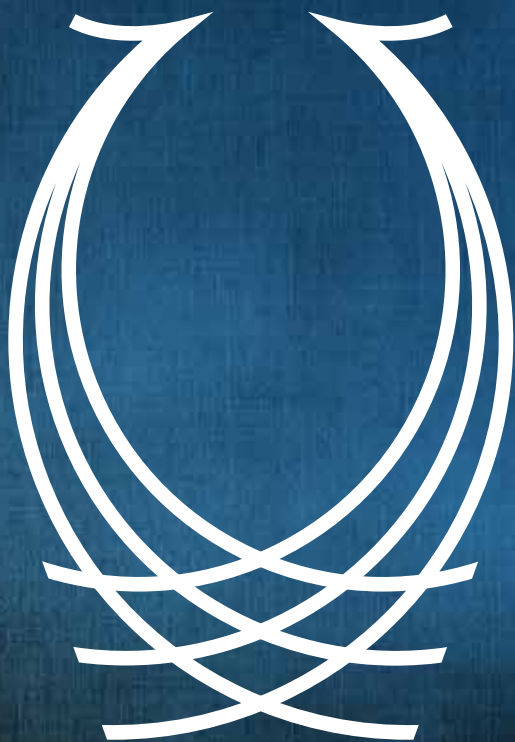


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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Adorning the cover of this edition of *The Bridge* is the newly adopted University logo and its accompanying tagline, Education Built for Life. In this issue, we are proud to introduce you to the new University and Peacock logos and share how the look and feel of our unified brand will help us better communicate the UIU identity to our stakeholders.

To help kick off this effort, the entire University came together April 20 to celebrate the grand unveiling. More than 400 people were on hand at Fayette Campus, and hundreds more participated in logo launch parties at UIU centers or watched via the Facebook Live broadcast. I am very excited about these new logos and the look and feel of our new brand, and I was thrilled that so many others have shared in that enthusiasm. They are just one more example of how UIU continues to innovate in how we engage our students, alumni and friends of the University.

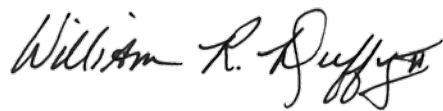


There is much more to celebrate here at UIU. In this issue, we rejoice in Commencement, the pinnacle moment for students, faculty and staff. We relive our Senior Receptions and learn of the great success of our very first Giving Day. In this edition, you have the opportunity to observe a few examples of how UIU provides an Education Built for Life.

You are introduced to a group of students who are championing entrepreneurship in Nicaragua. A pair of alumni are also using their UIU education to travel the world to the benefit of mankind. In addition, we learn how two UIU faculty are providing students with a unique opportunity to get real-life, hands-on experience assisting in a pair of murder trials. In Athletics, we remember our success over the year and honor student athletes who earned athletic and academic distinction. These are just a few of the many student and faculty achievements listed in this issue.

Direct your attention to the middle of this issue of *The Bridge* and you will find a special insert about Homecoming. It's a short guide to all of the many happenings and, as always, the weekend is certainly destined to be exceptional. We also alert you to a new Peacock tradition, as for the first time, we will celebrate and honor Hall of Fame members and new inductees during a special home football weekend. Finally, do not forget to watch for Team Peacock in the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) this summer, July 23-29, as we raise funds to support university needs. Visit uiu.edu/SupportTeamPeacock to support a rider and a cause of your choice.

I wish the very best to you and all of our alumni. Thank you for your unwavering support of UIU and our current and future students. GO PEACOCKS!



William R. Duffy II, Ed.D., Ed.S.
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Front cover photo: UIU unveiled the new University logo on April 20. See page 2 for the full story.

Upper Iowa celebrates

Since being founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University (UIU) has brought tens of thousands of people together in the name of higher learning. The University and our beloved Peacock mascot have long been a source of pride for UIU students, alumni and others. However, while UIU continued to advance at breakneck speed, our brand and logos had not. When Upper Iowa University decided in 2015 that we needed to update our brand's look and feel, we aimed to better align our brand and logos with our innovative spirit and create a unified identity for the entire University. We also wanted that future brand to maintain our strong commitment to student success, sustain our heritage and be in harmony with our culture and values.

That promising future became a festive reality on April 20 when UIU unveiled the new brand and two new logos to more than 400 people in attendance at a celebration in Fayette and to hundreds more viewing via Facebook Live at simultaneous celebrations at many UIU locations around the United States and Asia.

Other UIU locations held parties of their own, providing their guests with refreshments and door prizes while viewing the official unveiling via Facebook Live. The University's choice of Facebook Live to stream the event also meant that students, alumni and friends of the university everywhere could share in the excitement of the unveiling as it happened.

UIU collaborated with Geile/Leon Marketing Communications in St. Louis to redefine the brand and update the University logo. Numerous ideas were proposed and tested, and faculty, staff, students, alumni, the Board of Trustees and many others were actively engaged in the process. Our brand and tagline, Education Built for Life, highlight the learning experiences and flexibility that make UIU unique in a way that allows us to better tell the great success stories of the entire Peacock family.

As for the new University logo, its sweeping, crossing pattern is a modern graphic meant to represent UIU's strong heritage and its commitment to ensuring that the evolving needs for accessible education and lifelong learning are readily available to all students. The design also characterizes the spirit of interconnection that UIU brings to its students, both nationally and across the globe.

The new Peacock Shield logo was produced by Torch Creative, a design studio based in Dallas, Texas. Torch Creative worked closely with a working committee of faculty, staff, coaches, student athletes and alumni to create a new identity by using more modernized lines to create a sleek and energetic visual. According to Brock Wissmiller, assistant athletic director for external affairs, the inclusion of a shield "helps symbolize the strength that the Peacocks exemplify both on and off the field, as well as the pride in the history of Upper Iowa and all of those that have come before."



The excitement about the unveiling was evident before the event ever started, as dozens of people lined up to enter the Student Center Ballrooms 15 minutes before the doors were opened for the event. Guests at the Fayette Campus celebration were treated to a party atmosphere, including music, lighting, décor, cake, ice cream and door prizes.



new brand and logos

“We owe much gratitude to Geile/Leon Marketing Communications and Torch Creative for the great work they did,” said Karl Eastorp, executive director of communications and marketing. “The new brand and logos represent a skillful translation of our history, traditions, aspirations and stakeholder feedback.”

The brand and logos are slowly being phased in around the University. As our logos and brand are interwoven into so many things, it will take some time before the old logos completely disappear. Nonetheless, feedback since the brand and logo unveiling has been overwhelmingly positive. That comes as no surprise to Eastorp.

“Throughout this process, we were very careful to ensure that our new brand and logos are built on the foundations, traditions and spirit that already reside in all of Peacock Nation,” Eastorp said. “The new brand and logos are a perfect balance of our celebrated past with our bright future.” 



Pictured above are UIU employees who joined in on the celebration from UIU-Milwaukee. Many UIU centers celebrated the launch with students and visitors from around the U.S.

See the logo launch video!

The highly acclaimed video that unveils the new “Education Built for Life” brand and logos can be viewed at uiu.edu/about/logo.html.



“*The new brand and logos are a perfect balance of our celebrated past with our bright future.*”

- Karl Eastorp (Executive Director)



New UIU administrators feeling right at home

Upper Iowa University has welcomed two new administrators to the Peacock family in 2017. Murtuza Siddiqui joined UIU staff as the University's chief financial officer in January 2017 and Dr. P. Joan Poor began her duties as provost in April.

Siddiqui most recently served as the CFO/vice president for administrative affairs at Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis/St. Paul for the past eight years. In his CFO role there, he provided oversight in all areas related to financial management, budgeting, human resources, facilities, capital planning, campus services and information technology. Prior to serving in that CFO position, Siddiqui was the controller and associate vice president of financial management at Metropolitan State University.

In addition to his extensive experience in higher education, Siddiqui has a background in public administration, auditing and finance. He began his career serving over 10 years as principal accountant/internal auditor with Metropolitan Council, a public, regional planning and coordinating agency in the Twin Cities metropolitan region. Siddiqui also served as the CFO of Minnesota Technology, Inc., and the CFO for the city of Arden Hills.

Since his arrival at Fayette Campus, Siddiqui has been most impressed with the people who make up the UIU family. "The overall environment here is one of respect," Siddiqui said. "The faculty, staff and students are extremely respectful and cordial to those around them. I have not experienced this amount of genuine friendliness elsewhere. Like those around us, my staff is very dedicated, cooperative, helpful and committed to excellence. The willingness of people to help each other is incredible. The entire community has made me feel as if this is my campus, my city. Seeing so many friendly people with smiling faces is among the highlights of each and every day."

Murtuza and his wife, Seema, have three adult children. In their spare time, the couple enjoys traveling.


Dr. P. Joan Poor most recently served as strategic planning consultant with Higher Education Resource Services (HERS). Since 2012, she has led two universities as provost: Truman State

University from 2012-14 and most recently Aurora University from 2014-16. While at Aurora, Poor led Academic Affairs during a \$6 million unanticipated budgetary shortfall in the state of Illinois. Her leadership, in tandem with that of faculty members, was credited for establishing tremendous improvements to academic programs, program assessment of student learning outcomes, a Faculty Handbook review, shared governance structure and a more equitable tenure and promotion process.

"I was interested in serving as a chief academic officer at a progressive institution with faculty members who are dedicated to ensuring excellence in teaching, and I have found that at Upper Iowa," Poor said. "The entire UIU family has made my husband and I feel so welcome here."

Having served as an institutional liaison for accreditation since 2012 and a Higher Learning Commission consultant/evaluator since 2010, Poor has outstanding experience and expertise with accreditation and the Higher Learning Commission. In addition to her accreditation knowledge, she has experience in strategic planning, program reviews, budgeting, grants and capital campaigns within a multiple-modality structure.

Poor has mentored over 20 Senior Thesis/Honors (undergraduate) St. Mary's Projects at St. Mary's College of Maryland, three of which were awarded Geneva Boone Best St. Mary's Project Awards, and contributed to several peer-reviewed publications and published articles. She has delivered over 35 presentations to professionals at conferences and workshops, and to local government officials and community organizations.

Joan and her husband, Darrel, enjoy spending time at their cabin home in Minnesota with their two adult daughters. 



Provost Dr. Joan Poor and Chief Financial Officer Murtuza Siddiqui stand outside Alexander-Dickman Hall on Fayette Campus.

Read the full article on The Bridge Online at uiubridge.com

Upper Iowa students discover firsthand the realities of law

“It is one thing to learn out of a textbook, but completely different to see and do it in real life,” Tiffany Kragnes said. “Students are able to get hands-on experience and work through the tough scenarios that arise and can’t be taught in a textbook.”

The average citizen hopes he or she never has to step into a courtroom, but a team of Upper Iowa University (UIU) students has relished the opportunity over the past two school years to take an active part in a pair of murder trials.

UIU faculty look to engage their students in their education through hands-on experiences, so it should come as no surprise that UIU Associate Professor of Business Christopher Kragnes Sr. and UIU Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Tiffany Kragnes have employed their professional experience as attorneys to provide students a unique opportunity to assist in a pair of actual cases.

Participating students, upon the clients’ consent and after signing a confidentiality pledge and being trained and advised that they would be treated as law clerks and thus covered under the attorney-client privilege doctrine, were able to meet with the clients and attend all hearings and interviews. The students were provided an opportunity to direct questions to private investigators and other law-related professionals, such as toxicology experts. Students visited crime scenes and were given access to evidence and police reports. The result was an immersive collection of learning experiences.


Lexis Fisher, a senior majoring in criminal justice, was one of the UIU students who assisted in the first case. The Seneca, Wisconsin, native was able to gain a better understanding of the court process and what goes on behind the scenes leading up to a trial.

