Is Rice Security Food Security?
SOME OF YOU MAY RECALL that I was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Bradley from 1998–2005 before joining Kettering University as president. I decided in 2011 to retire and move back to the Peoria area to be close to family. My academic career had spanned 40 years and five universities, and I thought it was over. Well, I was wrong!

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering asked me if I would teach part time in the spring semester of 2014 — something that I am continuing to do and thoroughly enjoy. Then, this spring, Bradley began its search for its 11th president, and I was asked if I would serve as interim president until a new president steps on board.

Yes, I’m having a little difficulty executing this “retirement” plan; however, because of my deep affection for Bradley, I agreed to serve in this capacity through what I expect to be a short interim period. I can assure you that, despite this transitional phase, Bradley University is on the move and focused on the future.

Speaking of the future, there is a lot of excitement about the future of our men’s basketball program. In June, we had nearly 1,200 people turn out for a luncheon to welcome our new director of athletics, Dr. Chris Reynolds, and our new head basketball coach, Brian Wardle. The atmosphere was electric, and the crowd was energized beyond all expectations.

We also held two special alumni events in June. The first Sudanese alumni events took place June 5–7 and was attended by nearly 100 people from Sudan, Saudi Arabia and all over the United States. It was heartwarming to see so much passion for Bradley from this group. We also were fortunate to have some of our most prominent alumni on campus in June for the biennial Leadership Summit. These leaders brought with them decades of experience in a variety of industries from around the world and shared their incredible talents with our attendees.

Bradley recently received national and international attention for some of the great things happening on campus. The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center, directed by Jim Foley and housed in the Turner Center at Bradley, signed a trade agreement with the World Trade Centre Winnipeg. This new partnership provides the Foster College of Business and the University with another international partner to support our academic goals and community economic development efforts.

Bradley’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program now offers the first orthopedic residency program in downstate Illinois. Also, our game design students designed a new mobile game to illustrate the effects of blood sugar imbalances in people with type 2 diabetes. Dr. Monica McGill, associate professor of interactive media and game design lead, and her students launched the game this summer.

We now are accepting applications for five new online nursing programs. This new avenue allows us to offer programs of the highest quality in a cutting-edge online environment that is both flexible and convenient for working nurses who are balancing other responsibilities. The programs are currently available in over 30 states with more to come.

As you can see, the dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff and students continue to enhance Bradley’s reputation and add value to your Bradley degree.

A new semester is almost upon us. Welcome Week kicks off on August 22. Family Weekend will be September 18–20, and the fall semester wouldn’t be complete without a Founder’s Day celebration and a festive Homecoming. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for “Homecoming 2015: A Brave New World” from September 20–26.

This year’s Homecoming will feature perennial favorites such as the Lighting of the B, along with a variety of new events and activities. The Braves soccer team will take on Loyola on Friday evening at Shea Stadium, and Saturday will feature the Bids for the Braves dinner/auction and numerous other affinity group reunions.

I invite you to return to the Hilltop to celebrate our great Bradley Homecoming tradition.

Best wishes,
ON THE COVER: A woman in Bihar, India, uses the wind to clean paddy (unhusked grain) after it was threshed by hand. Al Schmidley ‘85 works with rice farmers in impoverished areas of Asia to devise strategies to improve postharvest processes and enhance food security. Photo courtesy IRRI.

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‘Bradley Means Everything to Me’

Bill Hardin ’50 and Marian Hoerr Hardin ’48 expressed their love for their alma mater through decades of generous giving, but Bill’s most treasured gifts to the University are his paintings.

For the Love of the Red and White

Considering it an honor to serve Bradley University, Joanne Glasser retired after eight years of tireless dedication to Lydia Moss Bradley’s vision.

Is Rice Security Food Security?

Alfred Schmidley ’87 turned a lifelong fascination with Asia into a career helping farmers in the developing world protect their rice crops after harvest.

Closing a Highway to Hell: A Heroic Roadblock to End Human Trafficking

Annie Dollarhide Kardas ’99 is the voice of The A21 Campaign, an international nonprofit organization battling human trafficking.

Bradley Born and Raised

Cathy Lechner Costello, MA ’83 and Dean Costello ’86 encouraged their sons to excel in school, be loyal to each other and have fun. All three did just that — at Bradley.

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KRISTINE SCHMELING ’17 spent January Interim on Bradley’s Global Medical Training (GMT) trip to the Dominican Republic. GMT partners with colleges to offer short-term mission trips to impoverished areas in Central America to students interested in medical careers.

JEROME GREGORY ’17 was named pentathlon champion at the National Forensics Association national tournament at Ohio University. Top in the nation in rhetorical criticism, he captured the speech team’s 156th individual championship.

In April, KRISTIN KREHER ’15 posted this photo of campus radio station The Edge to Instagram. The student-run station provides students with music of all kinds — and an opportunity to host their own radio shows.

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NEIL FLYNN ’82 won Celebrity Jeopardy! in May, beating actress Debra Messing of The Mysteries of Laura and Vince Gilligan, creator of Breaking Bad. The star of Scrubs and The Middle donated his winnings — $50,000 — to the Children’s Miracle Network.

Sara Wehrheim ’13 with Kesha on the set of Rising Star
At the Emmys
With Justin Bieber at his Comedy Central Roast
With Grumpy Cat
With Ringo Starr

Though not an astronomer, SARA WEHRHEIM ’13 has seen plenty of stars. Currently the associate partnership manager in the talent department at Twitter, she also was talent social coordinator for the shows Rising Star and So You Think You Can Dance. Check out her Instagram account @swehrheim18 to see her galaxy of celebrities.

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Summit Energizes Leaders

Nearly 130 new and emerging leaders gathered on campus for the second biennial Leadership Summit June 11–13. Organized by the Bradley University Alumni Association and the Division of Advancement, the Summit showcased successful Bradley alumni and esteemed faculty members sharing perspectives on developing and maintaining leadership in challenging environments.

Thursday evening’s welcome reception kicked off the Summit, followed by dinner and a keynote speech by Tim Bender ’82, vice president, worldwide consumer and business development for NVIDIA. He spoke on how organizations can use creativity and innovation to motivate employees.

Friday’s agenda included a morning keynote by David Bozeman ’91, senior vice president, Caterpillar Enterprise System Group, Caterpillar Inc. His speech on authentic leadership was followed by concurrent sessions on the role of IT in innovation with Steve Holland ’85, chief technology and digital officer, 7-Eleven and adapting to new ways of measuring leadership with leadership coach Dina Emser, MA ’81. During the luncheon, entertainment manager Heidi Rotbart spoke on the importance of having a positive attitude. The afternoon’s concurrent sessions included strategies for adapting to change with Lanetha White Neal ’87, senior budget analyst, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Dr. Christopher Jones, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; innovations in cybersecurity with Adam Suri ’88, president USA, Community DNS and CEO, TM Domain Registry; managing technical professionals with Dr. Ed Bond, chair and associate professor, marketing; confidence in decision-making with Hon. James Shadid ’79, chief United States District Judge, Central District of Illinois; and creating a supportive workplace culture that increases trust with Orlando Ceaser ’73, president and CEO, Watchwell Communications Inc. A gala dinner was highlighted by a speech from Brad Cohen ’96, award-winning educator and founder of the Brad Cohen Tourette Foundation, on “The Power of One.”

Summit attendees returned Saturday for a morning keynote by Matt MacDonald ’97, EVP and executive creative director of BBDO, who emphasized the importance of putting one’s heart into one’s work. Concurrent sessions followed on transforming a culture to improve a workplace with Matt Noe, GPHR ’02, regional shared services manager-Latin America, Caterpillar Inc.; and innovation through collaboration with Dr. Lex Akers, dean of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology; Dr. Darrell Radson, dean of the Foster College of Business; and Dave DeFreitas ’87, Group CFO, Corporate Services, Caterpillar Inc.

A closing luncheon featured Dr. Charles Stoner, Bradley professor of management and leadership, speaking on how leaders and managers can ensure the success of their organizations’ change initiatives.

— M.B.
New Trade Agreement Promises Collaboration

The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center (ITC), housed in the Turner Center at Bradley University, has signed a trade agreement with the World Trade Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, allowing for increased import and export opportunities and collaboration among industries in the two regions. The agreement is part of a U.S. Department of State initiative to develop closer ties between small businesses in the Americas.

This partnership increases access between the two markets and has wider implications for Bradley’s Foster College of Business and the University.

“We gain another international partner to support our academic and economic development goals,” said ITC Director Jim Foley. “It also allows for potential creation of an undergraduate Study Abroad program to Winnipeg, faculty exchanges, and partnerships between the entrepreneurship and start-up communities in Winnipeg and Peoria.”

Sattler Tapped as Interim Provost

Dr. Joan L. Sattler, professor and dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, has been named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. With the departure of Dr. David Glassman, Sattler was appointed by the Bradley University Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate President Dr. Jobie Skaggs and Joanne Glasser, president emerita. She will lead and oversee Bradley’s academic operations — undergraduate and graduate programs, continuing education, faculty and staff professional development, information resources and technology, and the registrar’s office.

Her educational experience spans 46 years, 38 of them at Bradley. A professor of education, she has served the college as department chairperson, associate dean and inaugural dean of the combined College of Education and Health Sciences.

Sattler earned a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Illinois in special education and educational leadership, and a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University in Special Education and Elementary Education. In 2013, she was recognized by the University of Illinois as a distinguished alumna “for enhancing education in meaningful ways and having an exceedingly positive impact on the lives of students.” Sattler, who said she was “humbled and honored” at her selection, added, “This is a transitional and dynamic time at Bradley. New initiatives are moving forward: the launch of online graduate programs, an increase in international students seeking Bradley’s programs, and The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication, to name a few. I love Bradley and have dedicated my professional life to the University. I look forward to continuing our programs in our tradition of excellence.” — M.B.

Game Designers Gear Up for Diabetes Education

Seven game design students released Coco’s Cove, a mobile game that demonstrates the effects of blood sugar levels on people with type 2 diabetes. The multilevel puzzle game features Coco, an animated monkey who experiences symptoms caused by imbalances in blood sugar. Its goal is to educate patients and others while encouraging healthy changes in a lighthearted, creative manner.

“In games like this, it is important to realize that fun must always be present. No one wants to play a preachy game,” said Dr. Monica McGill, associate professor of interactive media and game design lead.

McGill said games are a powerful educational tool and a unique way to reach the estimated 30 million Americans with type 2 diabetes. In March, Bradley was ranked 13th nationally by The Princeton Review in game design, making it the highest-ranked program in Illinois, an honor shared by the Department of Interactive Media and the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems. — B.G.
Online Graduate Programs Initiated

In response to demand from nursing and counseling professionals eager to advance their careers in a flexible environment, Bradley has launched five online graduate programs in nursing and two in counseling.

