

2023 – 2024

# ANNUAL REPORT



## KNOX COLLEGE

### SAVE THE DATE

**October 25, 2024**

Hall of Fame and  
Jorge Prats Celebration of Life

**February 5, 2025**

National Girls  
& Women in Sports Day

**February 15, 2025**

Knox Proud Day

**April 2025**

Baseball and Softball Tailgate

**May 2025**

Soccer Alumni Day

**June 13, 2025**

K Club Golf Outing

**June 14, 2025**

Football Event

## Dear K Club Supporters,

Thank you for your continued investment in our student-athletes and programs. Your generosity enables us to enrich the Knox experience and cultivate future leaders, driving our teams to excel in competition, the classroom, and our community. We deeply appreciate the unwavering passion and support from our dedicated alumni, parents, fans, and friends. Your commitment empowers us to reach new heights and achieve our collective goals.

Our annual report celebrates the remarkable accomplishments of our student-athletes, coaches, programs, and alumni from this past year. Highlights include a number of Midwest Conference (MWC) records in Track and Field, prestigious student-athlete awards, winning seasons for women's basketball, men's basketball, and men's soccer, the Hall of Fame Class of 2023, and the 90th birthday celebration for former athletic director and coach Harley Knosher. We also profile the loss of longtime faculty member and Knox head soccer coach Jorge Prats, and share details about the celebration of life in his honor this October.

Through your gifts to the Knox Fund and K Club, and your attendance at athletic competitions and events such as Homecoming and the K Club Golf Outing, you reinforce our student-athletes' success in all facets of their lives. Your support ensures that together, we build on our success.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Monica Keith  
Vice President for Advancement

## ATHLETIC & ALUMNI EVENTS

Alumni, parents, and friends returned to campus for celebration and reminiscing.

<b>October 27, 2023</b>	Hall of Fame Reception
<b>January 20, 2024</b>	Harley Knosher 90th Birthday Celebration
<b>April 13, 2024</b>	Baseball and Softball Tailgate
<b>May 11, 2024</b>	Soccer Alumni Day
<b>June 14, 2024</b>	K Club Golf Outing
<b>June 15, 2024</b>	State of Football Address



Many returned to campus in January for the Basketball Reunion and to celebrate Coach Harley Knosher's 90th birthday. Harley stands with Amy Olson '91 holding a basketball signed by attendees of the event.



The annual K Club Golf Outing was held at Soangetaha Country Club.

Photo left to right: Monty Abbott '72, Larry Kusch '73, and Bob Bolier '73.



Following a brunch, head football coach Aaron Willits '08, along with speakers President Andy McGadney, former AD Randy Oberembt '76, and Baltimore Ravens' offensive coordinator Todd Monken '98, presented the inaugural State of Football Address.

Photo left to right: William Becque '08, Tighe Burke '09, Tim Beishir '08, Brad Becque '08, and Kevin Corley '08.



# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## FALL SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



The **men's soccer** team finished the season with a record of 2-2-4 in conference play, just barely missing the top four. Adrian Segura '25 received All-Conference honors as an attacker.

It was a building year for the **women's soccer** team under the new leadership of head coach Annie Gerdes '19 and the new assistant coach Brooklyn Demming '21. Both coaches had very successful careers as players at Knox competing in NCAA tournaments and winning conference titles.

The **football** team finished the season with a 3-6 record. The Prairie Fire led the Midwest Conference in rush yards per game with a total of 220.5 yards. Kaile Williams '24, Jon Sarich '24, Creed Justice '24, and Jonathan Walker '27 received All-Conference honors.

**Men's golf** won the Fighting Scots Invitational by 21 strokes. Pranav Nandakumar '26 took home medal honors while Jake Schabes '24 and Eddie Brees '24 tied for third place. The team also placed fourth in the Butts and Dechert Classic and the Duane Chanay Invite.

Maliah Blakemore is the new **volleyball** head coach. The team is working hard and they are eager to compete next season.

