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For students like Aaron Snelgrove, summer learning experiences strengthen career preparation and lead to great jobs.

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Sharing beautiful music

When students practice and perform in Union College's Engel Recital Hall, they can now enjoy the dulcet, yet majestic tones of a Baldwin concert grand piano made possible by a generous donor.

"This is a beautiful instrument and was assessed a better piano than the one we had in the recital hall," said Kurt Miyashiro, professor of music who specializes in instrumental music.

Miyashiro was at a piano store looking at pianos for the music department when he ran into Tom and Linda Becker, who had both recently retired from working at Union College. The couple were looking for a baby grand piano for their living room—and a home for the Baldwin concert grand Linda inherited when her mother passed away.

"This piano has so many memories," said Linda. The instrument was a gift from her grandparents to her mother, a concert pianist, after her father died when Linda was young. "It was a way for her to cope with the death of my dad by playing music every evening. My brother and I would go to bed hearing

beautiful music knowing that it came from her soul. It reminded us of the incredible love Mom and Dad had for each other."

Linda knew the piano belonged at Union to help train young pianists. "It is my hope the music created on the piano will bring joy and peace to the hearts of listeners, encouragement and affirmation to the pianists, and that it will remain a thing of beauty in memory of Melva Wright Cummings," she said.

The amazing educational experiences available to Union students are possible thanks to equipment and instruments gifted by generous alumni and friends.

If you want to learn more about how you can be part of that experience, please contact the Advancement Office at **402.486.2503** or advance@ucollege.edu

Students can now play a beautiful Baldwin concert grand piano in Engel Recital Hall—a gift donated by longtime Union employees, Tom and Linda Becker.

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Aaron Snelgrove graduated from Union's nursing program in May and already had a job lined up thanks to Kettering Health Network's job guarantee for Union nurses. Read the story on page 18. Photo by Courtney Haas.

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Volunteers help TLC serve more students

by Danica Eylenein

"We're reaching students who might not otherwise have the same opportunities at success."

In 1978, Union College introduced the Teaching Learning Center in an effort to provide students with academic support and tutoring. Early on, the program expanded by offering services and accessibility accommodations for students with learning disabilities.

Because of this growth, a volunteer program was implemented in 1987 that opened up opportunities to the Lincoln community. TLC volunteers assist with tutoring, proctoring and exam accommodations. These volunteers are a vital part of student success and the daily operation of the TLC.

One such volunteer, Mary Morris, believes the benefit of an education should be accessible to anyone with the desire to learn. For the past 26 years she has faithfully volunteered at the TLC. Years after graduating with a degree from Union College in business administration, Morris returned to Union to study nursing and graduated alongside her daughter in 1992. While attending Union, she saw the benefit the TLC provided students and wanted to play a part in helping out. She began tutoring and hasn't stopped since. Morris

tutors nursing students, provides exam accommodations and helps prepare students for licensure exams.

"Everyone has a different style of learning," said Morris. "It's our job to find what style works best for those who come into the TLC."

Morris's contribution helps not only the students, but also the TLC staff. "Many mornings Mary has arrived at the TLC before 7:30 a.m. ready to assist a student with accommodations," said Debbie Forshee-Sweeney, director of the TLC. "She is kind and patient with students, and is never judgmental."

For Morris, her time spent volunteering is something to look forward to. "I have a passion for helping others learn," she said. "I want students to believe they can do what they set their mind to, and I want to help in whatever ways I can."

This outlook is what helps students thrive. "We're reaching students who might not otherwise have the same opportunities at success," said Morris.

Union College relies on the support of generous volunteers like Morris. It's because of these volunteers that so many students receive the encouragement and support they need for continual success. Volunteer opportunities are available in a number of areas across campus and a few hours' time can make a world of difference for a student in need. **A**

Danica Eylenein is a senior communication major from New Jersey.



Mary Morris has volunteered in Union's Teaching Learning Center for 26 years—tutoring nursing students and helping them prepare for licensure exams.

A gift that gives back

by Ken Farrow

For Glen '68 and Marybeth Watkins '68 Gessele, one of the most important memories of their time at Union was the strong connections built between student and faculty. In fact, they first met at a party in a professor's home after Marybeth transferred to Union in 1966. One year later, Glen popped the question after a similar event.

"We like what we see currently taking place at Union—the focus on strong student and staff relationships, the close relationship between the college and the College View church and the college's ongoing impact in the Lincoln community," said Glen.

That's one reason the couple decided to support Union College with a charitable gift annuity—it allows them keep a strong relationship with Union by supporting their alma mater and receiving an income for the rest of their lives.

Here's how it works: the Gesseles give a gift to Union—the gift might be cash, securities, or other assets. In return, they receive a partial tax deduction in the year of their donation. After that, they receive a fixed stream of income partially tax free from the charity for the rest of their lives.

"We chose to support Union College through charitable gift annuities because they are a win-win financial planning and giving tool," said Glen. During his 25 years serving in the Planned Giving and Trust Service department of the Oregon Conference, he's seen firsthand how charitable gift annuities provide donors with a lifetime income stream as well as making provision for a gift to the charity of their choice.




photo: courtesy of Glen and Marybeth Gessele

Glen and Marybeth Gessele give back to Union College using a charitable gift annuity because it gives them a tax break now and an income stream for life—all while supporting the college they love.

Glen outlined several other benefits of charitable gift annuities:

- They are easy to understand and set up.
- A lump sum of money is given and the donor receives a known income stream for life.
- There are never any maturity dates or reinvestment decisions to worry about.
- The annuity payments are sent directly to the donor's checking account.
- The tax benefits received—an immediate charitable income tax deduction, plus a portion of the annuity payments are received tax free.
- No one can talk donors out of the money placed in annuities.
- There are many options for setting up income streams for beneficiaries.
- And last, but certainly not least, upon death the remaining value of any charitable gift annuities will support Union College students.

"Union College has our support because we appreciate what Union did for us," said Glen. He believes charitable gift annuities are a great way to give because they can be structured to fit almost any situation, and the payout rate is normally higher than other fixed rate investments.

Check out the possibilities for yourself. To receive a complimentary illustration on how a charitable gift annuity will work for you, please contact Ken Farrow in the Union College Advancement office at **402.486.2503** or at ken.farrow@ucollege.edu 

Ken Farrow is director of leadership giving at Union College.



Union rolls out new online summer courses

by Ryan Teller

Union College added eight online classes this summer—including a new course called Topics on Faith and Imagination taught by 2003 Union graduate, pastor and prolific author, Seth Pierce.

This is in addition to the eight on-campus classes offered in May and a few off-campus classes such as study tours and remote training.

"We want to make it easier for students to take summer classes," said Dr. Nicole Orian, who was recently named Union's dean of online education in addition to her role as chair of the Division of Nursing. "Students responded so well to the courses we offered last year, we've increased their options again."

After piloting two general education classes in literature and history last summer, Union added courses taught by Union professors in writing, psychology and religion, in addition to courses in economics, sociology and history offered through a consortium of independent colleges.

Most classes began May 7 along with Union's on-campus, three-week summer session. The online courses typically run six weeks, giving students more options to complete the coursework. Some classes have a regular weekly online meeting time (synchronous), while others are asynchronous—they don't have regular meeting times with the whole class.

For accounting major Tyler Dean, Union's online option was a great alternative to picking up courses from another school at home in Denver. Already facing a packed schedule for his upcoming senior year, taking microeconomics and macroeconomics courses online this summer will allow him to graduate next May.

Union greatly expanded summer online offerings this past summer—including courses in writing, psychology, religion, economics, sociology and history—and an online exclusive titled Topics on Faith and Imagination taught by 2003 graduate Seth Pierce.

"It's fantastic to take classes wherever I am," Dean said. "I was going to take the courses at a local community college before I found out about Union's online option."

Dean also appreciates a flexible schedule that allows him to study for an actuarial test and work some too. "I like that I can study whenever it works best for me," he said.

Junior graphic design major Jovan Cross stayed on campus to work a full-time job this summer and was still able to pick up a course. His synchronous Ancient Western Literature class meets online twice a week for an hour. "I'm able to work during the day since the online class I'm taking starts in the evening when most offices on campus are closed," Cross said.

"Union College is committed to providing the best education for our students," said Orian. "We will continue to use technology to improve our offerings for current students, and we are also exploring ways to use online classes and programs to reach new markets." **A**

Religion professor presents at Biblical Research Institute conference

by Danica Eysten

For Union College Religion Professor Ben Holdsworth, climate science is nothing new. He believes it impacted the world of the early Christian church, and it will again influence Adventists as the time of Christ's coming approaches. In June, he presented a paper at the Bible Research Institute (BRI) Fourth International Bible Conference.

Holdsworth's presentation marks the first time a Union College professor has been invited to present at the conference. His paper, titled "Adventist Eschatology and Ecclesiology in a Climate-Disrupted World," synthesizes material from his New Testament courses, doctoral research and a paper he presented.

"The interest for this paper came from research into the intersection of first century Christianity within the Greco-Roman world with the experience of climate impacts and social destabilization in Judea and Galilee," said Holdsworth.

More specifically, Holdsworth explained, "This paper explores the intersection of Adventist eschatology and evangelism in relation to caring for churches and members, and the support of church economics—tithes and offerings, in a world that is currently impacted

by climate disruption and will be increasingly shaped by future disruption."

Holdsworth's paper also draws from research used in teaching a course titled Global Environment and International Policy which is offered at Union College for either religion or political science credit.