“This experience has taught me how much time is needed to prepare a case and the importance of sorting through information in great detail,” said Fisher, who plans to enter the corrections field. “Being able to be a part of pretrial conferences with the judge showed me how much of an effect a family can have on what is discussed and how cases are different than what is shown on television and through the media.”

Students also met with the two UIU professors regularly to discuss trial strategy and the pros and cons of each decision. Chandra Smith, a senior double majoring in business administration and criminal justice, from Bloomfield, Iowa, was a part of both cases.

“When we met as a group to review new developments in the case, we would discuss each piece of evidence or new information to see whether they helped the prosecution or defense, and how the jury would perceive the material,” Smith said. “We also watched police interviews and talked to witnesses, family members and the client to look for any discrepancies that could raise new questions.”

Smith, who is planning to continue her education to become an attorney, explained that being able to see all of the intricacies of an investigation and ongoing court case firsthand has better prepared her for the realities of a law career.

No matter their major, the students receive real-world experiences in the criminal justice system. Christopher Kragnes explained that past and current students involved in this experience have majored in criminal justice, business or information technology, but the opportunity is open to all UIU students. Participating students may volunteer their time or receive course credit. Current or future UIU students who wish to learn more about participation in future experiences like these should contact Christopher Kragnes at kragnesc@uiu.edu or Tiffany Kragnes at kragnest96@uiu.edu. 



Lexis Fisher '17 (standing)
and Chandra Smith '17

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UIU recognized at White House

Upper Iowa University was recognized in Washington, D.C., in January for completing the White House Healthy Campus Challenge. UIU Director of Counseling and Wellness Crystal Cole and UIU Director of Career Development Hope Trainor were among representatives of approximately 60 colleges and universities from across the country selected to attend the event. Healthy Campus Challenge Day was one of the last scheduled public events held at the White House during President Barack Obama's term in office.



UIU Director of Career Development Hope Trainor (left) and UIU Director of Counseling and Wellness Crystal Cole display their Peacock pride after accepting the University's Healthy Campus Challenge certification at the White House in January.

Announced in September 2016, the White House Healthy Campus Challenge aimed to engage college and university campuses in the Affordable Care Act's Marketplace Open Enrollment efforts. Campus Challenge officials worked with administrators, students, faculty, staff, alumni, local community leaders and elected officials to reach the uninsured on participating campuses and in the surrounding community.

Fostering healthier and safer campuses

Upper Iowa University announced in April that it has been selected to join 13 other campuses as participants in the Healthy Masculinity Campus Athletics Project (HMCAP), a yearlong initiative funded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence against Women Campus Technical Assistance and Resource Project. HMCAP positively engages male college athletes, coaches and athletic administrators as influential leaders in the prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on college campuses and in their surrounding communities. Men Can Stop Rape, in partnership with the Positive Coaching Alliance, facilitates the project.

Students present at research symposium

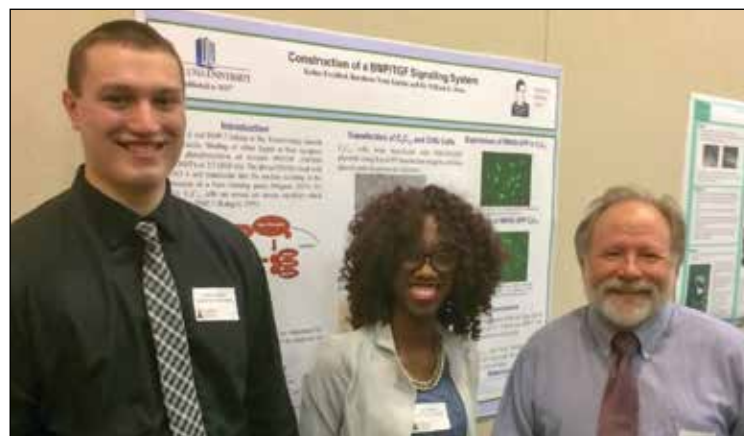
An alumnus and two current Upper Iowa University School of Mathematics and Science students presented their recent research before members of the R.J. McElroy Trust in Waverly, Iowa, in April. The three presenters, Matt Meulemans, Baridosia Kumbe and Kolter Freidhof, were recipients of grants from the R.J. McElroy Trust, based in Waterloo, Iowa.

Meulemans, a senior majoring in both environmental science and conservation management, received the grant for his senior thesis research project studying the health of smallmouth bass in lakes in north-central Wisconsin. The Kimberly, Wisconsin, native used the grant money to offset his equipment and gasoline costs.



Upper Iowa University senior Matt Meulemans (right) of Kimberly, Wisconsin, presented his research on the health of smallmouth bass in lakes in north-central Wisconsin to members of the R.J. McElroy Trust in April. Meulemans is pictured alongside UIU Associate Professor of Chemistry Jeffrey Butikofer.

Kumbe and Freidhof were also recipients of the R.J. McElroy Trust for their research project about influencing cells and their pathways. The grant money was used to purchase the specific plasmids and reagents needed to conduct the research. Kumbe focused on bone regeneration, while Freidhof was responsible for trying to get the cells to express a green fluorescent protein and tracking it using fluorescent microscopy.



(From left) Upper Iowa University biology majors Kolter Freidhof, of Cresco, Iowa, and Baridosia Kumbe, of Port-Harcourt, Nigeria, are pictured alongside UIU Assistant Professor of Biology William Jones during the recent McElroy Research Symposium in Waverly.

Student Government officers elected



The newly elected 2017-2018 Upper Iowa University Student Government Association officers are (front, l-r) President Hayley Cessna, a chemistry major from Spring Valley, Illinois; Vice President Cory Mullins, a financial management and marketing major from West Des Moines, Iowa; (back) Secretary Breyanna Hill, an elementary education major from Oskaloosa, Iowa; Treasurer John Garcia, a biology major formerly of Mission, Texas; and Academic Extension Officer Mikayla Nassy-Wong, a psychology major from Toronto, Canada.

Florida Alumni Scholarship awarded



Erik Zorrilla (left), a biology major from Miami, Florida, was recently presented the Florida Alumni Chapter Scholarship by Florida Alumni Chapter member and Commencement guest speaker Kenneth Williams. A complete listing of the 2017 Honors and Awards Banquet recipients can be viewed at uiu.edu/support/honors-awards/2017.html.

UIU completes 'Ideal' lease-transfer agreement



Ideal Industries President/CEO Patrick C. Lyons (left) and Upper Iowa University President Dr. William R. Duffy stand outside the Ideal Industries facility in Fayette after signing a five-year lease-transfer agreement of the property to UIU on Wednesday, April 12.

An agreement between Upper Iowa University and Ideal Industries will soon provide UIU faculty, staff and students approximately 30,000 square feet of additional classroom and office space at its campus in Fayette, Iowa. UIU President William R. Duffy and Ideal Industries President/CEO Patrick C. Lyons signed a five-year lease-transfer agreement of Ideal's Fayette facility to UIU in April. In addition to the large building, the agreement includes the lease-transfer of the six-acre property located just south of UIU's Fayette Campus.

"Upper Iowa University takes great pride in adapting to the ever-changing needs of our students, faculty and staff," said President Duffy. "This agreement unlocks an entirely new avenue of possibilities for both the short and long term in our academic and athletic departments. The 3-D Art program will be among the first to benefit from the added space. In addition to new office space, various athletic teams will also be able to utilize the building."

The UIU in 3-D initiative will create an exciting new space for creation of three-dimensional artwork, including ceramics and sculpture courses that will further enhance academic teaching and learning at UIU.

Carnival held at UIU in April

The entire Peacock community enjoyed sunny skies and family fun during the UIU Carnival in April. Carnival rides, area vendors, games and prizes were all part of the free public event. UIU Greek organizations also hosted a petting zoo, bounce house, dunk tank, giant ball toss, airbrush tattoos and many additional activities as part of the festivities.



2016-17 ALUMNI EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



1. **Denver Sip & Socialize:** Denver, Colorado – October 22
2. **Texas Alumni Mixers:** The Woodlands and Dallas, Texas – October 26-28
3. **Wisconsin Alumni Mixers:** Milwaukee/Madison, Wisconsin – November 4-5
4. **Florida Alumni Socials:** Ft. Lauderdale/Tampa/Altamonte Springs, Florida: November 17-21
5. **Ugly Sweater Party:** Chicago, Illinois – December 10
6. **Arizona Sip & Socialize:** Scottsdale, Arizona – January 19

7. **Tri-State Alumni Chapter Social:** Norfolk, Virginia – January 28
8. **Des Moines Social + BOT Meeting:** Des Moines, Iowa – February 9
9. **Beach Week:** Miami/The Villages/Punta Gorda, Florida – February 27 – March 3
10. **Minneapolis Sip & Socialize + UIU Baseball:** Minneapolis, Minnesota – March 8
11. **New Alumni Mixer:** Fayette, Iowa – March 31-April 1
12. **Colorado Sip & Socialize:** Littleton, Colorado – April 22

Helping mold future entrepreneurs of Pearl Lagoon

Twice over the past two years, a contingent of Upper Iowa students has traveled to Pearl Lagoon, Nicaragua, to help promote entrepreneurial initiatives to youth and adults of the community. A native of Pearl Lagoon, Associate Professor of Management Redmond Humphrey, is among the UIU faculty helping to lead the project, which also includes faculty and students from College of Saint Mary in Omaha, Nebraska.

“From an academic perspective, working with organizations in a developing country provides great experiential learning opportunities for students,” Humphrey said. “It’s very difficult to gain this type of experience in the classroom or from working with companies in developed economies. The skills gained from this experiential learning go a long way toward helping students develop the confidence and self-efficacy that are critical to professional success.”

During the most recent educational mission, in January 2017, Humphrey was joined by College of St. Mary Associate Professor of Chemistry Ganesh Naik and environmental consultant Allan Taylor in accompanying UIU students Gabby Wittenberg, Readlyn, Iowa; Taylor Klosterman, Manchester, Iowa; Julia Szepieniec, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; Dustin Hoefs, Horicon, Wisconsin; and Cory Mullins, West Des Moines, Iowa.

The UIU contingent provided entrepreneurial insight to approximately 15 Pearl Lagoon Academy of Excellence students, who had begun developing business initiatives in the community. From the guidance provided to them, the workshop participants built business plans for products and services that could potentially result in a successful business

venture and provide a positive impact on the local economy.


The Upper Iowa students also hosted a camp for children

ages 9-15, encouraging the young people to create their own future employment opportunities by setting up a business. In addition, local business owners and employees were invited to share ideas to enrich the community’s tourism industry.

“I think I most enjoyed seeing people get closer and closer to their dream of starting their own business,” said Mullins, a financial management major. “We are not done yet, and we will continue striving to help them reach an end result. As they grow closer to achieving their goals, we will share in their excitement, and that is especially inspiring to me.”

Summer Zwanziger Elsinger, UIU associate professor of management and marketing, explained that a main objective is helping the locals to best promote or utilize the natural resources around them. Two primary examples of resources that are indigenous to the area are coconuts and fishing. The coconuts provide entrepreneurial opportunities in producing soaps, oils, creams, etc., while fishing provides a variety of tourism prospects.

“This is a very student-driven project, and I prefer that our students create their own goals,” UIU Assistant Professor of Economics Chelsea Dowell said. “Each of them have the greatest thoughts and intentions heading into it, but once they arrive in Pearl Lagoon, they soon learn more from the experience than they ever thought they would.”

Next year, UIU will expand its collaborative partnership and work alongside students and faculty from both College of Saint Mary and the University of the Autonomous Regions of Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast, based in Managua, Nicaragua. 

