Morningside plans to renovate Dimmitt Hall
College launches new agricultural and food studies program
Come to the grand opening of the academic village
Editor’s Note: The new Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program would not have been possible without strategic partnerships the college has forged with leading agricultural corporations and the State of Iowa. At an event in April, President John Reynders captured what is so exciting about the new program. Here is a shortened version of his address.

Two years ago, I sat down with key faculty and staff from Morningside College and a dozen of the state’s corporate leaders in agriculture to examine the intersection of our collegiate vocation and the evolving marketplace. Based on the industry’s growth and the request for a diversified workforce that was well educated in agronomy and had the capacity to think critically, communicate effectively and solve problems, the new Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program took shape.

This program is designed to be an intimate boutique program that will partner with small and large corporations alike and graduate 25 students per year. Its richness and strength lie in the diversity that the department’s chair, Dr. Anthony Kern, and its director, Chris Benson 1994, bring. After having listened to the needs of private enterprise, we could not have found two more qualified people that blend academics and corporate experience as perfectly as they do. We are so fortunate that these two individuals are the cornerstones of this program.

Today, we are proud to announce not only the advent of this program, but also the strategic collaboration the college forged with leading agricultural corporations and the state government of Iowa. This program has become a signature program of the college, and we cherish the opportunity to partner with the state government and private enterprise. We believe that our collaboration with these entities will become a model for other small colleges.

A need for such collaborative efforts is reflected in an event that took place here at the World Food Prize two nights ago. Cultivation Corridor, an organization dedicated to generating new science that will help feed and fuel the world, announced its partnership with several area academic and corporate institutions in order to establish central Iowa as the global center of the biosciences. Morningside’s Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, which aligns perfectly with Cultivation Corridor’s goals, has anticipated these same needs in western Iowa.

According to recent studies, students of this new generation, the millennials, are looking for more than just adequate employment. They desire to be innovative leaders, do something bigger than themselves and rise above the status quo. This new generation expects businesses to care about more than the bottom line and focus on improving society.

At the heart of the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, in addition to the collaboration between state, college and corporations, is this notion that, at a private residential institution, making a difference is intrinsic to what we do. We are talking about a program that strives to improve current processes to feed a hungry world.

As Norman Borlaug, an Iowan Nobel Peace Prize winner, once said, “The first essential component of social justice is adequate food for all mankind.” Beyond a vocation, Morningside College will graduate young professionals equipped to pursue social justice. Our students are going to be the movers and shakers of their time, grounded in a formidable ethical background. Their ability to communicate and problem solve will make them effective and adaptable to this ever-changing environment in which we live.

As an institution, we are excited to embark on this journey.

John Reynders gave these remarks in April at an event celebrating the new Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program. The celebration took place at the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates in Des Moines, Iowa. More than 150 people were in attendance, including Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey. Photo by Rick Wollman.
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ON THE COVER: Casey Muessigmann participates in the May commencement ceremony at Morningside College. Photo by Kevin Pottebaum 2010.
Psychology honor society celebrates 75th anniversary

The Morningside chapter of Psi Chi celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. The international honor society in psychology has over 1,100 chapters around the world. Morningside’s chapter is one of the oldest – the 34th chapter founded. It was responsible for getting the obelisk sculpture just outside the learning center. Every year the organization does fundraising to send students to research conferences, participates in service projects and hosts psychology-related events. It has received model chapter awards for many years running.

Join us for outdoor performances

The Betty Ling Tsang Fine Arts Series is free and open to the public. Summer performances take place in the Buhler Outdoor Performance Center, 3625 Garretson Ave., with the rain location being Eppley Auditorium, 3625 Garretson Ave.

Holiday Pops Concert with the Sioux City Symphony
8:15 p.m. June 28

Honk!
7 p.m. July 18 and 19

Snow White & The Missing Dwarfs
10 a.m. and 7 p.m. July 25, 10 a.m. July 26

Putting It Together: A Musical Review
7 p.m. Aug. 8 and 9

Claudia Mencos (right), 22, national chess champion in Guatemala, agreed to play chess with Morningside College student Eric Gahlon during his May Term trip to Guatemala. “After two hours, they declared a stalemate,” said Dr. Gail Ament, professor of modern languages. “As I understand it, they both had set up such good defenses that neither could make a move.”
Morningside College campus newspapers are now available online going back to 1897. The newspapers are keyword searchable. You can also browse by year and even month.

To access the campus newspapers, go to library.morningside.edu. Under “Collections,” click on “Digital CR.” Then begin your search.

One important search tip – be sure to put quotes around names or other multiple-word phrases. Also, if you use Google Chrome or Firefox, sometimes PDFs won’t display correctly. Click on “Search Help” for tips on how to address this problem.

Need an idea for a search? Search for “Esther Friedman” or “Pauline Friedman,” who attended Morningside College and went on to become the advice columnists Ann Landers and Abigail Van Buren.

This project was made possible thanks to the support of Kent Watkins 1958 and the State Historical Society of Iowa Historical Resource Development Program.

Dr. Marty (Steele) Knepper 1972, professor and chair of English and modern languages at Morningside, is featured in the exhibit “Hollywood in the Heartland” that opens June 27 at the State Historical Museum of Iowa in Des Moines and will run for a period of two to three years. The exhibit focuses on Iowa’s legacy with the silver screen throughout history, leading up to its most recent contributions to American film. Knepper served on the advisory board for the exhibit, and she has been interviewed for a video that is part of the exhibit and also for a 30-minute documentary that will air on Iowa Public Television.

In addition, Knepper and Dr. John Lawrence, professor emeritus of philosophy at Morningside, are publishing “The Book of Iowa Films” this summer. It includes an essay on the Iowa film tradition, a comprehensive list of over 400 films made in or about Iowa, and an essay about Iowa films during World War II. Information about the book, to appear in both electronic and printed form, will soon become available at bookofiowafilms.com

At the top of the page is a publicity still from the movie “State Fair” © Twentieth-Century Fox, 1945. At the bottom of the page is an ad for the 1945 version of “State Fair” that ran in a Chicago newspaper.
Morningside College launched a new website in March that is targeted toward prospective students and their families. The following month, off-campus page views more than doubled compared to the previous year. Check it out at www.morningside.edu
Morningside College to offer graduate courses in nursing

The Morningside College Department of Nursing will begin offering graduate courses in the fall of 2014 that lead to a postbaccalaureate Clinical Outcomes Leadership Certificate.

“The new certificate program is designed for health care professionals with a bachelor’s degree to enhance their understanding of the health care system and help improve patient outcomes,” said Dr. Mary Kovarna, chair of the nursing department. “The graduate courses completed through Morningside’s certificate program may also apply toward a master’s degree in nursing.”

Kovarna said the new certificate program consists of 12 credits of online courses in health care management and patient outcomes. Students will complete the online courses over two semesters.

More information about the Clinical Outcomes Leadership Certificate is available by contacting Dr. Jackie (Brummond) Barber 1995, professor of nursing education, at barber@morningside.edu.

New partnership lets Morningside undergraduates earn bachelor’s and law degrees in six years

The University of Iowa College of Law and Morningside College have entered into an agreement that will allow undergraduate students at Morningside to earn both their bachelor’s and law degrees in six years.

The 3+3 program will allow qualified undergraduates from Morningside admission to the College of Law after the conclusion of their junior year, and the credits earned during their first year of law school will also apply to their undergraduate degree.

“We are committed to delivering an educational experience that provides great value and is second to none,” said Morningside College President John Reynders. “This partnership with the University of Iowa’s law school is an academic and financial benefit for Morningside’s prelaw students.”

New Business Ideas

Dr. Pam Mickelson, professor of business, took four students to a Startup Weekend in Truckee, California, sponsored by Google for Entrepreneurs. The students worked in teams that won corporate funding or sponsorship for new product ideas they developed. Last year Blake Anderson and Sean Richardson 2013 attended a Startup Weekend in Spencer, Iowa, and developed Pushlee, a mobile app that helps gas stations promote offers and deals. Pushlee won the Innovation Market business idea competition in Sioux City, and the mobile app is being launched at 42 Kum & Go gas stations.

Mediation Team Recognized

Morningside College’s new mediation team performed well this fall at its first tournament. Mediation teams are similar to mock trial teams, but instead of preparing for a trial, students work to resolve situations out of court. Dozens of schools competed at the international tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, including Boston University and the University of British Columbia. Morningside received recognition as the Outstanding New Program and received individual awards. Alex Watters 2009 coached the team.

Top College for Teachers

The College Database website ranked Morningside College as one of the top 10 colleges in Iowa for teacher education. The list identified the colleges making the largest impact on students by producing the most educators, according to Doug Jones, founder of The College Database. Morningside was ranked sixth on a list of the 26 public and private colleges and universities in Iowa that awarded the most education degrees during the 2012 academic year.

