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When physical distancing guidelines prevented her ART 230 Life Drawing class from gathering indoors, Instructor of Studio Art Susanne Nestory took advantage of the beautiful fall 2020 weather. Masked up and spaced apart, her students enjoyed the fresh air while drawing a live model in front of the Heuser Art building. *Photo by Evan Temchin.*



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BEST ROOMMATE STORY

It was fall 1976 and the place was Room 10 in the Gamma Phi Beta sorority house. If you're familiar with this house, the third floor is dorm-style; you can see two private rooms from the dormers on the outside. My roommate and I were sleeping and I woke up with EXCRUCIATING pains in my abdomen. No matter how I positioned myself, I couldn't get relief. I was sweating profusely and finally woke up my roommate — the one and only **Heidi Rotbart '79** — and I asked her to take me to the ER because I was quite certain I was SICK! She told me, "Oh roll over, you've probably just got gas!" And she proceeded to go back to sleep. I crawled out of bed and made my way to a sister who was a nursing major and woke her and begged her to take me to the hospital. She jumped right up, threw on some sweats and proceeded to carry me to her car. We arrived safely at St. Francis Hospital just in time to have my appendix removed!

When I awoke in recovery my mother was there (we lived about three hours south of

Peoria) and I was IN TROUBLE! My mom had given me money to purchase health insurance and it seems I never purchased it (uh-oh) and probably spent it at Cy's Hitching Post instead (oops.) So to make matters worse, my parents were faced with the bill (yikes.)

To this day, 44 years later, Heidi and I are still great friends, and I love to tease her about blowing me off when my appendix could have ruptured! GAS – right Heidi! LOL!

Dana Powers King '79

In 1980, **Joseph Bembenek '84** and I were the only two students on Wyckoff 2 that did not join a fraternity, so we decided to room together. We were assigned to 8th floor Geisert Hall leading to three years of fantastic memories with a great group, but my favorite memory of just the two of us involves the 1982 National Invitational Tournament.

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Zac Copper Washes Windows, Fixes Fire Damage and Kills Coronavirus

A fluke government contract turned the entrepreneurship major's hobby into a thriving cleaning and restoration business.

French Fluency at Your Fingertips

Bradley students are furthering their language skills by texting with native French speakers.

Artist Uses His Work to Create Unity

Using historic printing technology, an artist brings people together for a more egalitarian community.

Kimani Hewitt Shows Up and Knows His Worth

A remote summer internship created an enhanced learning experience for this human resource management major.

Girls Lighting the Way

EMBA graduate's nonprofit aims to steer girls on a path toward successful careers and lives.

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ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT

Honoring Our Own

The two newest members of the Centurion Society show how Bradley graduates are leaders in professions as diverse as broadcasting and banking, spearheading efforts to help others in their careers and communities.

An award-winning NPR reporter, along with a retired bank executive and community leader, join almost 200 other distinguished alums as Centurions.



Cheryl Corley '76

Award-winning correspondent for National Public Radio, she covered some of the biggest stories of this century. The 1994 Outstanding Young Graduate, Corley also served as a Bradley trustee.



Doug Stewart MBA '79

Retired regional president for PNC Bank, the former Bradley trustee and board president is active with numerous community and service organizations.

"We live in momentous times, full of uncertainty ... but there's one thing that is very certain — Bradley University is such a strong institution that shapes so many lives. It's been a great part of my life."

"I have found over the years that when you have a passion for a cause or an institution ... no matter how much you give in terms of your time, your talent or your treasure, you always receive more in return."

additional alumni awards

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

Cheryl Corley '86,
award-winning NPR
correspondent

LYDIA MOSS BRADLEY AWARD

Chuck Ebeling '66,
retired public relations
professional

OUTSTANDING YOUNG GRADUATE AWARD

Mandy Pierce-Ellis '04
M.A. '07 M.A. '12,
educator and author

distinguished professor

ROBERT FULLER

professor of religious studies

faculty honors

PUTNAM AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Seth Katz, associate
professor of English

ROTHBERG AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Jackie Hogan, professor
of sociology and
anthropology

CATERPILLAR FACULTY ACHIEVE- MENT AWARD FOR TEACHING

Jacob Young, assistant
professor of management
information systems

CATERPILLAR FACULTY ACHIEVE- MENT AWARD FOR SCHOLARSHIP

John Marino, assistant
professor of biology

MERGEN AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

David Vroman, professor
of music and department
chair; director of band
activities

Saving the Earth in Style

Eco-friendly clothes and cars are on the horizon! Ralph Lauren and Porsche are working with Peoria's Natural Fiber Welding (NFW) to revolutionize how we dress and drive.

"When we use smarter chemistry to make materials out of plants, we can replace trillions of dollars of plastic items per year that are toxic to the environment," said research professor Luke Haverhals, NFW's founder and CEO. Learn more at bradley.edu/magazine.

RALPH LAUREN



PORSCHES

CRUELTY- AND PLASTIC-FREE FOOTWEAR: NFW used their Mirum® leather-like materials and Clarus™ fabric made from recycled cotton for this shoe. The company announced a 110,000 sq. ft. expansion in downtown Peoria, creating over 100 new jobs.

SPACE ODYSSEY

Silver Streak

The 3D-Printed Habitat Challenge, which saw Bradley partner with NASA, earned a team silver medal by the space agency. In the challenge, which NASA officials called a stellar achievement, participants designed, built and tested 3D-printed structures suitable for space exploration.

GREAT GRADES

Rave Reviews

Bradley's gotten a lot of love this year! Check out our recent rankings from several national publications.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

- Top 5 Regional University and Best Colleges for Veterans (both best in Illinois)
- Top 10 Best Value School
- Top 30 Undergrad Engineering Program for schools not offering a doctorate

THE PRINCETON REVIEW

- Top 386 schools in the U.S. (out of 3,000)
- Best Value College
- Top 2021 Online Nursing Program
- Eighth nationally for undergraduate game design program (best in Illinois)

WALL STREET JOURNAL/ TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

- Top-ranked private school in Illinois, top 25 nationally for student engagement

VIQTRY

- Military Friendly® School



MOVIE MAGIC

Lights, Camera, Classroom

A new interdisciplinary film studies minor had its premiere in fall 2020 with the first new course making its debut the following semester.

Cory Barker, assistant professor of journalism and adviser for the new minor, said there are a handful of declared minors so far but interest is growing.

“Film intersects with so many different subject areas and approaches, all of which appeal to students in some way”

— Cory Barker
assistant professor of journalism

RESULTS

Good Works, Rewarded

With already a whole host of leadership roles from his time at Bradley, senior **Jacob McGiles** can add another to his list: The Jacksonville, Ill., native is one of the newest members of the 2020 class of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois student laureates.

“For a lot of the work I’ve been doing, I feel like I don’t necessarily see the impact I’m having,” McGiles told The Bradley Scout of the honor. “It was nice to see I’m making a difference, at least toward the university and hopefully, that has been proven.”

The health sciences major plans to attend dental school after graduating in May and serve in a rural community.



McGILES: DUANE ZEHR; MAILLACHER/UVU; EVAN TEMCHIN



CLEAN WATER

5 Questions with ... Krishnanand Maillacheruvu

Krishnanand Maillacheruvu is a professor of civil engineering and serves as the department's undergraduate program coordinator.

1. WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A CIVIL ENGINEER?

When I grew up, there was a lot of interest in the environment. I worked on a project in high school that looked at how salinity and the oxygen content in water affected freshwater fish. I thought, "This is really fascinating." Civil engineering was a way to become involved in the environmental field.

2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR RESEARCH FOR A LAY AUDIENCE?

Last year I was involved in research relating to the impact of microplastics in oceans and rivers in India, working mainly on some policy and regulatory issues. My current research on production of biochar from biosolids, in partnership with the Greater Peoria Sanitary District, involves finding sustainable technical solutions to managing wastewater sludge.

3. WHAT'S THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT YOUR FIELD?

People might think of civil engineers as people who build roads, buildings, bridges, etc. But civil engineering is actually a very broad field that involves designing/building the infrastructure and protecting the environment we all live in. In fact, if you go back to the

history of engineering, it all began with civil engineering from which various technical disciplines emerged as they came into their own. Engineering is really applied science, and the main goal is to help humanity and society function in a sustainable way.

4. YOU'VE EARNED SEVERAL AWARDS FOR TEACHING. WHAT DO YOU ENJOY ABOUT WORKING WITH BRADLEY STUDENTS?

It's just something I'm very passionate about. I think it is a reward to be able to communicate an idea that is difficult to understand. I mean, that's the role of a teacher! The biggest reward for me is seeing students being able to pick up on a concept and then — even more important to me — being able to apply it and eventually go out and have successful careers and lives.

5. WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT YOUR HOME COUNTRY OF INDIA?

If you had asked me this question when I first came here as a graduate student, my list would have been about 10 pages long. I'll tell you, even making a phone call home was a big deal. What I miss mostly about India now would be the actual, physical experience of being there. But with the internet and all the changes that have happened since, you can say it has brought India to America.

ATHLETICS

CLASS ACT GABI HAACK ADDS TO HER LIST OF HONORS



Senior guard GABI HAACK goes up for the shot during a 104-53 victory over Quincy University in December.

She's one of 30 women's basketball players nominated for the 2020-21 Senior CLASS Award. The national award, chosen by a vote of fans, coaches and media, recognizes excellence in community, classroom, character and competition. Haack is a preseason choice for the All-Missouri Valley Conference team and was a first-team selection the

last two years. She's been on the MVC Scholar-Athlete and All-Freshman teams, selected for the conference's Good Neighbor and Academic Excellence awards and named a conference player of the week. She's been a Bradley Scholar-Athlete of the Week several times.

DESERVED

CALL TO THE HALL

Bradley Centurion **Hersey Hawkins '88**, a 13-year NBA veteran and now player programs director for the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, is one of eight 2021 inductees to the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. He already belongs to the Bradley and Missouri Valley Conference halls of fame.

He was consensus National Player of the Year for the 1987-88 season, a first-team All-American, twice named MVC player of the year and still holds 14 school records.

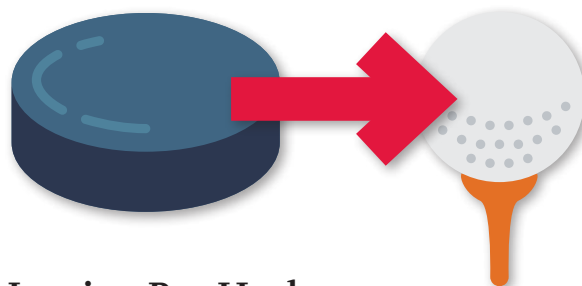
"Any type of Hall of Fame is a blessing to be a part of, but to be honored in this way while representing **Bradley University — where I loved my teammates and coaches and played for a great fan base — is truly a privilege."**

— HERSEY HAWKINS '88



CONGRATS

**TO JIM
DEROSE
FOR HIS 25TH
SEASON AS
MEN'S
SOCCER
HEAD COACH**



ATHLETICS

After Leaving Pro Hockey, Golfer Goes for the Green

When injuries checked the hockey career of **Roy Radke '23**, he traded his skates for golf spikes. After being drafted by his hometown NHL team, the Chicago Blackhawks, the finance major played five years of professional hockey in this country and abroad. He spent a semester playing club golf at Arizona State University, then opted for the Bradley squad. "One of the things I like about golf is you use your head so much," Radke said. "In hockey, everything is so quick you don't have time to sit and process."

ALWAYS SOME



MAKING REPAIRS AND ADDING COLOR

JOSE COVARRUBIAS: General Maintenance

LENGTH OF BRADLEY EMPLOYMENT: 36 years

There's no such thing as downtime when you work in maintenance, according to Covarrubias. During the school year, he spends much of his time repairing things. In the summer, when students are gone, he paints. His newest challenge? Finding the best way to install plexiglass, now a common task because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through it all, Covarrubias' focus is on customer service.

EVERY DAY, IT'S AN ADVENTURE," HE SAID. "BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE READY FOR WHATEVER COMES ... LIKE, THE OTHER DAY, SOMEONE CALLED ME ABOUT AN AIR CONDITIONER LEAKING WATER. I HAD TO COME UP WITH THE BEST SOLUTION THAT WOULDN'T (DAMAGE) ANYTHING ... IT'S ALWAYS SOME KIND OF CHALLENGE."

They're the unsung heroes who work hard while many of us are still asleep in our beds. They take the graveyard shift or work weekends. They clean up the detritus of our days. And when an emergency strikes, they're often the first to get the call. Bradley magazine spoke with four employees who help keep the university humming along.

THING DIFFERENT:

HOW BRADLEY'S ESSENTIAL WORKFORCE KEEPS THINGS RUNNING

INDISPENSABLE

BY S.L. GUTHRIE M.A. '20

PHOTOGRAPHY BY EVAN TEMCHIN

⌚ 5 MIN.



FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

DEANNA LORENTZ: Central Communications Operator

LENGTH OF BRADLEY EMPLOYMENT: 8 years

During her eight-hour shift, Lorentz will take calls from anywhere on or off campus. A prospective student wants information, while a current student is having trouble signing up for classes. A professor needs help with a computer issue. While she's handling any number of calls, a fire alarm might sound or a police emergency happens.

The days alternate between quiet and frenetic.

"A lot of times I'm here until 3:30 in the morning," said Lorentz, noting her biggest challenge is when everything happens at once. "You learn to adjust."

Lorentz spent 20 years caring for infants and toddlers in several area daycare facilities before coming to Bradley. She said those years were great training for her current role.

"I say I still take care of everybody; they're just bigger now."