Read the full article on *The Bridge Online* at uiubridge.com



Cory Mullins (right), financial management major



Redmond Humphrey (left), associate professor of management

2017 UIU SENIOR RECEPTIONS



BLACKHAWK



CEDAR RAPIDS



DES MOINES



MADISON



MILWAUKEE



FAYETTE



PRAIRIE DU CHIEN



WATERLOO



QUAD CITIES



ROCKFORD



WAUSAU

Graduates encouraged to continue embracing a passion for learning

Individually, you are all experts, but together, you become a well-performing team, with the synergistic ability to achieve amazing goals,” said Upper Iowa University alumnus Kenneth Williams as he addressed the graduates during UIU’s May 6 commencement ceremonies in Fayette, Iowa.

Williams, an honored military veteran, is the co-owner, president and CEO of Beard and Tie Co., LLS, a disabled veteran business in St. Cloud, Florida. After graduating from high school in 1972, Williams joined the Army as a combat medic. Achieving the rank of command sergeant major, he served in numerous leadership, staff and field positions, including three combat tours and as the senior medical noncommissioned officer for the installation. He retired honorably after 26 years of military service.

Following his military service, Williams graduated cum laude in 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in public administration from Upper Iowa University’s Fort Riley Center in Fort Riley, Kansas. Shortly thereafter, Williams was selected to lead the Department of Veterans activation contracting team as chief contracting officer for the Orlando VA Medical Center at Lake Nona, Florida. He retired in 2014 after 15 years of civilian service in the federal government.

“There are many options now that you have completed a postsecondary degree, allowing you to better compete with

your peers for the best of everything the world has to offer,” Williams said. “It is a very competitive world out there, and there’s no room for second place. As more and more individuals attain advanced degrees, this competition will only increase. You must commit yourself to the best possible outcome, be it in work or life.

“You have no doubt learned a great deal during your educational experience at Upper Iowa,” he concluded. “As a university that values lifelong learning, there is no question that as a UIU alum, your passion for learning will be something you will carry with you always.”

Earlier, UIU Board of Trustees chairman Dennis Murdock and President William R. Duffy emphasized the great pride the University took in what each of the graduates had accomplished while attending UIU and in anticipation of all future accomplishments.

“Upper Iowa has prepared you well to take advantage of the future,” said Murdock. “You know how to think, how to solve problems, how to learn... And that’s what you need to grow in your career and in your life.”

“I encourage you graduates to set goals, never be afraid to fail, provide solutions – not problems, make a difference, change a life, and pay your success forward for others who are less fortunate,” Duffy added. “Know that you will face remarkable

challenges in your journey; these challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”

During the two commencement ceremonies, approximately 530 graduates walked across the stage. In 2017, 1,666 students completed their associate, bachelor’s or master’s degree requirements at UIU locations. Of those, 200 graduated from Fayette, 794 completed their degree at one of UIU’s 25 locations in the United States, 372 graduated through online or self-paced study programs and 300 were from the University’s international centers in Hong Kong and Malaysia. UIU is one of the most diverse universities in Iowa. In all, the graduates represented 40 states and 16 nations. 

“ You must commit yourself to the best possible outcome, be it in work or life.



Upper Iowa University alumnus Kenneth Williams provided the 2017 commencement address at UIU’s Fayette, Iowa, Campus in May. During the two commencement ceremonies held at Harms-Eischeid Stadium, approximately 530 graduates walked across the stage.

COMMENCEMENT 2017 SCRAPBOOK



Commencement was held at Upper Iowa University's Fayette, Iowa, Campus on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Ceremonies were held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Harms-Eischeid Stadium. To view all the day's activities, including photos and video, visit uiu.edu/commencement.



A continuing mission for 'Adventures'

When attending church as a child, Joshua Beebe '12 would watch in amazement and wonder whenever missionaries would visit and share their experiences with the congregation. The diverse cultural experiences and worldly travels were opportunities that he always hoped to one day enjoy himself.

An Upper Iowa University business management graduate, Beebe took the first step toward fulfilling his lifetime dream in summer 2012. With the help of his adviser, Upper Iowa University Associate Professor of Management Redmond Humphrey, he scheduled a one-month internship with Adventures in Missions. Established in 1989, the interdenominational mission organization emphasizes prayer and relationships in its work amongst the poor.

Beebe's first mission trip took him to Sumbawanga, Tanzania. For one month, the Independence, Iowa, native spent his time ministering, providing words of encouragement and helping with labor projects at a local church and orphanage.

"Once my experience in Tanzania was complete, I knew that I was going to pursue long-term missionary work," Beebe said. "Not only are you able to build so many personal relationships, but it is so encouraging to see people overcome a variety of circumstances. Each of their hopes and dreams inspire me."


After interning with Adventures in Missions, Beebe participated in the organization's World Race. On a journey to 11 countries in 11 months, the UIU alumnus provided mission work in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Central America. Beebe noted that the highlight of the experience was the month he spent at Sarah's Covenant Homes (SCH) in India. He explained SCH is a community of family-style foster homes in India that care for children and young adults with medical and special needs.

"That month alone provided me with a lifetime of inspiration," Beebe said. "The amount of love and compassion that can be shared among people from different countries has a definite impact on a person's life. You come to realize that sometimes the most powerful thing in ministry is a group of believers sitting at the kitchen table."

Beebe is now employed with the Gainesville, Georgia-based Adventures in Missions. In addition to the opportunity to travel a few weeks out of the year, his main role is to oversee ministries in 10 countries in South Africa. Whenever the opportunity arises, he also encourages people back home to make a positive impact on those around them.

Beebe stressed his pride in knowing that his alma mater has a long history of embracing international students. While attending UIU, he served as a tutor in the University's ESL program and estimated that he spent time in and out of the classroom with students from a couple of dozen countries.

"My UIU experience provided me the skills to effectively communicate, coordinate logistics, budget, and build professional and personal relationships," he said. "I hope to continue inspiring other people as much as many of the UIU faculty, staff and students have inspired me."

For additional information on Beebe's experiences, follow his blog at joshuabeebe.myadventures.org. 



ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

Hall of Fame Weekend induction

A new UIU tradition will be established when the five newest members of the Upper Iowa University Athletic Hall of Fame (HOF) are inducted as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities on September 8-9. Previously, honorees were inducted during Homecoming weekend, but this year's honorees will be the first HOF class to be honored during a specially designated weekend. The 2017 inductees include two All-Americans and three additional Peacock record holders representing five sports.

Social hour for the September 8 UIU Hall of Fame Banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms, with the dinner program to follow. The honorees, along with other members of the HOF, will also be recognized during halftime of the Peacock football game versus Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday, September 9.

The UIU Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017 is as follows:

Mitch Walser '07 (Athlete) was the first Peacock named All-American in a team sport. A two-year letter winner in baseball, Walser was named to the 2007 NCAA Division II Daktronics & Rawlings/ABCA All-American Second teams.

Angie Weber '06 (Athlete) was named to the 2003 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region Third Team in softball. The former UIU pitcher posted the top three single-season marks for strikeouts in 2005 (304), '04 (224) and '03 (222).

Brent Meyers '03 (Athlete) earned All-American wrestling honors as a NCAA Division III national champion at 197 lbs. in 2003 and when placing sixth at 184 in the 2002 national tournament. He was also named Academic All-American in 2003.

Jesse Montalto '04 (Athlete) graduated as one of the most prolific receivers in Peacock history. Currently the Ellsworth Community College head football coach, Montalto finished his UIU career with 178 receptions (sixth best all-time) for 2,621 yards (third).

Cindy (Rubel) Dell'Anno '93 (Athlete) was a three-year letter winner in softball and basketball. A First Team Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection in 1992, Dell'Anno amassed a .481 slugging percentage, which ranks eighth all-time at UIU. On the basketball court, Dell'Anno was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year in 1993.

Additional information on the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees can be found at uiubridge.com.

Sixteen Peacocks earn NSIC Myles Brand Award

Sixteen Peacock student-athletes were named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award winners in January. The honor, named for late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, is bestowed on senior Northern Sun Conference student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate. Each student-athlete will be recognized by the NSIC with a certificate of achievement and a wristwatch. The 16 Peacock award winners were spread among 11 different teams. This senior class set a record for the number of UIU recipients in the eight-year history of the award at UIU, trumping last year's number of nine. The 16 recipients is second most among NSIC schools, trailing only Northern State University's 21. The UIU honorees are as follows:

Billy Auer, Guttenberg, Iowa – Men's Golf

Sawyer Bawek, Arcadia, Wis. – Baseball

Chelsea Berry, Arlington, Iowa – Volleyball/Track & Field

Sarah Benson, Minong, Wis. – Women's Basketball

Brianne Fenton, Crystal Lake, Ill. – Women's Soccer

Zach Gardner, Grimes, Iowa – Football

Sammy Garrett, Ottumwa, Iowa – Softball

Kelsey Hinrichs, Swisher, Iowa – Volleyball

Kelly Jachymowski, Lino Lakes, Minn. – Tennis

Riley Krueel, Horicon, Wis. – Softball

Chandra Smith, Bloomfield, Iowa – Cross Country/
Track & Field

Grace Onsrud, La Crosse, Wis. – Women's Golf

Carly Pagel, Sumner, Iowa – Women's Basketball

Monica Rohe, Onalaska, Wis. – Women's Golf

Katie Sammons, Ottumwa, Iowa – Softball

Alisha VanderWoude, Delton, Mich. – Volleyball

NSIC winter and spring All-Academic honors

Twenty-nine winter and 46 spring Peacock student-athletes were named to the Northern Sun Conference All-Academic Team. To be eligible for this honor, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better. Furthermore, the athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at her/his institution (true freshmen, redshirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible) and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

Baseball: Tyus Adkins, Coralville, Iowa; Jared Armington, Centerville, Iowa; Sawyer Bawek, Arcadia, Wis.; Zackary Cain, Plymouth, Wis.; Brett Fanning, Spring Valley, Ill.; Alex George, Bloomington, Minn.; Jacob Greco, Fayette, Iowa; Dominic Hillesheim, Menasha, Wis.; Parker Kray, Monticello, Iowa; Emmett Kulick, De Pere, Wis.; Ross Kulick, De Pere, Wis.; Luis D. Ravelo-Herrera, Aragua, Venezuela; Mitch Silberstein, Solon, Iowa; Nate Skare, Spring Valley, Minn.

Women's Basketball: Sarah Benson, Minong, Wis.; Blake Bergren, Red Oak, Iowa; Kari Fitzpatrick, Greeley, Iowa; Karlee Grabau, Lime Springs, Iowa; Emily Gustafson, Port Wing, Wis.; Haley Martin, Mound, Minn.; Madi Meier, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Sam Ofstad, Hurley, Wis.; Carly Pagel, Sumner, Iowa; Ashley Rosenstiel, Oelwein, Iowa; Brooklyn Schamens, Oshkosh, Wis.; Megan Todd, Sioux City, Iowa.

Softball: Jenny Budds, Naperville, Ill.; Julia Buffington, Andover, Minn.; Courtney Clayberg, Ankeny, Iowa; Erin Drahozal, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Sammy Garrett, Ottumwa, Iowa; Hannah Holthaus, Plainfield, Iowa; Riley Krueel, Horicon, Wis.; Shannon Nix, Plato, Minn.; Katie Sammons, Ottumwa, Iowa; Sami Kay Shafranski, Stevens Point, Wis.; Tara Walls, Oxford, Iowa.