"My purpose in writing this is to have the church engage in a broader conversation about the current and coming impact on the Adventist church, for both evangelism and in caring for its members," said Holdsworth.

The June conference held in Rome, themed "Biblical Eschatology from an Adventist Perspective," featured presentations related to last-day events. The invitation-only conference featured more than 110 papers held in six parallel sessions, as well as an oppor-

tunity to attend guided tours through major Biblical and early Christian sites in Rome.

Holdsworth appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference, and the time he was able to spend on further research while there. "With my doctoral work being done in the book of Romans, I was glad to go back to see Rome itself. Every time I go back, I see Paul's letter from a different perspective." He jokingly added, "and of course, I always look forward to the gelato."

In addition to potential publication by the BRI, parts of Holdsworth's research will be used to further the conversation in future semesters of his Global Environment and International Policy course. **A**

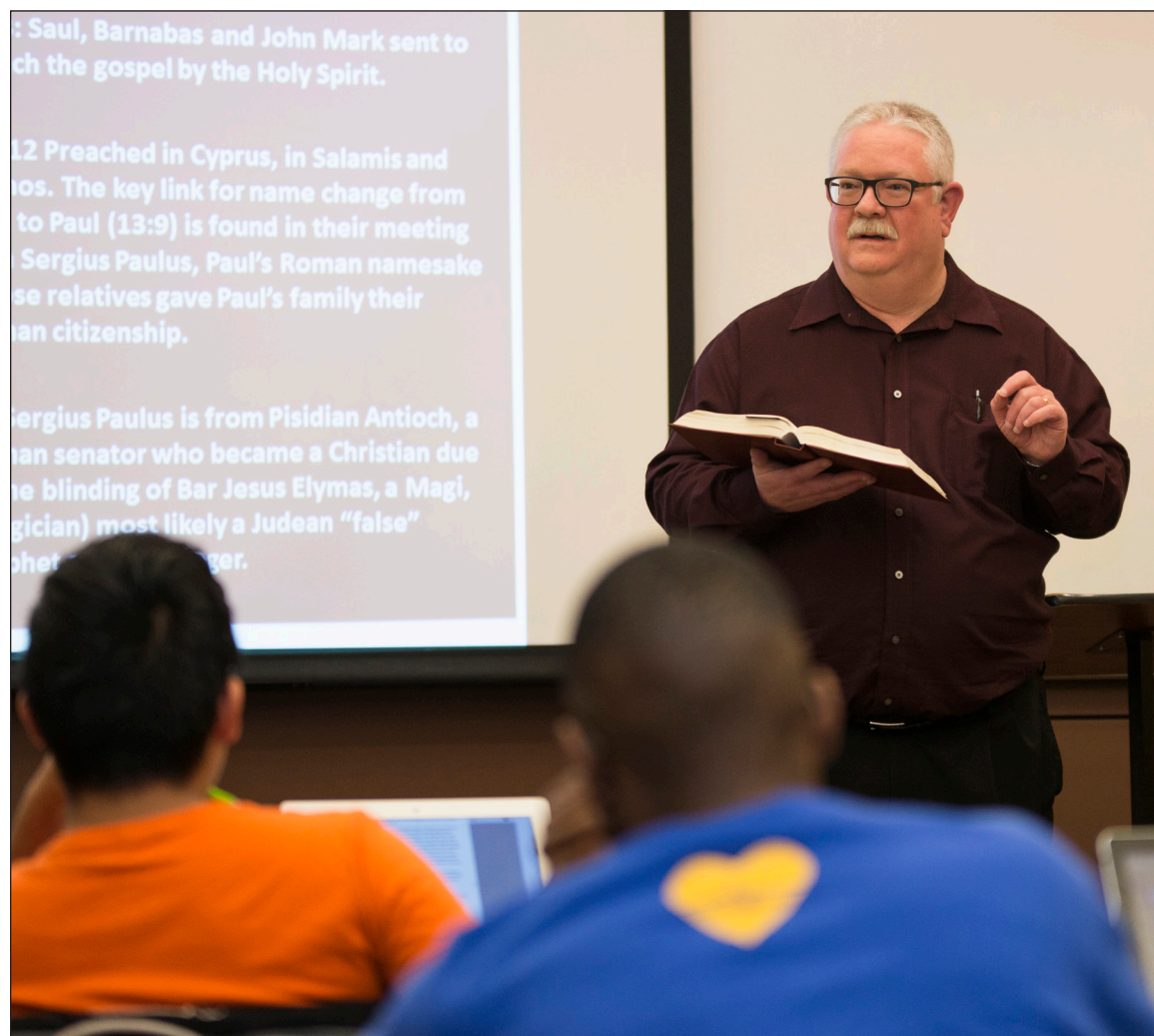


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Religion professor Ben Holdsworth presented a paper on climate change and prophecy at the Biblical Research Institute conference in Rome this past summer.



Carl Dupper: Union connections continue to pay dividends

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04

After graduating with a degree in business administration, Carl Dupper '14 embarked on a management residency at Adventist Health System in Orlando, Fla., and simultaneously completed his MBA. "My residency was all about getting the most perspective on the Adventist health care system, so that I'd have a broad base of understanding," Dupper says. "It set me up for the position I'm in today."

He currently serves as director of operations at Centra Care in Altamonte Springs, Fla., where he oversees 18 urgent care facilities. Along with empowering the employees who report to him, Dupper finds the strategy of continual improvement exciting. "My job will never be done," he said. "There's always a way to integrate one more step or make it even better. I'll never reach the finish line, and that constant process is remarkable."

Dupper considers his time at Union integral to his daily success. "I attribute so much of where I am to Barry and Lisa Forbes and everyone in the business program," Dupper said. "Just this week, we were trying to solve a problem, and I thought back to one of Barry's lessons. Whether I'm creating processes or assessing the performance of our facilities, I'm continually using what they taught me."

Although Dupper and his wife, Mollie Cummings Dupper '14, live 1,500 miles from Union College, relationships they formed there impact them every day in their business and personal lives. Their closest friends are Union graduates, and they gather with them every Sabbath for lunch. "It's a Union reunion every weekend," Dupper said.

Their Union connection has also started them on a different journey. The Duppers joined fellow alums Tyler Morrison, Azriel Posthumus and Zack Posthumus in creating The Current, a ministry outreach for young adults that includes live ministry events, the weekly podcast Jesus Dates, and a daily Instagram devotional The Daily Brew. "Young adults are leaving the church at unprecedented rates," he says. "We know what we like, but we don't see a lot of it in churches. There's a gap. We have a unique way of delivering messages and reaching young adults where they are."

Dupper considers his career his calling. And through his career and ministry team, he's fulfilling a dual dream. "My long-term goal is to be a leader and extend the healing ministry of Christ to as many people as I can in my lifetime," he says. "If I do nothing else, I can be proud of doing that." **A**

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Even as an up-and-coming director in an Adventist Health System facility in Florida, Carl Dupper stays grounded through connections with friends he made at Union.

Alum finds calling at growing online retailer

by Danica Eylenein

Although she graduated with a business degree, Brittney Needles Origas wasn't looking for the traditional 9–5 job after her 2015 graduation. She wanted to pursue a passion and feel challenged in her daily life—sentiments not always associated with an accounting career.

Brittney found an opening with Spreetail, an e-commerce startup in Lincoln. "I applied when Spreetail was still VMInnovations," said Origas. "I started as an accounts payable associate, and I've been given opportunities to grow within the company ever since."

Spreetail, which sells household items online, grew at a dizzying pace in the three years that followed. What began with a dream and 75 employees has become a bustling business with more than 450 employees and new locations opening throughout the country, more than doubling in the last year alone.

Brittney went into her career with confidence, thanks to the leadership opportunities she was afforded during her time at Union. "Looking back, I realize what made the biggest impact on my educational experience was getting involved in leadership positions and working as part of a team," said Origas. "My involvement

on campus as basketball captain and all the opportunities in the business program helped me learn time management skills and get a touch of adult life while working toward my degree."

More specifically, Origas recalls her time spent in policies class with Professor Barry Forbes. "Doing a capstone project helped me see how the bigger picture works and has helped me fast-track my career."

Origas has now transitioned to a new field within the company that utilizes the leadership skills she learned and the mentorship modeled to her at Union. As a career development specialist, her job now focuses on the success, learning and development of her rapidly expanding team. "We encourage our employees to develop themselves, constantly raising their bar and pursuing challenges."

Something Origas especially appreciates about her job is the culture and environment that Spreetail embodies. "I want to make an

impact by taking responsibility and working with awesome people. We see challenges not as roadblocks to opportunities, but as chances to learn and push the limits. It's how I live. It's hard not to love every bit of it."

Because of their fast company growth, Spreetail is on the lookout for more employees who match their mantra: be relentless, pursue challenges, act like an owner; raise your bar; practice humility, and make Spreetail better.

"If you're someone who thrives in a fast-paced environment and loves a challenge, this could definitely be the job for you," says Origas. "Selling goods is what we're about, but really, it's bigger than that. It's about building relationships—it's part of my lifestyle and I love everything about it. I could not be happier." **A**

photo: Scott Cushman/Union College

Brittney Needles Origas now uses what she learned from mentors at Union to help develop the employees at Spreetail, a fast-growing ecommerce startup located in Lincoln, Nebraska.



WHAT'S ONLINE |

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LuAnn Davis honored for philanthropic work

LuAnn Davis, vice president for Advancement, was honored with an achievement award for her 35 years of philanthropic work. The award was presented by Dr. Lilya Wagner, director of Philanthropic Service for Institutions. See more on Facebook.

ucollege.edu/luann



Graduation

On May 6, Union College presented 221 degrees to 201 students who completed their graduation requirements in December 2017, May 2018 or August 2018—including 27 students who graduated with a master's in physician assistant studies.