Campaign Donation

MDU Resources Foundation made a $50,000 donation to Morningside College to support capital projects that are part of the college’s Vision 2020: Transformation II fundraising campaign. Knife River Corporation and Jebro Inc., both with offices in Sioux City, are MDU Resources Group companies. Publicly launched in 2012, the Vision 2020 campaign has raised more than $44.8 million toward its goal of $50 million by 2019.
Another all-sports trophy for Morningside
Morningside ran away with the 2013-2014 Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) All-Sports Trophy, winning the coveted award for the third year in a row and for the fifth time in the last eight years. The Mustangs scored 159.5 points for a comfortable 20.5-point cushion over runner-up Doane for the second largest victory margin in the 14-year history of the award.

The Mustangs were the class of the league in both genders. They topped the conference with 86.5 points in men’s sports and 73 points in women’s sports.

Morningside won GPAC championships in seven different sports during the 2013-2014 calendar year, including its first-ever titles in men’s cross country and women’s tennis. The Mustangs captured their fourth straight GPAC championship in wrestling and their third straight GPAC crown in football. Morningside was one of four teams to share the GPAC women’s basketball championship, giving it two straight league titles in that sport. Morningside’s other GPAC championships came in women’s soccer and softball.

GPAC titles for football, men’s cross country, women’s soccer
The journey to the all-sports trophy began in the fall when Morningside won GPAC titles in football, men’s cross country and women’s soccer.

The football team advanced all the way to the semifinals of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) playoffs before bowing out with an 11-2 record. Senior wide receiver Kyle Schuck received the NAIA’s top football honor when he was named the 2013 Rawlings-NAIA National Football Player of the Year to cap a career where he became Morningside’s all-time leader with 47 career touchdowns.

The men’s cross country team also enjoyed considerable post-season success with a 12th-place finish at the NAIA National Championship, where senior Garret Ehlers became the college’s first-ever NAIA men’s cross country All-American.

Basketball, wrestling teams create winter excitement
The men’s and women’s basketball teams gave Mustang fans plenty of thrills this winter, especially after the calendar flipped to 2014 and both teams went on late season runs that led to NAIA National Tournament appearances.

Things didn’t look so rosy for the Morningside women when they began the conference season with three losses in their first four games. But the Mustangs rebounded by going 15-1 over their final 16 league games, including victories in each of the last 10 contests, to finish in a four-way tie atop the GPAC standings in the closest race in league history.

Kyle Schuck

Leann Osten provided senior leadership and went over the 1000-point mark for her career. She was joined on the All-GPAC First Team by junior forward Ashlynn Muhl, who was named to the all-tournament team at the NAIA Division II National Tournament, where the Mustangs eventually lost in the quarterfinals to cap a 29-7 season.

The Mustang men also went on a late season surge en route to their fourth national tournament appearance during the Jim Sykes era. Morningside won its final seven regular season contests to finish as the GPAC runner-up and then stretched its winning streak to 10 with three more wins in the GPAC Tournament, including an 87-85 win against regular season champ Dordt in the title game.

An opening round loss in the national tournament put the Mustangs’ final record at 25-9. Senior guard Danny Rudeen finished his career as the second leading scorer in Morningside history with 1,974 points and was named a second-team NAIA II All-American and a first-team Academic All-American.

The winter success wasn’t just limited to the basketball court. The Mustang wrestlers won their last nine duals to finish with a 12-6 record, including a perfect 7-0 mark in the GPAC. Joe Sievert, Tyler Lashbrook, Rulin Pederson and Jordan Langley earned All-America honors to lead the Mustangs to a ninth-place finish at the NAIA National Championships.

Neeia Cooperwood was an All-American in the long jump and 200-meters during the indoor track season and was named the GPAC Female Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the Year after she won three events at the GPAC Championships. Cooperwood added two more All-America performances at the NAIA Outdoor Championships, where Garret Ehlers, Andrew Christen and the men’s 3200-meter relay team also earned All-America honors.

Great year for women’s tennis, softball
After two straight years as the GPAC women’s tennis runner-up, the Mustangs broke through this spring by winning GPAC regular season and post-season tournament championships on their way to a sixth consecutive national tournament appearance. The Mustangs finished with a 12-5 record, including a perfect 7-0 mark in the GPAC.

Amanda Pryzms and Audri Swisher became the top winners in the program’s history with 69 career singles and doubles victories, while Austin Grundy finished his career as the men’s all-time leader with 80 wins.

The spring also featured another fine campaign by the Mustang softball team, which won GPAC regular season and post-season tournament championships on their way to a sixth consecutive national tournament appearance. Morningside went 30-14 for its 11th 30-win season in the last 12 years. Katie Steffen set a school record with 38 home runs and was named GPAC Player of the Year, while Jordan Johnson was the GPAC Pitcher of the Year.

With more than 50 organizations on campus, students have many exciting opportunities to get involved and become leaders at Morningside College. Whether it is playing basketball, singing in the choir, debating on the mock trial team or hosting their own radio show, students can expand their horizons and offer their talents and gifts to the world around them.
Sports as Religion
A look back at the course

By Dr. Sharon Ocker

During the mid-1980s, Morningside introduced a course requirement called interdisciplinary seminar. It was to be a three-credit class that combined two areas of thought or study, and was required of all students in order to graduate.

I had just read a splendid book called “The Joy of Sports” by Michael Novak, a well-known theologian/philosopher who had written many books in those two fields. “The Joy of Sports” was inspired by the author’s love for baseball, where he saw many parallels between sports and religion. Aha, I thought, perhaps I could devise a course that would compare the fields of sports and religion, since I was very interested and active in both. Thus a course was born, called Sports as Religion. Morningside offered it about 15 times, and over 300 students took it. It was a lot of fun and stimulated a great deal of discussion and thought.

As part of the seminar experience, I invited experts in several fields to visit us, to tell about their interests, offer insights and answer the question “Is sports a religion?” Guests included ministers, coaches, sports broadcasters, sports writers, and a few just plain sports fans.

One of my contentions in the course was that to some people, sports is their religion. It dominates their lives, pervades their activities, and seems to be all they really care about. You have known people like that, I’m sure. They go to all the games, read about sports in the papers, watch a lot of television, etc.

I relived that experience by listening to the video and/or audio tapes that were made in class, and have selected a few highlights for your edification. I hope you enjoy them.

One of our guest speakers was Dr. Bruce Forbes 1970, a distinguished faculty member at Morningside who is also an ordained Methodist minister. He provided several quotations of definitions of religion, which were very helpful to the class. The most popular one was “Religion, in the largest and most basic sense of the word, is ultimate concern.” – Paul Tillich.

Here are some more interesting comments about sports and religion.

“Religion is a constant; sports a diversion. Prayer is a part of life. It’s OK to pray to do well on a test; it’s also OK to pray to do well and win in sports.”
–Erv Mondt, former Morningside football coach.

“Sports may not be a religion, but it may fill enough religious needs that it takes the place of religion for some people.”
–John Hagberg, Lutheran pastor, paraphrasing remarks by Dr. Steve Plymale, a one-time campus minister at Morningside.

“Sports become a religion to people, especially fans. We develop massive coverage of athletic events because of the interest of fans.”
–Terry Hersom, sports editor at the Sioux City Journal.

“Novak focused on some of the attributes of religion (form, discipline, consecration, etc.) but neglected the essence of religion, which is summed up in the word ‘relationship’—between man/woman and God. That is the only relationship that truly lasts. All human relationships ultimately end, but your relationship with God won’t be that way.”
–Lou Lotz, former pastor at Morningside Reformed Church (now Sunnybrook Community Church).

“Sports are not the highest form of religion—they are just one form. But they do teach certain things in a way that few religions surpass.”
–Michael Novak.

I want to share a few more quotes. They are not about sports and religion, but I found them to be insightful and interesting.

“I am death on people who yell at officials, and I suppose the officials are only wrong when they work my game.”
–Bud Brockman, longtime Morningside coach and athletic director.

“We’re small but we’re slow.” (A truthful analysis of one of his teams—a twist on a typical coach’s comment that “we’re small, but we’re quick.”)
–Erv Mondt.

“The future is now.”
–George Allen, former football coach at Morningside and for the Washington Redskins, who often recruited older, experienced players and who never had a losing NFL season.

“Can of corn” for an easy basket on a fast break and “fasten your seat belts” when a close game was winding down.
–Leo Morris 1949. These were common expressions in his broadcasts of Morningside basketball games, where he was known as the “Speaking Chief.” He pitched fast-pitch softball and once pitched 29 games without a walk, which still may be a record in that sport.

“The toughest call for a baseball umpire is the marginal strike zone, especially the lower pitches. Umps hurt pitchers more than they help them. Major league umps have a shrunken vertical strike zone, but they use the width of the plate like the rule says.”
–Jim Scholten, longtime Morningside baseball coach, who umpires a lot of high school baseball games and officiates football games.