Track & Field: Chelsea Berry, Arlington, Iowa; McKenzie Coppage, Ft. Madison, Iowa; Taylor Doermann (indoor only), Tipton, Iowa; Erica Kelly, Lone Tree, Colo.; Shay Lierman, Cuba City, Wis.; Bronwyn Miller, Osceola, Iowa; Gabbie Mohs, Fredericksburg, Iowa; Chandra Smith, Bloomfield, Iowa; Alyssa Weber, Inverness, Fla.

Men's Basketball: Mitch Eighme, Waterloo, Iowa; Jace Hanna, Shueyville, Iowa; Jordan Hay, Stanwood, Iowa; Luke Lenhart, Storm Lake, Iowa; Carson Parker, New Hartford, Iowa; Jimmy Roth, Marion, Iowa.

Tennis: Breanna Heichert, Anoka, Minn.; Kelly Jachymowski, Lino Lakes, Minn.; Isabella Sella, Valinhos, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Linn Sorman, Jonkoping, Sweden.

Men's Golf: Billy Auer, Guttenberg, Iowa; Joseph Lensing, Oelwein, Iowa; Cory Mullins, West Des Moines, Iowa; Jalen Tranbarger, Sumner, Iowa.

Women's Golf: Ravae Canas, Kent, Wash.; Meg DeHaven, Oelwein, Iowa; Grace Onsrud, La Crosse, Wis.; Monica Rohe, Onalaska, Wis.

Wrestling: Lincoln Monroe, West Union, Iowa; Cody Nelson, Greene, Iowa; Colbey Vance, Port Byron, Ill.

2017 HALL OF FAME WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- **Open golf** (Big Rock Country Club)
- **Hall of Fame Banquet** (6:30 p.m. Social Hour, 7:30 p.m. Dinner Program - Student Center Ballrooms)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- **Breakfast of Champions** (8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Student Center)
- **UIU Home-Opener Football Game vs. UMD / On-field Recognition** (1:07 p.m. kickoff - Harms-Eischeid Stadium)

ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

Peacock men's basketball wraps up historic season

After a record-setting campaign, Upper Iowa's men's basketball team (22-11, 16-6 NSIC) reached the NCAA Tournament in 2016-17 for just the second time in school history. The Peacocks won 22 games, setting a new program record at the NCAA Division II level. The team finished 16-6 in the Northern Sun Conference, setting a new record for conference wins as well, and finished second in the NSIC South Division.



Jordan Hay

UIU dropped a heartbreaking 79-74 overtime loss to the number-one seed and eventual national champions Northwest Missouri State University in the first round of the NCAA Division II Championships. Despite the loss, 2016-17 was an exciting journey for the Peacocks as they entered territory they have never seen in the past. Upper Iowa reached the NSIC Tournament Championship game for the first time in program history, losing to Southwest Minnesota State University in the title game in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The season's success can be largely attributed to veteran leadership and a pair of all-conference performers. Redshirt senior forward Jordan Hay was named NSIC Defensive Player of the Year and earned Second Team All-NSIC honors, while junior point guard Carson Parker was named to the All-NSIC First Team. Hay led the team in scoring (13.2/game) and rebounding (6.5/game). The Stanwood, Iowa, native tallied 47 blocks and 52 steals as well on the defensive end. Parker was second in both scoring (11.9/game) and rebounding (4.7/game). The point guard also dished out a team-best 129 assists on the season.

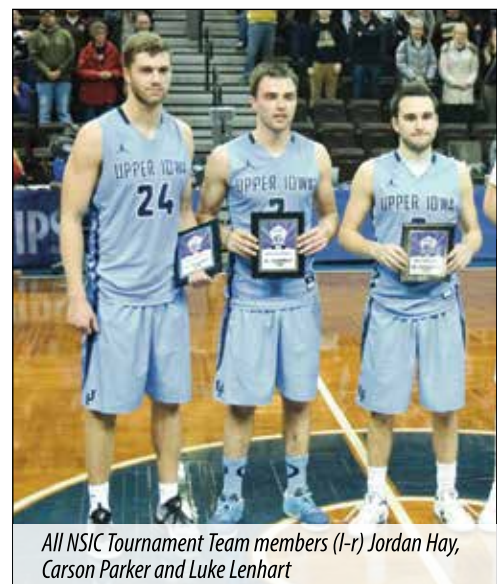
Hay, Parker and Luke Lenhart were named to the Northern

Sun Conference All-Tournament team after the historic run to the title game, marking the first time in program history a UIU player was named to the team. The three players led the team all the way through four tournament games, including wins over Minnesota Crookston, St. Cloud State and Minnesota State to advance to the championship game.

Upper Iowa says goodbye to five seniors who could go

down as one of the most productive groups in program history, including four 1,000-point scorers: Jimmy Roth (1,408 points, eighth all-time), Josh Weeber (1,295, 13th), Lenhart (1,026) and Hay (1,002). Jace Hanna ended his career as one of the best defenders in program history and contributed with 455 points as well.

The team remains in good hands next season under fifth-year head coach Brooks McKowen, and will return the likes of Parker, Kam Rowan, Dennis Austin III, Mitch Eighme and Munachiso Okonkwo, as well as a handful of redshirts and newcomers who will battle for playing time on Prochaska Court. UIU has won a conference tournament game in each of the last five seasons and finished in the top four in the division in that span.



All NSIC Tournament Team members (l-r) Jordan Hay, Carson Parker and Luke Lenhart

Klostermann leads Peacocks

The Peacocks closed out their 2016-17 season with a 4-23 overall record and 4-18 NSIC mark. Peacock sophomore Blair Klostermann was tapped as an All-NSIC First Team performer. The Dyersville, Iowa, native earned the honor after scoring 19.1 points per conference game, finishing highest among all NSIC scorers. Klostermann scored 382 points for the Peacocks while playing in and starting 20 of the 22 conference games; her first season at Upper Iowa ended due to an injury at home in the team's upset win over Concordia University, St. Paul. UIU's star guard shot 39.9 percent from the floor, including 36.7 percent from three and 84.8 percent from the free-throw line. Klostermann added 5.4 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.1 steals per conference game as well. Klostermann scored a career-high 34 points at home against Wayne State College and netted 30 points in a road win at Southwest Minnesota State University.

In addition to Klostermann, the Peacocks will return senior Ashley Ray and juniors Haley Martin, Ashley Rosenstiel and Casey Miles, as well as sophomore Bekka Pierson, to the court for the 2017-18 season.

Two Peacock wrestlers earn All-American honors

The Peacocks added two new NCAA Division II All-Americans at the 2017 NCAA Division II Championships in Birmingham, Alabama, in March. Logan Hopp claimed a fifth-place finish at heavyweight, going 3-2 at the tournament, while Josh Walker also went 3-2 to claim seventh place at 133 pounds. Hopp closed out his redshirt junior season with a 22-8 record with 11 bonus point wins. Walker ended his season with a 13-6 record with seven bonus point victories.



The Peacock wrestling team placed seventh at the 2017 NCAA Division II Super Region 3 Tournament, held in Moorhead, Minnesota. A quartet of Peacocks led the team as Maleek Williams finished third in the 125-pound bracket, while Walker (133), Jordan Roths (141) and Hopp (285) all placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

Upper Iowa posted a 9-5 dual meet record, including wins over #14 Tiffin University, #3 Maryville University and #6 Mercyhurst University at the NWCA National Duals. Upper Iowa claimed seventh place, marking the ninth time in the last 10 years that the Peacocks have placed in the top eight at the NWCA National Duals. The Peacocks finished the Northern Sun Conference season with a 5-3 mark and had three wrestlers named to the All-NSIC Second Team, including Hopp, Walker and Roths. Damian Penichet led the team in wins with 27, while Cody Nelson paced the squad with a team-high nine falls.

Six members of the Upper Iowa wrestling team earned a spot on the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Team this year. Colbey Vance and Hopp were named to the second team, while Jamie Gehling, Cody Nelson, Lincoln Monroe and Brock Sorensen all earned a spot on the honorable mention list.

In addition to Hopp and Walker, the Peacocks will return three more wrestlers with NCAA Division II Championship

experience in All-American Ryan Parmely and national qualifiers Penichet and Williams.

Fanning and Ravelo earn All-NSIC baseball honors

The Peacocks finished the 2017 campaign with a 19-29 record overall and a 15-25 mark in the Northern Sun. UIU ended the season in 13th place, but only three games back of sixth place. Pitcher Brett Fanning and shortstop Luis Ravelo earned All-NSIC Second Team honors, while Ravelo also claimed a position on the 2017 NSIC Gold Glove Team.

Fanning was Upper Iowa's ace on the mound, this season posting a 6-3 record with a 2.29 earned run average in 63 innings after bouncing back from a pair of season-altering injuries over the last two seasons. The Spring Valley, Illinois, native was even better against Northern Sun Conference opponents, with a 5-3 record and a 1.36 ERA, which was second best among conference starting pitchers. He allowed just eight runs (second NSIC) in nine conference games. Fanning was his own best reliever with the most complete games (7) in the Northern Sun, including a pair of shutouts at home.

UIU's mainstay at shortstop over the last four years, Ravelo has played in the hole for 166 games, starting all but two games over that span. He hit .296 this season with 50 hits, including six doubles, two triples and five home runs for a .444 slugging percentage. With 18 walks and a pair of hit batsmen to go with his 50 hits, the senior posted an on-base percentage of .370. In his 38 NSIC games, Ravelo hit .294 with 40 hits, including five doubles, a triple and four homers to slug .434. On the field, he recorded 54 putouts and 105 assists (third NSIC) with only six errors to post a fielding percentage of .964.

Four Peacocks finished the season with a batting average above .300, led by sophomore Zackary Cain (.338); Cain also registered a 3-6 mark on the mound with 10 starts in 12 appearances. The quartet of .300-plus hitters also included seniors Alex George (.331), who closed out his career with 214 hits, Anthony Calton (.318) and Colton Janssen (.303). Jake Greco (.298), Ravelo (.296) and Dominic Hillesheim (.288) all fell just shy of the .300 mark. Tanner Poor was UIU's go-to

reliever with 14 appearances for head coach Brandon Hunt; the junior posted an ERA of 3.13 in his 23 innings of work while holding batters to a .253 batting average.



Sella named NSIC Senior of the Year



The Peacock tennis team reached the NSIC Tennis Championships after putting together a second-place finish in the league, going 9-5 overall and 9-2 in the conference. Upper Iowa lost in the opening round of the tournament, 5-4, to St. Cloud State, but still put together a strong campaign under Leo Millet, who finished his first year at the helm of the tennis program.

Isabella Sella earned first team honors in both singles and doubles play, and was named NSIC Senior of the Year for 2017. Her playing partner, Linn Sorman, joined Sella on the first team in doubles and made the All-NSIC Honorable Mention in singles. Freshman Shakhnaza Zhanatova was named to the All-NSIC Second Team this season as well.

Sella is Upper Iowa's first NSIC Senior of the Year in the 11-year history of the program. The Valinhos, Sao Paulo, Brazil, native was a two-time NSIC Player of the Week in 2017, going 10-2 at No. 1 Singles, including a 9-2 mark in league play. The senior teamed up with Sorman at No. 1 Singles, going 9-4 overall and 8-3 in the NSIC. In her two years with the Peacocks, Sella posted a 20-10 singles record, including an 18-3 mark in conference action and a 20-12 record in doubles (15-7 conference mark).

Sorman picked up Honorable Mention accolades in singles action after posting a 7-6 overall record and a 7-4 mark in league play. Zhanatova put together a 10-4 overall record this season and a 9-2 mark in league action. The Peacocks will have to hit the courts next season without Sella, Sorman and Kelly Jachymowski, who all graduated in May. Zhanatova, Anna Okolot and Breanna Heichert will return for UIU.

ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

Peacock softball returns experience in 2018

UIU finished 2017 with an overall record of 19-33, and a final mark of 11-19 in the NSIC. The Peacocks missed the postseason for the first time since 2012, but will bring back a lot of young talent for their run in 2018.

Senior Riley Krueel was named to the All-NSIC Second team. In 2017, Krueel hit .319, registering 59 hits in 185 at-bats, both career bests. In conference games this season, the table setter registered a .349 average, thanks to a team-best 38 hits. Krueel totaled a .357 on-base percentage and scored 24 runs as well.

This season's leaders at the plate included seniors Sammy Garrett and Krueel, sophomore Sami Kay Shafranski, junior Shannon Nix and freshman Jordyn Brennan. Garrett led the squad with a .363 average, including team highs in hits (62), slugging percentage (.491), runs batted in (35) and stolen bases (10). Shafranski had a breakout sophomore campaign, hitting .345 with 60 hits, while Krueel (59 hits), Nix (32 hits) and Brennan (41 hits) all hit above .300 as well. In the pitching circle, freshman Emily Kisch led the Peacocks with eight wins and a 3.62 earned run average; the Elgin, Illinois, native threw 150.2 innings with 16 complete games. Erin Drahozal scored seven wins, while Courtney Clayberg posted four wins for the Peacocks.

Joerger earns invite to NCAA Regional; named All-NSIC

Upper Iowa's women's golf team placed eighth at the 2017 NSIC Golf Championships in Morton, Minnesota. Megan Joerger (tied 14th) led the Peacocks in the tournament, putting together a 54-hole score of 245 with nine pars in the final round. As a team, UIU had a pair of fourth-place finishes during the year. The Peacocks placed fourth at the Golden Bear Classic in the fall and at the Upper Iowa Spring Invite in early April.

Joerger earned a spot on the All-NSIC Second Team and an invite to the 2017 NCAA Division II Super Region 3 Tourney in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. UIU's junior righty shot a 76 in the final round after carding an 83 on day one and an 89 on day two, tying for 54th place at the postseason tournament.

The Peacocks were led by Joerger (81.52) and senior Ravae Canas (81.56) throughout the season. Joerger made the top 10 three times this year, including a seventh-place finish at the Golden Bear Classic with a 162 (82-80), a fifth-place finish at the UNK Spring Invite with rounds of 74-76 and a tie for 10th at the UIU Spring Invite with scores of 80 and 87. Canas' top two finishes came at the Golden Bear Classic, where she placed sixth with rounds of 80 and 79, and the UIU Spring Invite, where she tied for fifth with rounds of 83 and 79.



Mikayla Nassy-Wong awarded Butch Raymond Scholarship



Upper Iowa women's soccer player Mikayla Nassy-Wong is a recipient of the fourth annual Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Butch Raymond Scholarship, sponsored by Sanford Health. Nassy-Wong, a junior defender this past fall, only played in six matches last season prior to a season-ending injury. As a sophomore, she earned a spot on the All-Northern Sun Conference Honorable Mention list as a steady

influence on a backline that was decimated by injuries throughout the season.

The scholarship is in recognition of Butch Raymond, the NSIC commissioner from 2004 to 2014. For over a decade, Raymond led the NSIC from an eight-team league to a 16-team superconference. During his tenure, the league won 13 team national championships while achieving a high level of academic success.

The scholarship is awarded to one or two student-athletes at each of the 16 NSIC institutions. To be eligible for the scholarship, the recipient must be a senior academically in 2017-18, have a GPA of 3.20 or higher, be participating in intercollegiate athletics and plan to work in a health-related field or attend graduate school in a health-related field. The student-athletes will be publicly recognized at a home athletic event during the 2017-18 academic year.

Schweinefus and Cooksley pace Peacocks through golf season

The Peacock men's golf team placed ninth in the final standings of the 2017 NSIC Men's Golf Championships after three rounds in Smithville, Missouri. Upper Iowa's best two weeks as a team came at the Washburn Invitational and the NSIC Spring Preview in the middle of March. UIU placed eighth in a 14-team field at Washburn and followed with a sixth-place finish in a 13-team field at the NSIC Preview.

Freshman Logan Schweinefus (76.42) and senior Curtis Cooksley (76.47) led the Peacocks, along with junior Jalen Tranbarger (78.32). Schweinefus tied for third at the JR Watkins Invitational with a 145 (75-70) and 14th place at the NSIC Spring Preview with a 150 (73-77). Cooksley had three top-15 finishes this season, including fourth place at the UIU Spring Invite with a 151 (76, 75), fifth (tie) at Washburn with a 75 and 13th (tie) at Lindenwood University with a three-round total of 221 (74, 73, 74).

Monica Rohe earns NSIC Elite 18 Award for women's golf

Monica Rohe was named the 2017 NSIC Elite 18 Award winner for women's golf at the NSIC Women's Golf Championship. Rohe is the first student-athlete from Upper Iowa to earn this prestigious honor.

Rohe is a senior majoring in accounting and holds a 3.99 grade point average. The Onalaska, Wisconsin, native holds an 86.2 stroke average this season over 18 rounds.

Her low round this season was 80 during the Golden Bear Classic last September. Rohe finished 35th at the NSIC Championship and helped the Peacocks to an eighth-place team finish.

As part of the NSIC 25th Anniversary celebration, the NSIC Elite 18 Award was instituted to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the NSIC Championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers.



Track & Field sets multiple records

Upper Iowa set 11 different school records in both indoor and outdoor track and field during the 2016-17 season. The Peacocks' biggest accomplishment as a team came in the Northern Sun Conference Outdoor Championships when they scored points as a unit for the first time in program history. Caitlin Himes' fourth-place finish in the discus throw propelled UIU to its lone points.

Six records fell in the outdoor campaign. Freshman two-sport athlete Kenzie Soeken broke the mark in the heptathlon, scoring 4,021 points at the NSIC/MIAA Showdown. Chandra Smith broke the 5,000 meter school record, while Brinn Grunder broke the shot put record, Alyssa Weber broke the steeplechase mark, Himes broke the discus record and the 4x100 meter relay team of Soeken, Cami Pickett, Breyanna Hill and Gabbie Mohs made history as well.

In the winter indoor season, the team set five more program records. Soeken cleared the mark by nearly two feet in the triple jump at the Chuck Peterson Open. The 4x200 meter relay team of Soeken, Hill, Shay Lierman and Kortney Lightfoot set a new mark, while Grunder broke her own school record three times in the shot put. Chelsea Berry broke the long jump record twice this season, while Smith set the new 5,000 meter run record at the NSIC Indoor Championships.

FACULTY NOTES



Jill Buchan, assistant professor of education, authored the following publications: "Effective Strategies for Teaching and Learning Independence in Literacy: The Daily 5 Structure;" and "A Review of the Research on Secret Stories®: Cracking the Reading Code with the Brain in Mind!" She conducted two presentations, "Using Strength-based Assessment in Daily Practice," presented at the MSLBD National Conference, and "Small Changes-Big Rewards," presented at the UNI Early Literacy Conference. She also received an Excellence in Teaching (2016-17) award and was named to the board of directors for the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders.

Danielle Camacho, adjunct instructor, co-authored an article, "Shifting Gears in the Classroom - Movement Towards Personalized Learning and Competency-Based Education (CBE)." It was published in the December 2016 issue of *The Journal of Competency-Based Education* (doi: 10.1002/cbe.2.1032).



Barbara Ehlers, associate professor of education, performed the following presentations: STEM Showcase, Oelwein, Iowa, November 2016; STEM Showcase, Waterloo, Iowa, January 2017; Environmental Issues Instruction professional development, Food, Farming, and Climate Change, Mount Vernon, Iowa, February 2017; Elementary STEM Extravaganza, Los Angeles, California, March 2017; Iowa Academy of Science, Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 2017; Environmental Issues Instruction update session, SOIL: The Earth Beneath Our Feet, Charles City, Iowa, April 2017; Environmental Issues Instruction update session, Food, Farming and Climate Change, Mount Vernon, April 2017; and Next Generation Physical Science and Everyday Thinking, Faculty Online Learning community training, May 2017. Ehlers was also involved in an Iowa Department of Natural Resources-REAP-CEP grant, wherein \$44,792 was provided for professional development for environmental educators with the theme of Food, Farming and Climate Change.



Matthew Foy, assistant professor of communication, published one scholarly article and authored a chapter in a scholarly text. The article was titled "You're Doing it Wrong, Tommy: Embodied Audiencing Rituals, Cult Texts in Crisis and the Struggle for the Room" and appeared in the *Ohio Communication Journal* (vol. 55). The chapter was titled "Riding Along with Racism: Using COPS to Teach Media Representation" and was included in *Teaching From the Heart: Critical Communication Pedagogy in the Communication Classroom* (2017).



Melinda Heinz, assistant professor of psychology, made two poster presentations this fall at the 69th annual Gerontological Society of America conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. One presentation was titled "Evidence of Psychosocial Theories in Oral History Narratives Among Oklahoma Centenarians." The other was titled "Assessing Behavior Characteristics and Personality Traits of Centenarians Through Observational Coding: A Pilot Project."

LeRoy Davis, adjunct instructor, has been appointed by Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards to the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Davis has also been appointed treasurer to the North Baton Rouge Economic Development District Commission.

William Jones and Rebecca Schmidt, both assistant professors of biology, presented a poster titled "Research and Enrichment: Implementing a Cell and Molecular Biology Teaching Lab at Upper Iowa University."

Rick Klann, Delano professor of science, authored "Parasite Assemblages Infecting Native Versus an Introduced Population of Yellow Bass," which appeared in the *Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science* (volume 122).



Meghan Jordan, assistant professor of English, was nominated this spring for the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools Dissertation Award. Dr. Jordan also presented a paper titled "'Too Sacred to Lay Bare': Eliza Lynn Linton's The Autobiography of Christopher Kirkland, Androgynous Abjection, and Cross-dressed Reflections" at the annual Southern Humanities Council Conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mike Kimmel, adjunct instructor, published "Acting Scenes for Kids and Tweens: 60 Original Comedy and Drama Scenes for Young Actors."



Tiffany Kragnes, assistant professor of criminal justice, and Chris Kragnes, associate professor of business, worked with the Iowa State Public Defender for the second year in a row to provide UIU students with hands-on experience in the defense of clients in a class A felony trial. See the full story in this issue of *The Bridge*.

Katie Kress, writing center manager, had her essay "Body Memory," published last spring in *The Fourth River Journal*, nominated for a Pushcart Prize in the creative nonfiction genre.



Meghan Mettler, assistant professor of history, presented a paper titled "Visit Japan by Subway: Japan-Inspired Products and 1950s Homemakers" at the annual conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) in San Diego, California.

Danielle Rosario Cushion, assistant athletic director and senior woman administrator, organized a faculty-led panel discussion around recent presidential executive orders and initiatives for Upper Iowa and the Fayette community on February 8. Chelsea Dowell, Redmond Humphrey and Richard Patrick, professors from the School of Business, were panelists, while Coach Tony Morris and softball student-athlete Shannon Nix served as moderators. Nearly 60 people attended the panel. Rosario Cushion presented to 98 women at the Women Leaders in College Sports Women's Leadership Symposium April 27.

Paul Skrade, assistant professor of biology, co-authored an article with two others. "Testosterone and Prolactin Levels in Incubating Mountain Plovers (*Charadrius montanus*)" was published in the March 2017 issue of *The Wilson Journal of Ornithology* (doi: 10.1676/1559-4491-129.1.176). Skrade also recently received three grants: Upper Iowa Audubon, \$500 to purchase binoculars; Iowa Audubon Society, \$600 to purchase binoculars; and Iowa DNR, \$2000 to conduct forest bird surveys on recently acquired public properties. Skrade and 11 UIU students also attended the annual meeting of the Iowa Wildlife Society in Ames, Iowa, on February 15.