Check out our graduation photos at ucollege.edu/GradPhotos2018



NAD Teacher's Convention

Union College traveled to Chicago for the 2018 national Adventist Teacher's Convention in August. We had fun meeting up with alumni and supporting educators who are making a difference all across the nation. Check out the photos on Facebook.

ucollege.edu/teachersconvention2018

Homecoming

April 5–8 was Homecoming weekend. You can enjoy photos from the weekend on Facebook.

ucollege.edu/homecoming



Discover your calling — #ASI

Rick Young, director of the international rescue and relief program, and crew traveled to the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) convention in Orlando to showcase our amazing majors that incorporate service and ministry.

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#ucollegeSpotlight

Here at Union, we're all about people and their stories. That's why we started #ucollegeSpotlight—an attempt to feature some of our incredible Unionites. This post features senior graphic design major, Most Suriyamongkol, and the promotional posters he made for Union College.

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Stan Hardt retires

After 23 years of helping students build healthy relationships, Stan Hardt, Union's pastoral counselor, retired in May.

Read the full story at

ucollege.edu/stan-hardt



Jonathan Shields retires

Jonathan Shields, who served as HR director and academic coach has retired after 14 years of service at Union. Read more at

ucollege.edu/shieldsretires



Union posts 100% NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate

Union College nursing graduates posted a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN national licensure exam in 2018.

Read more at

ucollege.edu/100nclex

Youtube



Documentary: Union students help victims of Hurricane Harvey

After Hurricane Harvey dropped torrential rains on Southeast Texas in September 2017, a team of 24 Union students and faculty spent a week helping residents of Port Arthur, Texas, clean up their flood-damaged homes. Watch the documentary at

youtu.be/tTBOpKT86zs

A life dedicated to providing quality health care

When Salem Ndaissala watched her grandma die back home in Africa without proper health care, she decided to study nursing and dedicate her life to providing quality health care to women in her home country. Watch her story at

youtu.be/jXkgP4J2jdc



Union's new varsity soccer team

Union launched a varsity soccer team this fall. The team will play other independent Christian colleges throughout the Midwest and the season will run in tandem with the women's volleyball varsity schedule from August through October. Watch the video at

youtu.be/AyCUFq5ZSOg

Smoothie bar baristas lead REBRANDING CAMPAIGN

by Danica Eystenlein

Lincoln summers are pretty hot. And Nicholas Morrison thinks a nuVibe smoothie could save your life.

The senior business and graphic design major is a little biased, though, because he started working as a barista at the local juice and java hotspot about a year ago.

Morrison's friend, graphic design major Tanner Deming, already worked at nuVibe, and his designer's eye quickly noticed that the company's promotional materials and social media pages used generic stock images. "I thought using our own photos could help us with our reach, so I did a shoot on my own and gave the photos to the manager," said Deming.

Pleasantly surprised, nuVibe owners Thad and Colleen Potratz asked Morrison and Deming to do a full menu shoot and a complete brand redesign.

"Thad and Colleen knew Tanner and I were studying graphic design so they brought us in to make their vision happen and also brought in a friend of theirs to do more of the coding we weren't able to do," Morrison explained.

Neither Morrison nor Deming thought they would have a chance to work on a rebrand when they started mixing juices at nuVibe, but appreciated the opportunity. "I hadn't taken photography classes at Union yet, so I felt nervous about the big photoshoot," said Deming. "However, I think sometimes as designers, we see certain skills in the field we may not have learned in classes, yet because of those classes we know how to learn those skills ourselves, which is so valuable."

"I was new to nuVibe and I wanted to do a good job, but hadn't really done a lot with web design yet." Morrison was taking a web design class at Union that semester, which helped too. "While I wasn't experienced enough yet to do a lot of the coding myself, at least not quickly, that understanding helped me know what was possible and how to communicate our ideas to the coder on our team."

For Morrison, the opportunity to redesign felt like a true step into the professional world. "It was cool because

for the first time I felt like a 'professional' because they treated us as such," he said. "They asked for our input, expertise and ideas. Sometimes I answered questions I didn't think I even knew the answers to."

After months of collaboration, the team's work has paid off. "The website is fully functional now and it's just a matter of updating, refining and adding features as they come up," said Deming.

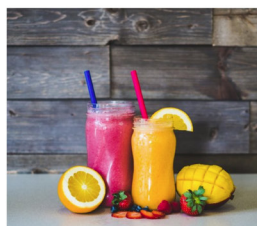
Both Deming and Morrison are happy with the results and thankful for the opportunity to learn and work on projects outside of the classroom setting. "The amount of freedom the owners gave us made it so easy and fun to work on this project with them," said Morrison. "We really felt like we were doing something that mattered and would help their vision for nuVibe become a reality. It's just awesome to be included in the process, both as a barista and a designer." **A**



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When Nicholas Morrison and Tanner Deming started working as baristas at a local smoothie bar, they didn't expect to create a whole new image for the company.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT AN INTERNATIONAL TECH COMPANY AFFIRMS UNION'S TRAINING

by Danica Eylenein

Union College's location in a prime city on the "Silicon Prairie" means great internship opportunities for Union students looking to hone their skills, network and get credit, too. And nobody knows this better than Tanner Deming, who landed an internship with Lincoln-based Hudl, a fast-growing tech company that provides sports video services for professional and school athletic teams all over the world.

Deming first arrived at Union from his native California because he wanted to live closer to extended family. He tried a psychology major, and later English. But it wasn't until he took an Intro to Graphic Arts course that he knew he had found his calling.

"Over the years, I've become a much more visual person and I love solving problems," he said.

Deming decided on graphic design because of his desire to have the freedom to work for and with companies that hold values he supports. "Every company needs design support and I know this is a skill I can perform to help advance a company's goals," said Deming.

Community connection

Deming connected with Hudl through Meet the Pros, an annual event sponsored by the Omaha chapter of the American Advertising Federation that fosters creativity and provides an opportunity for the up-and-coming in the creative field to network and learn from the more experienced.

Several graphic design professors require students to take their portfolio

to the event. Local professionals take time to review student portfolios and provide feedback. This motivated Deming to update his portfolio and take advantage of the professional advice—and ultimately make a connection with Hudl.

"One thing Meet the Pros does well is give students a deadline and a goal to reach with their portfolios," said Deming. "My portfolio is the main reason I got my internship because it documents my creative process."

Deming went into his internship ready for new experiences and well-prepared, thanks in part to his education at Union. "This last year I had several classes from Alan Orrison," he said. "The broad range of skills he taught me and the variety of unique assignments he gave have already proven invaluable."

He also appreciates the way professors try to help class experiences mimic real life. "The focused attention from professors has been a big benefit to me as well. Some class assignments had a fast turnover, and learning speed has been a huge help since there isn't always a lot of time to get projects completed in the workforce," he said.

Growing on the job

Deming loved the new adventure. "From the first day, I was given projects that are relevant and gave help to the marketing team," he explained. "The people and culture of Hudl empowers and trusts interns to do real work that has an impact. It's an awesome feeling to see your work out in the world, and I am so grateful to Hudl for giving me the environment to learn and grow as a designer."

But Deming discovered internships aren't only about developing career-specific skills. "The most important thing I have learned so far is that it's okay to ask a lot of questions," he said. "As an



Photo: Scott Cutman/Union College

Tanner Deming spent last summer completing an internship at Hudl, a Lincoln-based company providing video services to athletic teams all over the world.

intern, you're not expected to know everything, so it's one of the best times to learn."

He believes his experience at Hudl will have a lasting impact on his career: "This internship helped me to really hone my workflow—they way I approach and complete projects," Deming explained. "This has affected how I approach freelance work as well as how I will approach class projects this coming school year."

After his internship, Deming understands the importance of experience outside the classroom. "I've been told by a number of professors that an internship can be one of the most beneficial educational experiences, and I won't disagree. Hudl is such a great company, with so many wonderful employees who make an impact on the sports and technology worlds. It is a privilege to work there and learn from them."

As for Deming's advice to those considering pursuing a design career, he says it's the determination to keep creating that matters most. "What really counts as a design student, no matter where you are, is creating a lot of stuff. Doing projects outside of school and work is so important. Do what you're inclined to and it will resonate with someone." **A**

A young man is rappelling down a rope. He is wearing an orange helmet with a headlamp, blue sunglasses, a blue t-shirt, and a grey harness. He is also wearing gloves and a watch. The background is a rocky cliff face.

A WILD EDUCATION

By Emily Wood Roque Cisneros '17

Imagine waking up at 10:30 p.m. in rural southwestern Colorado and being told you have to save four people stuck in a 500-meter canyon. And, you have only ninety minutes.

For rescue teams all over the nation, this is a grim reality. For international rescue and relief (IRR) students, this is one of many scenarios they experience during their five-week summer training in western Colorado—a requirement for everyone in the program. Through the use of Rescue 3 International curriculum, the goal is to help students develop skills for use in their future callings.

"My plan is to be a paramedic and eventually a firefighter," said Janae Schumacher, a senior from North Dakota. "After completing this program, I realize I love swift water rescue and want to include that in my future career."

Schumacher is one of five teaching assistants who, having already completed the summer program, recertified and went back this summer to help six instructors teach 22 students what it means to be a part of a rescue team.

