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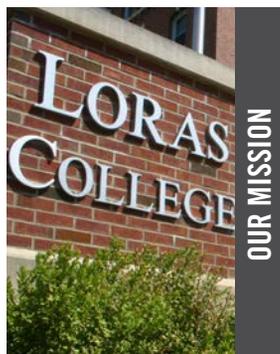
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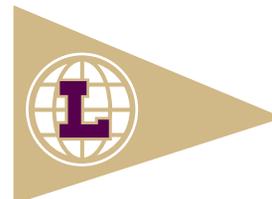
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**Editor's Note**

In the Loras College Women's Leadership Alliance article that appeared in the Fall 2017 issue, **Beth (Nischik) Mund** ('96) was erroneously cited as residing in Waterloo, IA. She currently resides in St. Charles, IL.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Loras Alumni and Friends,

There are far too many people questioning the value of higher education, let alone the value of a liberal arts education. These perspectives conflict with common sense and any number of longitudinal studies that underscore the significant return on investment.

Just as there is ignorance with regard to the value of higher education, there is ignorance with regard to how one understands the liberal arts. Some mistakenly align the terms from a political lens. Others, in my humble opinion, wrongly define liberal arts as a student having to major in one of the traditional disciplines (e.g., history, philosophy, English, biology). At Loras College and many other quality institutions, liberal arts have always been about learning within an interdisciplinary framework.

Regardless of which discipline a student chooses as a major, Loras has (and still does deliver) a curriculum that ensures that students build capacity in critical thinking, public speaking and writing. As a faith-based college, we embrace and advance the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Social Teaching so that students graduate with a strong moral and ethical compass.

Even as our approach to curricular and co-curricular delivery has changed, our commitment to the Catholic, liberal arts and interdisciplinary mission has remained constant. As the marketplace changes, Loras wants our students to be well prepared. To that end, classroom teaching has become more active and less passive. Experiential learning has grown immensely so that students can begin to live and learn firsthand through internships and study-abroad and service-learning opportunities.

Curiosity is inherent to a liberal arts education. It drives innovation in that students become critical thinkers, problem solvers and effective communicators as they begin to explore topics and issues from the point of curiosity within the previously referenced interdisciplinary framework.

In turn, innovation has triggered a seismic shift in today's workforce. Approximately 30 million Americans hold jobs that didn't exist a year ago. One-third of American workers change jobs in any given year. By age 38, today's graduates may have held a dozen jobs. As this becomes the norm, the overarching skills acquired through a liberal arts education become both more relevant and necessary.

The key challenge for colleges is to channel the nearly insatiable curiosity of today's students into a new and emerging workforce. In an effort to enhance our offerings to do just that, the unveiling of new business offerings and the launch of a postbaccalaureate program help to demonstrate that Loras is not only embracing the challenge but leading the way in responding to the ever-changing needs of graduates and the economy, but without alienating our longstanding and cherished mission.

In November, Loras announced the establishment of the Francis J. Noonan School of Business. The late Francis J. Noonan, a 43-year member of the Loras faculty, retired in 1991 and was designated as professor emeritus in recognition of his dedicated and strong service. Professor Noonan continues to hold a much-beloved status among Loras alumni, faculty and staff.

In keeping with our tenets, the Noonan School's focus is to prepare students to utilize data to inform business practices that—combined with strong ethics grounded in Catholic social teaching—will likely become a nationally-recognized destination for future business leaders by providing “insight with integrity” in the global business world. Please read more starting on page 8.

Just a month later, Loras launched a one-year, postbaccalaureate premedical program that provides the needed coursework commonly required for entrance to medical schools. The program includes much more than required courses. Students will be advised and guided by a dedicated pre-medical advisor, strategically prepared for the MCAT exam, have the opportunity to observe and learn from doctors in hospitals and clinics and receive a detailed committee letter of recommendation for medical school. Read more on page 12.

**As always, we look forward to seeing you at Homecoming October 12–14!** Please keep Loras in your thoughts and prayers. Know that we will continue to keep you and your families in ours.

Pro deo et Patria,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Collins". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

James E. Collins ('84)  
President





## REVEREND SCHMITT HONORED WITH SILVER STAR

*Seventy-six years after his death, Reverend Aloysius Schmitt ('32) was posthumously awarded the Silver Star Medal for sacrificing his life to save the lives of 12 shipmates. It is the latest honor bestowed upon the decorated Loras graduate.*

The Silver Star is the U.S. military's third-highest personal decoration for valor in combat. Schmitt previously received the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps medal and the Purple Heart for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The Navy later commissioned a ship in his name. Christ the King Chapel, built between 1946 and 1947 on the Loras campus, was also dedicated to him.

U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Margaret Kibben presented the award to Father Schmitt's nephews, Del and Dan Schmitt, and his niece, Fran Hemesath, in a ceremony held in the Academic Resource Center.

"Father Al lived and died honoring the Loras motto: pro deo et patria (for God and country)," **Jim Collins** ('84), president of Loras College, said. "We are all very proud of his heroic and faithful life. The recognition is long overdue, but it doesn't diminish his everlasting interminable legacy."

Seventy-five years after his death, the remains of Schmitt were laid to rest in Christ the King Chapel in October 2016. Born in St. Lucas, Iowa, and baptized at St. Luke Parish there, Schmitt grew up on the family farm. He did his undergraduate studies at Loras College and then went to Rome to continue his study for the priesthood. Schmitt served as an associate pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dubuque and entered the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps in 1939. He was assigned to the USS Oklahoma in 1940.

Schmitt was 32 years old when Japan launched a surprise attack against the American naval base in Pearl Harbor. On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, he was hearing confessions on board the Oklahoma when four torpedoes slammed into the ship.

The lower decks quickly filled with water, trapping sailors in the ship. Survivors said as it capsized, Schmitt refused to escape, choosing instead to help push 12 men through a porthole to safety before he died.

During his homily at the mass preceding the award ceremony, Father William Joensen reflected on the importance of Schmitt to Loras and the nation at large.

"Father Al Schmitt does not need our honors," he said, "but we need to honor him. He may not have wanted to be regarded as a hero, but we need such heroes—saints-in-the-making—who pierce the clouds of what is possible by the beacon of a love that conquers even death itself.

"We need his example and witness to illuminate our own darkness, to help us fathom the deep waters that would obscure and swallow our own personal moments of truth. Then we can stand worthy of the trust God has placed in us, as representatives of the armed forces, as members of this Loras community proud to number Father Al among our ranks and as agents of peace in a world of enmity and suspicion."

Schmitt's chalice, prayer book, military medals and other personal belongings recovered from the ship's wreckage are on display in the entrance of the Chapel. His Liturgy of the Hours book (breviary) is still marked with a ribbon for the next day's prayers, six years to the day of his ordination on Dec. 8, 1935.

His body had been buried as an unknown soldier at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. More than a century later, technological advances allowed authorities to identify his remains and those of 388 other unknowns of the Oklahoma's crew so they could be sent home for final burial.

In her remarks, Rear Admiral Kibben talked about how Schmitt "was called to serve."

"He had been called," she said. "Called to serve his God, in the understanding as priest. To serve his people, the congregation, those whom had raised him up in the faith to serve among them as a leader in the faith. And called to serve his country on Dec. 7, 1941.

"We, as a country, are better off for heroes like Chaplain Aloysius Schmitt and so many who gave their lives that day to rescue others."

*U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Margaret Kibben speaks during the ceremony attended by Dan Schmitt, Fran Hemesath, and Del Schmitt, Fr. Schmitt's great nephews and great niece.*



# Business... But Not as Usual

## NEW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS



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Francis J. Noonan

*Loras College has always been focused on developing ethical decision makers and responsible contributors. In that same mold, the College's new Francis J. Noonan School of Business will educate students to be ethically aware, data-informed, globally prepared and responsible leaders.*

The Noonan School will focus on preparing students to utilize data to inform business practices that—combined with strong ethics grounded in Catholic social teaching—will likely become a nationally recognized destination for future business leaders by serving as a light of “insight with integrity” in the global business world. Students will not only learn best business practices but also ethical decision-making, while recognizing human dignity and the impact of policy and procedures, and ultimately contributing to the common good.

“The addition of the Noonan School of Business will offer students new learning opportunities and meet the critical need in society to have well-formed, ethical leaders in business and related fields,” Jim Collins ('84), president of Loras College, said.

The school is named after the late Francis J. Noonan, a 43-year member of the Loras faculty who retired in 1991 as professor emeritus. Noonan remains the longest-serving business faculty member and continues to hold a much-beloved status among Loras alumni, faculty and staff.

During Loras' historic \$100,000 *Inspiring Lives & Leadership* campaign, the concept and foundational components needed to advance the School of Business garnered more than \$10 million in commitments. Several outcomes were achieved as a by-product of this effort, including:

- Keane Hall renovation to house new business faculty offices, seminar space and classrooms
- Andrew P. Studdert Endowed Chair for Crisis and Ethical Leadership

- Analytics initiative to include new faculty lines, an MBA program, a certificate program and an undergraduate major
- Faculty-development opportunities to include engagements at the Catholic University of America and the University of Portland
- Common Reading book program and a Business Case Study competition aligned with Catholic social teaching
- Business speaker series and student scholarships

An anonymous endowed \$5-million contribution will establish funding for the Dean of the School of Business and the corresponding operational expenses. The Loras College Board of Regents voted unanimously to name the school for Noonan.



A new finance lab was installed at Keane Hall as part of the Noonan School.

The existing, and increasingly popular, Loras College Executive MBA in Analytics will remain a key component of the Noonan School. Construction of a state-of-the-art Finance Resource Lab that includes high-tech software and hands-on stock market investment learning opportunities wrapped up this spring. Additional offerings currently being explored include the development of a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) certificate program, entrepreneurial courses and expanded internship and study-away opportunities.



## CARES Lab Partnering with Medical Associates

*The Loras Cancer Research in Exercise Science Laboratory (CARES Lab) and Medical Associates Oncology, in conjunction with Mercy Hospital, have launched a cancer clinical trial on the College's campus. The CARES Lab focuses on evaluating the relationship between physical activity, prognosis and quality of life in cancer survivors.*



Keith Thraen-Borowski, Ph.D., assistant professor of kinesiology and biology, and founder and director of CARES Lab, and his team of five students will test the hypothesis that exercise is both feasible in a community hospital setting and will improve quality of life in cancer patients from the greater Dubuque area. Cancer survivors who are medically allowed to exercise will be identified and referred by Medical Associates Oncology staff.

Once enrolled, survivors will receive an individualized prescription for activity, tailored

to their cancer type, diagnosis, fitness level, treatment and quality-of-life challenges. Participants then receive one-on-one supervision and feedback from individuals trained in clinical exercise physiology programming inside Loras' Athletic Wellness Center.

The student collaborators are integral to the research done through the CARES Lab and will gain valuable research experience in data collection and analysis as well as supervision of individualized exercise plans in a clinical population. They are

also involved in Thraen-Borowski's study on the effectiveness of feedback from fitness-tracking devices on sedentary behavior.

"My students realize that the research that they are working on will be disseminated on a national scale, via medical journals and national conferences," Thraen-Borowski said. "Perhaps more importantly, our work has the potential to influence the way physical activity is integrated into cancer patients' survivorship care plans in the future."

# Fett Honored by Amate House



*Nancy Fett ('90) received the Founders' Award at the Amate House annual benefit, Amate Magic, on April 21 in Chicago, Ill.*

Fett, who is currently an associate professor of social work at Loras College, volunteered with Amate House, a post-grad service program, and served at the I Have A Dream Foundation. It was an experience her undergraduate social work degree at Loras had prepared her for, and in turn, an experience that laid the foundation for a future in social work.

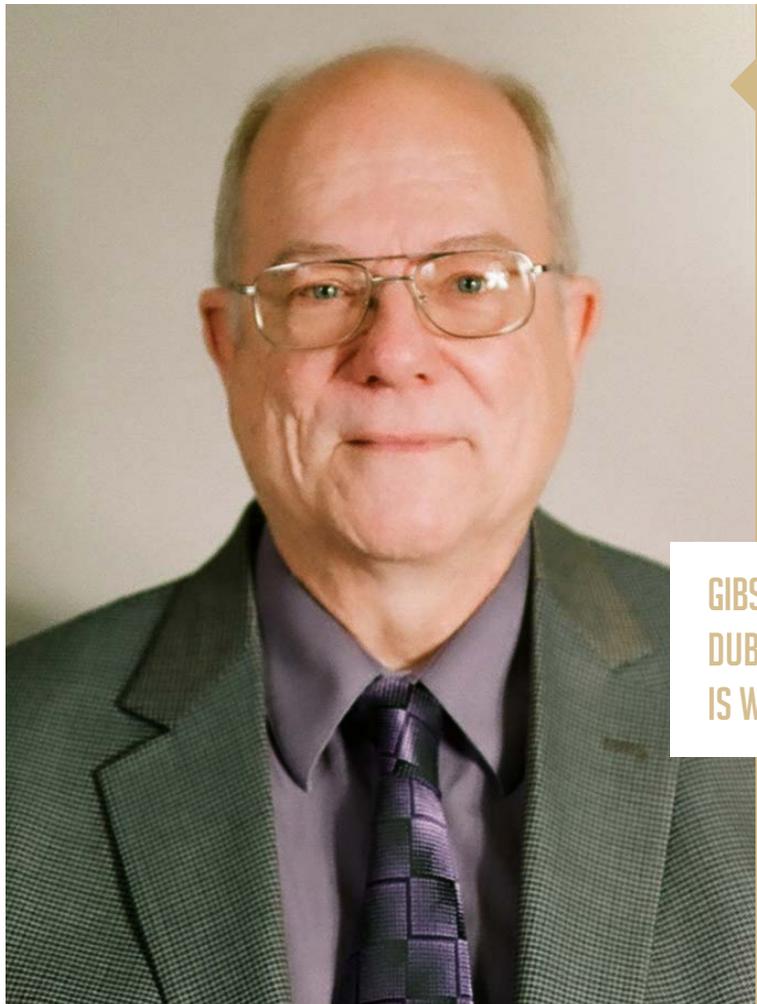
**THE FOUNDERS' AWARD IS GIVEN EACH YEAR TO AN ALUMNUS WHO CONTINUES TO LIVE OUT THE MISSION AND TENETS OF AMATE HOUSE.**

Amate House was established in 1984 as a volunteer program for young adults by three seminarians from the Archdiocese of Chicago, along with other lay and religious men and women, with the objective of transformation through service. The founders chose the name Amate, the Latin imperative "to love," because they envisioned a program in which young adults would put love into action and answer the call to holiness by providing support and service to fulfill the needs of the city and the Archdiocese.

The Founders' Award is given each year to an alumnus who continues to live out the mission and tenets of Amate House and who has continued his or her service to the poor and marginalized since leaving the program.

# Loras Archivist Earns Dual Honors

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*The Dubuque Main Street Ltd. 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to **Michael Gibson (MA '91)**, Loras College archivist and director of the Center for Dubuque History, for his many years of organizing and leading historical/architectural walking tours of Dubuque.*

Executive Director of Dubuque Main Street Dan Lo Bianco noted, "Gibson shares his invaluable knowledge of Dubuque history with the community and is willing to assist at the drop of a hat. If there is a question about a building or a piece of Dubuque history, Mike's name is the first offered."

**GIBSON SHARES HIS INVALUABLE KNOWLEDGE OF DUBUQUE HISTORY WITH THE COMMUNITY AND IS WILLING TO ASSIST AT THE DROP OF A HAT.**

Gibson also received the Founders Award from the Friends of the Mines of Spain. This annual award is presented to an individual who has given several years of service to the Mines of Spain Recreation Area and the E.B. Lyons Interpretive and Nature Center. Gibson has served on the Friends Board for 15 years.

# A REAL GAME CAREER CHANGER

## A NEW POSTBACCALAUREATE PREMEDICAL PROGRAM BEGINS THIS SUMMER

*Dr. Kate Cooper is staying very busy these days. The Loras College associate professor of biology is looking at her regular schedule of classes for the spring semester and advising students. In addition, she is helping to launch the new postbaccalaureate premedical program for college graduates looking to change their careers to the medical field.*

“Getting the program off the ground has kept us busy, but we’ve had a very positive response so far,” said Cooper.

The new program is geared toward professionals who are looking for a career change into the medical or health professions, including medicine, optometry, dentistry, podiatry, physical therapy, physician assistant or veterinary medicine.

“There are really smart people who were English majors or finance majors who realized either towards the end of college or after they had been out for a few years that ‘I really want something else and really want to go into medicine.’ It isn’t about redoing things that you didn’t do well the first time. It is about wanting a change,” Cooper explained.

While Loras has already provided graduates with the opportunity to fulfill that core set of classes, this new program provides an enhanced package that helps get them ready for medical school. In addition to course work, pre-med students receive hands-on advice, the program director helps the person make decisions on what they want to do, with shadowing experiences and with studying for the Medical College Admission Test®, or MCAT® exam.



“GETTING THE PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND HAS KEPT US BUSY, BUT WE’VE HAD A VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE SO FAR.”

The courses available to students in the new program are biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, physics and a few electives depending on what health-care profession they want to pursue.