The **cross country** teams were named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Teams. The men's team had a GPA of 3.323, and the women's team had a GPA of 3.658. At the NCAA Midwest Region Championship, nine members achieved new lifetime personal bests. Lance Miller '26 finished with a time of 25:58 moving him up to 7th on Knox all-time list. Cecilia Goodin '27 finished with a time of 25:30 moving her up to 13th best on the Knox all-time list.



# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## FALL SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

### ARTHUR ANTHONY '24

**HOMETOWN: PLAINFIELD, ILLINOIS**  
**MAJOR: BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

Arthur Anthony '24 played football, served as the Treasurer for Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and the Interfraternity Council, and worked in the Bastian Family Center for Career Success. Arthur graduated in June and plans to pursue a career in management accounting.

"I chose Knox because it allowed me to play the game I love while pursuing my academic interests. It gave me everything I wanted. At Knox, you feel like more than a number. It is life-changing here."



### ALEENE R. RAMIREZ '25

**HOMETOWN: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**  
**MAJOR: UNDECLARED**

Aleene Rairez '25 is a junior forward on the women's soccer team. When not playing soccer, Aleene works for The Knox Student, the College's award winning student newspaper.

Aleene received exciting news, an offer to join the Chicago Kics Womens Semi-Pro team. Playing professional soccer is something she aspires to do and credits the support she has received at Knox for creating this opportunity.

"I love that I have help in my academic life. Juggling a sport, school, and work can be a lot, but Knox has great resources and a supportive community who helps me."

# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## WINTER SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



With a record of 19-8, **women's basketball** dominated offensively, and led the conference with 73.4 points per game, number of assists and steals, turnover margin, and assist to turnover ratio, and finished second in the All-MWC tournament. Bria Medina '27 and Kylee Callahan '26 were named first team All-MWC. Bria Medina '27 was also named the MWC Newcomer of the Year. Donor support made it possible for the team to compete in Puerto Rico over winter break.

Donors also funded a trip for the **men's basketball** team to compete in the Hoops in Hawaii Classic where they won both of the games played before the conference season started. Sean Gallery '25 was named All-MWC averaging 15.5 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, and finishing third in field goal percentage (49%). The team had its first winning record since 2005.

**Indoor track and field** excelled. Lance Miller '26 clinched first place in the men's mile, and secured second place in the men's 3000m, setting a school record with an impressive time of 8:39.02. Lance also made waves in the conference by establishing a new mile record of 4:16.39. In the women's triple jump, Abbie Layne '26 triumphed with a first place finish, while Peyton Balfour '24 secured third place, both earning spots on the podium. Additionally, Jonathan Walker '27 achieved a personal best in the shot put event at the MWC Championships, highlighting the remarkable performances of Knox student-athletes across various disciplines.



# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## WINTER SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW

### LANCE MILLER '26

**HOMETOWN:** MASCOUTAH, ILLINOIS  
**MAJOR:** BIOCHEMISTRY  
**MINOR:** GERMAN AND CHEMISTRY

**Recipient:** Frank and Ruth Schmitt Student Research Award, Cleave Bridgman '68 Trophy, Glenn M. Nagel '66 Undergraduate Research Fund, Leland Harris Award in Chemistry

Lance Miller '26 is captain of the cross-country team and the distance track team, and serves as a Midwest Conference representative for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Being a student-athlete at Knox has made it possible for him to pursue his love for running and independent chemistry research to enrich his education in a hands-on and immersive experience.

"I chose Knox for the small class sizes, passionate professors, and the strong chemistry and premedical educational experiences, as well as the opportunity to continue my collegiate running career. Without donor support, the unique and eye-opening opportunities for me and my fellow students would not be possible."



Strong team chemistry was a key reason for the success of the Prairie Fire's Women's Basketball team this season. The roster includes three guards who are also family—sisters Kylee Callahan '26 and Mae Callahan '25 alongside their cousin Bria Medina '27.



**KYLEE  
CALLAHAN '26**



**MAE  
CALLAHAN '25**



**BRIA  
MEDINA '27**

"We are so appreciative of the support you have extended to the Knox College athletic program. Your contribution makes it possible for many student athletes to continue representing Knox College playing the sports we love."