Online nursing offerings include two at the master's level and two at the doctoral level, in addition to a Family Nurse Practitioner certificate program. A master’s level program in counseling includes two different tracks to begin in the spring of 2016.

**Nursing programs offered:**
- Master of Science in Nursing — Nursing Administration (RN to MSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing — Family Nurse Practitioner (BSN to MSN-FNP)
- Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate (MSN to FNP)

**Counseling programs to begin in 2016:**
- Master of Arts in Counseling — Professional School Counseling
- Master of Arts in Counseling — Clinical Mental Health Counseling

“The master’s level nursing and counseling offerings and two tracks of Doctor of Nursing Practice, along with the University’s Doctorate in Physical Therapy, are evidence of Bradley’s commitment to providing excellent graduate programming in the health professions,” said Dr. Molly Drew Cluskey ’77, interim dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences.

— M.B.

Honors Students at Home in Williams Hall

Bradley’s honors students can now continue classroom — and hallway, lab and coffee shop — discussions on a residence floor all their own. The third floor of Williams Hall is now the Honors floor and is home to 84 students.

“There was tremendous interest when the floor opened,” said Dr. Kyle Dzapo, Caterpillar Professor of Music and director of the program. “We were filled to capacity last year, and it will be the same this fall.” Advantages for residents include a student-designed lounge and many opportunities for study groups and community service projects. Dzapo called the new housing option “a great success,” noting that students of all levels are housed on the floor. “Freshmen are sometimes overwhelmed in the beginning, and it’s been helpful to have older students who can relate to their struggles and offer insights. They are building a strong community.”

— M.B.
As the client for his students’ entry in the 2015 Shell Eco-marathon, Dr. Martin Morris ‘77 MSME ’79 provided straightforward guidance. “I told them the car had to be safe, and it must get high mileage,” said the professor of mechanical engineering.

The third requirement was a bit more unique. “Because we drive the car to the competition, it had to fit in the bed of the University’s pickup truck,” Morris added with a laugh.

With additional input from Morris’ longtime collaborator Jesse Maberry ’65, four mechanical engineering majors began work on the ultra energy-efficient vehicle when the fall 2014 semester began.

Designing, building and testing the car was the senior capstone project for team captain Amanda Doolittle ’15 and teammates Joyce Atadero ’15, Brian Nault ’15 and Alex Weiss ’15. The team’s faculty adviser was Dr. Richard Johnson, professor of mechanical engineering.

The students joined 112 other teams of high school and college students in Detroit in April for the 30th annual Shell Eco-marathon Americas. Bradley competed in the gasoline-powered prototype category.

“We’re relatively new at this. It was our third year to compete, and our first attempt in Detroit. We’re still learning what it takes, and next year we’ll be ready,” Morris said. “I would go back with that team to competition any time. They worked really well together.”

— M.B.

Community service and service-learning opportunities are central to the mission of the University. Bradley’s Lewis J. Burger Center for Student Leadership and Public Service is the nexus for community volunteerism as the University educates and prepares students for all facets of their lives.

Speaking of her service opportunities, Kristin Kreher ’15, said, “With every smile I received, every ‘thank you’ I heard and every life I touched, I was reminded I could make a difference.”

Students volunteered with or donated money to 300 nonprofit agencies for $128,174 in total dollars raised.

With 14 blood drives, 577 units of blood were raised. A total of 50,012 volunteer hours were completed.

Energy to Burn Shell Eco-marathon

From left: BRIAN NAULT ‘15, AMANDA DOOLITTLE ’15, JOYCE ATADERO ’15, ALEX WEISS ’15.
In Appreciation

‘Bradley Means Everything to Me’

FOLLOWING UP ON A 1-INCH AD in an art magazine led to a life-changing experience for Bill Hardin ’50. After establishing his own sign company in 1969, the entrepreneur decided in 1978 to follow his dream to New York and learn portrait painting from American portrait artist John Howard Sanden.

“That was the beginning of the greatest learning experience of my life,” said the engineering major who minored in art. “Sanden taught portraiture from the concept to actually painting a complete oil portrait from beginning to end — a rare treat. I revered him and the quality of his artwork.”

Hardin quickly pointed out that his Bradley Experience was life changing, as well. A lifelong Peorian who grew up on Cooper Street adjacent to campus, he graduated from Manual High School, where his father, Frank Hardin ’30, taught for 27 years. Hardin believed he would follow in his father’s footsteps as an educator. However, his architectural drawing professor at Bradley recommended him first to Caterpillar Inc. for illustrating the parts catalog and then to Foster Electric to apply his drawing and illustration talents. Hardin then remained in the sign business for more than 65 years.

“My father-in-law, Chris Hoerr, helped me establish my own business that I operated for more than 45 years,” Hardin said. “Now, my son and grandson have an opportunity at Hardin Signs, a family business for over 45 years. Although these gifts continue to make a significant impact, Hardin decided he wanted “to give something special to Bradley, and the best way to do it was to bequeath our home.”

Among his many gifts to the University, Hardin’s portraits provide him the greatest pleasure as they virtually document the history of Bradley. Sharing anecdotes associated with each painting, he told how his first portrait for the University was created to compete with a Door County artist being considered to paint a portrait of benefactors Jack and Mary Hartmann. Hardin asked then-President Martin Abegg ’47 HON ’93 if he could paint a portrait of Lydia Moss Bradley to show him his artistic abilities. Hardin “won the competition,” took photos of the couple at their home and began painting. Although Jack Hartmann didn’t live to see the finished portrait, Mary was grateful and cherished it for more than 15 years. The portrait now hangs in the building that bears their name, the Hartmann Center for the Performing Arts.

“I have painted at least 30 portraits of people affiliated with Bradley,” Hardin acknowledged. “Bradley means everything to me.” In recognition of his paintings, Hardin received the President’s Award in 2001.

Gary Anna ’75, Bradley’s vice president for business affairs, expressed the warm feelings the Bradley family holds for the Hardins: “President Martin ‘Jerry’ Abegg, Dr. Ian Sturrock, and every president, fundraiser and employee of Bradley since have enjoyed benefits from the work, engagement and love expressed for Bradley by Bill and Marian. The portraits Bill has painted through the years and their impact on potential donors have made a significant difference to the University and in our heritage.”

“I credit my mentor, Jerry Abegg, with everything,” Hardin said with emotion. “When I surprised him with his portrait, he had a tear in his eye and was speechless. It has been my pleasure bringing to life almost 180 special people I have had the privilege of meeting — or remembering the many other important historical figures I chose to paint. Now, this is an education!”

The Hardins have been generous to the University for decades. Their unrestricted annual gifts to the Bradley Fund, and other support for the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service, WCBU, the Braves Club, and numerous scholarships and academic programs, are exemplary. Hardin became a member of The 1897 Associates with a bequest for Bradley in his will in 1992. In addition to all the gifts he has helped inspire, he continued his planned giving by establishing charitable gift annuities that provide him income for life. Although these gifts continue to make a significant impact, Hardin decided he wanted “to give something special to Bradley, and the best way to do it was to bequeath our home.”

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‘Accept Gifts of Wisdom’

Believe in the art of the possible, advised Jerre Stead, HON ‘15, (left) keynote speaker at the 2015 undergraduate Spring Commencement ceremony at the Peoria Civic Center. Stead, executive chair of IHS Inc., a global information and insight firm, was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

After introducing his wife of 54 years, Mary Joy, Stead said the focus of their marriage and partnership has been helping others. To that end, the couple has made significant contributions to medical and public health research. Stead, who gave the University’s McCord Lecture in 1996, also urged graduates to go out of their way to listen to others: “Accept gifts of wisdom always — even from strangers.”

The Graduate School Commencement ceremony took place in Renaissance Coliseum, with Calvin Butler Jr. ’91 (left) as featured speaker. The CEO of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company and vice chair of the University’s board of trustees assured graduates that their time at Bradley is “something we’ll always carry with us.”

He continued, “My professors took me under their wing to counsel and guide me. I found confidence, assurance and a sense I could make it in a bigger world.”

In her last Commencement speeches, then-President Joanne Glasser urged students to become “pathfinders,” a term made famous by author Gail Sheehy’s bestselling book about individuals overcoming life’s challenges. “Change is a catalyst for growth, and growth is as essential to character as are honesty and integrity,” she said.

The University awarded 762 bachelor’s degrees and 135 graduate degrees.

— M.B.

New Residency Program Recognized

Bradley’s Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program’s new orthopedic residency is now accredited through the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education. Offered with the Illinois Neurological Institute and OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, the yearlong academic and clinical program sets DPT graduates on a fast track to board certification as orthopedic clinical specialists.

Certification typically requires two years of practice in a clinical setting before taking the national examination. Physical therapists who complete a residency are eligible to take the specialization exam immediately after completing the one-year residency.

Residents will work full time as licensed physical therapists while receiving one-on-one mentoring from Bradley faculty and local clinicians who are orthopedic clinical specialists. They also will be involved in teaching at the medical center and in the DPT program.

— B.G.
Biology major Eliana Toren ’16 became fascinated with endocrinology in seventh grade. A native of El Paso, Texas, Toren said, “I was and still am amazed at how hormones control every single aspect of our bodies — from our emotions, to how fast our hearts beat, to our metabolism. Every system controls every other system in our bodies in one way or another.”

When Toren met Dr. Craig Cady, associate professor of biology, she told him of her profound interest in endocrinology. “He said he had never met a freshman who expressed this passion so keenly,” she recalled. “Then I looked at the shelves in his office and saw a sea of books with endocrinology titles.”

Spending much of her first two years at Bradley learning to conduct basic research, Toren was ready to assist Feras Altwal, MS ’14 on his graduate project in search of a solution for parathyroid disease. “About 10 percent of people with thyroid problems have
parathyroid disease,” he said, adding that parathyroid cells are needed to produce hormones that generate and regulate calcium. Without fully functioning parathyroid cells, patients must take massive doses of calcium and can easily take too much or too little if not complying with a daily regimen.

Dr. Mark Holterman, professor of surgery and pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) and a close collaborator of Cady’s, encouraged Altwal to seek a cure: “Dr. Holterman explained that many of his patients suffered from parathyroid disease, which may cause muscle pain and spasms, weakened bones and more — and in children, may prove lethal.”

A mere two years later, Altwal and Toren, under Cady’s mentorship, achieved a scientific breakthrough that no one else in the world had accomplished.

THE PROCESS

In Phase I, Altwal and Toren created parathyroid cells from adult stem cells by culturing and growing normal parathyroid cells taken from human and pig tissue. This process required experimenting with different conditions and growth factors. The pair employed three different methods in the lab; of those, only one was successful in growing normal parathyroid cells. In fact, few labs in the world have achieved this. With an awareness of the appearance of normal parathyroid cells and associated characteristics, they now have a “positive control” with which to compare the adipose (fat) stem cells they were hoping to change into functioning parathyroid cells.