REMOVING DIRT AND GERMS

TINA MAHER: Custodian

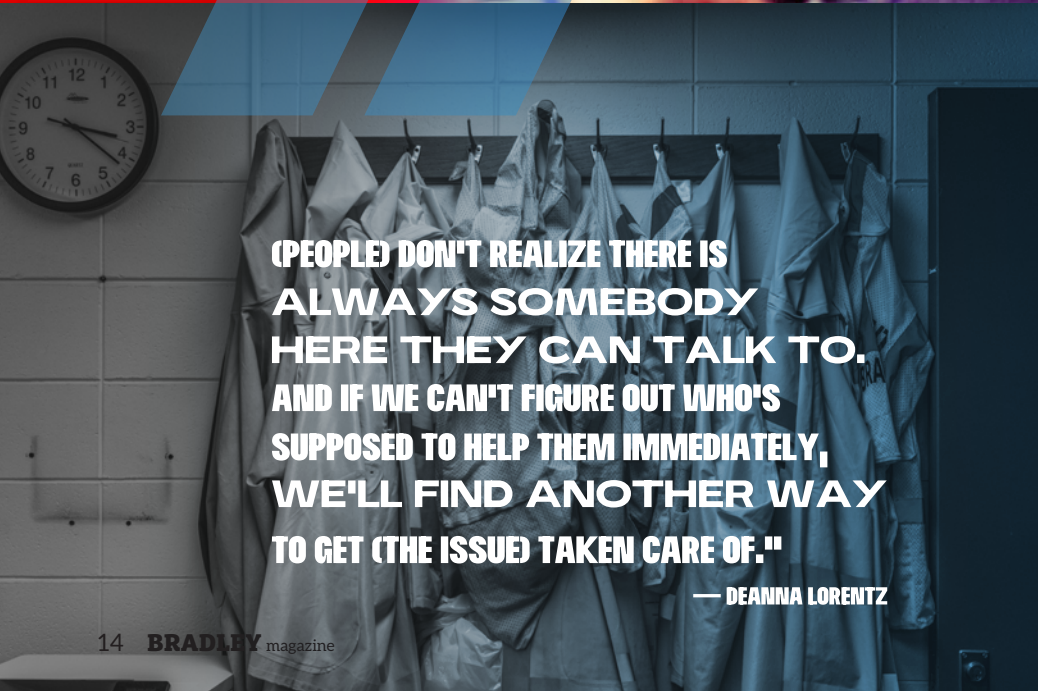
LENGTH OF BRADLEY EMPLOYMENT: 23 years

Perhaps the most essential staff during a pandemic are the custodial workers who keep Bradley's campus clean and disinfected. With fewer people on campus, they've been able to clean at a deeper level. Maher said people shouldn't confuse her work with what they do in their own homes.

"(There's) the disinfecting of so many areas: bathrooms, top to bottom; showers, telephones, computer screens, door handles, glass," she said.


While cleaning may be a drudge to some, Maher is happy in her role.

"Well, I love to clean, and that's pretty much been my job title (nearly) ever since I've been in the workforce. And Bradley's a good place to work. I made my career here. I hope to retire from here."




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— DEANNA LORENTZ



PEOPLE CAN CUT CORNERS WITH (CLEANING) AT HOME ON THEIR OWN. BUT AT BRADLEY, THE WAY WE SERVICE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND, YOU'VE GOT TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AND MORE DETAILED ON HOW YOU TAKE CARE OF THINGS."

— TINA MAHER



LYNN SMITH: Lead Custodian

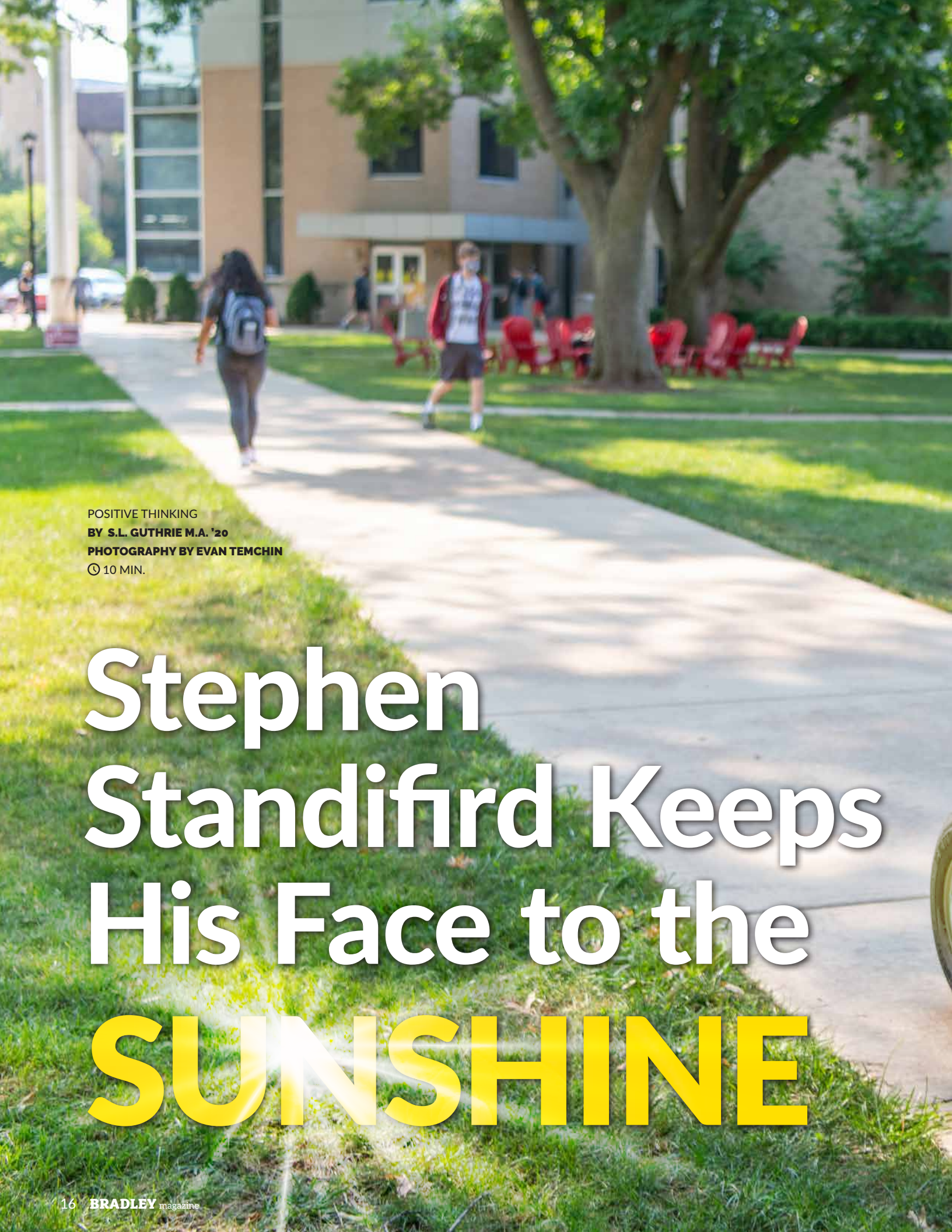
LENGTH OF BRADLEY EMPLOYMENT: 17 years

For Smith, tasks such as extracting carpets (a commercial-grade cleaning) can mean moving heavy furniture. At other times, she has to climb on bunk beds to clean the walls in a residence hall. The work adds up to plenty of sore muscles and Smith often starts her day with a couple of aspirin.

Despite the toll the job can take on her body, Smith said there are definite rewards to her work. **B**

YOU DO HAVE STUDENTS THAT COME UP TO YOU AND SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION AND SAY THANK YOU FOR CLEANING. A LOT OF THEM DON'T, BUT WHEN ONE DOES, IT MAKES YOU FEEL A LITTLE PRIDE IN WHAT YOU DO."

— LYNN SMITH



POSITIVE THINKING
BY S.L. GUTHRIE M.A. '20
PHOTOGRAPHY BY EVAN TEMCHIN
⌚ 10 MIN.

Stephen Standifird Keeps His Face to the **SUNSHINE**



Standifird masks up and greets students on their first day of classes. "It speaks volumes of the institution that we continue to drive forward in the midst of a pandemic."

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ou don't have to talk very long with Bradley's new president, Stephen Standifird, to realize he is a man rooted in optimism. Despite the ongoing challenges facing higher education — along with the COVID-19 pandemic — he is a firm believer in the power of human potential and thinks the university's best days are ahead.

"The term I've used throughout is, 'survive and then thrive,' but even as we navigate these current environments, we still need to be making investments," said Standifird. "And that's something that we've been really thoughtful about. How do we continue building for the future?"

Although the university's emphasis on multidisciplinary experiential education first drew him to apply for the presidency, watching Bradley's faculty and staff operate during the current global pandemic has impressed him much more.

"If you really want to understand an organization, watch it operate in crisis, which is what most organizations are doing today," said Standifird. "And I knew we had some pretty amazing faculty. I knew we had really committed staff. Boy, has that come to the forefront in the last few months, and I've really seen what folks have done to step up to help us navigate this current environment.

"It speaks extremely well for the future of the institution, and that has been so clear in the past several months in a way I don't think I would have been able to see as quickly had it not been for our current environment."

He noted how the university became nimbler in response to the pandemic, more so than perhaps anticipated. Standifird suspects there will be a long-term transformational impact to higher education.

"I don't know that every university's had the same experience. I think some are just hunkering down trying to survive. And yet, as I watch Bradley, one of my best examples is the FOLD (Fundamentals in Online Learning) training we offered last summer. Something like 90% of our faculty signed up on a volunteer basis. This idea of them stepping into the challenge instead of running away from it was remarkable."

He's reached out to other university presidents to discuss their collective experience.

"I found it very powerful," said Standifird. "One of the things I've really come to appreciate and discover is, none of us have a playbook on how to manage this. It doesn't exist."

TOP PRIORITIES

When asked about his first-year goals, Standifird said he'd like to see the community start thinking about Bradley's strategic direction moving forward.



"I'm a strong advocate of building from positions of strength," he said. "One of the things I want to spend a good part of this year doing is collectively having conversations around and understanding the strengths of the institution. I have a sense of what those are, but I really want to have a more sustained dialogue about what that is and then start mapping to a strategic plan moving forward, based on those strengths."

Retention — especially with first-generation students and students of color — is another priority, part of Standifird's goal to make Bradley a more inclusive community. He believes the university does a good job attracting those students, relative to its peer institutions. However, he said more work needs to be done to make them feel welcome and included once they arrive. It's a feeling that resonates with Standifird since no one in his immediate family had a college degree.

"I have a soft spot, as you can imagine, for other first-generation college students because as supportive as my family was, there were just things they couldn't understand or appreciate what I was experiencing," he said. "High on my radar screen is looking at what we're doing to create those systems to support those individuals coming into an environment for which they have no traditional mentorship."

MIDWEST ROOTS GO WEST

Standifird grew up in a middle-income family in Evansville, Ind. His father was a service technician for consumer goods giant 3M while his mother played a traditional role. The family vacations were road trips in a red station wagon, a pastime Standifird still enjoys.

Math and science were early interests, which led to Standifird's pursuing chemical engineering at Purdue. He also served as student body president in his senior year. That's where he got hooked on organizational complexity and understanding organizational life.

While working for oil giant Amoco in Chicago as an engineer, Standifird earned an MBA at Northwestern University and caught the higher ed bug. Having decided he wanted to study organizational theory, one of his advisors told him the place to earn a doctorate was the University of Oregon.

"I didn't anticipate that," said Standifird. "I thought I'd be at a Big Ten school ... I had to pull out a map and figure out where Eugene, Oregon, was. I had no idea."

Those studies took him to the West Coast for almost two decades. After earning his degree in the early 1990s, he taught management at Western Washington

University in Bellingham for four years, during which time he looked for an opportunity to study organizations and economic communities experiencing significant transformation.

Hong Kong — and its transition from a century of British rule — was one possibility, but a colleague convinced him Warsaw, Poland, was the place to see radical organizational change. Standifird said the experience led to his own transformation.

"I had to get comfortable with being uncomfortable, with learning a completely different culture and operate in a completely different environment. It made me far more adaptive than I would have been otherwise.

In 2003, he headed south to a teaching position at the University of San Diego's School of Business. Six years later, he was its associate dean. After two more years in California, Standifird, now married with a family, moved back to his hometown and became dean of the Schroeder Family School of Business Administration at the University of Evansville. The short stint (three years) at Evansville led to his role as dean of Butler University's Andre B. Lacy School of Business; he remained there until he got the call from Bradley.

However, becoming a university president wasn't one of his long-term goals. What intrigued him was the idea of building human potential.

"I don't know that (becoming president) is something I set out to do specifically," said Standifird. "I've had great mentors throughout my career and one was always clear about being very intentional about who you are and what you want to accomplish.

"I spent a fair amount of time thinking about the impact I want to have. So, what drove me from being a faculty member, which is arguably one of the best jobs in the world, to being an administrator is this idea of building institutions that build human potential. That's something to be excited about."

MOVING FORWARD

He takes inspiration from the university's founder, Lydia Moss Bradley, and considers her emotional struggles analogous to what the Bradley community is facing today.

"We're all experiencing things, none of us have ever experienced in our lifetimes and it's okay and completely human to have those experiences and emotions, to have those challenges," said Standifird. "But it shouldn't stop you from moving forward; that's the heart of Lydia's lesson."

FAST FACTS

Favorite vacation spot:
Our backyard

Last book read:
"The Obstacle Is the Way"

Last movie seen:
One of the "Shrek" series

Favorite meal:
Sushi

Siblings:
Two sisters; one older, one younger

On his playlist:
Classical music with birds in the background

So, what does Bradley's new president do for his own mental wellbeing? The self-described nerd said his hobbies include reading (the Stoic philosophers and books on leadership are favorite topics) and landscape/nature photography. That's when he's not serving as the family DJ for his young daughters' dance parties. Back in the day, Standifird was an avid motorcyclist.