The first week of training begins the week after graduation and focuses on wilderness survival skills. Students learn basics of shelter building, entrapping, fire building and safety, and even spend 72 hours surviving solo in the wilderness.

They then spend a week on technical rope rescue, acting out scenarios as mentioned above. Many take place at night just as they would in real life.

The next two weeks focus on swift water rescue and flood water management—first, with the basics of hydrology and safer rapids—then, with advanced training and larger rapids.

In the final week of summer training, the students put all their new skills to work, adding GPS, compass, mapping and tracking training to complete several search and rescue scenarios in the wilderness.

"I could walk into any fire, police or technical rescue team and know I can contribute more than handing out warm blankets," said Arizona native and sophomore Cameron Pottle. "The chance to go through this hands-on curriculum is invaluable."

Intense training = ready for anything

Pottle actually dreaded the program before starting, wary of its reputation for being intense and exhausting. What changed his mind were the staff.

"Their encouragement helped me realize they wouldn't give me anything I couldn't handle," he said. "They always look out for us."

For example, one student panicked when working a swift water rescue scenario. Despite being trained only a few hours before, the situation overwhelmed him.

Schumacher decided to step in.

"We sat together, I gave him something to eat and we went over how to better work the water with certain angles," she said.

Those few minutes convinced him he could try again. "I feel this program has enhanced my leadership skills. I now know more how to work with people and meet them where they are," she said.

Her first summer program, however, Schumacher was timid. She wanted to learn the skills and not stand out. But by the end she was taking charge and stepping up in scenarios.

"I know this will help me as a paramedic and firefighter because I will need to be assertive and lead when necessary," she said.

Pottle also realized during the program how valuable conflict resolution will be for his calling. "I had a teammate I didn't get along with," he explained. "But I knew I couldn't let this affect how we saved lives."

With staff encouragement and discussion, the two became good friends by the third week.

"I know as a physician assistant (PA), I may have problems with my coworkers, but we need to work through them to be effective," he said. Pottle chose to be a PA because of his desire to help others.

He knows Union's hands-on training like this summer program gives him unique experiences before he ever steps foot in a hospital.

According to Schumacher, team-building is one of the main skills learned during the summer program. "I saw many who didn't trust their teammates to rescue them at first, but by the end those same people were their top choice," she said.

When these students return in the fall, they'll have a bond not many other programs experience. "After going through the training, I feel I have a place I belong," shared Pottle. "I definitely see myself more able to stick with IRR now."

Confident in their Calling

Additionally, both Schumacher and Pottle recalled "Escape to God" from the summer session as shaping their growth. Twice, toward the beginning and the end of the program, all staff and students take a few hours to explore and spend time with God.

"We want to encourage students to know that even in the busyness they can find quiet," said Schumacher. At the end, the group comes together and shares their experiences. Many come to decisions on calling, mission work and personal conflicts.

Pottle, like many, witnessed a huge difference in his "Escape to God" experience from the beginning to the end. "I felt I could talk to God more, and that He was with me on this trip," he shared. "I feel sure in my calling after growing this summer."

Schumacher agreed. "Summer program changes you forever," she said. "You will know skills few know. You become part of a community that comes with rescue. No matter what calling you follow after this, you are now a rescuer. You learn skills for a lifetime of adventure." **A**

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Every summer, freshmen international rescue and relief students learn a variety of wilderness rescue and survival skills along with important lessons about friendship, trust and God.





A college course disguised as a vacation with friends

by Carrie Purkeypille '03

It's one thing to learn important lessons from history. But for Union students Kayla Miller and Natasha McWilliams-Nasser, seeing history firsthand means those lessons will last a lifetime.

This summer, 10 Union Scholars students took a whirlwind tour of Italy, France and Switzerland. But this was far more than a run-of-the-mill European vacation. In fact, each student prepared by studying a significant historical landmark or artifact, and presenting their findings to the rest of the class.

Not your average class report

Miller, like many of the other students, presented her research on the day they visited the site. After reading a

book on the battle of Hastings, Miller was interested in the Bayeux Tapestry, an ancient embroidered linen that tells the story of the Norman conquest of England.

A senior nursing major, Miller describes the 700-pound hand stitched work that is almost 1,000 years old. "It is magnificent. I was grateful to see it in person after giving my presentation that morning, and then point out to my classmates the features I had described. It was really exciting to be able to round out all I had studied and actually present it right there."

"It was amazing seeing all the historical places we have learned about from day one in school. We went to Normandy beach. It was humbling to imagine all that happened on that beach," said Miller.

The students learned even more by traveling with

their professors. "The knowledge they offered was amazing!" said Miller. "Especially Dr. Russell [co-director of the Union Scholars program]. I can definitely say that he is a walking textbook—in the best way possible! His passion amplified ours."

Spiritual lessons in many languages

Miller enjoyed joining the local church in Cologne, France for church. "I don't speak French," she admitted. "But during the song service, they sang songs in French that we know in English. I think that is what Heaven will be like. We will be able to sing together and communicate—all to praise Jesus."

McWilliams-Nasser had a spiritual epiphany climbing the Duomo in sunny Florence, Italy. As they climbed the 400 steps to the dome opening they got an up-close view of the murals that covered the walls and ceiling. "In that time they focused on depicting Bible stories through art, since many people were illiterate," McWilliams-Nasser explained. "In the Duomo the main focus was a depiction of Hell. It was ghastly. People were being eaten and tortured by demons. Their focus was scaring people into following God, and it also worked to scare them into paying penance. Their focus was less on God's love, and more a message of 'be good or you'll be sent here, and it's terrible.'"

The reward at the top of the Duomo was an unforgettable 360-degree view of Florence. But the dark depictions inside will not soon be forgotten either.

"In our three weeks in Europe, we saw so many cathedrals, giant structures and palaces," said McWilliams-Nasser. "Until you see the history, you don't appreciate what it means. You can really appreciate things more when you have that background knowledge."

Friends who travel together, stay together

Even simple things like eating breakfast at an Italian café seemed surreal. But doing it with friends was even more elating.

"One of the best things about this trip was our group," said McWilliams-Nasser, a senior studying communication. "Most of them were basically strangers at the beginning of the semester. But this was a super cohesive group. It was so much fun building friendships with them. I'm taking new friends into next school year. The memories we created are unique and special."

"We aren't only from the sciences or only from humanities," chimed in Miller. "Union Scholars includes curious people from all departments. We have some pretty cool conversations—sometimes intellectual, sometimes funny. It is good to get to know how others think from their backgrounds and their experiences in life. Having conversations with people from all across campus is a really great opportunity."

Diving deeper into learning

The Union Scholars program allows students to delve into deeper study and discussion with classes designed exclusively for honors students. The program is open to any student with a 3.5 or above GPA in secondary school to apply. It not only provides access to fascinating

advanced courses, but Union Scholars are also eligible for additional GPA-based scholarships.

"The great thing about Union and the honors program is that it encourages students to see the world but they also help make it possible," explained McWilliams-Nasser. "The cost for this trip was \$4,000. I wouldn't have been able to go. But the program gives a \$2,000 scholarship if you stay in the honors program the whole time, and it gives you \$1,000 when you graduate. So I had to pay only \$1,000 to fly to Europe and see all that history. What a deal!"

The Union Scholars program embarks on a study tour every other summer, so most honors students have the opportunity to go if they choose.

"The world is huge," said McWilliams-Nasser. "There is so much to offer. There is so much beauty and so much good food to try." Bon Appétit, Union Scholars! 🍴

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Union Scholars students visited many famous European locations this summer—all while learning and living history along the way.

Kettering Health
Network builds
**PIPELINE
FOR UNION
NURSES**

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04



When Aaron Snelgrove graduated from Union with a nursing degree in May, finding a job was the last thing on his mind. He already had a dream job waiting for him at Kettering Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, thanks to Kettering Health Network's new partnership with Union College.

Now, Kettering will hire any Union College nursing graduate and throw in a \$10,000 signing bonus—\$2,500 for every year they studied at Union.

But for Snelgrove, this job is about more than the money. It's about the relationships built through internships and preceptorships at Kettering that helped him find the place God wants him to be.

Looking for a calling

Like many college students, Snelgrove wasn't sure what path he'd take when he started. He had attended another Adventist college, then served a year as a student missionary. Upon returning, he reconsidered his journalism major and signed up for pre-med, pre-nursing and religious studies courses. Then, while helping care for a grandparent with Alzheimer's, he completed an EMT course. "I wanted something that offered mission and purpose," he said. "I wanted to do my part in making the world a better place, but I didn't know what that was."

One Sabbath, a woman he'd known since childhood encouraged him to give nursing a try—and to check out her alma mater, Union College. To cover his bases, Snelgrove also applied to a second school and told himself that he'd go to whichever college called him first.

In an ambulance headed to a call, his phone rang. It was Union's nursing program.

Finally on campus, he felt like he was home. "Getting to Union was a long process, but once I got here and met the faculty and the community, I was incredibly sorry I hadn't given more thought to starting at Union in the beginning," he said. "I've had nothing but positive experiences in every aspect."

An opportunity for growth

One of the biggest opportunities Snelgrove realized through Union's nursing program was a three-month paid internship with Kettering Health Network. After the third semester of nursing courses, junior nursing students can apply for the internship which allows them to work alongside a Kettering nurse and gain hands-on experience. Snelgrove's advisers told him it was a great opportunity, and their relationship-building efforts with both him and Kettering spurred him to apply.

He was accepted for the summer 2017 rotation and found himself in a cardiac progressive care unit working with patients with heart problems. "It wasn't the area I was most interested in, but it was a God thing," he said. "Our next semester of school was everything cardiac, so God knew what I needed."