Cady noted that parathyroid cells had been created with embryonic stem cells in other labs but not with adult stem cells. One of the benefits of using adult stem cells to treat a disease is that one’s own cells are less likely to be rejected when re-implanted into the body, according to Cady.

In Phase II, Altwal and Toren grew cultured adipose (fat) stem cells under special conditions (without antibiotics), applying special factors for several weeks to induce the stem cells to become parathyroid cells.

“Culturing and changing stem cells into parathyroid cells is a 26-day process, and we were unable to use antibiotics, which is a different and more complex protocol than most,” Toren explained. During the process, the stem cells had to be tended every day for one to five hours. “This was quite a time commitment, especially as we had several failures before we succeeded,” she remarked.

Toren said that for the first 13 days of culturing the stem cells, she and Altwal needed to stress the stem cells before differentiation. On Day 14, they added a growth medium composed of two factors that would differentiate these stem cells into parathyroid cells, and the cells began to proliferate and form colonies.

THE DISCOVERY

Altwal remembers well the day in June 2014 when the eureka moment occurred. “I was looking through the microscope in the laboratory and saw the cells glowing green,” he recalled with unabated excitement. “This demonstrated that we had succeeded in creating the parathyroid cells.” Altwal was able to determine the successful expression of parathyroid proteins through the ELISA method, a test that uses antibodies and color change to identify a substance.

Altwal called Cady and Toren to share the astounding news: “Everyone was happy and could not have been more pleased with the outcome.”

Toren was honored to present their findings at the World Stem Cell Summit in San Antonio, Texas, in December. “I believe I was the only undergraduate presenter at the event,” she said.

Altwal, who graduated with a master’s in biology from Bradley last summer, has been working with Holterman on an immunological solution to diabetes. He will attend Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago to pursue a Ph.D. in biology in the fall.

NEXT STEPS

Toren is continuing the research using the ELISA method to determine how fast the cells are secreting the parathyroid hormone.

For the next step, in collaboration with a group of Bradley’s mechanical engineering students guided by Dr. Kalyani Nair, associate professor of mechanical engineering, a nanomaterial microfiber mat is being developed that could be used to return parathyroid cells to patients.

Cady extolled the diligence and efforts of both students by emphasizing the strengths of their complementary skill sets — Altwal in clinical research and Toren in basic research: “The diverse methods they have learned in scientific research will support them in advanced research.”

The research study has been submitted to the Journal of Pediatric Surgery for publication.

The joint research grant was awarded to Bradley University and the University of Illinois College of Medicine by OSF Saint Francis Medical Center/ UICOMP.
ADVANCES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: GIFTED EDUCATION: CURRENT PERSPECTIVES AND ISSUES (VOL. 26)
Emerald Group Publishing Limited

Students classified as “gifted” generally do not receive the services and support available to those at the other end of the intelligence spectrum. This volume from Dr. Jeffrey P. Bakken, associate provost for research and dean of The Graduate School, and co-editors Drs. Festus E. Obiakor and Anthony F. Rotatori, provides a comprehensive look at the field of gifted education, offering a foundation for working with individuals who are gifted and addressing the educational issues affecting this population of learners. Covering legal issues, assessment, inclusion, effective practices and the impact of giftedness on different populations, the book ends with chapters on postsecondary education and families.

INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY: SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group

This undergraduate text for sociological social psychology (SSP) courses, written by Dr. Lizabeth A. Crawford, associate professor of sociology, and Dr. Katherine B. Novak, studies the connection between the three distinct SSP research traditions — social structure and personality, symbolic interactionism and group structure and processes — along with their theoretical frameworks and methodologies. The book gives students a better understanding of the field, shows why particular questions are asked, the types of research involved and how those findings can be applied. Writing in a style students will find interesting and understandable, the authors also provide additional online help, quality support materials and exercises that enhance learning.

SMART DIGITAL FUTURES 2014
IOS Press

Co-edited by Dr. Vladimir Uskov, professor of computer science and information systems and co-director of the InterLabs Research Institute, along with Drs. Rui Neves-Silva, George A. Tsihrintzis, Robert J. Howlett and Lakhmi C. Jain, this volume contains about 80 peer-reviewed papers presented at the Smart Digital Futures 2014 international conference. Part of the Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications series, the collection covers intelligent interactive multimedia systems and services, intelligent decision technologies and smart technology-based education and training. The book aims to help those involved in the development and application of intelligent digital systems and furthers the goal of KES International (UK) to facilitate the sharing and dissemination of knowledge in leading-edge technologies.

— B. G.
For the Love of the Red and White

Reflecting on her eight years as the 10th and first female president of Bradley University, Joanne Glasser said she enjoyed working with members of the community on common goals to move the University forward. “The people are the heart of this wonderful institution — accomplished and inspiring professors who care deeply about their talented and engaged students, dedicated and hardworking staff, and alumni who take immense pride in their alma mater.”
Progress during Glasser’s presidency ranged from enhancing academic excellence, to transforming the west side of campus, to beautifying the Hilltop and more. “Having required a collaborative, cohesive and committed effort, these achievements are shared by many members of our University,” Glasser said. For example, the University has enrolled the best academic classes on record as measured by ACT scores. In addition, 104 new scholarships were established with more than $15 million raised. A record University endowment of $293.7 million was reached in 2014.

In recent years, Bradley has seen an improvement in its U.S. News and World Report rankings among Midwest Regional Universities and has been recognized for excellence by numerous national publications.

The University had its accreditation reaffirmed by the Higher Learning Commission in 2010. The 2012–17 Strategic Plan also was developed under Glasser’s leadership.

Another successful initiative included the recent passing of the Bradley Core Curriculum — the first major revision to the general education program in more than three decades. In keeping with the changing landscape of higher education and Bradley’s commitment to create and maintain a welcoming, supportive and safe environment for all members of the community, a Title IX role was created with assistance across campus. Additionally, the role of executive director of diversity and inclusion was created through the restructuring of a position.

**NAMES OF DISTINCTION AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

Acknowledging a decades-long history of support for the University, Glasser announced the naming of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology.

She also oversaw the development of two nationally distinctive schools during her time on the Hilltop, beginning with the creation of the Robert and Carolyn Turner School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, recognizing Robert Turner ’77 MBA ’78 and his wife for their endowed gift. The first of its kind in the nation to be a stand-alone academic unit, The Turner School offers students across all five colleges an opportunity to develop their entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking in classroom and experiential settings. Most recently, she celebrated the gift from Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10 to the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts — The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication, the nation’s first named sports communication school.

Also a first, the Mund-Lagowski Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry — the first time in the history of the University that a department was named — honors Dr. Jean Mund-Lagowski ’51 MS ’52 and her late husband, Dr. Joseph Lagowski. Also endowed, the Theresa S. Falcon Executive MBA program, named for the late Dr. Theresa Falcon-Cullinan, MBA ’05, is the first in the world named for a woman by a woman.

To support scholarly pursuits and to educate students for the ever-evolving marketplace, numerous undergraduate majors, minors and concentrations were created across all five colleges. The University most recently launched an initiative to offer online graduate programs in nursing and counseling. In addition, a significant number of graduate programs and certificates were established during Glasser’s tenure. Several 3 + 2 and 4 + 1 programs leading to both baccalaureate and master’s degrees also were established.

Other academic accomplishments include the creation of the Center for Teaching Excellence and Learning (CTEL) and the Fulbright Advisory Group. Bradley ranked sixth nationally among universities of its type for Fulbright student recipients in 2013–14. The University’s highly regarded academic Honors Program has been enhanced to enrich the experience of Bradley’s top students. The first cohort of students from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program graduated during Glasser’s presidency.

Among the academic centers established were the Pre-Law Center, the Inland Visual Studies Center, the Center for STEM Education (science, technology, engineering and math), the Center for Collaborative Brain Research and the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Center.
Glasser also was involved in Bradley’s bid to secure prestigious NBC Olympics internships for communication majors alongside students from several top-tier institutions. Bradley students served as interns for both the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

**Building the Future**

With the support of the Bradley community and friends of the University, Glasser successfully completed the University’s largest comprehensive capital campaign. The Campaign for a Bradley Renaissance far surpassed its goal, bringing in more than $161 million to change the face of campus, beginning with the 2009 dedication of the $30 million Markin Family Student Recreation Center and a 600-car parking deck on Main Street. The $50 million Renaissance Coliseum, a 4,200-seat home for women’s basketball and volleyball and the basketball practice facility, was completed in 2010. The $12 million Hayden-Clark Alumni Center earned LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, and Westlake Hall, the second-oldest building on campus, was renovated and expanded to six times its original size, earning LEED Gold certification.

Extensive landscaping projects followed, enhancing the new structures. A newly created Alumni Quad and the entire campus benefited from numerous beautification projects, including colorful flower gardens and distinctive banners outlining campus.

Efforts toward a sustainable campus have moved forward with recycling and other initiatives. Over the past five years, the amount of material recycled on Bradley’s campus has increased tenfold.

**Defining the Bradley Experience**

Glasser introduced the student body to Late Night BU in 2008. An alcohol-free social destination featuring free food and fun, the program continues to be popular, attended by an average of 1,500 students at each event.

With a desire to build on an earlier tradition and to infuse a sense of Bradley pride in incoming classes, the University reinstated Freshman Convocation in 2010. Glasser also hosted freshmen at President’s Night Out for Bradley Braves soccer at Shea Stadium. To recognize students who have shown leadership potential during their first semester on campus, the University initiated the Rising Star Dinner.

In another Bradley first, Glasser held monthly office hours to engage with students individually and learn about their accomplishments and concerns. From academics to career advice and more, students received personal attention. In addition to office hours, Glasser said, “Among my favorite memories of the Hilltop will always be my sidewalk chats with our wonderful students and faculty. Another favorite is describing the Bradley Experience.”

To further enhance the student experience on campus, additional construction projects were undertaken. The Stacks Café was added to the Cullom-Davis Library, offering a comfortable environment for reading and socializing. The Hillel House was renovated and expanded, as was Geisert Hall’s dining center.

In an effort to promote school spirit, Glasser oversaw the creation of new athletic marks including the distinctive “B,” in addition to Kaboom!, the University’s mascot.

A comprehensive emergency preparedness plan was implemented, including text messaging and an audible alert system. With campus safety a priority, security has been significantly upgraded, including the addition of two Hilltop Safety Cruiser minivans.

**Community Relations**

Glasser fostered positive community relations throughout her time in Peoria. Among her many volunteer activities, she often shared her passion for education by reading to children at local schools. A two-time cancer survivor during her tenure, she was named Honorary Chair of Peoria’s 25th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in 2010.

**‘Honored to Serve’**

Believing it is an honor to serve this esteemed University, Glasser said it best in her own heartfelt words: “My greatest pride shines through the accomplishments of our bright and passionate students. The gift of education never ceases to provide opportunity.”