"You can't ride a motorcycle and not pay attention; the consequences are too significant. What I like about it is it really forces me to be in the moment ... Photography also forces me to pay attention to details that could be missed ... That's an important part of this job, too."

Of course, if he could, the first thing Standifird would do as president is end the pandemic. Instead, he hopes to create at Bradley a greater sense of hope and optimism, or what he called pragmatic optimism, the potential for seeing things the way they could be.

Although some might call that too daunting a prospect, given how the world is still reeling from its own radical transformation, Stephen Standifird will make sure to pause and reflect, all while keeping his face toward the sunshine.



Busy Behind the Scenes

Although Vivian Standifird understands she's not on the Bradley payroll, she sees herself as part of the team. Her ultimate goal as first lady, she said, is to see the university succeed as an organization. That means taking care of the couple's children, Sorana, 11, and Brianna, 7, and volunteering in the Peoria community.

"Number one, I see myself as being a really good partner for Steve, so I can allow him to do his job without worrying about family," she said. "... I would love to, if the community will have me, help Peoria any way I can. I want to connect (Peoria) with Bradley because I think the university can play a really key role and it should because it's a major employer and a presence."

Her husband returned the compliment, calling his wife the most influential person in his life.

"In addition to being an amazing wife, an amazing mother, she's a great leader," he said. "She's just a very thoughtful partner in terms of anything I'm going through, anything I'm dealing with. She, of course, knows me better than anyone. But she also understands

the context and the environment in which I'm leading."

Her first major project has been leading #BradleyUnite, the campaign created to improve communications and compliance surrounding COVID-19. While reviewing other schools' websites, Standifird realized a missing component was a unifying, cohesive theme.

"I was thankful for the opportunity to be part of the project because it allowed me to get to know (some people) and help with this situation we're in," she said. "It also helps me be able to talk to him about it if I know what's going on."

She brings an impressive set of skills, having come to Bradley with a successful finance career under her belt. She started in



higher education 20-plus years ago at her alma mater, the University of Oregon, as a purchasing assistant before quickly earning a promotion to budget manager.

Oregon was where she met her husband, who was then a doctoral student. When he asked her out for the first time, Standifird wasn't sure if he was serious.

"He invited me to a movie that was made in Hong Kong," she recalled. "And I was born in Hong Kong. So I remember telling my best friend at the time, 'Hey, you know what? I think he needs a translator.' Because I didn't know at that time if he was interested in me or just being friendly."

When he showed up well dressed and took her to a nice restaurant for dinner, Standifird realized the evening wasn't casual fun. By their second date, things began to click. The two saw they both had very serious career aspirations and Standifird enjoyed her future husband's sense of humor.

"I don't know what he appreciated about me. I don't want to put words in (his mouth), but I think we found qualities in each other. It was a very good fit ... two years later we got married."

THE FAMILY AT HOME

With the ongoing pandemic, the family has had to stay close to home. Standifird said they love spending time exploring the woods in their back yard.

After leaving Oregon, Standifird left academe for the corporate world, taking roles of increasing responsibility before she returned to higher ed as controller for the University of San Diego. While in California, she earned her master's in executive leadership.

When the family moved back to the Midwest in 2011, Standifird served as CFO for an industrial distributor for nearly three years. Her last job before becoming Bradley's First Lady was as partner and CFO for Cork Medical/Rehab Medical, a national leader in complex rehab technology and mobility equipment. Standifird only relinquished the position a few months ago.

With the ongoing restrictions due to the pandemic, Standifird hasn't yet been able to get out and volunteer in the community much. Instead, she keeps busy with her daughters, helping with their homework and taking them to multiple weekly dance lessons. She also helps her husband wherever she can.

"You know what, I enjoy it," said Standifird. "Steve would probably, if he said anything about me, would say I'd rather be busy than not busy, I'm that kind of person. I think I'd go crazy if I wasn't busy." **B**

In this long-anticipated campus building, convergence is the name of the game.

Collaboration by design

Imagine ...

A cleaning, disinfecting and mapping robot;

Physical therapy applications that study posture to treat back pain better;

A more robust web presence for small, local businesses, giving them more customers and visibility, as more people take their shopping and dining experiences online.

These are among the myriad projects at the new Business and Engineering Convergence Center, which, even having its first full semester with students cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, brings different disciplines and majors together to discover or create solutions.

While students, faculty and staff started moving in during fall 2019, several months later the global pandemic created a new normal. One year

later, masked students walked through the soaring entryway, professors held remote and in-person classes, while labs provided hands-on application for classroom learning.

To further encourage convergence, the 200,000-plus-square-foot structure includes 40-plus collaboration spaces, 10 formal conference rooms, 28 classrooms, eight computer labs and 200 faculty and staff offices. Forty-six specialized labs include a

five-story drop tower for experiments to measure impact conditions, a sales lab for business role-playing and an analytics lab with a 5-foot by 31-foot, high-definition monitor and two electronic stock tickers.

"The technology throughout the building, and especially in the classrooms, provides a more interactive and collaborative student experience," said **Heidi Baumann MBA '08**, associate professor of

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OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS

BY **BOB GRIMSON '81**

PHOTOGRAPHY BY **DUANE ZEHR**

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ABOVE With a multitude of study spaces, classrooms and lounges, the new center provides plenty of places for formal and informal learning.

Some media in Bradley University's current print, video, and online materials was acquired before the COVID-19 pandemic. Media acquired after the pandemic began was done so in compliance with Bradley's COVID-19 safety protocols at the time. The ongoing safety of our faculty, staff and students is of the utmost concern during these unprecedented times.

2 electronic stock tickers

1 video wall

151 flat panels



management. “It enables cutting-edge teaching methods that support experiential learning.”

The university’s largest building project ever, the BECC brings under one roof the Foster College of Business and the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology, along with the Institute for Innovation through Collaboration.

“For lecture-based courses ... students will have real-time understanding with the help of lab instruments,” said Yufeng Lu, associate professor and interim chair of the electrical and computer engineering department. “For lab-based courses, instructors can address common problems through lectures. It will make lab courses more efficient.”

Specialized classrooms allow for interaction and collaboration

between students, faculty and even with the community. Peoria’s Main Street corridor runs past the building, allowing for participation from residents and boosting the university as an innovator.

“I’ve always appreciated Bradley’s focus on collaboration and now it’s apparent how committed we are to it. In the real world, engineering and business have to work together to make enterprises thrive, and now we’re able to get a lot more hands-on experience with this,” said **Elijah Hunt ’22**, who’s in the 3:2 accounting program and on an eight-person team working on a convergence project with Morton Industries.

Students from throughout the university are heavily involved in the building’s makerspace, which allows people to work on new products and ideas. A student board will help select

and train others on equipment for the space, determine an operating plan and budget, establish hours and hire workers.

“Every day I’m in the building I see students — not just from our two colleges — working together, learning from each other and developing lasting friendships,” said marketing instructor **Brad Eskridge ’08**.

With 600 seats in faculty and staff areas, along with 1,500 student seats, there are plenty of opportunities for interaction, even with physical-distancing rules in place.

“Now that we are in the space, I think differently about learning opportunities and initiatives,” said Jennifer Robin, professor of management and leadership and associate dean of the Foster College of Business. “I can tell others do as well. When it comes to creativity, there is really

no substitute for incidental collisions with people outside our typical circles.”

“It is a fabulous building with amazing technology ... and it provides multiple ways of teaching,” said Jing Wang, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering. “I also enjoy the faculty lounge, which creates a nice opportunity for discussion among colleagues.”

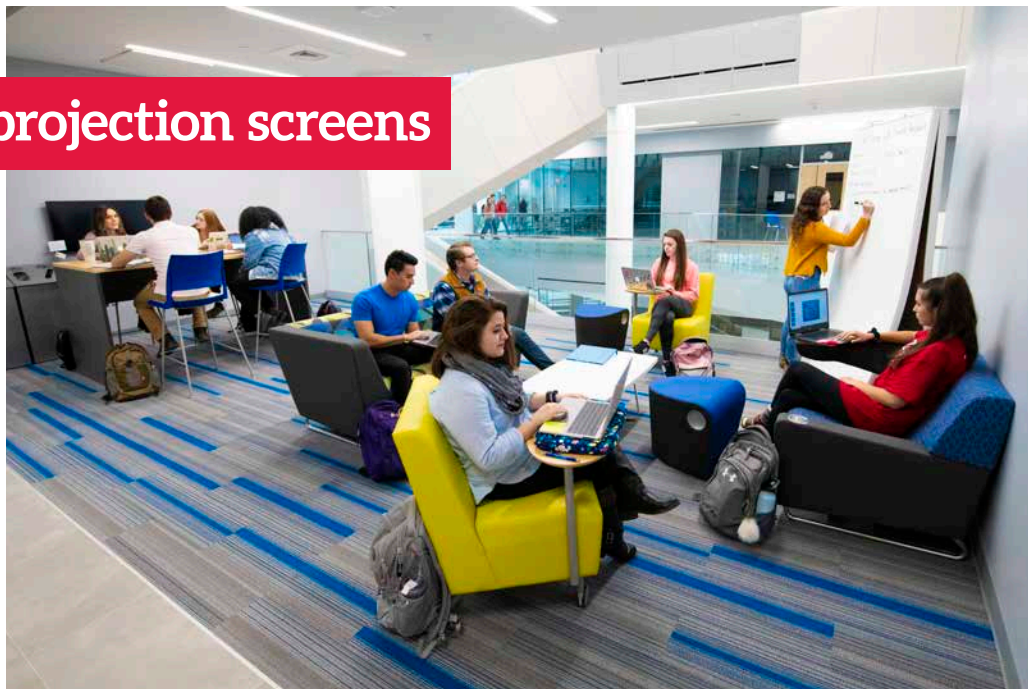
There’s an additional advantage from the building’s state-of-the-art equipment and technology, according to electrical and computer engineering major **Ryan Russell ’21**.

“This will help Bradley’s strong professors shine. If the BECC does anything for Bradley, I believe it should help professors be their best selves.”

Along with linking different disciplines and courses, the Turner Center for Entrepreneur-



51 projection screens



ship reaches out to the community through classes and workshops for those developing or growing their own businesses. One of its latest projects aims to help small, local businesses increase their online presences along with work on cybersecurity. An example of this is restaurants putting their menus and ordering procedures online.

Other research has a global outlook. Suruz Miah, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, has a student who's developing a robot that cleans and disinfects areas using UV light and a disinfectant sprayer. This makes it safe to use when humans or animals are present in a room.

A multisemester senior capstone for students in user experience design partners with Jump Trading Simulation and Education Center at OSF



2,100+ seats



TOP LEFT "Having the advanced technology at our disposal is a substantial attraction to the facility," said **Michael Bianchi '21**. **RIGHT** Getting together in a study area or Delawder's Deli bonds students, faculty and staff.

For a 360-degree view, visit bradley.edu/becctour



3,040 tons of steel

28,400 sq. ft. of glass

RAFAEL RODOLFI

and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. It draws on several areas — physical therapy, marketing, game design and possibly, in the future, mechanical engineering. The project aims to develop a smart posture app that tracks a patient's posture to improve back pain and make it easier for a physical therapist to treat a person remotely.

Various other projects involve research into algorithms to control multiple robots and radio frequency circuit design for charging wireless devices, among others.

"The traditional areas of engineering have matured, while there are a number of emerging areas at the convergence of engineering with other disciplines like business, computer science, basic sciences and health sciences," said Ahmad Fakheri, professor of mechanical engineering. "The concept of convergence has broadened beyond engineering and business to a collaborative approach to learning across traditionally independent disciplines."

While forward-looking in uniting different disciplines across

campus, the BECC also honors two longtime Bradley legends — one from business and one from engineering. Sculpture professor Fisher Stolz created a statue of economics professor and provost Kal Goldberg that stands near the front atrium. A portrait done by the late **Bill Hardin '50** of the late **Martin Abegg '47 HON '93**, a former Bradley president who served as dean of the engineering faculty, is also installed.

Unlike its more utilitarian predecessors — Jobst and Baker halls — the new building's soaring, open design draws

praise. "I like the openness of the building, especially the big glass windows facing the quad," said Assistant Professor Mohammad (Imran) Hossain of the civil engineering and construction department.

"There are so many things I like about (the building) but one thing I like the most is that my office is bright and roomy, especially the height of the ceiling," agreed Jason Jiao, accounting assistant professor.

Multiple study areas are found throughout the building along with a unique amenity:



3 wayfinding displays



8 digital room schedule displays

560 stairs

4 elevators

Delawder's Deli, located inside the BECC's campus-side entrance, which offers sandwiches and snacks, as well as coffee and other drinks.

"The large amount of study spaces right outside the classrooms makes it easy to find time for a quick study session before heading to class," said marketing major **Adam Klein '21**.

"Plus, who doesn't love access to coffee without having to leave the building?" asked Baumann. **B**

— with reporting from Mary Brolley

TOP RIGHT Handy wayfinding stations make navigating the spacious building's levels easier. "The building is impressive," said Baumann. "The design enables collaboration in so many ways."

MEET THE FOODIES

WHO WILL
MAKE YOU
Laugh
AND
WARM YOUR
Heart
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Classmates Jeff Mauro '00  
and Shauna Sever '00 use their  
Midwestern charm to take the  
culinary world by storm.

FOOD NETWORK  
BY WENDY VINGLINSKY  
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# Jeff Mauro '00 was mid-answer during our phone interview when his son, Lorenzo, interrupted.

**“Hey, bud, what’s up? ... A snack? You just ate like an hour ago!”**

**The elder Mauro apologized before joking because of the pandemic, “when you’re home with the family, they’re always here!” Then he negotiated like a pro by suggesting a piece of fruit. Lorenzo countered with a bowl of chips. They both agreed on yogurt.**

**“See? Look at that,” Mauro said, proud he convinced his kid to eat some protein. “You just saw Fathering 101!”**

Previously known to television audiences as the “Sandwich King,” the current co-host of Food Network’s “The Kitchen” is as personable, funny and sarcastic off-screen as he is when the cameras are rolling. One of four siblings, Mauro was the jokester at the raucous family dinner table. As the school class clown, he learned how to capitalize on his affable nature.