- KYLEE CALLAHAN '26



# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## SPRING SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



**Baseball** finished the season with a record of 11-27. The team went to Florida to play in the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational during spring break, winning five games. They ended the season with a walk off win over Ripon at home on senior day.

Maddie Hicks '26 was named All-Conference Second Team hitting .412 on the season along with only striking out six times all season. It was a tough season for the **softball team** with a record of 2-31. Interim head coach Casey Hipp shared that "they showed a lot of heart all season and battled against a lot of adversity and did so with a commendable amount of grace."

**Men's golf** finished third at the Knox College Invite. Pranav Nadakumar '26 earned third place individually with a total of 150 strokes over two rounds. Hunter Webb '24, Eddie Brees '24 and Nathaniel Zug '27 rounded out the top four. They ended the season placing ninth in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SLIAC) Tournament. Nadakumar led the team with a total of 216 over three rounds, earning All-Conference honors. Jake Schabes '24 was named to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Abbie Layne '26, Peyton Balfour '24, and Lance Miller '26 all had podium finishes at the **track and field** Midwest Conference Championship. Layne earned a conference championship in the women's triple jump with a PR of 11.70m, breaking her own Knox record. Balfour joined her, placing third with a 10.42m jump. Miller earned second place in the men's 3000m steeplechase with a PR of 9:35.44, moving from fourth to second on the all-time list at Knox. Leading up to the championships the team hit many PR times and four first place finishes at Monmouth. Franny Hilliard '25, women's 800m with a PR time of 2:39.66, Cecilia Goodin '27, women's 1500m with a PR time of 5:17.97, Bria Medina '27, women's long jump with a leap of 5.32m, and Jacob Anderson '25, men's 400m hurdles with a time of 1:00.01.

# PRAIRIE FIRE ATHLETICS

## SPRING SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



### HUNTER WEBB '24

**HOMETOWN:** RAMONA, CALIFORNIA

**MAJOR:** COMPUTER SCIENCE

**MINOR:** PSYCHOLOGY

Hunter Webb '24 is a graduating senior who was a leader on the golf team and a Richard A. Fritz Endowed Scholarship recipient.

"The main reason that I came here for my education was because Knox allows me to continue playing golf at the collegiate level while at the same time pursuing a respected Computer Science major. For the future, I am already in the process of finding a software engineering job somewhere in the world. It wouldn't be possible without scholarships like these."

### MAYA MCEWEN '24

**HOMETOWN:** SHELDON, ILLINOIS

**MAJOR:** DATA SCIENCE

Maya McEwen '24 is a graduating senior who played on the volleyball and softball teams. Maya is a Data Science major and was the Midwest Conference Representative for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Maya remembers making good connections with coaches during the recruitment process that have led to the people and the relationships she has been able to develop throughout her time at Knox.

"The thing I love most about softball is the way it teaches you to accept failure. In softball if you are failing 70% of the time you are doing well, so being able to understand failure and developing the skills to translate that to other things in life has been very beneficial."



# K CLUB BY THE NUMBERS

## 2023-2024 TOTAL DONORS

**1,310**

## 2023-2024 REVIEW

All Athletics	\$556,887.00
K Club (all sports)	\$145,829.97
Individual Sports	\$155,292.69
Other Athletic Funds	\$255,764.44



"The student-athlete experience at Knox College is only possible with the tremendous support of alumni, family, and friends. All gifts will go directly to ensuring we provide the best for all sports teams on and off the field."

- Head Football Coach Aaron Willits '08

## FUEL THE FIRE GIVING CHALLENGE

Knox College held its inaugural Fuel the Fire Giving Challenge from October 27 to November 4, 2023. More than 866 donors joined the challenge and over \$127,000 was raised to support Knox athletics. Prairie Fire fans from around the world made gifts, including the United States, Canada, India, Uzbekistan, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic.

**Mark Your Calendar!** The 2024 Fuel the Fire Giving Challenge is October 25 to November 1, 2024.

## KNOX PROUD DAY GIVING CHALLENGE

On February 15, K Club alumni, parents, families, and our community of fans participated in the 24-hour giving challenge. By making a gift and sending emails and texts asking other members to join you, \$29,000 was raised to support Knox athletics.