*Dr. Kate Cooper is overseeing the launch of the new postbaccalaureate premedical program that will provide an avenue for college grads to shift their career focus to the medical program.*



“One really important course that a lot of students will probably want to take is our human anatomy class with cadavers,” said Cooper. “It’s not required for medical school, but when the first thing you do in the fall is start dissecting cadavers, it’s really useful if you’ve seen them before at a slower pace than what you will do in medical school.”

Students will have the ability to complete the program as quickly as in one year, starting with coursework over the summer. Everything will be tailored by a team of faculty to provide an individualized time line for each student to reach his or her overall goal.

“The way we’ve designed the program, it is definitely doable in one year, but we are more than happy to personalize it, spread it out over two years and have students take a few electives to strengthen themselves,” Cooper explained. “It would be a challenging year, but it would be a way to prove yourself to med schools that you are serious and can handle the workload.”

The postbaccalaureate premedical program started accepting applications in January, with a healthy level of interest from the start. The college will be bringing in a full-time program director and medical advisor to run the program and to help with centralization. In the meantime, Cooper’s schedule will continue to remain maxed out.

“If the new program helps show off the capabilities of the health science offerings at Loras College, then it will be worth it,” she said.

“This is a way to show the strengths of the sciences at Loras. We have a lot of innovative teaching practices here. We do a lot more active learning than most places. The level of knowledge we expect from our students is pretty high.”



ON THE AIR...

AGAIN

“Since 1995, when I took over, it has been regularly run by small groups of students, some more enthusiastic than others, until no one was interested in keeping it running. That is until Xavier came forward.”



## KLCR BACK ON THE AIR AFTER HIATUS

Xavier Sanchez ('20) is no stranger to radio. His uncle has been on the air in Detroit for many years, and his cousin has broadcast in Chicago and now in Detroit during drive time.

On occasion, Sanchez would get a call to talk with his uncle on the air, leading to a famous run-in over the airwaves.

“When I was in third grade, he had Barack Obama on the air as part of a three-way conversation about the presidents. I got to outsmart Obama because he didn’t want to go against me. I have a recording of that, and it was a cool opportunity.”

Now, Sanchez is taking the opportunity to call his own shots on the air as part of the relaunch of KLCR, Loras College’s student-run radio station.

Quiet for the past two years, KLCR was reborn on March 11 as a streaming-only offering. With 13 students taking their turns behind the microphone, a variety of music and talk is available six days a week.

KLCR’s origins go back decades into the 1960s when the station originally broadcast under the call letters KLOR. Student enthusiasm has ebbed and waned over the years, with the station going dormant for some periods, most recently from 2012–2014 and again from 2016 until this March.

As moderator of the radio station, Paul Kohl, Ph.D., professor of media studies, has seen interest in the radio station change over time.

“Since 1995, when I took over, it has been regularly run by small groups of students, some more enthusiastic than others, until no one was interested in keeping it running,” he said. “That is until Xavier came forward.”

Sanchez was first intrigued by the radio station before he ever set foot on campus. With an older sister **Berta Sanchez** ('11) being a Loras grad, he had seen a shirt with the station’s call letters on it. Unfortunately, by the time he reached campus in 2016, the station had gone dark.

“I heard interest from other students, and I thought maybe I should look into who did it previously,” he explained.

That led Sanchez to reach out to Kohl in March of 2017. Through their discussions, they worked through what needed to be done to get the studio ready to begin broadcasting again. Most of the roadblocks came from the equipment.

“The main hurdle has been technical, understanding how the system works and making sure it is still feasible to run,” Kohl said.

While the KLCR office still has elements from its previous incarnations, including a turntable and an old soundboard in the production room, they remain unused as the technology is all web-based. As a streaming-only offering, the trick was to ensure the website was broadcasting correctly. After a year of work, music is again playing in the KLCR studio.

The station streams live every Monday through Friday from 3 to 10 p.m. and on Saturday mornings. Listeners who tune in will be met with a mix of music and conversation, as well as two sports talk shows.

It has been a slow process, but Sanchez believes it will pay off in renewed student interest.

“Waiting for technology is hard, but I think it will be worth it.”



Students will be able to pull from a wealth of music already in the KLCR archives.

KLCR can be found online at [www.klcr.org](http://www.klcr.org).



# 9 YEARS, 9 TITLES

## LCTV NAMED STATION OF THE YEAR AT ICMA

*In the nine-year history of the Iowa College Media Association (ICMA), the organization has recognized a television station of the year at its annual conference.*

Loras College's LCTV has received that award all nine years.

"To be named the best in Iowa is a tremendous honor for our students and the entire media studies program," said **Craig Schaefer** ('89), director of media studies at Loras. "They work tremendously hard on everything they do, and to be recognized for their efforts serves to inspire them all the more." In total, 12 categories were recognized, with Loras tallying 11 first-place nods. The program with the highest total of awards earns "Station of the Year" honors.

"What makes ICMA different is that they look at a wide variety of areas, from journalism to short films. This measures a real breadth of media production,"

said Schaefer. "In winning all the categories we did, it really speaks to the abilities of all our students."

The recognition is the highest award the ICMA can confer upon any of Iowa's college and university television/video programs. Loras students took home more awards than any other college or university in Iowa.

The judging is conducted by media professionals in Iowa who focus only on the category tied to their professional field.

## 2017 ICMA AWARD WINNERS:

### BEST ENTERTAINMENT STORYTELLING PACKAGE

- **Dimitri Villanueva** ('17), first place, "Dining with Dimitri"
- **Aidan Wojciehowski** ('18) and **Jeremy Vallin** ('17), third place, "Football Accuracy Sports Challenge"

### BEST SHORT DOCUMENTARY

- **Allison Wong** ('17) and **Charlie Grant** ('17), second place, "Dubuque's Holding"
- **Kelly Kuboushek** ('19) and **Jack Sarcone** ('19), honorable mention, "The Crown"

### BEST VARIETY, MUSIC AND COMEDY PROGRAM

- Loras College Media Studies J-Term Class 2017, first place, "A Big, Fat Greek Odyssey"
- LCTV Staff, second place, "Holiday Edition"
- LCTV Staff, third place, "LCTV LIVE DuCap"

### BEST SPORTSCASTING

- **Ryan Gill** ('17), **Josh Larsen** ('17) and **Dustin Dawson** ('17), **Tara Shingler** ('18), and LCTV Staff, first place

### BEST LONG-FORM DOCUMENTARY

- **Madison Galloway** ('18), and **Melissa Link** ('18), first place, "Behind the Bump"
- **Dustin Dawson** ('17), **Adam Roloff** ('17) and **Josh Larsen** ('17), second place, "A Life in Footprints"

### BEST EXPERIMENTAL VIDEO

- **John Woerdehoff** ('19), first place, "Spring Broke"
- **Madison Galloway** ('18), second place, "The Rabbit Hole"
- **Seth Kilburg** ('20), third place, "XO Tour"



*Pisarik's wife and children were on hand to receive the John Eighmey Service Award in his honor at the ICMA award ceremony.*



## LORAS PROFESSOR HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY BY ICMA

*Loras College Professor of Media Studies Pat Pisarik was posthumously bestowed with a pair of honors by the Iowa College Media Association (ICMA). The awards were presented at the organization's annual conference.*

Pisarik earned the ICMA's most distinguished honor—the John Eighmey Service Award. It recognizes an individual whose efforts have been instrumental in advancing the quality of media education in Iowa.

Pisarik's family was on hand to receive the award at the ICMA ceremony.

The ICMA also renamed its Student Journalist of the Year Award scholarship as the Pat Pisarik Journalist of the Year Award in the late professor's honor.

According to his friend and co-worker **Craig Schaefer** ('89), Pisarik earned the Eighmey Award before he died. He had been nominated and the voting tallied prior to his death.

"It's pretty bittersweet. Pat would have been tickled because he was so instrumental in doing this that his colleagues and other people at other colleges and universities had that kind of respect for what he had done and appreciated him. He won."

Pisarik passed away in October during what was to be his 25th and final year at Loras College before retiring in the spring. He was one of the co-founders of the ICMA, the organization's former president and longtime board member.

Shortly after being notified of Pisarik's passing, a motion was made to change the name of the scholarship to honor him and a unanimous vote was conducted within days to make it official.

"Pat was without question a student-centered teacher," recalled Schaefer. "He really did value the integrity of every individual. He encouraged people to do things that they may not think they could. He could see potential in anyone and went out of his way to tell them."

Since joining the Loras faculty in 1983, Pisarik taught many courses, but his passion was journalism and moderating The Lorian newspaper. As Schaefer explained, that passion tied directly to inspiring the most from his students.

"He was absolutely a teacher at heart. He cared about the personal development of the students at least as much as the content. He wanted students to become productive citizens and people of character. That came from their hearts and how they look out for others. That mattered to him."

### BEST CORPORATE VIDEO

- **Brody Kuhar** ('18), first place, "Great Streets Kick-Off Party"
- **Michael Runde** ('20), third place, "Holy Family Renovations"

### BEST SHORT FILM

- **Dimirti Villanueva** ('17) and **Jimmy Ralph** ('18), first place "Run"
- **Sarah Mueller** ('19), honorable mention, "Writer's Block"

### BEST NEWS, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OR SPORTS STORYTELLING PACKAGE

- **Allison Wong** ('17) and **Charlie Grant** ('17), first place, "Dubuque Artist"
- **Aidan Wojciehowski** ('18), second place, "Senior O-Line"
- **Kelly Kuboushek** ('19), honorable mention, "Cafe Fraiche"

### BEST PROMO, COMMERCIAL OR PSA

- **Charlie Grant** ('17), "LCTV News Promo: Spring 2017"
- **Kevin Connor** ('17), second place, "Decorative Works"
- **Sarah Mueller** ('19), and **Caroline Breitbart** ('19), third place, "Betty Crocker"
- **Kelly Kuboushek** ('19), honorable mention, "Friends of the Poor Walk"

## CURRENT NEWS

### FALL/WINTER ATHLETICS RECAP

# DUHAWKS SOAR TO 19TH IN NATIONAL RANKINGS

*For the Loras College athletics program, 2017 turned out to be one of the most successful years yet. The successes continue into 2018.*

Loras closed the winter athletic season ranked 19th in the Learfield Directors' Cup Standings, up from 45th the previous year. The Learfield Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and *USA Today* looking at 450 Division III programs. Points are awarded based on an institution's IIAC Academic All-Americans finish in up to 18 sports (nine men's and nine women's).

Loras student-athletes excelled on the field and the court as well as in the pool and the pitch in the fall and winter, with 59 All-Conference Academic honors, 18 students earning All-Conference nods in their respective sports and four receiving College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American® honors. By the end of their respective seasons, seven Loras teams finished ranked in the top 25 nationally.



## SOCCER

The 18th-ranked women's soccer team captured its second-consecutive Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IIAC) regular season title and won the tournament title along with an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the 13th time in school history.

After going undefeated in the conference with a 6-0-2 record, the Duhawks dispatched Luther College to claim the IIAC Championship. The Duhawks opened the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Championship Tournament with a victory over Webster University before falling to Wheaton College in the second round. The team finished with a 15-2-3 record overall, the most Loras victories since 2013.

**Sydney Wright** ('18) was honored as a CoSIDA Academic All-District selection. Just weeks later, she received the 2017 CoSIDA First Team Academic-All American nod.

**Elizabeth Mills** ('19) was named to the second-team D3soccer.com's All-America Team.

The United Soccer Coaches named two Duhawks to its annual Scholar All-Region awards, highlighting the combination of athletic and academic success for collegiate soccer student-athletes. **Maura Walsh** ('18) and Wright were recognized as First Team and Second Team honorees, respectively. Mills, Walsh and Wright also earned United Soccer Coaches All-Region honors.

**Mills, Walsh, Wright, Gretchen Schutz** ('18) and **Lauren Bolnius** ('18) all landed spots on the IIAC All-Conference team. **Brynn Jacobi** ('21) and **Megan Brant** ('18) were honorable mentions.

Continuing the successes on and off the field, the coaches were also named IIAC Co-Coaching Staff of the Year along with the staff at Central College.

## SWIMMING & DIVING

**Mikaela Lengwin** ('19) was named Liberal Arts Championships Diver of the Year and competed at the NCAA Regional Championships, where she finished sixth in both the 1m and 3m diving events. She was one of only two juniors in the field at regionals, and competed at the 2018 NCAA Division III Championships.

Lengwin's performance was one of many outstanding performances by Loras swimmers at the Liberal Arts Championships. Duhawk swimmers broke three school records over the course of the week, including the time of 57.37 by **Sarah Shafer** ('21) in the 100 fly, the 200 free relay's 1:41.34 and the 200 medley relay by **Jennifer Young** ('20), **Kim Breaux** ('18), **Sarah Shafer, Kasey Jacobson** ('19) with a time of 1:52.29.

Overall, Loras finished the season with a 7-6 record and a third-place finish in the IIAC at 3-2.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Women's cross country team finished in fourth place at the IIAC Championships, led by a 14th-place



finish by **Kelly Minear** ('18), who would run her way to an All-Conference nod.

Advancing to the NCAA® Regional Championships, **Kristan Brown** ('21) blazed her way to a 48th-place finish to lead the Duhawks. Four student-athletes also earned personal lifetime records.

The Duhawks earned team honors with United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Academic Awards for their combined 3.48 GPA.

## BASKETBALL

For the third consecutive year, the Loras women's basketball team advanced to the IIAC Tournament semifinal before closing out the season.

The Duhawks tallied a 17-10 record overall for the year, including an even 8-8 in conference play. They rolled over Buena Vista in the first round of the conference tournament before falling to Wartburg in the next round.

**Marissa Schroeder** ('21) was named IIAC First Team All-Conference. With her selection, Loras has earned at least one IIAC First Team selection in each of the last 13 seasons, dating back to 2004–05. Schroeder is the first freshman to garner the honor in program history.

**Addie Oberman** ('18) was named 2nd team All-Conference, finishing her career with 758 points, including 501 at Loras.

## SPIRIT SQUAD

The Loras Spirit Squad competed at the inaugural Iowa Conference Cheer & Spirit Squad Competition. In total,

### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

#### FINAL IIAC RANKING

1<sup>ST</sup>

SOCCER

3<sup>RD</sup>

SWIMMING & DIVING

4<sup>TH</sup>

CROSS COUNTRY

4<sup>TH</sup>

BASKETBALL

4<sup>TH</sup>

SPIRIT SQUAD

5<sup>TH</sup>

TENNIS

7<sup>TH</sup>

VOLLEYBALL

there were six categories of competition, with the Duhawks competing under the "Cheer Routine – Stunt" classification. With a score of 45.16, Loras finished tied for fourth with Central College.

## TENNIS

**Emma Cooke** ('19) fought her way to the B-Flight Singles Championship at the IIAC Women's Individual Tournament. She took down five competitors without dropping a set to claim her title.

Overall, the Loras women's tennis team racked up an 8-4 record for the year, including a 4-4 tally and a fifth-place finish in IIAC play.

**Audrey Hinz** ('21) was named IIAC All-Iowa Conference for singles.

## VOLLEYBALL

**Haley Bergan** ('18) became Loras' all-time dig leader during the women's volleyball 2017 campaign. Bergan compiled 534 digs in her senior season to finish with 2,326 total digs and ranked fourth among active Division III players for career digs.

The Duhawks closed their season at 12-15 overall, with a 3-5 record in the IIAC—good for seventh place. Bergan became the seventh Loras student-athlete to become a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American and the first women's volleyball player to repeat the honor. She also netted a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

**Bergan** and **Michelle Budden** ('20) were both named IIAC All-Conference. Budden finished the season as the team leader in kills (298) and attack percentage (.207).



## CROSS COUNTRY

The Duhawks recorded their best finish in program history at the 2017 NCAA® Division III Cross Country Championships, finishing ninth thanks to All-American finishes from **Timothy Sevcik** ('18) and **Mason Tope** ('18). Loras repeated as NCAA Regional Champions and earned the program's fourth consecutive Iowa Conference title.

Loras' senior class concluded its career with four Iowa Conference Championships, four appearances at the NCAA Championships, three National Catholic Championship titles and two NCAA Central Region titles.

Over the last four years, this senior class led the Duhawks to 18 race victories, including 11 in the last two seasons.

Following the program's second consecutive NCAA Central Region Championship, Loras Cross Country Head Coach **Bob Schultz** ('94) was named the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Central Region Coach of the Year. The award is the second of Schultz's career, which also includes five Iowa Conference Coach of the Year honors.

In addition, the Loras coaching staff was named IAC Coaching Staff of the Year.

Ranked No. 1 in the Central Region all season, the Duhawks won six of a possible seven races this year, including the team's fourth title at the National Catholic Championships, hosted by Notre Dame.

Tope's impressive year ended with an IAC MVP and an All-Conference honor.

**Timothy Sevcik** ('18), **Brien Nugent** ('18), **Justin Adams** ('18) and **Jack Carroll** ('19) joined Tope as All-Conference runners.

The men's team claimed a USTFCCCA Academic Award, while individual honors went to **Preston Kauder** ('19), **Sevcik** and **Patrick Wolak** ('20).