Snelgrove said he worked with an amazing mentor and preceptor. "All of us interns had preceptors who fit us perfectly personality-wise," he said. "Mine was a devout Christian who respected my wishes to not work on the Sabbath, and my unit manager also worked with me."

The Kettering internship was Snelgrove's first experience at an Adventist hospital, and he was pleasantly surprised. "It was the first time I'd started a shift with a morning brief, worship and prayer with the unit manager," he said. "Everyone had a like-minded mission in working to improve health and serve God."

He found that hospital employees and management lived their Christian talk—hosting vespers in their homes, helping interns make life-changing decisions, and

pushing them to be their best selves. He also appreciated the way they treated him. "I met godly people there who valued me as an individual," he said. "For me, the best thing is how they view Union nursing students. They hold us in such high regard that they go out of their way to work with us and help us get the careers we want."

After returning to Union for his fourth and fifth semesters, the relationship between Snelgrove and Kettering continued to flourish, and he visited Ohio again to make arrangements for future opportunities.

For his final preceptorship, Snelgrove wanted to work in a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), but he found the placement difficult to secure. He thought about staying in Lincoln and accepting a preceptorship in an area that held less interest for him. But Dr. Nicole Orian '04, chair of the Division of Nursing, talked to a contact at Kettering, and they offered him a preceptorship in the NICU as a trial run to hiring him full-time after graduation.

This solved his preceptorship challenge and put him on his preferred career track. "The NICU can be a hard place to be, but the unit manager told me to give it a try. If it wasn't exactly what I wanted, they offered to find me a job in another area," Snelgrove said. In addition, they extended a job offer to his wife, Rachel (Jorgensen), a 2016 Union nursing graduate. Snelgrove was blown away by the twin offers. "For them to do that speaks volumes," he said.

New partnership brings more opportunities

Snelgrove was one of the first Union graduates to benefit from a new partnership between Union College and the Kettering Health Network. Nursing graduates who pass the NCLEX-RN exam, have strong references, and agree to work within the Kettering system for at least two years are guaranteed a job at a Kettering Health Network hospital. In addition, they will receive a signing bonus of \$2,500 for each year they attended Union as a pre-nursing or nursing major, up to \$10,000.

And while Snelgrove was one of the first, the growing relationship between Union and Kettering means he certainly won't be the last. "I'm excited to be going to a place that puts an immense value on who I am and how I've been trained," Snelgrove said. "At Union, we're educated in nursing, but we're taught to treat the whole person and work as servants of Christ. Out of everything else, that makes Union College nursing students stand out." **A**

Adventist Health System connects Union business students to **Careers**

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04

Adventist Health System, with hospitals in Colorado and Kansas, provides significant financial support to Union College—through supporting various projects, establishing an endowed chair in the Division of Business and Computer Science, funding buildings and equipment and providing leadership on the Board of Trustees.

And AHS also looks for ways to directly impact Union students and help them find a calling and a career. Through an intentional leadership development program, AHS provides internships and residency programs for Union business students, many of whom have gone on to become leaders throughout the organization.

The not-so-typical summer internship

The stereotypical internship is all about fetching coffee and doing grunt work for superiors. But Union College students chosen for Adventist Health System internships find their experiences can propel them into coveted residency positions and meaningful careers.

Katie Morrison '17 completed a summer internship and is now entering the last half of a two-year residency.

"My summer internship gave me a lot of exposure to different teams and a wider look at health care than just the clinical side," she said. "Coming into it, I couldn't picture myself in health care because I didn't know the opportunities. But I got to work in marketing and with physician relations, as well as clinical operations. All summer, I met so many individuals who showed me patience and energy and compassion, and working with those people caused me to apply for the residency."

After her internship, Morrison returned to Union and stepped into another role—office manager in the business division. It was the first time a student had filled that role, and Morrison found the experience strengthened her abilities. "I had to balance the roles of student and staff. It was a different experience to have dual identities, but it prepared me for coming into my residency. I am constantly balancing roles and responsibilities."

During her internship and residency, Morrison says she's been challenged every day to bring her best to the job and experience the departments and teams she's been a part of. "The whole point of the internship is to get a feel for the indus-



Katie Morrison '17 (first row, second from right), used a summer internship to build a career at Adventist Health System.

try and find out if it's the long-term place for you," she said. "Then, the residency is here to launch your career. It's all about investing and instilling value and knowledge into young professionals to generate the next wave of leadership. It's been the start of everything for me."

New graduate Justin Cook '18 spent the summer of 2017 interning with Adventist Health System, where he discovered revenue cycle, an area of finance that tracks patients from registration through payment. "I don't see myself as a traditional accountant, so working in a unique department really appeals to me," he said. "I like to interact with people—and revenue cycle lets me do that." He shares that in one internship rotation, he spent time in the emergency room, where he got to talk with patients as they went through the registration and treatment process. "That was a really cool experience," he said. "It was hands-on learning."

In fact, he did so well in his internship he was offered a residency position in the same department, something he credits to his college experience.

"Union gave me opportunities to grow—as a leader and as a person. That would have been difficult to get at a larger school," said Cook, who served as ASB Financial Vice President his junior year. "I also learned how to conduct myself in a professional environment. My classes taught me how to dress and act in the business world, and how to prepare reports. Having this knowledge going into my internship gave me an advantage."

He says his interactions with professors also shaped his future. "Lisa Forbes, my adviser, helped me a lot. She's fun, but she's always professional. She gave me the complete picture."

Even the community at Union helped him strengthen his skills. "During my internship, it was easy to talk with people one on one because that's what Union teaches you. I learned to be a personable part of the family. I took those lessons and transitioned them to my internship, and I'll be able to transition them to my residency and career."

Gina Jacob Creek '03, director of leadership development at Adventist Health System, oversees leadership programs, including internships and residencies. "My responsibility is recruiting and creating opportunities for Adventist talent to find a home and a calling with Adventist Health System," she said. "I get to tell college students there is a true calling for the gifts they've been given. If they are fantastic at math or have great business acumen, they don't have to subvert those talents to fully minister to others. They can put those skills to use for something that goes beyond life here on Earth."

Every year, Creek is the main point of contact for nearly 50 interns and 11 residents, including Morrison and Cook. And while she recruits and mentors students from other Adventist colleges, her heart remains with Union.

"Students from Union graduate with a dive-in-and-get-it-done attitude," she says. "That's part of the experience of being at Union. The faculty don't tell you what to do; they come alongside you, remove the barriers, and empower you." Creek said she tries to help Union students understand they have an advantage in life just by being Unionites. "I always reinforce that to students—take full advantage of the differentiator Union has in its DNA. Immerse yourselves in it, and show up with it. It sets you apart." **A**



Photo courtesy of Gina Creek

Union graduate Gina Creek oversees the internships and residencies at Adventist Health System that have turned into great careers for many Union College students.



Photo: Scott Cushman/Union College

For brothers Justin and Jacob Cook, jobs and internships at Adventist Health System led to careers with the system upon graduation.

photo: courtesy of Katie Morrison

Union's aspiring leaders get a glimpse of the world stage

by Mike Mennard

For aspiring leaders, there is no better place to find examples of leadership—both good and bad—than in Washington, D.C.

That's why Dr. Linda Becker, director of Union's leadership minor program, and eleven aspiring leaders in the program set out for the nation's capital for a week in May—to experience American government firsthand and learn valuable lessons from a number of political and religious leaders.

The four-year leadership program was launched in 2008 thanks to funding from Shawnee Mission Health and Adventist Health System Rocky Mountain Region. Students encounter a variety of specialized courses and experiences to develop their leadership potential—including a course with a summer trip alternating every other year between Washington, D.C. and the Minnesota Boundary Waters.

The group started the week by meeting Deb Fischer, one of Nebraska's two senators, along with other representatives of the state. Students asked questions and learned how individual citizens could connect with their own representatives.

The students visited the Supreme Court on the very day one of its more important and contested cases was being heard—the case involving public-sector unions. It was here the students saw firsthand the American system at work, with the judicial branch hearing arguments while protesters from all sides attempted to make their voices heard outside.

"What better way for our students to learn our system of government?" asked Becker.

In addition, the students visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: "I believe the order in which we saw everything

could not have been better," said Becker. "Our students truly understood when we were done that freedom is not free."

Corrine Maloba-Kazembe, a senior nursing major from Kenya, noted that for her (and most of the students), the trip's highlight was "actually meeting and talking with Dr. Barry Black in his office. Amazing. He helped me realize I have a role in the world. I have a purpose." Black is the 62nd chaplain of the United States Senate—and a Seventh-day Adventist.

He may be one of the most inspiring stories of leadership in a city of leaders. Working his way from rear admiral in the United States Navy to chief of chaplains in the Navy, Black now has an office in the Capitol. In 2003, he became not only the first African American to hold the position, but the first and only Adventist.

Black grew up in housing projects, but credits his mother for instilling in him the importance of integrity and, yes, Jesus. He told the students, "Without Jesus we simply can't do what's important. But with Jesus, we can."

This adventure was followed with a tour of the General Conference building, World Headquarters for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and meeting church leaders, many of whom are Union College graduates.

"I learned more from this trip than I possibly could from a book or a lecture," said Maloba-Kazembe. "It inspired me, and I can't stop thinking about it. I have been encouraged to become the leader God has called me to be." **A**

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Union leadership students met with government and Adventist church leaders during a week-long summer study trip to Washington, D.C.