“When you win, say little. When you lose, say nothing.”
–Joe Malsam 1975, former Morningside player and former football coach at Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City.

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No place like

By Jenny Welp

Morningside plans to renovate Dimmitt Hall

Lobby just outside the formal lounge

Formal lounge

Renderings courtesy of Credo Design Architects, LLC.
If walls could talk, just think of the stories that could be told by Dimmitt Hall. The 87-year-old building served as Morningside’s only residence hall for decades, and it remains home to almost half of the students living on campus. Its population of nearly 400 students is larger than some small towns.
“What happened there helped make people who they are today,” said Terri Curry, vice president of student life and enrollment, who started her career at Morningside as Dimmitt Hall director. “The relationships that were established there really helped build the solid foundation for so many people that have gone through Morningside College. That foundation, as a building, has been there for a long time, but also the foundation for young people’s lives.”

Now Morningside College is planning a $12 million renovation of Dimmitt Hall, preserving the history of the building while at the same time modernizing the facility to meet the needs of today’s students.

The term “dorm” comes from the French word “dormir,” which means “to sleep,” but nowadays residence halls are thought of as much more than that, said Kevin Rolling, senior project manager with Credo, the company leading the design of the renovation.

“What I think most institutions are starting to realize — and what all the research and data shows today — is that a majority of the learning happens outside the classroom,” he said. “Since the majority of the time, students are studying — and spending a lot of their free time — in the residence halls, bringing academics and a learning component into the residence halls is a very strong feature.”

MAKING IT COMFORTABLE

First of all, the college plans to update the building’s mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. This may not seem very exciting, but it will make a big difference for students, said Sheri Hineman, assistant director of residence life, who lives in Dimmitt Hall.

The building will go from having no air conditioning to being completely air conditioned, and residents will have much more control over the heating system.

“Overall they’re going to be more comfortable in their room temperature-wise, which helps a lot,” Hineman said.

Right now signs in the bathroom say, “Be kind to your neighbor. Please yell ‘flush’ when someone else is showering.” That is because right after someone flushes the toilet, the water in the shower suddenly will get really hot or really cold. Improvements to the plumbing system will fix this problem.

Today’s students also use more power than students of the past. They have computers, gaming boxes, sometimes multiple TVs. Once you start adding curling irons and all of that, it is a common occurrence to blow breakers, according to Hineman. The renovation will address this problem.

The building will be made handicap accessible, complete with elevators. Improvements to the exterior of the building will include new windows and doors, a new roofing system, and additional insulation, among other things. These improvements will help with energy efficiency.

“Dimmitt Hall has great bones,” Rolling said. “It’s structurally sound, so the ability to take an existing asset and transform it into a new environment is really a cool thing to see happen.”

BUILDING COMMUNITY

A goal of the residential college experience is to help students learn how to be part of a community. Curry said students learn a lot just by interacting with each other, so the college is renovating Dimmitt to encourage even more interactions.

There will be lounges and full kitchens where the halls intersect, creating a large community space where students can spend time with each other and even get practice cooking meals. There also will be laundry facilities throughout the building instead of in just one area, like it is now.

“This will help build community but also maybe some life skills, something where the RA could really walk students through how to do laundry, where in the past having just one big facility in the basement didn’t always allow that to happen,” Curry said.

Right now the informal lounge is a big, open room that doesn’t have a lot of structure to it. The renovation will break up that space to create different environments. There will be a raised area with booth seating, lounge seating and a screen to watch movies. There will be tables by a fireplace for socializing, a gaming area with TVs, and an active area for pool, foosball and ping pong. There also will be a kitchen and a fitness center.

“I really like what the informal is supposed to look like,” said student Paige Potter, who works in residence life as head resident of Dimmitt Hall. “It amazes me that they can create so many different areas for students. I hope it pulls even more students out of their rooms.”

The renovation also will include new chapter rooms for the college’s sororities and fraternities.

SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING

More than one student said it is difficult to study in your own room because there are just too many distractions. Dimmitt currently has a few places students can go to study, but they fill up.

Student Jay Welp said the formal lounge gets filled to capacity. Especially during finals, it can get pretty tense.

“If one table’s being too loud, the other ones will just give them dirty looks all night,” he said. “It’s kind of funny.”

The renovation will make it possible to break up the formal lounge...
into smaller spaces when needed. It also uses every inch of Dimmitt, creating study nooks all over the place – even on a landing at the top of the stairs. Some spaces cater to small-group projects, while others are for quiet individual work. There also will be practice rooms for music students and a seminar room that can be used for classes, tutoring or meetings with first-year advisors.

Along with all of these changes, there will be a new faculty apartment in Dimmitt Hall, which will be surrounded by 10 two-person rooms and some community space.

A visiting scholar will live in that apartment, explained Dr. William Deeds, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. In the fall semester, the students living in those 10 rooms will take a course with the visiting scholar. As the year progresses, Deeds said the community will most likely grow as students bring in their friends and the visiting scholar teaches additional courses.

“This is a good example of a high-impact learning practice,” he said. “To the degree that students are well-connected with their faculty, it models learning isn’t just confined to the classroom. It’s a holistic kind of experience. They will learn a lot more than the content material in their class. In an ideal world, they will develop research ideas with the faculty member. They will get to know what the life of a scholar is like by living and learning with them.”

**MAKING IT HAPPEN**

The renovation will result in improvements and updates across the residence hall, with a focus on honoring the history of the facility. The original U-shaped building that was constructed in the 1920s will maintain its elegant character and architectural detail, while the outer wings that were added in the 1960s will be given a more modern feel.

“It’s really neat how the architects have tried to preserve the original facility, bringing it back to its original luster,” Curry said. “That’s what I think should happen with buildings like this.”

Earlier this year, Norman Waitt Jr. 1986 kicked off the fundraising campaign for the renovated Dimmitt project with a $3 million donation from his Kind World Foundation. “As competition in the higher education marketplace continues to rise, parents and students expect more modern residence halls,” Waitt said. “The renovated Dimmitt Hall will provide students a modern, nurturing environment in which they can excel. I am truly honored and humbled to be part of this project that will pay dividends for Morningside students for decades to come.”

More donations followed. Now the college needs to raise an additional $2.5 million by Oct. 1 so it can complete the renovation project during the summer of 2015.

“It will be a huge environmental difference for the residential experience at Morningside College, just because it houses almost half of the students living on campus,” Rolling said.

Curry said it is exciting to renovate a building that is so important to the history of Morningside.

“When I think of buildings on campus that represent Morningside College through time, Dimmitt Hall,” she said. “During times that were tough, the people in there endured and the institution endured. It has so much rich history, and when you talk to alums, there is a very soft spot in their hearts for what happened there and how they matured through their time there.”
Going back to our roots

Morningside launches

By Rick Wollman

Caden McDonald just finished his freshman year at Morningside College, and he is looking forward to returning in the fall. That’s when Morningside kicks off its new Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program. McDonald plans to be part of the first group of students to enroll in the new program.

The Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program is designed to prepare Morningside students for career opportunities with a wide range of companies involved directly or indirectly in food and fiber production in the United States or around the globe. Morningside named the program for Regina Roth to recognize the generous contribution she made to the new academic major. Roth is executive vice president of Beef Products Inc. in Dakota Dunes, S.D., and a member of the college’s board of directors.

“The ag and food studies major at Morningside caught my attention when I was looking at colleges as a high school senior,” McDonald said. “It’s an area that I’m really interested in studying and working in.”

According to Morningside President John Reynders, the college is uniquely positioned to offer a program of study related to agriculture and food because of its location in one of the world’s major agriculture regions.

“So many students at Morningside come from communities that are anchored in ag-related industries,” Reynders said. “And they grow up with a passion, an understanding and an appreciation for the value of this industry. Then there is Sioux City’s long history of serving as the regional center for a wide range of companies and businesses devoted to agriculture and related support services.”

Reynders explained that for many years Morningside offered an agribusiness major with a livestock marketing emphasis that was closely tied to the former Sioux City stockyards. But that academic program ended nearly 20 years ago.

“When we were looking for new programs that would allow our students to go off and flourish and make differences in the world, something related to agriculture and food production seemed like a natural fit,” Reynders said.

But, Reynders added, Morningside intended from the beginning to develop a broad-based program that would be different from the type of agriculture program found at most large, state universities. As a first step, the college sought advice and input from international and national companies such as Tyson Foods, Cargill and Beef Products Inc., as well as regional firms such as Midwest Independent Soil Samplers LLC, Palmer Candy Company and Security National Bank.

The result is a curriculum that gives students exposure to scientific, cultural and business principles related to agriculture and food production.

“We designed our program to specifically give students the skill sets that they need to have a broad understanding of how agriculture and food production work,” said Dr. Anthony Kern, a Morningside biology professor and academic chair of the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program. “But another area of focus that we have is giving students additional skills that business leaders tell us they look for in employees — communication, critical thinking and analytic skills.”

