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1951

Jay Burgess writes that he is doing well for a member of the Class of 1951. He is still living in a "nice senior facility in Fort Myers, Florida. The center is called Amavida, and I'm enjoying it." He would love to visit Knox again but finds travel just too much these days. He does drive to local spots around the area, though. He says "hello" to all who remember him. > Received this nice message from **Dick Fleming** and **Lorraine Johnson Fleming** '54: "As Megan mentioned in her most recent request for alumni news, we and other old-timers first look through incoming *Knox Magazine* and *FYC Bulletin* for news about our classmates—which in our case means checking the years 1947–1954. We are both doing reasonably well, having survived a 2019 move from Delaware to a nearby retirement community, and we have also evaded COVID so far. We are in Jennersville, Pennsylvania, right on the edge of buggy country where Amish carriages can be seen—and heard—regularly clip-clopping down the back roads. Lorraine continues her lifelong professional interests doing volunteer work on environmental issues, mainly habitat preservation in Delaware, and she is part of a community landscape committee. I completed my decades-long efforts to preserve the Fleming family history: eight volumes and some 2,000 family photos of interest to hardly anyone except me! We often think of Knox and the choir, where we first met, and the friends we made there. We hope at least some of you will drop Megan a note. We would love to read your updates!"

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1952

Frank and **Carol Johnson** had a visit from **Bill** and **Jean Corkill**, who were on their way back to their home in Arizona. Everyone is doing all right even though we're all in our 90s!

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1955

It was wonderful to hear from **Tony Liberta**, and he had some exciting news to share. He wrote, "In mid-November, a dedication ceremony took

place at Julian Hall on the Illinois State University campus when a student study area was named the 'Dr. Anthony Liberta Study Suite.' The suite was named in my honor, thanks to one of my former graduate students and her husband securing the naming rights."

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1956

Jack Reiners reports that the Class of 1956 Scholarship has been awarded to **Jonathan Walker-Moses**, a member of the Knox Class of 2025. Jonathan's hometown is Chicago, where he attended Lane Tech High School. At Knox, he is studying physics and astronomy, planning a career in astronomy, and is thankful that the scholarship has allowed him to work toward his goal. At the end of June, the market value of the scholarship fund was \$89,984; the award for 2021–22 was \$3,582. > **Stan** and **Jenny Anton** have good news/bad news. First the good news that their little grandson Luke arrived on November 14 and is a total treasure. The bad news is that Stan had a fall in October and currently is in a long-term care center because of other complications. He is happiest when family visits and takes him out for lunch, although those excursions are on hold for now thanks to a COVID outbreak at the facility. Jenny says that once again she will be downsizing. > Update: **Stan** sadly passed away on February 7, 2022. Jenny shared the following: "Stan will be greatly missed, but we're feeling relieved he's finally taking his celestial journey. Now he's whole in mind and body and with his loved ones, both human and canine." > **Bob** and **Judy** '58 **Rothe**, after selling their home of 55 years, have moved into an "upscale" (read "expensive," according to Bob) retirement center that has about 500 residents in Boulder, Colorado. The center has done a good job of protecting its residents during the pandemic, although Bob feels that they are overly restrictive. He has used this time to write an as-yet unfinished mystery fiction book entitled *A Minor Case of World-Wide Nuclear Terrorism*. He also produced a math paper that develops the mathematical formulae for a square, a diamond, a line segment of finite length, and the first quadrant of a circle. He believes these have never been published but still cannot find a place to publish these findings. Bob remarked on some local disasters, including a fire that destroyed 1,000 homes. Angered by the careless actions of a cult believed to have started the fire, Bob would support a class action lawsuit against that cult. He is wondering if any lawyers want to comment on that suggestion at Bobrothe57@gmail.com. >

That is the extent of the class news. Perhaps spring and summer weather and (hopefully) less COVID restrictions will have folks on the move again and sharing news of their activities and interests. Meanwhile, please stay cautious and healthy!

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MARGARET KONZO WOLF '59 HAS PLANTED AND MAINTAINS AN AWARD-WINNING

1957

Willis Cravens, basketball and baseball star at Knox, still plays a mean game of tennis every day down in Florida. > **Mondo Lopez** '58 is about to publish his new book tentatively entitled *The Last Play*, which is about his days at Knox. It is in the final editing stage and, hopefully, it will be released soon on Amazon. > As you remember, Mondo was a Little All-American running back, who still holds several Knox records in football. The guy who opened the holes for Mondo was all-conference guard **Trev Winebright**, who was recently recognized for his military service by being chosen for an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Trev recently retired from his successful real estate practice in St. Louis. > The all-conference end on that team was **George Olson**, who with his wife **Bonnie** '58, just switched retirement homes from Minnesota to Florida. > Congratulations to **June Lynch Bath** and her dog Javie, who won blue ribbons at a recent kennel club competition. > Had lunch with **Larry "Swede" Anderson** '58, and **Art "Swede" Carlson**, who talked about the recent passing of buddy **Ralph "Swede" Lundgren**. Seems there were a lot of Swedes called "Swede" at Knox in bygone years. > Just heard that **Nick Panos** was inducted to the Peoria Hall of Fame for his outstanding performance on the Peoria Central championship basketball teams. > Rumor has it that **Bill Shaffer** is alive and well and planning a revolution from his World Headquarters in Indiana. > A collective class Thank You to **Dick and Joan** '56 **Whitcomb**, who have been most generous in their contributions to Knox, including the stunning new Whitcomb Art Center. Many thanks for your loyalty and generosity!
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1958

I'm in touch with **Nina Allen** and she is living in a lovely retirement condo in Grays Lake, Illinois, with several of her children close by. > **Bob Wolf** and his wife **Louise Bost Wolf** '59 are still in Knoxville, Illinois, with daughter **Melissa Wolf Rickabaugh** '83 and son-in-law living right behind them. > **Mary Peterson Potter** thanked me for being class correspondent and reminded me that she and her husband were introduced by **Jim Krugoff** and **Mary Zahutnik Krugoff**. > We received an update from **Ron Streibich**, who is retired from a career in philanthropy, having directed fundraising for Northwestern U., Knox, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Texas Tech, and Texas A&M for three decades. Now he resides in Houston across the road from NASA headquarters and is spearheading a memorial for astronauts lost in space. > **John Norton** reports that he and his wife Janet have spent the winter in Mesa, Arizona, and hope to get to Germany in June. They plan to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau. They finally got tickets after seven

tries since the 1960s. > **Linda Sokody Seybold** and her husband will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary in August. They have lived in their home in Westchester, Pennsylvania, for 55 years. They have two children, one of whom is close by. > Our former correspondent, **Letitia Luther Schactner**, broke her hip the day after Christmas, and after a lot of rehabilitation, she is living in an assisted living apartment in Knoxville, Illinois. It is located at the former site of the stately PEO Home, which many of us will remember. > **Bill Baker** and his wife, **Anne Velde Baker** '60 are still living in Oak Park, Illinois, but are now living in a condo. They have three daughters, the youngest of whom visits three mornings a week "to help the old people," to quote Bill. > **Bill Studley** and his wife have moved from the country into a condo in Mahomet, Illinois, not far from me, as it turns out! Bill has been a beekeeper since the 1970s. > **Mary Kay Krughoff** also shared this news, "My wonderful great granddaughter arrived on September 22nd! Her name is Hunter Mae. I was able to see and hold her on Thanksgiving!" > **Mary Peterson Potter** writes, "**Mike and Pat Craig Ruffolo** were in the Chicago area in September, and we had lunch and a nice visit together. They looked good and seemed to be in good health. Someone took a picture of the three of us (my husband passed away in April), and Pat said 'The Three Amigos.'" > **Mondo Lopez** sends this note: "Dear Caroline, on behalf of the Class of 1958, thank you for volunteering to be our Class Correspondent! Particularly at this stage in life, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Knowing our great class, I am sure I speak for everyone. To the extent words can express it, again thank you for serving as our Class Correspondent. On a personal note, know that I am grateful I had the pleasure of knowing you for three quarters of a century, or, since we were in elementary school. Over the years remembering you as a dear friend and how you always offered your friends and community your help and services, your volunteering to serve as Class Correspondent was not a surprise. Yet, it made me remember the wonderful person and character you have always been, and now, in the present, serving our terrific Class of 1958. Thank you, Dear Carolyn! Mondo, Friend and Class President." > And as for me, I am now living in an independent living senior apartment complex, am president of the resident council, and am writing and photographing for resident profiles in our monthly newsletter. If you want to give me a call, my number is 217-220-9447. Classmates have been staying close to home, for obvious reasons. Here's to wishing us all continued good health and contentment until next time.

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1959

Rich and **Jean Bloomberg** are using their time wisely—long walks, daily Bible study, too many jigsaw puzzles, building some clever things. I wonder what those clever things are?—next time! Thanks to Zoom they viewed college and high school graduations, confirmations, football games, swim meets, and actually saw a grandchild in a virtual play. They spent lots of time learning about genealogy, then wrote down some of their own childhood histories to pass on to their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed the slower pace and certainly made good use of COVID lockdown. > I received a Christmas card from the **Hohes** with a vacation picture. I emailed them asking if they were traveling during COVID. Here's the scoop! In May 2019, **Paul** and **Elva** sold their Chicago condo. In September 2021, they flew to Chicago, cleared out their lockers, donated 75 percent of the contents, rented a large SUV, visited Chicago friends, drove to Cody, Wyoming, visited a cousin, then visited Glacier and Grand Teton parks. Whew! No rocking chairs for those two. > What have you done for your community? **Margaret Konzo Wolf** has planted and maintains an award-winning lily garden for her retirement facility. She also plants and harvests zucchinis and gives them to the chef to make zucchini bread for the residents. Next class reunion, Margaret should bring some zucchini bread to share. > I just remembered that at the 2009 reunion, **David Poston** said he would bring goat cheese from his goat farm to the 2019 reunion. He came, but no goat cheese. Next time. > **Larry Blasch** emailed. His daughter said Larry and **Barbara** '61 were getting older and should move to Richmond, Virginia, to be closer to their children. They moved! Larry still plays golf and rates golf courses for the USGA. > I received an email from **Howard Dillon**, replying to my 10-week-old email. Howard is busy with journals, newspapers, classical music, museums, organizations, digitizing and organizing photographs, Zooming with family and friends, devoting time to reading (but avoiding difficult novelists). He did NOT learn a new language, did NOT write a novel, did NOT acquire a new skill. At least he is honest. Howard also sent his email to everyone in the class of 1959, but I have not heard if he had any replies. You can email Howard at hdillon37@gmail.com; he would enjoy an email from a classmate. Also send me an email, I too would enjoy a note from 1959 classmates. That's it for now, stay well.

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1960

Ed and **Mary Alice** '62 **Vondrak**'s 60th wedding anniversary was, according to Ed, "the opposite of our 50th anniversary a decade earlier, when we had about a hundred guests in the large hall at our church, with catered food and music for

dancing. That event required a few months of planning and a chunk of money. Unfortunately, on that date, September 2, 2011, I woke up that morning with a Menieres attack, which occurred spontaneously, without any warning. I spent that entire day sick in bed, and Mary Alice had to greet the hundred guests by herself. I wonder what will happen on our 70th, if we are still around.” He also reported, “You might already have information about the death of **Peter Pav** in 2021. Pete was my classmate, colleague in physics, and roommate during our latter semesters at Knox. Pete and I went to different graduate schools, after which we both became professors, Pete in Florida and me in Indiana.” Ed retired from full-time teaching in 2000 and launched a volunteer tutoring ministry in his church. From that time until COVID arrived, he tutored a total of about 50 students from all over the world. > **Bob Baker** wrote, “At our Illinois farm, Susie and I are practicing what we call ‘ecological cultivation.’ We have about 20 acres of young tree plantations, 20 acres of native prairie, 150 acres of mature forest, and 40 acres of wetlands. In these days of global warming, invasive species, plant diseases, and deadly insects, it is not enough just to plant trees or to leave nature alone. If you are cultivating (whether it be gardening or farming or trees), you have to destroy one living plant or animal so that another can thrive. Should we as humans make those kinds of decisions? Susie and I have answered ‘yes’ but you may have another opinion.” He has been trying to figure out what the French would say for “going to hell in a handbasket.” Bob wrote, “It’s a phrase that I learned on our farm in Illinois when I was young. Would it be ‘Etre dans de beaux draps’ (to be in a pretty pickle)? Pessimism,” he added, “would appear to be the prevailing political cultural mood in both America and France these days. But speaking personally, it is not the mood of Susie or myself. We divide our lives between two remote places, a house at 8,000 feet in Colorado and the farm in western Illinois. We hike and snowshoe in beautiful country, read good books, and eat good food.” Looking to the future, he added, “One of the places to which we would like to travel is France, still the natural environment (after American nature) in which I feel the most at home.” > Back to the jigsaw puzzle on the dining room table. The one good thing that’s come out of the pandemic for us: **Mary Lu** and I have finally found a use for that over-sized piece of furniture.

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1961

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1962

Greetings fellow Knox graduates of 1962! I bring you news of great joy as we look forward to our 60th this fall. Reflections: > **Pat Gronemeyer Carrell** reflects on Knox: “My prominent memories of those years include the Pumphandle at the beginning of each year, the building of the floats for Homecoming, living freshman year in Whiting Hall with its small closets, and having only a curtain for doors. Then moving into Post which was luxury, parties at the frat houses, running into the Gizmo between classes for a quick hand of bridge, having to be in the dorms by 9:00 on school nights, sorority meetings at the panhell house, studying in quiet corners of the library, having a work-study job for the chair of the math department, going to chapel, and trying to guess when Flunk Day would be.” > **Joe Empen** tells the story of 2021: “I don’t have much to add for this crazy year. Seems like I spent most of my time trying to find ‘the shot,’ and then looking for the next one. But, by golly, I got all three and the flu shot! So, I am well ventilated by needles! On a more serious note, **John Hintzsche** died a year ago. **Ted Folk**’s wife, Ginny, passed away earlier this year. Life goes on. Joe challenged me to another 5K remembering that I fell and crushed my meniscus and he won the last one.” > **Mary Karr Merikle**: “I would have to say that my four years at Knox were among the best four years of my now fairly long life. I made friends, and the friendships have lasted all these years—I even got together with **Linda Allen** ’61 and **Susan Nienhuis** ’61 some years ago, and it was like we never had never been apart. I can’t think of anything I didn’t love about my years at Knox—well, maybe midterms and finals and ‘idiot math.’ Reflecting on my life at Knox has given me a big boost.” > **Lee Benham**: “From my senior year at Knox, I recall a big free speech event. Burton White, a supporter of free speech from Berkeley, was invited by Knox students to talk about the Bay Area protest against the House Un-American Activities Committee. *The Chicago Tribune* criticized this Knox event, but on the Knox campus there was little opposition to open discussion. > I regret not talking more with Knox faculty about their personal experiences—for example, during WWII. I did learn that Professor Phil Haring was on active duty at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and barely survived. The decades since then have been much better, and our faculty helped make that happen. > **Alexandra** ’61 and I talk about wonderful classes we had at Knox, including Professor Andy Lindstrom’s modern algebra seminar which also included **Jim Farver** ’61, **Harriet Remaley Sear** and **Michael Goodman** ’63. It is good to recall topics and people first encountered in college.” > **Dick Wertz** writes: “When I was in my late 30s, for no particular reason, I took up running. At the age of 42, I ran my age in a 10K race (6.2 miles in 42 minutes). I was pretty impressed with myself until I learned that a little old lady in the over 85 age bracket beat my time by over 5 minutes. I have

continued to run in the years since, but never in an organized event, UNTIL my son Philip goaded me into running with him in a 10K event in Charlotte. Once again, I ran my age (6.2 miles in 81 minutes). I am horrified to report that once again a little old lady in the over 85 age bracket beat my time. This time by 45 minutes. Needless to say, I have retired my Nikes.” > **Ingrid Malm Temple** shared that 2021 has been a year of goodbyes. “It began with my husband, Tom, and me getting COVID at the doctor’s office. Tom died on January 21, and I was hospitalized with lung complications. My two daughters spent the next three months driving or flying to Indiana to get me back to my healthy self. More goodbyes to lifelong friends followed when in July, I sold my home of 55 years. In September, I moved near daughter Laura into an independent living residence, Monarch Landing, in Naperville, Illinois. Now hellos and making new friends begins, and I am planning to focus on that!” > **Karen Gould** shared only one year of her life with Knox but tells that she now lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, in a CCRC community called Aldergate to be close to her kids. As with us, all her family grows with marriages, births, and new friends. One of her current interests focuses on Martin Luther King. > **Jim Horner** shares “Well, time goes by, and all of us men are geezers by now. I decided to celebrate that reality by getting my personalized Colorado license plate to say ‘GZRMOBL.’ Recently my wife Pam and I moved into a new home in Lakewood, Colorado, which we call the ‘Ark.’ Pam and I live upstairs and have three women renters downstairs. I work with men on their journey to ‘become more like Christ.’ Wishing you all the best on your journeys.” > **Ted Folk** recalls fondly his years at Knox and the TKE house. He spent summers at Knox and was saddened as many of us were when Knox changed their name from Siwash to Prairie Fire. He hopes that at Knox, the conservative speakers get the same respect as the more liberal opinions. “My wife, Virginia, died in 2020, and since her death I have traveled to visit friends in the good old USA. Still ticking!!!”

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1963

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1964

Val and I (**Klopcic**) met with **Don** and **Catherine Hardinger** ’66 **Shriver**. Don is STILL practicing law! Does he hold the class record for the longest career? Added to the fact that his sons are lawyers, you must admit that he is “raising the bar.” > Received from **Fay Stevenson-Smith**: “I am now an emeritus Knox trustee. I continued to

I CAN STILL SING 'OH TANNENBAUM' IN GERMAN THANKS TO

attend board meetings until COVID-19 hit, then participated at board meetings remotely. I had a chance to sadly watch on Zoom President Amott's departure, and then happily speak via Zoom to incoming President McGadney, who had been mentored by a very good friend of mine as one of his fellow alumni from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. I have also had the pleasure of reconnecting with a couple of classmates on a regular basis: **Jean Sanders Ford** retired with a successful career as a vice president at Avon Corporation after obtaining an MBA from Columbia University. The most recent and surprising reconnection after his friending me on FB was with **Michael Ford**, with whom I had not spoken since our senior year at Knox. A two-hour phone conversation revealed a few things in common since I left Knox for Liberia, West Africa, to teach at a liberal arts college (Cuttington), while Michael left the U.S. as a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya in East Africa. Upon his return to Chicago, he received a Ph.D. in African studies which led to a continual connection to the continent in committed creative educational programs that make me proud to be a Knox grad. > **Karen Crumbliss** reports: "Al moved out of his Duke office after 52 years, though he is still writing. He caught the chemistry bug at Knox, and there's no cure. He continues to recover from his stroke, currently enjoying re-learning computer skills with an assistant." Karen stays busy supporting Al as needed and enjoys a French conversation group with friends. She caught the French bug in high school and it continued at Knox and it is also life-long! > An addendum to **Shripad Pendse's** fall issue report: "The last four years have been interesting. I was asked by my Canadian university to teach a couple of business administration courses in Zhuhai, China. Zhuhai is a short ferry ride from Hong Kong, and two years ago, China opened what is said to be the longest ocean bridge connecting the two cities. I made three trips to Zhuhai between 2017-2019. Each course lasted between three and six weeks. Students were respectful and disciplined. They were shy about speaking in English, but many of them made good progress after a while. I also took a few side trips after the end of the term—to Beijing and Shanghai, to Harbin near the Russian border which hosts a famous ice sculpture festival, and a cruise on the Yangtze River which included a visit to the huge Three Gorges dam." > A couple of plus-side COVID stories. **Steve Gamble** tells of grandsons who finagled first-class tickets on otherwise full flights because their original flights were canceled. (Wonder whence came their power of persuasion?) > And **Sandy Cooper** wrote: "Every few days I receive a handwritten postcard with three jokes on it. I laugh out loud at the jokes, and then I keep smiling that someone still writes in cursive. Thank you, Babs!!! (i.e., **Barb Fiala**.)" (A postcard! How retro! Way cool!) > With the passing of Professor Rosic (see article in this issue), **Gabrielle**