**SUPPORT KNOX  
STUDENT-ATHLETES  
AND COACHES WITH  
A GIFT TODAY.**



## WHY K CLUB GIFTS MATTER

The battle amongst NCAA Division III schools to earn the commitment of highly qualified student-athletes continues to heighten each year. K Club donations are crucial for Prairie Fire athletics to compete with other high academic schools in the Midwest Conference and nationwide.

The Knox community generously gives time and financial support year-round, helping Knox recruit and retain dedicated coaches and faculty and ensuring all students can access the full Knox experience.

While individual sports gifts are always welcome, the K Club aims to unite as the "team behind the team" to support athletics as a whole. Your donations benefit student-athletes and teams through facility enhancements and team equipment, expanding recruiting budgets, flexible dollars for immediate program needs, and much more.

## WHERE YOUR KCLUB DOLLARS WENT IN 2024



Team trips for men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball



Expanding geographic areas in recruiting for all sports



New fitness center equipment



Locker room enhancements



Team room video equipment upgrade



New sound system for memorial gym



New video system for the soccer stadium, automated with artificial intelligence

# YOUR DOLLARS IN ACTION

## IMPACT OF K CLUB DONATIONS ON PRAIRIE FIRE STUDENT-ATHLETES

**\$5,000+**

Average Cost of New Uniforms for a Whole Team

**\$2,000**

Team Bus Trip to an Away Competition

**\$1,500**

Professional Development Coaches Convention

**\$500**

Lodging for One Student-Athlete for an Entire Season

**\$250**

Average Cost of a Uniform for One Student

**\$100**

Travel Gear for a Student-Athlete

**\$50**

Team Backpack for a Student-Athlete

**\$25**

Meal for a Student-Athlete While Traveling

## 2023-2024 K CLUB DONORS

*(Gifts received as of July 9, 2024)*

### MVP CIRCLE

**\$5,000+**

Mark Allen '81 & Peg Allen  
Thomas Anderson '66 P '89 P '93 GP '22 &  
Sue Anderson '71 P '89 P '93 GP '22

Robert Ayers  
Carol Bovard Craig '89 & John Craig  
Lowell Dixon '65 & Marci Claire Dixon  
Kenneth Drost '75 & Stacy Brown Drost '75  
Janelle Curtis Eckdhal '01 & Eric Eckdhal '00  
Gerald Jacobson '77  
Walter Larkin '55 & Susan Clare  
Amy Ragnini Olson '91 & Steven Olson '92  
Barbara Cady Schmid '62 & Robert Schmid '62  
Darren Smith '93  
Steven Walton '74  
Joan Whitney Whitcomb '56 & Richard Whitcomb '57

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLUB

**\$1,837-\$4,999**

Junichiro Adachi '81 & Noel Dolan Adachi '82  
Valerie Blevins '86 & John Anderson

Robert Boynton '65 P '92 & Judy Boynton P '92

Clare Colt '17  
Christopher Dewald '83 & Patricia DeWald  
Judy Fayta P '27  
Tim Herring '79  
Thomas Neagle '04  
Jeff Radakovich '84 & Vicki Short  
Martha Thrasher Stroben '52  
Judy Gleason Valentine '62 & James Valentine '61  
Elena White  
Michael Wright '75 & Kathleen Wright  
RE/MAX Preferred Properties

### COACHES CLUB

**\$1,000-\$1,836**

Anonymous (1)  
Laurel Andrew '86 & Victor Onufrieff  
Scott Baldwin '81 & Melany Baldwin  
Steve Baumgartner '77 & Susan Baumgartner  
Jamie Bjorkman '57  
Bryonna Barnhart Blodgett '03  
Susan Hagrelius Boyd '85 & Michael Boyd '86  
Gene Brandt '72