Kern said students are introduced to food safety methods, soil science and plant nutrition, and ethical issues in contemporary agriculture. The interdisciplinary curriculum also draws on many of Morningside’s well-established academic programs: biology and chemistry, business administration and economics, history and...
political science, mathematical sciences, philosophy, and writing and rhetoric.

The program offers the Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Bachelor of Science degree and the Agricultural Studies Bachelor of Arts degree. In addition to the two majors, students can select one of the newly developed minors in agribusiness, environmental policy/law, food safety or sustainable agriculture. Students also can choose a variety of already established minors in areas such as chemistry, general business, English, political science, U.S. politics, legal studies, journalism, electronic media production, mathematics, Spanish and sustainability studies.

Kern said students are introduced to food safety methods, soil and food production work,” said Dr. Anthony Kern, a Morningside biology professor and academic chair of the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program. “But another area of focus sets that they need to have a broad understanding of how agriculture and food production.

the value of this industry. Then there is Sioux City’s long history of agriculture regions.

Kern points out that Morningside’s ag and food studies program also is built around the realities of the job market.

“The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that over 50,000 new jobs every year are going to be needed in the agricultural and food sectors,” Kern said. “And these are jobs that require four-year degrees from ag-based programs like ours.”

Morningside has hired Chris Benson 1994, who was vice president of value added meats for Tyson Foods, to serve as director of the college’s new ag and food program. In addition to overall administrative responsibility for the program, Benson will draw on his agribusiness connections to provide students with practical, hands-on experiences in a field related to agriculture or food.

“As students in the program enter their junior or senior years, they will participate in an externship,” Benson said. “This will be a semester-long, paid, hands-on experience where our students will work with management and production teams at a business involved in some way with agriculture or food. The externship will provide students an opportunity to gain experience, knowledge and an understanding of that field in a real-world setting. But it also presents students an opportunity to extend that externship into full-time employment.”

Benson has 20 years of agribusiness experience. After graduating from Morningside in 1994 with a double major in agribusiness and economics, he started working for IBP. Benson has held several managerial and executive positions with IBP and later with Tyson.

“Our ag program will provide students with an opportunity to have more of a personal relationship not only with faculty and other students, but with ag-related business managers and employees in this area,” Benson said. “Morningside has many alumni who are agribusiness owners or involved in the food industry, and we believe that those relationships provide us the chance to expose our students to opportunities in those organizations.”

The Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program will be based in the new classroom building now under construction on the Morningside campus.
Meet the 2013 recipients

Dr. Kim Christopherson is an associate professor of psychology who has been on the faculty since 2007. Award evaluators cited her success as a professor, student adviser and academic scholar. They said she works hard, whether she is experimenting with a flipped classroom; presenting research on learning styles; volunteering in the writing center; helping students plan, execute and communicate their own research; writing a textbook and articles; working with teens to understand and address substance abuse; or guiding Morningside through curricular revisions. This is the second time she has received a Walker Faculty Excellence Award. She received her first award in 2010.

Dr. Jill Wilson is an assistant professor of music who has been teaching at Morningside since 2010. Award evaluators commended her for a variety of activities. In addition to teaching courses in the music department, she participates in the first-year seminar program and has received recognition for excellence in first-year teaching and advising. She serves on critical faculty committees and is helping with curricular revisions. Off-campus leadership roles include board member, committee chair and editor. Her professional endeavors cover activities ranging from conference presentations and publications to conducting and even occasionally playing French horn in the Sioux City Municipal Band.

Dr. Heather Reid joined the faculty in 1996 and is now professor and chair of the philosophy department. Award evaluators said she has broken ground in her scholarship and her teaching. Recognized around the world as one of the foremost scholars in the philosophy of sport, she had a book published that is already considered the seminal text in its field, and she published one edited volume, two book chapters and three journal articles. She also planned and led a semester in Italy. This is her third Walker Faculty Excellence Award. She also received awards in 2004 and 2009.

About the awards

The Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Awards were established in 2003 by a generous gift from Jim and Sharon Walker 1970 of Wayzata, Minn. Outside evaluators select the recipients, and criteria for selection include teaching excellence, effective advising, scholarship and service to the college during the previous academic year.
Announcing the 2013 Thompson Award Recipients

Morningside College presented the 2013 Thomas S. Thompson Staff Excellence Awards to Tim Jager, athletics director; Kirk Johnson, physical plant director; Steve Ryan, head football coach; Joe Stabile, maintenance in Dimmitt Hall; Sherry (Streyffeler) Swan 1984. administrative assistant for the academic departments in Charles City Hall; and Suzi Taylor, custodian in Lewis Hall. Johnson also was named staff employee of the year.

Recipients were selected based upon their demonstration of outstanding dedication, service and commitment to Morningside and its students during the 2012-2013 academic year.

President John Reynolds presented the awards at the annual holiday and recognition banquet in December. Funding for the annual awards comes from an endowment established by Margaret Thompson, wife of the late Thomas S. Thompson, who served as president of Morningside from 1969 to 1978.

Jager has been at Morningside since 2003. His commitment to excellence and unwillingness to settle for second best has a positive impact on all who work with him. He leads by example and serves as a role model and mentor for both students and staff.

Johnson joined the college in 1991. He leads the team that takes care of college facilities. As the campus grows and improves with new construction and remodeling projects, he plays a key role in seeing that it all gets done.

Ryan has been head football coach at the college since 2001. By almost any benchmark, his career at Morningside has been stellar. Throughout Sioux City, the Midwest and even the nation, his success has drawn attention and helped shine a positive spotlight on Morningside.

Stabile started working for Morningside in 2001. Nearly 400 students depend on him to keep their "home" in tip-top shape, and their home is one of the largest and oldest buildings on campus. He takes on the challenge with a smile, a can-do attitude and a genuine concern for the students who rely on him.

Swan has been a Morningside employee since 2008. She is a jack-of-all-trades: a planner, an organizer, a technologist and a collaborator. While she may appear to be in the middle of an oftentimes chaotic work environment, she keeps a cool head and a calm demeanor.

Taylor joined the college in 2007. Other staff members describe her as sweet, kind, caring and genuine. She takes great pride in her work and is willing to make that extra effort to do things right. When a problem comes up, she takes immediate steps to get it solved.

Faculty Notes

Aaron Bunker, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, received an award from the American Physiological Society, and he co-authored a chapter published in a book. The ADInstruments Macknight Early Career Progressive Educator Award from the American Physiological Society honors an applicant who demonstrates the greatest potential for combining innovative teaching techniques and effectively using technology resources in engaging students in physiology education. Bunker received the award for his inquiry-based laboratory activity he developed for his general physiology class. Along with the award, Bunker received a travel grant to attend the 2014 Experimental Biology Conference in San Diego, Calif., and he received an institutional grant in the form of ADInstruments physiological laboratory equipment to use in his physiology classes. Then Bunker co-authored the chapter “Insulin Resistance and Endothelial Dysfunction: Macro and Microangiopathy” with faculty members from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Duke University Medical Center and the University of Texas at Tyler. The chapter discusses the relationship between the insulin-resistance that can occur with Type 2 Diabetes and the damage to blood vessels that insulin resistance can cause. It also reviews the beneficial effects of exercise on preventing insulin resistance. The chapter appears in the book “Type 2 Diabetes” edited by Kazuko Masuo.

David Elder, Ph.D., assistant professor of writing and rhetoric; Jeremy Schnieder, Ph.D., assistant professor of writing and rhetoric; and Leslie Werden, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of writing and rhetoric, presented at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Indianapolis, Ind. The title of their session was “Resistance In, Around, and About Teaching Writing.” Elder gave a presentation titled “Resisting the Divide: Where High School and College Writing Meet”; Schnieder gave a presentation titled “You Can’t Tell Me How to Write - Reconceptualizing Student Resistance”; and Werden gave a presentation titled “Creative Visions for Overcoming Resistance in Faculty Development.” In addition, Schnieder and Werden co-presented a workshop about writing studies programs seeking independence at various institutions and what implications that may bring. Werden and Barry Maid, Ph.D., of Arizona State University also led a discussion about sustaining independent writing programs.

Michael Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., dean of graduate studies, was a presenter at the ninth annual Academy for Educational Studies Critical Questions in Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Fitzpatrick presented a session that examined the teaching styles of higher education professors. He analyzed the findings of a study regarding different teaching methods related to perception and context.
**James M. Hopkins**, CPA, professor of accounting, had an article published by the National Association of Tax Professionals. His article, titled “Dependency Exemption-Not Always a Clear Issue,” appeared in the January issue of TAXPRO Monthly. The article discussed how the qualifying child and qualifying relative rules for an income tax dependency exemption applied in an unusual situation.