Shufeldt suggested: "What about getting several of our class to reflect about Mr. Rosic who died at 105? I don't know who took Russian, but I've read some touching comments by friends." This brought several replies. > **J. Olson '65**: "I am sorry to learn of Dr. Rosic's passing. He was very simply a wonderful man. He was also my academic counselor. One Saturday morning after a very late night's gab session, there was a knock on my door about 8:30 a.m., and it was Dr. Rosic, who commented "Still sleeping ... not studying?" And away he went! He was terrific!" > **Nancy Anderson Levin**: "I'm sure you remember our 55th class reunion in 2019, when we had no idea how fortunate we were to be gathering in the snow at Knox! Our Russian professor's son, George, was also celebrating his Knox class reunion. When George came to our table with greetings from Mr. Rosic for **Jean Howell Card** and me, we discovered, as I recall, that eight of us there that night all had been in his Russian classes. Jeannie and I corresponded with him through all these years, which has been the kind of special lifelong connection with Knox that small liberal arts colleges like to mention to prospective students. He also left a legacy in my life, for which I am very grateful. I have no doubt there are many who will remember his irreplaceable enthusiasm for life and his genuine interest in his students." > **Evan Cameron**: "He was a remarkably resilient human being, as I and every other linguistically inept student who studied Russian with him can attest, though we knew nothing of the long journey that he had been obliged to take enroute to Galesburg. How he managed to instill even the rudiments of the language within us remains a mystery to me. Our stumbling attempts to mimic how he sounded may have encompassed a slight Serbian echo, especially since, as I recall, every student of Middle and Eastern European lineage at Knox was sitting somewhere near me in class, their exchanges with him ranging diversely and, to me, wondrously though the many languages that they shared—English and Russian filtering through, but only on occasion. He was among the most patient, kind, supportive, and engaging teachers with whom I was ever privileged to study. I cherish my memories of him." > **Gayla Reed Lindquist**: "Thank you for this info. I did not have him but always saw him as a gentle, warm, wonderful man." > **Tom Alloway**: "We had many good professors at Knox. The College's emphasis on teaching was important in promoting that. However, Prof. Rosic was outstanding. I admired him immensely, so much in fact that I ended up graduating with a double major in Russian and psychology. It was only during my senior year that I realized that what I had thought was an interest in Russian literature was mainly the result of Prof. Rosic's charisma. I'm glad to learn that he lived a very long life. I hope that he was happy during his retirement." > **Pam Nelson**: "I remember 'Herr' Rosic well from two years of German—he was one of my favorite teachers. Just

wish I'd known he was in Glenview where I grew up and about two miles from where I live now—I would have loved to visit with him. On the anecdotal front, I can still sing 'Oh Tannenbaum' in German thanks to Dr. Rosic. He had our classes singing Christmas carols in German to improve our pronunciation and they stuck!" > My (**Klopjic**) favorite memory also involves his singing. Translated from Russian, his end to "Ochi Chornia" ("Dark eyes") was "I cannot live without champagne and my gypsy girl" which he followed with a mischievous grin and a wink. (Hey, that was daring for a prof in the early '60s!) **Class Correspondent: Terry Klopjic**
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1965

Several classmates wrote about the impact of the pandemic on their lives and some talked about how they have been maintaining their physical and mental health during the past two years. > **Cam Neri** and her husband, Forrest, have been getting outdoors four times a week to exercise and enjoy nature. She writes, "To stay sane, we continue to do 6-9 mile hikes up and down the foothills and forests around our home in Los Altos, California. It keeps us from getting cabin fever, and the sighting of wild animals brings us joy." > **Wendel Swan** and **Diane '64** had traveled widely in 2019 ... the Cotswolds, Amsterdam, the Austrian and Italian Alps, Florence and Venice, as well as trips to the Midwest, but they soon realized that the pandemic required a new vision of retirement. Wendel notes, "One positive thing was that I resumed riding my bike. No longer able to run, I got back into cycling in the spring of 2020, bought a carbon-fiber bike and rode through that winter for the first time in my life." Continuing with 20-24 miles aerobic rides three times a week have kept him physically fit and provided a needed relief from the bombardment of bad news. Diane has also maintained a rigorous schedule of workouts, as well as doing serious gardening to carry her through COVID 'house arrest.' They both teach and take OLLI courses at American University. > **Larry Reed** writes, "I had quite an experience with COVID in November 2020 before I could get a vaccine. Worst thing I have had since the rattlesnake bite. But thanks to the good care from my wife Gloria, who with her O- blood, did not get it, I survived. Both of us got the vaccine when it was finally available for old people so we could travel, but that has not happened other than a trip to the Turks and Caicos in February '21. Gloria closed her travel agency that had let us travel all over the world for many years, but I am still working at the clinic full time. Life goes on." > **H. Thomas Kyvig** writes, "During the pandemic, I had COVID and about six bouts of pneumonia. Survived that, but, unfortunately, on October 26, 2021, I lost George McKay, my husband of seven years." > **Bob Butterfield** sends the following update: "My wife, Keiko, and I are

into our sixth year of retirement after serving as Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers in Brazil and Portugal. We live in the Mayflower Community, a friendly place for retired pastors and retired Grinnell College faculty and staff. One of the great advantages of living here is that we can audit courses at Grinnell College. I've been studying Ancient Greek and am signed up this semester for a course in the great comedic dramatist Aristophanes." > **Ken Grimm** continues to reside with his wife, Dorothy, in Gainesville, Virginia. He writes, "We are living in an over-55 community (way over!) I continue to consult for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Ft. Belvoir, worrying about the survivability of strategic radar and communication systems. Recently I was active in the election campaign for Glen Youngkin here in Virginia, and in the parent and grandparent protests in Loudon County regarding the teaching of the bogus Critical Race Theory in public schools. Tough work for an old physics major! Peace to all my '65 classmates." > **Glenn Schiffman** is living 40 miles from the west entrance to Glacier National Park. He writes, "If you haven't been to Glacier National Park, you owe it to yourself to spend some time. The difference from other national parks is that Glacier is a wilderness surrounded by wilderness. Drive east out of Glacier and you're on the Blackfoot Rez. Drive south, you are in the Bob Marshall Wilderness area. Drive north and you're in Canada. Drive west, you're in the Yak Valley, best fly fishing in North America. I took the first steps on my 80th walk along the park's Going to the Sun Road in February. Health is good, vaxed and boosted and mystified by those who aren't. My wife, Barb, and I celebrated anniversary #43 at Kobe Steak and Sushi in Kalispell, Montana, on January 29. (Yep, I was almost 37 when we married.) I'm teaching a Writing Autobiographical Fiction class at Flathead Valley Community College in the spring, which will preclude my coming to the May reunion. I have a short story series, *Vanishing Points*, and a creative non-fiction series, *Relationship with Fire*, thriving on Kindle Vella. My rock 'n' roll memoir, *Life in the Fast Lane*, is with an agent. We'll see if it sells. Some publishers have brought up legal issues. Apparently changing Mick Jagger's name to Mike Jaguar isn't enough." > **Mary Ellen Alt Johnson**, who has been active in Albert Lea's community theater for years, hosted a lunch for Marion Ross (a.k.a. Mrs. Cunningham in TV's *Happy Days* series) when Ross visited her hometown for the dedication of her statue in front of the performing art center named after her. The theater, which has managed to stay somewhat active during the pandemic, presented a musical version of Jean Shepherd's popular screenplay *A Christmas Story* over the holidays. > **Rod Ross** sends his greetings and a link to a four-minute YouTube he prepared as an archivist for the National Archives. "Memorial Day, 2015: Why It Matters," which remembers John A Logan, the founder of Memorial Day, can be ac-

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1966

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1967

Greetings, Class of '67 classmates! I came across this Charles Dickens quote recently and thought how relevant it is to our lives today: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." > Illustrating this theme of alternating and simultaneous positive/negative events in life, **Tom Collins** writes that he had a small stroke in December 2019, but he made a quick recovery and within two months was back to driving and other normal activities. His son Thomas missed 8th grade graduation, but they all enjoyed more family time together! Here is Tom's description: "Our son Thomas did not have a graduation from 8th grade or a year-end trip to Washington, D.C. But we did get to see him at home a lot more. Freshman year was all remote. Lots of time with Thomas. Then this sophomore year. He goes to school with a mask and is doing very well. This picture (see below) shows how I feel about more than two years of COVID related activities. It may be the first time to introduce the nine-day week calendar when no one knows what day or month it is anyway." Tom's invention of the "nine-day week calendar" is a real thing ... contact him directly if you want more info! > **Michael Wheeler** has reinvented himself as an author! He writes, "Post-retirement I decided to write a novel. Several classmates were aware of this endeavor. I thought it would be as easy as selecting a pig and applying some lipstick and fancy clothes. Little did I realize how many hours would be spent on reapplying the makeup and changing the wardrobe to truly transform the pig. It was finally time to enter the pig in the state fair, so I entered my novel in an international competition judged on the first 50 pages of an English language unpublished manuscript incorporating some element of mystery. My goal was to get an honest, professional opinion of my story and style. The competition is called the Claymore Award and winners are often offered publishing contracts. Out of hundreds of submissions, my story was selected as a finalist. I didn't win, but the finalist position was more than satisfactory. The genre of my book can best be described as metaphysical fantasy. Originally titled *The Universe of Missing Socks*, it was changed to *Infinity is not Forever*. Starting my second book now. I can't describe how much enjoyment I am

finding in researching the arts and sciences after over a half century in finance. Thank you for my liberal arts background, Knox College!" > **James Nordin** continues the theme of recovering from adversity in his Orrante/Nordin 2021 update: "2021 proved to be as challenging as 2020. We were both vaccinated in January and February but continued to hunker down at home with the occasional trip for groceries. Then in late April/early May, we noticed little white spots on our living room floor. It turned out we had a tiny leak under our sink for several months. The brief summary is that the entire living room, dining room, and family room floor had to be replaced. From May through October, we were in some degree of disarray as floors were torn up and replaced. We spent 19 days in a motel. All is well and the insurance paid for almost everything. > Then in June, Jim fell and severely damaged his right rotator cuff and his bicep tendon. He had surgery in September (after going to three orthopedic surgeons) and will be in physical therapy until mid-February (or beyond) of 2022. Full recovery is expected by September 2022. > Just to end the year appropriately, our hot water heater sprung a leak on (what else?) December 23. After several frantic calls, we found a plumber who was able to replace the unit before Christmas. > Added to the ongoing stress of COVID, it has been a difficult year. However, we learned—once more—the importance of friends and family and community. The floor was replaced, the shoulder was repaired, and we still have hot water. Through it all we had amazing support from those near and dear to us. > Don't wait for difficult times to remember how valuable human support and contact is. We learned. Stay well. Stay safe. STAY CONNECTED!!" Good



Tom Collins illustrates how he feels two years into COVID.

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PAM STOFFEL '68 SPENT THREE DAYS IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, AS AN EXTRA

advice, Jim! › **Eric Johnson** entertains us: “Here’s a story. Some will remember it. My freshman year I served as the basketball manager. On Monday, the freshman would play those players from the weekend who had not played. This was the weekend after the Coe-Beloit game. The team spent the night in Dubuque, Iowa, at what was called the 4th Street Hotel. I was in the training room and overheard folks talking about Dr. X who had been along on the trip. Coach Knosher used to invite one faculty member to go on road trips. The idea was that the academic faculty would get an idea of what the basketball program was about. I overheard the upperclass men who’d been on the trip laughing about Dr. X and a run-in he’d had with the bellhop/elevator operator. Turns out that Dr. X went downstairs to get a cup of coffee. On the way back to his room, the elevator operator asked if the gentleman was looking for some entertainment and a good time. Dr. X quickly realized what was being suggested and declined. › When I asked for details, I was told the story. When I next went home, I related the story to my parents over dinner. Well ... that year my father was the president of the Dubuque Ministerial Association. Within a few days the story had been passed along to the chief of police, who arranged a visit for his detectives to visit the bellhop and the lady. It was reported that the carpet was worn directly to her door. › Chapter 2. I told coach there were better accommodations, namely the brand-new Dodge House. Good food and good rooms without the offer of entertainment. The next year, I was along on the trip. I arranged for my mother to meet me at the motel. She took the dirty, smelly uniforms and washed and dried them, and returned to me in the morning. Big, big hit. Later my folks moved from Dubuque and after a few years, Dad took a church in Grinnell, Iowa. The first year they were there, Mom (Class of ’41) went to the game as a cheering squad of one. After the game, she knocked on the locker room door and presented the door-opener with a big box of homemade cookies for the team. Thereafter it was a tradition. At every Knox-Grinnell game she presented a box of cookies. This went on for perhaps 15 years.” › **Constance Bond** reports that she is putting her research skills to good personal use: “I am doing research on my great uncle, newspaperman, and novelist Gareth Garrett. A prominent isolationist before World War II, he sank into relative obscurity after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Some scholars believe that Ayn Rand borrowed heavily, in her novel *Atlas Shrugged* from his 1922 novel, *The Driver*. › It is with enormous sadness that we report the unexpected and sudden passing of **Paul Madsen** ’68, beloved husband of Diane Koeppl Madsen. Teacher, scientist, coach, and beloved husband, father, and morfar (grandfather), Paul passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2022, at age 76. He and Diane rarely missed a Knox Homecoming. Paul was the first of his family to attend Knox, but he was followed by his son Erik, four nephews, a niece, and two grandnieces.

Paul touched many lives through his 43 years of teaching high school physics, and he spent three decades of summers working at the distinguished Fermilab National Acceleration Laboratory. Another intriguing fact is that during his basketball career at Knox, he was the first player to score more than 1,000 points and is in the Knox-Lombard Hall of Fame. Full of curiosity about the world around him—from the mechanics of the universe to the energy of electrons, from kicking a soccer ball and playing as a team to the relationship of words across languages—Paul found joy in learning something new, and in sharing this love for knowledge and problem solving with others. His impact as a teacher is far reaching and enduring, as are the friendships he shared with many of his Knox classmates.

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1968

I want to thank each of you who responded to my very late request for news. I’ll do better next time. › **JoAnne Vieweg** shares, “We are doing well here in Missouri with this crazy winter weather. I’ve fully recovered from the broken foot I got from stepping on the edge of a pothole last winter. My, this has been a long year! I am really enjoying the personal notes from classmates about how the Knox experience has impacted their lives and hearing about how those lives have evolved since Knox. Much of my time is involved with following the grandchildren’s activities, reading, and creating new baby and children’s clothes through my etsy shop: etsy.com/shop/bunnyluvcreations. I’m giving serious consideration to picking up violin lessons again. Haven’t played since freshman year at Knox. **Janie Crawford Walker, Jan Thies Fettig**, and I were able to meet with **Kathy St Cyr** this summer for lunch and catching up. **Kathy Suter** will be coming to town this summer so we are looking forward to making some fun memories.” › **Howard Partner** suggests perhaps we could make this issue about our major appliance breakdowns. They just endured three furnace repair visits in cold weather to finally correctly diagnose the appropriate replacement part. They have been home since their October hiking trip to Arizona and Utah. They also hiked in Sedona, Walnut Canyon National Monument, Canyon de Chelly, Antelope Canyon X, Monument Valley, and around Kenab, Utah. stormworks88@gmail.com › **Bill Foss** is enjoying his work. He owns his own agave farm in Mexico and makes Suavecito tequila. The largest liquor store chain in America, Total Wine and More, has just agreed to put Suavecito in all 230 of their liquor stores across the nation in May. Suavecito will become a national tequila this year. Blue Agave Importers
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› **Susan Van Kirk** is still busy writing. Harlequin Worldwide Mystery is planning to publish her 4th Endurance Mystery, *The Witch’s Child*, as a mass market paperback. This will be the 4th book published in this format, and it will go out to the Harlequin book clubs. It’s great exposure for her writing. On another front, her first book in a new series, *Death in a Pale Hue*, will be out June 8, 2022, from a mid-list publisher, Level Best Books. She’s fortunate because they do a lot of advertising for their authors. It’s a three-book contract, so the other two books in the series will come out in the summers of 2023 and 2024. She sends thanks to all of her Knox friends who have been supportive. On the home front, her first grandchild will be graduating from high school in May. They’ll be celebrating from the rooftops. › **Pam Stoffel** has continued working despite having to deal with all of the necessary COVID protocols. She reports, “I have spent winters in Rochester and successfully directed *My Fair Lady* and *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and in March I will be presenting *Little Shop of Horrors*. Talk about a perfect show for the times! Last April I spent three days in Savannah, Georgia, as an extra shooting the Amazon Prime film *I Want You Back*. It was a great experience, and since there is a lot of film work being done in Georgia, near our home, I am constantly reviewing the casting calls. Jim and I are celebrating our 50th this year. We will be returning to our honeymoon haunts in Hawaii in June. Our most recent grandchild, Henry Harrison Stoffel, was born this past May and joins his two-year-old sister, and cousins, Everleigh, Eli, Reid, and Harrison, all of whom live in Rochester. As I’m sure most of you know, the best times we have are when we can get the whole family together. As for my Knox family, our class Facebook page still remains a great source of information and humor thanks to the continued efforts of Chip, Ira, and others of you who contribute to the task of keeping us connected. Thank you all and best wishes for a happy and healthy year.” › **Paul Madsen** had a few comments on thoughts of his Knox experience. “Our graduation took place on June 9, just three days after the death of Robert Kennedy and about two months after the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. I still recall the joy, celebration, and pride that came with the accomplishment! But what I want to share is that, as time has passed, I have come to appreciate the wonderful experiences I had in the classes, quality of instruction from the professors, as well as contributions from fellow students back in the dorm or the fraternity house. Harley Knosher, a great coach and wonderful human being, always provided incentive and enthusiasm for his players to work hard to improve skills! On occasion, we would have professors travel with the team to away games. Once, I shared a room with Professor Ward from biology and Colonel Henry Jordan from the ROTC department. Those times, as well as Professor Priestley asking me about the weekend game and encouragement to defeat the

Monmouth Scots, have stayed with me. **Chip Evans** arranges for monthly luncheons where several classmates attend and we talk about shared experiences. Last November, Chip and I drove to Estes Park, Colorado, to spend a week with **Norm** and **Ginny Close, Brad Routon, Steve** and Keiko **Hayashi, Tom and Lynn '71 Seaman, Tom Mellen and Jeanne Jessup '69**. We had a great time. I hope to continue to use my Knox experience to understand what is happening in America and still find joy in every day!"

› NOTE: So sad to hear of Paul Madsen's passing on 3-20-22. Gentleman and scholar describe him so well. Loved seeing him at our reunions. Our sons went to Knox at the same time and became good friends. He always contributed to our notes and often thanked me for doing them. He was a dear soul and will be so missed. › **Chip Evans** wrote, "I am thinking already about our upcoming 55th reunion at Knox next year in 2023. Hope to see all '68 classmates there in October." › Life has been hectic lately. I'm agreeing with Howard about appliance breakdowns. My faithful microwave just quit heating. I was able to get one without a back order! Worse, my furnace humidifier had a blocked tube and water was pouring into the furnace room for weeks before I found it. Wood floor is buckled, and we have to replace the kitchen, family room, and dining room. Can't wait. Still visit my husband in memory care for 2-1/2 hours weekly. Judd is still able to come home for visits, thank goodness. Loving the Olympics and seeing family! Enjoying snow as long as I can drive but could use 20 degrees more on those cold days. Stay safe!