Amy Turk ’97, Bradley University Alumni Association (BUAA) immediate past president, said, “Joanne Glasser exuded commitment to Bradley in everything she did; I feel privileged to have served during her time on the Hilltop. I have never seen a president so involved and concerned about the students and their well-being.”

According to past BUAA President Brian Miller ’79, “During her presidency, Joanne Glasser provided a transforming vision and path to energize and engage pride-filled alumni. We will miss her personal connection with the alumni community; we are sorry to see her go.”

Glasser said she looks forward to hearing about future achievements that build on these shared successes and new opportunities to advance the University. Her love for the Hilltop, passion for the Bradley family and dedication to the Bradley Experience will be missed.
New Coach

Prepping for Season

“I wanted to be in a city as passionate about basketball as I am, and I found that here.” That’s how new Bradley men’s basketball coach Brian Wardle explained his attraction to the job and to Peoria.

In addition, he cited growing up in suburban Chicago and following Bradley’s successful teams in the 1980s and the impact of new Athletics Director Dr. Chris Reynolds.

“There’s no doubt Chris Reynolds will do some big things here, and I wanted to be part of that,” Wardle said.

He noted the basketball prowess of the Missouri Valley Conference, adding the MVC’s history of having multiple teams selected for the NCAA Tournament was appealing. “The Missouri Valley Conference is known nationally as a great basketball league,” Wardle commented about leading a team in the MVC. “It’s all about basketball.”

Named Bradley’s 14th men’s basketball head coach in March after a successful five-year stint at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Wardle built a 95–65 record and was named Horizon League Coach of the Year in 2013–14. He sees building a winning program as a continuing path.

“You either get better or you get worse — you never stay the same,” Wardle explained. “It’s not wins or losses. You have to focus on the process, not the results. We have to establish our identity, build a foundation and build our brand.”

Bradley’s returning players — including Ka’Darryl Bell ’16, Warren Jones ’16, Mike Shaw ’16 and Donte Thomas ’18 — are an important part of that foundation. Wardle noted their key roles in helping a large group of freshman players adjust to the college game.

“They’re good young men who have experience at the college level,” he said. “We’re going to play with energy and
“We’re going to play with energy and passion at a high level. And we’re going to have fun doing it.”
— Men’s Basketball Coach Brian Wardle

A guard at Marquette University, Wardle sees similarities between Bradley and his alma mater, where he was director of basketball operations after playing in the NBA Developmental League and the Continental Basketball Association. An assistant at Wisconsin-Green Bay before being named head coach, he said former Bradley players and coaches have praised the school’s basketball traditions and esprit de corps.

“Bradley is a family. They take care of their own,” he said.

A two-time all-state player at Hinsdale Central High School in suburban Chicago, Wardle still has family members in that area and threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a Chicago Cubs game in June. Family pictures, along with those of college friends and teammates, join signed jerseys and remembrances of former players on the walls of his office. When he was introduced to the Bradley community in March, he joked he had yet to win on the University’s home court at Carver Arena despite two appearances at the Illinois high school state tournament there. But, he does have vivid memories of the arena.

“I remember a lot of Bradley shirts, a lot of Bradley fans,” Wardle said about the tournament. “I walked in and saw it packed and thought, ‘This is a basketball city.’”

He said he and his wife, former Marquette University soccer player Lecia Schuetz Wardle, their three children, his players and coaching staff plan to be active in Peoria and at Bradley.

“I’m excited to get to know the community,” he explained. “Players and coaches are going to embrace the community, show our support and give back. I’m going to make sure our players know it’s bigger than we are. Life is about memories. I hope to create some great memories at Bradley in years to come.”

— B.G.

SPENCER SIEGEL ’15, a member of the Braves Vision video production staff, was honored with the Megan C. Fong Inspiration Award. Three-year Braves Club President Skip Schermerhorn ’70 received the Rev. Dr. Joanne “Pep” Cooke Special Recognition Award.

Caitlin Busch ’16 and Elliot Ashbeck ’15 were named the 2014–15 Varsity Club Most Outstanding Athletes.

Busch was the 2014 Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Athlete of the Year and was Bradley’s top finisher at the 2014 NCAA Cross Country Midwest Regional. Her twin sister, Kristen Busch ’16, was the previous Outstanding Female Athlete. Ashbeck, who tied for eighth nationally with 11 pitching victories, also won the A.J. Robertson Award as the baseball team’s most valuable player.

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BRADLEY CAPPED ITS HISTORIC 2015 SEASON with the first NCAA postseason appearance since 1968 and the first postseason victory in 59 years before a one-run loss to the University of Michigan ended the run at the NCAA baseball regional at Louisville, Kentucky. The team finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, and its 36 victories were the most in a season since 1996.

After losing the opener of the double-elimination regional to Michigan, the team beat Morehead State, 9-4, snapping a 10-game postseason losing streak dating to the third round of the 1956 College World Series.

In the regular season, the team finished third in the conference before sweeping its first three games of the MVC tournament to advance to the title game which it lost to Missouri State.

Eight Bradley players were tabbed for individual MVC honors. Named to the All-MVC Second Team were pitchers Elliot Ashbeck ’15 and Matt Dennis ’17, catcher Drew Carlile ’15 MSA ’15, infielder Spencer Gaa ’17 and outfielder Isaac Smith ’15. Three players — pitcher Steve Adkins ’16 and infielders Chris Godinez ’16 and Paul Solka ’16 — were named honorable mention all-conference.

Along with honors for their play on the field, Ashbeck and Carlile were recognized as first-team MVC Scholar-Athletes. Smith was an honorable mention Scholar-Athlete.

Ashbeck signed with the San Diego Padres after he was chosen in the 16th round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. He started his career with the AZL Padres in the Arizona League. Godinez, taken two rounds later, signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers and started with the Ogden Raptors of the Pioneer League. Bradley has had 71 players selected in the 50 years of the baseball draft.

Carlile became the fourth player in team history to be named a Capital One Academic All-American. He was selected winner of the 2015 MVC Baseball Elite 18 Award, given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average competing at the finals in each of the conference’s 18 team championships.

He and Smith were named to the Capital One Academic All-District V First Team, covering 39 college baseball programs in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Ashbeck, who was a designated hitter when not pitching, was a Top 10 finalist for the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award, presented by the College Baseball Foundation. Dennis was a third-team All-American selection by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, the third Bradley player to earn the honor.

— B.G.
Spring Sports Break Records

WOMEN’S TENNIS
A record-breaking season for Ariel Dechter ’17 culminated in her selection as Bradley’s first All-Missouri Valley Conference women’s tennis player. She also was named an All-MVC Scholar-Athlete. Last year’s MVC Freshman of the Year set several single-season records, including singles wins, singles wins by a sophomore and combined singles/doubles wins.

Carly Miles ’15, Cassia Wojtalik ’15 and Ashley Thai ’16 earned honorable mention Scholar-Athlete recognition.

The team’s 11 victories were the most since 1993, and a victory over Illinois State University snapped a 29-match losing streak to the Redbirds dating to 1987.

WOMEN’S GOLF
Danielle Lemek ’16 was named Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Year for the second consecutive year, and Jenna Roadley ’16 tied for fifth at the conference championship to earn all-conference honors. Lemek was named a first-team MVC Scholar-Athlete for the second year in a row. Allison Walsh ’16 was an honorable mention choice.

Bradley has had at least one player earn first-team Scholar-Athlete honors for 18 consecutive years — a conference record.

Later, Lemek won the Nebraska Women’s Amateur Golf Association Stroke Play title for the third straight year and repeated as the Nebraska Women’s Amateur champion. Roadley won the Manitoba, Canada, City and District Championship.

Walsh, Grace Henderson ’18 and Ally Scaccia ’18 were named All-American Scholars by the Women’s Golf Coaches Association. Walsh earned the honor for the third consecutive year. Bradley has had 20 All-American Scholars over the last six seasons.

SOFTBALL
For the second consecutive year, three Bradley softball players were named all-conference selections. Shannon King ’15 and Erika Hansen ’18 received first-team All-Missouri Valley Conference honors, while Maria Schroeder ’18 earned a second-team spot.

King also was named to the MVC All-Defensive Team at second base, was an honorable mention MVC Scholar-Athlete, and was nominated for Capital One Academic All-American honors.

Hansen is the fifth player in Bradley softball history to be a first-team all-conference choice as a freshman and the fifth player in program history to earn National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Midwest Region honors when she was chosen for the third team.

MEN’S GOLF
Lyle Burns ’16 tied for eighth at the Missouri Valley Conference Men’s Golf Championship and was named a first-team All-MVC Scholar-Athlete. Bobby Jacobs ’17 and Danny Masrin ’15 were honorable mention Scholar-Athletes.

Bradley men’s golf has had a first-team Scholar-Athlete in seven of the last eight seasons.

Runners Race to Awards

WINDY CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
At the MVC meet, Cassia Wojtalik was 41st, finished 22nd and placed 15th in the 10,000 and the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the national meet.

Michael Ward ’18 placed 12th in his heat of the 1,500 meters in Austin but was later forced to drop out of the 5,000-meter event because of an injury.

Eric Delvo ’15 was selected one of 10 recipients of the MVC Leadership and Service award. A two-time all-conference cross country runner, he finished fifth at last year’s MVC Cross Country Championship and was All-MVC in the steeplechase last spring. He is president of the Braves Council and has been a representative on the MVC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In addition, he has been an active volunteer while at Bradley.

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Steffen Uhrich ’17 was third in the men’s 3,000-meter steeplechase at the MVC meet.

Eight team members were named MVC Scholar-Athletes, including four who earned repeat honors. The Busch sisters, Emily Delvo and Specht all repeated as Scholar-Athletes and Rosie Hiles, MA ’16, earned the honor for the first time.

On the men’s team, Caleb Beck ’17, Daniel Gagne ’17 and Thomas Razo ’17 won Scholar-Athlete recognition.

Marshall Moyer ’15 became Bradley’s first male runner named a Capital One Academic All-American when he was a third-team selection. He also was voted to the Capital One Academic All-District V First Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

— B.G.
Is Rice Security Food Security?

A lifelong interest in Asia propelled international studies major Alfred Schmidley ’85 into a meaningful career as a consultant on food security. He helps farmers in the developing world devise ways to safeguard their crops after harvest.

His high school counselor suggested he study science or engineering, but Schmidley was in no rush to make such a decision. “When I went to college, the world suddenly got a lot bigger,” he recalled with a laugh. “I wanted to explore my horizons.”

A native of Beloit, Wisconsin, Schmidley transferred as a sophomore from a state university to Bradley, where he found class size and faculty contact conducive to new pursuits. Interested in global issues, particularly in Asia, Schmidley soon met the late Dr. John R. Howard ’53 MA ’54, professor emeritus who was then-director of the international studies program. “He was approachable and supportive,” Schmidley said. “When I met with him, I learned that Bradley offered great options for academic exploration, and international studies seemed right for me.”