**Anthony Kern**, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of biology and chemistry, co-authored a chapter published in the book “Genomics of Plant Genetic Resources.” He co-authored the chapter “Maintaining Food Value of Wild Rice (Zizania palustris L.) Using Comparative Genomics” with faculty members from the University of Minnesota. The chapter explains how the researchers used genetic information from rice to understand the genetics and breeding of wild rice. Their primary goal was to breed wild rice to make it easier to harvest.


**Jim March**, D.M.A., professor of music, gave a presentation at the Historical Keyboard Society of North America meeting at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. His presentation covered the process of constructing a late 18th-century style unfretted German clavichord with his 2013 May Term class. Six students aided March in the building of the clavichord: Justin Dixon, Cade Herrig, Katsu Ishii, Garret Lambrecht, Blair Remmers, and Jade Sanchez.

**Pamela Mickelson**, Ed.D., professor of business, made a presentation at the Marketing Management Association’s 2013 Fall Educators’ Conference in New Orleans, La., and gave a lecture at the national conference of the Federation of Business Disciplines and the Association of Collegiate Marketing Educators in Dallas, Texas. In New Orleans, she gave a presentation on the four ‘p’s of international study tours – people, planning, playing and promoting. In Dallas, she gave a presentation titled “Advancing Student Learning Beyond Summarizing: Creating Secondary Research Assignments to Foster Evaluation and Synthesis Skills” with Renee Gravois Lee, Ph.D., of Sam Houston State University.

**Joan Nielsen**, Ed. Spec., associate professor of education and project manager of Project Proficient, was a presenter at the Iowa Culture and Language Conference in Coralville, Iowa. She gave a presentation that examined Professional Learning Communities and implementation of the concept for staff development in diverse school districts across the state of Iowa. She also gave a presentation with Socorro Herrera, Ph.D., a Kansas State University professor of education. This presentation was titled “Application of Effective Teaching Strategies.” Project Proficient is a federally funded program at Morningside College where area teachers receive scholarships for courses to become certified to work with English Language Learners.

**Dick Owens**, Ed.D., professor emeritus of education, and **Joe Rosener**, M.A., a former staff member in the graduate education department, received the Helping Hands Award from the Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa. That is the highest award granted by the organization.

**Jessica Pleuss**, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, co-authored a paper published in Early Childhood Research Quarterly. The article, “Family Child Care Providers and Center-Based Providers: Differences in Patterns of Caregiving Behavior Over Time,” examines the quality of caregiving received by infants and toddlers in family and center-based child care arrangements.

**Heather Reid**, Ph.D., professor and chair of philosophy, was awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Rome Prize in Ancient Studies from the American Academy in Rome. As part of the fellowship, Reid will live, study and conduct research at the American Academy in Rome from September 2014 through July 2015. The academy annually awards the Rome Prize to approximately 30 artists and scholars after a national competition in which independent juries evaluate applicants in 11 disciplines that include ancient studies, literature, architecture and musical composition. Reid is a specialist in ancient philosophy and the philosophy of sport. She has published six books related to sports philosophy and the Olympics. The American Academy in Rome, founded in 1894, is the oldest American overseas center for independent study and advanced research in the arts and humanities.

**Barb Schons**, M.S., adjunct instructor for the graduate program in education, made a presentation at the 2013 Supporting Learning and Technology in Education (SLATE) and Midwest Moodle Moot conference in Naperville, Ill. Her presentation was titled “Using Essential Questions and Backward Design to Ensure Rigor and Relevance in Online Instruction.”

**Molly Williams**, J.D., professor of business, chaired a session and was a discussant at the Midwest Business Administration Association International Conference in Chicago, Ill. She chaired the Strategic Management Application session, which involved the presentation of four papers, and she was the discussant for the Model Development Applications session.

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**New Staff**

**Chris Benson 1994**, director of applied agriculture and food studies, has overall administrative responsibility for the Regina Roth Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program, and he will teach agribusiness courses. He has 20 years of agribusiness experience, most recently as vice president of value added meats at Tyson Foods. Benson has a bachelor’s degree from Morningside College.
Cari Brogden, business office and human resource associate, assists the controller and director of human resources in completing regulatory reports and helps assure department compliance with federal and state regulations. She has previous experience working in marketing and human resources for Wells Enterprises and as a paralegal for Gateway. Brogden has a bachelor’s degree from Minot State University in Minot, N.D.

Randi (Mann) Hudson 2005, graduate financial planning coordinator for student financial planning, supervises graduate financial aid programs. She comes to Morningside with about eight years of experience in higher education as a loan coordinator, a supervisor for cashiering and student accounts, and a financial aid administrator and counselor. Hudson has a master’s degree from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

Adam Nieman, custodian, is responsible for the cleanliness of assigned areas and performance of other duties established by the director of physical plant and the custodial supervisor. Before coming to Morningside, he worked at Taco Bell.

Orlando Rodriguez, custodian, is responsible for the cleanliness of assigned areas and performance of other duties established by the director of physical plant and the custodial supervisor. Most recently, he was working as a custodian at MidAmerican Energy.

Tracy Sursely, student information office manager for the graduate program in education, is responsible for maintenance of all graduate student records, reception and telephone duties, and coordinating activities across the institution. She comes to Morningside from Dakota State University in Madison, S.D., where she was a senior secretary. Sursely has a bachelor’s degree from South Dakota State University in Brookings.

Trace Taylor, prospect research and stewardship coordinator for institutional advancement, is responsible for donor prospect research, prospect tracking and oversight of the prospect data entry system. She most recently worked at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., where she was director of residential education and services and student conduct administrator. Taylor has a master’s degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Scott Tschetter, head men’s volleyball coach, was hired to start the men’s volleyball program, which is scheduled to begin varsity competition during the 2014-2015 academic year. He previously was the head women’s volleyball coach for 16 seasons at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, Iowa, where his teams compiled a record of 444-271. Tschetter has a bachelor’s degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

### Retirements

**Dan Holmes** retired in February. He had worked at Morningside as a custodian since 1998.

**Dr. Mary Leida** is retiring in December. She started at Morningside in 1987 as a faculty member in the biology department. She took on additional responsibilities over the years, serving as associate dean for academic affairs and later dean for advising while still serving as a professor in the biology department. She eventually moved into the full-time role of dean for advising. Then she took on even more responsibilities, serving as dean for advising and associate dean of students since 2007.

**The Rev. Kathy Martin 1999** is retiring in June. She has worked as chaplain and director of church relations at Morningside since 2005. While at Morningside, she expanded the number of campus ministry events and opportunities for students. Her mission trips helped Gulf Coast communities devastated by hurricanes and assisted residents of many other areas.

**Mary Peshek** is retiring in August. She has served as the registrar at Morningside College since 1998. She has served on numerous committees and task forces and has overseen the movement of the student record archives to a digital format.

**Janice Petersen** retired in February, continuing to work part time at Morningside until the end of May. She started her career at Morningside in 1986 as secretary to the associate dean for continuing education. She has served as secretary for the graduate education program since 1990.

**Ros Smith 1968** is retiring at the end of June. She started at Morningside in 1985 as programming manager. The next school year, she was named programming manager and systems analyst. She also served as a part-time instructor in the business department, teaching classes for several years and serving on numerous committees. She has served as director of administrative computing since 2000.
Distinguished Alumni Award

Ken Tanimoto 1971 of Hiroshima, Japan, received this award from the Morningside College Alumni Association, and his sister Koko Tanimoto Kondo received an Honorary Alumni Award. The siblings grew up in Hiroshima, Japan, during the time of the atomic bomb and its aftermath. They visited Morningside this spring to share their experiences with the community.

Outstanding seniors recognized by alumni association

Nick Brincks of Carroll, Iowa
Pablo De La Cruz of Santa Ana, Calif.
Emily Greenlee of Lincoln, Neb.
Cameron Oakley of Sioux City
Leann Osten of Columbus, Neb.
Andrew Poeckes of Remsen, Iowa
David Riveros Garcia of Hernandarias, Paraguay
Danny Rudeen of Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Dr. William C. Yockey Assessment Awards for efforts to improve learning

Dr. Jessica Pleuss for Child and Adolescent Psychology.
Dr. Greg Guelcher for 20th Century World History.
Dr. Chad Leugers for Principles of Biology.
The Political Science Department for department-wide success in improving student learning.

Wert Award

Dr. Jacklyn R. (Brummond) Barber 1995, professor of nursing education, received the Lucille and Charles Wert Faculty Award, which recognizes the faculty member judged by his or her peers to best exemplify the ideals of the teaching profession at Morningside.

Alumni Educator of the Year

Jerad Wulf 2002, principal and district special education director at Wakefield Elementary School in Wakefield, Neb.

Siouxland Alumni Teacher of the Year

Nancy Walker 1985, a first-grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School in Sioux City.