## SOCCER

Men's soccer returned to the NCAA Tournament for the 12th time in program history in 2017.

The Duhawks won the IAC Championship with a 3-1 shootout win over Luther College. It was their eighth conference tournament championship. Loras finished second in conference play with a 6-2 record, just one point behind Luther in the standings.

Advancing to the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship, Loras defeated California Lutheran University in the opening round before falling to the University of St. Thomas in the second round to close out the season.

**Mark Broderick** ('20), **Ike Bruns** ('18), **Spencer Moore** ('18), **Javi Simon** ('19) and **Jacob Peterson** ('18) received IAC All-Conference Team honors. Honorable mentions went to **Ryan Pacholski** ('19) and **Miles McDonnell** ('20).

## WRESTLING

With a school record of 17 dual meet victories, the fifth-ranked Loras wrestling team had an impressive 2017-18 campaign that capped with four wrestlers competing in the NCAA Championships.

The Duhawks muscled their way to 17 consecutive victories to start the season, highlighted by a record-setting 41-0 win over Dubuque. The victory topped the previous record of 16 victories set during the 2002-03 campaign.

For the second consecutive year, the team finished second at the 2018 NCAA Division III Wrestling Lower Midwest Regional, this year with the highest regional point total in program history.

**Kevin Kelly** ('19) at 141 pounds and **Quin Gilliam** ('19) at 285 pounds were crowned regional champions, with Kelly being named Outstanding Wrestler. **Jimmy Davis** ('18) at 149 pounds finished second and also competed at nationals.

**Guy Patron Jr.** ('20) capped an impressive season on the mat with a second-place finish at nationals, the eighth finals for Loras in program history.

## BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team was an offensive force for much of the year, setting new program records both in a single game and in a season. The Duhawks finished the year 19-7 overall and



broke four program records including three pointers, three pointers made per game, three pointers attempted and assists.

In a 165-89 rout of Macalester, the Duhawks broke a host of school records, including points in a game (165), largest margin of victory (76), most field goals (58), most three pointers scored in a game (21) and most assists (48). The scoring outburst landed the Duhawks on ESPN's SportsCenter Top Ten list.

The Duhawks finished conference play in second place with a 12-4 record.

**Josh Ruggles** ('19) became the first men's basketball player in Loras history to be named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team. He also earned IAC Co-Most Valuable Player honors and a spot on the First Team All-Conference team.

**Ryan DiCanio** ('18) broke the 1,000-point mark, finishing his career at 1,139, good for 22nd on the school's all-time list. He earned First Team All-Conference honors.

**Rowan McGowen** ('21) earned IAC All-Conference Honorable Mention.

## SWIMMING & DIVING

**Ike Casey** ('18) capped a record-breaking year with All-American nods in the 50 free and 100 free, and honorable mention in the 200 free at the 2018 NCAA Division III Championships.

Along the way, Casey set new school records in all three events—records he had set just weeks earlier at the Liberal Arts Championships, where he also earned Male

### MEN'S ATHLETICS

#### FINAL IAC RANKING

**1<sup>ST</sup>**  
CROSS COUNTRY

**1<sup>ST</sup>**  
SOCCER

**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
WRESTLING

**2<sup>ND</sup>**  
BASKETBALL

**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
SWIMMING & DIVING

**6<sup>TH</sup>**  
FOOTBALL

Swimmer of the Year honors. He also swam the anchor leg on the men's 200 medley relay team with **John Lynch** ('21), **Mac Faldet** ('19) and **Brandon Pillars** ('20) in setting a school record.

Faldet added a solo record-breaking performance of his own when he placed first in the men's 200 breast prelims, with a school-record time of 2:06.45.

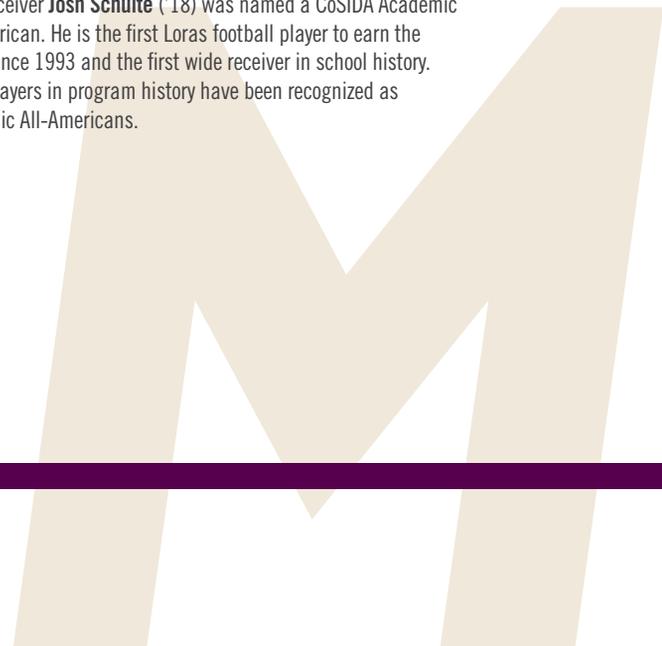
The men's swim team claimed fourth at both championships and in the IAC on the season.

## FOOTBALL

The Loras football team wrapped up its 2017 campaign with a 4-6 record overall and a 3-5 record in IAC play. The Duhawks finished sixth in the IAC.

**Mason Quigley** ('18) was named to the All-Conference Second Team as a kicker and doubled with an honorable mention as a punter. Linebacker **Bob Brophy** ('18) and offensive lineman **Greg Cybulski** ('19) were also recognized as honorable mentions.

Wide receiver **Josh Schulte** ('18) was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American. He is the first Loras football player to earn the honor since 1993 and the first wide receiver in school history. Eight players in program history have been recognized as Academic All-Americans.



# RENOVATIONS — AT THE — *Rock Bowl*

**Loras College is investing \$1 million in the heart of its campus and looking for support from alumni, parents and friends.**

College officials have raised enough funds to complete Phase 1 of the renovations to the 78-year-old Rock Bowl.

With Phase 1 of renovations, the old turf will be replaced with a state-of-the-art surface, and the track will transform colors and also receive a new surface. Phase 1 renovations to the Rock Bowl will begin in April to ensure the surfaces are ready for fall competition.

Phase 2 will include a new scoreboard and landscaping throughout the Rock Bowl.

“A project of this magnitude requires support from many people including Loras alumni, families and fans from various areas,” said **Denise** (Bodensteiner) **Udelhofen** ('90), director of Loras College Athletics.

Paul and Mary Finnegan of Evanston, Ill., parents of a Loras alumnus, have pledged a Challenge Match, in which they will match all gifts up to \$250,000 to support the Rock Bowl campaign.

“With Paul’s and Mary’s ongoing support and their generous match, we will be able to enhance the experiences for student-athletes and spectators,” said **Jim Collins** ('84), president of Loras College. “All the support we’ve garnered thus far is pivotal to the success of this initiative and enhancing our nationally recognized athletic programs.”

The Rock Bowl is a local landmark with a history filled with success and memories. In 1940, a year after construction began in a ravine at the site of an old horse barn, the Duhawks won their first game in the Rock Bowl, defeating Upper Iowa

27-6. From 1980 through 2004, **Bob Bierie** ('65), became the winningest football coach at Loras, going 144-106-5, with 85 of those wins at the Rock Bowl. The field at the stadium has been named Bierie Field in his honor.

Today, the Rock Bowl annually accommodates more than 60,000 fans and over 500 student-athletes, and hosts more than 1,000 competitions. In addition, the stadium is home to the Loras All-Sports Camp and numerous Wahlert Catholic High School sporting events.

“Whether you attend a football game, lacrosse match, soccer game, track meet, concert or marching band performance, or just walk to class, you can’t help but appreciate this iconic landmark,” Collins said.



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**Denise Udelhofen** ('90)  
Director of  
Loras College Athletics



**FUNDS NEEDED:**  
**\$450K\***

**\*TOTAL AS OF PUBLICATION.**  
 Visit [loras.edu/rockbowlrenovation](http://loras.edu/rockbowlrenovation)  
 for updates.

For individuals interested in taking advantage of the Challenge Match and making a donation to the Rock Bowl renovations, visit [alumni.loras.edu/rockbowl](http://alumni.loras.edu/rockbowl) or call 563.588.7328.

Visit [www.loras.edu](http://www.loras.edu), call 563.588.7100 or 800.245.6727, like Loras College on Facebook or follow @lorascollege on Twitter for more information.

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—  
**Jim Collins** ('84)  
 President of Loras College

## THE HISTORY OF THE ROCK BOWL

1939

Due to the increasing popularity of football, ground is broken for a new stadium in a naturally formed ravine and site of an old horse barn behind what is now Hennessy Hall.

1940

Loras College plays host to Upper Iowa in the first football game in the new stadium—a 27-6 victory for the home team. The field would be dedicated two weeks later prior to a game against the University of St. Thomas.

The final game of the season sees the St. Ambrose Bees step foot on the new field in a game that is called the Rock Bowl Classic. The name is meant to apply to the yearly matchup between the two schools, but it ends up sticking as the name of the new stadium due to the native limestone that frames the stadium on two sides.

1947

The largest crowd to ever fill the Rock Bowl—an estimated 10,000 onlookers—plays witness to a game between Loras and St. Ambrose. The crowd is so large that temporary bleachers are set up across the field from the main bleachers and hundreds more watch from above the rim of the Rock Bowl.

1988

The old cinder track that surrounds the field is removed and a polyurethane surface is installed. It is named Manatt Track after a generous donor from Brooklyn, Iowa.

2005

The Rock Bowl receives a major facelift with a new Field Turf field, new purple track, new press box, stadium lighting and stadium seating for 3,000 fans. It also features a new paved concession area, retail space and a hospitality suite.

The football team christens the new field on September 24 in a contest against Central College.

2006

The field is renamed Bierie Field in honor for Bob Bierie ('65), who served as the football team’s head coach for 25 years.

2013

The Loras Women’s Lacrosse team competes on the Rock Bowl field for the first time. Weather delays push the program’s home debut from March 11 to March 23.



Ruales Doyle says, “My dad’s idea of discipline and hard work carried on with me in my educational, professional and sports lives.” Her father was not the only major influence in her life, however; her mother, Charo, an educational psychologist, showed her daughter the value of empathy through her work with struggling populations in Colombia.

Ruales Doyle attended Colegio Santa Francisca Romana in Bogota. The school’s collaboration with Loras allowed for two seniors from every graduating class to attend Loras with a scholarship. Ruales Doyle regarded this as a chance to develop not only educationally but also professionally while fulfilling the chance to study abroad, an opportunity not available to most Colombians. Without the chance to visit Loras before making this life-changing decision,

**“My dad’s idea of discipline and hard work carried on with me in my educational, professional and sports lives.”** — Alejandra Ruales Doyle

she was met with harsh winters but also an unexpected feeling of community. It was here that she also met lifelong mentors, friends and **Pat Doyle** ('11), who would eventually become her husband.

Ruales Doyle was busy while at Loras in the many different programs and organizations she became passionate about. She was involved with UNICEF and the Loras Intercultural Students Association (LISA) for all four years of college. In both of these organizations, she maintained leadership positions. Ruales Doyle also played singles and doubles on the Loras women’s tennis team and was awarded the title of captain her senior year. Being involved at Loras and making connections taught her the values of responsibility, excellence and service.

With majors in economics and international studies, and a minor in mathematics, Ruales Doyle sought to make a positive impact on the world like her mother had. She worked for an impact investing fund, helping investors enjoy financial returns as well as a positive social and environmental impact through a microfinance organization that secured financing for small business owners. She currently works in a blockchain-focus start-up.

Ruales Doyle also remains active in her personal life. She participated in the 2016 and 2017 Chicago Marathons, and hopes to qualify for the Boston Marathon in the future. Every year she volunteers with Ladder Up, helping prepare taxes for lower-income families to ensure they benefit from the tax credits to which they are entitled. Ruales Doyle looks forward to joining the National Alumni Board and sharing her gifts and passions with the college she calls home.

WELCOME TO THE

# National Alumni Board

*The road to Loras College was longer for **Alejandra Ruales Doyle** ('12) than for most other students. She grew up in Bogota, Colombia—2,812 miles from Dubuque, Iowa. Her father, Guillermo, motivated her to do her best. Whether it was in the classroom or on the tennis court, he was always there to support and teach her the worth of hard work and discipline.*

## CLASS OF 1968

By Bill Glynn ('68) and Mark McCarville ('68)

## CELEBRATING A MILESTONE

*Fifty years since graduation. This is the milestone the Loras College Class of 1968 will celebrate this fall. How many times over these past 50 years have we thought about our days at Loras? If you are like us, it has been many. Sometimes it was recalling a particular learning experience, a friendship, the impact a professor made, the R & R we had in the student union or, yes, even at the Avenue.*

To an outsider, and even to us at the time, the mission of our alma mater to “**create a community of active learners, reflective thinkers, ethical decision-makers and responsible contributors in diverse professional, social and religious roles**” may seem a bit difficult to comprehend. But as we look back on our time at Loras and on our lives, it comes into clear focus the impact this college has played—and continues to play—in our daily lives.

**ACTIVE LEARNERS:** Active learning taught us how to study, how to find answers and how to offer explanations to the many “whys” that surrounded us.

**REFLECTIVE THINKERS:** This taught us to learn from prior mistakes, consider different perspectives and contemplate the answer, not just giving the first one that came to mind.

**ETHICAL DECISION-MAKERS:** “Integrity is choosing your thoughts and actions based on values rather than personal gain.” This quote

from the book *Relationships of Grace* by Chris Karcher accurately depicts the environment that Loras fostered in us. As a Catholic liberal arts institution, the college demonstrated that your trustworthiness is celebrated and how you live your life is rewarded.

**RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS:** You are challenged to make the world a better place and to serve a larger purpose.

Loras has been part of our lives for 54 years. From the first time we set foot on campus to celebrating our upcoming 50th reunion, the College has been in our hearts. Earlier in our lives, someone has surely asked each of us, “What is Loras College?” How often did we say, “It is a small college in Dubuque, Iowa”? But today, our response would likely be much different.

Loras is everything you want it to be. Loras teaches you to think big while taking others into consideration. Loras challenges you to go outside your comfort zone and to widen your perspective.

Loras gives you the map, compass and all the tools you need to be an ethical leader in a world that, I think we can all agree, needs more Duhawks.

As we gather this fall to celebrate our 50th reunion, we are not only celebrating our milestone, we are also celebrating Loras. We are celebrating a place that has educated and inspired thousands of young lives. We are celebrating memories, milestones, faculty and current students who are experiencing what we were so fortunate and blessed to experience.

So what is Loras College? It has proven to be everything we needed and could have hoped for without knowing it at the time!

*Bill Glynn and Mark McCarville are co-chairing the Class of 1968 Reunion Committee. Together with 20-plus other classmates, they are planning activities and events for Homecoming weekend.*



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— Mark McCarville

# More Than a Game

## STUDENT-ATHLETES GET A SPIRITUAL BOOST FROM MISSION TRIPS

*Varsity Catholic, a division of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), is a bright spot in today's culture of sport. Student-athletes need virtuous role models during their years of rigorous and stressful academic and training schedules. FOCUS missionaries Hayden Merkel and Hunter Beggs work hard to be these role models for the nearly 50 percent of the student population at Loras College who are student-athletes.*



**ALL VARSITY CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES ARE FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETES.** Merkel ran cross country and track while he attended the University of Dallas, the University of Missouri, and Wright State University; and Beggs played volleyball and track while she attended Viterbo University. Both are smart, ambitious individuals. Merkel graduated with a degree in applied physiology and is applying for medical school while serving the students at Loras. Beggs earned an English degree and put graduate school on hold so she could share the gospel with her peers. Both made the decisions to fundraise their salaries, move to

Dubuque and give up their nights and weekends in order to show the student-athletes at Loras that they are beloved sons and daughters of God. They are truly following God's will and trusting in His guidance. Student-athletes must know that their value is not found in their successes but simply in the truth that they are loved by the Father.

For the 2017–2018 academic year, FOCUS has 158 trained Varsity Catholic missionaries on 97 campuses. Of those, 46 are full-time Varsity Catholic missionaries on 28 campuses. More than 1,200 student-athletes participated in

Varsity Catholic Bible studies in the 2016–2017 academic year. In addition to one-on-one mentoring and Bible studies on campus, Varsity Catholic hosts mission camps to provide a unique opportunity to bring faith together with sports to serve impoverished youth around the globe. These trips are designed for student-athletes who facilitate a sports camp while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Loras-focused numbers

86

Total Loras student-athletes working with Varsity Catholic

50

Female student-athletes

36

Male student-athletes

24

Varsity teams impacted by Varsity Catholic



Varsity Catholic missionary Hayden Merkel (center) works with Loras student-athletes, including Ethan Holverson ('20) and Nate Taylor ('19).





