered to help shape our vision for out-of-the-box music to be taught to kids in music programs across the world. Capital’s “big vision” mentality is part of what has shaped me into the educator and community activist that I am today.

Q: What will you do after graduation?

A: I plan to teach string orchestra and/or choir next year. The thing that really makes me tick is working with children who have less. My mentor, Catherine Willis, says, “Students that have more continue to get more, and students who have less continue to get less.” My mission is to model and exemplify nothing but excellence in the classroom, and education is the perfect avenue to do that.
According to a 2015 survey by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, 78 percent of employers agreed that all college students should gain intercultural skills and an understanding of societies and countries outside the United States. The survey also revealed that 79 percent of employers felt that new graduates were underprepared in the area of having “awareness of and experiences with diverse cultures within the United States.” It is no surprise that employers are seeking graduates who are not only able to work well with diverse populations, but also possess intercultural skills.

As our nation continues to experience rapidly changing racial and ethnic demographic shifts, it’s imperative that institutions of higher education take intentional steps to reaffirm their commitment to creating campus climates and inclusive practices that embrace today’s diverse student learners. Undoubtedly, equipping our students to graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive as productive global citizens is certainly a core function of faculty and staff, and also emphasizes the importance of creating an institutional culture that fosters inclusive excellence. I can think of no higher ideal than a community working together to strive toward equity and inclusion for all.

Research shows that a diverse environment has significant educational benefits. A study conducted by Dr. Patricia Gurin (University of Michigan) showed that all students learn better when the learning occurs in a setting where students interact and exchange ideas with others who are different from them.

A diverse environment at Capital University is essential to our mission of transforming lives through education. We take pride in the fact that this year marks Capital’s most-diverse class, with approximately 26 percent of our first-year students identifying as underrepresented/multicultural. We also understand that the profile of faculty, staff and our overall student body is not as diverse as we would like for it to be.

Realizing the importance of creating and sustaining a more inclusive campus, our community is working together to develop a strategic diversity and inclusion plan. Naturally, there is much excitement about the work that is under way; this plan will help to ensure that diversity is incorporated into the fabric of Capital. It will consider our policies, practices, curriculum and recruitment efforts. Ultimately, the plan will aid our efforts in leveraging difference in ways that allow people from all backgrounds to hear and be heard, understand and be understood.
From my perspective, our students are incredible and can be successful at whatever they put their minds to – if they feel welcomed, respected and able to be their authentic selves in our community. Capital has the privilege of helping young minds better develop awareness and appreciation of the commonalities and differences among and within our student body. We understand that diversity aids in enhancing social development and expands capacity for viewing issues or problems from multiple perspectives, which deepens understanding of oneself.

There are many meaningful ways that our students are able to engage in issues pertaining to diversity. Without question, the in-class experience provides academic opportunities for students to critically examine aspects of diversity. Courses such as Cultural Pluralism and Global Awareness are just a few examples of these classroom experiences. Likewise, there are numerous out-of-class experiences that promote cross-cultural interaction and cultural awareness.

For example, the role of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion is to help create a more inclusive campus environment through services and programming that foster an appreciation and respect for the culture, history and traditions of all people. Over the last year, the office has seen a tremendous increase in the number of individuals seeking its services, and utilizing its space for several different purposes (diversity programs, academic reasons, social purposes, etc.). In the fall semester of 2015 alone, we experienced a record 1,975 visits!

The ODI is committed to providing advocacy, support services and culturally based programs that help increase students’ multicultural competence. The office will continue to provide strategic leadership, work with the campus community to challenge stereotyped preconceptions, encourage critical thinking and promote intercultural skills.

From my perspective, it is absolutely critical that our students gain the necessary intercultural skills that employers are expecting. Our campus community must continue to explore and develop new and exciting ways to engage our students in as many aspects of diversity and inclusion as possible. Our collective success depends on it.

ALMAR WALTER, M.A., M.B.A.

For the past 10 years, Almar Walter has worked in higher education, specifically within the diversity/multicultural field. At Capital, he serves as director of Diversity and Inclusion and as a member of the Provost’s Council. His background is in business, education, cross-cultural communication, diversity training and program development. He has presented at several conferences and universities, including Kibi International University in Okayama, Japan. He is passionate about international service learning, working with people from diverse backgrounds and giving back.
This year, 671 students were Capital bound. After arriving on campus, they call themselves Cap Family. We welcome the class of 2019 to campus and can’t wait to see them begin the rest of their lives.
Most seniors playing a collegiate sport see their careers come to an end on their respective Senior Day. And some get the added bonus of playing a few postseason contests. Capital University women’s soccer senior Mariah Richards could not have scripted a more unique conclusion to her final game.