HONORARY DOCTORATES

Dr. Douglas C. Livermore in recognition of his 32-year career as a business professor at Morningside. During his career, he held several leadership positions on the faculty and received faculty excellence awards.

Dr. Martha Reid in recognition of her work as editor of the 2004 and 2014 self-studies Morningside prepared as part of the reaccreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission.
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The President’s Society commends those who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to Morningside College by contributing $1,000 or more. The college also wishes to acknowledge the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) members who form the next generation of philanthropists through their gifts of $100 or more. This list recognizes President’s Society and GOLD members for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2014.

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Class Notes

By Vianna Miller

Editor’s Note: Send us your news! Everyone is excited to find out what is going on in your life. That is why this is one of the most popular sections of the magazine.

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1934
Adeline (Hall) Anderl celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept. 30, 2013. She taught English for many years in Sioux City, and several former students attended her 100th birthday celebration. Anderl currently resides at Sunrise Retirement Community in Sioux City.

1951
James Mohatt, husband of the late Beverly (Spielman) Mohatt, stated in his will that he wanted to establish a music education scholarship for a violin major in his late wife’s name.

1953
Ben Ploof received the 2013 T. S. Parvin Award from the Iowa Conference for Masonic Cooperation. The award is presented annually to an Iowa Mason who has contributed to the betterment of the fraternity. The conference is composed of the seven Masonic organizations serving Iowa.

1956
The Rev. Curtis L. Hayes wrote a book about his life that was recently published by iUniverse. “Life Still Goes On” takes readers through his experiences as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. It details his work as a public school teacher, pastor in the United Methodist Church, missionary with the Sudan Interior Mission in Liberia, West Africa, and a former substitute teacher in New Mexico. Through it all, he shares how the grace of God delivered him from unfortunate circumstances.

1963
Rod Spears, of Prudential Premier Real Estate in Fargo, N.D., earned first place for commercial gross commission income in the state of North Dakota.

1968
Peter King was recognized by the city of Port St. Lucie, Fla., as a recipient of the Purple Heart and received another award from the city for the Purple Heart. He is also a registered umpire in the Port St. Lucie baseball league.

1969
Richard “Dick” Turner was appointed to the Pennsylvania Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure Commission as a public member.

1970
Richard Cook, artistic director of Park Square Theatre in downtown St. Paul, Minn., is expecting to open a second stage, the Andy Boss Thrust Stage, in September.

Catching Up with

The Mauer File
Graduation Year: 1984
Major: English—Writing, History and Political Science (Steve); Elementary Education, Physical Education (Julie)
Current Residence: Overland Park, Kan.
Occupations: Partner, Zerger and Mauer (Steve); Retired (Julie)

Steve and Julie (Spotts) Mauer will celebrate their 30th college reunion this year. The couple, who live in Overland Park, Kan., with their 15-year-old son, Nick, shared their Morningside College memories with warmth and enthusiasm. The two met their first year of college in Allee Gym.

“I was shooting hoops when Julie walked in from lifeguarding at the pool,” Steve said. “She challenged me to a game and promptly skunked me. I’ve been in love with her ever since.”

The Mauers attended many of the men’s basketball games, especially their senior year when the team went to the Final Four.

“More importantly, we attended Grace United Methodist Church every Sunday,” Julie reminisced. “We would go to service together and then walk to McDonald’s for lunch.” They also enjoyed going to Sneaky’s Chicken. “My grandparents lived in Sioux City, and they were almost always there whenever we went, so it was nice to be able to catch up.”

The Mauers were both active in Greek life. Julie was president of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and Steve served as president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

“We lived on campus two years and then in the sorority and fraternity houses two years,” Julie said. “I think it’s really important for students to live on campus for at least their first

Tom Rosen was recently awarded the Siehl Prize for Excellence in Agriculture from the University of Minnesota. It was noted that in 1986 he took over a business that was started by his father and uncle and had $200 million in sales and 200 employees, and he has taken Rosen’s Diversified Inc. (RDI) to sales of $3.5 billion and 5,000 employees while creating a work environment that values collaboration, innovation and support of the communities where it is located.

The Rev. Jeffrey Bullock had an article published in the May 2013 issue of The Christian Century magazine. He also has a book that came out this spring titled “Practicing Christian Patience.”

Bill Russell directed his musical “Elegies for Angels, Punks and Raging Queens” at Marymount College in New York City in January. He is co-author of “Pageant,” which was performed for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS in New York City in February. And “Side Show,” for which he wrote the book and lyrics, will play at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., this summer.
Steve and Julie (Spotts) Mauer

By Laura L. Florio

year. It’s when you meet your friends, and you have the opportunity to really experience what college is all about.”

“Absolutely,” Steve chimed in, “and with all the responsibilities that life brings, just remember to have fun. College is such a fantastic place to embrace life!” And embrace life he did. “Our fraternity hosted an annual keg roll. Basically, my brothers and I took an empty wooden keg and rolled it all the way to Wayne State in Nebraska. Then some of the brothers from that school rolled it to the University of South Dakota. They, in turn, rolled it back to us.

“It was great fun,” Steve said with a chuckle. “Julie’s sorority, on the other hand, woke up extra early before classes when it was icy and snowy and generously scraped all the windows on the nearby cars.”

After graduation, Julie, an education major, taught elementary school. She earned her master’s degree in instruction and curriculum and has since contributed to six professional publications. “My favorite professor was Dr. (Aline) Bobys, who taught one of my education classes. She had an effective hands-on approach with young children, and I mirrored her style.”

Steve enrolled in law school and became an attorney. “The faculty at Morningside, especially Dr. Tom Gilbert 1962 in the philosophy department, taught me creative persuasion, which is essential for my field.” The Mauers were married soon after Steve’s graduation. “The Monday after our wedding, Julie and I packed up our car and moved to Kansas City. We’ve been here ever since.”

When asked why they prioritize financial giving to the college, Steve was resolute. “We have been incredibly blessed. We’ve both had extremely successful careers, and much of that is attributed to the great start we had at Morningside. We want to help ensure that current students there have that same opportunity.”

1973

Mark Packard became the 55th individual to be inducted into the Midwest Pool Association Hall of Fame in April of 2013.

1975

Edgar Den Beste is the president of Great Western Bank in the Sioux City market.

Charlotte (Hovey) Petersen, of Ormond Beach, Fla., recently published her first novel, “Gathering Honey.”

1979

Keith Dye was named the associate dean for undergraduate and curricular issues for the College of Visual & Performing Arts at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He was elected president-elect of the Texas Music Educators Association, which is one of the largest music education organizations in the world with a membership of over 17,000. He also was elected chair-elect of the Music Teacher Education Special Research Interest Groups, National Association for Music Education.

1980

The Rev. Dale Schoening is pastor at Woodward United Methodist Church in Woodward, Iowa.

1981

Diane (Weber) Asmussen, was named one of the top 100 nurses in Iowa for 2013. She also received one of five nationally given Nurses’ Choice Awards.

The Rev. Douglas Federhart continues to work in ministry as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Having received additional training to practice as a certified spiritual director, he also serves as a spiritual care professional for Hazelden’s youth and family treatment program in Plymouth, Minn. He lives with his partner, Stuart Holland, in Minneapolis, Minn., and after more than 20 years together, they were legally married in August 2013.

1985

Kelli (Murphy) Tuttle, of Sioux City, was named Iowa Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. The award came from the Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She received the award in October during a state conference in Storm Lake. She also served as the grand marshal for the East High homecoming celebration in October. Tuttle is the head physical education teacher for the Sioux City Community School District. She teaches dance and physical education at East High School in Sioux City.

1986


1987

Paul McCallum received the Pittsburg State University Outstanding Faculty Award in 2012. He is an English professor at the university.

1992

Sheila Brunner has replaced Kristi VerMulm as an anchor for evening newscasts at KITV in Sioux City. Her broadcasting career started at KSCJ radio in Sioux City. Then she was a television reporter at KITV from 1993 to 1996. She went on to work as an anchor in Wausau, Wis.; Des Moines, Iowa; Omaha, Neb.; and Las Vegas, Nev. She has been honored for her work by the Iowa and Nebraska Broadcast News Associations.

1996

Jason Lauritsen is director of Best Places to Work at Quantum Workplace.

Sam Miller was nominated for the 2013-2014 Iowa Superintendent of the Year award sponsored by the School Administrators of Iowa.

1999

Janis Harrison, of Thurston, Neb., went to a clinical symposium on advances in skin and wound care, which accepted her abstract for wound care. She is the chief clinical consultant for a medical documentation app.

Ryan Neville is now assistant vice president, Internet/new media, for Hy-Vee Inc.
2001
Jason Walker is the lead teacher for adult secondary education and English as a second language at Muscatine Community College in Muscatine, Iowa.