Jeffrey Cooper '86 & Donna Cooper

Stephanie Hasan Detterline '98 & Alvin Detterline  
Gregory Duick '68 & Peggy Duick  
Tony Etz '83  
David P. Fridovich '74 & Katherine Kodl Fridovich '76  
Ed Fujii P '27 & Tina Fujii P '27  
Elissa Bonaventura Gunning '69 & Daniel Gunning '68  
Alexandra Henning P '24 & Christopher Henning P '24  
Colleen Conway '71 & John Heyer '68  
Holly Engelhart Isaacson '99 & Andrew Isaacson '99  
Courtney Kirchmann '91 & Eric Kirchmann '91  
Steve Laudel '79 & Cheryl Laudel  
George Matkov '64 P '91 & Nancy Matkov  
Harvey Moore '68  
Donna Schwall Oberembt '79 & Randy Oberembt '76  
Tom Pschirrer '69 & Kathleen Pschirrer  
Debra Schabes P '24 & Adam Schabes P '24  
John Wombacher '73 & Patricia Wombacher  
Peoria Charter Coach

### PURPLE AND GOLD

**\$250-\$999**

Anonymous (2)

James Adams '88  
 Joyce Tucker Allison '72 P '00 P '08 &  
   William Allison '72 P '00 P '08  
 Kyle Anderson '93 & Amy Anderson  
 Ken Varnum P '26 & Nieka Apell P '26  
 Mark Avkerman  
 Jeffrey Baker '19 & Beth Zeiter  
 Anthony Balthazor '03 & Alison Balthazor  
 Bryan Bell '99  
 Amy Beuschlein '89  
 Tina Bialek P '24 & Joseph Bialek P '24  
 Susan Blew '75 & Dennis Puglisi  
 Marykay Brady  
 Lisa Brown  
 Richard Brown '83  
 Steven Burbridge  
 Tighe Burke '09  
 Daniel Calandro '77 & Janet Calandro  
 Chad Campanelli '97  
 Dawn Davies Clark '91 & Jeffrey Clark '82  
 Bradley Coats '92 & Christine Coats  
 Ernie Coffey  
 Lynn Colburn P '18 & Charles Colburn P '18  
 Michael Cole  
 Rachel Clark Cole '12 & Michael Cole  
 Kim Conway  
 Otis Cowan '64 & Carlotta Cowan  
 Charles Creekmore '71 & Dana Creekmore  
 Michael Cunningham  
 Robert Cunningham  
 James H. Davison P '27 & Julianne Davison P '27  
 Deborah DeGraff '80  
 Virginia Denton  
 Aidan Derry '25  
 Nadejda Dinisheva P '27  
 Sarah Dufresne  
 Ronald Dunn P '26 & Gretchen Dunn P '26  
 William Durall '72 P '00 P '98  
 John Durocher '82 & Teresa Durocher  
 Nathan Easley '03  
 Chad Eisele '93 P '20 & Kathleen Eisele P '20  
 Abigail Kuhn Enlund '04 & Christopher Enlund '03  
 Ron Etienne P '24  
 Eric Fester  
 John Flood '71 P '02 & Carol Flood  
 Stephen Freese '74  
 Nellie Fujii-Anderson & Aiko Anderson  
 Ginee Fujii-Ogard  
 Beth Conant Gilster '02 & Arthur Gilster '02  
 Corey Goff  
 Kelly Gomer & Jeffrey Gomer  
 Michael Haley '88 & Stephanie Haley  
 David Han '06  
 Matthew Hannam '98 & Allison Hannam  
 Hayley Harvey P '24 & Matthew Harvey P '24  
 Randi Hawes P '27  
 Fred Heger '79 & Eleanor Heger  
 Kerry Heimann  
 Kevin Heimann '02  
 Catherine Kucik Heimann '70 P '95 P '02 P '04  
 Jeffrey Herr '86 & Tracy Herr  
 Douglas Hill '77 & Cathryn Hill  
 Susan Hilliard P '25 & Landon Hilliard P '25  
 Norm Hillner '79 & Kathleen Hillner  
 James Hutchison '68  
 Patricia Isaacson P '99 & Thomas Isaacson P '99  
 Mary & Leonard Janssen  
 Stanley Johnson '84 & Saba Shibberu  
 Stephen Johnson '67  
 Lloy Brodnicki Johnston '94 & Mark Johnston '93  
 Alicia Johnstone P '27 & Kristopher Johnstone P '27  
 Kristopher J. Johnstone  
 Monica Keith P '25 & Blake Keith P '25  
 Dee Dee Kelley  
 Darren King '94 & Tacy Iverson King '96 P '27  
 Kathryn Klope P '27  
 Harlan Knosher P '80 GP '10 GP '20  
 Kristen Koviekis '18  
 Larry Kusch '71 & Susan Kusch  
 Todd Lansen '00 & Suzanne Holthaus