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1969

Mike Webster ("Rock") informed some of us of a health scare that **Sue Barcroft ("Barky") McCormick** endured in mid-December: "Just got off the phone with Barky's husband, Joe. Barky has been having dizzy spells for the last month, and last Saturday she finally called the Call a Nurse program. She was told to get to the ER and after a battery of tests she was diagnosed with a 70 percent blockage of her left carotid artery. She had surgery the next day to clear the blockage (basically a roto-rooter of the artery). Fortunately, the blockage was discovered before she suffered a stroke. The surgery went well and she expected to go home the next day. But her recovery developed complications, and she had to spend the last week in the ICU, much of the time unconscious. She was moved to the general ward yesterday and hopes to go home in the next day or two. She is talking and has not shown any lasting effects. Her prognosis is good. I hope to talk to her by phone for a few minutes. Joe is going to keep me up to date on her progress. If you'd like to send an email, her address is joemdenver@aol.com." › **Paul Behnke** sent a Christmas greeting to all, and a lengthy "newsletter" depict-

ing his 2021 activities. Excerpts of his newsletter follow: "Cammie—Worked remote from our Durham home for NBC Nightly News from January through August, then moved to London in September to study in a master's program in global media communications at the University of London. As of this writing, she's on her way to Heathrow to visit us over the holidays. She's continued to work part-time for NBC's London Bureau. Nikki—Found a great job with the Jefferson Consulting Group—a USAID contractor—and moved to Washington, D.C., at the end of 2020. She's working in water and sanitation policy in the developing world and was the point of contact for Afghanistan (among other countries) until the country fell. Nikki is scheduled to work in the office for the first time in late March, but that's not a given at this point. She arrives today to spend a month with us in Durham. In September, she spent two weeks in London, helping Cammie move into her apartment in the Hammersmith neighborhood. Paul continues to teach graduate-level aviation economics at Purdue, and he delivers training courses for a UN program as well. In October, he held seminars at two UK universities and spent some time with Cammie while there. › Paul got out to Colorado twice during the year and celebrated son Kevin's 50th birthday in September. Dana and Christopher are also doing well, and their girls are turning out to be gifted multi-sport athletes. We are now accustomed to living with uncertainty; but the pandemic is still a constant source of stress. So, we circle the wagons and make the most of our time with family and friends. Blessings for the holidays and the New Year! Love and Peace, Deb, Paul, Nikki and Cammie. › Finally, on a personal note, the fall and winter have been fairly mild in Wyoming, save for a monster snowstorm that hit in my corner of the state in late December. It remains in my yard, piled high along our streets from the snowplows, and covering my horses' pasture. I flew to Illinois last July to spend time with my younger brother, Mike, who was putting up a strong but lengthy battle with cancer. He succumbed in August, at the age of 71. In March, I will be traveling to Tucson for a reunion with my remaining two brothers, Pat (Mike's twin) and Steve (our eldest brother). These are truly the times that try our souls, and my best wishes go to all of my Knox family for peace, health, and happiness in the coming years. › Don Janoff writes "The year at Knox at Seymour Hall was most memorable. Now retired from periodontics (dental), I relish in those memories and write. In 2020, I published *Outdoor Adventures and Misadventures of Don Janoff*, some 22 short stories (Amazon). In progress is *Escrowed Literature: Explosion at Northwestern University*. I dedicated my first book to Robin Metz whom I had never met until the 50th anniversary of the creative writing program ceremony in Ashland, Oregon. **Class Correspondent: Bill Combs**
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1970

To "Kuch" & **Ken Kucera '72**, and all 1970 +/- alums: I'm a retired internist, but I have been playing (drums) every year since Knox. I'm currently in three bands in the Athens, OH, area ... rock, jazz, and a blues band. I've been fortunate to have played in some quite good groups with some great players. Music is my full-time gig at present. Nothing but fun! Best wishes to all, **Randy Purdy**. › **Ed Kucera** reports that he recently became a doggie daddy by adopting an 8-year-old Siberian Husky. "The dog is all white with blue eyes and is named Aspen. Dog and father are doing fine. We are even starting to jog together." › From **Roger Andersen**: "Kyanne and I were able to sneak into France between Delta and Omicron for an oft-rescheduled visit. With ourselves and our kids' families healthy, we're very fortunate." › **Marc Wollman**: "2021 seems like a year that did not exist. Most of my time has been taken up with helping care for Mom (class of '46) in declining health, and, since her passing in June, slowly working on estate matters. So for me, it's not been productive. I'm looking forward to actually having our reunion, but with COVID doing its thing again, I'm not counting on this actually occurring until it does. I hope all are staying well, as I am." › **Topper Steinman** writes: "In spite of COVID-19 ('20, '21, '22 ... and its variants), we remain good—not great, but good. My wife, Carol, and I, two grown kids and their spouses, and four grands ages 20 to 3, have been able to retain a nearby family bubble of 10. It has saved our mental health and mostly our physical health. Yes, we are good. And we hope for those '70s folks "out there" that you and yours are as good as good allows in this very different world. May we all continue to find the good in the bad, the similarities among our differences, and the heals in our ails as life moves on. Best to ALL!" › From **Doug Youngren**: "Sandy and I are enjoying spending lots of quality time with our son Jon, our daughter-in-law Laura, and their awesome one-and-a-half-year-old, Elsie, here in Naperville, Illinois. Babysitting is such a joy! We are planning a family cruise vacation for later this year." › From **Nancy**: If you change your email address—please send me the new contact information so I don't lose you all. Thanks!!

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1971

Not a lot of news from the Class of '71—we're all too busy getting ready to celebrate our 50th reunion. I am sure the next issue will be chock full of lots of news, stories, lies, etc. › **Betsy** (rbowen@wi.rr.com) and **Rick '73 Bowen** moved to a senior community which they are loving, especially the no stairs part. Since they have moved in, neighbors have been reporting sightings of snow angels, skeletons hanging around Betsy and

TOM KROUPA '73 HAS BEEN DECLUTTERING, DIGGING UP (DISCOVERING), AND

Rick's house, and some woman who wears strange hats. > **Sue Levinson** (sue.levinson@gmail.com) is almost retired. She'll finish up a few matters and then happily not renew her malpractice insurance. When it becomes due, she will be officially retired! > Both she and Michael can now work from anywhere thanks to online court filing for Sue and telemedicine practice for Michael. Sue writes: "Since our older daughter (Hilary) and her husband and two kids are in Richmond, Virginia, we bought a small condo here in the spring. It's not Florida, but it is milder and much sunnier than the Chicago area. We've been here since just before Thanksgiving, and plan to stay through early March. We're about two miles from ... (their family and)...on the north bank of the James River with a great view. We see the kids often when COVID doesn't disrupt things. Hilary continues to teach at Virginia Commonwealth University. Her teaching has been hugely disrupted by COVID as it has become completely virtual, affording little interaction with her students. My younger daughter, Margy, eventually returned to Brooklyn after completing her master's in public administration at Harvard. Sue is taking a couple of online art classes, something she regrets not taking advantage of at Knox. "I'm really enjoying it. Silk painting, which I've been doing for some time, really requires a studio. So I've branched out: Fun, frustrating, and challenging! We hope to go back to working on our travel 'bucket list' in the not-too-distant future." > **Rudy Beck** (beckfamily2015@gmail.com) is finally taking the necessary steps to get himself out of the law office by the time he is 75. Sandy and he are looking past COVID and are looking forward to a lot more travel as Sandy also begins to unwind her CPA practice. On the fun side, Rudy has become part of a quartet (baritone), which had their first 'gig' over Christmas—and, to his delight, people encouraged the group to keep it up. Their next performance is in April. All in all, Sandy and he feel blessed and look forward to the next chapter in their life together. > Judy and I are doing well. We (mainly Judy) watch our 6-month-old granddaughter every week day and spend time with our 12-year-old granddaughter as she acts, plays baseball, and does TikTok posts. If we knew how great it is to have grandchildren, we would have done that before we had our own children! Judy is also doing some acting—mainly commercials and, hopefully, some Chicago-based TV shows. I am still practicing law, but also make time to catch on one hardball baseball team and manage another—and then run the Shoeless Joe 60+ baseball tournament at the Field of Dreams movie site in Iowa. Judy and I are also looking to get back to doing some traveling both to Israel to visit our daughter, as well as to Alaska, New Zealand, and who knows where else.

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Cush Copeland writes, "In the microverse that our lives have become, I continue to grow spicy peppers and turn them into edible concoctions ... sauces, salsas, hot giardiniera (hello, Italian beef sandwich) and such. I am also scanning all our family's 35mm slides from the '60s to share with my brothers and sisters." > **Sandy Hanna** writes, "I'm honored to announce that I've been elected board president of Storytelling Arts of New Jersey. This non-profit organization serves low-income communities, old age homes, Head Starts, and teachers; it's dedicated to helping young and old capture their untold stories. Lots of work ahead, but it ties in beautifully with my interest in memoirs and the stories all of us have as our legacy." > **Carolee Burns Hayes** writes, "I got a very severe case of COVID with 12 days of hospitalization and ICU time. 2022 is here, and I am still on oxygen and seeing side effects. Hope to be back at work in March and continuing to progress. Our trip to Hawaii has been delayed twice, so I'm hoping to make it this year." > **Susan Wessels Hiatt** writes, "Navigating the death of my partner, husband, and best friend (**William R. Hiatt** 12/8/20) has been most difficult. Fortunately, I have our daughter and three grandchildren close by, so I remain busy with their family life. William and I had been together since our freshman year, when we met in the lunch line with **Steve Messenger** and **Christie LeMaire Wright**. We had traveled to Maine every summer for a glorious respite on the ocean. Shortly after he passed, I found myself purchasing a little cottage on Spruce Head Island. I spent the summer renovating and enjoying the company of lots of old Maine hippies—I felt most at home!! This will be my summer home, and I welcome anyone who would like to stop by and say hello. My little place is on the water, and I wake every morning to the sounds of lobster boats leaving the harbor. So, life continues and I remain so happy that William and I were able to see so many of you at reunions and events on campus. Knox brought us together and will always remain an important part of my life." > **Jim Rosenthal** writes, "I've retired from Kaiser Permanente and am still doing a little consulting work, but the rest of the time I have other pursuits—cars, boat, music, hanging with family, cats, and friends. Regards to all of my fellow alumni." > **Wendy Scherwat Ducourneau** has been helping to research the lives of the 99 Knox alumni who died in service during the wars of the 20th century. Look for the exhibit online—hopefully soon. > **Bill Sowle** writes, "I completed 1,200 miles on my new electric bicycle as I traveled in my RV through Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois. Laramie River Greenbelt Trail is near Wyoming Territorial Prison State Historic Site (Butch Cassidy was a guest). Nebraska has great bicycling along the Platte River and in Kearney, Lincoln, and Omaha. Raccoon River Valley Trail in Clive is

'quintessential Iowa,' with farms, corn, and silos. Visiting my brother and his family in Wauconda, I found excellent bicycle paths; Millennium Trail, Moraine Hills State Park Trail, and Prairie Trail were my favorites. Elroy-Sparta State Trail has two tunnels that go over a mile in complete darkness. Winona, Minnesota, has great trails along the Mississippi, with fun kayaking nearby. Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge is a must see. Minneopa Falls was a great rest stop while on Red Jacket Trail, which crosses the Blue Earth and Minnesota Rivers several times. George S. Mickelson Trail goes through Deadwood, South Dakota, a fun gambling town with a shoot-out every afternoon. Two saloons both claim to be where Wild Bill Hickok was murdered. This trail goes past Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, and Custer State Park. I continued west to Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail. Smoke from California fires cut my visit short. Olympic Discovery Trail was the highlight of my trip. It will one day go from Port Townsend to La Push on the west coast of the Olympic Peninsula. Sequim, Washington, resides along this picturesque trail. Elwha River is famous for the largest dam removal in the United States, and salmon once again spawn in the upper reaches of the river in Olympic National Park." > **Gary Wax** and wife Nancy Tumavick have weathered the COVID storm to date and are looking forward to a week at an all-inclusive beach resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The next major travel is the pilgrimage to Knox in October. Gary continues to volunteer with Travelers Aid at Washington Dulles, so instead of traveling the world himself (as he did for much of his career), now the world comes to him! > **Jane Wolff** writes, "After grad school at UW Madison, I had a career as an archivist, including a grant job in California, which morphed into a second career in academic computing services at UC Berkeley. I moved to Costa Rica in 2000 to raise my sons, **Carlos** '10 and **Nico**. In 2009, I began another career and have just retired from the Madison Public Library. Five years ago, I met a wonderful man; a friend introduced us after she discovered that the house I had bought was where his dad had grown up. We hit it off quite well and were married last August. Our honeymoon involved riding our recumbent tandem bike from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., on the glorious Great Allegheny Passage Trail and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Trail, followed by museum-binging at the Smithsonian. It was wonderful seeing Knox friends who came to our wedding and everyone at the 50-year Farm Term Reunion in July!" > **Dave Wood** writes, "Cold and snowy in the Burg. Can't go to b-ball games because of COVID, so I spend my time with the two-year-old grandson, Dean. Looking forward to the reunion and golf season!" > **Margaret King Zacharias** currently serves as editor-at-large for Hawaii Writers Guild's online journal, *Latitudes*; and she is the coordinator of the guild's online open forum writers' group, Readings and

Responses. She continues her work in archetypal pattern analysis with Assisi Institute International Center, a world-wide community of scholars who are working to address world-wide changes in climate and culture through literature, dreams, and dialogue.

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Kathy Donovan Bucher, Ph.D., CPA, and **John Bucher**, Ph.D., have settled into retirement in Hillsborough, North Carolina. They remain near sons Michael and Will and spouses Nona and Stephanie in Chapel Hill. They are also close to son Tom, wife Colleen, and their three sons in Falls Church, Virginia. Kathy is a Master Gardener and enjoys organizing volunteers to establish gardens in schools across Orange County. In May 2021, John retired after many years with the National Institutes of Health, Environmental Health Sciences Institute, where he last directed the Division of the National Toxicology Program. > **John Gorski** is now retired from career work, golf, hockey, and 25 years of volunteer football coaching but is staying quite busy. He has been working on his family history and authoring papers on both his maternal and paternal branches. Research has taken him all over the U.S., Europe, and Ireland in search of relatives and his Irish, French, Swedish, Polish, Kashubian, and German roots. > Gorski continues to be the chairman of the Knox Delta TKE Board of Advisors. In that role, he is working on a history of the Knox TKE house structure, Knox TKE athletic contributions, as well as prominent and notable alumni. He is working with the college and alumni on fundraising, TKE House renovations, and growing the TKE section in the Knox archives. As the result of his research, the Knox TKE House is now recognized as the oldest TKE House in the country. > Gorski volunteers at a homeless shelter, as the president of the local HOA, and as president of the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. He is married to his beautiful Irish wife who is an accomplished chef and VP of the American Culinary Federation. They have two beautiful daughters, a great son-in-law, one beautiful granddaughter, and two labs. They spend summertime in Wisconsin and wintertime in New Mexico. > **Tim Hardin** has been in St. Croix, USVI (United States Virgin Islands), for the past four years, missing out on the winter weather. He does volunteer work with the Park Service, gets in a little snorkeling, and occasionally sits in with a blues band. He keeps up with a dozen or so Knox friends on Facebook. > **Tom Kroupa** has been decluttering, digging up (discovering), and compiling (or is it just piling?) all kinds of Knox memories. > **Solveig Spjeldnes (Spellnes)** reports that in May 2020, she accepted the Ohio University early retirement faculty buyout and left academia. After enjoying her

role as an associate professor in the Department of Social Work for many years, with the changes and dangers COVID brought, retirement seemed like a great idea. Her next chapter started January 3, 2022. In 2021, she was elected to serve as Athens City Council Representative - Ward 1, to serve as precinct captain, and as a member of the Athens County Democratic Party central committee. Plus, she is editing her mentor's memoirs and has started a small consulting business with her husband. She adds that they travel as much as they safely can and enjoy good health, for which they are quite grateful. > **Jan Vyn Sharry** shares this scary narrative: "In October 2020, eight tornadoes hit Dallas, Texas. Our house was totaled. My husband and I (along with our dog) made it through by taking refuge in the pantry. The second story of the house was in the pool and our exits from the house were completely blocked by debris and trees. But no one was hurt, although there was a lot of destruction in the neighborhood. We have spent about two years in rental properties while a new house was built on our property. The house was finished in July 2021, and we have spent the last six months settling in. It was a crazy few years dealing with the house crisis and COVID. At the end of 2021, I decided to retire after 45 years as a securities lawyer at Haynes and Boone. When I started with the firm in 1977, there were 12 lawyers in a small office in Dallas. Now the firm has almost 600 lawyers in offices throughout the U.S. and internationally. It has been an incredible run, but I am glad to have more time to travel (I hope) and be with my grandchildren. Dallas will continue to be our home in retirement, although we also have a place in Northport, Michigan, where we can escape the heat in the summers." > **Mark Skipworth** calls attention to **John Gorski's** comprehensive work on a history of the TKE chapter at Knox. He mentions that John has collected hundreds of photos, memorabilia, names, etc., and adds, "Man, we were really young back then!" > I continue to remind our class that our 50th reunion is coming up next year. Please send your ideas for this celebration to me, and I will pass them along to the reunion committee.

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A big thanks to all of you who helped update our class list. Many of you stepped up to identify classmates who were lost to us. As some of you retire or move, you may also become lost. If you have changed your email in the past year, please give your new contact info to the Knox Alumni Office. A special thanks to **Ed Brown**, **Eric Eisemann**, and **Stan Hvostik** for helping to identify lost classmates like **Tom Warren**, **Jane Morrison**, and **Jay Haight**. > **Ron Krumm** for reminding us about **John Keating**, who left Knox after either freshman or sophomore year. > **Priscilla Inge**, who created a long list of folks

we used to know such as **David Dyer**, **Diane Edelman**, **Sally Gutman Fleming**, **Leigh Gigniliat**, **Fred Grote**, **Kim Igleheart**, **Donna Phelan**. Sadly, most of them are still lost to us. Some of you said thanks for doing this, like **Dave Coons**, **Leslie Brooks**, **Pam Mitroff**, and **Dave Schulz**. **John Manos** let us know about deceased classmates, and **Fran Ansell Zimmerman** connected us to **Jerry Borchers**. > **Jerome "Jerry" Borchers**: "The short version of my life during the past 48 years is various organizing efforts, my family dairy farm, married with four children, over-the-road trucker for five years, and other various skilled labor. Unfortunately, I had to give up my ceramics but hope to pick it up soon. My longest effort was 38 years at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine as a trainer specialist involving a program that I initiated and developed called Simulated Patient Program where medical students learn communication and physical exam skills in role-play situations. I organized the first national Simulated Patient (Standardized Patient and Teaching Associate) conference in 1989. I retired June 1, 2021. My main local volunteer work has been as president of the Yellow Springs Art Council and coordinating a project to have a life-size bronze sculpture created of a local hero, Wheeling Gaunt. I intend to live here in Yellow Springs, Ohio, for the rest of my life. It's a great community, and my children all benefited from our move here in 2000. Now the grandchildren come to visit and stay with us, like many of the 1974 class, retirement and grandchildren have become the primary lifestyle. God willing, good health continues for a while." > **John Manos**: "Expecting a new novel to be published in 2022 and still performing music as the venues allow. I saw classmate **Steve Schwartz** '75 last summer and regularly communicated via email with **Jack McGuinn** '75 and **Stu Harvey** (also class of '74 friends)." > **Leonard Berg**: "Fran and I are venturing out a bit while being mindful of COVID. So far, I am deferring to her regarding health issues: she is the one with successful cataract surgeries in both eyes. We traveled to Texas and Florida recently. The Florida trip allowed me to take full advantage of our St. Louis Museum memberships so that I was able to enter for free or at greatly reduced prices many different institutions. We highly recommend the Ringling museums, both circus and art, in Sarasota, Florida. I continue to enjoy many different online webinars on politics, history, religion, culture—it feels like a liberal arts education for senior citizens. Although retired, I am writing legal articles and mentoring younger attorneys." > **Peter Bailey**: I spent 2021 (not uniquely) helping with grandkidsitting and self-teaching guitar; also enjoyed (more uniquely) reminiscing with and getting music tips from classmates: guitar experts **Phil Malkinson**, **Bruce MacMurray**, **Rick Swartwout**, and banjo expert **Dave Usher**. Great guys in the Class of '74!" > **Linton "Lin" Yeilding Bowie**: "I retired finally at the end of

RICK PARTIN '75 AND HIS WIFE, PAULA, ENJOYED A VACATION TO

the fall semester in 2021 at College of San Mateo, in San Mateo, California. I stayed on part-time to assist with covering some classes during the virtual campus because of COVID. I was already online qualified, so I picked up fully online classes. I had phased out of labs but had to teach one last biology lab class with home lab kits on Zoom, like many of us in education. I left with mixed feelings about all this. We were doing our best to give the students an equivalent experience, but it was just not the same. I tip my hat to all the educators and students working through this time. I am looking forward to some down time, and the ability to visit my children in Seattle and Oklahoma City at other times besides between semesters. I am going to take it slow getting involved in other projects, but I have a few. I volunteer for a local homeless outreach program and UC California Master Gardeners. I also took over my apartment complex's landscape committee. We have a large green space and over 500 trees planted in the complex. Changing conditions, and drought are complicating things, particularly for our large plantings of redwood trees. There will be more to learn and new adventures ahead." > **Stan Jaworski**: "We are doing fine, keeping local and safe. I'm now on a park district commission, and one of the projects we undertake is prairie restoration. Next spring we're going to do a prairie burn just like we used to do at Green Oaks ... remember, I was a bio major along with Ardie. My first prairie burn was junior year (spring 1973). Senior year Trapper, Ardie, and I did the prairie burn together. Who'd a thunk my Knox experience would again prove so very useful. I'm also now serving as board treasurer for the non-profit Harmony Hope + Healing." > **Pam Mitroff**: "I retired because work was getting in the way of traveling. After a year or two, COVID really messed up that plan! I have been fortunate to have discovered art. I have taken classes and now also volunteer at the DuPage Art League. I've been working in both watercolor and colored pencil media. I share my works on instagram as *pdeemitroff*. Hopefully, travel will resume soon—not to speak of everyone being able to put COVID in the rear view." > **Eric Eisemann**: "In early October '21, **Gregg Abbott**, **Jay Larmee** (and wife Marcia), and I stayed at Old Faithful Inn, Yellowstone National Park, for three days, as we do every so often to just to reconnect, hike, tell stories, and enjoy the amazing sense of place the inn creates. (Unfortunately, the Bear Pit Lounge was closed this time—another COVID casualty.) In the '80s, I directed a grassroots campaign to keep the National Park Service from demolishing Crater Lake Lodge, and this was a great learning experience working with NPS, SHPO, politicians, and citizen activists. As a result of that experience and an H.P. conference at Timberline Lodge, on Mt. Hood, Meg and I became historic lodge groupies—kind of like 'birders' with a 'life list' of historic lodges. I am lobbying Jay and Greg to meet at Many Glacier Lodge next time we

gather." > **Roger M. Rosen**: "I received my Ph.D. from Northwestern University in 1976. (Yes, they called it Bachelor of Philosophy.) I received a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law in 1985. I continue to practice law, in my own firm with two partners in Santa Monica, California." > **Leslie Brooks**: "I'll be ready to publish my second magical fantasy, *The Magic Willow*, sometime next year." > **Bryce D Anderson**: "I was at Knox '70-'71. **Jeff Coombs** was my roommate. **Jim Wetherbee** was on my floor. **Rich D'Elia** was in the band with me. Could not find **Jeff Frantz**, but I did see him at Jeff's funeral. He was on my floor. **Bruce Patzer** was in a band with me, and I visited him at Oberlin quite a few times. Such a gentle soul. I saw **Darryl Coburn** when he booked Siegel Schwall Band for the reunion." > **Ernie Buck**: "I was dismayed to see that I had missed the deaths of so many classmates. There are some great stories/recollections of those individuals that could be shared. I continue to work full time as a 'physician advisor' to the local children's hospital in the Rio Grande Valley, and my current task is to 'cobble together' the medical staff." > **Monta Lee Dakin**: "Spent five weeks this past fall in France, Italy, and Greece, tracking the spread of the Roman Empire in those places. Saw dear old friends at my high school reunion in Virginia. I attended my first Burns Night Supper, and I'm still doing museum consulting work."