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1960s

Klaus '66 and **Madelaine Phillips Forster ('70)** celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 16, 2017, in Walla Walla, Wash. Klaus was born and raised in Germany and met Madelaine when he came to the U.S. for college. They spent their honeymoon traveling to Milo Adventist Academy in Oregon where Klaus had accepted a teaching position. Several years later they took a second honeymoon to Germany, where they have made frequent trips over the years. Klaus taught Bible, world history and German at Milo Academy until he retired in June 2007. Madelaine was a registered nurse until she retired in 2013. They enjoy gardening and spending time with family. They have two daughters, Erika Miller and Ingrid Chapman; three grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Ron '66 and **Mauretta Chrispens Christensen ('64)** flew to Alaska, took a bus tour around the state and boarded a cruise ship back to the Lower 48 to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They met at Union College and though Mauretta attended only one year, they managed to maintain a long-distance relationship without email or texting capabilities. Mauretta graduated from Loma Linda University in 1965 with a degree in medical records. Ron graduated from Union in 1966 and began a job near Boston, Mass. A year later Mauretta moved to Boston where she was lead in the medical records department at the same hospital that Ron was working in data-processing. They have lived and worked most of their married life on the West Coast. Since retirement, they have enjoyed traveling, working in food pantries and maintaining their one acre of land in Damascus, Ore.

Paul Gnad '66 was honored at the Keene Chamber of Commerce quarterly luncheon for all he has done for the Keene community and the chamber. Gnad was presented with a golf bag for his contributions. Noting that Gnad wrote for the *Burleson Star*, the presenter also said the recent issue of the paper was "tremendous" and that it was a "good read."

1970s

Stan '73 and **Anna Ivie Swingle '66** celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 3, 2018, with family and friends. They first met at the Albuquerque Central Adventist Church in Albuquerque, N.M., when they were teenagers. Stan earned a master's degree in social work from University of Nebraska. Anna earned a secretarial science degree and worked for many years for various organizations in Nebraska, Iowa and Texas. Stan worked for many years at social work and mental health organizations in Iowa and Texas. They are both retired and live in Amarillo, Texas.



Stan and Anna Swingle

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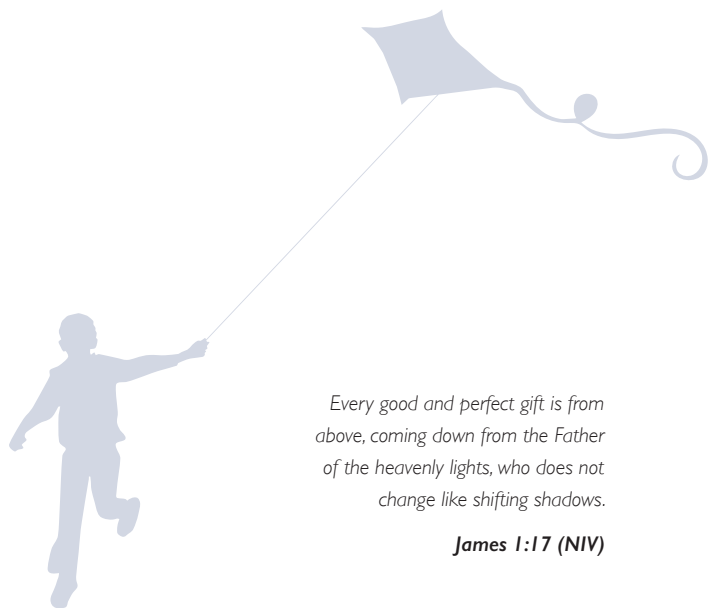
BIRTHS |



Bill '04 and Tasha Reynolds Heinrich '03 are pleased to announce the birth of Harper Yvonne Heinrich on May 10, 2018. She joins her siblings in Wesley Chapel, Fla.



Kolton Parker Sallee was born Jan. 29, 2018, to **Dan '04 and Brittany Spaulding Sallee '08**. Kolton joins his brother, Kalin, in Overland Park, Kan.



Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)



Kevin '06 and Jeaneen Gates Erickson '08 welcomed Will Henry Erickson Nov. 3, 2017. Will joins his siblings in their home in Lincoln, Neb.



Jacob Kenneth Robbins was born to **Paul '07 and Holly Kampf Robbins '08** on March 6, 2018. Jacob joins his sister, Jenna, in Park City, Utah.



Robert '08 and Kaitlyn Rannow Carlson ('07) are pleased to announce the birth of Luke George Carlson on May 7, 2018. They live in Minneapolis, Minn.



Travis '08 and Kallista Elmer Kierstead '07 welcomed Julian Rowe Kierstead Sept. 28, 2017. Julian joins his brother, Ari, in Golden Valley, Minn.



Alexis Marie Christensen was born Feb 24, 2018, to **John '10 and Chelsea Flemmer Christensen '08**. They live in Bismarck, N.D.



Jocelyn Breuer Coy '08 and her husband Matthew are pleased to announce the birth of Micah Rae Coy on March 27, 2018. He joins his sister, Aria, in Rochester, Minn.



Elianna Paige Eichele was born April 2, 2018, to **Ross '08 and Kassy Meelhuysen Eichele '10**. Elianna joins her sister, Adelynn, in Gresham, Oregon



James '08 and Desiree Clark Goff '09 welcomed Forrest Winston Goff, born Feb. 23, 2018, in Ventura, Calif. They live in White House, Tenn.

BIRTHS



Sarah Rieke Railsback '08 and her husband **Michael** are pleased to announce the birth of **Piper Rose Railsback** on Jan. 12, 2018. They live in Lincoln, Neb.



Jason David Cavazos was born to **Michael '10** and **Alison Yingling Cavazos '10** on Dec. 3, 2017. They live in Redlands, Calif.



Jeremy '10 and **Kate Hudson Diehl '09** welcomed **Lincoln Ross** on Feb. 5, 2018. Lincoln joins his sister, Cassidy, in Michigan.



Seth '10 and **Joana Garcia Flemmer ('08)** are pleased to announce the birth of **Ezra Aiden Alexander Flemmer** on Feb. 1, 2018. He joins his brother, Oliver, in Bowdon, N.D.



Roddy '11 and **Stephanie Eldenburg Bollinger '11** welcomed **Juniper Emsea Bollinger** on Dec. 14, 2017. They live in Sedalia, Mo.



Zach Colgate '11 and his wife, **Brittney** are pleased to announce the birth of **Jamie Pine Colgate** on May 7, 2018. He joins his step-brother, Alex, in Pueblo, Colo.



Brennan '11 and **Kayla Frishman Hallock '12** welcomed **Marakesh Joy Hallock** on Dec. 13, 2017. They live in Lincoln, Neb.



Nolan Cayden Kennedy was born Dec. 21, 2017, to **Tommy '13** and **Sadie Wren Kennedy '11**. He joins his brother, Everett, in Keene, Texas.



Tyrrell ('11) and **Heather Mekelburg Lang '11** are pleased to announce the birth of **Will Edward Lang** on January 25, 2018. He joins his brother, Jack, in Billings, Mont.



Malachi Neil Thompson was born July 21, 2017, to **Topher '11** and **Taylor Olson Thompson '11**. They live in Lincoln, Neb.

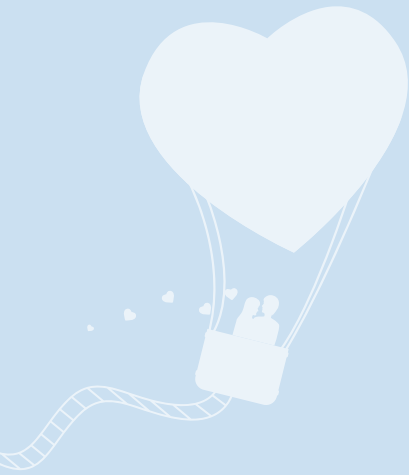


Aaron Ostrander Behrens '16 and her husband **Eric** welcomed **Cohen Joshua Behrens** on Oct. 16, 2017. He joins his brother, Cole, in Lincoln, Neb.



Aniston Marie Kulwicki was born Nov. 19, 2017, to **Karinne Deaver Kulwicki '16** and her husband **Justin**. She joins her brother, Cayson, in Cambridge, Neb.

WEDDINGS |



Ty Heinrich '07 married Hilary Taube on March 25, 2018, in Chattanooga, Tenn. Ty is a farmer in Tolstoy, S.D., and Hilary is controller for Urban Story Ventures.

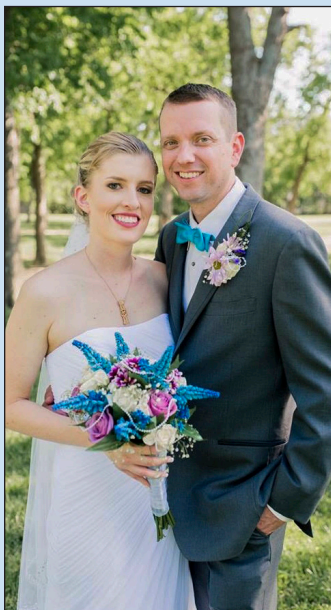
Jimmy McClelland married Mileidy Rangel on Feb. 14, 2018. They live in Lincoln, Neb., where Jimmy is operations coordinator at AdventSource and Mileidy is pursuing a career as an agricultural engineer.



Monik Amelia '06 married Lee Folkman on April 29, 2018. They recently moved to Clearwater, Fla.