“The key was to not be disruptive and get in trouble, and I always managed to find that sweet spot where I could somewhat charm the teachers but also make the kids laugh without being destructive.”

Although his family considered him a prime candidate for sports, the Chicago native gravitated toward the performing arts from the moment he touched the stage for his third-grade production of “Let George Do It!” His parents enrolled him in acting classes, which led to lessons at The Second City, the world-famous improv theatre troupe. By the end of high school, Mauro was sure he had what it took to make it.

“I proposed it to my parents when I was a senior, before I started applying to colleges,” he said. “I was like, ‘You

know, I get it. I know you want me to go to a school. How about I just live in the city for a year, start young, immerse myself in this world of improv and comedy, and then if that doesn’t work out? Boom, go to college.’ But they were like, ‘Hell no, you’re going to college.’”

So, Mauro followed his older brother **Frank '97** and enrolled at Bradley in the fall of 1996, followed later by younger sister **Emily '04**.

## **BOOKWORM TURNED WRITER TURNED PERFORMER**

While young Mauro developed his comedic chops, **Shauna Sever '00** grew up as a bookworm in the Windy City’s northwest suburbs.

“I definitely was not an athletic child,” she confessed. “If there was anything I was going to be in an advanced class doing, it was going to be reading, writing or English-related.”





That's not surprising for someone who already has four published cookbooks to her name, including "Midwest Made: Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland," an homage to her roots. The New York Times named it to their Best Baking Cookbooks of 2019 list.

Sever's love of the written word developed early. She started her ardent reading habit around age 2 and later found she loved writing stories. This led Sever and her younger sister to create alternate worlds and characters, which they brought to life by putting on little plays.

Although she considers herself a little bit introverted, Sever studied theater and made a quick progression. While in high school, she signed with talent agents in Chicago and Los Angeles, auditioning for television networks. Sever's teenage mind raced at the possibility of success in such a daunting business.

"My parents were very practical people. While they were very proud of my acting talents and my experience, they very much wanted me to go to college and get a more practical degree."

Neither of Sever's parents had pursued higher education. They encouraged their daughter's abilities, but like any parents, they wanted her to have the opportunities they hadn't.

"In my way of trying to rebel, I was auditioning for conservatories and trying to prove that I could get into these schools," said Sever. "And I did actually get into some really great conservatory programs. But in the end, that wasn't how it was going to be if I wanted help paying for college."

### BIRTH OF THE SANDWICH KING

After graduation, Mauro opened a restaurant, Prime Time Deli & Catering, with his cousin. Food was always prominent in his Italian American family — he calls his mother "my greatest culinary influence and a tremendous cook" — but his professional love of cooking began at age 15 while working at a local butcher shop. He eventually made his first sandwiches and served customers lunch; he was hooked.

"For me, I was always just being a comedian," he said. "The most gratifying thing is laughter. And to me, when someone's chewing and smiling after you feed them or make them something, it's on par with laughter; it's the same gratification."

Mauro made sandwiches, soups and salads at Prime Time during the day, then performed in the immersive

dinner show "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" at night. It was exhausting, but it forced him to hone his improv skills, learn how to work a room and cook while talking. He moved to Los Angeles to become a comedian but ended up at the famous Le Cordon Bleu culinary school, graduating at the top of his class.

"I kind of became an adult and I said, 'Listen. If I don't make it as a comedian or whatever, I always have food, and if I make it in entertainment, I always have food to add to that, to differentiate myself,'" he said. "I always had this trajectory of trying to combine these two loves of food and entertainment, and I always knew that Food Network would be the pinnacle of that cuz they own it."

He auditioned for "Food Network Star" — the long-running competition/reality series where the winner got their own show — and failed. Mauro and his family moved home to Chicago, where he resumed cooking full time and performing on the weekends. He auditioned for "Food Network Star" twice more. Before his fourth attempt his wife, **Sarah Jones Mauro '00**, said to him, "If you audition for it this year, you're going to make it on the show and our life is going to change forever."

After winning season 7, Mauro's program "Sandwich King" debuted in 2011 and ran for five seasons.

### MIDWEST FOOD ROOTS

Meanwhile, with a journalism degree in hand, Sever and her husband, **Scott Webb '99**, moved to Los Angeles in 2003 to chase her Hollywood dreams. She found success as an entertainment news host and reporter but didn't love the shine and glitz of the show biz lifestyle.

To document her ongoing baking hobby and reignite her writing talent, Sever started the blog "Piece of Cake," now shaunasever.com. She next gave birth to daughter Caroline, son Andrew and three cookbooks: "Marshmallow Madness," "Pure Vanilla" and "Real Sweet." Eventually, she returned to the airwaves, feeling more at ease talking about food than interviewing celebrities.

The family moved back to Chicago in 2015 for Webb to serve as CEO and president of the business and technology consulting company Avionos. Coming home served as the inspiration for "Midwest Made."

"I realized that a lot of the food that I love is specifically from the Midwest," she said. "I took it for granted as being available everywhere, and it is not. So much of it has great stories to go along with it, and part of the motivation for writing the book was wanting to give

(my kids) something, so they never felt that they had to leave this place to appreciate it the way that I had to.”

The baker’s happiest memories include the smells of potent Greek olive oils, mostaccioli with red gravy, corned beef, schnitzel and various sweets. Her Greek-Sicilian grandfather was a tremendous cook, while her German-Swedish-Irish grandmother’s love of baking became Sever’s inspiration. So were the goodies her grandmother would bring from the local shops.

“A lot of those bakery items were things that influenced what I wanted this book to be; you see those in different chapters, especially the first chapter, the sweet doughs. The yeasted items are things that you’ll find in Chicago-area bakeries and Midwestern bakeries. That influence comes from (my grandmother). There was always some kind of coffee cake in a white paper box on the kitchen counter. She was that kind of person.”

With renewed purpose, Sever re-examined her roots by delving into tattered, old recipes, newspaper clippings, and vintage and church community cookbooks. She toured the Midwest, using her journalism background to interview families and bakers, and learned about the history and traditions of the immigrant-influenced treats that make up the region’s food culture.

Three years and 300 pages later, “Midwest Made” was published in 2019. Called a “love letter to the Heartland” it contains personal tales, over 100 reimagined recipes and images of delectable sweets.

### STAYING ENGAGED, LAYING LOW

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, Mauro has kept himself busy both on and off screen. When “The Kitchen” pivoted to at-home production last April, his wife and son took the place of a 100-person crew.

“I think it adds a whole level of authenticity that the studio doesn’t give you,” said Mauro. “I can give Bob Jacobs (former head of Bradley’s radio/television department) a shout out for teaching me what it takes, the behind-the-scenes efforts necessary to make quality television. It really did come in handy! I finally used that (radio/television) degree.”

The chef launched MauroProvisions.com, offering custom butcher boxes of meats and sausages while he and his sister, Emily, started the podcast, “Come on Over,” sharing food tips, tricks and recipes, fun family stories, music and more.

In January, Mauro’s new cooking reality competition show, “Kitchen Crash,” premiered on Food Network. His first cookbook, “Come on Over: 111 Fantastic

Recipes for the Busiest House on the Block,” will release in April. He joked he was playing catch up to his former classmate.

“You know, it’s taken me nine years to write one cookbook, and (Shauna) shoots ’em out like a book a year!”

While Mauro has forged ahead, Sever has taken the opposite approach. The pandemic canceled or postponed many book events and other scheduled appearances, prompting her to take freelance writing projects and virtual author events when possible. Mainly, she shifted her goal from developing new ventures to celebrating “Midwest Made” by sharing it with more audiences.

“For a really long time, I was super focused on the creating part, and feeling like if I wasn’t actively creating, then somehow the work was less valuable,” said Sever. “The thing that I have realized through these months of having everything slow down is that taking the thing that you create, and very carefully and lovingly getting it out into the world and to the people who need and want it, is as important as the creating itself.”

She also used her position and resources within the publishing community to serve others by offering free consultation sessions to women of color wanting to write a food-related book.

“Having the journalism background has come in handy for writing cookbooks in a way that I wouldn’t have known when I started this, but it’s all stuff that I still use. I’m starting to move into a different stage where it’s less about me and the validation of what I’m doing, and more about how can it help somebody else?”

“What have I already learned that I can offer to someone? That, I think, is the thing that will move things forward and make the world a better place, not just throwing another cake recipe out there.”

The college friends — who once spent a summer studying in Europe with fellow Bradley students — have gone from teens with lofty dreams to formidable names in the culinary world. From Chicago to Peoria to L.A. and back, their stories remain so parallel they currently live one town apart and occasionally run into each other at the local Trader Joe’s.

Above all, despite their successes, Mauro and Sever are still down-to-earth, kind and humble Midwesterners. Sever captured this essence in her latest cookbook.

“We like to lie low, and then out of nowhere, blow minds and take names with our hidden stories and talents. And then sort of play off the compliments. Dull shine at its very best.” **B**

KEN GOODMAN

PAUL STRABBIN





## JEFF'S ORIGINAL CHICAGO CHEESESTEAKS

By Jeff Mauro

- One 1-lb. package of Mauro Provision's shaved ribeye (available at Mauro Provisions.com)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more for brushing the rolls
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- Cheese sauce (2 slices of sharp provolone / 2 slices of white American cheese)
- Caramelized onions
- 6 fresh sub rolls, hinged or sliced three quarters of the way through
- Hot giardiniera

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Brush the sub rolls with oil all over the outside and inside, set them on a sheet pan and bake for about 5 minutes, until lightly toasted. Slice the rolls horizontally.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over high heat. Add the oil and a nice even layer of the meat. Season with the garlic salt. Now, don't move the meat. Let it get a nice crispy crust, 3 to 4 minutes. Using tongs, flip the mound of meat to give the top of the pile some heat exposure. Top with 2 slices of provolone and 2 slices of American cheese. Mix it around a bit until the cheese melts and mingles with the crispy meaty bits and everything marries into one homogenous, nebulous mass. Take off the heat immediately to preserve all that juiciness!

Divide the caramelized onions, then the meat, among the rolls, stuffing each roll to the brim. Top the meat with hot giardiniera. Serve with some BBQ chips, a cheesesteak bib and about 6 cold light beers. Makes 6 sandwiches.

## THE ONLY BANANA BREAD YOU'LL EVER NEED

By Shauna Sever

- Nonstick cooking spray for pan
- 1 3/4 cups mashed, very ripe bananas\*
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons firmly packed dark brown sugar

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup well-shaken buttermilk, at room temperature
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon dark rum (optional)
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups plus 2 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar for sprinkling

Position a rack to the lower third of the oven and preheat it to 325°F. Spray a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and line it with parchment paper with a couple of inches of overhang on two opposite sides.

In a large bowl, stir together the mashed bananas, brown sugar, oil, buttermilk, eggs, rum (if using) and vanilla.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

Pour the dry ingredients into the wet and fold until just blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Place the granulated sugar in a small bowl. Dampen your fingertips with water and work them into the sugar until it just begins to look like snow — if you pinch some, it should just barely hold together. Sprinkle the dampened sugar over the batter, aiming to get it clumped up together in spots.

Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes. Let cool for 20 minutes in the pan, then use the parchment paper to help lift the loaf out of the pan and cool completely on a wire rack. Store any leftovers in an airtight container for up to 5 days. Serves 8 to 10.

*\*If you like to freeze bananas for bread-making purposes, just make sure you thaw them to room temperature, and then drain them for several minutes in a sieve to avoid adding too much liquid to the batter.*



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## class notes

### 1973

The board of directors of The Lakes of Delray Beach, Fla., has elected **Bob Berger** to serve as president.

### 1974

**Eric Ryan** retired from his position at DLA Piper's office in Palo Alto, Calif. He also teaches a fundamentals of taxation class at Haas Business School at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned his J.D. A CPA, Eric worked for Apple Computer and PwC.

### 1977

**Jerleen Schlessner** retired June 1, 2020, after serving more than 15 years as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mediapolis, Iowa.

### 1982

**Ruth Snyder** celebrated 20 years with the Office of the Guardian ad Litem in Colorado Springs, Colo. She earned her doctorate of law at the University of Illinois College of Law.

### 1987

**Cathie Crawford MFA** had an exhibit of her woodcuts, titled "Confluence of Color," at the Joanne Goudie Gallery in November.

**Rich Draeger** is the development manager at Peoria's South Side Mission, where he also serves on the executive leadership team.

### 1990

**Norrine Ostrowski Russell** is owner/founder of Russell Coaching, which offers academic, ADHD, and life coaching to students and recently expanded its services nationwide.

### 1991

**David Bozeman** joined the board of The Conservation Fund. A member of Bradley's board of trustees, he is vice president of Amazon Transportation Services. Previously, he worked at

Caterpillar Inc. and Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

**Nathan Brammer MBA** is a partner with Marrs Wealth Management in Ames, Iowa.

### 1993

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants appointed **Josie Licari Hammond** chair of its employee benefits plans experts panel. Currently the national director of employee benefit plan services at RSM US LLP, she is a member of the company's National Professional Standards Group.



Prom season is just around the corner!

To get yourself in the mood for **taffeta, tuxes, streamers and spiked punch**, check out "The Prom" on Netflix.

Starring Meryl Streep and Nicole Kidman, the flick is an adaptation of the 2018 Tony Award-nominated Broadway musical, which was co-produced by **Andrew Kuhlman '11**.



**1997**

**Stephen Novak** celebrated 20 years with The Marketing Store, where he develops and designs toys for McDonald's Happy Meals.