*Sarah Mockler*

**CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNER SARAH MOCKLER ('20) SHARED HER EXPERIENCE FROM ONE OF THESE TRIPS:**

"I am very grateful for FOCUS, specifically Varsity Catholic. I have been involved since my first year through Bible study. This year I was able to dive deeper. This past December I was fortunate enough to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic through Varsity Catholic. While there, we put on a sports camp for the kids. Through these camps and meeting the villagers, we showed them Christ's love. This amazing experience has greatly affected my life. When we were not playing with the kids, we were growing stronger in our relationships with each other and God.

"We started each day with prayer, usually Eucharistic adoration, and ended the day with Mass and night prayer. Those opportunities gave me the chance to make prayer important in my life again. Right when I got back to the United States, I attended SLS18, the national conference FOCUS hosts that shares real-world tools on evangelization. Although I was very tired, each talk had an important message for me.

"While at SLS18, I went to Adoration one night. I have always loved Adoration, but this time it was different. Priests walked around the conference room filled with 8,000 attendees, holding the monstrance high. When they came to our section, the priest who was holding it was the priest who had gone on the mission trip with me. I experienced God's love in a profound way at that moment. Varsity Catholic missionaries hold me accountable and make sure that my faith life is my top priority. I personally have grown in joy, confidence and love because of this commitment to Jesus in prayer and the sacraments."

Mockler is just one of the four students who went on the Dominican Republic mission trip. After the trip, she joined 20 of her fellow DuHawks at SLS18. As a sophomore cross country runner, Mockler has been radically transformed by her encounters with Christ, and she has brought a certain joy with her back to campus. Two other students, Nate Taylor and Ethan Holverson, also attended SLS18, which gave them the tools and inspiration they needed to lead their Bible studies and walk with others in discipleship, including with Nate's friend, Sam Martin.

*"I am very grateful for FOCUS, specifically Varsity Catholic. I have been involved since my first year through Bible study."*

*— Sarah Mockler ('20)*



*Sam Martin*

**GOLFER SAM MARTIN ('21):**

"From the Bible studies to athlete dinners, the Varsity Catholic missionaries on this campus have provided the knowledge and guidance for me to make leaps and bounds with my faith. This past semester, they have assisted me in developing better prayer habits and have promoted guidelines based on scripture and Church teachings that have allowed me to articulate my faith more clearly to others. I am grateful for their presence on this campus and am very excited to see where these great disciples of God lead me in the future!"

*"The Varsity Catholic missionaries on this campus have provided the knowledge and guidance for me to make leaps and bounds with my faith."*

*— Sam Martin ('21)*





Nate Taylor

**RUGBY PLAYER NATE TAYLOR ('19):**

“My first year at Loras was a rough one. I went to Mass on Sundays, but that was about the extent of my faith. I fell away from it and found myself so far away from where I wanted to be. I was even kicked out of Loras for a January Term. Things improved significantly my sophomore year. I made friends with people involved in Varsity Catholic, and I could tell they had a certain joy about them when they spoke about their faith. I started to become involved with a Bible study, and this led to a relationship with the missionaries that I wouldn't trade for the world.

“Through the Varsity Catholic friendships I've made, I have been challenged in ways I never expected. I started to take my faith more seriously, and people started to notice, in particular on the rugby team. This year, my junior year, Varsity Catholic has helped me step out of my comfort zone and become more of a leader than I ever thought I could be.

“Last year, I had started dating a woman who led a Bible study. I recall telling her that I may one day get involved in one, but I could never lead one. Well, it turns out that now I am leading one with eight men attending regularly. Varsity Catholic has been an extremely valuable resource for myself and many others here on campus, and I encourage you to check them out if you have the chance. God bless!”

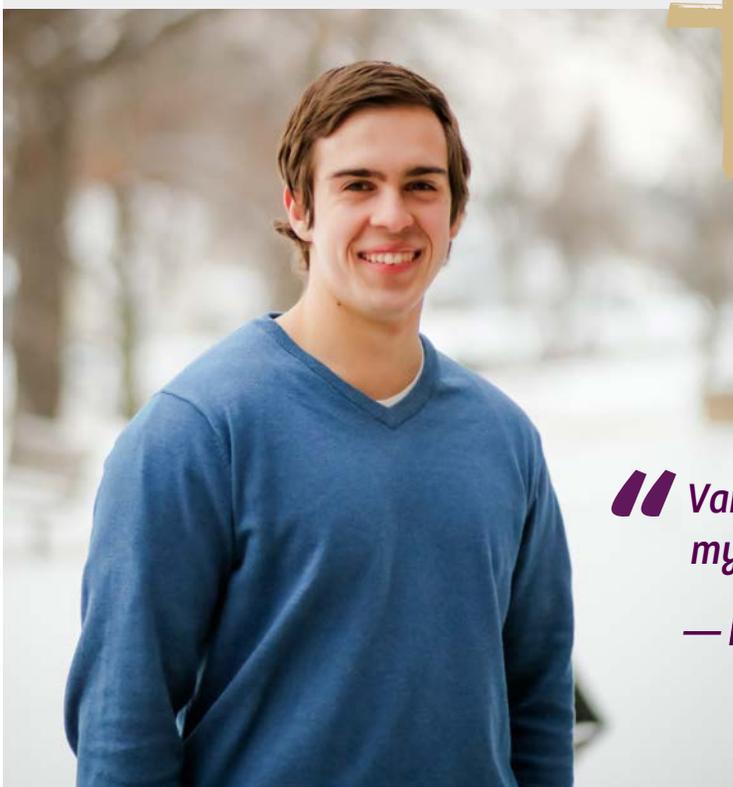
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— Nate Taylor ('19)

Ethan Holverson

**BASEBALL PLAYER ETHAN HOLVERSON ('20):**

“As an athlete in high school, practices take up a lot of time. In college, they take up even more. Varsity Catholic taught me how to be excellent in not only my sport, but in my relationship with Christ. Varsity Catholic missionaries brought me back to my faith when I was going through a rough patch. If I have one piece of advice to incoming students, it would be to get involved with FOCUS!”



“*Varsity Catholic taught me how to be excellent in not only my sport, but in my relationship with Christ.*”

— Ethan Holverson ('20)

# TRENDING

This is a new section for the magazine, where you'll find a conglomeration of chatter on Loras College social media! Ranging from profound or funny to simple or just "very Loras," we'll give you a snapshot in each issue of what is happening in Loras' social world. Follow us!



**Intercultural Programs Office (Loras College)**  
February 16 · Instagram · 🌐

Major thank you to @loras\_cab for bringing @kylajlacey to Loras! So much fun and so much learning! #LorasInclusion #BlackHistoryMonth #GoDuhawks

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**Loras College Alumni**  
March 16 at 2:17pm · 🌐

"It's simply inspiring how much support and gratitude our alumni, friends, family and students provide each and every year," Cayla Schneider, director of annual giving, said.

Loras College sets record on Duhawk Day with 1,693 donors - Loras College

DUBUQUE, Iowa -Loras College's sixth annual Duhawk Day, held March 14, tallied 1,693 donors, from 39 states, again exceeding its goal of 1,450. The...

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**Loras College Women's Leadership Alliance** added 5 new photos.  
Yesterday at 3:10pm · 🌐

Loras College Women's Leadership Alliance hosted over 30 students during roundtables with board members to discuss public relations, education, marketing, science, business and more. Launched a year ago, WLA supports female students in all facets from professional development to fundraising. It awarded its first scholarship in January. Applications for the next scholarship are due April 6. #leadership

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**Life at Loras** added 16 new photos.  
March 19 at 2:52pm · 🌐

Associate Professor Kristen Thompson, Ph.D., recently led her class into a behind-the-scenes look at #LorasCollege. During the students saw a variety of technology and met the many people it keep the College running. One of those is Mark Schroeder who works the boiler plant. #everydayheroes

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**Loras College** added 10 new photos — with MaKayla L...  
Max Sokoloski.  
March 21 at 1:54pm · 🌐

Students scrambled for #Easter eggs outside the Loras Library yesterday morning. Successful "hunters" claimed everything from candy to Loras College Activities Board, one of 40+ student-driven groups on campus, sponsored the event. www.loras.edu/campus-life/ #DuhawkEaster

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**Loras College Athletics**  
Published by SIDEARM Sports (?) · Yesterday at 12:09am · 🌐

Bria Lenten joined the 100-hit club with a five-hit performance in Wednesday's doubleheader against Cornell.

Lenten's Four RBI Day Leads Duhawks Past Ram Loras College

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa (Duhawks.com) - Bria Lenten continued her hot senior season on Wednesday, finishing with five hits and four RBIs to lead the Duhawks.

DUHAWKS.COM

1,634 people reached

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Sandi Schmidt, Greg Reinsner and 11 others

**Loras College Activities Board** added 57 new photos to the album: Siblings Weekend — at Loras College.  
March 13 at 6:33pm



Siblings Weekend  
57 Photos

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**Loras College Alumni** added 76 new photos to the album: 2018 Alumni Track Meet.  
March 17 at 4:01pm

Alumni and families returned to campus for some friendly competition in the Rock Bowl. Current student athletes welcomed alumni back and participated in the track and field events. In the end Duhawk Alumni came away victorious. #LorasTrackAlumni #GoDuhawks



2018 Alumni Track Meet

**Loras College Spiritual Life** added 4 new photos.  
Yesterday at 11:42am

We send our #duhawks off with prayers for a safe and joyful spring break and a blessed Easter. For our students embarking on Service and Social Justice Trips (Camden, NJ; Washington, DC; New Orleans, LA; and Rutledge, TN), know that we are with you in spirit and prayer as you cross the country to be in community with others. #lorascollege.



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**Loras College** @lorascollege · Mar 16  
RT @ImJESS\_SayinTho: When your student is reppin' her socks for LCI! #duhawks #LorasCollege

Also i need these socks in my life... @LorasPres can you help me out?!



**Duhawk Day 2018.**  
March 14 at 4:00pm



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Molly Burrows Schumacher, Jennie Weber and 46 others Chronological

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**Loras College Athletics**  
March 21 at 11:37pm

The Duhawks earned their first win over Wartburg in program history on Wednesday to improve to 2-1 in MWLC play.



Women's Lacrosse Bests Wartburg for Second MWLC Win - Loras College

WAVERLY, Iowa (Duhawks.com) - The Loras women's lacrosse team posted its second consecutive win in Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference (MWLC)...

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**Loras College** @lorascollege · 22h

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**Welcome potential #Duhawks!**  
We're glad you're here.

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lorascollege Live like #Duhawks! Today, you'll spend a night in a residence hall, sit in on class, meet professors and join current students as you discover what being a Duhawk is all about. Thanks for coming! #beourguest

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LORAS GRADUATES ARE MORE THAN JUST COLLEGE-EDUCATED PROFESSIONALS. THE EDUCATION STUDENTS RECEIVE AT LORAS IS UNDERLINED BY THE DISPOSITIONS THAT MAKE UP THE COLLEGE'S MISSION. THROUGH CORE ACADEMIC AND EXPERIENTIAL EXPERIENCES, THEY BECOME ACTIVE LEARNERS, REFLECTIVE THINKERS, ETHICAL DECISION MAKERS AND RESPONSIBLE CONTRIBUTORS. IT IS THE CHALLENGES THE COLLEGE PROVIDES THROUGH THESE DISPOSITIONS THAT HELP STUDENTS DOWN THE PATH TO FUTURE SUCCESS.

# THE CORE OF LORAS

In the Fall 2017 issue, we looked at the first two dispositions—active learning and responsible contributing—through the eyes of four Duhawks. **Ben Berning** ('14), **Seabelo Montwedi** ('15), **David Rodgers** ('17) and **Matthew Sedlacek** ('18) now provide perspective on how their Loras experiences have developed them as ethical decision makers and reflective thinkers.

## THE DISPOSITIONS: THE CORE OF LORAS: PART 2



**MATT SEDLACEK**

**Hometown:** Wheaton, Ill.

**Majors:** Psychology and Social Work

**Graduation year:** 2018

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*"I couldn't be happier with the resources and opportunities that have been given to me as a result of being a part of the Loras community"*

What drew me to Loras were the strong academics and the engaged student body. Together, they created a powerful community. I couldn't be happier with the resources and opportunities that have been given to me as a result of being a part of the Loras community. The Loras Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) office has been extremely helpful in directing me towards the path that best suits me and where I am in my undergraduate education at the College. In addition, the faculty at Loras have offered assistance that is unmatched in terms of career guidance and what to consider in my upcoming academic choices.

In my career, I would love to work with people. I am extremely grateful for the guidance from CEL. They directed me to opportunities that were the right fit. During my internship at Resources Unite in the summer of 2017, I met with people who walked through the door in need of assistance, looking for the right resources to volunteer in the community or even dropping off donations for us to give out to the less fortunate. Through this, I had the chance to get a good understanding of the individual, their concerns and what resources we could direct them to.

I have grown in my ability to be an ethical decision maker through many of my experiences at Loras, especially being a part of the college's chapter of the largest Catholic men's organization in the nation, the Knights of Columbus. I have been able to grow my faith while sharing it with a great group of young men who are eager to make a difference in their lives. Advanced general education courses have also allowed me to examine individuals' core values and belief systems, and look at how this applies to ourselves and our perspectives.

I have also been given the opportunity to be a responsible contributor to both Loras and the surrounding Dubuque community. My honors project has allowed me to get firsthand experience in tackling some of the ongoing difficulties certain population groups have in the community.

In working on this project, I have learned to examine problems from a worldly perspective and one that is considerate of the outcomes, both positive and negative, of the implementation of our plans to reach overall goals. I am excited to carry these experiences and the lessons they have taught me through my lifetime and see how they benefit my overall career development as well.



**SEABELO MONTWEDI**

**Hometown:** Gaborone, Botswana

**Major:** Finance

**Graduation year:** 2015

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*"Almost daily, we are faced with opportunities to choose what may not necessarily be easy but the right thing to do."*

Almost daily, we are faced with opportunities to choose what may not necessarily be easy but the right thing to do. It doesn't get any easier. To me, though, the biggest ethics question is whether I continue to say yes to using what God has given me in the best possible way for the good of others. My answer is not always yes. But the conversations I've had with some of the staff and faculty at Loras College instilled in me a certain sense of responsibility to choose what is good for the community and the environment. A lot of these people, and some of them have become close friends, repeated over and over again that their jobs are really a vocation, and they see a need to always put others first and to make decisions that may be inconvenient to them but beneficial to others.

One conversation was with Valorie Woerdehoff, who is now my godmother, about all the things she wanted to do but was not doing. Her response was not that of pity or regret, but a simple and yet joyful acceptance that it is wrong to selfishly choose that which only brings us pleasure while closing our eyes to the world around us and how it is affected by the choices we make. Sometimes that world is a client in front of me to whom I can say no to their request for an extended stay because technically they have reached the maximum time stipulated by the shelter policy. Ethical decision-making calls me to take into consideration the individual's circumstances and to look again, no matter how inconvenient to myself.

God bless Father William Joensen, now my godfather, for the time he took to listen and provide feedback as I rattled on trying to process my own experiences and really think about why I behaved a certain way or thought I was called to this or that. This helped me feel comfortable with the fact that I need to take time to reflect on experiences and the decisions I make. The experience has come in very handy in my work, in deciding what step to take next in life and in taking the time to reflect on the best way to respond to difficult situations.

One other thing that stands out and continues to form how I relate to people and encourages me to be kind is a class I took with Professor Kathleen Jeffries. When we were working on our portfolios, she encouraged me to reflect more on how my decisions and biases affected certain situations and why I reacted a certain way to different experiences. She also said to us, "We often say that people are different from us and so we begin to judge and even isolate ourselves from them, expecting them to change. What happens if we change that statement to 'I am different from this or that person?' Then we move from judging, resentment and self-pity, to compassion, understanding and a desire to do our part to contribute to a harmonic and productive environment."



**BEN BERNING**

**Hometown:** Cuba City, Wis.

**Majors:** Finance and Philosophy

**Graduation year:** 2014

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*“As a Catholic missionary, I now see these classes as formative in helping me to know Natural Law Theory more deeply, how it compares to other theories and how the Catholic Church has used this theory to shape our moral law.”*

The challenge of ethical decision-making was consistently developed through a majority of my coursework as a Loras College student. My degree in Finance called for courses in business ethics, and my degree in Philosophy called for courses in various ethical theories used in societies throughout history. As a Catholic missionary, I now see these classes as formative in helping me to know Natural Law Theory more deeply, how it compares to other theories and how the Catholic Church has used this theory to shape our moral law. It is often a topic of conversation in a Bible study pertaining to morality. With the numerous organizations and opportunities available to the Loras student, ethical decisiveness is required, and the work done in the classrooms hopefully forms students for making wise decisions beyond the classrooms.

The decision of good or evil is always before us. God has placed within our nature the freedom to continuously choose good. There are imminent truths which sustain our existence and lead to the opportunity to live life in abundance. How we are called to live our lives is made clear in scripture and the teachings of the Church. As a FOCUS missionary, I am privileged to accompany students in discovering these truths.