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Regarding the Go-Go, the Slow-Go, and the No-Go Years, it seems COVID has bumped some of us up into Slow-Go a bit too early! Hopefully, this is temporary. > **Amanda (Roberts) LaRosa** says "Alas, all is quiet at Casa LaRosa." Despite some physical challenges for them both, "Husband Joe and I are extremely lucky to have each other, good steady employment with decent employers, and a wonderful 28-year-old son, Jake" who earned a theatre degree from Cal State Fullerton in 2015. "I enjoy keeping up with Knox and classmates through social media and *Knox Magazine*; it's a great connection to a world of which I have wonderful memories. I feel for students today who aren't able to enjoy all of the camaraderie and freedoms that we enjoyed." > **Larry Tarman** visited California friends in between 2021 COVID outbreaks and vacationed in Playa Del Carmen with two sons' families. "We felt like we had beaten the system!" Larry is in frequent contact with fellow Knox FIJIs **Steve Baumgartner '77** and **Bob Steinman '77**. > **Phil Thomason** is keeping his head down through another wave of COVID. His news is that, after 40 years, he is "turning down the work volume considerably" to select occasional consulting projects. "I hope to get back to international travel and spend more time at my

mountain cabin in East Tennessee." > **Jay Scheid** still works in corporate risk management, saying he hasn't yet "hung up the cleats. I renovated a lake house in Putnam, Illinois, during COVID—hard work but satisfying. The family has grown to 17 grandkids with two more on the way." > **Susan Blew** writes, "Although the pandemic has cramped my style a bit, I stay sane by swimming almost every day in the San Francisco Bay. Right now, the water temperature hovers around 50 degrees. Every day is beautiful. I plunge in when it's dark and watch the sun rise over the city from the water." > **Harry Wolin** is "enjoying our SOFL (southern Florida) life across the street from the beach. We are staying safe and doing our best to avoid Florida mankind. We spent the period between vaccines and Delta traveling to see friends and family." > **Dave and Linda (Nelson) Langston** replaced "Head Down COVID 2020 Life" with "Optimistically Vaccinated COVID 2021 Life." They did LOTS of traveling, hosting, visiting, exercising. Two highlights were hiking at 10K feet in Colorado with **Tom '76 and Karen (Bruner) '76 Davis** and seeing the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile in Cedar Rapids. > **Sheri Morrison** says it was "magical getting to hold our new grandson Milo!" Sherry's 50th HS Reunion was COVID delayed but she enjoys connecting with some old friends via Zoom. She and **Bob Nelson** attended the memorial service in Rockford that **Gary Anderson** held for his wife/our classmate **Judy (Middleton)**, and met their family and grandchildren. Knox has set up a scholarship fund in Judy's name: www.fitzgeraldfh.com/obituaries/Judy-Ann-Middleton-Anderson?obId=20029886#/obituaryInfo > **Gary Pokorn's** Lady Bug Ranch in Littleton, Colorado, has avoided COVID illness thus far, and he hopes "the same for all Knox alumni worldwide. After 43 years in technology sales, I'm retiring and joining my wife's company ThrivingPetsInternational.com. We also plan to travel through Galesburg on our way to visit family in Chicago for the first time in three years." > Speaking of Galesburg, **Sarah Boydston Ross** continues to enjoy a life close to Knox College. "In 2021, Galesburg had a wonderful Labor Day Parade, complete with the Budweiser Clydesdales, and the most successful Stearman Fly-In ever." She recently helped edit *Galesburg, Illinois: Growing Up in An All-American City* (available on Amazon) about growing up in G-burg in the '40s and '50s. Sarah stays in touch with **Sue Whittles**, **Steve (Jan) Junk**, **Marianne LeFave (Jacobs)**, and **Jim Rosenthal '72**, and she is enthusiastic about Knox's new president. > After 25 years with Family Service League, **Paula Ochs** hopes to become an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Approved Supervisor, its highest credential in her field. "My son Jess (age 29) has taken up skiing, much to my horror." > **Nora Gubbins** has used COVID homelife to "can lots of salsa, and pizza and spaghetti sauces. I've also baked lots of bread, though yeast was hard to find." While her hus-

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK VIA AMTRAK IN MID-2021.

band continued woodworking, they quarantined with a rescued dog and cat, and enjoyed seeing sons' and daughter's families. > In late 2021, **Dan England** and wife Cindy were "excited to cruise with all our sons and their wives who flew into Florida from Denver and Peoria—first time we had seen everyone in person in two years. Our son, **Ryan**, is a Knox graduate '00." > **Rick Partin** and his wife, Paula, enjoyed a vacation to Glacier National Park via Amtrak in mid-2021. In May their son Trevor graduated magna cum laude with a major in geography from Illinois State University. All three live and work in Champaign. > **Tim (TJ) Smith** will be honored by the Delta Chapter TKE's in the Education "Notables" program. Additionally, the Tim Smith Legacy Hallway has been dedicated to him at his high school in the Chicago suburbs. > In June 2021, **Elmer James (Jim) Mason** was elected to the Knox Board of Trustees, joining other classmates **Susan Blew**, **Robert Long**, and Emeritus Trustee **Steven P. Luetger** (www.knox.edu/about-knox/our-leadership/our-trustees). After Knox, Jim earned advanced academic degrees, had a distinguished military career as U.S. Army colonel, and later provided system analyses and technical consulting at Parsons Corporation. Jim has won significant awards in recognition of his community activism. > **Nancy Knapp** left her WHO malaria control position in Laos PDR following a stroke in January 2019, and has loved living in Sitka, Alaska, since then. Her son Jamie (aged 30) died of an opioid treatment failure there, so it is a comfort to live among great friends with whom they raised their kids. > **James (Jim) Petrila** is "an adjunct professor at George Washington University School of Law teaching courses on national security law (i.e., counterterrorism law, counterintelligence law). I also have been engaged with a consulting group at Gettysburg that provides leadership training using lessons gleaned from the Battle of Gettysburg. And we have two grandkids (aged 3½ and 1½) who are delightful." > **Janet (Bouska) Elegant** sends greetings to our class and adds "I love that the 1975 Flunk Day Schedule (that Jeanne emailed) was done on a typewriter!" (Note: Jeanne typed that in 1975!) > And **Brian Rose** wrote "Flunk Day '73 (I think) was the day that **Ron Herskowitz** and I were able to dump a bucket of water on the dean from our room in Seymour, which was right above the entrance. He was stunned, looked up, and apparently realizing it was Flunk Day, shook his head and continued to walk into the building." > **Joseph "Shep" Crumrine** reports "My wife and I moved to Michigan in April 2021 and are enjoying our new home outside of Detroit, with a couple happy hours with neighbors around our fire pit for safety's sake. The kayaks are put away and the cross-country skis are all waxed up. Lapham Peak State Park (Delafield, Wisconsin) grooms several trails in the woods. I play cello in the Concord Chamber Orchestra, and sing and play guitar at a neighborhood bistro, "Charles E Fro-

mage" (brush up your French). I keep up with CEUs for my Music Therapy Board Certification. Our son just completed his Ph.D. in physics at U of Minnesota." > **Jeanne (Pankinin) Leininger**, your Class Correspondent, is preparing this submission while on a ski trip with 41 people to Telluride CO ... my 43rd year organizing this! I keep active in Palatine with bicycling, motorcycling, church, and friends, and I just bought a condo in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. But recent eyesight issues are making computer work less enjoyable; so if any classmates might be willing to take over Class Correspondent duties, please contact me to discuss. Thanks! > Knox College Class of 1975 Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/1509789545910382/
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Greetings, classmates. Our 45th reunion came and went as obviously the reunion did not occur in fall 2021. Homecoming in May 2022 will occur, but in the meantime, the kazoo band continues to practice, rehearse, and fine-tune their skills for our anticipated performance at our 50-year reunion. > First, condolences to **Bill Wickart** due to the death of his wonderful wife, Dr. Deborah Bouchette. Deb died of cancer in summer 2021, and Bill has written/posted wonderful tributes to her since then. > Congrats to **Gene Procknow** on the publication of his recent book, *William Hunter: Finding Free Speech. A British soldier's son who became an early American.* > And speaking of authors, congrats to fiction writer **Tom Farrell** on his second book, *Wager Tough*. The book is a prequel to Tom's first book and has received nice reviews. > I did receive a note from **Dave Chirbas**. Chirbie (as we called him when he lived in Williston) recently met up with **Ted Moody** and attended a Knox football game (Knox won!). Dave recently retired from his finance position, resides in Wisconsin, and meets up with **Dan England** '75 every year in the Smoky Mountains for a relaxing week to discuss and solve world issues. > Yours truly attended an event hosted by **Merlon** '75 and **Leanne** '75 **Schuneman** in September 2021. There were many Knox grads there, including everyone's favorite, **Dennis Gilbert** '77. Dennis and his wife, Gwen, received the award for traveling the farthest to attend the event as Dennis drove from Nevada to join the party. **Wayne Mastin** '75 and his wife, **Debbie Hotchkiss Mastin** '75, from Knoxville, Illinois, were in attendance, along with the pride of Galesburg, **Sue Whittles** '75. It was a blast to see **Mel Stoesser** there, who resides in Elgin along with **Melissa (Missy) Mueller** '77 and her husband, Mike. **Paula Barrow Danoff** '77 and her husband, Jeff, were in attendance. Paula has received recent accolades for her successes at YouTube commercials for her current CEO position with the Evanston Art Center. > **Becky Burton** '78 resides in the Beverly area of

Chicago and was in attendance along with **Steve Junk** '75 and **Jan Schlichting Junk** '77. **Roger Strukhoff** '77 was there as well and resides in the Rockford area, attending along with **Gary Jacobson** '77 from the Indianapolis area. There was lots of dialogue at the party on why Gary Jacobson looks so young, but this issue remains unresolved. **Tony Lee** '75 and his wife Ellen also attended the BBQ along with **Jorge Castanos** '77. Merlon was happy to show all the attendees his beautiful golf trophy he had received earlier in the year. As you can see this event was somewhat of a mini-Homecoming. > Congrats to **Norm Hillner** '79 who recently received a prestigious soccer coaching award for his decades of successful soccer coaching. That's all for now—shoot me an email with updates and I hope everyone is doing well.

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Greetings in this third year of COVID-19. Wishing each of you good health and joy in 2022. I am thankful to have two children getting married this year to wonderful partners! Life does seem to go on amid the turmoil. > **Brian Bond** and **Mitch Baker** '76 rolled into Chicago in June of last year, staying first with **Ed Jepson** and his wife, Susan, then with me and hubby in our downtown condo. As usual, many beers were consumed while concocting novel approaches to solving world problems. > **Gary "Jake" Jacobson**, **Jorge Castanos**, **Marjolein Verwoerd Castanos** '85, **Ed Jepson**, me, and a few other friends gathered for a meal in the West Loop. Much hilarity ensued! The next day, Jorge and Marjolein joined me on my condo balcony for the Blue Angels flybys. It was near, clear, and very loud. > **Phil Singer**, or 'Cro, returned for his umpteenth year to wish myriads of G (Greetings) and H (Hellos) E (encourage) T (togetherness) T (to) O (others) dwellers and friends happy birthday on their special day. 'Cro even creatively recalls Knox anecdotes relating to each person. His New Year's poem this year was much appreciated by all. > **John Bird** writes: "I'm still at it, though largely by WebEx, doing adoptions and guardianships for kids in foster care. I became a grandfather for the first-time last June to Blair Rose. My bride, Bonnie, who is retired, is taking up the daycare duties. At the end of January 2022, I hope to be on a beach in Jamaica, sipping Red Stripes and listening to Little Feat at their annual music festival there. I will be joined by my brother **Greg** '82 and his wife **Judy** '84." > **Bob Nordgren** got in touch: "All well here; I'm getting used to staying out of airplanes and getting more done. I tried retirement and didn't care much for it, so I started a new partnership developing veterinary vaccines. I

ROSALIND SOTO '79 GRADUATED IN AUGUST 2021 FROM NORTHWESTERN

will try to make it to our 45th reunion!" > **Dean Anderson** relocated from the Netherlands to Corona Del Mar, California, in 2022. Sadly, he lost his wife three years ago, after 38 years together. But on the bright side, he was blessed with his first grandchild, Riley, last October. "I finally retired from Chevron after 40+ years. I am enjoying the SoCal life and walks on the beach." > **Roger Strukhoff** shared: "We welcomed our first grandchild, Eva Jane Elg, born last July to daughter Alexandra and son-in-law Jason. She has set the record for being the world's cutest baby! We visited her over the holidays, resulting in much joy within our family." > **Bob Thompson '78** connected with **Dan Calandro** and **Bill Colby** on the beach at Sanibel, where they discussed the intricacies of various basketball games they played together at Knox. Congrats to Dan and Bill, who have recently retired. > **Mitch Baker '76** and his wife, Karen, took an epic two-month vacation to northern Spain, returning to the U.S. on Christmas. They started out in Burgos and ended up in Valencia, hiking and taking in the sights along the way. Ask him about the Picos de Europa mountains, the Cares gorge, El Capricho de Gaudi en Comillas, the Cantabrian coast, Bilbao, San Sebastián, the Pyrenees—you get the picture! He also reported that the food and drink were spectacular. So jealous! > **Bryn Douds** was inspired by **Doug Hill** to place high enough at the U.S. National Triathlon Championships (Olympic Distance) in Milwaukee last August to qualify for World Championships at Abu Dhabi in November 2022. This is Bryn's first time, but Doug has been numerous times. Knox has world class athletes! Bryn is planning to retire on April Fool's Day this year, and then go to Dallas for the birth of grandson #2. > **Bruce Hall** writes: "At the last Class of '77 Reunion in 2017, I recall talking with **Gary Hoag**, **Jim Munro**, **Marty Stuber**, and **Sue Calhoun-Stuber** about 'bucket list' items I wanted to accomplish before the next reunion. I included: climbing Mount Katahdin in Maine—the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail; sailing in the Monhegan Race from Portland, Maine, around Monhegan Island and back; and bicycling across the USA. Well, I haven't climbed anything, but my older son has climbed Katahdin—twice! And last summer, I crewed on a friend's sailboat almost every week in Casco Bay while my younger son sailed on the Tall Ship Lynx from Portland to Georgia, and he will soon sail on the Tall Ship Harvey Gamage from Pensacola to Portland! As for biking, I've continued to ride the Trek Across Maine and the Dempsey Challenge yearly—charity fundraisers for the American Lung Association and Patrick Dempsey's center for cancer patient support. > I will be at this year's Reunion and hope others can make it as well. It will be great to

see and catch up with so many classmates again."

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1978

Faith Miller loves her cruises, but she reports that she just had to cancel her eighth trip since June 2020 and fears the one she's planned for May (three times postponed) will go the same way. But she used the time at home well—she has completed a novel and is searching for an agent! How many of us can say we did that with our isolation? The most productive thing I can claim is a few crossword puzzles. > **Pam Berra Swafford** and her husband, Wayne, continue to enjoy life in Houston, although it is interrupted often by trips to Austin to visit kids and grandkids. > **Susan Huey Walker** is still with Bank of America's Private Bank. She loves her job and has more than doubled the size of her sales team. They had their best year ever in 2021, which is amazing since they were in a work from home posture for 10 months. Zoom and WebEx to the rescue! Her oldest son, Zach, got married in July. A truly magical week in San Diego. Now she has another daughter. > **John Luthy** continues to work on home projects, including an upgrade to his electrical service to get 200-amp service into the shed/barn, where he is continuing to rewire lights and outlets, waiting for warmer temps to work on the outside of the structure. He is also upgrading to add a generator to address the power outages due to mother nature, which are all too frequent in central Illinois! He is continuing his education and is taking a CAD class again (and learning more this time!), as well as adding welding to the mix this semester! He just got back from California where he was house sitting for his younger brother. Great weather and views, as he lives in the hills above Santa Barbara. Luth also had lunch with **Bob Thompson** in Springfield in December during his brief time before returning to sunny Florida. Future plans here include seeing Carlos Santana in Moline on April 15. > **Errick Cameron** fully retired from dental practice last year, and he and his wife, Cindy, moved permanently to Atlantic Beach on the Outer Banks of North Carolina last July. They have spent their time remodeling their home (it was supposed to be downsizing???) and enjoying their four grandkids. More time finishing is just around the corner! > After 10 years of living and working in Germany, **Bradley Milton** and his wife have retired and moved back to the U.S.—at least for the time being. They are living in his hometown of St. Charles, Illinois, enjoying time with their son (who moved there earlier after taking a job at Fermilab). His sister and her kids, and his daughter (still pursuing her Ph.D.) are all nearby. They are taking their time looking for a house and living with their son in the meantime. Brad says they housed him for 19 years, so turnabout is fair play. They had hoped to be in Japan this year, but

due to COVID, the country has yet to open up to tourists. So, it's back to Europe for a while in March, and they will see what happens from there. > **Robert Milford** and wife **Debbie (Koch) Milford** are enjoying retirement in Springfield, Virginia. Despite the pandemic, they spent 2021 traveling. In June, the family rendezvoused for two weeks in Iceland, which at the time was one of the safest countries for tourists. During the month of September 2021, they toured France with their youngest son (Brandon), who is currently stationed there. They were able to spend several days at the American Battlefield Cemetery, Normandy, France, and other parts of northern France. Of course, while in France they also traveled to the Bordeaux area and enjoyed the vineyards. In October 2021, they spent two weeks in Austin, Texas, with their eldest son (Eric) where he is working as a software developer. If they were able to do all that in 2021, just imagine where 2022 will take them. > As for me, I retired at the end of October 2021 after 40 years of practicing law. I am enjoying the freedom, although I still have trouble not feeling guilty for having no stress. And the less I have to do, the harder it is to get things done. Our kids (and our just-turned-one-year old granddaughter, the sweetest baby in the world) are all living nearby, along with my healthy, sharp 93-year-old dad and my sister, so life is good. We really have enjoyed Colorado Knox Club activities and getting to know fellow Knoxites here. We are hoping to meet **Brent Petersen** and his wife in Tucson next month. > That is all the news I have that is printable. Please keep in touch!

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1979

Rosalind Soto graduated in August 2021 from Northwestern University with a master of science in health communication. She was also inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication association honor society. She is currently weighing her options for the next phase of her career.