**1998**

Northern Illinois University recently promoted **Lisa Donnelly Miner** to associate vice president of institutional communications and chief communications strategist. She and her husband, **Andy**, have been married nearly 20 years and have two sons.

**2001**

**Nadir Yilmaz MSME** received the SAE International Leadership Citation for his work with the organization formerly known as the Society of Automotive Engineers. He is professor and chair of mechanical engineering at Howard University.

**2004**

**Brett and Mandy Pierce-Ellis M.A. '07 M.A. '12** and their family live in Dunlap, Ill. He is sales manager with Walz Mailing and Label. She is a principal at Dunlap Grade School. *See Bells & Rattles.*

**Jennifer Speiser Koma** is the chief operating officer for A Kid Again, which serves children with life-threatening illness and their families. She is a member of the 2020 Class of 40 Under 40 by Columbus (Ohio) Business First and a C-Suite Honoree as one of Central Ohio's most-admired professionals.

**2011**

**Whitney Fosco** received a 2020 Young Scientist Research Award from Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. An assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral health at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, she earned her doctorate at the University at Buffalo and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Florida International University's Center for Children and Families.



**"I already miss hanging out in the English department office ... It was really fun to go to the place my mother went, and listen to her talk about how it had changed. I remember finding her picture in some of the old yearbooks ... and showing everyone else."**

*—Veronica Blascoe '20 (now at Cornell University Law School)*

**2016**

**Rachel Hibser** is the Midwest district manager for school sales and service for Yamaha Corporation of America, responsible for managing several states, including Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, as well as parts of others. She started with the company as an intern in 2017 and has worked in several jobs for the maker of musical and audio equipment.

**2018**

Shore Community Services in Skokie, Ill., has promoted **Aimée Moy** to assistant program manager.

**2020**

Three 2020 graduates joined Hanson Professional Services Inc. **Hannah Engel** is a civil engineer at the company's Springfield headquarters. **Audrey Hawkins** is a transportation designer in the Chicago office and **Samuel Steiner** is a structural designer in Peoria.



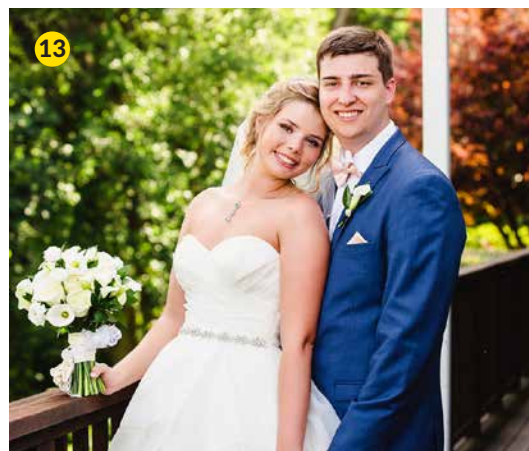
## True Bradley Love Story

**Leo Harmon Jr. '92** and his wife, **Angela Winters-Harmon '93**, celebrated 25 years of marriage March 9, 2021. Leo was the first person Angela met on campus when she checked into her residence hall. Leo serves as senior managing director and co-chief investment officer at Mesirow Financial Equity Management. Angela is the manager of academic projects for online learning at City Colleges of Chicago. They live in Chicago with their daughter, Gabriella.

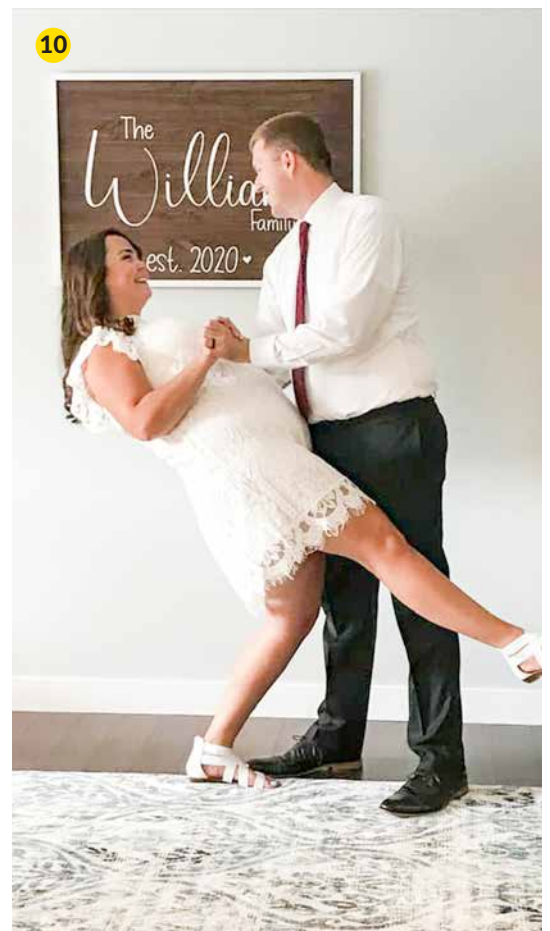
*Photo: the couple in 1996.*

## bells &amp; rattles

- 1 Eveylyn Joan Ellis, daughter of **Brett '04** and **Mandy Pierce-Ellis '04 M.A. '07 M.A. '12**, born June 20.
- 2 Norah Jane Metzger, daughter of Brett and **Jordana Metzger '04**, born June 12.
- 3 Calvin Kolditz, son of **Brett '07** and **Gabby Balzell Kolditz '11**, born April 25.
- 4 Augustus Roi Mohrman, son of **Andrew '07 MBA '11** and **Amanda Groszek Mohrman '07**, born Oct. 18, 2019.
- 5 Hadley Anne Homuth, daughter of Jeremiah and **Mallory Kunde Homuth '09**, born July 3.
- 6 Quinn Linsley, daughter of Ryan and **Katlyn Mueller Linsley '10**, born April 10.
- 7 Leon James Chionuma, son of Daniel and **Sarah Hallstein Chionuma '12**, born Oct. 1.
- 8 **Robert Lugiai '12** married Matthew Wohlgemuth, Aug. 29.
- 9 **Kolby McElvain '12** married Charles Goodrich Aug. 7.
- 10 **Brett Williams '12 M.A. '15** married **Casey Molloy '16**, Sept. 26.
- 11 **Mary Rose Williams '13** married **Tyler Smith '19**, July 25.
- 12 **Miles Himmel '14** married **Kristin Hill '16**, Aug. 15.
- 13 **Claire Woods '15** married **Ryan Simpson '15**, July 11.
- 14 **Hannah Long '17** married **Sam Viebrock '17**, July 18.









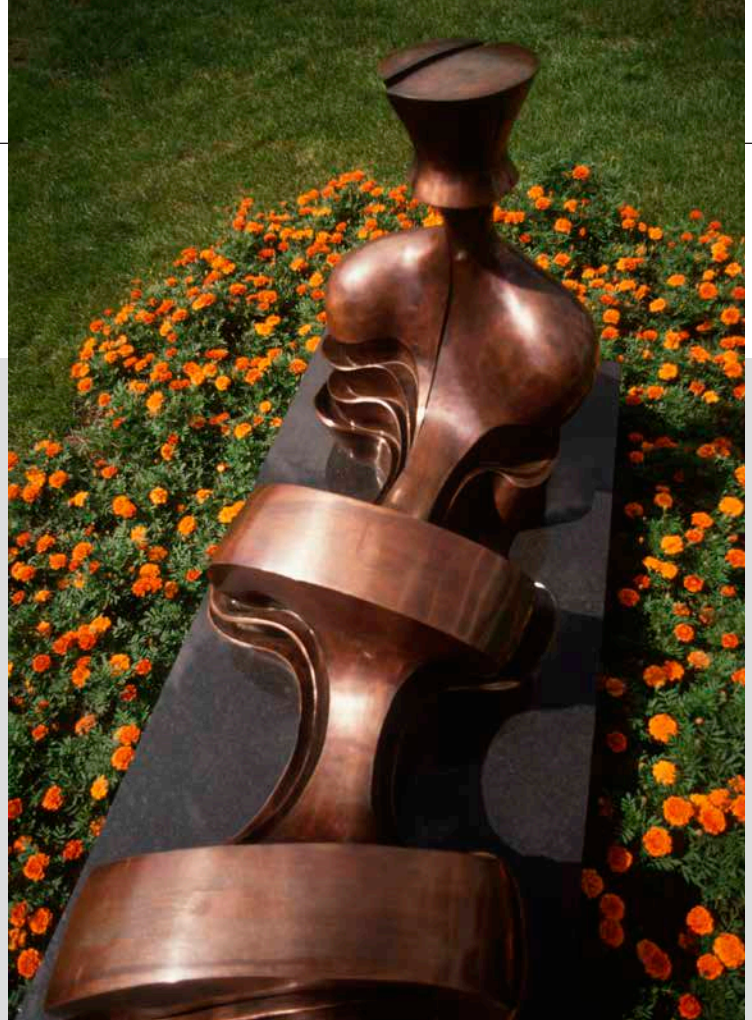
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## Emeriti Faculty

### **Nita Sunderland '52 M.A. '55**

**Nita Sunderland**, professor of art, emerita, and a noted sculptor, died July 17 in East Peoria, Ill. One of the first women to teach sculpture at the college level, she taught at Bradley from 1956–88. Sunderland's large-scale works are in private collections and displayed publicly, including at the Peoria Civic Center, Peoria Riverfront Museum and on campus.

In addition to creating art, she formed a sculpture restoration company that worked on public monuments in Illinois and Indiana. Sunderland worked as a volunteer to restore grave markers at historic Springdale Cemetery. Surviving are her dearest friend and longtime colleague, Beth Linn, two nephews and extended family.



*Reclining Figure, Nita Sunderland*

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### **Betty Church**

**Betty Church**, instructor of family and consumer sciences, emerita, who taught at Bradley from 1965–2004, died July 6 in Colorado Springs, Colo. After earning her master's degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Church led study abroad programs in fashion merchandising and was active in professional and civic groups. Surviving are a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

### **Barb Dreher '48**

**Barb Dreher**, bookstore director, emerita, who worked at Bradley from 1950–89, died July 11 in Peoria. She was a basketball season ticket holder from the early days of the Robertson Memorial Field House. Dreher also enjoyed travel and spoke several languages fluently. She was active in professional groups and her church. Surviving are three nephews and extended family.

### **Ronald Wasden**

**Ronald Wasden**, professor of psychology, emeritus, who taught at Bradley from 1967–2000, died June 7 in Peoria. He was well known for his rat lab course. Wasden earned his master's degree and doctorate at the University of Utah.

### **John DePinto**

**John DePinto**, professor of biology, emeritus, who taught at Bradley from 1966–2000, died Oct. 20 in Ohio. He served as the biology department chair, dean of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and taught part time for 10 years after retiring. DePinto earned his doctorate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Surviving are his wife; sons **Todd '86**, **Jeff '88** and **Bruce '92**; and four grandchildren.

### **Roger Peterson '58**

**Roger Peterson**, associate professor of mechanical engineering, emeritus,

who taught at Bradley from 1960–96, died Nov. 16 in Peoria. After graduation, he attended Purdue University and earned his MSME. In addition to his teaching duties, Peterson performed independent engineering contract work, collaborated with colleagues on several patents and, with his late wife, Betty, endowed a scholarship. Surviving are a daughter, brother and nephew.

## Centurion

### **James Heiple '55**

**James Heiple**, a former chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and a Centurion, died Jan. 18 in Peoria. A graduate of the University of Louisville's Brandeis Law School, he practiced law and served as a circuit and appellate judge before joining the Supreme Court in 1990. Bradley honored him as a Centurion in 1995. Surviving are a brother, **Rae '51**, two sons, five grandchildren and a great-grandson.