2002
Nicole (Simons) Busch is a personal banking officer for Wells Fargo in Sioux City.

2003
Jason Gehling is business banking manager and market president for Wells Fargo in Sioux City.

2004
Michael Eldridge is principal at East Butler High School in Brainard, Neb.

2005
Shelby (Terrell) McCord, of Omaha, Neb., was promoted to human resource manager at the Hilton Omaha.

2008
Rachel Bellairs is back home in Seattle, Wash., after five years of teaching English at Tochigi Girls High School in Tochigi Prefecture in Japan.

2009
Russell Heine is a loan officer at Shelby County State Bank in Shelby, Iowa.

2010
Josh Benson is the strategic account manager at Orion Advisor Services in Omaha, Neb.

Deborah Finney is an art teacher in the Fairfield Community School District in Fairfield, Iowa.

Quin Kilgore is client service manager at Carson Wealth Management in Omaha, Neb.

Roni Miller is a chiropractor at Fluent Chiropractic Clinic in Sioux City.

Dillon Plantage is an analyst at the National Guard Bureau - Joint Intelligence Directorate in Arlington, Va.

Kelly (Baumert) Rutter is a human resource representative at Farm Credit Services of America in Omaha, Neb.

2011
Cody Malone is a middle school science teacher at Boyer Valley Community School District in Dunlap, Iowa.

Kelly Sigler is a second grade teacher in the Carroll Community School District in Carroll, Iowa.

2013
Jordyn Lapierre is a kindergarten teacher at Bryant Elementary in Sioux City.

Catching Up with
The Benson File
Graduation Year: 1990
Major: Recreation and Physical Fitness
Current Residence: Cedar Falls, Iowa
Current Occupation: President and Chief Operating Officer, CBE Companies

Chad Benson will celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary this year. He and his wife, Lisa, grew up next door to each other. They began dating his freshman year at Morningside College, married in 1989 and now have three children.

Benson is currently president and chief operating officer for CBE Companies in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The company, which was founded 80 years ago and is now global, has 1,200 employees and specializes in business process outsourcing, which includes call center and professional services, as well as software development. He joined the company six years ago.

Benson highlights the level of curiosity evoked by his time at Morningside College. “College was a time when I was trying to figure things out, and the exploratory opportunities I had at Morningside sparked my passion for business.” Benson recalls a marketing project assigned by Dr. Pam Mickelson that required him to come up with an idea for a business and create a marketing plan. “It was that strategic thinking process that helped me discover what I wanted to do careerwise.”

As a result of Mickelson’s marketing assignment, Benson is an avid proponent of internships. “I believe internships provide great hands-on experience and real-world learning that complement classroom instruction. In fact, I work hard to ensure that the 25 to 30 interns at CBE receive a robust experience of what it’s like to be a professional in the working world.”

In Loving Memory
1932
Ida (Fisch) Coenson, Boynton Beach, Fla., died Dec. 12, 2013.

1937
Dorothy (Lean) Rystad, Richardson, Texas, died Jan. 20, 2013.

1938
Dr. Wilfred Crabb, Lincoln, Neb., died July 17, 2013.


1940
Dr. Helen (Oshey) Wolle, Hayes, Va., died Dec. 9, 2013.

1941

Martha (Nelson) Breese, Orange City, Iowa, died Oct. 12, 2013.

Fred Davenport, Sioux City, died Dec. 8, 2013.

1942
Louise (Cairy) Koch, Sioux City, died Nov. 6, 2013.

After graduation, Benson worked for Gateway. “My time there felt much like an MBA program. I learned a lot about marketing and selling from my managers, many of whom were Morningside alumni. I will always be grateful that that door opened for me,” Benson said. He then offered a position with Capital One in Richmond, Va. He and his family transferred to the East Coast. “Virginia is a great place to raise kids and filled with history,” he said with a chuckle, “but Lisa and I always knew we wanted to head back to the Midwest to be closer to our families and friends.”

That opportunity came with CBE Companies. “Now that I have returned to Iowa, I am able to reconnect with some of my college friends and catch a few football games here and there. My family and I look forward to Homecoming this year. We love to see how the campus has evolved.”

Benson played football for Morningside from 1986 to 1989. He recalls Coach Jim Leavitt, who is now a linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers, recruited him and was very influential in his life. “Jim demonstrated how to persevere during times of adversity, mostly by way of example. He taught me to never give up and to maintain a positive attitude, even when things do not go as planned. Sometimes one learns more from what doesn’t work than successes.”

When asked why he has been supportive of the college, Benson maintains that his education at Morningside afforded him great opportunities. “I feel it is important and even my responsibility as an alumnus to give back so that current and future students will have the same or greater opportunities than I did to succeed in life. I also want to promote the vision of the institution.”

When asked his advice for students today, Benson said, “For most of us, college is a period of figuring things out. I recommend that you do what really makes you happy. Doing so means you will be more passionate. Plus, your work takes up 40 hours a week; if you love your work, that love will overflow into other areas of your life.”

1943
Esther (Santee) Fritsch, Santa Barbara, Calif., died Sept. 6, 2013.

1944

1945

1946
Dr. Thomas Malone, Sioux City, died Nov. 22, 2013.

Hubert Sternberg, Milford, Iowa, died Jan. 8, 2014.

1947

Donald Rhoades Sr., Iowa City, Iowa, died Nov. 20, 2013.

1948
Robert Ibs, Sioux City, died Sept. 5, 2013.

1949


1950

William Blakesley, California, died in 1998.


Hollis Skull, Prairie City, Ore., died June 5, 2013.


1951
Laura (Bunten) Blakesley, Oceanside, Calif., died Nov. 4, 2013.


1952
Kenneth Bengford, South Pasadena, Calif., died July 1, 2013.

Joseph Vadini, North Royalton, Ohio, died March 31, 2013.

1953

Dennis Dow, Sioux City, died Jan. 21, 2014.


1954

Stanley Rhinehart, Ellenton, Fla., died Sept. 8, 2013.

1955


Duane Gustine, Dickens, Iowa, died Nov. 23, 2013.

1956

1957

Keith Warner, White Bear Lake, Minn., died Dec. 10, 2013. Warner was inducted into the M-Club Hall of Fame in 2013 for his accomplishments on the Morningside men’s basketball team.

1958
Dr. Lawrence “Larry” Hapke, Lake Havasu City, Ariz., died Aug. 19, 2013.

1959

John “Jack” Schran, Denver, Colo.,

The Rev. Lanny Tuttle, Ankeny, Iowa,

Norma (Staudinger) Weisensee, Sioux City,

1960
Devere Freeman, Harcourt, Iowa,
died Oct. 9, 2013.

Doug Johnson, Boone, Iowa, died June 3, 2013.

1961
David Crumley, North Bend, Ore.,
died Dec. 12, 2013.

1962
Roger Greiner, Spencer, Iowa,

Robert Middleton, Meridian, Idaho,
died Dec. 25, 2013.

1963
Gerald McGlothlen, Hampton, Va.,
died May 31, 2013.

Marjorie Taylor, Mounds View, Minn.,
died Sept. 18, 2013.

1965
Darrell Will, Dakota Dunes, S.D.,

1967
George Anderson, South Sioux City, Neb.,
died Jan. 8, 2014.

Rodney Anderson, Le Mars, Iowa, died Feb. 6,
2014.

Robert Heck, Sioux City, died Nov. 12, 2013.

1968
John Thomas, Bangor, Maine,
died April 20, 2006.

Dr. Stephen Youngberg, Lincoln, Neb.,
died Nov. 11, 2013.

1970
Betty Ann (Bennett) Baker, Tucson, Ariz.,

Pamela (Rasmussen) Held, Cedar Rapids,
Iowa, died Dec. 12, 2013.

Margaret Maass, Sioux City, died Feb. 8,
2014.

1971
Janis Alexander, Smithland, Iowa,
died Sept. 11, 2013.

1972
Dennis Gross, Sioux City, died Oct. 9, 2013.

1973
David Lageschulte, Fort Myers, Fla., and
Aspen, Colo., died March 11, 2014.
Lageschulte was a former member of the
college board of directors. He provided the
naming gift for Lags Hall and hosted many
alumni gatherings in South Florida.

Richard Nettleton Sr., Sergeant Bluff, Iowa,
died Dec. 31, 2013.

1975
David Honeck, Early, Iowa,
died March 31, 2010.

1978
Jeffrey Tasker, Memphis, Tenn.,

1980
Stephan Horst, Sioux City, died Sept. 4, 2013.

Philip Knouf, Clackamas, Ore.,
died May 18, 2013.

Larry Mordhorst, Hornick, Iowa,
died Dec. 31, 2013.

1981
Helen (Hinkley) Guhin, Sioux City,
died Nov. 12, 2013.

Norma (Gray) Swetnam, Batesville, Ark.,
died July 15, 2013.

1984
Gerald Denney, South Sioux City, Neb.,

Curtis Turner, Sioux City, died Sept. 18, 2013.