Christa Steffens, director of nursing, was recently accepted for a poster presentation on intellectual property rights for postsecondary distance education faculty. The conference is in August in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Jennifer Stoffel (associate professor of biology), Paul Skrade (assistant professor of biology), Kata McCarville (professor of geosciences) and a contingent of 22 Conservation Management and Environmental Science majors attended Winterfest, the annual meeting of Iowa County Conservation Professionals, on January 22.

Stephanie Tippin, assistant professor of nursing, presented a poster at the Concept-Based Learning Institute Nurse-Tim Conference in Orlando, Florida.



Roland Vazquez, professor of social science and anthropology, presented a paper titled "The Art of the Victim: A Basque Example" at the Central States Anthropological Association's annual meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, in April 2017.

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INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT



Andrew Wenhe, MHEA, '12
VP for External Affairs

April 2017 was an exciting month for Upper Iowa University. In addition to the successful launch of the new University and Peacock logos, the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Development conducted the first-ever UIU Giving Day. Our primary goal for this fundraising event was to commemorate UIU's 160th

anniversary by securing contributions from 160 donors. We surpassed our goal by a wide margin as UIU supporters stepped up with 361 donations during the 36-hour Giving Day!

Due to the generosity of the participating donors, and thanks to several individuals who provided matching gifts throughout the event, we raised over \$82,000. The UIU Annual Fund, UIU Athletics, Dean's Funds, Team Peacock and many more initiatives that directly affect student success and opportunity benefited from this event.

UIU Giving Day is just one example of the events and initiatives that our office leads to engage our UIU alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students. UIU Giving Day, the Class Gift, fall and spring Phonathons, Donor Clubs and other opportunities for donors to support UIU help generate excitement amongst our community, taking us another step toward establishing a culture of giving at our University that will pay dividends for generations to come.

To learn more about how you can support these and other initiatives, please consider visiting uiu.edu/alumni. Go Peacocks!

Be a Leader. Share Your Knowledge. Spread Peacock Pride.

The Alumni Association is seeking Peacock Ambassadors to serve as an alumni resource for each U.S. state and/or major metropolitan area. With more than 37,000 alumni living around the world, this program will expand outreach efforts to geographic areas not currently represented by an alumni chapter nor UIU center. Peacock Ambassador volunteer duties may include:

- **WELCOME WAGON:** Extend a personal welcome to new alumni who move into your state.
- **LOCAL RESOURCE:** Share expertise about your home state (or city) and respond to alumni questions in a timely manner.
- **STAFF SUPPORT:** Work closely with the Alumni Association and the Alumni Office on events and outreach activities occurring within your state.
- **BE INFORMED:** Stay up to date and be knowledgeable about University achievements, needs, goals, programs and mission – and share the message with others!
- **RECRUITMENT:** Be on the lookout for opportunities within your state that can help promote UIU and/or recruit students.
- **CAREER ADVISER:** Field questions related to career development opportunities (e.g., career fairs, jobs, internships, career advice).

This program is another wonderful way for you to get involved with your alma mater and give your time and talent by serving as a leader in your area.

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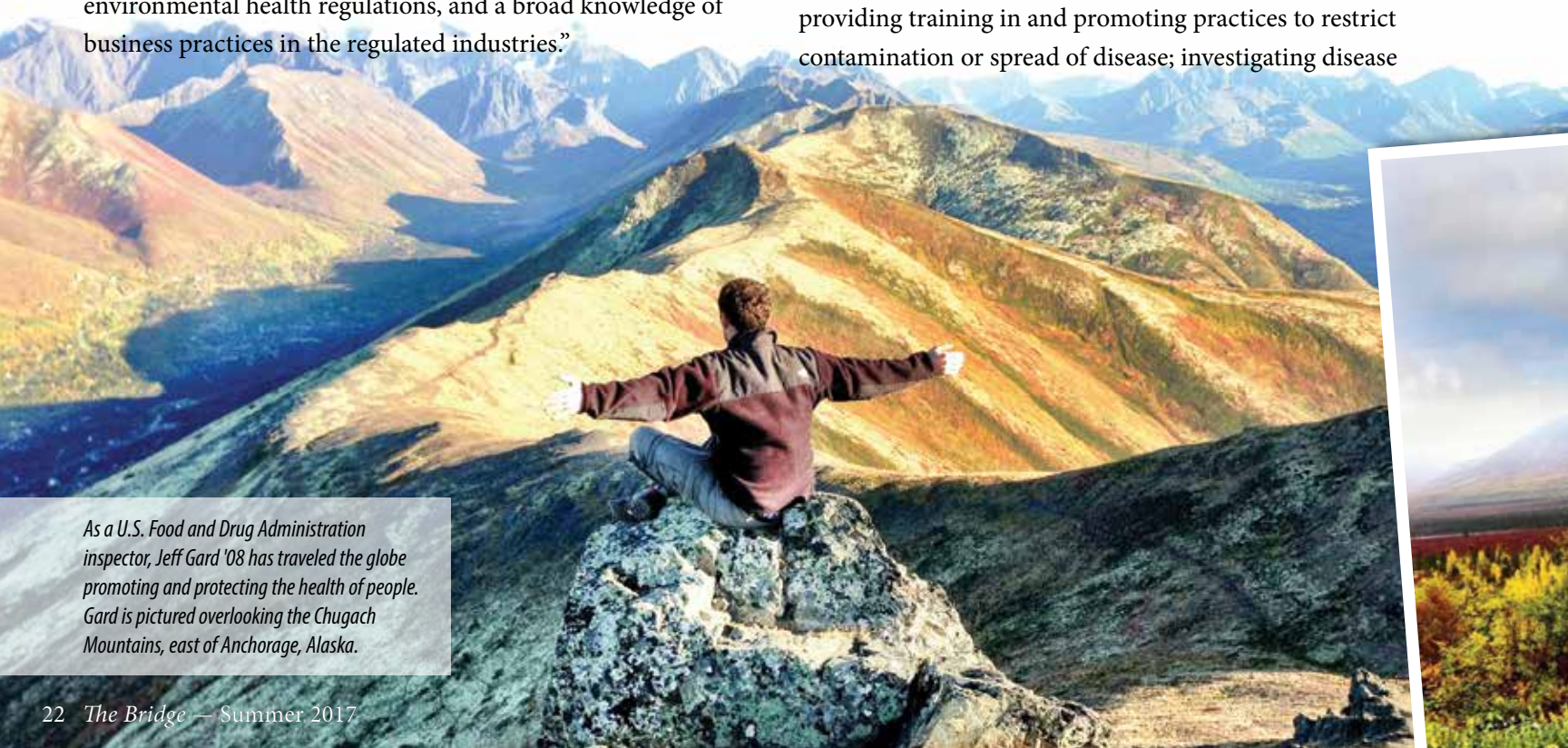
Ever since he was a child, Jeff Gard '08 has been intrigued by the Earth, its vastness and the diverse groups of life it sustains. Not only did he know from an early age that he would pursue a career in science, the Dubuque, Iowa, native made it a personal mission to travel and see the world.

As an investigator for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Gard has traveled the globe while promoting and protecting the health of all people. Understandably, the opportunity to protect public health and potentially save lives on a daily basis has already made for a rewarding career.

“This is truly my dream job,” said Gard, who received a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science at UIU. “The work is never routine, and I learn something new each and every day. I am continuously challenged by my duties, which require a comprehensive knowledge of the content and purpose of environmental health regulations, and a broad knowledge of business practices in the regulated industries.”

The FDA is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services and is responsible for promoting and protecting public health by assuring the safety and efficacy of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines, blood and other biological products, medical devices and radiation-emitting products. Additionally, the FDA is responsible for assuring the safety of food, cosmetics, animal feeds and dietary supplements; and for regulating tobacco products

Previously, the UIU alumnus was employed as an Environmental Health Officer (EHO) III, as well as the state recall coordinator and lead EHO in charge of the state of Alaska food safety database. As an EHO, he performed inspections, plan reviews, permitting, investigations, compliance reviews and enforcement actions for retail food establishments and public facilities. His duties included determining compliance with a variety of food safety and environmental health standards; providing training in and promoting practices to restrict contamination or spread of disease; investigating disease



As a U.S. Food and Drug Administration inspector, Jeff Gard '08 has traveled the globe promoting and protecting the health of people. Gard is pictured overlooking the Chugach Mountains, east of Anchorage, Alaska.


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outbreaks; and ensuring proper packaging, marking and labeling of products or materials.

“I consider myself extremely fortunate to be in this career field, and I am extremely grateful to the UIU STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Department and Environmental Science program for providing me all of the required preparation,” Gard said. “The UIU education I received benefits me every day. The University’s environmental science major is interdisciplinary and lets one dip into all areas of the sciences instead of just one specific field. I have always said that in the working world, an interdisciplinary approach is better, since one gains an all-around feel and appreciation for the sciences.”

He explained that by focusing on internships, and thesis and senior projects, UIU’s environmental science program prepares its students for a successful experience in the job market or in

graduate school. In addition, Gard praised Dr. Kata McCarville, Dr. Nigel George and all of UIU’s STEM professors for the extreme knowledge and passion for teaching that they share with all their students.

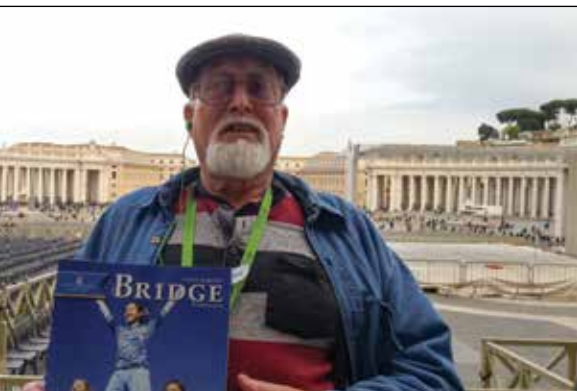
“I can only thank all the professors, students, friends and staff who made my time at UIU a rewarding one,” Gard said. “A friend of mine once told me, ‘The things in life we regret are the risks we never end up taking.’ Don’t regret anything, and take risks in life. Take internships, take jobs, get out and explore the world, as there’s so much to see. The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and UIU was a great experience and the stepping-stone that led a path to my career. I’m fortunate to have obtained a great education and rewarding career that has allowed me to pursue my passion for adventure. Don’t let your dreams be dreams.” 



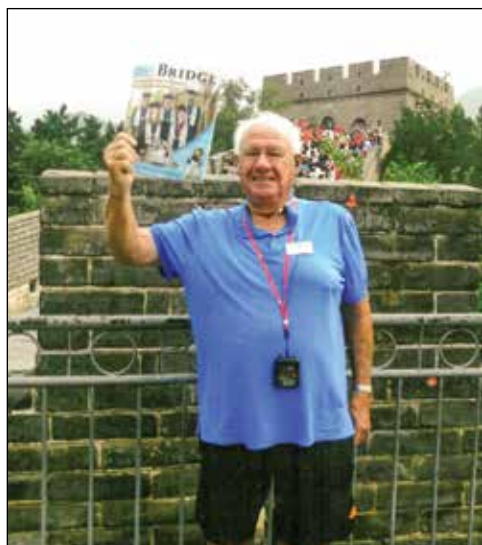
Alumnus Jeff Gard feels extremely fortunate to have obtained a great education at UIU and his dream career with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which allows him to pursue his passion for travel and adventure. Gard is pictured in scenic Seward, Alaska, overlooking Resurrection Bay, where he was conducting seafood inspections.