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1981

Jennifer Eich: "The reality of teaching remotely, a 3-4-hour daily commute once we returned to in-person teaching in fall 2021, along with the loss of four family members to COVID-19 and other age-related diseases prompted me to reflect on what I wanted to be doing for the next 30-40

years. So, after 27 years as a professor of Spanish, three years as an associate dean at Loyola Marymount University, and a spring semester 2022 sabbatical, I am stepping down and into retirement! It was not an easy decision but once made, I wondered why I waited. My husband, Salvador Fernandez, continues as associate dean and professor of Spanish at Occidental College, which he still enjoys, especially as his walking commute is about five minutes. Our daughter Rebeca defended her dissertation in inorganic chemistry (one chapter was even written in Spanish) at the UW-Madison in June 2021 and we, along with 15 family members attended. She now has a post-doc at UC-Davis, and it is nice to have her back in California after five years in Madison. Our son, Gabriel, graduated in May 2021 with a degree in restaurant management from the Institute of Culinary Education in Pasadena, and he now works full time at the Proper Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The family is set on their own paths, the cats are happy I will be at home full time, and I look forward with joy to this next life stage since I agree with Fred 'Mr.' Rogers: 'Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.' > **Jane**

Strode Miller: "My company, Lily's Sweets, was sold to Hershey's in June 2021, and shortly thereafter, I launched Haevn (www.thehaevn.com/) with two 20-something co-founders. We are solving the chicken and egg dilemma that you can't get a job without experience, and you can't get experience without a job. We partnered with Scott Crawford and his team at the Bastian Family Center for Career Success and have 24 interns from Knox doing micro-internships this semester. Super exciting! Thanks for your continued leadership in keeping our class together!" >

George Smith: "Good to hear from you. I hope you and your family are well. I very much enjoyed the Zoom call you were able to pull together last year. I wish I had something of interest to report but I don't. Thanks for serving as Class Correspondent all these years." > **Linda**

Mugnaini McMillan: "How about a new knee or hip? Just kidding—but that's what some may be looking at right about now. Nothing new to report here. Enjoying retirement, hoping to do more travel this year and spend more time up in Wisconsin's Northwoods fishing." > A note from **Erich Redschlag's** sister: "Hi, John—My name is Heidi Redschlag. My brother is **Erich Redschlag**, alumnus, Class of 1981. Erich had a debilitating stroke in January 2020 and is now disabled. He is in good spirits but is otherwise quite limited in both physical and mental capacity. He resides with his mother, who provides daily care for him. His address is: 2216 Jonathan Ave., Rockford, Illinois 61103. I brought your request to his attention, and he agreed that I could write this as an update. Thank you for keeping the Class of 1981 informed and in touch." > All good with the Nicolau family here on the Northshore of Chicagoland. Three of our four adult children are married, two wonderful grand-

Alumni Achievement Award Winner

2022 ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Merry Sloan Mosbacher '80

Merry started her 38-year career at Edward Jones as a student intern while pursuing her MBA, and was named a principal just five short years later in 1986. She retired in 2019 as the most tenured woman partner in the firm.

Her experience spanned investment banking, insurance and annuity products and diversity and inclusion.

She helped shape strategy and developed new products, tools and systems to meet the needs of individual investors as the firm grew from roughly 400 financial advisors when she started to more than 18,000 today.

She was an active volunteer at Knox which continued into her professional life and retirement. She has received numerous awards for her achievements, including being named one of St. Louis' 25 most influential businesswomen and a St. Louis Woman of Achievement.

Why did you choose to attend Knox?

I was a first-generation college student and I wanted to go away to college. I didn't want a large university because I wanted to have a closer relationship with friends and faculty. Knox just seemed to fit the bill.

I came to Knox thinking I was going to be a math major. I was heavy into my math degree when I discovered economics and felt that I could apply my math skills better in that area. My mentors there would have been Wilbur Pillsbury, professor emeritus of economics and business administration or Roy Andersen, Charles W. and Arvilla S. Timme Professor Emeritus of Economics, as the heads of the department during my time. They really helped me learn to apply technical skills to the economic environment as a whole and to understand money in business, which helped in my career.

Was it difficult being a female in finance at that time?

One of my early mentors was from an internship I did while I was here at Knox. There was a program through the Associated Colleges of the Midwest called Women in Management that took me to Chicago. I worked for a young woman who had come out of Wharton's MBA program. I was at FMC Corporation in Chicago and she's the one who convinced me that I should pursue an MBA, recognizing that there were career opportunities emerging for women I like to joke that we were the Helen Reddy generation—we could do anything we wanted. "I am woman hear me roar" was a lyric from one of her songs. We didn't know that we couldn't do things and that there was a glass ceiling. So, I got my MBA and ended up at Edward Jones in the investment banking area. My primary mentor was our managing partner, who saw potential in me and gave me some guidance. One of the leaders in investment banking taught me that being the only woman in the room was a competitive advantage because people would remember me, and I never looked back.

The last two years of my career were spent in our inclusion and diversity area, where I spent time developing leadership skills for our women and diverse financial advisors. Although I technically retired as of 2020, I continue to serve the firm as a trustee of its Bridge Builder Mutual Funds.

Watch a video interview with Merry at magazine.knox.edu.



STEVE DAVIS

ANDREW WENK '94 AND JERRY ZAVORKA '94 MADE THEIR ANNUAL TRIP TO LAS VEGAS

daughters, another grandchild due in June, and everyone lives within 30 minutes of us, so we know how blessed we are. My wife celebrated 40 years as an ICU nurse, has done an incredible job taking care of COVID patients the past two years and plans to continue for at least a few more. After selling my business back in 2018, I completed my obligations to the new owners and moved into a strictly business development role with another IT consulting firm, still focusing on supporting businesses with Microsoft-centric infrastructure. While I still feel there is plenty of fuel in my tank, it's nice not to be responsible for leadership-related issues, including the drama that often comes with being a business owner. Future plans include some travel and a lot more time with my family.

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1985

It's a snowy day in late January as I write this, the first "big" snowstorm in NYC of winter 2021-22. Call me crazy, but I do miss an Illinois winter with zero-degree temps and a foot of snow on the ground. I have fond memories of the winter of 1985-86, when my sister Margaret Davis and I ice skated down Cherry Street to campus and several of us went to an evening event in skirts when it was -26 or so. But enough with the rose-colored glasses. In current news: **Jolene Robinson Seitz** writes: "I retired from the U.S. Department of Energy in July 2021 after nearly 29 years of service split between the Idaho National Laboratory and the Savannah River Site. Roger and I recently moved to Bluffton, South Carolina, and are enjoying life in our new community—Sun City Hilton Head. Our days are primarily spent on the softball diamond. It's great to be playing ball again." > **Jere Hinson** completed his tour as fleet chaplain at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia, last summer and now serves as deputy chaplain of the Marine Corps at the Pentagon. He and his wife

Ruth celebrated the weddings of two of their children this past year. Jere posted some lovely wedding photos on Facebook, and I say with all sincerity that it's not every man that still looks good in a kilt at our age! > **Debbie Dehm** moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, last year, where she is "freezing my butt off, doing massage, writing e-books and teaching reiki classes." > And **Mike Spires** writes to say that "Now that it's official, I'm extremely proud to say that I've been selected as one of the consultants in the inaugural HBCU Consulting Program through NORDP (the National Organization of Research Development Professionals). I'll be working for the next couple of years with folks at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University on enhancing their research activities and helping them grow from a Carnegie R2 institution to an R1 institution. More about the program and the institutions can be found here: nordpnews.org/2022/01/25/nordp-consultant-pilot-program-participants-selected/

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1988

Happy 55th birthday to most of us! As I connect with classmates over phone calls, through holiday newsletters, and as I browse through Facebook, I noticed how we are all at such different stages of life. Sadly, some are enduring the loss of a parent. My condolences to you! I lost my father suddenly in 1994 and my mother in 2017 after a short battle with cancer. Life is forever changed. Some are still raising their children while others are enjoying their grandchildren. Some are at the peak of their careers while others have retired! Two of my Post 2 suitemates retired within a couple of months of each other. **Regina Griffith Swanson** retired in December 2019 from the Illinois Commerce Commission Police, and her roommate **Tammy Hill Ballard** retired as an elementary school teacher in North Carolina in February 2020. Others are celebrating 30 years of marriage while others are getting married for the 2nd or 3rd time. Congratulations to all of you! Whichever stage of life you are in, seek happiness and enjoy the journey because the years are going by way too fast! > Hopefully, most of us have

survived the COVID pandemic without the loss of family members or dear friends. The biggest positive change out of the pandemic is being able to work remotely which I have not done in my 33 years in corporate America. Fortunately for me, my company did go 100 percent virtual. This allowed me to become an official snowbird prior to retiring. I now split my time—summer and fall in Illinois, and winter and spring in Arizona. I want to plan some Knox Class of '88 events in each of these areas. Please share some ideas that you have for an event. Some of my ideas include family day at a Cubs or Sox game, a happy hour event, and picnic and games at a forest preserve. I am open to ideas! I can plan a Zoom happy hour that will allow more people to attend. My email address is tracydb531@gmail.com. Please send emails to share your life's journey and ideas for a group event. > **Dr. Lil María Castro Rosabal**, Ph.D., recently obtained a specialization in digital animation and special effects from the Film & Animation Academy ULACIT Universidad Latinoamericana de Ciencia y Tecnología in Costa Rica. She celebrated her graduation with her husband Dr. Jonathan Charles Riemitis, Ph.D., and family.

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1991

Christine Purtell Deblock writes: "It's a year of transitions. Our oldest, Lee, is finishing high school. Our youngest, Charlotte, is finishing 8th grade. Middle kid Luke is learning to drive. I was able to attend the off-season, delayed Homecoming in May. It was very strange being on campus during spring. **Girija Gullapalli** and I enjoyed the weekend. We had to shelter in the mailroom during a tornado warning. We wandered the campus and attended the alumni achievement award presentation as well as the talk by **John Podesta** '71. In the future, the bookstore will no longer be selling books since students only ever purchase them online. Girija and I were the only two from our class at the reunion dinner, so we hung out with people from the classes of '66 and '67. We ran into **Amy Ragnini Olson** and **Steve Olson** '92 at the hotel on the last morning. It's always good to be back at Knox, but we hope to see lots more classmates at our next regularly scheduled reunion." > **Kathy Hansen Foster**: "Hi, JJ! Greetings from South Florida! It's been a busy

couple years for the Hansen Fosters—both girls graduated from University of Kansas (one with a master's of architecture and the other now pursuing an MBA in Italy), we adopted two dogs, and we moved from Chicago to Boynton Beach, Florida! My husband, **Rich "Fuzzy" Foster '86** got a new job near West Palm Beach and we decided the time was right to make the move to a sunnier climate! Before we left, we were so grateful to catch up with many Knox friends in Chicago—**Mike Boyd '86**, **Angie '88** and **Mike "Huck" Reilly '88**, **Lisa Tracy Petrauskas '90**, **Kelly Glisan Cahill '90**, **Genevieve Fitzgerald '92**, **Jeff Gossrow '88**, **Dave Newbart '90**, **Fred Gore '88**, **Dave Murphy '90** and **Jason Radakovich '90**. We're enjoying our new adventure, though this Midwest girl is a little nervous about hurricane season! Hope everyone is doing well and if any Knox folks are in South Florida be sure to look us up!" > **Marc Saphir**: "Greetings! I retired in Nov. 2019 after 28+ yrs. in the Army & returned to Sweet Home Chicago! After a whirlwind career serving the U.S. as a soldier and diplomat, it's wonderful to be back here! Along the way, I got an MBA, married (and divorced) and worked in Latin America (mostly), Afghanistan and Liberia. Although retired from the military—not retired from life—I live in Chicago's Ukrainian Village and pursue a range of interests, ranging from real estate development to DJ-ing to micro-financing. It's been awesome and grounding to stay connected with Knox alumni, some who I've met in different parts

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1992

Dear classmates, my heart breaks to announce that **Anne Poston** passed away at the age of 51 on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at home with her family and **David Jesuit '91** by her side. Left to cherish her memory is her husband, David, and her son, Daniel Sanford Jesuit. Anne was an amazing person, friend and classmate. We are planning a memorial at Knox in her honor, more to come later. Her complete obituary can be found here: www.charleslux.com/obituary/anne-poston. Anne was the granddaughter of **Lawrence Poston Jr.**, a member of the Knox modern language faculty from 1938 to 1948. > **Kelly Lynn Hogan** just became a new mom, and while raising her beautiful daughter is going through chemo with surgery and radiation to come. If you want to help out more information here: www.mealtrain.com/trains/go9y51 > I also just wanted everyone to know that I am now an islander! I sold my big empty house and moved from Dallas down to Galveston, Texas. I love the island life and being a bit closer to Anika, who attends Texas A&M Galveston. > I hope to see some of you at our 30th Class Reunion at homecoming this fall. **Tammy** and I are looking for volunteers to help organize some fun for our

class. Please reach out to us.

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1993

Ben Hirby: "Let's see ... my wife, Sage, had a position to lead a study abroad program in Aix-en-Provence, France, for the academic year 2020-21. I left my job of 20+ years, and we planned to go as a family. Of course, COVID got in the way. We buckled down like everyone else. I got a job teaching graphic design for branding in the UW Art Department. Sage earned a sabbatical, so now we're planning to make good on that promise and move to Aix again this summer and fall. Reed, our oldest, will graduate next spring, class of '23. Oliver is 13 in 7th grade." > **Michele Trabue**: "Greetings and salutations. It's coming up on 30 years since I last interacted with Knox College. Hmhmhmhm. My, how time flies regardless of whether you are having fun. After getting my \$60,000 receipt a.k.a. my diploma, I returned to my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. I left Knox sick, but I did not realize how sick till I returned home. I had become diabetic. I spent 1993 trying to figure out how to navigate the world with a malfunctioning pancreas. I also got hired on at the Louisville Free Public Library in November 1993. I settled into my unionized paraprofessional job and got on with living. Then in March 2001, my beloved mother came down with yeast pneumonia. She was in the hospital for 47 days. She spent two weeks in a coma. Life was never the same. She was 51 and I was 30. I became head of household and primary caregiver overnight. My father got sick in June 2001. He was not my responsibility, fortunately since he had a mother, a girlfriend and a wife looking to take care of him. He passed away in 2005. My mother came down with gallbladder cancer in 2018. Then while an electrical fire rendered us quasi-homeless in November 2019, in March 2020, mom caught COVID-19 while in the hospital. She survived it, barely. I spent most of 2020 at home nursing her and on unpaid furlough from the library. On January 1, 2021, my mother and friend passed away, AND now life is very much different and yet it feels sorta the same. On April 1, 2023, I can retire from my job with pension and medical. I have no plans. I can also say I do rejoice with all that are still here with us in this upside backwards world. #StayBlessedEveryone." > **Art Weible**: "Our school string orchestra actually was able to play a live concert just before Christmas. No virtual anything, and it was bliss."

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1994

Andrew Wenk and **Jerry Zavorka** made their annual trip to Las Vegas to watch the Bears and Raiders game in the fall at the city's new stadium. Jerry's oldest son, Ryan, is a sophomore at UW-Madison and his youngest son, Jack, will be heading there in the fall. > **Mary Souther** is busy teaching high school and coaching cross country and track. Her boys' cross country team won the state championship last fall! (Good job, Coach!) My oldest child will be attending the same high school next year. I can only hope she has Mary as a teacher or coach. > **Darren King** shares "birth-day condolences to the '94 class" as he just had his 50th this January. Yes, we're old(er). His wife, Tacy, is still the director of multilingual programs for Clear Creek ISD in League City, Texas. Their daughter, Elsa, is starting as center mid on the Rose-Hulman women's soccer team. A highlight for Darren—her soccer schedule included an away trip to Galesburg where the game ended in a 1-1 draw. His middle daughter, Alayna, is a junior in high school, running cross country and track. She is considering Knox! Darren spends most of his time with daily travel with his son, Evan, on the Texas select baseball circuit and for the Houston Dynamo Academy. After 15 years as Head of Equities for American National Insurance Company, Darren recently accepted the position as chief investment officer for Moody Bank



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Hardika Shah '92

Shah is the founder & CEO of fintech Kinara Capital, which is at the forefront of driving financial inclusion of small business entrepreneurs in India.

Under her vision and leadership, Kinara Capital is globally recognized for its innovations in SME financing and has received IFC's Bank of the Year-Asia international award, is listed among Top 100 High-Growth Companies in Asia-Pacific by the *Financial Times*, and among India's Growth Champions by the *Economic Times*.



STEVE DAVIS

Prior to founding Kinara Capital, Shah spent two decades as a management consultant for global companies in the United States, Europe, and Asia; and for almost a decade was a mentor for emerging social entrepreneurs. Most notably, Shah was listed as one of the "Top 20 Most Powerful Women" by *Forbes India* in 2021; one of the "Top 40 Social Entrepreneurs" by Causeartist in 2022; and one of "7 Solo-Woman Entrepreneurs Who Raised the Largest Funding Amount in India" by Yahoo! in 2019.

Why did you attend Knox?

I was a middle-class student in India who heard about liberal arts as a form of education and was just thrilled that something like this existed. Middle class kids didn't come to the United States for undergrad in the '80s, especially not girls; it's never a priority for families. But my parents were a little different and they moved mountains, including selling their

home to fund my education at Knox.

Why did you start Kinara Capital?

I worked a lot with social entrepreneurs in a mentoring capacity and I remembered when my mom was running small businesses in India that access to capital was the biggest challenge. As India went from a closed economy to an open economy in the '90s, it still didn't open up access to capital for the small businesses. There are 60 million small businesses in India, and only 5 percent of them have access to commercial capital. I started Kinara Capital to provide fast and flexible loans to small businesses in the range of \$2,000 to \$25,000 so that they could grow their business, and they could do this sustainably. We have been operating for 10 years and we have disbursed over 75,000 loans totaling over \$500 million. Along with growing to 1200+ employee strength, we have been profitable for over seven years.

There are many career highlights. It is always a learning opportunity and it's exciting to learn about new businesses. But when it comes to my own business, the most exciting is to meet that one customer who could not get capital from commercial banks, who we were able to support with a small loan. And with that loan they have been able to expand their reach as a business. Some who have funded their children's education—one was so proud that his daughter was going to become a doctor that she never dreamed could happen. Those moments are very special.

Watch a video interview with Hardika at magazine.knox.edu.

Alumni Achievement Award Winner

Wealth Management & Trust in Galveston, Texas. > **Monica Wetzel-Smith**, along with husband, Alex, and twin boys, Duncan and Jeremy (age 7), are exploring the outdoors along the California coast and Sierras. She shares: "We've been enjoying the snow at Lake Tahoe this winter and the boys are by far surpassing me in skiing ability this year!" > **Tamara Thebert** graduated from California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) with a M.A. in integral counseling psychology in 2007, and she is now a licensed psychotherapist in the San Francisco Bay area (psychospiritual-counseling.net). She and her colleague Deborah Yarock are launching an online clinician-focused training called the Confident Clinician Year-Long Program for New Therapists across the globe. She wants to bring more awareness to the Inner Science Institute (innerscience.net), a place to train "mental health professionals who value progressive social change and the expansive consciousness that comes from learning to work from the inside out." > Since 2016, **Liano Sharon** has been very active in the Michigan Democratic Party, working on important things like establishing universal single-payer, reforming criminal justice and immigration policies, abolishing the electoral college, and more. In November 2020, he "co-founded MISolidarity to organize and fight for (small-d) democracy in the Democratic Party in Michigan." Later in December, he was elected to the Democratic National Committee. He continues to help progressive Democrats across the country organize and fight for democracy in their local, state, and national parties as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee for People for Democratic Party Reform (PDPR.org), a national group with the same goals in the Democratic Party as MISolidarity. He sent along multiple links to share, and this one is a great summary: www.michiganprogressive.com/2020/12/05/progress-report-2020-the-political-revolution-in-michigan/. > **Laurie Rompala's** world is less hectic than it was pre-pandemic. She has a legal, investigative, and HR consulting practice that she operates out of her home office. Her two high-schooler sons play baseball year-round and will be leaving for college in the fall. She spends time with them and her dogs. She loves to spend time outside, hiking and fungi hunting, working to complete her master naturalist certification. > **Dawn Campbell D'Orazio** and I recently caught up via a mutual acquaintance and she gave me this update. She and **Fiore '92** have lived in Aurora for over 25 years. Their oldest son graduated from Waubonsee Community College in May 2021 and started his junior year at Valparaiso University last fall. He is a creative writing major with minors in poli sci and communications/visual arts. Their youngest son continues to homeschool but plans to start at Waubonsee this fall as a dual-enrolled high school student. They also have a four-year-old German shepherd which Dawn reports is "a bit like living with an anxious toddler who sheds." Fiore has been at Gerber Collision since 2014,

working in strategic projects management. Dawn continues to do volunteering, recently as the first community co-chair of her hospital's patient and family advisory council, something she has become deeply passionate about. She also continues to work with Illinois YMCA youth & government, where the interim CEO is fellow Knox grad **Julie Brown Kapsch '86**. > From **Leslie Combs**: “I just got back from a trip to New Orleans with **Lloy Brodnicki Johnston, Mark Johnston '93** and my husband, Dean, to celebrate my 50th—we had so much fun! One of the best things to come out of Knox for me is my treasured friendship with Lloy and Mark, and the joy of raising our families together in the North Park neighborhood of Chicago.” > As for me, my update is about the same. I'm still working as a clinical physician at Emory University/Healthcare in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. My husband, Chris, is still at the CDC, now working on COVID. My three kids are doing ok and are back at school in person, vaccinated and masked. We now have a teenager—woooeee! Knox may have prepared me for a lot of things, but not for a teen in my home. I've continued to work on the craft of creative writing more seriously, mostly poetry and fiction. Since I started honing in on this writing in 2019, I've had a few pieces accepted for publication in literary journals, rubbing elbows with kind writers and whip-smart mentors. You can follow me on Instagram @writers.eatery. > Almost everyone who sent updates said to be well somehow. We are approaching what I'm feeling as middle distance: we've covered a lot of ground and these times after 50 are not completely unnavigable but coming into a strange downslope. That's not a bad thing. There is a settling. Maybe a little shake of the foundation, but everything holds steady. Everything holds when we remember our formative years. Not everything was carefree in college, of course. My now-adult self-stored some of that college-age sense of idealism, something I wish I could draw on more. We've learned reality in our alumni years. I am so, so thankful I found Knox. In the end, Knox found me better. Be well, everyone. Think of all you've lived.