Another favorite teacher was Caterpillar Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies Dr. Robert Fuller. “He brought new perspectives on people and culture into the classroom. ‘Religions of the East’ was one of my favorite courses,” Schmidley said. “It influenced me to backpack my way across Asia after graduation before taking up Asian languages and related studies in graduate school.”

Schmidley also plunged into dormitory life, eventually becoming a resident assistant. He supervised freshmen first in Lovelace Hall, then in Sisson Hall, at the time both all-male dorms. “Freshman floors were seen as more challenging assignments,” he said with a smile. “Looking back, I realize this provided me with a lot of formative experience in people management.”

WORKING WITH RICE FARMERS IN ASIA

Today, as a business model and value chain specialist for the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) based in the Philippines, Schmidley happily combines his interests in Asia, business management and rural development. Since joining IRRI in 2009, he has worked to help farmers in developing countries improve food security, particularly in rice. Established in 1960, IRRI championed the scientific advances in rice research that would ultimately reduce poverty and hunger, then especially prevalent in much of Asia.

Since rice is the main staple food for most countries in Asia (and increasingly, Africa), any threats to this cereal crop jeopardize global food security and put millions at risk of malnourishment or starvation. A growing world population means rice production must increase by 114 million tons by 2035, and farmers must achieve this on a decreasing amount of agricultural land and under significant threats from climate change, according to IRRI.

Schmidley’s specialty is working downstream to develop sustainable business models for adoption and delivery of new technologies for farmers. This includes...
A labor-intensive crop, rice grows on panicles held on fibrous stalks similar to other cereal grains. Once the paddy (or “raw rice”) is ready for harvest, it should be cut and removed from the field for threshing, drying and safe storage, ideally within 24 hours. But too often, there’s a shortage of labor or efficient technology to achieve this goal. In many developing countries, harvest and postharvest operations are done by hand, often by women. Because it’s difficult to accomplish the required steps in such a short time, harvested rice often gets wet, deteriorates or is eaten by pests due to delays and improper storage.

Before joining IRRI, Schmidley worked for Briggs and Stratton, a Wisconsin-based small-engine manufacturer. In Asia, he found that the great need for agricultural mechanization provided opportunities for business growth. China and Southeast Asia became his major focus, aided by his post-Bradley Chinese language studies and an MBA from the University of Queensland, Australia. “Asia is an extremely diverse region,” Schmidley explained. “Finding market opportunities and devising strategies to help farmers mechanize really captured my imagination.”

Typically, marketing in Western countries is often linear — products and services are offered to customers through established distribution networks. In developing countries and newly emerging markets, this structure doesn’t exist or is immature. In addition, farmers and end users may not even be aware of their options.

As a result, more creativity and harnessing of knowledge and resources from government agencies, research institutes, universities and nongovernmental
organizations (NGOs) to raise awareness about new opportunities in agriculture are required.

Lessons learned during his 16 years at Briggs and Stratton — particularly on the need for cross-sector cooperation — helped prepare him for his current role, Schmidley said. His business model approach at IRRI involves platforms called “learning alliances” — groups of public, nongovernmental and private-sector interests who work with farmers to improve food security and livelihoods in agriculture. The typical client is a smallholder rice farmer, someone who farms a hectare (roughly 2.5 acres) or less of land.

‘RESOURCEFUL AND INNOVATIVE’

In India, a primary target for Schmidley’s business model approach has been women’s self-help groups (SHGs). As more men find work in cities or in nonfarm occupations, women are increasingly involved in farm work. They are organizing into village SHGs to garner resources to address problems they’ve identified. For example, in one of the country’s most impoverished states, Bihar, several options for addressing bottlenecks and delays in threshing were tested with local machinery fabricators, government extension agencies and NGOs. Moreover, by adding a winnowing fan, wheels and a handle to locally produced technology, the group came up with an improved threshing machine that was not only many times more efficient but could be moved from farm to farm to aid in income-generating services as a business model for women.

“These farmers are resourceful and innovative. They’re a joy to work with,” Schmidley said. “Empower them with knowledge and access to technologies, and they’ll take it from there.

“Our goal is to help poor farmers get more rice out of their fields and into rice bowls around the world.”

Ultimately, the father of two knows his work comes down to helping the next generations of poor families in developing countries attain food security — and, released from the drudgery of postharvest activities — be able to attend school and thrive. “That’s why we do what we do,” he said.
Globally, nearly 30 million human beings are modern-day slaves, exploited for manual and sexual labor. The reality that people can be bought and sold — sometimes for a mere $10 — is an unfathomable evil. The A21 Campaign aims to raise awareness about and rescue victims from this $150 billion a year industry.
ANNIE DOLLARHIDE KARDAS ’99 fights human trafficking on a worldwide battlefield. As director of global communications for The A21 Campaign, she helped establish the campaign, an international nonprofit organization committed to abolishing human trafficking in the 21st century.

Kardas, a public relations major with a minor in marketing, noted she has called upon everything she was involved in at Bradley — academics, sorority life and even cheerleading — to do her job. “Bradley prepared me well for the leadership roles I have held, especially now that I am the voice of The A21 Campaign,” Kardas explained. “I create videos, brochures and reports and have been interviewed on ABC World News Tonight. At Bradley, I took a class on writing proposals, and after I graduated, I used the same format — and everything else I learned in that class — to write proposals and help start the organization. Much of what I learned became the foundation for The A21 Campaign. The Bradley Experience works.”

Admitting with a laugh that she has not lived a normal life since graduation, the Chi Omega member initially worked for an anti-violence school assembly program that took her around the United States for four years. She left for Sydney, Australia, in 2003 to attend a Hillsong Church conference with the encouragement of Christine and Nick Caine (soon-to-be co-founders of The A21 Campaign), whom she met while working for the anti-violence organization. In 2004, she moved to Sydney, and after learning about the toll of human trafficking, she helped the Caines create The A21 Campaign. Seven years later, Kardas moved to California to open an A21 office in Costa Mesa. The next year, she moved to Greece, and in 2014, she married an “incredible Greek man” who also works for A21. Together, they are based in the organization’s office in Thessaloniki.

Today, with a global staff of 65 and a large volunteer support group in 10 offices in nine countries, A21 has conducted research that estimates about 90 percent of illegal immigration from eastern Europe into western Europe comes through Greece. Illegal immigration and human trafficking are closely tied. Once victims are moved across borders, money from western Europe is quickly available.

HOW VICTIMS DISAPPEAR

Poverty plays a major part in making victims vulnerable, Kardas explained. In post-Communist countries and countries with higher levels of poverty, it’s part of the culture for parents to send children off for summer employment to earn up to five times more than they could at home. Traffickers realize it’s easy to recruit victims by offering nanny positions or waitressing and modeling jobs. Parents give their blessing, and children leave with their paperwork, but once the victims are in a foreign country and outside of their comfort zone, “it’s quite easy to make them disappear,” Kardas added. “The average age of sex-trafficked victims in Greece is 18 or 19, but in Asian countries, it may be as low as 4.”

In countries such as Bulgaria and Ukraine, A21 is educating students at risk of being trafficked on potential dangers and typical fake job offers. “But, there is no handbook on how to do what we’re doing,” Kardas acknowledged.

FEAR AS BONDAGE

Kardas has learned a powerful lesson on human trafficking: She thought A21 would have to find illegal brothels and break down their doors to rescue appreciative girls, but A21 fights a tougher enemy. “It’s
not drugs, chains or locks that keep the girls prisoners: It’s fear,” she emphasized. “Perpetrators know one of the most effective ways to hold victims is to tell them that they can escape but their families will suffer unimaginable atrocities if they do.”

One such teen, trafficked from Nigeria for the legal prostitution industry in Greece, was too gripped by fear to consider escaping. Since prostitutes must have a permit book stamped monthly at a medical clinic, an A21 staff member was planted there. She slowly built a relationship with the teen, who confided she was being held in a brothel with eight other girls (a legal Greek brothel is allowed one prostitute and one madam). She said her captors had put a “voodoo curse” on her — a typical threat in her culture. She believed that if she tried to escape, she would go mad and die, as would members of her family.

Although paralyzed by fear, she eventually was rescued when police raided the brothel. Once given shelter and counseling to address her deep-seated fear of the “curse,” she has done phenomenally well. She is now in her second year of nursing school and thriving. “Unfortunately, the girls can be afraid of rescue — and too terrified to testify,” Kardas added. “Ninety-nine percent never escape. Our survivor from Nigeria is amazing, and her fight and tenacity are incredible. I watched her from rescue to restoration. Many girls we rescue have no thoughts of the future because they have been devalued for so long; however, she is not going to let what happened affect her now.”

21 WAYS TO HELP

A firm believer in educating about the dangers of human trafficking, Kardas admitted learning about the victims and their horrific suffering can be overwhelming. She advised consulting A21’s list of “21 Ways to Help” at A21.org. The easiest way to support the A21 cause? Write an uplifting, future-focused letter to a rescued victim in an A21 clinic. “One of our girls will hold that letter in her hand, and it is going to make a difference,” Kardas explained. “It’s encouraging for her to know that people around the world want her to be safe. I am not afraid to take responsibility to prevent, protect and prosecute. Education and awareness will help eradicate this global epidemic.”

ONLINE Visit A21.org to learn more about the organization’s fight to end human trafficking.
When their two oldest sons, Adam Costello ’07 and Joseph Costello ’09 MBA ’13, were born, the family lived in an apartment house Dean had purchased at 1402 Fredonia Ave., on Fraternity Row, just steps from campus. Dean spent two years in the early 1970s studying engineering at Bradley before running out of savings. To help pay for school, he enrolled in the apprentice program at Caterpillar Inc. After many years in a variety of roles there, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business management and administration. He then moved into management at Caterpillar, eventually retiring in 2009 after 36 years.

A special education teacher for 22 years, Cathy earned a master’s degree in educational administration at Bradley. The advanced degree helped her make the transition to administration at Metamora Grade School, where she was named principal in 2005. Although all three sons chose Bradley, attendance at their parents’ alma mater wasn’t a foregone conclusion. “We each looked at other colleges,” Adam said. “Somehow, Bradley was the best fit.” Cathy set parameters for the boys’ college searches. “I wanted them to look at comprehensive universities, in case they chose to change their majors,” she said. “But, I also hoped they’d find a smaller, more personal college. I thought it was important for them to know their professors.”

Dean and Cathy smile when they recall the early years of courtship, marriage and parenthood on campus. They remember strolling on the Quad and in lower Laura Bradley Park. “Bradley was a big part of our lives,” Dean said. “We thoroughly enjoyed the feeling of community.”

Youngest son Michael Costello ’15 MSA ’15 was born after the family moved to nearby Germantown Hills, but once his brothers attended Bradley, he had plenty of exposure to campus. He spent Sibling Weekends with Adam, and Joe volunteered to take him on college visits — one of which was to the Hilltop. “We were both impressed by the tour and our tour guide,” Joe recalled.