Julie Larsen '04  
 Cammi Heimann Lawrence '95 & Doug Lawrence  
 Giannamaria Lentini P '27  
 Gwen Lexow '90 & Jennifer Jewell '92  
 Dale Litney '66 P '92  
 Jim Lofgren '80 & Mary Lofgren  
 Kurt Luecke & Patricia Luecke  
 Neil Magruder '06  
 Jennifer Matthew-Baldwin '81  
 Dudley McCarter '72 & Elizabeth McCarter  
 C. Andrew McGadney & Camille McGadney  
 David McKillip '74 & Dia McKillip  
 Matthew McQuaid '88  
 Sherry Medina  
 Greg Mendrek '79  
 Christina Miller P '26 & Paul Miller P '26  
 Dustin Milliken '03 & Tiffany Delahanty Milliken  
 Christina Mirani P '25 & Rahul Mirani P '25  
 Edie Mitsuuchi-Smith '80 & Martin Smith  
 Todd Monken '89  
 Bobby Monroe '88  
 Levi Morgan '07  
 Julia Jones Morrison '78 & Joseph Morrison '79  
 Trey Morrison '96  
 Matthew Nagel '04  
 Reena Nain P '25 & Sandeep Nain P '25  
 Jennifer Foster Nelson '01  
 Marta Nelson  
 Alexander Nimmer '09  
 John Nitti & Janet Nitti  
 Christopher Page  
 Laurie Perez  
 Peter Petersen '81 & Pamela Petersen  
 David Plomin '86 P '22 & Kalpana Plomin P '22  
 Glenn Prout '10  
 Jim Ramsey '88  
 Thomas Ready  
 Jack Reiners '56  
 Jon Ripperger '86  
 Listi Robinson  
 Michael Rochford P '27 & Leah Rochford P '27  
 Laura M. Rosene '90 & R. Scott Toop  
 John Rosene '68 P '90 & Candace Rosene  
 Christina Rosier '05  
 Patricia Craig Ruffolo '58 & Michael Ruffolo '58  
 Patricia Ruhs P '25 & Douglas Ruhs P '25  
 Susan Runyon-Davis '77 & Michael Runyon-Davis  
 Andrew Scholes P '26 & Jennifer Scholes P '26  
 Lanny Scholes GP '26  
 Marc Schulman  
 Steve Seward '68 & Joyce Seward  
 Patrick Sheetz P '26 & Carol Sheetz P '26  
 Suzie Shell  
 Catherine Hardinger Shriner '66 & Don Shriner '64  
 Elizabeth Cockrell Shule '12 & Andrew J. Shule '11  
 Andrew Sparrow '15  
 Wendy Spizzirri '99 & Dave Spizzirri  
 Topper Steinman '70 & Carol Steinman  
 Jeffrey Stelpflug '98  
 Mickey Salvino Stelter '78 & Tom Stelter '77  
 Debra Strauch & Carl Strauch  
 Randell Strickland '90  
 Curtis Strom '73 & Kim Strom  
 Mark Suchomel '83 P '27 & Elizabeth Ziehl P '27  
 The Famous Group  
 Pascale Thomas P '25 & Kevin Thomas P '25  
 Benjamin Van Vlerah '98 & Stephanie Van Vlerah  
 Christopher Vogel '90  
 Elizabeth Middleton Voigt '93 & William Voigt  
 Matthew Walker P '27 & Nicole Walker P '27  
 David Walton  
 Michael Warren  
 Alison Snyder-Warwick '00 & Christopher Warwick '99  
 Scott Westerman '84 & Gail Westerman  
 Benjamin Wetherbee '12  
 Jane Wetherbee Wise '86 & James Wise  
 Dave Wood '72 P '08 & Sandra Wood P '08  
 Jennifer Yates P '26  
 Gerald Zavorka '94 & Amy Zavorka  
 Joy Thiel Ziegler '01 & Geoffrey Ziegler '03