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1995

Hello, Class of 1995! When I worked as a chaplain with young people with mental illnesses and behavioral disorders, I used to say to them, “I never learned much from getting it right.” In other words, we learn more from mistakes than we do from those times when we get lucky and get it right the first time. I have learned so much about starting a small business during a pandemic (a skill I never thought I'd need to have.) I've also learned about practicing and choosing to hope over and over again, when many indicators would have me give up and just pull the covers over my head. How about you? I asked what you've

learned these past few years, and you did not disappoint. Here's what some of your classmates said about what they've learned recently: **Keshia (Te-verbaugh) Gipson** wrote that she has noticed the benefits of gratitude and keeping a grateful journal for herself. Over the last two years, she's learned that sharing her passion for gratitude has been helpful for others. I knew, and was reminded, that a sincere thank you or a small gesture often means a ton, leaving both parties happier. > **Elena Rakochy** started teaching art at a therapeutic school in Chicago in August. It has been a really great and a real learning experience as well. A few things she tells her kiddos (and anyone else who will listen): 1. The best you can do is the best you can do. 2. Don't borrow trouble. 3. If you don't know what to do next, do jumping jacks (they usually find something to do next instead). :) > **Pete Lyon** wrote that the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant warping of our societal, professional, and even mediocre rhythms has triggered reflections. First, as much as we prefer the future to be set in stone, or at least semi-predictable, we must take life day by day. Second, plagues have been longtime facets of human existence (e.g., the Black Death and 1918 flu); why should we assume that, in our modern, hyper-connected world, we are immune? > **John McCurdy** wrote that during the last two years, he's learned the value of determination and persistence! Having had to cancel several trips for work and fun, it was tempting to just give up. But in February 2022, he resumed travel and headed off to London! > **Spyridon-Vasileios Manias** wrote that the specter of the pandemic is enormous. He realized how susceptible and vulnerable we are. We have let the “invisible” intruder invade our lives and radically change our behaviors and habits. He was startled how quickly the scientific world reacted with the invention of a vaccine. All of this has taught him to not be absolute and to realize and strongly believe that science and human invention is not above God. We have deified some human achievements. The appearance of the pandemic filled human societies with fear, panic, and uncertainty. It was impressive how soon scientists invented a vaccine. Theological and ethical dilemmas, among others, certainly make the main puzzle. Other issues that emerged are whether the protection of public health is above the freedom and the protection of personal data. > Thank you all so much for writing! What a delight to have this conversation about what people have learned.

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1998

I love winter, so to prove it to myself (#winkwink), I signed up for the American Birkebeiner Ski Marathon. That's a 30-mile cross country ski race in northern Wisconsin. But now I'm liking the earlier sunrises that come with the start of spring, and I'm happy to switch from ski boots to running shoes. I also signed up for the 2022 Boston Marathon for my first time. Staying in touch with all of you is a real joy, and from the notes below, you'll see that we are bringing our talents to new cities and workplaces, publishing and producing creative works, closing chapters in careers and starting new ventures, and generally making Knox proud. We'd love to hear from you too! > **Elizabeth (Flanders) Monaco** shared news of a move: “In June we moved to Grand Rapids, and **Jason** took on the role of CFO for SpartanNash. We are all readjusting to winter after years in Texas and are enjoying our first Michigan winter. I am working as an outpatient therapist part time and mom/kids' personal Uber driver the rest of the time. I hope we can all find our way back to Knox sometime in the near future so we can all reconnect!” > **Phillip Mottaz** checked in: “We are still healthy in Los Angeles. Our son is midway through 7th grade at the Wesley School, where **Rachel '99** continues to teach kindergarten. I've been working from home since the beginning of the pandemic, with our dog Bodhi as my coworker/office manager. And my first novel, *The Murderous Haircut of the Mayor of Bel Air*, has been popping up in more and more libraries and stores and has been submitted for independent publishing awards.” > **Tim J. Lord** sent this update: “I'm currently living in central New Jersey. We moved here in early 2020 so that my wife could start a job at the McCarter Theatre in Princeton. I'll finally have my regional theater premiere when my play about the 2002 Moscow theatre siege, *We Declare You a Terrorist*, will have its world premiere at Round House Theatre in Bethesda, MD. Any alums in the D.C. area come check it out this April/May. www.roundhousetheatre.org/On-Stage/Explore/We-declare-you-a-terrorist.” > **Nikki Malley** shared an update from her office in CFA: “After 19 years teaching at my beloved alma mater, directing the Knox Jazz Ensemble, and overseeing the amazing Knox Rootabaga Jazz Festival, I will be stepping down from my position at Knox to pursue new opportunities, including my passion project-turned small business in small batch canning. I will still be right here in Galesburg where I live with my husband, Cory, and our fabulous dog, Bob, on the Malley family farm. I am unendingly grateful to Knox for allowing me to make and teach music all these years, and I look forward to continuing to perform and

RACHEL (UNGER) CURRY '05 AND RYAN CURRY '05 MOVED BACK TO

support the Knox and Galesburg arts communities for many years to come. Hooray for new adventures!” > **Aimee Woodyard** sent this family and career update: “After five years doing surgical oncology (Upper GI cancers) with AMITA/Alexian Brothers Hospital, I’ve switched to Palos Hospital/Northwestern, doing general and colorectal surgery. Kids are 14 and 9, and are starting to recover from the mental health toll of COVID restrictions on top of regular life issues. And after five years of arguing and disliking each other, then two years happily apart, my husband, Bryan Woodyard, and I are happily back together! Both of us never expected to go down this path, so that was an awesome surprise. Hope everyone is well and enjoying life!”

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1999

Dr. Lora Sariaslan received her Ph.D. from the University of Amsterdam in April 2022 with her dissertation titled *Pins on the Map: Urban Mappings in European-Turkish Contemporary Art*. Congratulations!

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Ben Neale lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with his wife and two young children. Since 2019, he has operated a private psychotherapy practice serving primarily military, veteran, adolescent, and college student populations. > **Eric Pietras** was promoted in July 2021 to associate professor in the division of hematology at University of Colorado. Last year he published two significant papers addressing how inflammation can trigger the early stages of leukemia, and Eric’s lab currently works on developing early treatment strategies that can target this process before disease occurs. > **Joel Mensing** and his wife, Bridget, welcomed their youngest son, Malcolm, in 2021 and their older son, William, turned 4. Joel just started a new job as a pulmonary and critical care physician at Rush Oak Park Hospital where he also serves as the ICU medical director. >

Caroline Sietmann still lives in Chicago. After 10 years as an academic librarian, she switched gears and now works for the JAMA Network as the author outreach program manager. After 30 years of softball, Caroline switched gears to go easier on her joints and now is a bocce player. >

Brynn Seibert sends the following note: “I want to thank everyone in the Knox community for the condolences on the loss of my dad, Professor **Robert Seibert** ’63. It’s been a big comfort to my

mom and me to hear all of your memories from my dad’s days as a student and faculty member, and we’ve been especially moved to hear about the many ways my dad impacted your lives. The Knox community and his students were so important to my dad, and we are so grateful for the love and support you’ve sent our way.” >

Sidharth Mahapatra: “The pandemic has taught us all the true meaning of vigilance and adaptability. While in lockdown, we bonded deeper as a family, realizing how stretched life was with school, activities, and our respective jobs. We also learned the meaning of innovation and creativity.” With life now opening to a new normal, Sidharth’s wife, Namrata, has resumed her job as a teaching assistant for special needs kids in the Elkhorn Public School District, and she also serves on the executive board of Rejuvenating Women, a national organization committed to rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking. During the pandemic, Sidharth was promoted to associate professor of pediatrics and received his career development K12 award for his research on pediatric brain tumors. “Among other things, the pandemic has helped us learn to cherish, appreciate, and love each other, our families, and our friends that much more.”

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2005

Jon Betts continues to be reminded of the enduring power and beauty of the Knox community in ways both small and profound. “From following the Prairie Fire soccer team’s national tournament performance live stream, along with the alumni group chat, to spending the summer working on court alongside the uniquely wonderful **Dave Rahofy** ’03, to running the 9th annual Henry Hustle put on by **Seth Kopf** ’04, to the outpouring of support and love my family received from former classmates, coaches, and professors following my mom’s passing in 2021,” Jon tells us that Knox has remained an impactful constant presence in his life. > **Alexandra (Ali) Birn-**

bach married David Daskal before family, friends, and fellow Knox alumni in San Ramon, California, on October 30, 2021. Masks and additional COVID-19 safety protocols were put in place to ensure all guests could safely enjoy the festivities. Ali told us, “It was an incredible day, and David and I were extremely moved to have friends and family gathered together in the midst of these isolating pandemic years.” The couple is expecting their first child in April 2022. >

Rachel (Unger) Curry and **Ryan Curry** moved back to Galesburg in June 2021 and bought their first house. They are also excited about their soon-to-be growing family with the anticipated arrival of their first child this June (a boy!). >

Drew Parsons provided the following update, “I am an appellate attorney, and I’ve been working for the Office of the State Appellate Defender of Illinois since October 2020. I represent indigent criminal defendants as they appeal their convictions to the Illinois Appellate Court for the Third District, in Ottawa. I can even take their appeals as high as the Illinois Supreme or even the U.S. Supreme Court if the situation warrants it (and I highly look forward to doing so). I have practiced law in Illinois for over 10 years and been with OSAD for more than a year. I am married to Erica Riley Parsons, and we have two beautiful daughters, Viola (age 5) and Josephine (age 4). Additionally, I have run six marathons.” >

Jacqueline Dehne Scaffidi reports that 2021-2022 has been a great time for an introduction to another possible career. She has been teaching 6th grade elementary in-person in a long-term substitute position since the fall. Jackie met the class when she substituted in August as well.

Jacqueline told us that it’s been a whirlwind, learning all the behind-the-scenes parts on the job, but it has been rewarding. Her spouse, Matt, and daughters, Alexandra (10) and Vivian (8), are doing their best to stay safe in this new way of living and keeping their lab-mix Kira (2) entertained with chew toys and tennis balls. >

Amanda Smith Sodomka assumed the role of assistant court administrator/chief juvenile officer of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit Court in St. Louis City on June 1, 2021. > **Erick West** writes, “After nearly five years working for Amazon—including a relocation from North Carolina back to my hometown of Beloit, Wisconsin—I have returned to my first career in nonprofit resource development. Beyond professional life, my wife, Rachel, and I, along with our son, Archie, welcomed Alice Irene to our family on August 26, 2021.”

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2006

Sylvie Davidson writes, “My husband, Trevor, and I moved to Portland, Oregon, to be near

family after the pandemic shut down the American Shakespeare Center where we were working. In May 2021, we welcomed our son, Buckminster (Bucky) Wheetman. I am pursuing a master of arts in restorative justice while also hoping to return to the stage sometime soon.” > From **Aleza Berube Sitarz**: “We had a big 2021—this year we decided to move back to our hometown, Carbondale, Illinois, to be closer to our family who live here (my mom and Justin’s parents). I have left Austin ISD and am now the director of resilience education for southern Illinois at the Stress and Trauma Treatment Center. I love getting to work with educators in Illinois to help create more trauma-responsive schools. We feel very fortunate to spend much more time with our families and to have our kids spend more time with them as well. I hope you all are doing well!” > **Megan Gamble** writes, “I’m still in Washington D.C., still working from home doing fundraising for NARAL Pro-Choice America. Between COVID waves, I was able to do some domestic travel in 2021, including visiting my cousin **Genevieve (Gamble) Nassif**, and her family, outside of LA! I was also able to sneak out of the country last year for an excellent trip to Iceland. Hopefully 2022 will bring more opportunities to leave the house AND the country!” > And from **Katelyn Mazman**: “I married my partner, Lindsey, on December 5, 2021, at an estate in Northern California. Officiated by **Ann Hernandez**, the ceremony was attended both virtually and in-person by lots of Knox folks, their partners, and kiddos, including **Brent Aronowitz**, **Lauren Burke ’07**, **Brian Ching ’05** and **Melanie Hagen-Ching**, **Sylvie Davidson**, **Devin Hogan**, **Brian Humpherys ’09**, **Emily Richardson Fanjoy** and Jim ‘Fletch’ Fanjoy, **Joe Page ’03** and **Hillary Loomis-Page**, **Ashley Palar Look**, and **Gabe Paz ’11**. There was even a surprise virtual performance of the Knox College hymn during the reception. It was a perfect day!” **Class Correspondent: Megan Rehberg**
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Chris Berger completed his doctorate in philosophy at Boston College (BC) in May ’21 and is now Dr. Christopher Berger. He’s teaching at BC in their Philosophy and Perspectives programs as an adjunct and is pursuing a tenure-track teaching position. > **Megan Krenz** passed along an update for those that know her, “My dog, Norma (who was with me since my senior year), made it to her 18th birthday before passing on to the land of unlimited treats and adventures. Remember her as she would want to be remembered—luxu-

Alumni Achievement Award Winner

2022 YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Shane Fogerty ’09

Fogerty earned his Ph.D. in astrophysics at the University of Rochester and is a scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, leading teams of researchers and students in innovative scientific projects. He is a national and international conference speaker and a published author in numerous prestigious scientific journals across multiple disciplines.

His research on physics simulations has contributed to the responsible stewardship of our nation’s nuclear stockpile and the nonproliferation of nuclear arms. As a mentor and teacher, Fogerty created learning environments that allowed students to thrive and as a result has been awarded multiple teaching commendations from his alma maters.

Why did you attend Knox?

I chose to attend Knox because when I first visited I was really inspired by the people that I met, the energetic students, the dynamic staff and everything that they were doing, the ideas that they were putting together and the kind of determination they had to make a difference. How they put their learning into practice was just really inspiring. I wanted to be a part of that.

What does a scientist at Los Alamos do?

As a scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, I’m involved in a lot of different cutting edge research. One day I might be working on planetary defense, how to nuke asteroids so that they don’t harm the planet, and the next day, I might be making supercomputers faster. I work with large teams of diverse groups of people. I work on supercomputing codes in order to simulate things faster, like hurricane tracking models, which can help warn people faster when a hurricane is imminent and where that hurricane is going to be. We also do climate change models to see the increasing effects of climate change. That’s just kind of a grab bag of the things I’ve been doing.

The research I like most is when things go from theoretical to having an impact on our everyday lives. So if you make your physics simulations more accurate or faster, it could potentially save lives. What I like best is when it merges with the real world. It’s a lot of responsibility, but also it’s really cool to make an impact.

What is your advice for Knox students interested in science?

You have access to some of the leading scientists in the world here at Knox, and some really great professors, who take an interest in you. I would take advantage of that opportunity to form a relationship with them, do some research with them, ask them about their experiences in graduate school and being scientists. Just take advantage of the opportunities you have here. That doesn’t exist everywhere. You can have a barbecue with your professor or get invited over to their house and really get to know them. So that is pretty special.

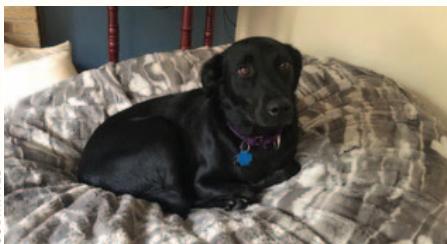
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STEVE DAVIS

“WE’RE EXPECTING OUR FIRST CHILD IN JULY. WE’RE GOING TO

riating on an intensely fluffy bed, receiving many pats, and eating all the snacks. The queen Bean lives forever in our hearts.” > **C. Meaker** started teaching playwriting and queer theater at Macalester College in the Twin Cities. They teach horrific playwriting at the Playwrights’ Center and continue to workshop their plays and screenplays around the country. > **Ann Marie Albright** is working as a nurse practitioner in primary care. She says “we welcomed our second son into our family in August. Waiting for Flunk Day.” > **Ivy (Amanda) Villarreal** submitted her exciting first update: “I got married in 2017 with my Knox housemates/best friends **Sarah Lund** ’09 and **Laurie Nowak** ’09 as bridesmaids! My husband and I bought a home in San Antonio in 2016 and we have two dogs; we both work in tech. We are looking forward to competing in Rome this February in the IBJJF Europeans Championship.” > **Magdalena Tortoriello** says “I have been working as the interim costume studio manager at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, since last semester, the same university from which I received my M.F.A. in 2017. I also created my business (Ribbioned Raven) for custom clothing, costumes, and alterations early last year when I moved into my own house, both of which feel like huge millennial accomplishments!” > **Ariel Lauryn** updated with “During the pandemic, I began working as a stop motion animator for a kids’ TV show called ‘Reading Buddies.’ I will be working with that show in the spring for season two, as a stop motion animator and on-set puppeteer. I will also be remounting a show that I co-created and have toured internationally, ‘The Last Rat of Theresienstadt.’ More importantly, I got my first dog, Gidget, and I am better for it.” > **Lucas Street** was promoted to assistant professor of English at Augustana College, where he continues to teach and direct the Reading/Writing Center. > **Jennifer Golz Reidl** can’t remember what her last update was but relates that “I am in my 10th year teaching 7th grade science. I am in my 3rd year as an assistant college basketball coach at Trinity Christian College and 7th year coaching high school softball.” > **Miriam** spent the 4th of July Weekend with **Carly Kirven** ’11 at Lake



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Kira keeps her owner Jacqueline Dehne Scafidi ’05 busy with lots of activities.

Weematuck. “I also went on a girls’ trip to Michigan with **Catherine Ray Dabrowski**, **Stephanie O’Brien Shmick**, and **Rosemary Ibis**. We are now planning **Rose**’s bachelorette party. **Emily Jensen** and I continue to haunt Roscoe Village eateries together and share many laughs over brunch.” > **Erica Stringfellow Tully** recently achieved national board certification in literacy: English-language arts for early and middle childhood. She continues to teach 4th grade—you guessed it—literacy.

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2009

Mike Callahan is living his life a quarter mile at a time in Colorado. > **Sarah Forsythe-Insley** started working for the empowering leaders division of the Contingent in Portland, Oregon. > **Will Gallmeyer** sends congrats to **@Mike Payne** on his recent nuptials! Green Projects Group is going strong, and daughter, Charley (1-year-old), lights up the world. > **Madeline Weiland** is rock climbing in Nebraska and learning how to tap-dance after being inspired by 2021 Miss New Hampshire winner, Ashley Marsh. > **Audra Adolph Bair** graduated early with her master’s degree in nursing education in March 2021 and has been working as a visiting professor at Purdue University Northwest in the College of Nursing since August 2021. She loves teaching the next generation of nurses and still works as a bedside nurse on occasion. > **Marek Dorman** wants to say hi and hopes all is well. > **Maren (Reisch) Axe** got married in October 2021! Bridesmaids included **Jaclyn Anderson**, **Kimberly (Anderson) Kasper**, and **Jennifer (Hoben) Quick**. **Clare (Hines) Nichols** was also there celebrating! “We’re expecting our first child in July. We’re going to name the baby Prairie Fire. Just kidding, we’re going to name the baby Seymour Hall.” > **Sam Jarvis** is still in Iowa City, Iowa, promoting science and evidenced-based practice. > **Adam Vera** has discovered calligraphy and knitting as a hobby.