- Ann Dovey Jones '40**, Dec. 2, Peoria  
**Louise Ogden Behnke '42**, Nov. 6, Springfield, Ore.  
**Calvin Stone '42**, Nov. 5, Venice, Fla.  
**Carolyn Arnold Martens '44**, Oct. 14, Plainfield, Ill.  
**Phyllis Webb Pryde '44**, Jan. 13, Peoria  
**Marieva Galbreath Maxwell '45, M.A. '73**, Jan. 17, Peoria  
**Barbara Dwyer Shurtleff '47**, Dec. 20, Evansville, Ind.  
**Dean Coleman '48**, Jan. 16, Greencastle, Pa.  
**Louise Lauder Roos '48**, Dec. 20, Monmouth, Ill.  
**Pete Vallosio '48, M.A. '54**, Dec. 13, Morton, Ill.  
**Cass Cherner '49**, Dec. 14, Westchester, Ill.  
**James Chianakas '49**, Jan. 4, Pekin, Ill.  
**Thomas Draper '49**, Nov. 21, Boardman, Ohio  
**Will Martin '49**, Jan. 13, Chicago  
**Ramona Bogue McCaslin '49**, July 22, Dallas  
**Demetra Polites '49**, Dec. 8, Peoria  
**Dick Riehl '49**, Feb. 1, Washington, Ill.  
**Bill Roger '49**, June 5, Chillicothe, Ill.  
**Raymond Swehla '49**, April 29, Oak Brook, Ill.  
**John Addler '50**, Nov. 18, Tenstrike, Minn.  
**Claude Brown '50**, Nov. 5, Encinitas, Calif.  
**George Chianakas '50**, Sept. 29, Crystal Lake, Ill.  
**Terry Day DeBoeuf '50**, June 8, Peoria  
**Ed Dwyer '50**, Oct. 28, Peoria  
**Charles Esch Jr. '50**, Jan. 8, Indianapolis  
**Tadashi Fukumoto '50**, April 14, Honolulu  
**James Ho '50**, Sept. 6, Nuuanu, Hawaii  
**Willis Jolliff '50, MBA '67**, Jan. 14, Peoria  
**Jerry Kassel '50**, Nov. 1, Dedham, Mass.  
**Glen McCullough '50 M.A. '56**, June 3, Peoria  
**James Neese '50**, Oct. 29, South Jacksonville, Ill.  
**Shirley Puckett Olsen '50**, Dec. 7, Grand Junction, Colo.  
**Charles Rager '50**, Jan. 23, Peoria  
**Marjorie Rockenbach Rasmussen '50**, Jan. 19, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Gerald Riechmann '50**, Sept. 28, Mount Vernon, Ill.
- Nellie Snyder Templin '50**, Jan. 6, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Margaret Woodrow Watkins '50**, July 1, Green Valley, Ill.  
**Frances Hall Woodruff '50**, June 1, 2019, Munster, Ind.  
**Bradford Craig '51 M.A. '60**, June 9, Peoria  
**Joseph "Lee" Chismark '51**, Dec. 16, Morton, Ill.  
**Lois Zimmerman Getz '51**, July 5, Morton, Ill.  
**Gilbert Hall '51**, June 29, St. Louis  
**Leonard Hild '51**, July 30, Aurora, Colo.  
**Harold "Jim" James '51**, June 1, Zionsville, Ind.  
**Janet Richert Krupnik '51**, Aug. 3, Ballwin, Mo.  
**Ken Moline '51**, Nov. 16, Peoria  
**Everett Pettis '51**, July 17, North Las Vegas, Nev.  
**Von Pruitt '51**, Nov. 13, Bedford, Texas  
**Robert Reinken '51**, Sept. 11, Morton, Ill.  
**Lewis Robinson '51**, Nov. 29, Janesville, Wis.  
**Adolph "Junior" Roecker '51 MBA '52**, Sept. 3, Peoria  
**Helen Kiker Sheets '51**, Oct. 31, Princeville, Ill.  
**Marilyn "Jolly" Hansen Turnbull '51**, Dec. 9, Tucson, Ariz.  
**Joan Hybiske Barnes '52**, Dec. 19, Washington, Ill.  
**Lorraine Smith Burton '52**, Dec. 26, Rock Hill, S.C.  
**George Fialco '52**, Oct. 5, Boynton Beach, Fla.  
**Milton Hallett '52**, Sept. 22, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Maxine Morrison Horwath '52**, Nov. 25, Arlington Heights, Ill.  
**Nan Bierdemann Martin '52**, Feb. 8, Darien, Ill.  
**John Ordean '52**, Nov. 9, Sterling, Ill.  
**Gregory Sowyrda '52**, Aug. 28, Peabody, Mass.  
**Donna Weiss Spietz '52**, Aug. 19, Indianapolis  
**Kenneth Steiner '52**, Feb. 23, Ludington, Mich.  
**Hilda Wilson Bourgeois-Daly '53**, Sept. 16, Elmhurst, Ill.  
**Tom Fricano '53**, Dec. 2, Northridge, Calif.  
**Maurice Griesbaum '53**, Nov. 2, Alton, Ill.  
**John W. Johnson '53**, Oct. 13, Peoria  
**Orville Pelletier '53**, Sept. 12, Elgin, Ill.
- Langhorne "Mary" Meeker Radeke '53**, March 25, Maquon, Ill.  
**Paul Richards '53**, Dec. 12, Peoria  
**Richard Rook '53**, June 21, Alton, Ill.  
**Jack Ehresman '54**, Dec. 30, Metamora, Ill.  
**Joseph Frank '54**, July 22, Asheville, N.C.  
**Robert Hertenstein '54**, Oct. 20, Morton, Ill.  
**Ron Johnson '54**, Feb. 23, Elburn, Ill.  
**Connie Bollinger Mayfield '54**, Nov. 22, Marble Hill, Mo.  
**Richard "Dick" Pagels '54**, Nov. 9, Glen Ellyn, Ill.  
**Ron Roberts '54**, Sept. 28, Metamora, Ill.  
**Gerald R. Smith '54**, Jan. 20, Orland Park, Ill.  
**Ronald Trimble '54**, Oct. 3, Pekin, Ill.  
**Lloyd "Bud" Zobrist '54**, Aug. 30, Morton, Ill.  
**Patricia Richmond Frank '55**, Oct. 13, Maggie Valley, N.C.  
**Jackie Baumflek Leonhardt '55**, July 19, Chesterfield, Mo.  
**Tom Michael '55**, Jan. 4, Pleasanton, Calif.  
**Larry Miller '55**, Dec. 14, Ottawa, Ill.  
**Richard Narett '55**, Aug. 30, Marseilles, Ill.  
**Lee O'Connell '55**, Dec. 24, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Edward O'Connor Jr. '55**, July 4, Peoria  
**Thomas Schlehuber '55**, Feb. 5, Peoria  
**Paul Shinseki '55**, Aug. 3, Lihue, Hawaii  
**Donald Bussell '56**, June 10, Streator, Ill.  
**Wayne Callister '56**, June 6, Elmwood, Ill.  
**David Ekstrand '56**, July 5, Peoria  
**Bill Etzenbach '56**, Nov. 25, Ottawa, Ill.  
**John Longden '56**, July 10, Tremont, Ill.  
**Jasper Maggio '56**, Jan. 31, Hinsdale, Ill.  
**Everett Sims '56**, July 31, New Windsor, Ill.  
**Thomas Spangler '56**, Jan. 6, Peoria  
**Herman Thompson '56**, Dec. 23, Metamora, Ill.  
**Richard Westhoff '56**, Aug. 1, Peoria  
**Robert Bagby '57**, Oct. 15, Cornucopia, Wis.  
**Frederick Benson M.A. '57**, Aug. 18, Palatine, Ill.  
**Rhea Appenzeller Cornwell '57**, Jan. 29, Mackinaw, Ill.  
**Connie Adams Gibson '57**, Dec. 27, 2018, Austin, Texas  
**Donald Haas '57 M.S. '60**, May 29, Peru, Ill.  
**Allen Kelch '57**, July 24, Peoria

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**Jack Putters '57**, Nov. 22, Norfolk, Neb.

**Marilyn Opseth Tenner '57**, Oct. 11, Germantown, Tenn.

**Jeanette Moravek Crumbaugh '58**, Sept. 16, Joliet, Ill.

**Jack Gillespie '58**, May 15, Naples, Fla.

**Kenneth Helms '58**, Dec. 12, Salinas, Calif.

**Norman Kelly '58**, Aug. 4, Peoria

**Joe Larson '58**, Nov. 3, Ottumwa, Iowa

**Ernest "Frank" Moore '58**, Sept. 25, Fairborn, Ohio

**John Rasmussen '58**, Dec. 13, Springfield, Ill.

**Charles Towne '58**, Aug. 9, Houston

**William White '58**, Nov. 22, Evans, Ga.

**Henry "Paul" Volkman '58**, Aug. 12, Live Oak, Texas

**Mary Biederbeck Vosberg '58**, Nov. 11, Peoria

**Charles Wickhorst '58**, June 24, Rockford, Ill.

**Judy Caress Bendle '59**, Jan. 31, 2019, Crete, Ill.

**Mary McHenry Gottschalk '59**, Sept. 1, Peoria

**Jerry Hayden '59**, Dec. 8, Barrington, Ill.

**Jerry Lyons '59**, Aug. 19, Pekin, Ill.

**Joan Braunagel McShane '59**, Nov. 5, Bettendorf, Iowa

**Leroy Mingus '59**, Nov. 23, Lakewood, Ill.

**Jerry O'Keefe '59**, July 15, Newark, Ohio

**Dick Reeser '59**, Dec. 18, Morton, Ill.

**Romano Rubinelli '59**, June 15, Malvern, Pa.

**Arlyn Wiersema '59**, Oct. 4, 2019, Circle Pines, Minn.

**Alan Wilkinson '59**, Feb. 11, 2020, Kingman, Ariz.

**Phyllis Haley Gingher '60**, Nov. 30, Naples, Fla.

**Michael Grote '60**, July 9, Naples, Fla.

**Frederick Haddad '60**, Sept. 17, Hendersonville, N.C.

**John Jorgensen '60 M.A. '66**, Aug. 1, Peoria

**James Kendall '60**, July 23, Wheaton, Ill.

**Marilyn Crilly Lee '60**, Aug. 17, Houston

**Robert Prater M.S. '60**, Jan. 2, Houston

**David Moran '60**, Jan. 25, Brentwood, Tenn.

**Donald Rawlings '60**, Sept. 14, Savoy, Ill.

**Thomas Rohman '60**, June 21, Chillicothe, Ill.

**Tibbets "Ed" Rolls '60**, July 17, Gilroy, Calif.

**Roger Samuelson '60**, July 9, Boulder Junction, Wis.

**Janet Schooley Sarsha '60**, July 24, Grayslake, Ill.

**Edward Schneider '60**, Jan. 20, Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Richard Wiberg '60**, July 16, Palatine, Ill.

**William Gibson '61**, Oct. 3, Waverly, Ill.

**William Kennedy '61**, Aug. 25, Zion, Ill.

**Kenneth Oswald M.S. '61**, June 7, Hopedale, Ill.

**Bill Sharpe '61**, Jan. 2, Peoria

**Charles Steilen '61**, June 30, Sarasota, Fla.

**T. Roger Sullivan '61**, Nov. 20, Powell, Ohio

**Ray Bergevin '62**, Nov. 5, Washington, N.C.

**Jim Brennan M.A. '62**, Nov. 17, Rockford, Ill.

**Kenneth Carrigan '62**, Dec. 2, Peoria

**James Fagan '62**, Dec. 7, Okemos, Mich.

**Helene Ciciarelli Flanigan '62**, Oct. 20, Peoria

**Jack Gillen '62**, Dec. 13, Springfield, Ill.

**Tony Hladik '62**, July 12, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

**Karl Maierhofer '62, MBA '63** Jan. 2, Carmel, Ind.

**Kaywin Martin '62**, Jan. 11, Delray Beach, Fla.

**Jane Sample Myers '62**, Feb. 6, Saint Augustine, Fla.

**Mark Blakeney '63**, July 1, Danville, Ill.

**Robert Janosov MSME '63**, July 16, Peoria

**Joseph Kozlevcar '63 MSEE '66**, Oct. 19, Peoria

**Syed Majid MSIE '63**, Feb. 2, Skokie, Ill.

**T. June Baughman Martinie-Phegley '63**, Dec. 17, East Peoria, Ill.

**Joan Whelan Milani '63**, June 24, South Bend, Ind.

**Glen Stancliff '63**, Aug. 26, Andover, Ill.

**Jack P. Witty M.S. '63**, Aug. 2, 2019, Elgin, S.C.

**John Woerner '63**, Sept. 22, Peoria

**William Borchelt '64**, March 17, Evergreen, Colo.

**Larry Clasing '64**, July 12, Bartonville, Ill.

**Jack Heiniger '64**, Dec. 13, Germantown Hills, Ill.

**Roy Meyer '64**, June 1, Rock Falls, Ill.

**Alexander Sleiman '64**, Dec. 7, Woodbury, Minn.

**George Vlach '64**, Jan. 31, Port Charlotte, Fla.

**Jacqueline Speyer Buster '65**, Dec. 10, Peoria

**Ralph Hardwick '65**, Nov. 23, Crawfordsville, Ind.

**Mary Allison Helfman '65**, June 27, Sturgeon Lake, Minn.

**Kathleen Bourne Holder '65**, Sept. 21, Vestal, N.Y.

**Dale Miller '65**, Dec. 19, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

**Steven Parsons '65**, Sept. 15, Washington, Ill.

**Nancie Zorn Shellenbaum '65**, June 13, Venice, Fla.

**Kent Wellbrock '65, M.A. '67**, Jan. 27, Monarch Beach, Calif.

**Jerry Zuspahn M.A. '65**, June 25, Springfield, Ill.

**Michel Barbezat M.A. '66**, March 29, Elgin, Ill.

**Pete Blasko '66**, Nov. 23, Decatur, Ill.

**Terry Celba '66**, May 25, Vernon Hills, Ill.

**Richard DeKleine '66**, May 7, Coatesville, Pa.

**Robert Foglesong '66 M.A. '71**, April 4, Greenback, Tenn.

**Richard Gollnitz '66**, Feb. 3, Chillicothe, Ill.

**Michael Hayes '66**, May 16, 2019, Apple Valley, Minn.

**John Hinck M.A. '66**, Dec. 18, Park Ridge, Ill.

**David Kylan '66**, Oct. 19, Fuengirola, Malaga, Spain

**John McCornack M.S. '66**, May 23, Yukon, Okla.

**Neil Campbell '67**, June 3, Palm Beach Shores, Fla.

**Dianne Iid Effner '67**, Oct. 14, Jamestown, Mo.

**A.J. Gatzemeyer M.S. '67**, Dec. 25, Morton, Ill.

**Michael Henrikson '67**, Dec. 31, Sacramento, Calif.

**Ronald Sineni '67**, Dec. 15, Wylie, Texas

**Jerry Waltz MSME '67**, Feb. 4, Peoria

**Tom Wojtas '67 M.A. '73**, Nov. 25, Pekin

**Frank Mavetz '68**, Aug. 14, Canton, Ill.

**Barbara Macemon Quickstad '67**, Dec. 23, Peoria

**Derrell Jones '68**, Jan. 13, Washington, Ill.



**Jerry Loacker '68**, Dec. 12, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.  
**Pamela Heins Raymond M.S. '68**, Jan. 21, Hudson, Ill.  
**John Weese M.A. '68**, Nov. 25, Galesburg, Ill.  
**George Cackley M.S. '69**, Dec. 3, Hanna City, Ill.  
**Joan Faulhaber Fleming '69 M.A. '72**, Oct. 14, Chillicothe, Ill.  
**Duane Haag M.S. '69**, Aug. 22, St. Simon Island, Ga.  
**J. Russell McDavid M.A. '69**, Aug. 26, Fort Collins, Colo.  
**Vivian Moehle Todden M.A. '69**, Jan. 13, Peoria  
**Judd Van Sickle '69**, June 4, Wilmington, N.C.  
**Susan Orten Adams '70**, Sept. 22, Bartonville, Ill.  
**Ralph Forsberg '70**, May 9, Midland, Mich.  
**Martin Freund '70**, Dec. 29, 2019, Port Hueneme, Calif.  
**Jeanne Koehler Hoffer '70**, Oct. 4, Cleveland, Tenn.  
**Thomas Hubbard '70**, Oct. 21, 2019, Vancouver, Wash.  
**Ted LaBedz '70**, Dec. 25, Boone, N.C.  
**Oiva Karna '70**, June 14, 2019, Katy, Texas  
**Carol McDaniels '70**, Jan. 7, Bartonville, Ill.  
**Jack Thompson '70**, Jan. 28, Sunrise, Fla.  
**Dennis Winkler M.A. '70**, June 1, Morton, Ill.  
**Sharon Hopkins Altman M.A. '71**, Sept. 9, Pekin, Ill.  
**Gary Creamer '71**, Dec. 14, Arrington, Tenn.  
**Cheri Nordenberg Greenlee '71**, Oct. 6, Rockford, Ill.  
**Thomas Kelly M.A. '71**, June 30, Peoria  
**Herb Rodier MEA '71**, Feb. 6, Chillicothe, Ill.  
**Bill Ryan '71**, June 30, Staten Island, N.Y.  
**Jack Bensing M.S. '72**, Oct. 9, East Peoria, Ill.  
**Miriam Freddolino Scoggins '72**, Jan. 29, 2019, Okemos, Mich.  
**Richard Stahl '72**, Jan. 7, Littleton, Colo.  
**James Kreiser '73**, Dec. 17, Richmond, Va.  
**Bob Linnemann M.A. '73**, Nov. 5, Mesa, Ariz.  
**Virginia Pack Sandner '73**, Jan. 23, Houston  
**Roman Wegrzyn '73**, Nov. 11, Peoria  
**Michael Wesner '73**, Dec. 23, Morton, Ill.