An accomplished biochemistry/pre-dentistry major, Richards had already been named to the Academic All-OAC team. In the midst of planning life’s next move came applications for dental school, to which her top two options replied with requests for admission interviews.

The Crusaders had racked up wins, posted the program’s first-ever undefeated, untied season in conference play, and won their third-straight OAC Tournament championship – all of which meant a return trip to the NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Tournament.

Richards expressed concern that there was a chance her dental school admission interviews to The Ohio State University and University of Louisville could fall on the same dates as the national tournament, and that the potential destination could force her to choose between playing in what could be her final collegiate soccer games or taking the path to her future.

Less likely was the option that both could happen.

On Nov. 9, the NCAA announced the Crusaders would be making a trip to Danville, Ky., four hours from Columbus.

“We tried to reschedule the OSU interview, but it just wasn’t possible,” says Richards. “They were able to alter the time of the interview to the earliest session, but it still fell on the same day as that first game.”

Phone calls were made and word got around that a difficult decision loomed ahead for Richards. Volunteer goalkeeping coach Clara Kridler made a suggestion. Kridler, who is taking flight lessons, made the connection between her instructor and Richards’ family. An act of generosity by Kridler’s instructor, plus a little research that showed a small-plane airport just miles away from the Centre College playing field, led to a flight in a four-passenger plane from Columbus to Danville.

Richards’ day began at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, and from the get-go she says her mindset was, “Focus on the interview, then worry about the game. One thing at a time.”

After a 60-minute interview from which Richards confidently departed, she quickly boarded a plane to rush to join her team in the Bluegrass State.

“I’m claustrophobic,” she revealed, concerning the thought of having to travel in such a small plane.

What a challenge: to mentally prepare yourself for a national competition when you’re facing one of your greatest fears. The flight itself lasted about an hour, and anxiety had no bearing on the senior, though there was still some disbelief that everything was playing out to perfection.

When they landed, her family was there to greet her and taxi her to the site of the Crusaders’ match against Hanover College (Ind.). Richards rolled into the stadium 35 minutes before the start of the match, just in time to join the rest of her team for their pregame workout.

The Crusaders ended up defeating the Panthers 1-0, but Richards’ greater victory was still ahead. Capital was set for a quick turnaround to take on host Centre College in the second round the following day. Unfortunately, a loss ended their season.

Richards’ stay in Kentucky was not over, however. The day after seeing her collegiate playing career come to an end, she then had to travel 90 minutes to Louisville for her second dental school admission interview.

Richards proudly reports that she was accepted into both schools and has decided to attend the University of Louisville. She is also waiting to learn of the decision for her scholarship application to the United States Air Force, which would pave a path of service to her country following dental school.

Richards’ degrees will sit nicely next to her OAC Defensive Player of the Year, National Soccer Coaches Association of America academic All-America and athletic All-America honors she was awarded along the way.
STRONG MENTORS HELP FOSTER SUCCESS FOR ANDY WINTERS, ON AND OFF COURT

Just four years removed from being named an All-American at Ohio Wesleyan University, and entering his third year as a collegiate basketball coach, Andy Winters has been thrust into the role of interim head coach at Capital University.

The 26-year-old has taken the reins of the program amid an unfortunate situation, but with the guidance of head coach Damon Goodwin, Winters has been able to seize the opportunity to be both a successful graduate student in the university’s Master of Business Administration program and a leader of young men on the hardwood.

Entering his second year as an assistant coach, Winters was cast into the role of interim head coach following the announcement of Goodwin’s leukemia diagnosis before the beginning of the season. As a current MBA student, Winters’ workload immediately ballooned with the added responsibility of leading a storied athletic program.

“The hardest part is balancing the two,” says Winters. “Coach Goodwin always talks about academics, extracurricular activities and having a social life in each young person’s life, and that you have to balance them – maybe in that order.”

Goodwin seems to have reached not just his players, but his staff as well. In a time where Winters, now the youngest head coach in the NCAA, is being asked of so much, it is Goodwin’s mentorship that has guided him and the Crusaders to a strong start to the 2015-16 campaign.

Winters’ role has changed quite a bit. He has gone from someone who plans for the program’s future through scouting, recruiting and talent evaluation to someone who is primarily taking care of the players currently wearing the Purple and White. That also includes leading by example as a student himself.

“I talk to all the guys about putting in enough time in the classroom and doing the right things at study tables,” says Winters. “I’ll walk over and check in while on my way to my classes and they see that. It is important to continue to be a mentor and a leader by example.”