1985
Martin Schon, Sioux City, died Jan. 8, 2014.

1986
Alan Simon, Sioux City, died Feb. 5, 2014.

1998
Susan (Wise) Saunders, Oskaloosa, Iowa,

2001
Derek Moore, Joplin, Mo., died Nov. 1, 2013.
Music Advisory Council and participated in a book club with Dr. Patrick McKinlay. Amidst all these adventures, Curry also learned to play the piano and went to every athletic event possible to cheer on his fellow athletes. He and Nick Hessa 2013 even created T-shirts for the Alleeholics Student Section, which ended up being a best seller.

“It’s pretty cool to see that the shirts are still worn by students,” he said with a smile, “and people at the games tell me that my friends and I need to come back and support the teams again. I guess they miss the camaraderie we brought.”

In the summer before his senior year, Curry interned with Syngenta, a global biotechnology company, which involved traveling to Colorado, Texas, Minnesota and Indiana. “I put 14,000 miles on my truck by the time I finished the internship.”

Although he said that entering the workforce seems vastly different from the collegiate lifestyle, Curry felt that he gained valuable experience from his internship that he employs at his current job.

When asked why he has been financially supportive of the institution, Curry said, “I did a lot at Morningside, and the school provided many opportunities for me to grow and learn.

“Morningside has really grown and changed – new buildings, more technology, attractive landscaping. I feel as though it’s my duty as an alumnus to help foster that growth and make this the best college possible for future students.”

After graduating, Curry took a job with Rosen’s Inc. and now resides in Omaha. He works in agricultural sales.

“My job requires me to travel, so whenever I am in the neighborhood, I try my best to stop by the college. I’ve gone to a couple of basketball games, and I plan to be back for Homecoming. I’d hate to miss out on Taste of Morningside – it’s one of my favorite aspects about the weekend.”

2010
Joel Peplinski, Sioux City, died March 12, 2014.

Remembering Cherished Friends

John Binning, Lincoln, Neb., died July 29, 2013. Binning was a friend of Morningside College.

Robert Conley, Sylva, N.C., died Feb. 16, 2014. Conley was a former director of Indian studies and associate professor of English at Morningside College.

Mark Gardner, Lincoln, Neb., died Oct. 22, 2013. Gardner was a former member of the Morningside College Board of Directors.

Jeffrey Menage, Sioux City, died Dec. 17, 2013. Menage was a former staff member in the athletics department.

Future Morningsiders

1992
Sheila Brummer and her husband, Ed, a daughter, Anna, April 2013.

1996
Stephanie (Erwin) Staeher and her husband, Joel, Omaha, Neb., a daughter, Kolbie Kay, Aug. 22, 2013.

2000
Jennie (Zevenbergen) Davis and her husband, Jeff, a son, Elliott Bergen, Aug. 27, 2013.

Julie (Callon) Siegert and her husband, Troy, Bloomingtom, Minn., a daughter, Kate Anna, Nov. 9, 2012.

2004
Chanda (Pederson) Stevens and her husband, Randy, Minnetonka, Minn., a daughter, Meira Jo, Oct. 17, 2013.

2005
Taera (Stille) Mulder and her husband, Chris, a son, Camden James, Jan. 28, 2014.

2006
Annie (Cory) and Matt Stackowitz 2007, Sioux City, a daughter, Aubrey Grace, Aug. 12, 2013.

Sheenah (Beavers) Tonga and her husband, Spettlar, Sioux City, a son, Tuff Tuitalau, Nov. 22, 2013.

2007
Jennifer (Dziurawiec) Havlik and her husband, Matt, Sioux City, a son, Connor David, Nov. 16, 2013.

2008

Miranda Galvin, Sioux City, adopted a son, Charles James, Nov. 13, 2013.

2009
Andrea (Jenson) Patch and her husband, Jon, Fairfield, Ohio, a daughter, Claire Joanna, Nov. 22, 2013.

1981
The Rev. Doug Federhart and Stuart Holland, legally married Aug. 25, 2013, Living Table United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minn. Original religious ceremony was in July 1996. At home in Minneapolis.

2000
Alumni Office Update

By Gene Ambroson

As I travel around the country chatting with alumni about what is happening at Morningside, I come away knowing our alumni feel a great deal of pride in the transformation that has taken place and the continued growth at the college. Certainly it is a credit to the board of directors and the senior leadership. They are risk takers who believe strongly in where we are going. To be sure, they have looked to the past when shaping the future, but the focus has been, as it should be, on what is in front of us and not what is behind us.

This philosophy has given us a tremendously successful Homecoming. A few years ago, the administration and the alumni board of directors were willing to take a risk by doing the Taste of Morningside, a big outdoor party with food and beverage vendors and a live band. Literally thousands attended, making it one of the city’s most-attended events.

So why not step it up even more? Knowing full well that many of you cannot, for a variety of reasons, return to campus, we are taking the college to you. The alumni board is starting a Morningside College Chapter Program, where alumni in different cities can get together for a variety of activities.

While the alumni office will certainly lend its support, this is first and foremost an alumni board project. The chapter program is headed by volunteer and board member Julie Negus Eickhoff 1989. Julie receives in-house support from Shiran Nathaniel, Morningside’s chapter adviser.

The board’s plan is to be very deliberate about rolling out the chapters. It will start with Denver and then go to Phoenix, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas and Kansas City. The board will then focus on Chicago, New York and other areas.

By any stretch, this is a huge undertaking. The chapter concept relies solely on volunteers from the alumni board and the local chapter. If a chapter gets started in your area, we hope you will attend. Even more so, we would love for you to be involved. If you would like to know more about the chapters program or would be interested in starting a chapter in your area, we would love to chat with you.

It was not that long ago that we were communicating solely by mail. Today, there are dozens of ways: email, text-messaging, Facebook, Twitter and mobile apps, just to name a few. Because of the diversity of our alumni population, there is no one single way to communicate that will necessarily reach everyone. Thus, we must draw on several different resources.

From time to time, we will share, on a number of different electronic platforms, photos and messages about activities taking place on campus or at alumni events around the country. We would encourage you to “share” those events you attend with your classmates and friends. We want alumni and friends to know what is happening at their alma mater.

I am tremendously proud of the giant strides that have taken place at Morningside College in the past decade. We have built an exciting group of volunteers through the college and alumni boards. Additionally, staff members Mollie (Laing) Ginger 2004, young alumni coordinator, and Shiran Nathaniel have been invaluable in expanding the college’s reach.

And that is why I love what I do. People working together to make things happen!

2002
Deven Winn and David Menninga, Aug. 10, 2013, Iowa Transportation Museum, Grinnell, Iowa. At home in Grinnell.

2006
Staci Latham and Timothy Rourke, June 21, 2013, Marriott Beachside Resort, Key West, Fla. At home in Omaha, Neb.

2007
Betsy Reynolds and Travis Boetger, July 20, 2013, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2009
Maggie Meier and Mark Oas, June 21, 2013, Omaha, Neb. At home in Dakota Dunes, S.D.

Will Swanson and Kate Droessler, June 1, 2013, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bancroft, Iowa. At home in Storm Lake, Iowa.

2010
Angela Hamman and Jason Houser, June 29, 2013, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.


2011
Kayla Clary and Tyler Koopman, Nov. 16, 2013, St. James Catholic Church, Le Mars, Iowa. At home in Le Mars.


2012

Hannah Grimsley and Kenny Cooper, July 20, 2013, St. James Methodist Church, Sioux City. At home in Sioux City.

2013
Kaeli Austin and Brady Helmink 2009, June 29, 2013, Sioux City. At home in Austin, Texas.
You’re invited!

**Academic Village Grand Opening**

*Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014*

7:20 p.m. Dedication  
8:45 p.m.  Fireworks

The event will include a dedication, tours, and fireworks.

*TOP TO BOTTOM*

> The Arnold Student Plaza will be in between the new buildings (right) and the Hickman-Johnson–Furrow Learning Center. The new buildings are the Krone Advising Center and Buhler Rohlfs Hall.

> The academic village: the Hickman–Johnson–Furrow Learning Center (clockwise from left), Walker Science Center, Krone Advising Center and Buhler Rohlfs Hall.

> A close-up of the Krone Advising Center (left) and Buhler Rohlfs Hall. The first new classroom building on campus in 50 years, Buhler Rohlfs Hall will be home to the Nylen School of Nursing, Sharon Walker School of Education and Regina Roth Applied Agricultural & Food Studies Program.

> The Hickman-Johnson–Furrow Learning Center is being remodeled to create a new main entrance from the Hilker Campus Mall and to convert the second floor into a study lounge.

Architectural renderings by CMBA/HGA.
Are you moving? Do you have an e-mail address?
Please let us know! Just send an e-mail to alumni@morningside.edu or write to the Alumni Office, Morningside College, 1501 Morningside Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106.