**Mary Campbell Hooks '74 M.A. '80**, May 26, Peoria  
**Craig Curry '74**, Dec. 10, Peoria  
**George Klasek '74**, Feb. 7, Madison, Wis.  
**Richard Kleven '74**, Feb. 20, Tomball, Texas  
**James Obert Jr. '74**, June 21, Dixon, Calif.  
**Barbara McMillan Pope M.A. '74**, Dec. 5, Morton, Ill.  
**Mardona Thornton Shay '74**, Sept. 15, Peoria  
**Donald Williams '74**, Oct. 18, Poinciana, FL  
**Leslie Haas Bouris '75**, Oct. 26, Peoria  
**Naomi Peskind Fishman M.A. '75**, Jan. 8, Peoria  
**Mary "Fran" Bernabei McShane '75**, Nov. 13, Peoria  
**Thetus "Woody" Siltman '75**, Oct. 11, East Peoria, Ill.  
**Terrence Dobberstein '76**, March 8, Berea, Ohio  
**Mary May Law '76**, Feb. 5, Downers Grove, Ill.  
**Michael R. Leonard '76**, Jan. 22, Brighton, Mich.  
**Garry Lock '76**, Aug. 9, Edwards, Ill.  
**Donald Wilson '76**, Dec. 18, Chillicothe, Ill.  
**Maxine Acuff Blane '78, M.A. '81**, Dec. 4, Peoria  
**K. Tate Chambers '79**, June 6, Morton, Ill.  
**John Harty '79**, Nov. 20, Lakeland, Fla.  
**Richard "Neal" Pearson '79**, Sept. 27, Peoria  
**James Theine '79**, Aug. 5, Washington, Ill.  
**Kristine Karstens Bell '80**, Jan. 7, Dunlap, Ill.  
**Peter Wessler '80**, Nov. 25, West Peoria, Ill.  
**Jon Austin '81**, Nov. 24, Jacksonville, Ill.  
**Dane Borho '81**, July 20, Peoria Heights, Ill.  
**Christie Epp Eyler '81**, Jan. 20, Rushville, Ill.  
**Robert Gilmore HON '82**, Sept. 22, Peoria  
**Gregory Johnson '82**, Dec. 20, Newburgh, Ind.  
**Galyn Clark '83**, Sept. 2, Germantown Hills, Ill.  
**James Hayes '83**, Dec. 3, 2019, Oak Brook, Ill.  
**Sikha Bhattacharyya Bhattacharya MBA '84**, Feb. 1, 2020, Peoria  
**Michael Hynds '84**, Feb. 14, Champaign, Ill.  
**Kenneth Kaminski '84**, Aug. 8, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**Lawrence DeCapp '85 M.S. '95**, Jan. 13, East Peoria, Ill.

**Eric Hinshaw '85**, Oct. 31, Geneseo, Ill.  
**Bruce Andrews MLS '88**, June 1, Peoria  
**Dennis Hamon '90**, July 23, Peoria  
**Scott Hargrave '88**, Dec. 26, Edmonds, Wash.  
**Charlene "Kay" Hazelman Osborn '90 M.A. '97**, Nov. 2, Savannah, Ga.  
**Paula Urban Renken '90**, June 28, Washington, Ill.  
**Eric Suender '91 M.A. '94**, May 26, Portage, Mich.  
**Randal Peterson MBA '93**, Oct. 3, Windsor, Colo.  
**Gail Peterson-Forbes '93**, Dec. 10, Dunlap, Ill.  
**Brian Gilboy '94**, Aug. 31, Lake Zurich, Ill.  
**Jeff Bassnuener '95**, Nov. 19, Plymouth, Wis.  
**James Carlberg MBA '96**, Dec. 11, Peoria  
**Elmer "Al" Dahms MBA '96**, June 6, Fergus Falls, Minn.  
**Harold McCampbell '97**, Oct. 1, Groveland, Ill.  
**Brian Woertz '97**, Oct. 4, Mapleton, Ill.  
**Henry "Hank" Aaron HON '02**, Jan. 22, Atlanta, Ga.  
**Richard Milburn '02**, Dec. 15, Fort Atkinson, Wis.  
**Josh Bair '07**, Nov. 10, Des Plaines, Ill.  
**Larry King HON '09**, Jan. 23, Los Angeles  
**Sarah McCafferty '11**, Aug. 8, Peoria  
**Adam Linnenburger '12**, Dec. 13, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
**Daniel Altman '14**, July 9, Plymouth, Mich.

#### FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

**Dolores Studnicki**, Dec. 15, Streator, Ill.  
**Nancy "Sis" Carmody Schwartz '10**, Oct. 9, East Peoria, Ill.

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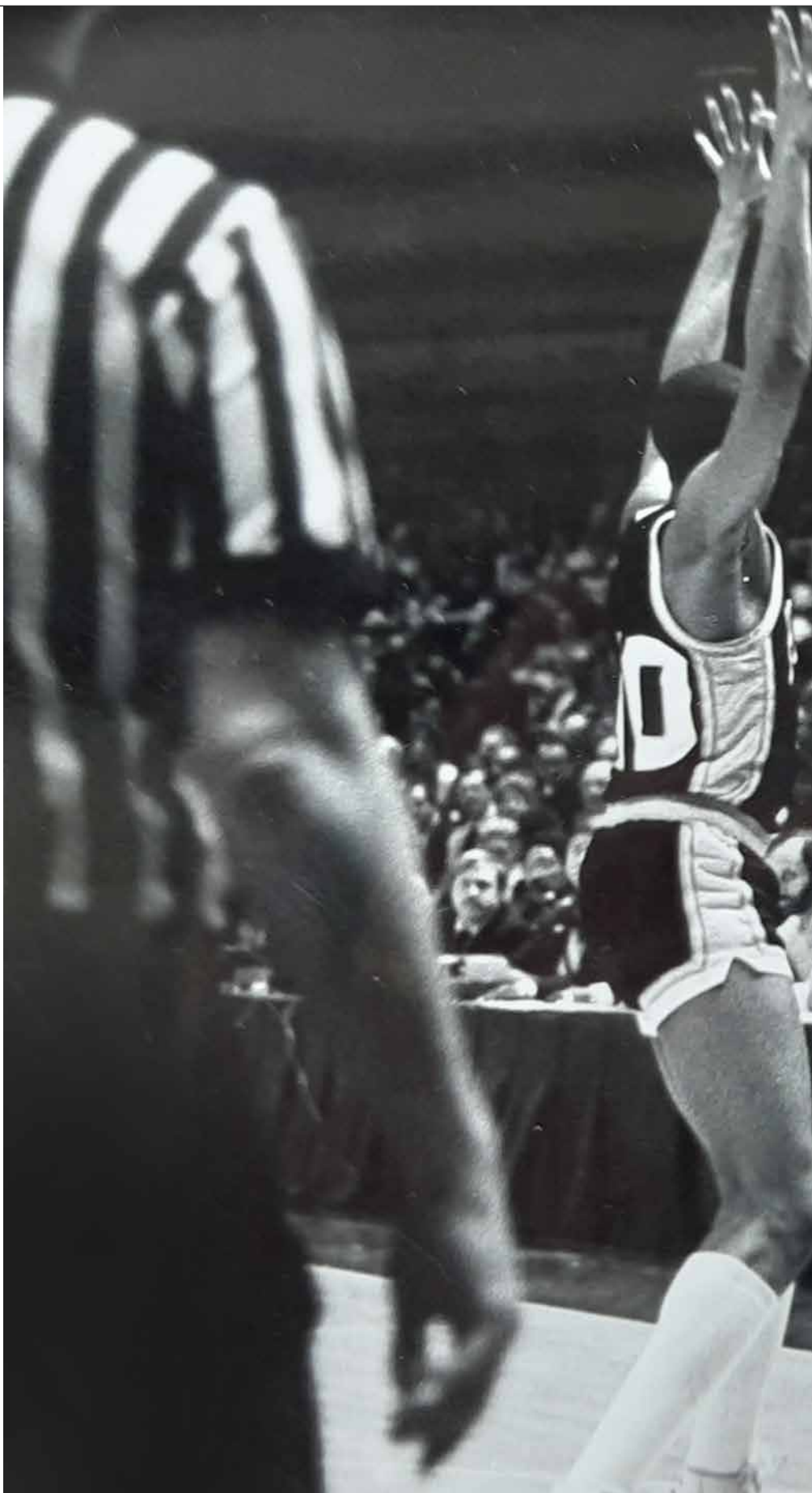
We attended every home game, including the last men's contest, held at Robertson Memorial Field House. Instead of going on spring break, my father, **James Garrott Sr. '59**, invited us to go to New York for the NIT semifinal and final games. We stayed in a hotel across the street from Madison Square Garden and enjoyed many of New York's sites during our three-day visit.

On the night of the championship game, my father had tickets with two of his friends and sent us on our way to get our own tickets. We went to the Bradley room in the hotel where they were selling tickets in the Bradley sections. We arrived 45 minutes before the final tip-off and I recognized a fellow student handling the tickets. He told us we could get tickets, but said to wait for 15 minutes since he would close ticket holds 30 minutes before game time.

We waited patiently and were awarded tickets held for someone else who didn't show up. The two seats ended up being in the front row next to the Bradley bench under the basket. Joe's parents were watching the game on television in Burbank, Ill., and could see us. Bradley won their fourth NIT championship beating Purdue 67-58. We had the best seats in the house and celebrated on the floor with the team, while my father's seats were several levels up. Considering the Braves were snubbed from the NCAA tournament that year, this was our March Madness.

It has been 40 years since we decided to room together and we have enjoyed a lot of memories since then, but this one was a once in a lifetime experience (until they win again)!

**Jim Garrott Jr. '84**





“We had the best seats in the house and celebrated on the floor with the team.”

— Jim Garrett Jr. '84



Special Scout supplement—

## BRADLEY BRAVES -- NIT CHAMPIONS



# feedback

We're a group of six 1979 grads who still enjoy the bond we created as roommates and friends over 40 years ago. It's hard to overstate how important our time was



From left to right: Nancy Gondzur, Donna Bertulis Santi, Denise Hojnacki Thompson, Kim Lindaas Dittbenner, Vicki Bertino Lennon, Anne Borgatell Matthies

at Bradley. We all worked hard, played hard, laughed and learned we can count on each other for life. We all still live in Illinois or Wisconsin and see each other several times a year, as well as for every major family event. We try to take semiannual girls' trips, and the photo above is from the Riverwalk when we traveled to San Antonio, Texas last year.

**Kim Lindaas Dittbenner '79**

I transferred to Bradley from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) my junior year. I was originally accepted out of high school, but coming from Connecticut it seemed a bit too far and potentially a cultural shock (East Coast vs. Midwest). However, upon changing my degree at UNH, Bradley was the wise choice as it was one of the pioneers in offering a four-year degree in construction. So, in the fall of 1973, after a long 1000-mile trip, I was happy to check into my room in Williams Hall. Walking into my room was a shock. I knew Williams

was a co-ed dorm, but imagine my surprise when I walked into my room and there laying down on one of the beds was a girl.

Wow! I was not prepared for that. However, after introducing ourselves and a short conversation, I discovered she was my real roommate's girlfriend. I can't recall now if I was disappointed or relieved. I can say moving into Williams was a great choice as I met the best group of guys you could hope to meet and to this day, 45 years after graduation, we are still friends, stay in touch and get together as often as time and distance

allows. Thanks Bradley!

**Steve Comeau '75**

**Theo Khayat '15** met **Joe Salemi '15** on Move-In Day their freshman year at Bradley, August of 2011. They have lived together in Wyckoff Hall, the Delta Tau Delta house, Bradley off-campus, another Bradley off-campus. After graduation, they lived together in Humboldt Park in Chicago



Theo and Joe, 2011



Casey and Charlie in the 1970s

and then moved into the Loop in Chicago. They are now living apart from each other for the first time in eight years and still remain great friends to this day. Complete opposite temperaments but kindred spirits for life, thanks to Bradley University!