It is one thing to be a mentor, but to be a mentor while being mentored is a unique experience. Winters is still a young coach and admits he has much to learn. His open-mindedness and constant state of observation has served him well in both capacities – student and coach.

“I think it is important to be a life learner,” Winters says. He goes on about learning from Coach Goodwin: “You try to learn everything you can when you are around him, whether he (Goodwin) knows it or not. It’s what he does as a head coach and as a leader of a program that has made the biggest impact on me. He genuinely wants us to learn and understand what we are doing, but at the same time is open to questions and criticism or anything that will help the program. That is hard to come by.”

The Crusaders’ season recently concluded with a trip to the OAC Tournament and four more wins than the previous year. While all the wins will technically go to Coach Goodwin, the experience Coach Winters is getting as a student of the game and a student in the classroom will no doubt push both the team and himself to greater heights.

THE RIGHT FIT

Capital University is proud to announce the hiring of Chad Rogosheske as the 12th head coach in Capital football’s 93-year history. Rogosheske, a former coach for The Ohio State University, returns to the Buckeye State after spending the previous three seasons as head coach at his alma mater, Hamline University in Minnesota.

“We are very excited to welcome Chad as the next leader of the Capital football program,” said Dr. Stephen Bruning, director of Athletics and Recreation. “Our committee worked tirelessly to make sure we found the right fit for Capital University, and I believe we have. Chad’s values match our institutional values, and he will provide exemplary leadership to our football program. Seeing his body of work over the years makes me very optimistic for the future of Capital football and the way that our student-athletes will be prepared on the field and for their lives following graduation.”

To learn more about Coach Rogosheske, go to: www.athletics.capital.edu.

CAPITAL SERVES AS NATIONAL SEMIFINALS HOST

The Capital Center is proud to serve as the site of the 2016 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Championship semifinals on Saturday, March 19. Capital’s location was a factor in the NCAA’s decision to allow the Crusaders host one of the largest women’s basketball events of the year. The announcement marks a three-year agreement between the NCAA and the city of Columbus to feature championship-caliber basketball. In 2017, Ohio Dominican University will host the NCAA Division II Elite 8, and in 2018 The Ohio State University will host the Division I Final Four.
Are you familiar with the term “EGOT”? If not, it’s an acronym denoting someone who has won all four major American entertainment awards: an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. It’s quite an exclusive list, including Richard Rogers, Audrey Hepburn, John Gielgud, Whoopi Goldberg and a handful of other entertainment greats.

At Capital, we’re extremely proud of our alumni. They may not be as famous as Whoopi, but their accomplishments are just as important.

One of the responsibilities of the Alumni Advisory Board is to reward the achievements of Capital University’s alumni by annually conferring four awards. These awards recognize:

Accomplishments in an individual’s profession;
- Service to the university
- Service to the community
- Contributions to humanity

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
Given for selfless service to Capital, notable activities and accomplishments in their profession, or notable ongoing activities and accomplishments to the church or society. Nominees must be out of college for a minimum of 15 years.

**ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Given for exemplary service to Capital or society or the church, as well as remarkable professional achievement (significant reputation among colleagues for accomplishments and service to his/her particular profession) and/or profound service to humankind that has directly and profoundly improved the quality of life for others.

**YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD**
Given for identifiable career and community accomplishments, excellence in his/her professional field or endeavor, or exceptional contributions in volunteering or service to Capital, the church or society. Nominees must have been out of college 15 years or less.

**HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD**
Given to someone who has demonstrated outstanding loyalty and concern for Capital but is not an alumnus. This is a great way to thank someone who is not a Capital graduate, but who has given of his/her time and talents to help make the university the great place that it is!

I encourage you to consider nominating deserving alumni who have made an impact. If you would like additional information regarding these awards, which are given each spring as part of our Alumni Weekend activities, I encourage you to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 614-236-6701 or go to capconnect.org/AlumniAwards.

Dale Mittler
Alumni Advisory Board President

Greetings to the Cap Family
Sharing Fun – Alumni Style

ALUMNI OF COLOR REUNION
Capital’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion hosted a special gathering and family cookout at the inaugural Alumni of Color Reunion on the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend.

MBA NETWORKING PANEL
Current Capital MBA students and alumni got insider information in November 2015 when a panel of Central Ohio’s top business leaders took part in a discussion on how to identify top performers and future leaders, and how to get the best out of yourself and your employees. Panelists were John Phillips ('80, M’86), president and CEO, Team Fishel; Dan Creekmur (L’06), president, Columbia Gas of Ohio; Andre Porter ('02), chair, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; and Marti Croll Taylor ('86), CEO, University Hospital, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Professor David Schwantes was recognized for 30 years of service to Capital, including several years as director of the MBA program.