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2011

There are a few reasons why I love serving the class of 2011 as correspondent. Twice each year, my inbox is full of baby announcements (both fur and human), personal and professional success stories, and, of course, notes from friends. We reconnect 10 years after walking together across the graduation stage. The past couple of years have been weird, but the Class of 2011 hasn’t let

that slow us down! > **Andrew Polk** hosts several radio shows with the iHeartRadio group in El Paso, Texas, including *Talk El Paso*, a local news and politics talk show that just expanded to two hours this year. This just in—he and **Sara Belger Polk** ’10 have three dogs who are all very good. > **Nea Fernandez** and her husband welcomed a daughter, baby Ainhoa, to the world. > **Brigitte Atcheson-Demke** and husband, **Cole Atcheson** ’13, are happy in Chicago with the kitties. Brigitte is working her way through a master’s in nursing leadership program, and she is now a clinical coordinator in her unit. She’s still running to maintain her sanity through all this! >

Tomilola Olotu took a break from corporate life to reassess her interests, and she is now a first year MBA student at the University of Rochester’s Simon Business School. > **Helen Schnoes** is back in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with her husband, **Ben Byers**, where they enjoy the city’s lakes and bike trails. She’s working as an outreach manager for Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, but the real highlight was playing sand volleyball with **Casey Patrick**. “Go, Rusty Patches!” > **Chloe Bohm Yonker** and husband, Josiah, rang in 2022 with the arrival of baby Benjamin!

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2012

John Williams and wife, Kaitie Adams, welcomed their first child in February. John is starting his fifth season at Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana, Illinois, after a very successful 2021. They donated over 16,000 pounds of produce to the food bank, area soup kitchens, and other food access programs. John and Kaitie also manage a small apple orchard in their limited free time. > Guys who wear hard hats like to talk about disappointing investments, such as bitcoin they almost bought, \$TSLA they sold too early, or any winning horse they didn’t bet enough on. When this topic comes up, **Kevin Box** likes to tell his fellow electricians about his most disappointing investment. > **Ed Davis** and **Gabi Sutton**, having lived in Kansas City since 2016, are relocating to Chicago this spring, their mutual hometown, so that they can be closer to their families. There, Ed plans to start his own choir, a dream he’s had since singing in the Knox College Choir over a decade ago. They are celebrating six years of marriage in September. >

Celestina Agyekum writes: “My 30s have proven to have learned from my 20s—whew! As I grow in my role as chief of staff, Programs at Americares, I have found that creating time to grow and enjoy my other interests is indispensable. Thus, I am happy to be publishing my poetry book, *Colliding Into Place*, by early spring as a totem to my 20s and a laudatory for my 30s. Always open to (re)connecting with folks. Reach out, let’s chat at cdagyekum@gmail.com.” > **Karl Bair** just recently obtained his certified fi-

NAME THE BABY PRAIRIE FIRE.” —MAREN (REISCH) AXE '09

nancial educator designation. He continues to build his book of business across the Midwest. > **Krista Anne Nordgren** is finishing her last year of graduate school in clinical mental health counseling at North Carolina Central, and yucking it up with her neighbor **Martin Yaeger**, his cool wife, Crystal, and their sweet baby child. > **Amanda Archer** writes: “I’m still living in Orange County, CA, and working as the lead product manager for Kwikset door locks. My husband and my days are busy trying to balance raising our two kids, Joel (3) and Amelia (1), while working full-time. Our highlights of 2021 include traveling to French Polynesia and nine U.S. states, including Hawaii twice, donating over 1,200 oz of breastmilk to local NICU babies, and tackling many home remodel projects!” > **Monica Prince** signed a publishing contract for her next choreo-poem, *Roadmap*, with Santa Fe Writers Project, to be released in summer of 2023. She also got engaged to her best friend and life partner, Robert Barkley II, in the spring, and they continue to live together in central Pennsylvania, taking care of their emotional support cat, Lolo. > **Rachel (Clark)** and Michael Cole welcomed baby girl Emerson Frances on October 15, 2021! She brightens their days with her smiles, giggles, and intense eye contact. She currently loves doing the happy baby yoga pose, blowing raspberries with her lips, and shoving her whole hand in her mouth. She has transitioned from baby squeaks to coos and some days it truly seems like she knows what she’s talking about! Every day is a wonder for all of them. The Coles live in Coralville, Iowa, with their two kitties, Aspen and Mae, who are a little jealous of all the attention Emerson gets. Rachel and Michael work at the University of Iowa Hospital and are looking ahead to next steps in their careers. > **Paul Lorenz III** and **Lena Brandis** ’13 recently moved to Münster, Germany. They will spend the time abroad devising new ways to play tricks on Todd Heidt when next they are able to visit. > In Chicago, **David Aken** is a value analysis coordinator RN for Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights. The effect of the pandemic on hospital supply chains has made for an interesting day-to-day work experience. **Carmen Vargas Aken** ’14, has been hard at work (from home with the pups) and making career leaps at AIM Specialty Health as director of finance and operational excellence. > **Emma Gingold** happened to line up her graduation from her master of music in collaborative piano program with her 10-year Knox reunion this year, which will make remembering dates much easier. **Josh Wood** was recently promoted to staff software engineer and tech lead for his team at Rocketmiles, which means he’s a decisionmaker and is responsible for not only writing code but also what his team works on. They’re both enjoying life in Elmwood Park, Illinois, with their cat, Irman, and their dog, Bonnie. > **Diana Preshad Jain** writes: “My husband and I bought our first home and moved to Austin, Texas, in July 2021. In September, we

welcomed our firstborn, Vaani. Parent life has been a whirlwind, but she is the joy and light of our days! Siggys has embraced his role as a protective big brother too :)”
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2013

Hannah Basil Bryant and her husband, Caleb, welcomed their first child to the world on November 21, 2021. Their daughter, Ruth Lydia, is happy, healthy, and growing by leaps and bounds. Hannah looks forward to showing Ruth around campus one day! Dog Lily is adjusting to big sister duties. > **William Budding** stubbornly remains living on the East Coast near Boston, working in higher education staff recruitment, and serving as a disability rights advocate around the region. William serves as a new member of the Knox Alumni Council, founding and chairing the Knox New England Alumni Club. Turning 30 was his newest landmark, and now that he has left his 20s behind, he has begun to appreciate the greener things in life, from growing house plants, games of cribbage, and other forms of green recreation. The pandemic has obviously kept things more indoors, but William hopes 2022 will bring more travel and possibly buying his first home! > **Emalie Jacobs Moore**: “My husband, Jeremy, and I have welcomed our second child! Penelope was born November 16, 2021. Her big brother Oliver (2.5 years) is doing great! I’m also teaching part-time creative writing classes online, working on a collection of poems, and am a stay-at-home mom to my awesome kids!” > **Sophie Townsend** and her husband **Gaige Spencer** ’19 welcomed their daughter, Marcella Spencer, in July 2021. They reside in Peoria, Illinois, and Sophie teaches physics and chemistry at Richwoods High School. She, Gaige, Marcella, and their dog, Marilyn, often walk to visit **Justin Steele** and **Laura Thompson**, who live down the street. > **Franzescia Mayer** is a wardrobe technician at Cirque du Soleil. She writes, “We opened the

new Cirque du Soleil + Disney collaboration, ‘Drawn to Life,’ here in Orlando! It’s a dream to be a part of this production. Thank goodness live performances are BACK! Love to you and all at Knox.” > Captain **Joseph Puntoriero**, **Rayann Parkinson Puntoriero** ’12, and their daughter moved to Tampa, Florida, for Joseph’s career. He was appointed as the special operations civil affairs branch chief for Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT). It has been busy since the last update to Knox; Joseph completed his master of arts in international relations while deployed to Lebanon and has been at the epicenter of several of our generation’s worst humanitarian crises. He and his civil affairs team lead the humanitarian aid effort for the Port of Beirut explosion in 2020. Then, while at SOCCENT, he was the civil affairs advisor to the command for the Afghan retrograde and the ongoing refugee crisis. This and his time at SOCCENT earned him the recognition as Top 30 Officers under 30 years old in the U.S. Army. Hopefully this year brings a sense of calm and there will be more enjoying the Florida weather for him and his growing family. > **Jill Krippel** and **Justin Dingle** paid off their mortgage! > **Grant Deam**: “Here is a summary of how things have been going: I earned an M.F.A. in creative writing from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, in December 2020. I taught composition at McKendree University in fall 2020 and spring 2021. In May 2021, I was offered a job at Gulf Coast State College in Panama City, Florida. In July 2021, I married Cassandra Poto in Saugatuck, Michigan. We met while teaching at a K-12 charter school in Chicago. Cassie and I moved to Florida days after the wedding. She now teaches fourth grade, and I



Chloe Bohm Yonker ’11 and husband, Josiah, with baby, Benjamin.



Helen Schnoes ’11 says “This is Zoey the Cat! No graduation date, but lots of Knox pride.”

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“I’M WEARING AS MUCH LEOPARD PRINT AS



Alexandra Birnbach '05 and David Daskal—October 30, 2021

LEFT TO RIGHT: Dan Lieberman '05, Meg Huizenga Jedrey '05, Letty (Luke) Maxfield '06, Stephanie Sorn '05, Alexandra Birnbach '05, David Daskal, Ben Maddox '05, Conni Edwards '05, and Crystal Reeves '05.



Katelyn Mazman '06 and Lindsey—December 5, 2021

THE WEDDING GUESTS INCLUDED: Ann Hernandez '06, Brent Aronowitz '06, Katelyn Mazman '06 and partner, Lindsey, Devin Hogan '06, Brian Ching '05.



Maren (Reisch) Axe '09 and David Axe—October 2021

LEFT TO RIGHT: Clare (Hines) Nichols '10, Kimberly (Anderson) Kasper '09, Maren (Reisch) Axe '09, David Axe, Jaelyn Anderson '09, Jennifer (Hoben) Quick '09.

supervise the writing and reading lab at GCSC. I also teach composition.” > **Julius Parod:** “**Jenneke Oostman** (now Parod) and I had our first child, Adrian, on 9/12/21. We got married the previous year, nearly 11 years after we first met during orientation week at Knox.” > **Erin Bell:** “I got married in September 2021! My name has not changed. My spouse and I live in Chicago. I am the manager of library services at Oak Point University. I was promoted to this role in October 2021. I am part of a team that developed a podcast exploring archive collections at the Gerber/Hart Library and Archives in Chicago. Our podcast, *Unboxing Queer History*, launched on Feb 1, 2022. I have been a volunteer at GHLA for over 4 years.” > **Lena Brandis** and **Paul Lurenz III** '12 now call Münster, Germany, their home. Adventure is out there! > **Matt McKinney** made the leap from journalism to public affairs after being part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning team at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. He lives in Santa Monica, California, with **Kate Mishkin** '16, recently worked on Super Bowl LVI, and raves about Knox to anyone who asks. > **Alyssa (Wyss) Soren** married Robert Forney (Georgetown '10) on August 6, 2021. **Kate Haslem** and

Regina Rosenbrock were bridesmaids. “Thank you, Knox and Kappa Kappa Gamma, for the lifelong friendships you’ve given so many of us!” **Class Correspondent: J. William Budding** williambudding@gmail.com

2014

Paige Lowe: “**Grant Lowe** and I are still in Seattle with three cats. I got a job at a startup that uses machine-learning-big-data-fancy-programming-words to decrease food waste—basically, getting paid to help stave off one part of our looming environmental disaster. Grant got a job at Expedia, but they still won’t let him take the private jet because apparently, they don’t give those to copy writers.” > **Hannah Black:** “I got engaged on my 30th birthday! Still in the Madison area with my now-fiancé and our cat, Charlie. Teaching high school biology in a post-virtual school year has been extremely challenging and rewarding. I co-directed my first high school musical this year and it was life changing.” > **Marcus McGee:** “(Still) Ph.D.ing in anthropology at the University of Chicago; starting to teach undergrads (!) this year. Preparing to move to Mexico City this summer for a long-term research stay.” > **Jessica Ohmert:** “**Connor Schmidt** and I still live in the Seattle area, with our adorable rescue dog, Aviva. Connor is working as a marketing consultant, which is a fancy way of saying people pay him to make *really nice* PowerPoints. I’m currently enrolled in a coding bootcamp, specifically as a full stack developer, expected to graduate at the end of April. Shout out to Jaime (Spacco) for giving me the love of coding way back in his winter 2014 CS 100 class. It stuck with me, and I finally threw my hands up and said ‘alright, fine, this is my career now.’ Love that man.” > **Ryan Christopher Hansen:** “**Emily Hansen** and I are currently living in Mount Prospect, Illinois. I am the director of clinical training and core faculty at Adler University in the art therapy program. I was also elected as the treasurer and director of peer con-

sultation and seminar for the Illinois Art Therapy Association. I started my Ph.D. in counseling education and supervision at Adler University this past fall!” > **Amber Theisen:** I am still living in St. Louis with my husband, Adam, our two dogs, cat, and our new baby boy! Milo was born July 19. I’m still working as an ICU nurse at Barnes-Jewish Hospital but am starting to take some college courses (yay, organic chem) to try and go back for my nurse anesthetist degree.” > **Jessica Ranard:** I started working at a bookstore in Logan Square and was recently broken up with (and yes, honey, I’m thriving). I’m working on a new book, signed up for improv classes, and I’m wearing as much leopard print as possible. I am two years sober, living in a 19-person social justice-oriented co-op, and I’m giving pastel pink a try. My New Year’s resolution is to learn all the lyrics to WAP.” > **Amanda Axley:** “My husband **Pier** '10 and I live in Iowa City with our two dogs. In May, I got my MLIS from the University of Iowa, and now I’m working for the Walt Whitman Archive, encoding Whitman’s correspondence, and editing and annotating those encoded files.” > **Laura Pochodylo:** “Last spring I worked with Prof. Cate Denial and her very cool Museums, Monuments, and Memory students to help them build a website showcasing their class research (check out beforeknox.com!) Despite bombings and tornadoes, I still live in Nashville, Tennessee, with my husband, Casey. We co-host an all-vinyl radio show on Nashville’s WXNA 101.5 FM every Sunday morning. After five years of working for myself, I fired myself to take a music nerd’s dream job managing digital streaming initiatives for Sun Records.” > **Eliot Davis:** “I had gender affirming top surgery this past fall and have never been happier in my life. I’m moving back to my hometown of St. Louis, Missouri, from the Pacific Northwest to complete my master’s in clinical mental health counseling at UMSL. I started dating my best friend in 2020 and gained a creative, quirky stepdaughter. Our favorite thing to do as a family is go rock climbing.” > **Grace Theisen Schultz:** “My husband,



Diana Preshad Jain '12 with family.

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POSSIBLE.” —JESSICA RANARD '14



James Clark '09 and Erin Rutledge—December 11, 2021

Sam Magnuson '10, Colin Davis '11, and Jason Clark '23 were all groomsmen. Other current and former students and staff are also pictured.



Alyssa (Wyss) Soren '13 and Robert Forney—August 6, 2021

LEFT TO RIGHT: Regina Rosenbrock '13, Alyssa (Wyss) Soren '13, and Kate Haslem '13.

Kyle, and I welcomed our son, Soren Charley, into the world in June 2021!” > **Rachael (Koene) Collman**: “This year I have come into my own as an emergency medicine nurse at a major level-one trauma center in Indianapolis. My husband and I have been trying to balance getting in some travel and staying safe/healthy. Puzzles, hikes, and walks with our two dogs help us unwind and relax after stressful days at work.” > **Kayla Jones**: “The pandemic inspired me to start a business creating all-natural health products. It also inspired me to get a cute little Havana puppy who keeps me going every day. The struggle is still real, but things are looking up.”

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2015

Mike Sprinkle graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law in May, passed the Bar exam in October, and received his law license in November. He recently moved with his wife, Miniona, to Urbana, Illinois, for employment as a law clerk to Justice Steigmann for the Fourth District Illinois appellate court. > **Mikko Jimenez** moved to Fort Collins to start his Ph.D. studying bird migration at Colorado State University. > **Matthew Klich** started a Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati in Computer Science & Engineering. > After 6 years, **Bethany Larson** finished their time on the JET Program this past summer and has moved back to the States to start their M.F.A. at ASU. > In 2021, **Callie Smith** completed her MPA-MSES (Master of Public Affairs and Master of Science in Environmental Science) dual master's degree program at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The PR people from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Bloomington, Indiana, would be gravely disappointed if it was not also mentioned that their MPA program at IUB is the #1 ranked program in the nation. Additionally, (and of considerably more importance to Callie), Callie became a godmother in 2021 with the

birth of her cousin's son, Sebastian! She is working towards gaining magical fairy powers and looks forward to advancing to the title of Fairy Godmother. > **Cody Sehl** bought a house! > **Nesha Harper** is currently living in San Francisco, California, with her boyfriend and their dog while she completes her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She is a neuropsychology extern at the UCSF Epilepsy Center and works part-time as a research associate at SRI International. She also works on research at the Palo Alto VA and recently had her first paper published! > **Matt Timmerberg** and **Laura Ernst** moved to Downers Grove, Illinois. Matt started a new job with the Village of Downers Grove as a management analyst. Laura was promoted to program officer at DuPage Foundation. > Over the course of the 2020-2021 school year, the New School for the Arts and Academics in Tempe, Arizona, commissioned **Maddie Mondeaux** to write a play for their advanced drama middle school students to perform virtually. The play, titled *The Search for Izzy Cartwright*, or *Escape from the Forest of Mind Control Slime!*, premiered virtually in May 2021. > **Claire T. Neri** came out during the pandemic and is gayer than ever.

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2017

Theresa Murphy works at the Escape Game in Chicago and invites any Knox alums to stop by if they're in town. She is also engaged! She and her partner, Michael, will be getting married in fall 2022 and are very excited. > **Elizabeth Clay** and **Nick Sienkiewicz** '15 got engaged in September 2021 and will be getting married this coming September in Naperville, Illinois (at an outdoor history museum, surprise!). Liz has continued managing communications at the Toyota Techno-

logical Institute at Chicago, a graduate school on the University of Chicago campus. > **Ryan Foxall** has been tattooing and farming pigs for a living. They are going to be hiking the Pacific Crest Trail beginning in April. For those who don't know, that means they will be walking from Mexico to Canada this year! > **Max Wallace** got engaged last year, and the wedding should be in October 2022. > **J.C. Stokes** is finishing out her first year as a content specialist at CDW and is trying to adjust to a new field in the remote/hybrid world. Her biggest news is that she bought her first home and is now settling into the neighborhood in Westchester, Illinois. > **Kalie McGuire** was most recently working in the data department on the re-election campaign of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. She couldn't be more proud of her work there to help Governor Murphy become the first Democrat since 1977 to win re-election in the state. She looks forward to the next campaign. > **Kameron Wells** moved to Boston, Massachusetts, and is enjoying his job as a data engineer, baseball systems with the Boston Red Sox. > **Mike Sockol** moved to North Carolina this year to start a Ph.D. program in literature at Duke University. He is working with Fredric Jameson, studying media, ecology, and Marxism. > **Micah Wilger** was ordained this summer as a priest with the Universalist Orthodox Church, a progressive Eastern Orthodox



Callie Smith '15 and godson, Sebastian.

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JUDE BLAIR '17 AND THEIR PARTNER, TEAGAN YAUSSY '16, HAVE TWO



Devin Compton '14 and Kathryn Todd '15—June 19, 2020

LEFT TO RIGHT: Catlin Watts '16, Jamal Nelson '14, Chandi Chaiyarat '15, Kathryn Todd '15, Dushawn Darling '15, Devin Compton '14, and Courtney Hill '17.

faith community. He is graduating this spring from Seattle Pacific University with his master of divinity. He is working on a queer theology thesis that he intends to eventually publish as a book. > **Jen Ripka** left the Naperville Public Library in the fall and is now working for the Indian Prairie Public Library as a programming and outreach librarian. She read 100 books in 2021! > **Jakub Dulak** relocated to Los Angeles in August. Following several months of working as a production assistant at Paramount, Jakub started the new year with a job as an agent's assistant at Gray Talent Group, LA Branch. > **Anastasia Gamble** feels more optimistic about a lot of things this year. She has majorly improved her art, is slowly building social media followings/connections, and is getting back into the things she loves like video games, traveling, and baking! > **Diandra Soemardi** graduated with a master's in science from the University of Maryland. > **McLeod**



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Leo Monterey '19 is graduating with a M.Ed. in urban higher education.