**Submitted by Theo's mom, Debbi**

After World War II ended, my dad, **Casey Cherner '49**, and my "Uncle" **Charlie Jahn '49** (a term he used for close friends) applied for the GI Bill, which allowed them to receive financial assistance for a college education. President Roosevelt signed the bill into law June 22, 1944.

In the spring of '46, my dad moved to Peoria and lived in a boarding room for his first semester. He majored in mechanical engineering. His high school friend, Uncle Joe, was living with Uncle Charlie on Main Street in the government-installed housing they called "The Shacks." At the end of that summer, Uncle Joe planned to move to Boulder, Colo., to attend the university there and Uncle Charlie needed a roommate.

Uncle Joe held the room for my dad because so many GI's were looking for housing. At the time, the government didn't approve of the more expensive cost of dorm housing. My dad and Uncle Charlie spoke over the phone, and my dad moved in for the fall semester.

Little did either know they would be friends for



1949



Charlie and Casey

1999

Casey with his replacement diploma and Bradley socks

2019



two children:  
my brother Tom  
and me.

Over 50 years, my  
dad, Uncle Charlie  
and our families

life; more like brothers for over 50 years. Uncle Charlie majored in industrial engineering. He and my dad studied together. They played jokes and pranks on each other throughout their time as roommates. The guys would ask Uncle Charlie why he wasn't married since he was older, and his response was always because no one had asked him. Uncle Charlie was nicknamed "The Old Lady" because he placed curtains and rugs in the room, and he was always late to class.

After graduation, my dad and Uncle Charlie returned to Chicago to find jobs. Uncle Charlie moved in with Uncle Joe at his parents' home. My dad lived at home with his father. Uncle Charlie met his wife, Leona, and they married in 1950. Afterwards, they moved to southern California with a job offer, and raised three children: Greg, Donna Lee and Stephen. My dad met his wife, another Leona, and they married in 1952. They remained in Chicago, and raised

vacationed, visited and enjoyed each other's company. Exchange of yearly Christmas cards from The Charles Jahn Family was always filled with a long letter of the past year's news. In 1999, the 50-year Reunion at Bradley was loads of fun for all.

A Chicago visit in the summer of 2001 was the last time my dad saw Uncle Charlie, as he boarded the train for the airport. Uncle Charlie died in January 2002. My mother, Leona Cherner died in 2007. Leona Lee Jahn died in 2015.

In April 2019, my dad received an original copy of his Bradley diploma since the one he received at graduation in 1949 was destroyed in the flood of 1969. For my dad, Uncle Charlie and Uncle Joe, attending Bradley on the GI Bill in the late 1940's was a special time. It was a time full of pride and numerous, fond and unforgettable memories.

**Submitted by Julie Cherner**

The good old days: In 1962 nine Arlington High grads headed to Bradley University. **Kathy Metz Lemke '66** and I had decided to be roommates. She fell in love with **Chuck Lemke '65**. He would pick her up in the early mornings, so they could study undisturbed. The dorm was still locked at that time. Chuck had no way to wake Kathy and she'd miss their meetings.

We decided to tie a string around her big toe and dangle it out the window so it woke Kathy up when Chuck tugged it. This was a success until Kathy caught a bad cold from leaving the window cracked. However, it didn't deter us from many successful future adventures or them from getting married. Today we share some of these stories with our grandkids.

**Vohny Woods Moehling '67**

At mid-year during my freshman year, my roommate transferred to another school. So, I asked another freshman friend if she would like to move into my dorm room. I had just started the habit of smoking, since it seemed the thing to do. My friend, whom I asked if she wanted to move to my room said, "I'd like to move into your room, but only if you don't smoke." Since I had just taken up smoking, I said "No problem, the cigarettes go!" Thanks to my roommate — who was my roommate through my bachelor's and master's degrees — I never picked up smoking again. I am so thankful I gave up smoking before it became a habit!

**Jean Heisner Penwell '71**

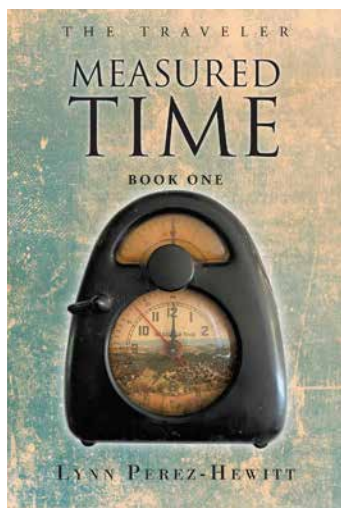
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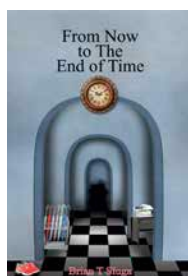
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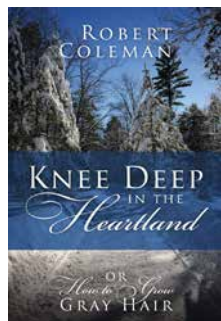
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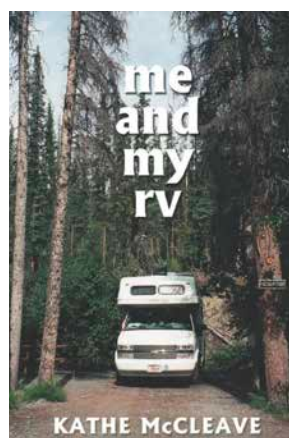
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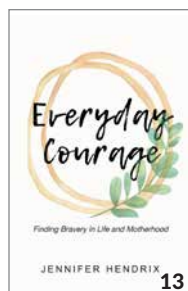
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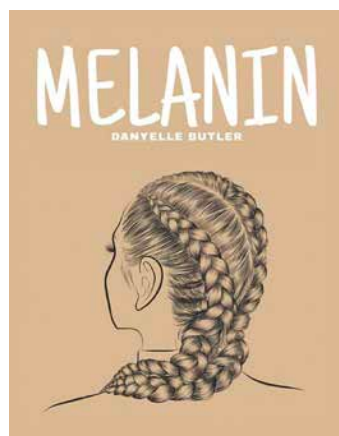
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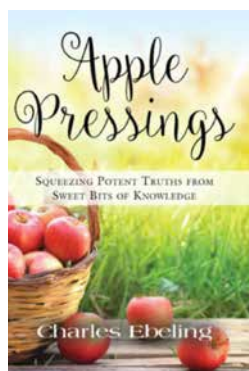
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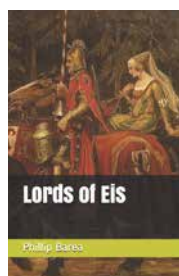
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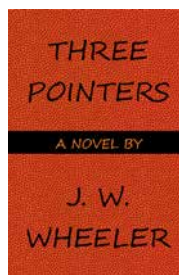
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## SETTLE DOWN WITH A GOOD BOOK

It's no secret that for many, reading a good book is one of life's great pleasures. Whether you head off on a grand adventure through the pages of a novel, become inspired by an author's journey in their memoir or learn a new skill from an expert, you're sure to find something enjoyable in these books authored by the talented Bradley community.

- 1 "Me and My RV"  
K.D. McCleave '62
- 2 "Knee Deep in the Heartland: Or How to Grow Gray Hair"  
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Chuck Ebeling '66
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Erik Czerwin '05
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- 14 "Melanin"  
Danyelle Butler '24



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to pay for face masks.**

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to learn, focusing on  
schoolwork instead  
of a virus is everything.**

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Sincerely,

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**Tory '96, Josh '09, Rachel '09,**  
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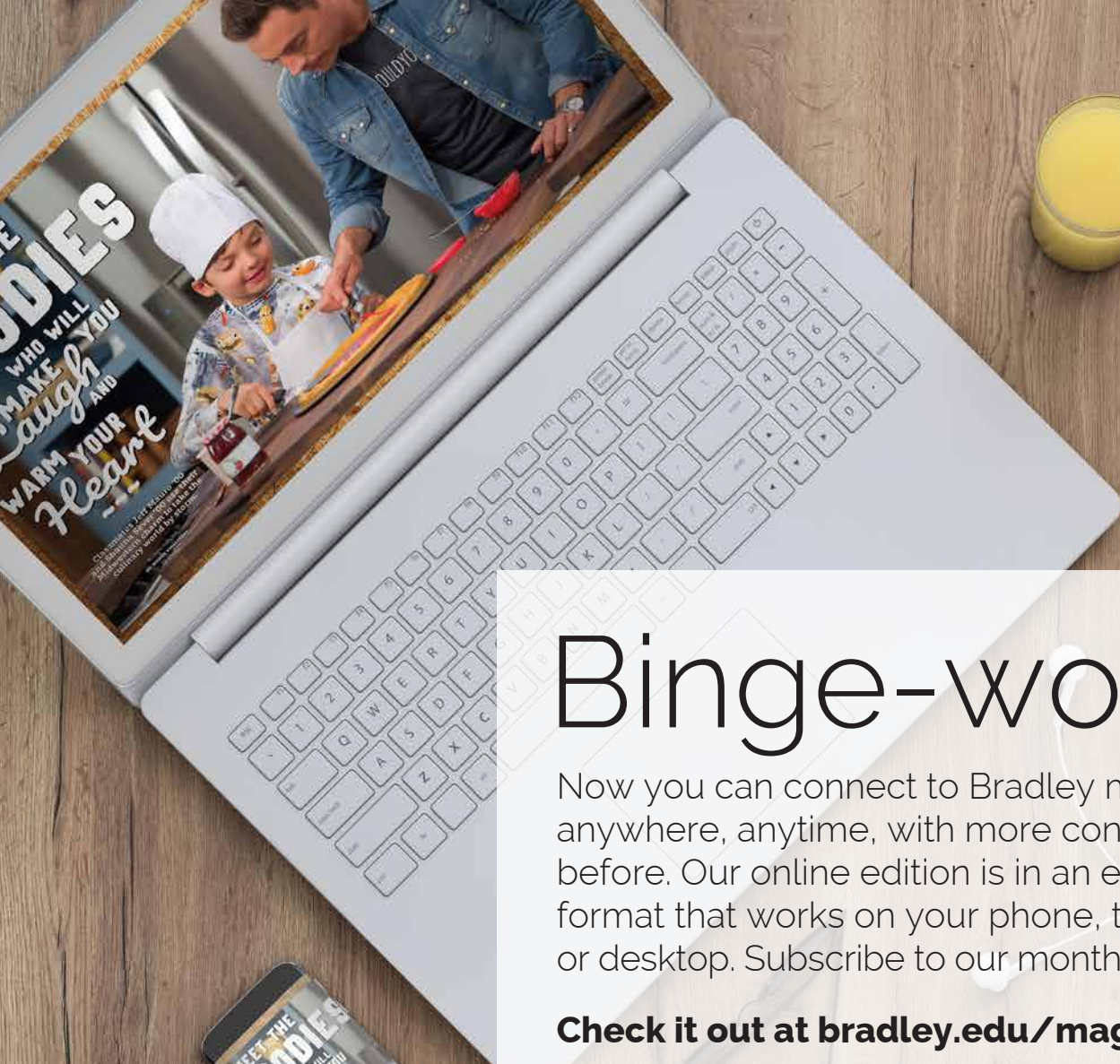
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*Getting ready for the fall semester was a challenge, but it also offered new learning opportunities.*

## EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY

## Preparing for Anything

I don't think I would be alone in saying that preparing for the fall 2020 semester has been the most difficult challenge I've faced in my time as a faculty member. On top of the normal summer activities of making sure my courses were up-to-date with any financial reporting regulatory changes, there were new technologies and teaching methods to learn and consider.

It was a daunting task to design effective courses that could be taken in a hybrid format by some students and in a fully online format by others. It also needed to be flexible enough to switch seamlessly back and forth between hybrid and fully online as the situation on campus might demand.

I spent much of the summer focused on developing new skills and planning the structure of my courses. I attended the Fundamentals of Online Design (FOLD) course offered by the Learning Design and Technology department. This two-week course covered best practices in online course design and provided training on some of the available software tools to improve and promote interaction in online courses.

In addition, I completed a self-study course designed to help Bradley faculty learn how to use the new learning management software (LMS) adopted by the university. Finally, I took advantage of opportunities to exchange ideas with other Bradley faculty, including participating in faculty forums sponsored both by the Bradley Faculty Engagement Team and the Foster College of Business Research and Teaching Committee.

When designing my courses, I tried to maintain two types of engagement: engagement between myself and the students and engagement between

the online and hybrid students. In order to increase interaction among the students, I designed a group project for each of my courses and set the groups so they contained a mix of online and hybrid students. I created a group landing page in the LMS where group members can communicate and collaborate.

"I appreciate the Bradley community for the hard work they've put in."

Other techniques I'm using to maintain engagement include using video conference software to bring remote students into the classroom and to bring all students together periodically for a synchronous meeting. I also use it to hold office hours so I can have face-to-face conversations with any student in the course.

The technology allowed me to create two-part assignments where students answer the first part on a discussion board and help each other get to the correct answer. Then, they submit the second part individually to me so I can provide feedback. For another assignment, I ask students to record videos of themselves so their classmates can respond with feedback.

I know it has been a struggle for all Bradley students, faculty and staff to adjust to the nontraditional schedules, new technology and continued uncertainty. I can't emphasize enough how much I appreciate the Bradley community for the hard work they've put in, the overall willingness to be flexible, to have patience with each other and to support each other in this difficult situation.



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The Big Question

# What was your favorite food at Bradley?

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While sushi might not be for everyone, the chef's special nigiri sampler was a favorite from the now-closed Happy Fish sushi restaurant in CampusTown shopping center.