A CENTURY OF CAPITAL THEATRE
For 100 years, Capital University Theatre has been entertaining and educating audiences by presenting a variety of theatrical experiences. Following the Saturday Homecoming performance of “Metamorphoses,” theater alumni gathered to celebrate the centennial.

YOUNG ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR
Recent graduates reconnected in September 2015 at a Young Alumni Happy Hour at Seventh Son Brewing Company.

WILDLIGHTS
Wallabies, palm civets, penguins and serval cats all added to the fun at Capital’s Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo event.
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.

Program Designations: C (Conservatory graduate program); H (Honorary); L (Law School); M (Management graduate program); N (Nursing graduate program); P (Paralegal); S (Trinity Lutheran Seminary prior to 1960); T (Tax)

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Jan McKinney Marvar ('62) is director of Interim and Transitional Ministries of the Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA. In addition she serves half time as interim pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Clawson, Michigan. She will celebrate 30 years as a pastor in July 2016. Address: 8335 Golf Dr. #302, Pontiac, MI 48341; gspastor@gmail.com

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Carolyn A. Schell ('56) retired as a nurse coordinator of an epilepsy center. She continues as a church organist and volunteers with a Parkinson center, hospital, church outreach ministries and as a pianist. She recently traveled through Canada to the Maritime Provinces. Address: 34 Homestead Pl, Maumee, Ohio 43537; carolyn.schell@utoledo.edu

Richard Androsko ('58) retired in June 2004 from Newport High School in Bellevue, Washington. In 2009, he received the Siemens Award for Advanced Placement for excellence in math and science in the state of Washington, and also won the Siemens Foundation National Advanced Placement Award Photo Banner Contest. He is currently authoring research on seahorses.

1970s

Eric Beheim ('68) recently produced and directed the first commercial recording of the original musical score for D.W. Griffith's 1916 silent masterpiece “Intolerance.” The film was released by VCI Entertainment on November 3, 2015, along with Griffith's 1915 Civil War epic, “The Birth of the Nation,” accompanied by its original musical score, which Eric also prepared. Address: 25114 Oak Lane Descanso, CA 91916; cinephonic@aol.com

Charles R. Snyder ('68) was recognized for his 50th year in music ministry, having served Lutheran, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, and Presbyterian congregations. He began his 40th year at the Presbyterian Church in Coshocton, Ohio, on Jan. 1. Address: 1937 Hillcrest Drive, Coshocton, OH 43812; csnyder@presbyteriancoshocoto.org

1980s

Dewayne Lee ('80) and his wife, Maja-Lisa, own Healing Hearts Counseling Center in the greater Richland County area, and are certified for mental health and alcohol and drug addiction counseling. Address: 860 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, OH 44907; dewayne.healinghearts@gmail.com

Michael Tanner ('81) retired as a lieutenant from Columbus Police in 1999 and in 2005 moved to Florida to pursue a career in real estate. He was appointed by the governor to the Ohio Industrial Commission as director of Security Services. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Franklin University. Email: mtannerop@hotmail.com

Jon Austin ('82) competed in the National Senior Olympic Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July 2015 – 33 years after competing with the Capital track team. He competed in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter dashes, and won the bronze medal as part of the 4 x 100 relay team. He brought home two gold medals and two silver medals at the 2015 Ohio Senior Olympic Games.

Dolores Tate-Mayeski ('82) presented “Merton Matters for the New Millennium” in September 2015. This was a series of two lectures on American writer and monk Thomas Merton, presented by the San Diego School of Christian Studies at First United Methodist Church.

Lynn Martin ('84) represented the Michigan Conference United Church of Christ at Consultation 2015, sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany. Lynn was in an exposure group studying climate justice for half of the time and preached in Leck, Germany, on Sept. 13, 2015. Address: 10119 Ashton St., Pinckney, MI 48169; pinckneypastor@gmail.com

David Bennett (L’85) was elected judge of the Guernsey County Common Pleas Court Probate/Juvenile Division in November 2014.

Mark J. Riley (L’79) was named the 2015 Outstanding Civil Defense Lawyer of the Year by the New Mexico Lawyers Association. Address: 1145 Marigold NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122; mriley@rs-law.com

Frank A. Titus (L’79) was an expert witness for the Ohio Department of Education in an administrative agency hearing, testifying comparing portions of the uniform code of military justice with sections of the Ohio Criminal Code. Address: 1251 Harrison Ave., Columbus, OH 43201; titusa92@wowway.com
1990s
Steven R. Crawford ('91), Denison University's director of Alumni Relations, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to travel to Germany in fall 2015 to study the German higher education system.