I know from my learning experiences at Loras College that if I want to bring positive change to the world, I must continue to choose to do what I know by a formed conscience to be good and true. I received many gifts while at Loras, one of these being the Breitbach Catholic Thinkers & Leaders scholarship. The motto for the program is “What you receive as a gift give as a gift.” In a number of Bible studies we begin with St. John Paul’s great line, “Man, who is the only creature on earth which

God willed for himself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of self.” (Gadium et Spes, No. 24)

Reflective thinking draws us out of ourselves to care for our neighbor. Love, by its essence, implies a leap into the unknown. The human person is always balancing the known and the unknown. In becoming a missionary, I left behind the five-year plan and ventured into the unknown of life. I am well aware that being a missionary, fundraising my own salary and traveling wherever there is a need is not necessarily a normal lifestyle. Through my choice to become a missionary I found something of enormous value to give to society and my family.

Nearly 80 percent of Catholics who leave the faith do so by the age of 23. FOCUS’ response to this tough reality includes leading Bible studies, meeting for discipleship and fostering a method of evangelization called “spiritual multiplication.” In the past academic year, there were nearly 18,500 students in 3,800 FOCUS Bible studies across the country. It is in the call of our baptism to take a risk to make the Gospel known. It takes reflective thinking to know what the world needs. The choice to engage the unknown in creative and intelligent ways, and find our purpose in an adventurous exploration of the unknown, leads to a transformative life. As a missionary I met my wife, became a dad and found out how to live a life entirely for God, the One who has given this very life to me. Loras College now has 130 students attending Bible studies, and a majority of these studies are led by students. Those 130 students reflect on their lives through the lens of a Catholic worldview and are finding ways they can positively impact the Loras College community and, ultimately, the world.



**DAVID RODGERS**

**Hometown:** Bellwood, Ill.

**Major:** Public Relations

**Graduation year:** 2017

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*“My learning experiences at Loras pushed me to want to make a difference in the world and to stand up for what I believe in.”*

I think ethical decision making is best defined by doing what is just and compassionate. The experience that best illustrates this would be my work with the Loras DuBuddies program. In DuBuddies, we were on a mission to create friendships with people from the community with disabilities and other Loras College students. I learned how negatively people with disabilities felt about the use of the word “retard.” For four years we attempted to stop the entire campus from using the word. While some people did not view it as a big deal, I saw how members of DuBuddies felt and pledged to end my personal usage of the word.

My learning experiences at Loras pushed me to want to make a difference in the world and to stand up for what I believe in. These ideas are strengthened by watching the changes that are occurring every day. There are so many people changing the world one action at a time. For my part, I try to volunteer as often as possible and give back to my community to help improve life for others.

Reflective thinking has played a major role in my life. It has allowed me to put aside my personal opinions and gain real insight into the thoughts of others.

I am able to engage in meaningful conversations with my peers, opening me up to new ideas and allowing me to broaden my knowledge and have a different outlook on any given day.

Reflective thinking also led me to a very inspirational experience. My internship at St. Mark Youth Enrichment included working with children who attended Title 1 schools and were from a multitude of backgrounds. Reflective thinking aided me in relating to the kids and how they felt. It allowed me to take a step into each child’s life and understand their actions. More importantly, it helped me understand the best way to help each kid when they were not having the best day. The inspirational aspect came when the kids would be excited I came to the after-school program. They would say I was fun and, more importantly, that I understood them. It made me feel inspired to continue volunteering in the future. To actually see my small contribution make people happier was humbling and inspiring to me.

# SigEp Awards Scholarships to “Balanced Men”

*Loras College Sigma Phi Epsilon, Iowa Eta acknowledged 15 students as “Balanced Men” at the fraternity’s first annual Balanced Man Scholarship Banquet last fall.*

Speakers at the event included Vice President of Recruitment **Logan Schroeder** ('19), Chapter President **Chris Ball** ('18) and Loras President **Jim Collins** ('84) (Renaissance, IA Eta). The keynote speaker was Loras alumnus and SigEp volunteer **Tom Barton** ('89).

The members of Loras’ SigEp recognized 15 first-year male students who exemplified the

fraternity’s ideal principles of a balanced man: sound mind and sound body. After applying and interviewing for the scholarship conducted by the fraternity, these men were finalists for three scholarships the chapter awarded. **Antonio Diaz** ('21) received a \$500 scholarship, and **Rodrigo Espino** ('21) and **Patrick Hollander** ('21) each received a \$250 scholarship.

Collins recounted the story of how the renowned SigEp chapter made a comeback to Loras and how the fraternity is a valued partner in a liberal arts education at the college. Barton told how he found a family he never had with the Loras chapter of SigEp and how the important SigEp members in history used the fraternity’s cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love to go on and do great things.

In addition to the winners, the other finalists for the scholarships were **Nash Reicks** ('21), **Luke Fennelly** ('20), **Samuel Martin** ('21), **Peter Kilburg** ('20), **Aidyn Dodds** ('21), **Kyle Siuta** ('21), **Kegan Huntly** ('21), **Erik Edminster** ('21), **Ethan Hammerand** ('21), **Andrew Ganion** ('21), **Grant Ooms** ('21) and **Tiernan Talbot** ('21). Each finalist was called on stage to receive a certificate.

SigEp is the largest fraternity in the country, with over 160 chapters on college campuses. Each year the fraternity awards over \$225,000 in Balanced Man Scholarships.



Left to right: **Luke Fennelly** ('20), **Kyle Siuta** ('21), **Rodrigo Espino** ('21), **Antonio Diaz** ('21), **Patrick Hollander** ('21), **Sam Martin** ('21), **Ethan Hammerand** ('21), **Nash Reicks** ('21)



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## The Obligations of Journalists

*A Facebook friend recently posted the following question on her page: “Can anyone recommend a reliable source of news?” Many offered their suggestions but gave no particular reasons for their choices, leaving one to ponder exactly how one might go about determining journalistic credibility, and thus prompting what is ultimately the most important question, namely, “What are the obligations of a journalist?”*

Let us reflect on the three-part answer that is most often presented by scholars on the subject. A genuine news story must have three characteristics. Above all else, the reporting must be accurate. Simply put, the story must be true. In other words, the report must conform to the reality, to what really happened, to what was said and done. The facts must be verifiable and verified. We can all agree that, in the absence of this primary and all-important characteristic, there would be no point in discussing the matter further.

Secondly, the reporting must be thorough. In other words, it must be both objective and fair.

But, what do these two traits imply? Louis Alvin Day, argues that a news story possesses these two traits when its author, the journalist, has successfully avoided any identifiable reporter partiality or favoritism. While there is room in society for the expression of one’s opinions and points of view—we call them editorials, op-ed pieces, commercials and the like—when they insinuate themselves into a news story, they fatally imperil and compromise its credibility and that of the journalist who wrote it. But, there is a second reason why the news story must be objective and fair. This is the requirement that the journalist acknowledge the existence of any and all views that would enrich and render more complete the reader’s understanding of the topic of the news report. To that end, it is imperative that all essential and significant dimensions of the topic be presented in the story with a level of care and consideration that is proportionate to their importance to the story.

Thirdly, and arguably most importantly, the news story must advance comprehension. Why is this so important? Because, if we believe that it is only when people understand what is going on in society that they can properly and effectively contribute to its functioning and governance, then we can agree on the vital importance of

news reporting. One of the essential components of a truly democratic society, then, is citizens who are informed, who have been nourished by the news media with accurate, relevant and complete information about the day’s important events and issues.

To be sure, to work as a journalist is a wonderful privilege. But, because we believe that the truth always ultimately liberates us, both as persons and as citizens, journalism also carries with it the profound and, frankly, moral obligation to those who have placed their trust in the journalist’s reports. The fact is that much of what we know about events in the world around us is not the result of our direct experience. Thus, when we cannot acquire the truth ourselves, we must rely on others to get it for us; this is the special province of the journalist. And, yes, the search for truth is a majestic undertaking, often daunting and laborious, and to some extent idealistic. But, without ideals we have no direction and nothing to aim at, and thus are doomed to wander and drift; and that is no way to live.

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For more resources about ethics in business, contact Dr. Ciapalo at [roman.ciapalo@loras.edu](mailto:roman.ciapalo@loras.edu).

# FINDING A

## PEACE INSTITUTE TEACHES STUDENTS PEACE-BUILDING SKILLS

*It is the middle of a southwest Wisconsin summer at Sinsinawa Mound, the motherhouse of the local Dominican Sisters, and a group of high school students and their college counselors are standing outside in a circle, tossing a ball of yarn back and forth, discussing the detrimental effects environmental degradation is having on humans and nonhumans alike: from poor farmers to topsoil, from migrating birds to rich landowners and from native communities to icebergs.*

It is the third and final day of the 2017 Loras College Peace Institute (LCPI), and the youth are continuing to delve into the day's theme of "peace with the world." Earlier that day, they attended an interactive lecture with Loras Assistant Professor of Politics Ben Darr, during which they explored the conflict in Syria from a political science perspective. Now they are learning about the Catholic view on climate change through the lens of Pope Francis, who in his encyclical *Laudato Si*, links the violence done to Creation with the violence done to the poor; one student later reports that the exercise brought about the realization that "all things work together."

The purpose of the LCPI, which is the brainchild of Loras Director of Spiritual Life and Peace and Justice **Stacia (Edwards) McDermott** ('03), is to teach peace-building skills to high school-aged youth, empowering them with skills in self-awareness, relationship building and repairing, and inter-religious literacy. While engaging with peers from various religious, racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, participants learn concrete strategies that enable them to discover paths to peace with self, community, creation and the world.

As McDermott notes, Loras College has a long tradition, on which the LCPI builds, "of forming ethical decision makers who are committed to the common good."

The Father Ray Herman Peace and Justice Center, established in 1982, has been a cornerstone in providing learning opportunities for students and community members to grow in approaches to peacemaking. Further, many faculty and staff who have had years of study and experience in both the theory and practice of peacemaking are passionate about forming a more just society, and sharing that with their students.

"As a Catholic, diocesan college," adds McDermott, "upholding the dignity of every human being is core to who we are."

The LCPI looks at peace holistically, from the intimate to the macro; students grapple with what peace means on the personal, local and global scales. McDermott believes that learning how to engage with conflict face-to-face is a vital skill—one which is lacking in our increasingly high-tech world.

"I see this in young people who either avoid conflict altogether, often causing stress or anxiety, or who are completely reactionary, only tapping into negative emotions and desiring to 'win.' High school students are at a pivotal time in their development when acquiring [peacebuilding] skills that can have a lasting impact," she said.

Ever since she was a senior at Loras preparing for a year of service in Colorado Springs and learned about a peace-camp experience that a nonprofit had organized there, and convinced that peace can be built concretely through "education and acquisition of nonviolent conflict-resolutions skills," McDermott had been dreaming about how to implement a similar program locally.

During the summer of 2015, she hosted a three-day "peace camp" for neighborhood youngsters in her backyard. One of the mothers who brought her children to McDermott's program was Lindsay James, a Presbyterian pastor and local activist.



# A PATH TO PEACE

Impressed with the skills her children were learning at the camp, James agreed to direct a similar, and expanded, program for older youth the following summer at Loras, one that fit the strengths of the College's faculty and staff as well as the community resources in the tri-state area.

Along with raising funds and building support for the LCPI, James and McDermott pulled together a three-day curriculum covering peace with self, peace with others and peace with the world, drawing on local expertise in each of these areas. Loras faculty and staff and area professionals engaged youth in challenging discussions of personal vulnerability, eco-justice and international conflict resolution, while introducing skills in nonviolent communication, mindfulness practices (in the beautiful woods of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area south of Dubuque) and restorative justice.

Students implemented the skills they were learning through participating in small group discussions facilitated by trained college-aged counselors, navigating the ropes course at Four Mounds (north of Dubuque) and sharing their life stories with one another. Recognizing, too, that building

relationships with practitioners of other religions is a key step toward peace, students visited a synagogue, a mosque and a convent, interacting with speakers from each faith tradition.

This coming summer, the LCPI will extend to four days, with the curriculum expanding to include segments on racial and food justice as well as immigration and refugee issues. As part of the interfaith component, participants will also learn from a local Meskwaki (American Indian) perspective on peace. As James is currently running for political office in Iowa, Catholic Workers Eric and Brenna Cussen Anglada, well-versed in peace-building initiatives, have taken on the role of LCPI directors.

McDermott hopes to see the LCPI expand even further in the future. "We would love for it to encompass multiple weeks and offer a variety

of tracts based on students' interests." While maintaining a comprehensive understanding of peace, students could focus on certain facets by probing various faith traditions' paths to peace with self, earning a certificate in restorative justice or studying Gandhian methods of nonviolent resistance, for example.

Loras is also currently creating "peacemaking teams" comprised of undergraduate students trained to go out into the community and teach these skills in schools and congregations.

For the summer of 2018, the LCPI is recruiting 30 students from a variety of faith traditions and racial and economic backgrounds who exhibit leadership qualities and are interested in building a more just and peaceful world.

For more information about the program, or to support it, visit [loras.edu/peaceinstitute](http://loras.edu/peaceinstitute).





Jamie and Cassie McDonald and family

## DUHAWK DAY

# MORE THAN JUST A DAY OF PRIDE

By **Jaime** ('01) and **Cassie (Sloan) McDonald** ('01)

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*As thirtysomethings with three young boys, a shared Google calendar and days filled with text messages to remind each other if we are coming or going, those glorious and (semi-) carefree days as young Duhawks at the turn of the century often seem like distant memories. Celebrating and supporting Duhawk Day every spring has become a special tradition that makes us take a breath and remember where our story began.*

We were acquaintances as first-year students both living in Beckman Hall, but became fast friends sitting next to each other in Dr. Rosalyn Rossignol's King Arthur class second semester. By our sophomore year we began dating and continuing to carve our paths at Loras. We were lucky enough to have the same core group of friends. Many of our memories from Loras intertwine. We love getting together with our college friends and rehashing so many old stories that have only improved with time. From study-abroad experiences (Jamie was lucky enough to be in the first group that studied in Ireland) to Blue Coat dances to daily lunches in the Pub, there were many great times, but we both agree that our Senior Class Luau stands out. The Class of 2001 has always been close, and an evening that started off at the White House and ended at the Yardarm was definitely a night for the books.

And so for us, Duhawk Day has grown into more than just a time to tag friends in old photos on Facebook. It means reflecting on how our separate decisions to choose Loras really became an integral part of our life story. We met at Loras, Jamie founded a company with a fellow Duhawk and we formed lifelong friendships with people who are still so important in our lives. We began our higher education journeys and laid the foundations for our careers there. Duhawk Day offers the chance to take pride in and give back to the place that shaped so much of who we are.

As recipients of academic scholarships, our Loras experiences were possible because of others who wanted to see their alma mater continue to thrive. For our family, Duhawk Day offers a simple way to continue this vision. One of Loras' greatest assets is its incredible alumni family and the connections they maintain in their years

## ONE OF LORAS' GREATEST ASSETS IS ITS INCREDIBLE ALUMNI FAMILY AND THE CONNECTIONS THEY MAINTAIN IN THEIR YEARS AFTER LORAS.



For us, like so many Duhawks, though, graduation by no means meant the end of our Loras experience. In 2005 we relocated back to Dubuque, which provides us endless opportunities to stay connected to the Loras community. We enjoy heading to Loras for Homecoming every year, and our boys love attending basketball games and other campus events. When we drive by Loras, we see the improvements to the campus, and we never know when we might run into a professor or staff member at Hy-Vee or a local coffee shop. As an adjunct faculty member, Jamie has the unique opportunity to connect with current students, bringing his Loras experience full circle. And even on a trip to Europe several years ago, we were reminded of that deep-rooted Loras connection when a fellow Duhawk living in Zurich spotted us across a busy train station and took us to dinner while we waited to depart.

after Loras. Duhawk Day stands out as a perfect time to reflect on those years, friendships and experiences, while continuing to build Loras' legacy. And, don't worry, it's already marked on our trusty, old Google calendar in purple and gold.

***Jamie McDonald** ('01) is the co-founder of and a financial adviser with Core Investments Group in Dubuque. He is also an adjunct professor in the School of Business at Loras College and a board member for the Loras L.I.F.E portfolio.*

***Cassie (Sloan) McDonald** ('01) is currently working part-time as an adult ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College in Dubuque and is also a private language tutor online and in the Dubuque community.*

### DUHAWK DAY 2018 FINAL STATS

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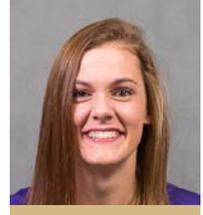
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CURRENT NEWS

# Learning and Having a (Legacy) Ball!

*The Loras Legacy Ball is not only raising funds for students and programs at the College, it is also giving me a hands-on experience for the career in event planning I hope to pursue after graduation. For the 2017–2018 academic year, I am engaged in an internship with the Advancement Office assisting with the planning and execution of the 2018 Loras Legacy Ball. This signature event was launched in May of 2017, and I volunteered with my fellow women’s volleyball teammates to help set up all the tables. Seeing the attention to detail and watching the room come to life led to a conversation with **Bobbi Earles** ('88), executive director of Alumni and Communications, and the outcome was a Legacy Ball internship.*

It is my dream to work in this field, and gaining experience planning an event from the ground up has solidified my desire to make my mark in this industry. During the fall semester, I spent much of my time with Earles and Event and Stewardship Coordinator Ann Cremer, along with the rest of the Legacy Ball committee, working through the schedule, marketing, fundraising and theme. My internship allows me to roll up my sleeves and work on decorations one day, then research information for auction items and design elements the next day. In addition to learning the structure of an event, I’ve also learned to always “expect the unexpected” in planning.