A design engineer at Komatsu America Corp. for the last four years, Adam was a manufacturing engineering major. He was a resident adviser for three years. Joe majored in international business and later earned his MBA. He was a founding member of Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Chi Theta (honorary business) fraternities. He works as a market information analyst in the Customer Experience Group at Caterpillar. Michael, an accounting major who graduated last spring from the 3:2 program, was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Beta Alpha Psi (accounting honorary) fraternities. He also was a graduate assistant and a resident adviser.
Many alumni claim loyalty to Bradley from childhood, but the family of Dean Costello ’86 and Kathryn “Cathy” Lechner Costello, MA ’83 has an especially early and strong connection to the University.

Like his brothers, Michael completed several internships, giving him the real-world experience to land a job offer from his last internship employer — PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). He recently accepted a position with PwC’s Chicago office, beginning this fall.

All three sons were highly involved with sports at Bradley. Adam and Joe had brief stints on the Braves’ baseball and soccer teams. And with scholarships, Advanced Placement credits and community college courses in the summers, the brothers graduated on time and with little debt.

‘THE COMMON THREAD IS COMMUNITY’

The family was eager to express what makes Bradley special. They mentioned brilliant, caring faculty and Bradley’s connections with businesses, as well as its impact on greater Peoria.

“Bradley is the foundation for my family,” Cathy said. “It’s been a building block for opportunities and jobs.”

“Classes at Bradley prepared me,” Joe added. “If you do well here, you can compete with anyone. And it’s a tight-knit place. Even the way housing is assigned is carefully considered. The common thread is community.”

“It’s an emotional tie,” Adam noted. “I feel I have a stake in the University. I remember going to Bradley games as a kid — the connection is strong.”

“We all went to the Jim Molinari basketball camps in the summer,” added Joe. “That’s how we fell in love with campus: Haussler Hall, the smell of the pool, the distinct wood smell of the historic Field House.”

Another shared Bradley experience is the enduring friendships each young man formed with classmates from around the world. All three have traveled extensively with their friends. Destinations have included New York City, India, Spain and Italy. Adam and Joe recently joined other alumni in Istanbul to celebrate the wedding of Ali Bora Usal ’07.

The Costello sons are quietly proud of their parents and the sacrifices they made to prepare them for and send them to college. They credit Cathy with supervising homework and projects and helping them stay on top of their coursework. Their admiration for their father — who completed college coursework while working full time — is evident, as well.

As for Dean, he is pleased with the bond his close-knit family has with the Hilltop. “It’s a strong, top-notch university with great faculty and Division I sports. We’re proud to be connected with Bradley.”
‘Pillars of the Bar’ Recognized

On the advice of his brother, Duane Stone ‘38, and their parents, Calvin Stone ‘42 (left) decided to attend his hometown college. “I had no desire to leave home to go to college,” Stone said. “In addition, I had a job in Peoria where I could set my own hours, and that was an advantage, especially around final-exam time.”

A former attorney, circuit judge and chief judge in Peoria, Illinois, Stone was honored as a Pillar of the Bar by the Peoria County Bar Association. Other Bradley alumni honored this year were federal Judge Joe Billy McDade ‘59 MA ‘60 HON ‘13, Jay Janssen ‘59 and Gary Rafool ‘57. The award, given every five years to selected bar association members, recognizes lawyers who have distinguished themselves at practicing law and in their professional and community activities while setting an example for others.

Stone’s daughter, Christine Stone Rainey ‘69, and step-daughter, Susan Crabtree ‘80, also are Bradley alums. Plus, he taught at the University for 20 years before being elected judge. “Several fellow attorneys were teaching classes at Bradley, and that gave me the idea,” he explained from his Florida home.

A decorated Army veteran of World War II in Europe, the Lambda Chi Alpha returned to earn a law degree. “From my earliest days, I knew I’d take up law,” the University of Illinois Law School graduate commented. “My father, brother, several uncles and other relatives were lawyers, so it ran in the family.”

— B.G.


1940s

Frank Streibich ‘47 closed his hardware store in Peoria Heights, Ill., and retired. His lifelong involvement in the family business began in downtown Peoria in the 1930s and 1940s before the business was moved to Peoria Heights in 1969. It had been at its present location in Peoria Heights since 1979.

Will Martin ‘49 wrote So I Bought an Air Force, a book about his experiences buying piston-engine planes from the Nicaraguan air force when they were replaced with jets in the 1960s. He holds a commercial pilot’s license and restored a P-51 Mustang fighter plane. Active in the Experimental Aircraft Association, he has performed at several air shows and has been a featured speaker for aviation and business groups. Will and his wife, Pat, live in Paloa Park, Ill.


1950s

Dean Smith ‘54 won a gold medal and other honors at the World Indoor Rowing Championship in March. More than 2,400 athletes participated in the event. A member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, Dean has competed globally and won world championships in the event. He is CEO of his own wellness and nutrition company. Dean lives with his wife, Priscilla, in Lone Tree, Colo.

Dick Dhabalt ‘58 MA ‘64 was a founding faculty member at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. An instructor, coach and athletic director at the school, Dick retired in 1993. A member of the athletic halls of fame at Lincoln Land and Bradley, he was recently inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame. The Dick Dhabalt Athlete of the Year Award at Lincoln Land was named in his honor in February.


1960s

Gretchen Fornoff Hynekeal ‘67 is a volunteer with Project HEARTH (Helping Elderly Adults Retain Their Homes). She earned a master’s degree at Rowan University in New Jersey. Gretchen and her husband, Bob, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have six children and six grandchildren and live in Boyertown, Pa.


1970s

David Hardt ‘70 is serving a three-year term as president of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He has been active with the group since 1975.

Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz ’70 published her latest book, Hand of Mercy. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Hendersonville, N.C.

Aleta You ’70 released a book, Biblical Solutions for Daily Living — Developing a Vital and Personal Relationship with God. Aleta, who earned a master’s degree at the University of Hawaii and a Ph.D. at Arizona State University, spent 32 years in higher education. She taught or was an administrator at Incarnate Word College, Princeton University and Rutgers University.

Edward Finch, MA ’71 is a retired high school teacher and executive director of the Stephenson County Historical Society and Museum in Illinois. Edward, who holds a doctorate in history education from Illinois State University, also is co-founder of the annual Spencer Tracy Film Festival in Freeport, Ill.

Cary Libkin ’71 was named the inaugural holder of the Nagle Family Endowed Chair in Musical Theatre at Penn State University. A member of the faculty at Penn State since 1990, he has led the musical theatre program since it was established in 1994. He has directed regional theaters nationwide and has presented master classes in the U.S. and abroad. Cary co-founded the Musical Theatre Educators Alliance-International and is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. He earned an MFA in directing from Carnegie Mellon University.

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Born in the segregated South to teachers who valued education, Linda Bolliger ’72 MA ’73 received the Joshua Smith Diversity Award and was inducted into the Peoria, Ill., African American Hall of Fame Museum for creating Peoria’s first affirmative action plan and her work in the war on poverty. She is the founder and chair of Boardroom Bound, a corporate boardroom diversity movement.

Robin Crowe ’72 retired as CEO after 40 years at Webster-Cantrell Hall, a child-welfare agency in Decatur, Ill. Robin, who earned a master’s degree at the University of Illinois, Springfield, also served the agency as a caseworker and assistant executive director. He and his wife, Adele Neapolitan Crowe ’79, live in Decatur.

Paul Herzog ’74, longtime public address announcer for Bradley men’s basketball games and the Illinois High School Association’s state basketball tournament, was honored with the Neve Harms Award for mentorious service to sports by the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame. A member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame since 2011, he is a chartered financial consultant and is active in professional and civic groups. Paul has been president of both the Bradley Alumni Association and the Braves Club. He and his wife, Colleen, have two children and live in Germantown Hills, Ill.

William Goodwin ’73 is senior vice president and manager of the futures division for the Crossland Division of Wedbush Securities. He was a founding principal and owner of Crossland, LLC, and is a full member of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Clement Safranek ’73 was named director of client services at MSA Professional Services, where he leads the firm’s business development efforts. He has been with the company 36 years.

Pioneering Chemist

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The holder of one Canadian and 29 U.S. patents, Dorman was interviewed as part of The HistoryMakers Archive, the nation’s largest African American video oral history project with 2,600 videotaped interviews. Housed at the Library of Congress, the project also includes conversations with former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, actors Ruby Dee and Harry Belafonte, writer Maya Angelou and baseball star Ernie Banks.

A 1993 Centurion and member of the Bradley Council, he earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Indiana University and was the first African American Ph.D. hired by Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan. He retired from Dow as a senior associate scientist after 34 years.

Dorman and his wife, Phae, have been recognized for civic involvement in Midland. Last year, they were given a lifetime achievement award for community improvement by the Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center. The couple also was honored in April at a luncheon sponsored by Creative 360, a community-based nonprofit group.

— B.G.
Psychology Alumnus Awarded
Dr. Wayne Weiten ’72 MA ’73

Dr. Wayne Weiten ’72 MA ’73 came to Bradley as a political science major with his sights on law school before being “seduced by psychology.”

Weiten, a textbook author and the 1991 Outstanding Young Graduate, was named the psychology department’s Distinguished Alumnus this spring. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and has taught at schools in Illinois and California. He now teaches at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“It’s very flattering to be honored by the department,” he said, noting his appreciation for Dr. Claire Etaugh and emeritus professors Dr. Robert Lowder ’49 MA ’50 and the late Dr. Richard Stalling.

Weiten was involved with The Scout and debate team, and he worked in the library while on the Hilltop. He followed Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10 as sports and news director of campus radio station WCBU in the early 1970s. Weiten did play-by-play at Bradley basketball games with Steiner before teaming to call games with fellow student Paul Herzog ’74, who continues to be the men’s basketball public address announcer.

“What I loved about Bradley was the openness for people to participate,” Weiten noted. “I was able to do so many things I found interesting.”

His first book, Psychology Applied to Modern Life: Adjustment in the 21st Century, is the most widely used text for adjustment courses worldwide. His second book, Psychology: Themes and Variations, continues to be the primary text for Bradley’s introductory psychology courses.

“It’s thrilling to know you have a chance to influence minds that will be running the country someday,” Weiten added.

— B.G.
Master and the owner-founder of Healing from Your Heart in Westlake, Ohio. She recently wrote a book, Rays of Light: Listen to the Dark. Linda holds a master’s degree in public administration from Kent State University and has worked in both mental health and human resources.

Randy Simmons ’79 is principal at Peoria Notre Dame High School in Peoria, Ill. Previously, he was assistant principal at the school. A 35-year educator, Randy also was principal at Peoria High School and Von Steuben Middle School. His wife, Patti Lavin Simmons ’83 MA ’00, is a guidance counselor for Peoria School District 150. They have three children and live in Peoria.