Braden Kail ('92) was recognized as one of Aultcare's 30 local men and women who make a difference in the community. He has also been named the Ohio Optometric Association’s 2015 Humanitarian of the Year for his work with Cross Eyed Missions, an organization he founded to provide free eye care in impoverished countries.

Michelle Reed ('95) studied biotic, physical and cultural forces that affect tropical biodiversity at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and La Selva Biological Station in summer 2015. A science teacher for Toledo Public Schools, she took a graduate course as part of Miami University’s Earth Expeditions program.

Lori Williams Shea ('96) graduated from Northcentral University with an MBA in healthcare in July 2015. She was inducted into Delta Mu Delta and Golden Key International honor societies. Lori is a clinical operations manager at a children’s hospital in Orlando. She is married and has three children, ages 14, 10 and 4. Email: LLshea@earthlink.net

2000s
Darci Mill Wagner ('02, M'03) received her doctorate of Business Administration and Marketing from Walden University in September 2015.

Brandi Braun ('03) has a new position as chief communications and development officer for Columbus Recreation and Parks.

Matt Crumpton (L'07) was promoted to president and CEO of D.P. Dough Franchising, a late-night calzone franchise based out of Columbus.

Gina Brajer Fulton ('10) graduated with her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Duke University in 2015.

WEDDINGS & ANNIVERSARIES
Stephen Kick ('54) and Kay Schlessman Kick ('57) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 31, 2015. Address: 404 Hoffman Road, Loudonville, OH 44842.

Sue Calloway Dill ('79, L'83, N'86) and Ralph Elmer Dill ('73) celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a two-week trip to India. Sue is a published author and is on the Joint Commission Leadership standard. She writes a monthly newsletter called “Compliance Mentor.” Address: 5447 Fawnbrook Lane, Dublin, OH 43017; sdill1@columbus.rr.com

Matt Girard ('02) proposed to Amy Conkel ('04) at the Park of Roses on Aug. 11, 2015. The couple is planning a 2016 wedding. They live in Gahanna, Ohio, with their daughter Lilyana. Amy is a school counselor in West Jefferson and Matt recently opened a new facility for his family business, McKee.

Kristy Enderlen ('05) and Travis Tussing married on Sept. 26, 2015.

Natalie Davis ('08) married John Faulkner on Oct. 8, 2015, in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Shane M. Sonnenberg ('08) and William Phillips married on Sept. 5, 2015, in Arlington, Virginia, in a rooftop ceremony overlooking the Potomac River and Washington, D.C. Address: 22202; shane.sonnenberg@gmail.com

Gina Brajer ('10) married Jeffrey Fulton in August 2015.

Ashley Tilberg ('11) and Tyler Skelly ('09) married on Aug. 21, 2015.

Sara Monroe ('14) and Scott Huff ('12) married on June 20, 2015.

Kate Venable ('14) married Dave Kamphuis on Aug. 8, 2015. Address: 428 Clearmont Drive, Youngstown, OH 44511; kate@aristera.net

BIRTHS
Samantha Stephens Campolo ('04) and Jonathan Campolo ('04) welcomed daughter Adeline Grace in February 2015. She joins siblings Ava and Nicholas.

Mark Steppe ('04) and his wife, Nicki, welcomed son William on July 28, 2015. Address: 4130 Perila, Los Angeles, CA 90039.

Sarah Yonkey ('05) and Jordan McCoy ('05) welcomed daughter Ivy Colineeta on Aug. 18, 2015.

Kimberly Culter Cox ('07) and Bryan Cox ('07) welcomed their third child, Kelsci Lea, on Oct. 7, 2015. They also celebrated six years of marriage Nov. 22, 2015. Address: 7719 Devonwood Drive, West Chester, OH 45069; bryancox5@gmail.com

Brittany Irwin Hirschfeld ('08) and Mitchell Hirschfeld ('08) welcomed their first daughter, Petra Brielle Irwin Hirschfeld, on Sept. 27, 2015.
1930s

Lester Huber (’35, H’64), Aug. 11, 2015, age 102. He was a teacher and administrator for 42 years, and served on Capital’s Board of Regents. Survivors include wife Lillian Bierker Huber (’64, H’08); son and daughter-in-law Donald (’62) and Shirley Lemke (’64) Huber, son James Huber (’66); daughter Carol Huber Pederson (’64); and granddaughter Karen Huber Morlan (’94).

Margaret von Husen Lychfield (’35), Aug. 3, 2015, age 100. She was a teacher and, after retiring from the classroom, she volunteered as a literacy instructor.