Learning about the mechanics of planning an event was what I had hoped and expected to gain, but this internship has also taught me a lot about how the Legacy Ball is having an impact at Loras. Thanks to the support of alumni, friends and business partners, last year the college was able to raise more than \$300,000 to help students. It is incredible to witness generosity in action, and I am inspired to carry on this legacy.

**LAST YEAR THE COLLEGE WAS ABLE TO RAISE MORE THAN \$300,000 TO HELP STUDENTS**

It is not uncommon to see a post to #DuhawksSupportingDuhawks on social media. I have been fortunate to be on the receiving end of that message as part of the volleyball team. This internship has allowed me to step outside the classroom and apply what I have learned.





The Loras College Dance Marathon is committing \$500,000 to benefit family-centered services at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City over the next two years.

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The Loras College Sport Management Program finished first at the 15th Annual Sport Marketing Association Conference academic case study competition. This is the college's unprecedented fifth and the program's 11th consecutive championship.

**Josh Ruggles** ('19) became the first Duhawk to be named to the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) 2017–18 Men's Basketball Academic All-District Team. Ruggles has maintained a strong grade point average of 3.65 while majoring in marketing. He also ranked in the top 15 in all of Division III in three categories, including fifth in free-throw percentage, 11th in free throws made (149) and 15th in three-point field-goal percentage (45.5).



Loras student writers have captured at least one first place, second place or honorable mention in the Delta Epsilon Sigma national writing competition for 25 consecutive years. In 2018, students did so in three of four of the genre categories for the fourth consecutive year.



Members of Loras College's Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter, SigEp Iowa, Eta, achieved a 3.24 GPA last semester, making it the best campus average, best campus male average and best SigEp national average. The chapter has also named as a finalist for its Balanced Man Scholarship.

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The Nationally Ranked No. 5 Loras Wrestling team broke the school record for dual wins in a season with 17, topping the previous mark of 16 set in 2002–03.

# POINTS OF PRIDE



**Ike Casey** ('18) became the first Loras swimmer to earn NCAA All-American honors for his performance in the Men's 100-Yard Freestyle in 2017.



LCTV was recognized as one of the top 12 collegiate newscasts in the nation of any sized university or college according to the Society for Professional Journalists. Among the top 12, Loras is the only school with less than 17,000 students.



Loras College is among the top 200 Best-Loved Colleges according to the 2017 Forbes Grateful Grads Index, ranking 125.

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US News & World Report recognized Loras College as the 1st Best Regional College/University for Veterans in 2018.



Diver **Mikaela Lengwin** ('19) was named the 2018 Liberal Arts Championship Female Diver of the Year.



Loras Athletics finished 19th among 450 NCAA III athletic programs in the 2018 Learfield Sports Cup winter sports standings, a program that honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program and achieving success in many sports, both men's and women's.

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Of the 14 Loras Fall and Winter athletic teams, seven finished their respective seasons ranked in the Top 25 nationally.



Loras College ranked 9th Best Value School Regional College/University in 2018 according to US News & World Report.

# DUHAWK S



## 1 BREWERS/CUBS GAME – MILWAUKEE, WI

Loras College alumni may be divided on their favorite Major League Baseball™ teams, but they all agree Duhawks are the best. Alumni and friends filled the stands in Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wis., to watch the home team Brewers versus the Chicago Cubs.



## 2 JASPER WINERY ALUMNI SOCIAL – DES MOINES, IA

Gathering at the Jasper Winery in Des Moines, Iowa, our alumni and friends raised their glasses to celebrate their love for Loras. (l to r: **Mike Musich** ('86), **Rachel Rolfes** ('11) and **Scott Peterson** ('76).



## 3 NETWORK OF DUBUQUE GOLF OUTING – PEOSTA, IA

Duhawks filled the Thunder Hills Country Club in Peosta, Iowa, for the 42nd Annual Loras College Golf Outing. President **Jim Collins** ('84) shared accolades and thanked alumni and the greater community for supporting today's students.

## 4 LORAS TENNIS COURT DEDICATION – DUBUQUE, IA

With family, alumni and friends in attendance, Loras College dedicated its tennis courts in honor of retired professor Dr. Bob Tucker and his wife, Judy. Their lead gift to update the courts inspired many other donations, including from the Dickhut family pictured around the plaque.



## 5 FOOTBALL TAILGATE – ELMHURST, IL

Duhawk fans flocked to Elmhurst, Ill., for the start of the Loras College football season. These future Duhawks joined hundreds of alumni and friends to cheer the team on to victory against Elmhurst College.

## 6 J-TERM MUSIC TOUR – MINNESOTA

Dr. Glenn Pohland toured throughout Minnesota with Loras College students as part of a J-Term experience. During one of the group's stops, Pohland held a workshop with the Waconia High School concert band.

# SIGHTINGS

## 7 FAMILY WEEKEND DUHAWK DEN – DUBUQUE, IA

Family Weekend 2017 was truly a family affair for the Tilkes family. Along with them were hundreds of grandparents, parents, siblings and friends. (l to r: **Mark G. Tilkes** ('88), **Tara Tilkes** ('23), **Mark J. Tilkes** ('17), **Geri (Spagnoli) Tilkes** ('89) and **Kayla Tilkes** ('21).



## 8 CLASS OF 1967 GIFT – DUBUQUE, IA

The Golden Jubilarian Class (1967) celebrated its 50th reunion by presenting a check to the college for its combined contributions over the last three years of more than \$3.3 million dollars. (l to r: **Jim Murphy** ('67), President **Jim Collins** ('84) and **Mike Reidy** ('67).



## 9 DUHAWKS DU-SERVE – DES MOINES, IA

Service seems to be part of Duhawk DNA. So many alumni gave of their time and talent, including the Loras Network of Des Moines, Iowa, as they volunteered at the St. Vincent De Paul Society.



## 10 CUBBY BEAR SOCIAL – CHICAGO, IL

Chicago alumni continued a Loras tradition dating back 31 years. Duhawks gathered at the Cubby Bear in Wrigleyville, Chicago, Ill., to share their pride, catch up with classmates and meet new alumni.



## 11 NETWORK OF ROCKFORD SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON – ROCKFORD, IL

Scholarships were awarded at the Loras Network of Rockford, Ill., annual luncheon as Professor **Craig Schaefer** ('89) shared an update on the award-winning media studies program. (l to r: **Kevin Reilly** ('89), **Craig Schaefer** ('89), **Brian Scott** ('89) and **Dan O'Boyle** ('89).

## 12 COLORADO ALUMNI RECEPTION – GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO

Thanks to **Jim** ('67) and Jackie Davis for hosting alumni and friends at their home in Greenwood Village, Colo. Several generations of Duhawks enjoyed time and some barbeque together!



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## 13 ALUMNI MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME – DUBUQUE, IA

Alumni players from 1954 through 2017 returned to campus and the basketball court to relive their college memories. After a hard-fought battle, the white team was victorious over the purple team.

## 14 NETWORK OF DUBUQUE WINTER SOCIAL – DUBUQUE, IA

Alumni and friends filled the Alumni Campus Center ballroom for the sixth annual Network of Dubuque Winter Social. President **Jim Collins** ('84) provided a college update and **Jessica Brown** ('19) shared the impact of scholarships on today's students (l to r: **Abbey (Fassbinder) Drolema** ('05), **Jesse Drolema** ('05) and **Jessica Brown** ('19).

## 15 PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION – WASHINGTON, D.C.

Duhawks in Washington, D.C., gave a warm welcome to President **Jim Collins** ('84). Dozens of alumni shared their love of Loras and enjoyed their own Loras status of the union update. Thanks to **Seamus Ahern** ('04) and **Msgr. JohnENZler** ('69) for hosting the reception.

## 16 FLORIDA ALUMNI RECEPTION – ESTERO, FL

Sunshine and Duhawks made for a perfect evening in Estero, Fla. Alumni gathered at the home of **Steve** ('62) and **Peg Vanourny** for a reception and college update from President **Jim Collins** ('84).

## 17 CHICAGO ECONOMIC FORECAST RECEPTION – BURR RIDGE, IL

Forecasting the future and reflecting on the past year dominated the presentation given by Dr. Eric Eller, associate professor of finance, at the 2018 Economic Forecast reception. Thanks to **Kenn Nemec** ('77) for hosting this event in Burr Ridge, Ill. (l to r: **Bobbi Earles** ('88), Dr. Eric Eller and **John Ondande** ('90).

## 18 NETWORK OF WATERLOO/CEDAR FALLS WINTER SOCIAL – WATERLOO, IA

Scholarship students in Iowa's Cedar Valley were recognized at the Loras Network of Waterloo/Cedar Falls Winter Social. Dr. Donna Heald, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean, was the featured speaker. Thanks to

# SIGHTINGS

Tim and Theresa (Obermann) Hoffman ('81) for hosting the event. (l to r: Grace Surma ('21), Dr. Donna Heald, Theresa (Obermann) Hoffman ('81) and Walker Even ('21).

## 19 NETWORK OF CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY WINTER SOCIAL – CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

The Loras Network of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City brought alumni and friends together to celebrate and support student scholarships at its Winter Social. A special thanks to Al ('69) and Martha Ruffalo for hosting the event. (l to r: scholarship recipients Shamari Scott ('20) and Evan Gradoville ('19), and Kim Gradoville.

## 20 CHICAGO ALUMNI HOCKEY – NORTHBROOK, IL

Hockey alumni sharpened their skates for their annual spring game at the Northbrook Sports Center in Northbrook, Ill. Hockey coach and professor of philosophy Dr. Roman Ciapalo welcomed Duhawks back to the ice.

## 21 ARIZONA CUBS ALUMNI GAME – MESA, AZ

Duhawks were flying the "W" in Mesa, Ariz. Alumni near and far traveled to Sloan Park for a Loras social on the Third Party Deck. More than 50 alumni and friends cheered on the Chicago Cubs and enjoyed time together in their home away from home.

## 22 ARIZONA ALUMNI MASS & BRUNCH – PHOENIX, AZ

Loras College Board of Regent Mike Valder ('62) and his wife, Janet, opened up their home in Phoenix, Ariz., for an outdoor mass and brunch. Fr. Lloyd Reuter ('53) offered mass. All were treated to a college update by President Jim Collins ('84).

## 23 HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS - DUBUQUE

It was a sea of purple and gold Homecoming weekend. From tailgate, panels and dinner to liturgy, board-meetings, reunions and an Alliance gathering hosted by David Keltner ('67), Duhawks participated in more than 40 events!



# ALUMNI NOTES

## RECOGNITION

**JIM THEISEN** ('56), owner of Theisen's Supply, was recognized with the Kiesau Award. This award is given to those who have made a significant impact in the Mid-States Rendezvous group. He was also recognized at the Movers, Shakers and Newsmakers luncheon that focuses on honoring individuals who are blazing a trail and making an impact on the community.

**TOM WICKHAM** ('61) was inducted in the Iowa Tennis Association Hall of Fame. He has been a tournament player for 40+ years at the state and national levels, reaching a national high ranking of 70 in the 60 and over division.

**DAVID RABE** ('62) is the playwright of **THE NEW GROUP'S OFF-BROADWAY** upcoming production of Good for Otto.

**FR. DANIEL KNEPPER** ('66) was elected as a board member for the Hospice of Dubuque Board of directors.

**DR. THOMAS H. OLLENDICK** ('67) was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Lifetime Distinguished Scientific Contributions in Clinical Psychology Award from the Society of Clinical Psychology, the 6,000-member Division 12 of the American Psychological Association. He is University Distinguished Professor and Director of the Child Study Center at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.

**SR. BERNADINE CUROE** (MA '69), current Loras College staff member, was elected as a board member for Opening Doors.

**TERRY FUNDERBURKE** ('71) was inducted into the Missouri Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in Columbia, Mo.

**KAY GAUL** ('72) was recently elected as a board member for Opening Doors. She is a teacher at Wahlert Catholic High School in Dubuque.

**SALVATORE "SAMMY" FIORELLA** ('75) was inducted to the Illinois Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on October 22, 2017. In 2012, the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association inducted him into the Illinois Hall of Fame.

**ANN (SIMON) FAUTSCH** ('77) was recently hired as a teacher at Twisted Root Yoga Studio in Dubuque.

**DAVID METZGER** ('77) was hired for the fabrication division at MI-T-M Corporation in Peosta, Iowa.

**THOMAS KETTMAN** ('81) was inducted to the Glen Brand Hall of Fame. He led Don Bosco High School in Gilbertville, Iowa, to 12 state team championships in 11 seasons as head coach from 2001–2011 and coached 17 individual state champions.

**SARAH (SCHROEDER) ROSS** ('81) was recently elected as a board member for Opening Doors. She currently works at Dubuque Bank & Trust.

**MICHAEL GIBBS** ('84) was named one of Illinois High School Association Honorary Referees in the 2017 Track and Field State Finals. He has served at the Spring Spectacular for the past 30 years, performing the duties of Assistant Clerk of the Course and Assistant Referee, Starter, and is currently the Head Clerk of the Course.

**KIM (LARSON) GLASER** ('84) became a new member of the Dubuque County Early Childhood Board. She works for the City of Dubuque as the Assisted Housing Secretary.

**MARK KUHN** ('84) has been named chief executive officer of Hammond-Henry Hospital in Geneseo, Ill. He has more than 31 years of health care experience, including as the chief administrative officer with the Springfield (Ill.) Clinic for 17 years.

**KAY TAKES** ('84), president and chief executive officer of Mercy Medical Center-Dubuque, was recently recognized at the Movers, Shakers, and Newsmakers luncheon that focuses on honoring individuals who are blazing a trail and making an impact on the community.

**LINDA (REA) MARTIN** ('86) is a new member of the Dubuque County Early Childhood Board. She is currently the principal at Dyersville (Iowa) Elementary School.

**RHONDA (GERARDY) THILL** ('87) was hired at HK Financial Services in Dubuque as a senior compliance testing and reporting specialist.

**SUSAN (MURPHY) VAN BEERS** ('87) was hired as service supervisor in the Self Insured Service Company department at Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque.

**MATT MORONEY** ('91) was named Strategic Economic Initiatives Director at the Department of Administration for the State of Wisconsin.

**MICHELLE (MEYER) MCDONALD** ('94) was elected as a board member for the Hospice of Dubuque Board of Directors.

**JASON NORTON** ('94) was elected board chair for the Iowa Credit Union Foundation Board. He currently works for DuTrac Community Credit Union in Dubuque.

**MICHAEL OTTO** ('94) was published in Plan Consultant, a retirement industry magazine, on blockchain's impact on the retirement industry. He was assisted by fellow Loras grad Brian Kallback ('02).

**AMY (WAGNER) HERMISTON** ('95) has been hired as a controller at Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C in Dubuque. She has over 20 years of experience in public and private accounting.

**JENNIFER (FLUHR) READY** ('95) leads the sales, service and operational aspects of the HK Financial Services retirement organization in Dubuque. She has 17 years of experience and holds the Series 7, 63 and 24 securities licenses.

**LISA SMITH** ('95), previously the executive director of teaching and learning with Community Unit School District 308 in Oswego, Ill., has been appointed by the board members as the new associate superintendent for educational services. She has worked in District 308 since 2013.

**TRACY BAUER** ('96), currently the chief operating officer of Midwest Medical Center in Galena, Ill., was elected president of the board of directors. She will support the organization's mission to strengthen and provide assistance to its 55-member hospital.

**MICHAEL LANSING** ('96), currently a communication specialist at HK Payroll Services in Dubuque, has passed the Certified Associate in Project Management exam. He has been with the firm since 2012.

**ERIN (WALLACE) ALLEN** ('97) joined Sargento Foods as IT Director of Strategy and Architecture.

**ALAINA THIER** ('97) has been hired at Bodine Electric Company in Peosta, Iowa, as a planner.

**THOMAS FOLEY** ('98) was named vice president, membership & customer development at the Institute of Food Technologists. He is charged with providing strategic leadership in the areas of member/customer development engagement, including proactive outreach to various audiences and key accounts in support of IFT's strategic initiatives.

**ELIZABETH (BESS) HENDRY-OUFNAC** ('98) was unanimously voted as the next principal of the Blair Early Childhood Academy of Chicago (Ill.) Public Schools. She has been assistant principal at the school for 11 years.

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**JODI (LAWSON) KREMER** ('98) was recently added to the American Red Cross of Northeast Iowa board of directors. She works in the TRIO-Student Support Services department as the academic coordinator for Northeast Iowa Community College.

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**AARON PLEIN** ('98), vice president regional market manager at Dupaco Community Credit Union, was appointed as vice president of branch services at Dupaco's Pennsylvania Avenue location in Dubuque. He has been with the company since 2007.

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**JOEL REICKS** ('99) is now a member of the Dubuque County Early Childhood Board. He currently works with JR Counseling in Dubuque.