1980s

Bob Abbott ’80 worked 33 years for Xerox Corp. He and his wife, Marian, live in Midlothian, Va.

Jim Kelch ’80 is in his fifth season as an announcer for the Cincinnati Reds. He also does radio broadcasts of men’s basketball games for Northern Kentucky University. After getting his start on Peoria, Ill., stations, Jim called games in Chattanooga, Tenn., and for 21 years in Louisville, Ky.

Childhood memories inspired a recent sculptural installation at Heuser Art Center by Bob Emser, MFA ’78. Born and raised in East Peoria, Illinois, Emser showed an early interest in art and structure.

The exhibit, “Aerodrome,” featured My Rocket, a 6-foot creation of gleaming aluminum and Brazilian cherry wood, a rolling stairway to a plane door whose “window” played a grainy video of 1960s airport scenes, and framed airplane blueprints. The front section of an aircraft modeled after Amelia Earhart’s “Lockheed Electra” (above) burst from a wall of blue sky and clouds.

The exhibit was strongly influenced by Emser’s nostalgia for the glamour of travel in an earlier time. “I remember my first flight in 1968,” he said. “Everyone dressed up to board a plane.”

Emser received a bachelor’s degree from Eureka College, where he met his wife, Dina Emser, MA ’81. He was a tenured professor at Eureka for many years, eventually becoming chair of the Fine and Performing Arts Division.

In 1996, he left teaching to work full time as a sculptor. Although he’d always had a fascination with flight and flying machines, his early work was abstract. But with more time to concentrate on his craft, Emser’s work evolved. He moved from abstract work to realistic representations of airplanes and rockets. “I’d heard that you should go back to what you loved doing at the age of 10,” he said. “I thought about it, and remembered building model airplanes with my dad.”

Emser was artist in residence at Bradley from fall 2012 until spring 2014. He also was one of the founders and served as executive director of the Contemporary Art Center in Peoria.

— M.B.
Ron E. Happach ’81 was named chief commercial officer at Millennium Pipeline Company in New York. He has more than 30 years of experience in the natural gas industry.

Aurthur Mae Rice Perkins ’82 MA ’90 was named to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board by Gov. Bruce Rauner. The 2001 Distinguished Alumnus and member of the Centurion Society is active in community organizations in Peoria, Ill., and had a 30-year career in education.

Doug Haiberstadt ’83 is a sports columnist for The Rock River Times community newspaper in Rockford, Ill.

Eddie Mathews ’83 is an English teacher at Limestone High School in Bartonville, Ill., where he also coaches basketball and baseball. A member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, he was part of two Missouri Valley Conference championship teams and won an NIT title while on the Hilltop. Eddie taught and coached for 10 years at Notre Dame High School in Peoria, Ill. In addition, he is co-founder of Future Stars Basketball League for Peoria-area students in second through sixth grades.

Melynda French Litchfield ’81 spoke on Bradley’s campus about the effects of problem gambling as a national victims advocate for the group Stop Predatory Gambling. She has been featured in several media outlets for her work against gambling. A registered nurse, Melynda has been honored for efforts to boost organ donation and is active in several community groups.

Sister Judith Ann Duvall ’82, chair of OSF Healthcare System in Peoria, Ill., was named a 2014 Woman of Influence by Interbusiness Issues. She earned a master’s degree from St. John’s University in New York.

Willie Scott ’83 was named head coach for women’s basketball at William Penn University in Iowa. Previously, he was an assistant men’s coach at AIB College of Business. A member of the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame, Willie played professionally in the United States, Europe and South America. He has coached at the high school, junior college, college and professional levels, including at Bradley. In addition, he owns Willie Scott Customer Clothes, which designs clothes for sports and entertainment stars.

Patricia Westerman-Connor ’83 was named director of the Marshall County Emergency Management Agency in Illinois. Patricia earned a master’s degree at the University of Illinois and has worked as an educator, most recently for the Peoria Regional Office of Education. She also serves as a member of the city council in Chillicothe.

Mary Conway Dato-on ’84 gave a presentation on Bradley’s campus on behalf of the Fulbright Advisory Committee. A Fulbright Scholar, she is an associate professor and faculty director of the Social Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Initiative at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Mary earned a master’s degree from the University of Denver and her doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

Matt Fiascone ’85 was named president of The Habitat Company, a full-service real estate company. He had been the company’s senior vice president of finance and investment. Previously, Matt was senior vice president at Inland Real Estate Development Corp.

A licensed real estate broker, he is a board member at Inland Bank and Trust and is active with the Urban Land Institute and the National MultiHousing Council. The 2002 Outstanding Young Graduate and his wife, Karen, have two children and live in Hinsdale, Ill.

Dave Winking ’85 was named the first CFO at craft beer maker Brew Hub in St. Louis. A certified public accountant, he has been a financial consultant for craft brewers, vice president of business operations for an advertising agency and held a variety of finance, marketing and media positions at Anheuser-Busch.

Howard Killian ’86 was named public works director for Elmhurst, Ill. A registered professional engineer, he has worked for several other Illinois municipalities, including Des Plaines and Arlington Heights. The recipient of two Governor’s Hometown Awards, Howard earned a master’s degree in public administration from Roosevelt University.

Randy McDaniels ’86, president of McDaniels Healthcare Marketing in Pekin, was named president of the Illinois Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations (ISHMPR). He has worked for the marketing firm for 20 years in a variety of jobs and has been active with the ISHMPR since 1989.

Howard Cannon ’88 received the Outstanding Leadership Medal from NASA for his work on the successful Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer mission. He earned a master’s degree in robotics from Carnegie Mellon University. His wife, Jennifer Tryner Cannon ’88 ’95, had her 17-foot-tall sculpture, Living Wind (above) permanently installed in the Durango, Colo., Transit Center. They live in San Jose, Calif., with their three children.

Pete McMurray ’89 is part of the new morning drive team on WDRV (The Drive) in Chicago. Previously, he was at Talk WGN-A.

Jeff Tarnowski ’89 MBA ’91 was named vice president for university advancement at the University of North Georgia. Previously, he was vice president for institutional advancement at Georgia Perimeter College.

1990s

Renee Knight ’90, a support team leader at Cerner Inc., was named a 2014–2015 Professional Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women for her leadership in technology.

David Mainella ’90 MA ’96 was named assistant dean for development and alumni relations at Emory University’s Goizueta Business School. Previously, he was executive director of development and external relations at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Massey Cancer Center. He also has worked at Duke University, North Carolina State University, Johns Hopkins University and Bradley.
Scott Byrd ’91 joined the board of Acacia Pharma. He has 23 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, most recently as chief commercial officer for Cadence Pharmaceuticals Inc. He also worked for Eli Lilly and Company. Scott earned an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Lyle Goldensoh ’91 was named high school principal of the year for the Black Hawk Region by the Illinois Principals Association. He is now eligible for the state principal of the year honor. Lyle, who earned a master’s degree in special education from Western Illinois University, has been principal at Moline High School since 2010. Previously, he taught and was principal at Arrowhead Ranch.

Lisa Donovan Bacalski ’92 was named director of evangelization at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church, Va. After working as a creative executive in Hollywood and a special education teacher, she was director of communications for the Sisters of Notre Dame in California and for St. James.

Laura Huth ’92 is president and CEO of do good Consulting and creative director/project manager for reCREATE Homes and Gardens. She has been involved in starting several community-focused groups, including the Central Illinois Nonprofit Training Institute and the Illinois Student Environmental Network.

Andrea D. Parker ’92 was named executive director of the Hult Center for Healthy Living in Peoria, Ill. Previously, she was a regional health officer for the state Department of Public Health. A certified public health administrator, she has been honored for her work, including with Bradley’s Mildred Pflederer Memorial Alumni Award for contributions to public health nursing. A member of the Peoria African American Hall of Fame Museum, Andrea earned a master’s degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Lisa Zinselmeyer Vollmer ’92 was among 99 educators in the St. Louis area honored with an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award for their achievements and dedication. The award is sponsored annually by St. Louis-based Emerson, a global manufacturer and technology leader.

Julie O’Neill Lagacy, MBA ’93 was named chief information officer and vice president with responsibility for the Global Information Services Division at Caterpillar Inc. A 26-year veteran of the company, she had been vice president for the company’s Finance Services Division. She is a certified management accountant and has held numerous executive positions at Caterpillar.

Jason Ancona ’94 co-wrote and co-produced the recently released movie, The Burning Dead. He has spent a decade in Los Angeles writing screenplays and is now directing an independent comedy film in Austin, Texas.

Anthony Bigger ’94 was promoted to correctional lieutenant in the Illinois Department of Corrections. He has worked for the department since 2000. Anthony lives in Trenton, Ill.

Mary A. Finch, MM ’94 completed her 17th season with the San Francisco Opera Chorus and performs in the Bay area. She also is a member of the Lyric Vocal Quartet of San Francisco and a founding member of the San Francisco Festival Chorus. Mary has studied at Southern Methodist University and the American Institute for Musical Studies in Austria.

Luke Moranda ’94 is senior vice president and chief information officer at OCC, the world’s largest equity derivatives clearing organization. Previously, Luke was managing director of technology at JP Morgan Chase. He earned an MBA from Indiana University.

Joe Terry ’94 received the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award from Bradley’s Department of Physical Therapy and Health Science. Owner and head strength coach at The Human Performance Lab in Metamora, Ill., Joe is an affiliate instructor at Bradley and has participated in research projects with students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Jonathan Lackland ’95 was named director of state government relations at Illinois State University. Previously, he was deputy director of advancement, external and government relations for the state Board of Higher Education. He earned a master’s degree from the University of Illinois, Springfield, worked for the state Department of Transportation and was a regional director for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

From her days at Bradley, to service with the Peace Corps, to a legal career, Marie Amendola Kenyon ’81 has worked to help others. She takes her experiences to a larger arena after being named to lead the newly re-established Peace and Justice Commission of the 11-county Archdiocese of St. Louis.

After Peace Corps service in West Africa, the lessons of perseverance Kenyon learned on the Hilltop and overseas helped her earn a law degree from Saint Louis University. The international relations major then founded Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) in 1987, which provides free legal help to those who cannot afford an attorney. The group’s efforts include helping victims of domestic violence and assisting with immigration and citizenship matters. CLAM has grown to include eight lawyers, volunteers and law students.

“It is an honor to be entrusted with the leadership of such an important ministry,” Kenyon said of her new position.

Named the 2005 Missouri Lawyer of the Year by Missouri Lawyers Weekly, she is active with community and professional groups, including the Missouri Bar’s Board of Governors, the St. Louis Bar Foundation and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

— B.G.
Appropriating an Educational Career

Appropriations hearings in the Illinois House seldom spark a career epiphany, but in 2011, that’s where Amber Huett-Garcia ‘08 first heard about Teach For America.