Edith Goppinger Byers (’36), Jan. 5, 2016, age 101. She was an artist who worked in watercolors, oils, fabrics and pottery.

Helen Smith Freeland (’36), June 29, 2015, age 100. She taught music and was a church choir director.

Louise Stuckey (’37), Dec. 8, 2015, age 98. She was an elementary school teacher. Survivors include sister-in-law Mary Fischer Stuckey (’45); nephew and wife David (’72) and Bonnie Duncan (’72) Stuckey; and nephew and wife Dana (’71) and Lorraine Meyer (’70) Stuckey.

1940s

Mary Frank (’40), Aug. 17, 2015, age 99. She taught elementary school for 36 years. Survivors include sister-in-law Mary Fischer Stuckey (’45); nephew and wife David (’72) and Bonnie Duncan (’72) Stuckey; and nephew and wife Dana (’71) and Lorraine Meyer (’70) Stuckey.

1950s

Dorothy Reinartz Earth (’50), Nov. 16, 2015, age 87. She was a history teacher. Survivors include sister and brother-in-law Paulina Reinartz (’59) and Richard (’60) Wendt.

Mary Anna Kochenderfer Durst (’50), Oct. 7, 2015, age 87. She was a teacher.

Thelma “Jane” Armintrout Koerner (’50), Oct. 16, 2015, age 87. She was an elementary and special education teacher. Survivors include daughters Espeth “Lori” Koerner (’92) and Adele Koerner Schuler (’74).

Gerald LaBuhn (’50, S’53), Sept. 23, 2015, age 93. He served as pastor of Lutheran churches in Ohio and Michigan. Survivors include wife Ilean; son and daughter-in-law Matthew (’92) and Gretchen Harris LaBuhn (’93); brother Gordon LaBuhn (’57); and niece and husband Linda Lukasek (’97) and Warren Leist (’56).

Maurice Sihl (’50), Oct. 7, 2015, age 89. He was a high school band director before joining the music faculties of Syracuse and Cornell universities. Survivors include wife Shirley.

Frederick White (’50), July 19, 2015, age 90. He served in the U.S. Navy submarine service then worked as an optician. Survivors include wife Louise and son Frederick White Jr. (M’84).

Helen Krukeberg Garner (’51), May 25, 2015, age 86. She worked for the Dayton Public School System.

Jack Hoffman (’51), Aug. 4, 2015, age 86. He served in the U.S. Navy before practicing medicine for 57 years. Survivors include wife June and sister Carol Ann Hoffman Hardin (’58).

Edith Schneider (’51), July 28, 2015, age 86. She was a post librarian for the U.S. Army in Japan, the Panama Canal Zone, Korea and the United States before working in various positions with the CIA.

James Hewitt (’52), Aug. 12, 2015, age 87. He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict before working 32 years as a school band director.

Joan French Lusk (’52), Aug. 23, 2015, age 86. She worked for Sears and Bell Telephone.

Garrard “Jerry” Haubrich (’53, S’57), Oct. 4, 2015, age 85. He served as pastor for several Lutheran churches in Ohio. Survivors include wife Elma Cox Haubrich (’55).

Norma Heckman Mead (’53), May 24, 2015, age 92. She was a Lutheran parish worker. Survivors include son Philip Mead (’79).
Richard Boehner ('54), July 23, 2015, age 85. He served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps and worked 35 years for General Electric Lighting Division. Survivors include wife Lila.

Mary Ann Green Langholz ('54), Oct. 24, 2015, age 83. She was a high school teacher and television personality for Columbus Public Schools, and was awarded the Foundation Freedom Medal by President Gerald Ford. Survivors include husband Armin Langholz ('51); son, Kevin Langholz ('79); daughter Lori Langholz West ('82); grandson, Dax Langholz ('13); brother-in-law, Marcus Langholz ('57); sister-in-law Lois Langholz Miller ('47); nephew, Philip Langholz ('71); and nieces Karen Langholz Hoffman ('78) and Terriynn Green Sassmann ('80).

Grace Kalis LeFran ('54), Nov. 6, 2015, age 79.

Ronald List ('54), Sept. 29, 2015, age 83. He was a farmer in Washington and Circleville townships and worked for DuPont. He was a Marine Corps veteran, he worked in government townships and worked for DuPont. He was a high school band director and city tutor after retiring. Survivors include wife Bertha; sister, Pat Dell Bowman ('50); and niece Jennie Tisch ('02).

Lester Minneman ('55), Oct. 2, 2015, age 82.

Ronald Grissom ('65), Aug. 9, 2015, age 68. He was a Lutheran pastor, serving churches in Ohio, Kentucky and Berlin, Germany.