MaryAnn Zug  
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 AMP Companies Inc.  
 Courtright Construction Inc  
 Fitzsimmons Roofing Co  
 Hein Construction Company, Inc.  
 Lockwood Excavating & Construction Inc  
 OK Corral of Galesburg Inc  
 Tompkins State Bank

**K CLUB BOOSTER  
UP TO \$250**

Anonymous (19)  
 Rachel Krause Abbott '72 & D. Monty Abbott '72  
 Jeffrey Abel  
 Manny Acker '27  
 Paxton Acree  
 Lisa Adams  
 Carey Adamson '76 & Marilyn Adamson  
 Isabella Aguirre  
 Tracy Akpore  
 Kewwe Akpore-Idise  
 Joann Alexander  
 Chelsea Alexander  
 Kathleen Kilkus Allen '00 & Matthew Allen  
 Stuart Allison & Holly Whittet-Allison  
 Reed Allison '00 & Katie Allison  
 Esteban Alvarez, II '25  
 Saxon Alvarez '24  
 Robert C. Alvarez '80 & Patricia K. Alvarez  
 Eric Aman  
 Ronald L Amend  
 Jeffrey Ancelet '98  
 Aiden Anderson '27  
 Hunter Anderson '24  
 Lorry Anderson  
 Maria Anderson  
 Alyssa Stepanian '18 & Jordan Anderson '19  
 Christena Anderson  
 Cole Andrews '26  
 Arthur Anthony '24  
 Stephen Apell  
 Grecia Arancivia Mora  
 Erin Arceo  
 Laura Arscott  
 Kristan Augustin  
 Eduardo Avellaneda  
 Jamie Avery  
 Alexander Baackes '24  
 Alexander Baker '21  
 Allison Baker  
 Todd Baker P '26 & Alicia Baker P '26  
 William Baker '92 & Blue Baker  
 Jackie Baker  
 Brandi Barker  
 Beth Barnes  
 Ruben Barrientoz & Janice Gomez  
 Brayden Bathgate '23  
 James Battin  
 Barbara McCauley Baumeister '72 & Jerry Baumeister '71  
 Danita Beadle  
 Owen Beaver '25  
 Kevin Beck '11 & Cory Bieber Beck '10  
 Molly Bender  
 Samuel Benitez '26  
 Jace A. Bennett '27  
 Becky Bennett  
 John Bennett  
 Stefanie Marocco Bernard '06 & John Bernard '06  
 Jonathan Betts '05  
 Peter Bialek  
 Molly Biggs '25  
 Kyle Biggs P '25 & Robin Biggs P '25  
 Chris Biggs  
 Ellen Biggs  
 Carrie Billings  
 Agatha Bires  
 Nick Blencoe '26  
 William Blencoe P '26 & Patti Blencoe P '26