Kolby Beem '18 and **Sierra Hall '18** were married May 13, 2018, in Buffalo, Mo. Kolby is pastor of Dubuque, Waukon and Clinton churches in Iowa. Sierra is a registered nurse in the medical surgical unit at Unity Point Finley Hospital.



Rolf Holbrook '01 married Brittany Gilman on May 6, 2018. Rolf is Pathfinder columnist for Guide magazine and works at Sprouts Farmers Market. He is working toward a master's degree in social work. Brittany is a Petty Officer Third Class Corpsman in the U.S. Navy and an EMT. She is working to complete her certification and licensure as a paramedic.



Daniel Hauck '18 and **Tracii Vang ('18)** were married Jan. 7, 2018. Daniel graduated with a degree in theology. Tracii is a certified nursing assistant.

IN MEMORY

Union College was built on the strength and the sacrifice of those who have gone before. We thank God for the blessed hope that we will see them again soon.

Death dates and/or obituaries have been received for the following individuals.

1930s

Pauline Hopkins Wagner '39, Jefferson, Texas, died May 18, 2018, at age 104. She was born Dec. 28, 1913, to Reese and Sallie Hood Hopkins in Collin County, Texas. Pauline earned a teaching certificate from Southwestern Junior College (now Southwestern Adventist University), a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's degree from State Teachers College in Tempe, Ariz. Her entire teaching career was in Adventist elementary and high schools. In 1951, she married Henry Wagner, a construction and structural senior inspector for the US Department of Veterans Affairs. She is survived by many cousins.

1940s

Dorothy Grant Stewart ('40), Napa, Calif., died Nov. 11, 2017, at age 97.

She was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Jefferson City, Mo. She is survived by her daughter, Judy; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elmer Wasemiller '41, Wahpeton, N.D., died Dec. 13, 2017, at age 98. Born Oct. 7, 1919, in Durham, Kan., to Sam and Louise Loewen Wasemiller. After graduating from Union College, he graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) as a medical doctor in 1945. Elmer served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy Medical Corps from 1942-1946. He was recalled into the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and served as the ship's doctor on the USS Montrose from 1952-1954. On March 1, 1943, he married Frances Reisinger, and in 1946 the couple moved to Wahpeton, where Dr. Wasemiller joined the practice of Dr. A. Reisinger. Soon he was joined by Drs. Beltz, Wiltse and Wall, and they had a successful medical practice at the Wahpeton Clinic for many years. Frances passed away in 2000, and Elmer then married Lucille Beyer in 2002. Elmer was a lifelong active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and served his community as a member of the Rotary Club and St. Francis Hospital Board. Survivors include his three sons: **James '68**, **Mark ('76)** and **Paul ('78)**; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Virginia Eden Wadleigh ('42), Cheyenne, Wyo., died Oct. 2, 2017, at age 95. She was born March 5, 1922, in Kimball County, Neb., to Walter and Lillian Albrecht Eden. After attending Union College, she moved to Cheyenne, Wyo., in 1942, where she worked for the Veteran's Administration, United Airlines and then the Wyoming Department of Education as a layout technician. Survivors include her daughters: Janet Levesque and Lori Nichols; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Glenn Davenport '43, Miamisburg, Ohio, died Dec. 6, 2017, at age 100. While a student at Union College, he worked at the dairy where he met **Bonnie Belle Cozad ('41)**. They were married in Estes Park, Colo., on Aug. 31, 1941. Glenn earned a master's degree in Greek and Hebrew and master's and doctoral degrees in educational administration. He taught Bible for seven years at Oak Park Academy, served 16 years as academy principal at Plainview, Columbia, Champion, and College View academies; was college relations director at Union

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College for nine years and was an associate pastor of College View and Hinsdale churches for two years. After retirement they lived in Colorado and then southern California. He is survived by his granddaughter, **Kim Kelley Lunde '94**; grandson, Mark Kelley; and four great-granddaughters.

Gideon Haas '43, Longmont, Colo., died March 11, 2018, at age 99. He was born July 10, 1918, in Stutsman County, near Medina, N.D., to Adolph and Wilhelmina Schock Haas. He earned a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's degree from Andrews University. Gideon married **Avonelle Hayes '43** on Aug. 31, 1943, in Boulder, Colo. He ministered to many churches in the U.S. and overseas before he pastored the Longmont church, where he retired in 1980. Survivors include his son, **Harold '69**; daughter **DeLora Hagen '66**; brothers, **Harry '48** and **Norman '51**; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Ruby Howell Jacoshenk ('43), Portland, Ore., died Feb. 14, 2018, seven months after her husband **Ray Jacoshenk ('43)** died on July 3, 2017. Ruby was born in Oakland, Minn., to Dewey and Vera Howell. Ray was born in Butte, N.D., to Samuel and Kathrine Jacoshenk. They met while attending Union College and married in 1941. After they were married, she taught in a one-room schoolhouse in North Dakota one township away from where Ray taught school. They moved to Oregon in 1943 following Ray's family to work in the shipyards. Both Ray and Ruby spent most of their careers working for Portland Adventist Medical Center. They are survived by son, Gary; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Elsie Eisenman Hagele Binder ('44), Sedalia, Mo., died March 9, 2018. Born March 24, 1923, in Glenham, S.D., to Gottlieb and Louise Ehrke Eisenman. She taught country school for three years after attending Union College. She is survived by her son, Montye Hagele; daughter Mary Lou Rhea; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Elaine Skinner Derby ('45), Walla Walla, Wash., died Sept. 19, 2017, at age 94. She was born Dec. 4, 1922, in Shidler, Okla. Survivors include sons: Dennis and Ray; daughter, Sherry Borgeman; sisters, Lenore Wagner and Lee Peterson; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lyle Barker ('46), Liberal, Mo., died March 19, 2018, at age 93. Born April 3, 1924, in Jaroso, Colo., he was the fourth of ten children born to Joy and Ruth Barker. After graduating from Campion Academy in 1943, he met and married **Evelyn Prusia ('46)**. Lyle was a farmer and a devoted Christian. After retirement, Lyle and Evelyn lived in their motorhome in Florida and California. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; sons: **Guy '71**, Bruce and **Gary '77**; daughter, **Sherry Christian ('82)**; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Duane; and sister Dora Lutz.

Andrew Snyder ('47), Berrien Springs, Mich., died March 8, 2017, at age 89. He was born April 13, 1927, at home in Diller, Neb., to JR and Clela Belle Snyder. Andy served in the army at the end of World War II. On a weekend



Andrew Snyder

leave while assigned to Fort Polk, La., he met **Julia Thomson ('47)** at singing bands. Andy and Julia were married May 30, 1948. Prior to his retirement, Andy owned and operated his own cement contract-

ing company. He and Julia were named "Volunteers of the Year" at Maranatha Volunteers International for their countless gifts of time, skill and resources around the world. Survivors include his wife, Julia; children: Denise Grentz, David, Rebecca Becker and Rachel Kroncke; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

Tam Martin Christiansen ('49), Enumclaw, Wash., died April 19, 2018, at age 95. She was born Nov. 24, 1922, to Wesley and Tillie Holmberg Martin in Sauk Centre, Minn. On June 13, 1946, she married Frank Dutcher in Lincoln, Neb. In 1989 she married Andrew Christiansen in Bowbells, N.D. During her life she worked in Nebraska, South Dakota and Colorado as a secretary, bookkeeper and accountant. Tam is survived by two sisters, Enid Beck and Gwendolyn Norby; two sons: **Stephen Dutcher ('70)** and Lyle Dutcher; six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Roland Rayburn ('49), Springfield, Mo., died Nov. 28, 2017, at age 89. He was born to Guy and Alta Faye Rider Rayburn on Dec. 31, 1927, in Gibbon, Neb. Roland attended Union College and married **Enid Slauson ('47)** Feb. 8, 1948. They spent most of their lives in Lincoln, Neb. He enjoyed various employment with over 20 years of leadership

at Lincoln Regional Center, a mental health facility. When they retired, they moved to Springfield, Mo. Survivors include his wife, Enid; children, Rebecca Ann Rayburn-Cooper and Jerry; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

Norma Johnson Reile-Carlson ('49), Yadkinville, N.C., died Jan. 9, 2018, at age 91. She was born July 9, 1926, to Frank and Lois McMahon Johnson. Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Tarr; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Catherine Sankey Chinn '51, College Place, Wash., died March 25, 2018, at age 95. Throughout her life, she was a teacher, registered nurse and mother. She is survived by her husband, Clarence; sons, Duane and Dale; daughter, Donna; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Catherine Sankey Chinn

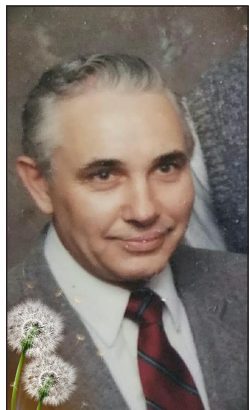
Carol Heft Killion '51, Eureka Springs, Ark., died May 1, 2018, at age 92. She is survived by two children: Karen and Kelly Killion; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wynona Amrhein Brown '54, Sioux Falls, S.D., died Feb. 18, 2018, at age 86. She was born July 4, 1931, in Baton Rouge, La., to Irwin and Gladys Day Amrhein. After one year of nurses' training and teaching elementary school, she came to Union College,

where she met **Delbert Brown '54**. They were married Sept. 6, 1953. After graduation, they moved to California, where Wynona was a loving mother and homemaker. In 1983 they moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., where she was active in the Seventh-day Adventist church in a number of activities. She is survived by her children: Earl, **Kirk '81**, Jill Rasmussen, **Nedd '87** and **Beth Pickhardt '89**; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lorna Saville Duffrin '54, Dayton, Ohio, died Sept. 17, 2016, at age 83. She was born Nov. 4, 1932, in Alton, Ill. Lorna was a registered nurse for 43 years. She is survived by her daughters: Sheryl Engler; Peggy Fitzpatrick and Judy Daley; son, Darrell; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

George Herman Guy '54, Mercedes, Texas, died April 22, 2018, at age 87. He was born in Iola, Kan., on Dec. 18, 1930, to W.H. and Maude Guy. He married **Jane Conrad ('51)** in 1949. While attending Union College, he served in the Medical Cadet Corps and worked for **LeRoy Wasemiller ('37)** on a construction crew. Herman pastored in Minnesota before serving in Peru. During his time in Peru as educational director of the South Peru Mission, he teamed up with LeRoy Wasemiller to build a mission school on the floating islands of Lake Titicaca. He also pastored in California, New Mexico, Texas, New Jersey and Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Jane; daughter, **Jan Steffen '74**, sons: **Jon ('76)** and Jim; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Don Johnson

Don Johnson '58, Cameron, Mo., died Dec. 19, 2017. He was born June 25, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa, to David and Elsie Johnson. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. On Jan. 29, 1961, he married **Bettejean Fillman ('60)**. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Bettejean; children: **Wendy Hemmingsen ('86)** and **Lauris ('84)**; and brothers: **David '57** and **Walter ('60)**.