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1960s



Timothy Brennan '64, Homosassa, Fla., holds *The Bridge* in the square of Saint Peter Basilica in Rome. His southern Mediterranean cruise took him to Rome, Malta, Tunis, Algiers, Sardinia, Valencia and Barcelona.



Albert Wilson '65, Vista, Calif., displays the Summer 2016 *Bridge* by the Great Wall of China.



Kathleen B. (Kerrigan) Horstmeyer '66, Chester, Conn., was given the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Fellow Award.

1970s James Mazziotti '75, Bend, Oregon, a realtor/broker owner and founding partner and certified John C. Maxwell speaker and trainer, recently spoke and presented "How To Become A Person Of Influence" to Exit Realty Corp. International broker/owners in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Jeanne (Joachim) Blaes '77, Scottsdale, Ariz., was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame as a part of the Class of 2016. Along with this honor, Blaes will appear

George '65 and Vernelle (Hassman) '66 Malven, Maynard, Iowa, visited New Zealand and Australia in September 2016. The couple is holding *The Bridge* at Sydney Harbour Bridge in Sydney, Australia. They also recently visited England and France.

in the Veterans Heritage Project publication as a salute to women in the military.

1980s Daniel Hovden '87, West Union, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. As a high school baseball coach, he has earned four trips to the state tournament, six conference titles and five district titles. Hovden has been an active member of the coaches association, including being named NE District Coach of the Year three times.

Vicki (Hanson) Villacrez '89, Verona, Wis., has been named senior vice president of finance and will continue as the company's CFO at TDS Telecom.

1990s Karen Blume-Shaffer '93, Waverly, Iowa, joined Veridian Credit Union as a core systems programmer. She previously worked as a developer for Assa Abloy Door Group.

Kristin (Greiner) Sproul '93, Waterloo, Iowa, was named campaign director for Cedar Valley United Way in Waterloo, Iowa.

Jordon Dierks, '93, Des Moines, Iowa, joined the Human Resources Learning and Development team with EMC Insurance Companies as the learning management system administrator. He was previously eLearning director at Upper Iowa University.

Christopher Neessen '96, Denver, Iowa, was hired at VGM Group Inc. Neessen will be working for Strategic Imaging as an account manager.

Neil Wilkinson '99, Oelwein, Iowa, was selected to serve as the president-elect for the National Association for Insurance and Financial Advisors – Iowa. Wilkinson is a current member of the UIU Board of Trustees.

2000s Stephen Arneson '00, San Bernardino, Calif., accepted a position as the director of development with the College of Social and Behavior Sciences at California State University – San Bernardino.

Shane Kron '00, Iowa City, Iowa, was unanimously approved to serve as the Coralville, Iowa, police chief.

Jason '02 and Tabitha Fowler, San Diego, Calif., announced the birth of daughter Aaliyah Jayde Fowler. She was born at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, February 12, 2017, and weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. Aaliyah joins big sister Arianna.



Amy (Peterson) '02 and Jackson '02 Hayek, Decorah, Iowa, welcomed their son Wes Milo on January 7, 2017. Wes weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz., and joins big brothers Ray and Vaughn.

Jamie Sullivan '02 Fairbank, Iowa, was named the Waterloo Exchange Club's Officer of the Year for 2016. His continued dedication resulted in numerous arrests and solved crimes.

Billy Lawson '01 and '03, Long Beach, Miss., was named economic development director in Pascagoula, Miss. He earned his MBA from UIU while serving in the Army.

Tyler and **Chyanne (Kleve) '05 Kalishek**, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announced the birth of their baby girl, Portland Aletta, on December 11, 2016.



Lidra (Xiong) '07 and Brandon '09 Schenk, Fresno, Calif., announce the birth of their daughter, Channing May Schenk. She was born October 10, 2016.



Steven '08 and Nikki Fellhauer, Northville, Mich., welcomed their second child, Ian Richard Fellhauer, on April 28, 2017.

Stephanie (Crosser) Rottinghaus '08, Fairbank, Iowa, was promoted to marketing manager at Advanced Heat Treat Corp. in Waterloo, Iowa. She worked as the marketing specialist there for nearly six years.

Gregory Bartz '09, Oelwein, Iowa, joined the clinical staff at Cedar Valley Hospice. He will be working as a nurse in the Independence, Iowa office.

Brock '09 and Kristina Spangenberg, Elkhorn, Neb., announce the birth of their daughter Elle Jean. She was born November 18, 2016, and joins her 3-year-old brother Zachary.

2010s Kelly (Kinley) Balvanz '10, Marion, Iowa, joined the Waterloo – Cedar Falls Courier as a recruitment specialist.

Benjamin Curran '11, Fayette, Iowa, was named wide receivers coach for Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. He was previously the assistant football coach at UIU from May 2009 to March 2017.

James Ebert '11, Nicholasville, Ky., was named police chief in Richmond, Ky. Ebert was previously employed as a Frankfort police lieutenant and assistant night shift commander.

Heather Hillman '12, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was hired at VGM in their Homelink division. She previously worked at Lutheran Services for Iowa.

Paul Hunter '12, Memphis, Tenn., has published a new book, *No Love, No Charity: The Success of the 19th Child*. This autobiographical book describes how Hunter has overcome the odds and achieved success.

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Jerome (Wei Mun) '12, and **Isabel (Sze Wei Sin) '12 Chong**, were wed on January 19, 2017. They met at UIU's Fayette Campus, and both served as work-study students for the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Development.

Allyssa Joseph '12, Aurora, Colo., received a promotion to associate director of major gifts at Metropolitan State University of Denver. Joseph previously worked as the director of annual giving for MSU – Denver.

Justin '12 and **Leslie (Willson) '12 Marchant**, Shell Rock, Iowa, announced the birth of their baby girl Ava on December 16, 2016. She joins her big sister, Lilliana.

Chaney and **Jason '12 Waddell**, Franklin, Tenn., welcomed baby girl Sadie into their family in the fall of 2016. Waddell is the current Upper Iowa University Alumni Association president.

Darin Wecker '13, Rockton, Ill., was named Belvidere Bucs head football coach. Wecker was previously the offensive line coach and co-offensive coordinator for the team. He helped

coach the team that broke 24 school records and seven NIC-10 records.

Ty Grunder '14, Durant, Iowa, was hired as assistant director of development in the School of Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Grunder had been a development officer at Upper Iowa University since graduating in 2014.

Nicholas Linde '14, Madison Lake, Minn., was named senior director of administration at Minnesota State University – Mankato Foundation.

Kathryn (Mertens) Gisleson '15, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was named the 2017 Registered Dental Hygienist of the Year by the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association. She is an instructor at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, and practices dental hygiene in Manchester, Iowa, during the summer.

Christine Jury '15, Ankeny, Iowa, was hired to teach preschool at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Ankeny, Iowa.

Tyler and **Lauren (Buck) '15 Thoms**, Fayette, Iowa, are excited to announce the birth of their son Paxton Michael Thoms on April 25, 2017. He was 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 21 ¼ inches long.

Montana Van Sickle '15, Johnston, Iowa, has been hired to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) at South Union Elementary School of Des Moines Public Schools. She previously split her education career teaching ESL at both Howe and South Union elementary schools.

Kaitlin Courtney '16, Des Moines, Iowa, will be teaching special education at Waukee High School in Waukee, Iowa.

Kenny Harrington Jr. '16, Des Moines, Iowa, was hired as K-3 reading interventionist at South Union Elementary School of Des Moines Public Schools.

Leslie Hildebrand '16, Waterloo, Iowa, accepted the intake patient care coordinator position at VGM – Homelink division.

Robin Hunt '16, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was hired as a construction administrator at Lockard Cos. in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Erica Kirgan '16, Polk City, Iowa, accepted a graphic design position at Rock Communications in Newton, Iowa.

Emily Marvin '16, Alta Vista, Iowa, will be teaching preschool at West Hancock Schools in Britt, Iowa.

Dustin Osier '16, Greene, Iowa, accepted the earth science and fundamentals of physics teacher position at Tipton High School. He will also be the freshman and sophomore baseball coach for the Iowa school.

Carly Pagel '16, Hawkeye, Iowa, was hired as the marketing manager at Larry K. Fox & Associates in Waterloo. It is a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