James Pickering ('68), Oct. 27, 2015, age 69. He taught American history at Teays Valley Middle School. Survivors include wife Deborah; sons, Christopher Pickering ('09) and David Pickering ('12); brother, Richard Pickering ('70); and mother, Marjorie Peters Pickering ('45).

1960s

George H. Steele ('60), Nov. 1, 2015, age 77. He was a high school coach and educator. Survivors include wife, Suzanne Durik Steele ('63).

Russell Armstrong ('61), Dec. 7, 2015, age 76. He was a high school band director and city councilman in Martins Ferry, Ohio. Survivors include wife Suzanne.

Winfield “Windy” Kinney III ('61), Nov. 14, 2015, age 81. He practiced law in Dayton for more than 50 years. Survivors include wife Bobbie.

Amos White Jr. ('62), July 27, 2015, age 81. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a teacher, principal, administrator and educational consultant. Survivors include wife Janice Gray White ('77) and niece, Esther Baldwin ('05).

Robert “Bob Allen” Prahn ('63), Aug. 29, 2015. He was a well-known Columbus pianist and leader of the Bob Allen Trio. Survivors include wife Marilyn and son, Aaron Prahn ('01).

Raymond Menchhofer ('64), Sept. 28, 2015, age 74. He was a pastor of several Lutheran churches and chaplain at Longview State Hospital. Survivors include wife Diane Gebhard Menchhofer ('63).

Ronald Ryckman ('64), Nov. 3, 2015, age 75. He was a pastor serving Lutheran churches in Wisconsin and Florida, then became mission director for the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Survivors include wife Wahneta.

Joe Hess ('65), Aug. 31, 2015, age 71. He was a math teacher for Columbus City Schools. Survivors include wife, Sharon Tack Hess ('65).

Roger Heltzel ('66), March 24, 2015, age 83. He was an Air Force cryptographer in the Korean War before earning his law degree. Survivors include wife Margaret.

Richard Fisher ('67), Sept. 12, 2015, age 70. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, he owned and operated a print shop.

James O’Grady ('67), Jan. 7, 2016, age 79. He served as an assistant Franklin County prosecutor and Franklin County Common Pleas Court judge. Survivors include wife Betty; son, and daughter-in-law James ('04) and Amy Courtney ('00) O’Grady; and grandson Ryan Hutchinson ('08).

Sandra Hieber Christopher ('68), July 9, 2015, age 69. She worked at Countryside Academy and at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Survivors include husband Peter.

Doris Burrwitz Dunsmore ('57), Sept. 17, 2015, age 81. She taught high school business and math, then was a substitute teacher and math tutor after retiring. Survivors include husband Roland.

Richard Trout ('57), Sept. 16, 2015, age 85. He was a Lutheran pastor who served churches in Iowa and Oregon, and worked as an organic gardener and part-time farmer. Survivors include wife Betty.

Theodore “Ted” Fritz ('58), Sept. 7, 2015, age 86. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he worked in Capital University’s Instructional Media Center. Survivors include son, Brian Fritz ('81); sister and brother-in-law, Julia Fritz ('54) and Mark ('54) Shull; and brother Paul Fritz ('63).

Nancy Hoare Meuschke ('58), July 30, 2015. She was a teacher. Survivors include granddaughter and husband Ari Meuschke ('05) and Luke Streng ('02); sister, Marcia Hoare Scherocman ('62); and niece Jennifer Scherocman Tatz ('03).


1970s

Constance Nelson-Wise ('70), Dec. 29, 2015, age 67. She was a social worker at Magee Women’s Hospital. Survivors include sister Jennifer Nelson Maurer ('71).

Joan Brennenman Shulman ('71), July 27, 2015, age 66. As a nurse, she cared for AIDS patients and did hospice work. Survivors include husband John.

Anne Horwell Stone ('71), Oct. 16, 2015, age 66. She was a social worker in Arkansas, Virginia and Kawagoe, Japan. Survivors include husband John.

Gale King III ('72), Dec. 9, 2015, age 74. A member of the Air Force Reserve, he taught English in Korea before being admitted to practice law in Ohio. Survivors include wife Cynthia.

Susan Weakley Hammas ('73), Oct. 16, 2015, age 66. Survivors include husband Dan and brother, Scott Weakley ('73).

Dennis Bernhard ('74), Aug. 1, 2015, age 63.

Richard Ketcham ('74), Dec. 21, 2015, age 67. He was a criminal defense attorney for nearly 30 years, handling more than 40 death penalty cases. Survivors include wife Rebecca.

Sally Collier Mondron ('76), Aug. 12, 2015, age 61. Survivors include husband Peter.