Christopher Boggs '87	Patrick Cunningham	Brian Fulmer
Robert Bolier '73	Eric Cushman	Jennifer Gallas
Karen Bonstead P '04 & Douglas Bonstead P '04	Matthew Cutright '89	Cassandra Milleville Garbin '10
Pierce Borah	Anna Marie Cyranek	Joseph Garbin '10
Philip Borozan & Elsie Borozan	Jerome Cyranek	Anthony Garcia '24
Anthony Brantley '27	Kathryn McMorrow Czuprynski '75 & Charles Czuprynski '76	Cyndi Garcia
Daniel Breed '74	Jerry Czyzewski & Dawn Czyzewski	Diana Garcia
Edward Brees '24	Jesse Dabson '83 & Jeanine Dabson	Les Gard & Maryln Gard
Gary Brees P '24 & Deborah Brees P '24	Thomas Daker '78 & Lorraine Daker	Robert Gard
Matt Briggs '06 & Sara Briggs	Stephen Damm	Aaron Garrett P '26 & Leslie Garrett P '26
Ethan Brinkman '27	Jordan Danner	Denise Gerdes P '19
Theola Broers	Christopher Davenport	Anna Gerdes '19
Lily Broers	Lexy Davis '27	Eileen Gharzouzi P '24 & Juan Carlos Lantzendorffer P '24
Andrew Brown '24	Alex Davis '11	Steven Gianfrancesco
Deborah Brown	Benjamin Davis	Stacey Gianfrancesco
Kayla Brown '18	Colin Davis '11	Andrew Gibbons P '22 & Carla Gibbons P '22
James Brown '86 & Linda Brown	Claire Davison '27	Pamela Gilbert
Heidi Browne	Cyar DeBose	Monique Roberts Gill '03
Davis Brumbaugh '24	Herbert Decker '50	Zachary Gilmore '24
Zeus Brundage '27	Nikko Deligiannis '24	Cole Gino '26
Jacob Brunette '04 & Lyndsey Brunette	Brooklyn Deming '22	Grey Giovanine
Jamie Brzezinski	Terry Denoma '71 & Mary Jannone Denoma '73	Tom Glavin
Bob Budgin & Barbara Budgin	Fred Devera & Riza Devera	Debbie Godwin
David Bunde & Jennifer Bunde	Lisa DeVore	Sue Godwin
Cecilia Burciaga	Zeinabou Dicko	Collin Goff
Jim Burke & Deborah Burke	George Diepenbrock '04	Janet Golitko
Alycea Burnett '24	Michael Dietz '68 & Susan Dietz	Angela Gomez P '25
Crystol Burnett	Justin Dingle '13	Jean Gordon
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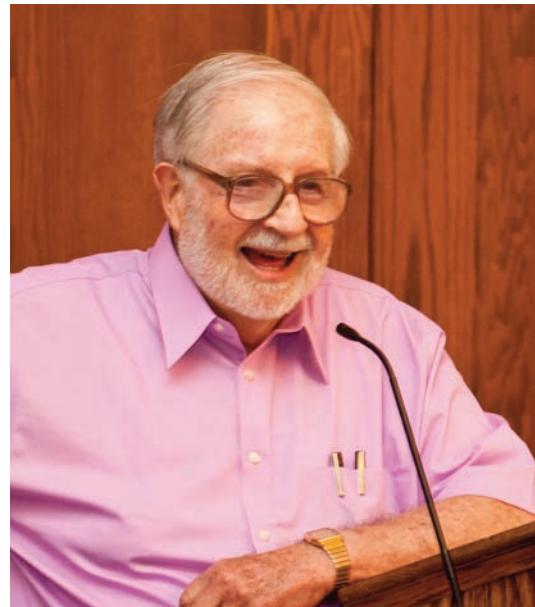
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## In Memoriam: Jorge Prats

**AUGUST 1, 1932 TO MARCH 28, 2024**

Jorge touched the lives of countless Knox students through the years. A native of Spain, he arrived at the College in 1962, teaching Spanish as a member of the modern languages department until 2000. An athletic youth, he was a member of Spain's Olympic water polo team.

He continued his interest in athletics at Knox, forming a men's soccer club in 1967. During these years, soccer received little financial support from Knox, so Prats not only coached as a volunteer, but he also spent a summer scouring junkyards for material to build sturdy soccer goals. Despite these challenges, the club played teams across the Midwest—many of them from much larger schools—and finished their first three years with a 20-4-3 record.



In 1970, men's soccer became a varsity sport, with Prats serving as head coach, a position he held on and off the next several decades. Soccer continued its success once it became a varsity sport, winning its division 10 times in its first 15 years and becoming the Midwest Conference (MWC) Champions in 1973 under Prats' leadership. During this time, Prats was also instrumental in starting another program, the Knox College Program in Barcelona, which began in 1969. He served as the on-site director 15 of the first 30 years of the program.



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