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**AMY (RING) BRUSCATO** ('00) was recently hired as vice president, mortgage bank leader at the Peryville branch of Northwest Bank in Rockford, Ill. She has more than 23 years of banking experience, including 14 years in the mortgage industry.

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**JESS THEISEN** ('00) was hired as a consumer lending consultant at Dupaco Community Credit Union in Dubuque.

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**BRIAN KALLBACK** ('02), a current finance instructor, has been appointed as first vice president of Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation Officers from Heartland Financial Services. He also earned the Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor credential from the American Banking Association, presented by Heartland Financial USA. The credential provides training and knowledge in taxes, investments, financial planning, trusts and estates and fiduciary services. Kallback was also published in Plan Consultant, a retirement industry magazine, on blockchain's impact on the retirement industry. He was assisted by fellow Loras grad Michael Otto ('94).

**KRISTA (DODDS) LEOCK** ('02) was promoted at American Trust & Savings Bank in Dubuque to participant services officer in retirement. She began at the bank in 2007 as trust officer – retirement planning.

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**CHRIS REICHLING** ('02) was promoted to vice president and chief information officer at Westmark Enterprises in Dubuque. He has been with the company since 2009.

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**JENNIFER HANSEN** ('03) became the assistant principal at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Clinton, Iowa. She has worked over 11 years within the Clinton Community School District.

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**KYLE LIPPOLD** ('04) was recently hired at HK Financial Services in Dubuque as a retirement plan sales consultant. He has nine years of experience.

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**CHRIS LOEWENBERG** ('04) was just hired as vice president of the National Specialized Transportation Division sales department at Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque.

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**SARA (HOSCH) DOMEYER** ('05) has been promoted to vice president credit and loan administration manager at American Trust & Savings Bank in Dubuque. She has been with the bank since 2006.

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**ROBERT FINK** ('05) has been appointed partner in Dubuque at Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. in Dubuque. He has been with the company since 2005.

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**KRISTI FOXEN** ('05) was recently promoted to assistant vice president at US Bank in Dubuque. She is currently a branch manager.

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**JILL (COOK) GOGEL** ('05) was appointed as the fraud services manager with Dupaco Community Credit Union at the Pennsylvania Ave. location in Dubuque.

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**ERICK KEPHART** ('05) was promoted to first vice president in retirement at American Trust & Savings Bank in Dubuque. He joined the bank in 2011 as an account manager in retirement.

**MATT MOREY** ('05) was promoted to investment solutions manager at HK Financial Services in Dubuque. He has been with the firm since 2000.

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**STEPHANIE METTILLE** ('06) recently partnered as a CPA with Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. in Dubuque.

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**ANNIE (MORMANN) KOELKER** ('07) was promoted to senior designer at McCullough Creative in Dubuque. She has been with McCullough since 2011.

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**JACLEEN (SEARS) KUETER** ('07) was hired at PBS Systems Group as a software support analyst.

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**ERIC WEIMERSKIRCH** ('07) was promoted to associate account executive in the transportation sales department at Kunkel & Associates in Dubuque. He has been with the company since 2015.

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**BRANDON BAUER** ('08) was recently elected as a board member for Opening Doors. He is a police officer in Dubuque.

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**EMILY (JASPER) BROWN** ('07) was promoted to credit analyst officer at Heartland Financial USA in Dubuque.

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**AMY (KEMP) PRINTZ** ('08) was hired as a senior marketing relationship consultant at Heartland Financial USA in Dubuque.

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**REGGIE ROWE** ('08) was promoted to senior accounting manager at Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. in Dubuque. He has been with the firm since 2007.

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**RYAN BURBACH** ('09) partnered as a CPA with Honkamp Krueger & Co., P.C. in Dubuque. He has been with the company since 2007.

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**ALEX BRANT** ('10) was hired as a marketing relationship consultant at Heartland Financial USA in Dubuque.

**BRADLEY KEMP** ('10) has been hired as commercial banker vice president at Dubuque Bank & Trust. He has been in the banking and financial services industry for nine years.

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**TYLER LOUCKS** ('10) was hired at Dupaco Community Credit Union in Dubuque as a help desk representative.

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**ASHLEY (PREGLER) WEBER** ('10) became a member of the Dubuque County Early Childhood Board. She works at Overhead Door Company of Dubuque as the office manager.

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**JOHN HEALY** ('11) was recognized as an Up and Coming Lawyer by the Wisconsin Law Journal. He is an associate at Corneille Law Group in Madison, Wis., in the areas of personal injury and medical malpractice defense.

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**LUKE HOFFMANN** ('11) was elected as a board member for the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA Board of Directors.

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**SARA PENNEBECKER** ('11) was hired at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health as the assistant director of alumni relations.

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**JAMIE COVELL** ('12) accepted a position at Iowa College Student Aid Commission as a community engagement consultant. She was previously at the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA.

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**NICK SATTERLEE** ('12) has been appointed principal of Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School in Waterloo, Iowa. He was previously the associate dean of students at Xavier Catholic High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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**BEN COTTRELL** ('13) was promoted within RSM US LLP in Dubuque to senior associate of consulting services. He has been with the company since 2014.

# ALUMNI NOTES

**LINDSEY (DAVIS) MORRIS** ('13) was hired as a teacher at Twisted Root Yoga Studio. She completed a yoga teacher training program at Body & Soul in Dubuque.

**JORDAN PETERSON** ('13) was hired as health coach in the HealthCheck360 department at Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque.

**CASSIE (CRABILL) ROSS** ('13) has been promoted within RSM US LLP in Dubuque to supervisor of assurance services. She has been with the company since 2013.

**MICHAEL RUBEL** ('13) was promoted within RSM US LLP in Dubuque to supervisor of assurance services. He has been with the company since 2013.

**DANIEL THOLE** ('13) will be the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools director of secondary programs, which includes the restructure of the principal role at Columbus Catholic High School in Waterloo, Iowa. He was previously a mathematics teacher at Dowling Catholic High School in Des Moines, Iowa.

**KATIE GONZALES** ('14) was hired by Eastern Michigan University as the assistant director for media relations.

**KATHRYN (KASTEN) SATTERLEE** ('14) was awarded "Teacher of the Week!" for October 27, 2017. She is a teacher at Wilson Middle School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**MADELINE SCHROEDER** ('14) was hired as a physician assistant with Medical Associates Clinic in Dubuque at the East Campus Family Medicine department.

**CLAIRA SIEVERDING** ('15) was the 2018 365ink Impact Award Winner for Volunteerism for her work in Bellevue, Iowa. She works at Sedgwick CMS in Bellevue, Iowa.

**JACOB WERNIMONT** ('15) was hired for the fabrication division at MI-T-M Corporation in Peosta, Iowa.

**TY WITTMAN** ('15) was hired by RSM US LLP in Dubuque as a senior associate in consulting services.

**JORDAN STEUER** ('16) was hired as financial services representative in the Claims Service department at Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque.

**DAVID BAIRD** ('17) was hired by Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque as an information technology analyst in administration.

**JEFFREY BENTLEY** ('17) has been hired by Averett University in Danville, Va., as an assistant sports information director.

**DUSTIN DAWSON** ('17) was hired at Vinton Newspapers in Oelwein, Iowa, as the new sports editor covering athletic events for the Vinton School Districts.

**ERICA ELSBERND** ('17) was hired by Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque as a benefits communication specialist in the Group Benefits department.

**LINDSEY GIDEL** ('17) joined Unified Therapy Health Services in Dubuque as a rehab assistant.

**JORDAN HENDRICKSON** ('17) has joined the team at Brad Jacobson State Farm Insurance in Cedar Falls, Iowa, as a marketing associate.

**ALLISON KALETA** ('17) was hired as the first female anchor for the weekly sport broadcast of Naperville, Ill.'s community TV station and will lead the sports highlights show "Naperville Sports Weekly" on NCTV-17.

**JASMINE SRONKOSKI** ('17) was hired as the Reach and Rise 1:1 Mentoring Program director at the Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA.

## MARRIAGES

**AMY DOLAN** ('87) to Joe Andresen on Aug. 12, 2017

**KELLY KETTMANN** ('01) to A.J. Barry on May 6, 2017

**MICHAEL CONMEY** ('02) to Jessica Harding on Aug. 26, 2017

**AMY KRAEMER** ('02) to Aaron Everson on Sept. 23, 2017

**ANDREA FRANCOIS** ('07) to Kaleb Veit on Dec. 8, 2017

**AMY KEMP** ('08) to Joshua Printz on Sept. 15, 2017

**JAYMES BILLMYER** ('09) to Lauren Fleming on Sept. 16, 2017

**DAVID SPATARO** ('09) to Kerri Duerwachter on Nov. 18, 2017

**KARL WITT** ('09) to **JEAN DUTTON** ('08) on Oct. 7, 2017

**JOHN JOHANN JR.** ('10) to **KIMBERLY PAPROCKAS** ('10) on Sept. 23, 2017

**ANDREW KLIMESH** ('10) to Ellie Delgado on Aug. 4, 2017

**MOLLIE MARTIN** ('10) to Brian Baranowski on Nov. 11, 2017

**RYAN FRANZ** ('11) to Allison Gleichman on Dec. 30, 2017

**SCOTT JOHANN** ('11) to **DEANNA ANGELINI** ('11) on July 8, 2017

**KATIE LALLY** ('11) to Alex Denker on Oct. 7, 2017

**CHRISTOPHER LENZ** ('11) to **TONYA WITTMAN** ('12) on Oct. 25, 2017

**BRIAN GAUGHN** ('12) to **JACLYN TUMBERGER** ('14) on Sept. 30, 2017

**LINDSEY LABADIE** ('12) to Gregory Harder on Sept. 16, 2017

**ZACH LITTLE** ('12) to **SARAH LINK** ('14) on Oct. 21, 2017

**PAUL OTRUBA** ('12) to **VICTORIA COOPER** ('12) on March 25, 2017

**MICHAEL DONNELLY** ('13) to Kelly Koeth on July 1, 2017

**EMILY HAVERTAPE** ('13) to Ben Seaman on Oct. 7, 2017

**MELISSA HERRMANN** ('13) to Ben Deist on July 15, 2017

**SAMUEL ROSS** ('13) to **CASSIE CRABILL** ('13) on Dec. 9, 2017

**DANIEL DUFFY** ('14) to **BRIDGET HALL** ('14) on Nov. 4, 2017

**JACOB HERTEL** ('14) to **JACKIE THILL** ('14) on Aug. 26, 2017

**RYENN PETERSON** ('14) to Kevin Andreassi on Aug. 12, 2017

**SHELBY ROACH** ('14) to Kyle Nieman on July 29, 2017

**ALLYSON SATTERLEE** ('14) to Kieran Jansen on July 15, 2017

**ELIZABETH SCHMITZ** ('14) to Levi Bostian on June 24, 2017

**RANDI WESTERVELT** ('14) to Jesse Morritt on Nov. 11, 2017

**SAMUEL ANDERSON** ('15) to Kacie Carpenter on Oct. 14, 2017

**RENEE BEACH** ('15) to Andrew Roos on June 24, 2017

**JESSICA BREMNER** ('15) to Shane Folkerts on July 29, 2017

**RACHEL FITZGIBBON** ('15) to Eric Forton on Oct. 14, 2017

**TYLER GARRISON** ('15) to **KATHRYN PAUL** ('15) on Sept. 3, 2017

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**ADAM KENNEDY** ('15) to **JENNA WEHLING** ('13) on Aug. 26, 2017

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**KYLE ROUSE** ('15) to **VANESSA WISMEIER** ('15) on Nov. 4, 2017

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**MICHELLE VONACHEN** ('15) to Chase Buddenberg on July 29, 2017

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**XIMENA DUQUE ROA** ('16) to Daniel Lopez on Feb. 11, 2017

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**JOSHUA FELDHAUS** ('16) to **LEAH GALLEGER** ('16) on Oct. 14, 2017

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**MARISA MORENO** ('16) to Joe Dobbeleare on Oct. 7, 2017

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**TIMOTHY NASS** ('16) to **ALLISON BENTZ** ('16) on Nov. 11, 2017

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**EMILY WICHELT** ('16) to Zach Downing on Nov. 4, 2017

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**DAVID BAIRD** ('17) to **TIANNA SUNDERLAND** ('17) Oct. 27, 2017

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**LEIGHA FELDER** ('17) to Tyler Bruns on July 8, 2017

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**JONATHAN LEWIS** ('17) to **MICHELLE KAVANAUGH** ('17) on Nov. 25, 2017

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**COLLIN LONG** ('17) to Lindsey Till on July 22, 2017

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**KYZER MOORE** ('17) to **ELLEN HORST** ('17) on Oct. 28, 2017

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**ZACHARY SCHROEDER** ('17) to **PAIGE DAUGHERTY** ('15) on Aug. 5, 2017

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**JOHN "JACK" STATON** ('17) to **ALLISON SPRAGUE** ('17) on Aug. 5, 2017

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## BABIES

**THOMAS** ('97) and **JILL (HOFFMAN)** ('01) **KULT**, a son, Sept. 16, 2017

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**MICHAEL** ('97) and **AMY (SCHWARZ)** ('97) **MAHONEY**, a daughter, on Nov. 3, 2017

**JOEL** ('99) and **SARAH (MCMANIMON)** ('01) **REICKS**, a daughter, on Aug. 17, 2017

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**TONY** ('00) and Katie **HOUSELOG**, a daughter, on Jan. 17, 2018

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**ERIC** ('01) and Nikki **HESELBACHER**, a daughter, on June 28, 2017

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**COLIN** ('02) and Yara **ALLISON**, a son, on Aug. 22, 2017

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**DANIELLE (BASTEN)** ('02) and Adam **BECK**, a daughter, on July 26, 2017

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**DUSTIN** ('02) and Callie **DERFLINGER**, twin son and daughter, on June 23, 2017

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**DARCY (RIES)** ('02) and John **LUCHS**, a daughter, on March 8, 2017

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**LUKE** ('02) and Shelby **MAAS**, a son, on Aug. 1, 2017

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**BRIAN FELDOTT** ('03) and Cassandra Grassel, a son, on Aug. 23, 2017

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**LAURA (MOSER)** ('03) and Jessie **GOLDSMITH**, a daughter, on Sept. 13, 2017

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**MEGHAN (MANDERS)** ('03) and Scott **HERRIG**, twin sons, on July 13, 2017

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**ADRIENNE (SULA)** ('03) and Bryan **ROWLAND**, a daughter, on Aug. 30, 2017

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**MICHELLE (SOMMERS)** ('03) and Luke **RUPP**, a son, on Dec. 7, 2017

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**ERIC** ('03) and **HEATHER (HEINS)** ('00) **WEIR**, a son, on Sept. 28, 2017

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**KATHERINE (MCTAGUE)** ('04) and Clint **BIEKERT**, a daughter, on July 5, 2017

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**KYLE** ('04) and **STEPHANIE (GRABER)** ('05) **KLAPATAUSKAS**, a daughter, on July 20, 2017

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**JILLIAN** ('04) and Jeremy **MOOTZ**, a son, on Jan. 25, 2018

**BRENTON** ('04) and **MEGHAN (HEALY)** ('03) **TEELING**, a daughter, on Nov. 17, 2016

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**DANIELLE (KUTSCH)** ('05) and Jeremy **BALK**, a daughter, on Aug. 10, 2017

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**STEVEN** ('05) and **DANIELLE (PLINE)** ('05) **CAMPBELL**, a son, on Nov. 2, 2017

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**JASON** ('05) and **DANA (WALLIS)** ('09) **FLOGEL**, a daughter, on July 2, 2017

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**MICHELLE (WELTER)** ('05) and Luke **HARTMANN**, a son, on Dec. 7, 2017

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**DANIEL** ('05) and **LIZA (DESTEFANO)** ('04) **JOHNSON**, a son, on July 7, 2017

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**MATTHEW** ('05) and Lisa **JONES**, a son, on Jan. 24, 2018

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**ERICK** ('05) and Chelsey **KEPHART**, a son, on Aug. 18, 2017

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**BRYAN** ('05) and Cori **MAIN**, twin sons, on Sept. 12, 2017

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**JAMES** ('05) and **SARAH (SIMON)** ('07) **MILNER**, a son, on Oct. 27, 2017

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**ELLEN (O'CONNOR)** ('06) and Casey **CARR**, a son, on July 24, 2017

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**LISA CONNER** ('06) and Terrence Bowie, a son, on Jan. 29, 2018

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**RICHARD** ('06) and Sara **FLANNERY**, a daughter, on Sept. 12, 2017

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**CHARLES** ('06) and Hope **FREUND**, a daughter, on Jan. 8, 2018

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**NICHOLAS** ('06) and **ASHLEY (COLLOPY)** ('07) **MUELLER**, a daughter, on Aug. 18, 2017

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**MATTHEW** ('06) and **ASHLEY (DUEHR)** ('09) **SCHMITT**, a daughter, on Jan. 17, 2018

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**KATIE (BELLENDIER)** ('06) and Aaron Schons, a son, on Aug. 4, 2017

**ABBY (QUINT)** ('07) and Daniel **DAVIS**, a son, on Sept. 17, 2017

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**TIFFANY (HANCOCK)** ('07) and Nicholas **GOEDKEN**, a son, on Sept. 25, 2017