1960s

Sherrill Wondra '61, Pahrump, Nev., died Feb. 4, 2018, at age 84. He was born Aug. 23, 1933, in Phoenix, Ariz., and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-1956. Graduating from Union College with a degree in business in 1961, Sherrill worked for 3M Company of St. Paul, Minn., and retired in 1996. He was a motorcycle enthusiast and rode with his wife from 1980-2008. He volunteered as treasurer for 16 years for Oasis Outreach Center in Pahrump, Nev. Survivors include his wife, **Jacqueline Hopkins Wondra '61**; two daughters: Susan and Sally Jo; sister, Janice Jensen; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five adoptive grandchildren.

Bill Swan '62, Corpus Christi, Texas, died Feb. 8, 2018, at age 77. Bill was born July 9, 1940, in Kilgore, Texas, to Everett and Irene Swan. After graduating from Loma Linda School of Medicine, he joined the U.S. Army to proudly serve his country in the Vietnam War as a captain and battalion surgeon. Upon return, he completed a residency in orthopedic surgery at Scott & White Medical Center in Temple, Texas. The family moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he was an orthopedic surgeon for over 40 years. Survivors include his wife, Candis; son, William E. Swan III, daughters: Brooke Frank, Heather Hazen and Caitlin Dixon; and four grandchildren.

Riley Mercer '63, Burleson, Texas, died Jan. 8, 2018, at age 83. He was born in Chandler, Okla., on Dec. 20, 1934. Survivors include his wife, **Tommie Arellano Mercer ('60)**; sons: Alan and Deven; daughter, DeeAnna; and three grandchildren.

Duane Smith '64, Hot Springs, S.D., died May 14, 2018, at age 75. He was born to Urby and Mary Foree Smith in Long Beach, Calif. Duane graduated from Loma Linda University as a medical doctor and specialized in internal medicine with practices in Nicaragua, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Palau. During the Vietnam war, he served in the Navy at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz. Duane enjoyed flying, traveling with his family, snow skiing and water skiing. He is survived by his sons: Brad, Jeff and Tim; and two grandchildren.

Gloria Durichek Gyure '67, Denver, Colo., died April 22, 2018, at age 73. She was born Feb. 11, 1945, to Michael and Freda Durichek and grew up in Denver, Colo. She earned a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's degree from Andrews University. After teaching school for several years, she was a systems engineer for US West. She was active in the Denver South Adventist Church in music and Sabbath School classes as well as with the Denver Botanic Gardens. She is survived by her husband, Joseph; son, G. Edward Rittenhouse; step-daugh-

ters, Michelle Gossage and Jean Remmers; sisters: **Mavis Shockey '55**, **Miriam Sparks ('56)** and **Cynthia Durichek ('72)**; and three step-grandchildren.

Cheryl Deibel Andrieux '69, Days Creek, Ore., died Jan. 28, 2018, at age 71. She was born March 20, 1946, to Fred and Marjorie Deibel. After graduating from Union College, she accepted a teaching position at Pomona Junior Academy in California where she met and married Al Andrieux. They also taught at Cedar Brook School in Rehoboth, Mass., and Tacoma Junior Academy in Washington before going to Milo Adventist Academy in 1983. In their 35 years at Milo, Cheryl taught English classes, helped to establish the advanced placement program and served as registrar, librarian and yearbook sponsor. Although officially retired, she sorted academy mail every day, she stayed very active in her local church. Cheryl is survived by her husband, Al; daughter, Ellen; brother **Max Deibel '70** and sister, **Linda Skinner ('71)**.

Lorene Yackley '69, Bryan, Texas, died Oct. 2, 2017, at age 71. She was born April 15, 1946, in Wichita, Kan., to Erwin and June Rose Yackley. Lorene loved her church and was very active. She was church secretary, taught several Sabbath School classes and was a pianist. Survivors include her sister, **Winona Yackley Cressler '69**, three aunts and numerous cousins.

1970s

Twila Farrar Leen ('71), Federal Way, Wash., died Nov. 24, 2017, at age 66. She is survived by her husband, Norman; one daughter and two grandchildren.

2000s

Michelle Huebner '00, Tulsa, Okla., died March 16, 2018, at age 42. She was born Sept. 13, 1975, in Beaver, Okla., to Felix and Marcelle Walk Huebner. During her time at college she spent

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a year teaching in Saipan and another year at LaVida Mission in New Mexico. Her love for teaching took her to Mexico to teach English and learn Spanish. She taught schools in Nebraska, Texas and Oklahoma. She also taught adults to speak English and gave guitar lessons. She is survived by her mother, Marcelle Huebner; sisters: Karen Huebner, Sandy Howard and Linda Bruen.

Esther Arney Shadday '00, Englewood, Colo., died Feb. 15, 2018 at age 94. She was born July

10, 1923, on her grandparent's ranch near New Underwood, S.D. Esther was a volunteer at nursing homes, funeral homes and hospitals as a chaplain after she graduated from Union College with a bachelor's degree in religion. Esther volunteered for the Teaching Learning Center and the English as a Second

Language program at Union College. Survivors include her children: Kathleen Rochambeau, Koleen Stoup, Paula Aughenbaugh and David Larson; five grandsons and five granddaughters.

Notice of the following deaths has been received:

Mavis Betts Boyd '44, Portland, Ore., died Nov. 13, 2017, at age 95.

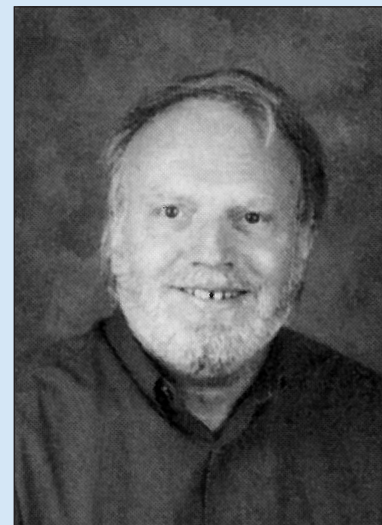
James Maxwell '58, Littleton, Colo., died Nov. 11, 2017, at age 79.

Maralyn Davis '66, Mason City, Iowa, died Oct. 28, 2017, at age 77.



Wolter known for community involvement

John Wolter (former employee), Lincoln, Neb., died April 3, 2018, at age 90. Following a 30-year military career, his final assignment brought him to Lincoln, Neb., as a professor of aerospace studies. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he was director of development at Union College from 1983-1990. John was involved in the community as well, leading out in Rotary Clubs, serving as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and on the board for the Samaritan Counseling Center, the Rotary Foundation and the Administrative Council. He is survived by his wife, Doris; son, Tim; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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Math teacher remembered

Allen Holmes (former faculty), Wabasha, Minn., died July 23, 2017, at age 80. A man of great intellect, kindness and enthusiasm, Allen was an educator for 40 years—teaching mathematics at St. Paul Academy and Union College and inspiring many of his students to pursue careers in math and science. He attended Carleton College and the University of Illinois, where he helped develop math curricula used all over the United States. He enjoyed computers, graphing calculators, the Detroit Tigers and the Mississippi River Valley. Survivors include his wife, Belle; brother, Robert Holmes; children: Monette Kollodge and Ken; and three grandchildren.

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September 25 — Leadership Symposium

Zak Ebrahim will be the speaker for the 2018 Leadership Symposium at Union College at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the College View Church. The son of a convicted murderer and World Trade Center bomber, Ebrahim authored *The Terrorist's Son* to share why he chose a life of peace. Learn more at www.ucollege.edu/zakebrahim

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— Duet. 6:6-9 (NIV)

Seems a bit excessive, right? But Moses spoke from experience. After 40 years learning the ways of the world in the court of the most powerful king on earth, 40 years learning the ways of the King of the Universe as a shepherd in the wilderness, and 40 years watching the miracles and mercies of God as he tenderly led his often ungrateful people out of slavery toward the land of promise, Moses was perhaps the most learned student of human nature in ancient times.

Moses watched his people forget God's miracles over and over, and he understood what it takes for an idea to become part of who we are and how we live. That's why he told his people to learn it and experience it, then to pass it on to their children in the same



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