Lonnie Stephen ('76), Dec. 1, 2015, age 68. Survivors include wife Marilyn.
Judith Calsing (‘77), Oct. 24, 2015, age 59. She taught nursing students and worked at Children’s Hospital in Columbus and was a youth counselor in private practice.

Dale Hill (‘78), July 16, 2015, age 59. He was a funeral director/embalmer. Survivors include wife Kathy Lee and daughter Sierra Hill (‘12).

Alan Schnitkey (‘78, L’81), May 21, 2015, age 58. He practiced law before working for Lafarge, Koch Industries and NDS/Norma Group. Survivors include wife Beth Heilener Bennett (‘78).

Mark Totten (‘79), Sept. 28, 2015, age 58. He was finance manager of Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

Stephen Williams (‘79), Nov. 9, 2015, age 78. An Air Force veteran, he went on to work in various capacities with the Veteran’s Administration Hospital system.

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1980s

Betsy Reid Finnerty (‘80), Sept. 11, 2015, age 56. She was a nurse in the Burn Unit of Columbus’s Nationwide Children’s Hospital and then worked in geriatric nursing in Youngstown, Ohio.

George Georgoff (L’81), Aug. 2, 2015. Survivors include wife Jean.

Kathleen Keller McNeal (L’82), Oct. 14, 2015, age 67. Survivors include husband Donald.

Mary Catherine Bankiewicz Hackett (‘85), Sept. 29, 2015. Survivors include husband Michael and brother-in-law John Hackett Jr. (‘80).

Leslyn Coombs Yowell (‘88), Oct. 17, 2015, age 49. She was a social worker in the emergency department at Grant Medical Center. Survivors include husband Kevin.

Barbara Smith Covington (M’89, P’01), Sept. 17, 2015, age 78. She worked at the City of Columbus Division of Water for 29 years.

Carol Fisher (‘89), Sept. 4, 2015, age 74. She was an advocate for refugee settlement services with Church World Services and the education outreach coordinator for the Central Ohio Poison Center at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Survivors include husband Daniel Baer.

1990s


Charles “Chuck” Woodbeck (L’91), Oct. 26, 2015, age 77. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years then practiced law at the Ohio State Medical Board. Survivors include wife Cynthia.

Herbert Street (T’93), Oct. 21, 2015, age 79. He worked for PUCO for 20 years and was a tax preparer and financial consultant.

Jan Wilcox Day (‘96), Dec. 14, 2015, age 72. She was an advertising and marketing specialist.

Sarah Boor Bennett (P’99), Oct. 2, 2015, age 41. She was a senior paralegal and investments paralegal supervisor at Nationwide. Survivors include husband Mark and father-in-law Donald Bennett (M’75).

2000s

Irma Henry (’01), Oct. 7, 2015, age 65. Survivors include daughter Beth Lambert (’08).

Daniel Luke (M’01), Oct. 4, 2015, age 42. He worked at Huntington National Bank. Survivors include wife Angela.

Marsha Sisson Swinhart (’05), Aug. 12, 2015, age 63. She was a public health nurse for the Ross County General Health District, then taught nursing at Capital University and public health at Cedarville University. Survivors include husband Keith.

Ronald Gilroy (’06), Feb. 14, 2015, age 58. He was a registered nurse and had worked at Doctors Hospital and Dublin Methodist Hospital.

Anthony Floyd (’07), Oct. 21, 2015, age 31. He was CEO/owner of Top Line Fitness, and youth pastor and armor bearer at Come As You Are Ministries.

FACULTY/STAFF

Mary Baxter, Aug. 24, 2015, age 85. She was an English professor at Capital from 1972 to 1994. Survivors include husband Robert.

Max Culver (’49, S’52), Nov. 5, 2015, age 93. After serving three years in the 94th Infantry Division in Europe, he served two congregations in Illinois and Minnesota as a full-time pastor and several Lutheran congregations as an interim pastor. He taught on the faculties of Concordia University, De Paul University, Kansas Wesleyan and Capital University, from which he retired in 1988 after 17 years as a sociology professor. He received the Praestantia Award for outstanding teaching in 1975. Survivors include wife Virginia Hemken Culver (’49); son Mark Culver (’82); and daughters Janice Culver Hedges (’86) and Catherine Culver Ward (’10).


Theodore "Ted" Fritz (’58), Sept. 7, 2015, age 86. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he worked in Capital’s Instructional Media Center from 1971 to 1995. Survivors include son Brian Fritz (’81); sister and brother-in-law Julia Fritz (’54) and Mark (’54) Shull; and brother Paul Fritz (’63).
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