IN MEMORIAM

J Catherine (Ripple) Boettcher '35
11/08/2016, Shelburne, VT

Elsie (Fruechte) Weymiller '36
05/28/2016, New Albin, IA

Helen (Stolle) Trapp '38
09/23/2016, Valparaiso, IN

Margaret (Smith) Morris '40
11/21/2016, Mc Callsburg, IA

Wanda (Rhines) Ash '42
10/08/2016, Edgewood, IA

Beatrice (Hoehne) Foss '42
06/03/2016, Burlington, IA

Sibyl (Siddell) Dever '43
11/27/2015, Wilmington, NC

Ardis (Melton) Jones '43
10/02/2015, Worthington, MN

Lucille (Armentrout) Walker '44
12/17/2016, Rockwell City, IA

Beverly (Beare) Paulsen '45
01/15/2016, Cedar Falls, IA

Willis Sperry '48
07/20/2016, Hughson, CA

Zeida (Brockmeyer) Clark '49
03/22/2016, Fort Pierce, FL

Richard Moore '49
01/22/2017, Independence, IA

William Harty '51
09/26/2014, Riverside, CA

Don Lau '51
02/22/2017, Traer, IA

George Richards '51
05/14/2017, Phoenix, AZ

James Olsen '52
08/15/2016, Ashland, OR

Max Darnall '53
02/14/2016, Bloomington, MN

Marilyn (Engelhardt) Meadows '54
11/24/2016, Monona, IA

Harriett Bruner '55
12/21/2016, Sioux City, IA

James Corkery '55
12/09/2016, Independence, IA

Clarence Djuren '56
04/05/2016, New Smyrna, FL

Kenneth Sawyer '58
07/27/2016, Humboldt, IA

Tom Swale '59
04/12/2016, West Des Moines, IA

Marian Anderlik '60
04/24/2017, Cresco, IA

Robert Clark '60
3/19/2017, Columbia, MO

Rozella (Steffens) Parsons '61
02/10/2017, Hilliard, OH

Leora (Oldenburg) Sullivan '61
11/28/2016, Arlington, IA

Alice (Johnson) Foster '62
05/07/2017, Masonville, IA

Bernadine (Warner) Granneman '62
11/26/2016, Oelwein, IA

Vera (Lange) Holtz '62
11/02/2016, Independence, IA

Charles Oakes '62
09/19/2016, Eden Prairie, MN

Melba (Granneman) Shank '62
04/14/2017, Indianola, IA

Norma (Sargent) Sharff '62
12/08/2016, Denver, IA

John Shultz '62
03/19/2017, Riverton, WY

Stella (Thorson) Glew '64
08/28/2016, Slater, IA

Janice (Holmes) Holmes '64
05/01/2017, North Liberty, IA

Eleanor (Sperfslage) Ryan '65
01/03/2016, Monona, IA

Ronald Tinaglia '65
02/14/2017, Cumming, GA

Donald Larson '66
03/04/2017, Osage, IA

Verla (Tuecke) Bente '67
05/13/2017, Garnavillo, IA

Wanda (Olsen) Jacobson '67
02/07/2017, Humboldt, IA

Lilahann (Opheim) Kilpatrick '67
09/27/2015, Waukon, IA

James Phillips '68
03/09/2017, Cedar Falls, IA

Dorothy (Opkis) Sherrard '68
09/28/2015, Northwood, IA

Bruce Campbell '69
12/21/2016, Des Moines, IA

Sandra (Marsh) Janssen '69
11/15/2016, Waverly, IA

Ann (Nesbit) Minger '69
01/23/2017, West Union, IA

Lorraine (Panoch) Scholbrock '69
06/21/2015, New Hampton, IA

Artalee (Phillips) Schroyer '69
02/17/2016, Wadena, IA

Lillian (Powell) Stockton '70
07/17/2016, Anamosa, IA

Ethelyn (Herrmann) Berns '71
04/18/2016, Elkader, IA

Patricia (Patridge) Hehr '71
10/20/2016, Oelwein, IA

Mary Lou (Marr) Koschmeder '71
08/18/2016, Riceville, IA

Galen Behrends '72
10/24/2016, Marshalltown, IA

Bette (Bierie) Hess '72
07/05/2014, Dyersville, IA

Darlene (Taylor) Humphrey '72
12/07/2016, Arlington, IA

Cheryl (St. Germain) Van Zile '72
04/12/2017, Toddville, IA

Willie Richardson '75
05/30/2016, Citrus Hts, CA

Gerald Bauer '76
05/11/2017, Oelwein, IA

Apollo Cricones '76
09/08/2016, Tyngsboro, MA

Richard Klema '76
07/23/2016, Winsted, CT

MacDaniel Williams '76
06/27/2014, Irvington, VA

Bobby England '77
05/13/2016, Rockledge, FL

Jerome Masinos '77
07/31/2016, Lititz, PA

Seymour Friedman '79
10/14/2016, Boynton Beach, FL

Hoc Van Nguyen '79
03/13/2014, Oklahoma City, OK

Marcella Pittman '79
08/29/2016, Weeki Wachee, FL

Robert Limbrick '81
03/03/2016, San Antonio, TX

Clyde Roeder '84
03/17/2016, Strawberry Point, IA

Paul French '85
09/16/2016, Johnston, IA

Donald Avenson '86
05/20/2017, Oelwein, IA

Philip McKee '86
05/26/2016, Dunedin, FL

Roger Etzig '90
06/16/2016, Murrells Inlt, SC

Lonnie Lee '90
08/14/2016, Country Club, MO

Harry "Earl" Moore '92
04/21/2016, Spokane, WA

Richard Rogers '92
02/20/2017, West Des Moines, IA

Judith (Rolling) Simmons '93
01/2017, Waterloo, IA

Larry Snyder '93
03/04/2017, Hudson, IA

Althea (Clingman) Lenz '97
06/11/2016, Mechanicsville, IA

Dennis Levinstein '00
12/25/2015, Janesville, WI

Margaret (Gallenberg) Anderson '02
11/08/2016, Douglas, WY

Cheryl (Peterman) Kuykendall '03
04/11/2017, Janesville, WI

Susan (Bartels) Mitts '10
12/20/2016, Goshen, IN

Michalene (Downing) Souhrada '12
05/09/2016, Grand Meadow, MN

Michael Guthrie '13
06/06/2016, Junction City, KS

Martin Souhrada '13
08/23/2016, Grand Meadow, MN

Gudrun Jungweber '14
03/14/2017, Cedar Falls, IA

Michael Moser '15
06/23/2017, West Union, Iowa

John Craddock, Former faculty
05/25/2017, Evansville, IN

Maria (Miranda) Kuethe, Former faculty
05/16/2017, Sumner, IA

June (Clinton) Rutt, Former staff
10/12/2015, Golden, CO

Michael Aldrich, Former student
02/10/2017, Oelwein, IA

James Butler, Former student
09/02/2016, Denver, IA

James Chapman, Former student
01/02/2017, Marion, IA

Larry Clipperton, Former student
03/07/2017, West Union, IA

Martin Fritz, Former student
12/24/2016, Ackley, IA

Neva (Whitney) Hardy, Former student
11/16/2016, Independence, IA

Leland Jones, Former student
05/15/2017, Dysart, IA

Mary (Rolfes) Judas, Former student
11/25/2016, Ferryville, WI

John Kerns, Former student
02/04/2017, Oelwein, IA

Randall Lafrenz, Former student
03/16/2015, Bennett, IA

Ethel Mattke, Former student
12/20/2016, Fredericksburg, IA

LeRoy Newton, Former student
10/13/2016, Arlington, IA

Agnes (Kelly) Nulty, Former student
04/27/2017, Cedar Rapids, IA

Mary (Savel) Pirch, Former student
02/15/2017, Camanche, IA

Shirley (Fleming) Reid, Former student
07/12/2016, Hazleton, IA

Dorothy (Wilson) Schaudenecker,
Former student
03/24/2017, New Hampton, IA

Carole (Sprague) Shultz, Former student
10/08/2016, Riverton, WY

Greg Stibal, Former student
09/22/2016, Cedar Falls, IA

Elva (Kriz) Davies, Friend of UIU
11/03/2016, Cedar Rapids, IA

Dorothy (Finlayson) Bowen,
Friend of UIU
3/29/2017, West Branch, IA

Susan Dohrmann,
Friend of UIU
06/24/2017, Fayette, Iowa



In remembrance of Bruce Campbell

The entire UIU community mourns the death of Bruce Campbell '69, longtime Board of Trustees Heritage Society member and lifelong friend to Upper Iowa. Bruce served on the Board of Trustees from 1977-2016, including holding the position of board chair from 1990-2002, a tenure longer than any individual since the University's founding in 1857.

Following his graduation from UIU in 1969, Bruce attended Harvard University and obtained his law degree. He went on to become a senior shareholder and past president of the Davis Brown Law Firm in the Business Division. Bruce's professional accomplishments were many, including AV certification by Martindale-Hubbell, an honor signaling that his peers viewed Bruce as being at the highest level of professional excellence. Bruce was also named to the "Best Lawyers in America 2011" list in the areas of nonprofit/charities law, tax law, and trusts and estates, in addition to being named to the "Iowa Super Lawyers" in 2009.

Bruce's philanthropy and service was not limited to Upper Iowa University, as he also served as a director and officer of the Iowa

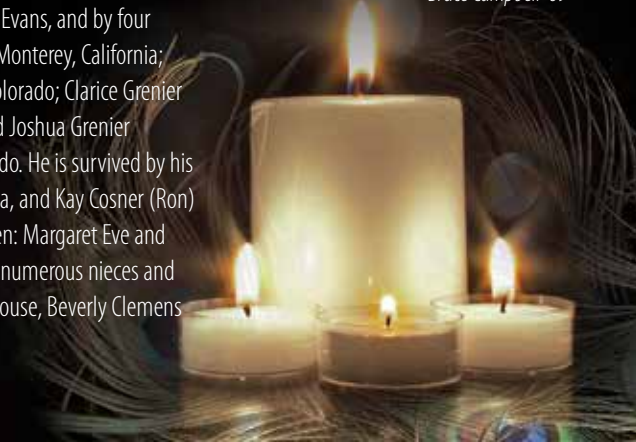
Natural Heritage Foundation. He was also a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, serving as a trained mediator specializing in mediation of probate and family succession disputes.

Bruce was honored during the October 2016 meeting of the UIU Board of Trustees, where he was presented with a proclamation from the board chairman, a quilt and a Campus Walk brick to honor his service, ensuring a permanent tribute to his legacy in UIU's history.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Beverly Evans, and by four children: Anne Campbell (John Schaidler) of Monterey, California; John Campbell (Amelia Piggott) of Denver, Colorado; Clarice Grenier Grabau (James) of Northfield, Minnesota; and Joshua Grenier (Rachael Pream Grenier) of Lakewood, Colorado. He is survived by his siblings, Boyd Campbell (Debra) of Rudd, Iowa, and Kay Cosner (Ron) of Tempe, Arizona. There are four grandchildren: Margaret Eve and Joshua Grabau and Nina and Ida Grenier, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his former spouse, Beverly Clemens Campbell of Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Bruce Campbell '69



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Susan Pettinger '16, Burnsville, Minn., accepted the third- and fourth-grade reading and math teaching position in Burnsville.

Rebecca (Sides) Studer '16, West Des Moines, Iowa, was hired as a second-grade teacher at Howe Elementary for Des Moines Public Schools.

Kayla Arnold '17, Davenport, Iowa, accepted a position as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Buffalo and Buchanan Elementary Schools in Davenport, Iowa.

Bridget Dolan '17, Strawberry Point, Iowa, was hired as the sixth-grade science and sixth- through eighth-grade reading teacher with the Allamakee School District in Waukon, Iowa.

Tracey (Francis) Gibson '17, Ankeny, Iowa, will be teaching fifth grade at Park Avenue Elementary

Schools of Des Moines Public Schools.

Shannon Jacobsen '17, Clermont, Iowa, accepted a K-3 special education teaching position with the Northwood-Kensett School District in Northwood, Iowa.

Ashley Lahr '17, Fayette, Iowa, accepted a K-12 special education position with the Postville Community School District in Postville, Iowa.

Anastasia Lavrenko '17, Postville, Iowa, accepted a teaching position for the talented and gifted program at North Fayette Valley schools in West Union and rural Elgin, Iowa.

Trey MacTaggart '17, Manchester, Iowa, was hired as the physical education and life skills teacher at Forest City High School in Forest City, Iowa.

Elizabeth (Davis) Martinez '17, Norwalk, Iowa, was hired to teach high school business at North High School of Des Moines Public Schools.

Sarah Pisney '17, Cresco, Iowa, will be teaching secondary art at North Fayette Valley Community School in West Union, Iowa, beginning in the fall.

Katie Sammons '17, Ottumwa, Iowa, accepted a kindergarten teaching position at Cardinal Community School in Eldon, Iowa.

Kelly Sullivan '17, Des Moines, Iowa, accepted a Level 3 Behavior Disorders teaching position at Roger's Elementary in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Jamie (Buehler) Vargason '17, Oelwein, Iowa, was hired as K-12 art teacher for the West Central School District in Maynard, Iowa.

2017-18 ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS



You're invited...

July 13: Peacock Caravan Iowa Tour – **Mason City, Iowa**

July 20: Alumni Night at the Ballpark – **Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

July 23-29: TEAM PEACOCK rides RAGBRAI –

Orange City to Lansing, Iowa

August 3: Peacock Caravan Iowa Tour – **Dubuque, Iowa**

August 10-20: Iowa State Fair – **Des Moines, Iowa**

August 31- September 5: California Socials – Location TBA

September 8-9: Hall of Fame Weekend – **Fayette, Iowa**

September 10: Alumni Baseball Game – **Fayette, Iowa**

September 14: Milwaukee Center 25th Anniversary and

Elkhorn Center 15th Anniversary Celebrations –

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 15: Alumni Networking Luncheon –

Madison, Wisconsin

September 16: Tri-State Chapter Mix & Mingle – **Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

October 6: Georgia Alumni Social – **Atlanta, Georgia**

November 9: Chicago Alumni Social – **Naperville, Illinois**

November 10: Chicago Alumni Social – **Libertyville, Illinois**

November 16-18: Colorado Alumni Socials – Location TBA

December 5: New Orleans Center Graduation – **New Orleans, Louisiana**

December 6: Baton Rouge Center Graduation – **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

December 7: Fort Polk Center Graduation – **Fort Polk, Louisiana**

December 8: Alexandria Center Graduation – **Alexandria, Louisiana**

December 9: New Orleans Alumni Social – **New Orleans, Louisiana**

January 11: Arizona Alumni Social – **Tucson, Arizona**

January 12: Arizona Alumni Social – **Phoenix, Arizona**

January 27: Missouri Alumni Social – **St. Louis, Missouri**

** Please note: Event dates and locations are subject to change. For the latest event information or to RSVP, visit uiu.edu/alumni/events.*



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Team Peacock is a fundraising venture for Upper Iowa University. Each rider chooses a project or program they are most passionate about to raise money for UIU.

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