Alma Marin-Levy '17 and David Levy '18—Summer 2020

LEFT TO RIGHT: Valarie Varanese '19, Genesis Santana '18, Fabiola Cervantes '17, Elizabeth Marin '22, Alma Marin-Levy '17, David Levy '18, Patrick Martin '18, Bob Lallky '19, Hector Sierra '15.

Sumner went to Cambodia in 2020 to take a TEFL/TESOL certification course and is currently working as a preschool teacher at Portland Waldorf School. > **Raeann Boero** was promoted to communications coordinator at Catholic Charities of Oregon. She loves her team and has been learning and growing so much in her new position. > **Elisabeth Zarnoti** left her comfortable database job at YWCA St Paul to go work for Wayside Recovery Center and truly launch her career in fundraising. In her first few months at Wayside, she has learned and accomplished a lot. She doesn't have much free time, but when she does, she spends it with **Sean Ramsey '18** and her cat, boi, calling her friends, and listening to unreleased songs from Taylor Swift's *Red* album. > **Jinglun Ding** graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a master of software engineering degree. At CMU, he built ground mission control software for two moon rovers which will be launched to the moon on a SpaceX rocket next year. He's planning on moving to the Bay area to work for a startup company building decentralized maps for everyone. > **Kieran Whittenburg** received a legal name change, from "Katarina Whittenburg" to "Kieran Whittenburg." > **Carley Bechen** got engaged to **Mitchell Murphy '15**. > **Casie Panganiban** lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, currently and works for Squamish Nation's Education Department as a K-12 middle school advocate. She helps students and families from the nation access funding and academic support, and she works alongside schools to ensure equitable opportunities for Squamish Nation students throughout their academic journey. While it's challenging work, she loves the connections she's making and the overall work with families and youth. > **Tevin Liao** reports: "I married my best friend, **Charlie Finan '16**, to their husband, Devon Finan. I left my position as an academic advisor and am now at the University at Buffalo in the graduate school. I remind myself every day to rest and not work too hard. There are (hopefully) too many years ahead of us!" > **Jude Blair** and their part-

ner, **Teagan Yaussy '16**, have two adorable cats, Fjord and Freyja, as well as a dog named Goose. Blair is in their second year as a 4th grade math and science teacher in Chicago. > **Morgan Maderom** recently graduated from the master's in urban planning and policy program at University of Illinois-Chicago. She has accepted a job as the director of infrastructure and community engagement with the 40th Ward alderman's office and is excited to get to work building a livable community for all. > **Alma Marin-Levy** got married over the summer to **David Levy '18** and had some Knoxies in attendance.

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2019

Diego Carmona accepted a position as one of the lead Spanish teachers for Spanish 1 and 2 courses taught at Intrinsic High School in downtown Chicago. In his spare time, he runs a soccer program at William H. Wells Community Academy High School, feels overall well settled in, and is grateful for his current positioning. > **Carolyn Ginder**, together with **Samuel Cohen**, have moved back to Galesburg! Carolyn has started a new role at NPAccel working as a paid media specialist, while Sam is pursuing his online master's degree in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University. > **Tiffany Misiura** is working as a paraprofessional in the public school system of Highland Elementary (Skokie, Illinois). In the fall, she'll be pursuing her master's degree in special education at Northeastern Illinois University, a change of direction from her previous master's degree in applied behavioral analysis. This will lead to a more practical approach that will directly apply to the school, allowing for one-on-one teaching with the students, rather than having a clinically focused career. > **Leo Monterey**: "I wanted to share some updates. My name is Leo and my pronouns are He/Him/Siya. Currently, I am finishing up my last semester at the University of Illinois at Chicago and am slated to graduate from the M.Ed. in urban higher education program in May. In addition, I work as an assistant resident director for UIC's campus housing department. There, I help manage buildings and support the training, supervision, and development of resident assistants. As a former RA at Knox, seeing things a bit more from the management and supervisory perspective made a tremendous impact on my development as a leader and professional in the field of education. I initially majored in psychology at Knox, but I took both my in-class and out-of-

class experiences such as my sense of statistics, social psychology, social justice, and anti-bias, to the field of student affairs and higher education. I left Knox with questions I needed to get answered, so I entered the M.Ed. program at UIC. Now that I am closer to finishing up my program, I am left with even more questions and additional paths I am looking to pursue. I believe that education is the tool for which the greatest amount of change can occur within our lifetimes. Knox, with its ups and downs, taught me to seek more for myself and to leave an impact on the world. I joined higher education and student affairs with the hope of educating others and supporting students to create a more equitable and caring society. Having spent time in the Midwest for both my undergraduate and graduate career and having spent time in the Bay Area interning for UC Berkeley, I always find myself in the same position no matter what; there are always students, coworkers, peers, and the community needing a voice, platform, or resources for advocacy.”

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MARRIAGES AND UNIONS

Devin Compton '14 and Kathryn Todd '15 on June 19, 2020.
Alma Marin '17 and David Levy '18 on July 24, 2021.
Alyssa (Wyss) Soren '13 and Robert Forney on August 6, 2021.
Jane Wolff '72 and Nick Hein on August 21, 2021.
Erin Bell '13 and Rob Warren on September 26, 2021.
Maren Reisch '09 and David Axe on October 16, 2021.
Alexandra (Ali) Birnbach '05 and David Daskal on October 30, 2021.
Katelyn Mazman '06 and Lindsey Adams on December 5, 2021.



CARLA WEHMEYER

Class of 2022 Contributes to their Passions

The Class of 2022 Senior Challenge Committee encouraged fellow students to contribute gifts to whatever meant the most to them at Knox. Pictured are members of the committee presenting a check at the Senior Toast during Commencement activities. Members of the Senior Challenge Committee are Shuchita Poddar, class president; Jamahra Richardson, vice president; Himani Patel, secretary/treasurer; Daniel Bien; Sophia Bowley; Maggie Cheng; Maggie Garrett; Carly Rieger; and Leah Youngman.

DEATHS

Wilma E. Weatherford '38 on 12/1/2017.
Margaret Johnson Nelson '40 on 6/15/2020.
Jean Russell Vogel '40 on 9/20/2018.
Marcia L. Larson '41 on 4/8/2022.
Harold W. Ogle '41 on 1/23/2022.
Rosemary Creighton Swise '42 on 4/6/2022.
Audrey Benedict Sykes '44 on 12/31/2021.
Donald P. Amenta '45 on 7/18/2019.
Mary Markley Fleming '45 on 6/5/2018.
Walter L. Howland '45 on 4/23/2018.
Janet Webster Alcox '47 on 8/28/2017.
Mary Suydam Durkee '47 on 7/5/2021.
Barbara Miner Landon '47 on 5/26/2022.
Theo Housh Savory '47 on 1/12/2022.
Nadine Lehman Durham '48 on 9/27/2021.
Eleanor Mae Linn Leeper '48 on 12/18/2021.
Joan Burkhard Smith '48 on 1/3/2022.
Charles R. Trick '48 on 11/23/2017.
Herrmine Groen Williams '48 on 3/23/2022.
Roger Herlean '49 on 7/17/2021.
Patricia Hug Loring '49 on 5/1/2020.
Dolores Kennedy Moscou '49 on 1/28/2022.
Gerald L. Pihl '49 on 7/2/2021.
Barbara Bagley Filson '50 on 12/17/2021.
Gene R. Johnson '50 on 8/11/2021.
R. Garthwait Kelly '50 on 7/21/2021.
Edward A. Loeser '50 on 8/28/2021.
John F. Polillo '50 on 10/21/2021.
Robert C. Runge '50 in May 2018.
John D. Cooke III '52 on 10/5/2021.
Donald Houpt '52 on 9/2/2021.
John S. Ingersoll '52 on 3/7/2022.
John A. McLeish '52 on 3/6/2022.
Donald E. Moyer, Jr. '52 on 12/19/2021.
Cleon Fulle Nelsen '52 on 4/3/2022.
Dale G. Nelson '52 on 2/7/2022.
Alice Campbell Pranis '52 on 12/29/2021.
Lloyd P. Shirley '52 on 11/4/2021.
Jane Bergquist Stephenson '52 on 8/15/2021.
Laurence S. Chadwick '53 on 2/17/2022.
A. Kent MacDougall '53 on 11/6/2021.
Hal G. Meyer '53 on 9/24/2021.
Joann Brand Ogdon '53 on 12/7/2021.
Gerasimos "Jerry" Santas '53 on 6/20/2021.
David A. Wait '53 on 2/21/2022.
Joan Harris Green '54 on 9/15/2021.
Charles E. Shaw '54 on 10/14/2021.
Francis M. Small '54 on 2/8/2022.

IN MEMORIAM

Jonathan Powers, Assistant Professor of Economics and Head Swim Coach

Beloved and respected professor and chair of economics at Knox, Jonathan G. Powers passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

A member of the Knox faculty since 2000, Powers taught microeconomics, industrial organization, and game theory, and presented research papers at the American Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association, and Western Economic Association annual meetings. Powers received his Ph.D. in 2002 from Northwestern University.

He was affectionately known as “J-Pow” among his students, colleagues, and alumni, because typing “jpow” into an email would automatically complete into his full Knox email address. Powers was an esteemed member of the Knox community, serving on a number of faculty committees, including the Executive Committee, the Faculty Advisory Committee on Internships, the Athletic Committee, and the Financial Development & Budget Committee.

“Jonathan was in equal measures deeply insightful into how and why a small college

campus works, while simultaneously able to share his insights in respectful, supportive, and often self-deprecating ways,” said Michael Schneider, provost and dean of the College.

“As he did for so many, Jonathan listened with kindness and patience and great generosity,” said Carol Scotton, associate professor of economics and business and management. “He genuinely listened. He paid attention, eager to learn where I, or whoever was talking, was coming from and heading toward so he could meet us where we were. While he knew where he was going and where he wanted to bring the class, what was most important to him was to respond to how the class was getting it. Jonathan was an exemplar for lifelong learning. A teacher, colleague, and friend that will be dearly missed.”

Powers received a Knox Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Grant for Interdisciplinary Course Enhancement for a course on sustainability taught with Paul Skrade in 2014.

He was a friendly, highly respected, and familiar figure to many students as a teacher, but also as the head coach of the Knox College Prairie Fire swim teams. He swam for four years at Amherst College, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1987. He was captain of the swim team at Amherst his senior year, and helped lead his squad to a 25th place finish at the NCAA Division III National Swimming and Diving Championships. Powers also competed in water polo at Amherst, serving as captain his senior year. He also was faculty advisor and coach for the Knox College men’s and women’s water polo clubs.

“We were all blessed to be in the presence of grace when we worked with Jonathan,” said Daniella Irle, former director of Prairie Fire athletics.

A memorial scholarship fund has been established at Knox. Visit knox.edu/powers-memorial.



PETER BAILLEY '74

Carol Davis Drennan '55 on 2/24/2022.
Joyce McGrew Fischer '55 on 12/10/2021.
William Flodin '55 on 9/8/2021.
Edward S. Montgomery '55 on 2/8/2022.
Logan “Bud” Wharton '55 on 9/29/2021.
Stanley G. Anton '56 on 2/7/2022.
C. Chandler Hatcher '56 on 1/2/2022.
Charles A. Williams '56 on 7/18/2021.
Roberta Wright Daniels '57 on 1/11/2020.
Ronald D. Larson '57 on 9/5/2021.
Margaret “Peg” Callard '58 on 11/20/2021.
Muriel Hill Cronin '58 on 7/25/2021.
George T. Matthes '58 on 10/15/2021.
Dale A. Nelson '58 on 7/21/2021.
Joseph J. Quagliano '58 on 10/14/2021.
Raymond L. Rambo '58 on 3/29/2022.
Anita Wentling Rodin '58 on 1/31/2022.
James K. Stowell '58 on 7/20/2021.
Helen Vraneck Polk '59 on 12/12/2021.
Joseph E. Stablein '59 on 2/22/2022.
Walter C. Trout '59 on 2/25/2022.
Jean E. Barber '60 on 6/29/2021.
Shirley Kidder Brown '60 on 9/16/2021.
Peter A. Pav '60 on 12/7/2021.
Carole Robbins Sharp '60 on 8/31/2021.
Richard Stafford '60 on 1/18/2022.
Denis A. Baylor '61 on 3/16/2022.
Byron V. Johnson '61 on 11/5/2021.
Donald S. Robinson '61 on 8/6/2021.
Richard N. Engman '62 on 9/7/2021.
Nancy L. Hope '62 on 11/27/2021.
Carolyn Kellerman '63 on 9/10/2021.
Sally Withrow Long '63 on 9/1/2021.
Edward J. Dellin, Jr. '64 on 10/30/2021.
Judith Wesch Larson '64 on 12/28/2021.
Robert W. Kosobud '65 on 12/14/2021.
Lawrence M. Lindley '65 on 8/14/2021.
Nicole “Nikki” Sanders '65 on 9/26/2021.
Virginia Radatz Stewart '65 on 4/7/2022.
William M. Churchill, Jr. '66 on 12/17/2021.
Elizabeth Blatchley Fraser '66 on 2/12/2022.
Victoria Lewis Suyat '66 on 7/29/2021.
Susan Bohlen Bryant '67 on 7/30/2021.
Stanley Doida '67 on 7/19/2021.
Ralph L. Gibbs '67 on 9/20/2021.
Douglas D. Mustain '67 on 9/15/2021.
Susan Kranc Alrich '68 on 7/27/2021.
Mark W. Burkhalter '68 on 7/19/2021.
Michael H. Jannone '68 on 8/10/2021.
Paul E. Madsen '68 on 3/20/2022.
Robert B. Wagar '68 on 9/10/2021.
Peter Folger Stetson '69 on 8/2/2021.
Richard E. Hemp '70 on 3/10/2022.
Richard L. Hesser '70 on 11/9/2021.
Franklin H. Pecci '72 on 10/9/2021.
Philip W. Armstrong '75 on 2/3/2022.
Peter S. Moon '76 on 3/2/2022.
Diana M. Phelan '78 on 1/9/2022.
Jamie E. Johnson Ziegler '78 on 9/4/2021.
Kandy S. Sayrs '82 on 3/20/2022.
Sonja Johnson Crain '84 on 2/11/2022.
Anne Poston Jesuit '92 on 6/9/22.
Douglas Roche '00 in February 2022.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Brenda Williams, spouse of **Charles A. Williams** '56, on 8/7/2017.

Ray F. Boehmer, spouse of **Liesel Wildhagen** '72, on 4/19/2018.

Rodney D. Johnson, parent of **Kristen Johnson** '96 and **Gregory Johnson** '98, on 2/6/2020.

Norcross Teel Jr., spouse of **Elsa Swenson Teel** '67, on 4/11/2020.

Marilyn M. Forbes, spouse of **Charles P. Forbes** '63, on 5/1/2020.

Anna Adams, parent of former Trustee **Barbara A. Adams** '80, on 5/12/2020.

Robert L. Schertz, spouse of **Juliet Engel Schertz** '57, on 7/16/2020.

Virginia "Ginny" Folk, spouse of **Ted Folk** '62, on 11/14/2020.

James Frederick Morrison, spouse of **Myra Wokoun Morrison** '56, on 12/21/2020.

Gary A. Church, spouse of **Barbara Cripe Church** '67, on 1/6/2021.

Homer Smith, Jr., spouse of **Joan Burkhard Smith** '48, on 2/6/2021.

Jessie Elias Dixon, parent of emeritus faculty member **Jessie Dixon-Montgomery** '89, on 3/6/2021.

Christopher D. Stanton, son of **Gregory B. Stanton** '66 and **Margaret Sawyer Stanton** '67, on 3/13/2021.

Jane Morgan, parent of employee **Joe Diveney**, on 3/18/2021.

Lawrence Potter, spouse of **Mary Peterson Potter** '58, on 4/1/2021.

Eugene W. Reem, parent of employee **Debra DeCrane** '98, on 4/20/2021.

Jane Tuman McAndrew, mother of faculty member **Frank McAndrew**, mother-in-law of employee **Maryjo McAndrew**, on 5/14/2021.

Barbara Ann Gibbons, parent of employee **Andrew Gibbons**, on 6/2/2021.

Lady Gianna Rolandi Davis, parent of **Edward Davis** '12, on 6/20/2021.

Edwin Lloyd, spouse of **Marcea Bland Lloyd** '68, on 7/11/2021.

Margareta "Gretel" Baacke, former faculty member, on 8/13/2021.

Jack Wyatt, former Trustee, on 8/16/2021.

Deborah A. Bouchette, spouse of **William D. Wickart** '76, on 8/26/2021.

Burdett Loomis, former faculty member, on 9/25/2021.

Helen Nelson, spouse of **Paul R. Nelson** '42, on 9/28/2021.

Dolores A. Nelson, former employee, on 10/1/2021.

Annabelle Waldbillig, former faculty member, on 10/8/2021.

Peggy Coan, former employee, on 10/11/2021.

Wortham Ashcroft, spouse of **Claudia McFadden** '72, on 10/24/2021.

George E. McKay, Jr., spouse of **Harold T. Kyvig** '65, on 10/26/2021.

Floyd Goar, former faculty member, on 11/1/2021.

Richard "Dick" Cortright, former faculty member, on 11/2/2021.

James Stanley Humphrey, former employee, on 11/7/2021.

Michael L. Puscas, spouse of **Colleen Metternich Puscas** '72, on 11/7/2021.

Van E. Ball, former employee, on 11/8/2021.

Dorothy "Jean" Hedbloom, parent of **Lynne Hedbloom** '83, on 11/13/2021.

James E. Lindsay, friend of the College, on 11/13/2021.

Sydney Brady, spouse of professor emeritus **William Brady**, on 11/15/2021.

Stanley L. Olinger, parent of employee **Donna Browne**, on 11/28/2021.

G. Maxine (Soper) Mundwiler, former employee, on 12/5/2021.

Kim Betts, parent of **Jonathan Betts** '05, on 12/29/2021.

Momcilo Rosic, former faculty member, on 1/7/2022.

James G. Wyman on 1/9/2022.

James N. Jackson, spouse of **Teresa (Terry) Jackson** '64, former employee, on 1/24/2022.

Margaret E. Durall, spouse of **William E. Durall** '72, on 2/3/2022.

Julie A. Courson, parent of employee/alum **Kyran Blissett** '20, on 2/7/2022.

Katie R. Williams, parent of **Katherine Booth** '10 and **John Williams** '12 on 2/15/2022.

George E. Peterson, friend of the College, on 2/24/2022.

Charles William Gear, spouse of **Ann Lee Morgan** '62, on 3/15/2022.

Henry Joe, professor emeritus of art, on 4/2/22.

Virginia "Ginny" Hellenga, spouse of **George Appleton Lawrence Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of English Robert Hellenga**, 8/3/22.

Margaret Louise "Peggy" Knosher, spouse of former coach and athletic director **Harley Knosher**, on 8/5/2022.

IN MEMORIAM

Momcilo Rosic, Professor Emeritus Russian Language and Literature

Momcilo Rosic died January 7, 2022, at this home in Glenview, Illinois. He was 105 years old.

He was born on February 12, 1916, in Glusci near Sabac in Serbia to father Stevan and mother Miljana Rosic. He is survived by one son, George '74 and his wife, Mary Marselus Rosic '76, of Evanston, Illinois; two grandsons: Nicholas (Valerie) of Broomfield, Colorado, and Gregory (Rocio) of Milton, New Hampshire. He is also survived by six great grandsons. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 59 years, Loni.

Rosic had a full and remarkable life. He was born during the midst of the fighting near the Serbian front with Austria in World War I. Following graduation from the Royal Military Academy in Belgrade he was commissioned an Army officer in 1937. Among his many accomplishments was participation in the March 27, 1941, coup d'etat which brought a pro-Allied government to Yugoslavia.

Rosic was captured by the German Army when it invaded Yugoslavia in 1941 shortly thereafter and spent four years in a German POW camp. He escaped near the end of the war as Allied troops were approaching his camp, and later served as an officer under American and British commands to bring order to the area near Osnabruck in northwest Germany after the war ended. It was here that he met his wife.

Rosic obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Bonn, Germany, in 1950 and emigrated to the United States in 1951. He was a professor of Russian language and literature at Knox from 1959 to 1986. Following retirement he and his wife moved to Glenview to be near his son and grandchildren.

One of the sayings he most liked to communicate to his family was from the 1950's song "Que Sera Sera," "Whatever will be will be; The future's not ours to see."



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