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**CHRISTOPHER** ('07) and Meghan **SAVAGLIO**, a daughter, on Feb. 1, 2017

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**JASON** ('07) and Amy **WIEGARD**, a daughter, on Dec. 7, 2017

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**KATHERINE CONNOLLY** ('08) and Darin Groshensm, a daughter, on Sept. 14, 2017

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**RUTHANN EINSWEILER** ('08) and Bret Hesselbacher, a son, on Nov. 21, 2017

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**MATTHEW** ('08) and Elizabeth **GARCIA**, a daughter, on Dec. 14, 2017

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**CHRISTOPHER** ('08) and **SARAH (CORNELIUS)** ('07) **PALMER**, a son, on Jan. 23, 2018

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**STACY (BAHL)** ('08) and Joshua **RISSMAN**, a son, on Aug. 2, 2017

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**RYAN** ('09) and **RAQUEL (HERBER)** ('12) **BURBACH**, a daughter, on Jan. 31, 2018

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**LUCAS** ('09) and Emily **DOLAND**, a son, on Oct. 3, 2017

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**KASSANDRA (KILBURG)** ('09) and Jayden **HERRIG**, a son, on Jan. 6, 2018

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**SCOTT** ('09) and Gwen **KALVELAGE**, a daughter, on Jan. 2, 2018

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**ALEXANDER** ('09) and **ANNIE (MCALLISTER)** ('10) **KASS**, a son, on Sept. 5, 2017

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**EBEN** ('09) and **LINDSEY (SPODEN)** ('10) **KRAPFL**, a daughter, on Oct. 28, 2017

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**BENJAMIN** ('09) and **AMANDA (POWRIE)** ('11) **KURT**, a son, on Sept. 22, 2017

# ALUMNI NOTES

**KATIE (WILSON)** ('10) and Greg **BOPES**, a daughter, on Dec. 30, 2017

**ASHLEY (SODAWASSER)** ('10) and Ben **JOHANNSEN**, a son, on July 25, 2017

**JUSTIN** ('10) and **MACKENZIE (GABLE)** ('10) **MCCORD**, a son, in June 23, 2017

**LUKE** ('10) and Emily **SCHWEITZER**, a son, on Dec. 13, 2016

**RYAN** ('10) and Emily **VOGT**, a daughter, on Aug. 19, 2017

**REID** ('11) and **COLLEEN (ONDRACEK)** ('10) **GUSTAFSON**, a daughter, on June 3, 2017

**NICOLE (OCHS)** ('11) and Drew **HEPLER**, a daughter, on Dec. 20, 2017

**LUKE** ('11) and **MORGAN (GOOD)** ('12) **HOFFMANN**, a son, on Dec. 28, 2017

**CLAIR (TRIERVIELER)** ('11) and Tyler **HUNT**, a son, on July 5, 2017

**PAIGE (COMER)** ('11) and Josh **MILLER**, a son, on Nov. 1, 2017

**ANNIE (HORST)** ('11) and Erik **WOLTER**, a daughter, on Nov. 28, 2017

**JACOBI ZAKREWSKI** ('11) and Melanie Pape, a son, on Jan. 25, 2018

**ALEX** ('12) and **MARGARET (BURBACH)** ('12) **KIMBRO**, a daughter, on Nov. 29, 2017

**EMILY (BUSS)** ('12) and Bren **WATSON**, a daughter, on July 25, 2017

**MEGAN (SMITH)** ('13) and Peter **ARMSTRONG**, a daughter, on Aug. 7, 2017

**ALYSSA (HENTRICH)** ('13) and John **HENNINGS**, a daughter, on Dec. 29, 2017

**LINDSEY (DAVIS)** ('13) and Joshua **MORIS**, a daughter, on Nov. 9, 2017

**TABATHA (LANG)** ('13) and Daron **STODDARD**, a son, on Feb. 2, 2017

**BENJAMIN** ('14) and Bailey **BERNING**, a daughter, on Nov. 9, 2017

**HOLLY (HARTMAN)** ('14) and Patrick **BRIES**, a daughter, on Sept. 23, 2017

**SILAS** ('15) and Victoria **CLINE**, a son, on Nov. 13, 2017

**JOHN** ('15) and **ELISE (DEMOULLY)** ('13) **CULLERS**, a daughter, on July 10, 2017

**CHELSEY (WARNING)** ('15) and Patrick **DUTTON**, a daughter, on June 22, 2017

**CHELSEA (MCCARRAHER)** ('15) and Lucas **EVETT**, a son, on Dec. 1, 2017

**MATTHEW** ('16) and Courtney **MIHALAKIS**, a daughter, on June 30, 2017

**MICHAEL** ('17) and Jordan **FULLAN**, a son, on Oct. 20, 2017

## IN MEMORIAM

**COLMAN O'CONNELL, O.S.B.**  
(Loras College Board of Regents: 1997–2007) on Sept. 30, 2017

**MSGR. FRANCIS P. FRIEDL, PH.D.** ('39) on Sept. 18, 2017

**GREGORY A. WURZER** ('44) on July 23, 2017

**JERRY J. EBERHARDT** ('45, A'42) on Sept. 9, 2017

**ROBERT J. RUBNER** ('45) on Oct. 16, 2017

**CLETUS J. BAUM, M.D.** ('47) on Nov. 5, 2017

**THOMAS P. BYRNE** ('47) on Aug. 24, 2017

**REV. PAUL F. McDONALD** ('47, A'45) on Oct. 8, 2017

**REV. PATRICK J. NOONEY** ('48) on Oct. 7, 2017

**LAWRENCE A. BUSSARD** ('49) on Oct. 21, 2017

**WILLIAM E. CHATFIELD** ('49) on Jan. 1, 2018

**MERLE F. MENZEL** ('49) on Nov. 27, 2017

**GEORGE T. PLUEMER** ('49) on Nov. 4, 2017

**REV. RAYMOND P. GRIMES** ('50) on Sept. 12, 2017

**MSGR. MERVIN J. HOOD** ('50) on July 27, 2017

**THEODORE V. KAHLE** ('50) on Nov. 19, 2017

**REV. RICHARD F. MAICHEN** ('50, A'46) on Aug. 14, 2017

**MSGR. PHILIP E. O'NEIL** ('50) on Jan. 19, 2018

**JOHN W. UHLENHAKE** ('50) on Aug. 23, 2017

**RICHARD E. LOCHER** ('51, A'47) on Aug. 6, 2017

**RAYMOND C. SCHLADER** ('51) on Jan. 11, 2017

**CHARLES J. STARK** ('51) on Nov. 10, 2017

**OWEN J. BUTLER** ('52) on July 30, 2017

**FRED M. NEIERS** ('52) on Nov. 19, 2017

**DONALD F. BOMKAMP** ('53) on Aug. 7, 2017

**JAMES J. KIVLAHAN, M.D.** ('53) on Sept. 3, 2017

**PATRICK G. KRAMER** ('53) on Oct. 2, 2017

**JOHN R. STEINHOFF** ('53) on Oct. 24, 2017

**ANTHONY F. COSENTINO, JR.** ('54) on Sept. 23, 2017

**WILLIAM B. GALLAGHER** ('54) on Aug. 2, 2017

**JAMES L. NACKE** ('54) on Aug. 8, 2017

**RICHARD R. SMITH** ('54) on Oct. 15, 2017

**MICHAEL V. COLLINS** ('55) on Aug. 5, 2017

**MSGR. STANLEY J. HAYEK** ('55, A'50) on Nov. 10, 2017

**LAWRENCE A. HENNESSEY, D.O.** ('55) on July 10, 2017

**RICHARD F. HEARN, M.D.** ('56) on Sept. 15, 2017

**JAMES J. MILLER, SR.** ('57, A'47) on Oct. 7, 2017

**THOMAS A. RYAN, M.D.** ('57) on Oct. 10, 2017

**WAYNE P. WRIGHT** ('57, A'53) on Aug. 22, 2017

**ROBERT L. O'BRIEN** ('58) on Oct. 8, 2017

**WILLIAM J. MOTSINGER** ('58) on Dec. 13, 2017

**HERBERT H. WEIDINGER** ('58) on Feb. 20, 2017

**JAMES H. CROSBY** ('59) on Sept. 17, 2017

**JOHN DUSTER** ('59) on July 16, 2017

**DONALD F. JENNINGS** ('59) on Oct. 25, 2017

**GERALD J. MITCHELL** ('59) on  
Sept. 26, 2017

**JOHN F. BARTON** ('60, A'54) on  
Sept. 15, 2017

**JEROME F. BECKMAN, PH.D.** ('60)  
on Nov. 8, 2017

**REV. JAMES C. MCALPIN** ('60) on  
Nov. 9, 2017

**LARRY J. SCHMITT** ('60) on  
Nov. 9, 2017

**DANIEL J. TILL, M.D.** ('60) on  
Nov. 1, 2017

**PATRICK R. O'BRIEN** ('61) on  
July 12, 2017

**BRUCE T. OESCHGER** ('61, A'56) on  
June 10, 2017

**JOSEPH B. RIESSELMAN** ('61) on  
Jan. 27, 2018

**JOHN C. SABERS** ('61) on Oct. 3, 2017

**LEO F. PETERSON** ('62) on  
Dec. 16, 2017

**JAMES A. VOLLMER** ('62) on  
Sept. 30, 2017

**MICHAEL T. BERGER** ('63) on  
July 21, 2017

**J. MICHAEL COLLOTON** ('63) on  
Sept. 15, 2017

**EDWIN A. FRICK, JR.** ('63, A'59) on  
Aug. 24, 2017

**RUDOLPH R. KRAUS, D.D.S.** ('63) on  
Oct. 2, 2017

**PAUL J. KUSTERMANN, D.D.S.** ('63) on  
Aug. 15, 2017

**FRANCIS J. BURD** ('64, A'59) on  
Nov. 26, 2017

**TED M. LEAHY** ('64) on Nov. 9, 2017

**DENNIS J. LUECK** ('64) on Oct. 21, 2017

**ALFRED E. MORREY III** ('64) on  
Dec. 2, 2017

**REV. DALE J. RAUSCH** ('64) on  
Dec. 19, 2017

**RONALD J. SULLIVAN, D.D.S.** ('64) on  
June 20, 2017

**WILLIAM P. JOHNSTON, JR.** ('65) on  
Aug. 21, 2017

**THOMAS J. PROCTOR, ED.D.** ('65) on  
Nov. 13, 2017

**PETER J. WEINKOETZ** ('65) on  
Oct. 2, 2017

**JAMES J. KIRCHER, C.P.A.** ('66, A'58)  
on July 9, 2017

**DENNIS J. CARROLL** ('67) on  
Nov. 5, 2017

**LAWRENCE W. LYNCH, PH.D.** ('67)  
on April 14, 2017

**CARL R. WAGNER** ('67) on  
June 23, 2017

**RONALD B. LEFTWICH** ('68) on  
Dec. 30, 2017

**WILLIAM R. REISNER** ('69) on  
May 30, 2017

**RAYMOND R. SCHMIT** ('69) on  
Aug. 3, 2017

**CHARLES E. HANSEL** ('70) on  
July 21, 2017

**REV. WILLIAM E. RABIOR** ('70) on  
Aug. 29, 2017

**DOUGLAS R. SCHILL** ('70) on  
Nov. 17, 2017

**FRANK R. CARROLL** ('72) on  
Aug. 22, 2017

**RICHARD L. OSTERBERGER** ('72)  
on March 23, 2017

**EDWARD E. TURNER** ('73) on  
Aug. 28, 2017

**BRUCE J. SHEEHY** ('74) on  
Dec. 23, 2017

**JAMES J. FISCH** ('76) on July 25, 2017

**JOSEPH J. HOPKINS** ('78) on  
Jan. 19, 2018

**PHILIP M. DVORAK** ('80) on  
July 17, 2017

**THOMAS J. BENTLER** ('82) on  
Sept. 1, 2017

**DAVID M. EWERT** ('83) on  
Sept. 10, 2017

**PATRICIA K. QUIST** ('83) on  
Sept. 11, 2017

**JEANNE K. REYNOLDS** ('83) on  
Sept. 13, 2017

**PATRICK T. COPELAND** ('84) on  
Oct. 29, 2017

**MICHAEL A. DAY** ('85) on  
Sept. 21, 2017

**LAWRENCE J. GAUL** ('85) on  
Sept. 19, 2017

**JOHN J. CODY** ('89) on Oct. 22, 2017

**JOHN L. HABERKORN** ('89) on  
Nov. 23, 2017

**STEVEN J. KENNEDY** ('89) on  
Dec. 22, 2017

**ERIN M. O'CONNOR** ('91) on  
July 25, 2017

**SANDRA J. MICHEL** ('92) on  
Dec. 20, 2017

**JOY L. KAISER** ('97) on Aug. 1, 2017

**MEGAN N. MEDINGER** ('04) on  
Oct. 27, 2017

**WILLIAM J. KELLERMAN** ('19) on  
Nov. 5, 2017

## LORAS ACADEMY

**GEORGE C. FOX** (A'46) on  
Dec. 24, 2017

**RAY TSCHIGGFRIE** (A'46) on  
Nov. 10, 2017

**JOHN A. SCHNEE** (A'47) on  
Oct. 22, 2017

**FREDERICK F. ERTL, JR.** (A'48) on  
Aug. 23, 2017

**SYLVESTER J. LOESCHE** (A'48) on  
Jan. 15, 2018

**JAMES T. PURCELL** (A'48) on  
Nov. 21, 2017

**CHARLES J. ZILLIG** (A'48) on  
Oct. 22, 2017

**JAMES G. VOGT** (A'51) on Jan. 14, 2018

**ROGER L. HINGTGEN** (A'52) on  
Sept. 25, 2017

**DAVID L. LAMBERT** (A'52) on  
Sept. 29, 2017

**DONALD WIEDERHOLT** (A'52) on  
Jan. 18, 2018

**DANIEL D. BOGE** (A'53) on  
Dec. 12, 2017

**THOMAS J. MCDONOUGH** (A'53) on  
Sept. 11, 2017

**JOHN J. BUECHELE** (A'54) on  
Oct. 24, 2017

**THOMAS C. METTEL** (A'55) on  
Sept. 6, 2017

**JOHN J. DOLAN** (A'56) on Jan. 15, 2018

**MARK W. GAVIN** (A'62) on July 23, 2017

PARTING SHOTS

# J-Term in India



*Loras College students travelled to India over J-Term for the “Sustainable India” course to look at sustainability and how nature, economy and society converge. Duhawks received an up-close look at preventing tiger poaching, habitat restoration, planting trees and wetland bird research. They also gathered data on various aspects of biodiversity in Keoladeo National Park as part of student design projects.*

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- 2 Loras Legacy Symposium – Loras College Campus
- 4 Loras Legacy Ball – Loras College Alumni Campus Center Ballroom
- 6 Final Concert of the Year – Loras College Fieldhouse
- 10 Dubuque History Project Showcase – Loras College Alumni Campus Center Ballroom
- 11 Final Day of Classes
- 11–12 Duprov: Pro Deo et Comedy – Loras College St. Joseph Theater
- 12 Alumni Choir Performance – Christ the King Chapel
- 17 Senior Dinner – Alumni Campus Center Ballroom
- 19 Baccalaureate and Commencement – Loras College Campus
- 21 Summer Session I Begins

## JUNE

- 4 First Year Orientation – Loras College Alumni Campus Center
- 7 First Year Orientation – Loras College Alumni Campus Center
- 15 First Year and Transfer Orientation – Loras College Alumni Campus Center
- 17–29 Loras All-Sports Camp – Loras College Campus
- 18 Summer Session II Begins

## JULY

- 8–20 Loras All-Sports Camp – Loras College Campus
- 14–15 Loras Women's Basketball College Prep Weekend – Loras College Athletic & Wellness Center
- 16 Loras Women's Basketball One-Day Elite Camp – Loras College Athletic & Wellness Center
- 23–26 Junior Duhawk Soccer Camp – Loras College Campus
- 31–Aug 3 Women's Basketball Duhawk Skills Camp – Loras College Athletic & Wellness Center

## AUGUST

- 3 Loras College Men's Soccer Prep Camp – Loras College Campus
- 3–5 Loras College Men's Volleyball Summer Camp – Loras College Campus
- 4 Loras College Women's Soccer Prep Camp – Loras College Campus
- 5 Loras Women's Basketball One-Day Elite Camp – Loras College Athletic & Wellness Center
- 12 Loras Women's Basketball One-Day Elite Camp – Loras College Athletic & Wellness Center
- 13 Loras Network of Dubuque Scholarship Golf Outing – Thunder Hills Country Club
- 27 Fall Semester Begins

## SEPTEMBER

- 21 International Day of Peace Keynote Speaker – Loras College Alumni Campus Center
- 28 Family Weekend Entertainment – Loras College Alumni Campus Center
- 29 Family Weekend Tailgate – Loras College Campus

## OCTOBER

- 11 Homecoming Carnival – Loras College Campus
- 12 DuBrew! – Loras College Fieldhouse
- 12–14 Homecoming Weekend – Loras College
- 13 English Alumni Breakfast - Academic Resource Center