“I served as the primary budget analyst for Illinois’ K-12 education budget,” the journalism and political science graduate noted. “I distinctly remember thinking ‘Wow, what a fantastic organization.’ I did some research, applied and was accepted. Four months later, I was on my way to teach elementary school in Memphis, Tennessee, with everything I owned in a U-Haul.”

The first intern for Bradley’s Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service (IPL), Huett-Garcia won a LaHood Scholarship and completed internships with the Illinois Department of Public Health and the state Senate president while earning her master’s degree in public administration from the University of Illinois, Springfield. “I see my involvement with IPL as that moment in my own personal and professional development when I truly began to understand and appreciate collaborative leadership,” she explained.

Teach For America recruits college graduates and professionals for two-year commitments to teach in low-income areas throughout the country. Huett-Garcia now directs operations for two-year commitments to teach in low-income areas.

Educational equity isn’t her only passion, however. Huett-Garcia, who attended Bradley with her identical twin, Autumn Huett ‘08, is a bariatric patient active with the nonprofit Obesity Action Council. Now the vice chair, she has chaired its national board of the organization's Memphis region.

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— B.G.
U.S. Department of Education for Rockland School in Libertyville, Ill., where she teaches second grade.

Courtney Fassler Walsh '98 had her novel, Paper Hearts, published by Tyndale House Publishers. A writer, artist, theatre director and playwright, her first novel, A Sweethaven Summer, was on the e-book bestseller lists of the New York Times and USA Today. She also has written craft books and musicals.

Annie Dollarhide Kardas '99 and Aris Kardas were married May 15, 2014. Annie is director of global communications for The A21 Campaign against human trafficking. The couple lives in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Thomas R. Musschoot '99 was named president of General Kinematics. Previously, he was vice president of North American sales at the Crystal Lake, Illinois-based company. He earned an MBA from Webster University.

Kathy Loverude Weaver '99 was named a senior vice president at Ryan, a global tax services firm, and is based in the Dallas office. She is a certified senior professional in human resources and earned an Executive MBA at the University of Texas, Arlington.

2000s

Shauna Sever '00 wrote Real Sweet: More Than 80 Crave-Worthy Treats Made with Natural Sugars. A cookbook author and food blogger, she has written several books, and her recipes have been featured on websites and in magazines.

Sarin Williams '00 and Bobby Fink were married June 21, 2014. Sarin earned a master's degree in music from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a doctorate in musical arts at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. She is director of choral activities at the University of Rio Grande and choir director at Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church. The couple lives in Bidwell, Ohio.

Mikal Guffey '01 is golf director and clubhouse manager at The Hills Golf Club at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill.

John Redlingshafer '01 was named a partner in the law firm of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, where he chairs the firm’s governmental practice group. He also was elected to a four-year term on the Tazewell County Board. John and his wife, Stephanie Boehm Redlingshafer '01, live in Washington, Ill., with their four children.

Carrie Biegler Soderstrom '01 MBA '11 was named brand manager for travel retail at Maui Jim, a maker of premium sunglasses. Previously, she worked at MedPro Advantage LLC in Peoria, Ill., and CDW in Vernon Hills, Ill.

Laura Benzing '02 joined the volleyball coaching staff at the University of Minnesota. An All-Missouri Valley Conference choice at Bradley, she played professionally in Germany and coached at both Oregon State and Ohio State universities.

Valerie Martin Miller '02 and Joshua Miller '02 recently created a cow mural on the Oneota Co-op building in Decorah, Iowa. They also have created a series of cow murals on buildings in nearby Waukon. Joshua holds a master's degree from the Rhode Island School of Design. They live in Waukon.

Caitlin Neal Buffs '03, as Caitlin Simone, was named co-leader of the Ken Arlen Evolution Orchestra. She also is client relationship manager for the group. She recently announced a five-week tour of Europe this fall.

Kevin Cluskey '04 was named director of the Southeast District Health Department in Nebraska. Previously, he worked for the health department in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kan. Kevin holds an MBA from the University of St. Mary. He and his wife, Wendy, have two children.

Adam Grenier '04 is head of performance marketing for Uber Technologies in San Francisco. He was named one of the 40 Under 40 Brand Innovators west of Chicago in 2014 by Brand Innovators LLC.

Eric Obalil '04 is a financial adviser with Alexander Financial Services in Washington, Ill. His wife, Lauren Alexander Obalil '05, is foundation coordinator for the Illinois CancerCare Foundation and owner/photographer at Lauren O Photography. They have two children and live in Washington.

Greg Brown '05 and his wife, Ashley, announce the birth of their son, Beckett Stafford, on Jan. 2. Greg is a senior project manager at The Cord Group. The family lives in Homer Glen, Ill.

Erik Czerwin '05 published Chess Progress: From Beginner to Winner.

2000s

Amy Eggert '05 MA '07 published a book, Scattershot: Collected Fictions. She earned a Ph.D. in English studies at Illinois State University and teaches composition, literature and creative writing at Bradley and Midstate College.

Brandy Raffel Skierkiewicz '05 MA '07 and her husband, Mark Skierkiewicz '05, welcomed Micah Bradley on Dec. 19. Brandy is director of student engagement at Aurora University. Mark is a project engineer at Underwriters Laboratories. The family lives in Arlington Heights, Ill.

He earned a master's degree from Aurora University.

2000s

Christine Dittmer Glanert, MA '06 is a readjustment counseling therapist at the Springfield, Ill., Center of the Department of Veterans Affairs. She is a licensed clinical professional counselor in Illinois and a national certified counselor. She and her husband, Doug Glanert, welcomed Roland on Nov. 24. The family lives in Riverton.

Roxanne Provence '06 and her husband, Derek Bridges, announce the birth of Augustus Jack on Dec. 24. Roxanne, who earned a master's degree in education from DePaul University, is a job exploration specialist with MERS Goodwill. The family lives in St. Louis.

Hallie Blazer Raskin '06 was named executive director of the Bexley Community Foundation in Ohio. She holds a master's degree in nonprofit management from Spertus College. Previously, Hallie was assistant director of development for the Jewish Council of Youth Services in Chicago.

John Selburg '06 had his sculptures and drawings displayed at the Contemporary Art Center in Peoria, Ill. John, who earned a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Missouri, Columbia, has a studio in Peoria and teaches at Illinois Central College.

Christopher Assise '07 and Lara Urban Assise '07 announce the birth of Bradley Michael on Nov. 27. Christopher, who holds a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School, is an associate attorney with Sidney Austin LLP. Lara recently received her Professional in Human Resources certification and works for the Chicago Series of Lockton Companies, LLC. The family lives in Chicago.
Chris Iasiello ’07 was selected for the 2015 class of “Top 20 Under 40” by the Engineering News-Record. The honor recognizes young design and construction engineers from the Midwest. Chris, who earned a master’s degree in management at Northwestern University, is a program manager with Sargent & Lundy LLC. He and his wife, Meghan Van De Velde Iasielo ’08, live in Chicago.

Stephanie Bauer Booth ’09 and Chris Booth were married Oct. 10. She earned an Ed.M. in educational organization and leadership from the University of Illinois. She is chair of the business and family professional engineer in Illinois and a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Nicole Pierzchala King ’08 and her husband, Michael King, announce the birth of their son, Shemyus Michael, on May 11, 2014. Nicole is office manager at Sylvia Chiropractic. The family lives in Swanton, Ohio.

Tess Garland Fleming ’07 and her husband, Dr. Christopher Fleming, announce the birth of their fourth child, Haven, on Sept. 26. Tess works in insurance for Leffelman and Associates. The family lives in Dixon, Ill.

Emily Bowe ’11 is associate content manager for public relations at Eric Mower & Associates. Previously, she was a public relations specialist at Polaris Library Systems. Emily lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Emily Bowe ’11

Tara Metzinger Veltman ’09 and John Veltman, MBA ’09, were married Sept. 6. Tara is a product support analyst at the Warranty Division at Caterpillar Inc. John is a distribution logistics analyst at Caterpillar Logistics. They live in Morton, Ill.

Cody Brutlag ’10 helped start Thumbs Up, Cancer Down, a not-for-profit organization to aid people with cancer, after a friend was diagnosed. Cody works in the county tourism office in Bakersfield, Calif.

Emily Bowe ’11

Randy DuMez ’11 and Laurel Smith DuMez were married Nov. 8. Randy is an education coordinator at Bright Horizons Family Solutions. The couple lives in Coconut Creek, Fla.

Mary Goldkamp ’11 finished second at the Austin 10/20 race in Austin, Texas. Earlier, she set a meet record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase event at the Texas Relays.

Michelle Haney Kerr ’11 graduated from medical school at Indiana University and will continue her training as a pediatric neurologist at Seattle Children’s Hospital. She is married to Max Kerr ’10.

Bill Mayo, MA ’11, is a former vice president at Caterpillar Inc. and the executive producer/screenwriter for the full-length feature film Out of the Heart. The movie, an official selection at the Illinois International Film Festival, was produced and filmed in central Illinois.

Kwan Cheuk ’12 was sworn in as a police officer in West Peoria, Ill.

Bryan Gaul ’12 plays for Saint Louis FC of the United Soccer League as a forward. At Bradley, he was an All-Missouri Valley Conference selection and named an All-Midwest Region player by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Bryan has played professionally for the Los Angeles Galaxy, Fort Lauderdale Strikers and the Carolina RailHawks.

Frankey Moss ’12 was named business development manager of the year at HON. He is the office furniture manufacturer’s representative for Virginia.

Amanee Avery ’13 is a music teacher at Chicago International Charter School Jackson in Rockford, Ill.

Joe Bircher ’13 plays for the Sioux Falls Canaries of the American Association. He holds Bradley career records for strikeouts and innings pitched. Previously, he played in the Houston Astros minor-league organization.

Zach Dalin ’13 is a multimedia producer and photographer at KMVQ-TV in St. Louis.

Tori Scotti ’13 had her first book, Where the Maple Leaf Falls, published under the pen name T. M. Sweetbriar. She is a Navy supply officer and volunteers with CreatIVets.

Nathaniel Zimmerly ’13 recently ended a deployment as an officer with a U.S. Army engineering brigade in East Africa to support the fight against the Ebola virus.
In Memory

1930s

Corabelle Miller Chuse ‘35, Dec. 30, Peoria, Ill.
Esther Daniels ‘36, Dec. 9, Peoria, Ill.
Mary Crawshaw Wellbrock ‘37, Dec. 9, Peoria, Ill.
Virginia “Ginny” Kinsey Mago ‘38, Jan. 12, Milwaukee
Mabel Cooper Elliott ‘39, Nov. 23, Shelbyville, Ky.
Betty Fox Kannapel ‘39, Dec. 5, Danville, Ill.
Philip Kellstedt ‘39, Jan. 16, Peoria, Ill.

1940s

Jane Howell Slevin ‘41, Jan. 7, Peoria, Ill.
Mary Donnelly Cation ‘42, April 2, Peoria, Ill.
Mary Lou Heisel Hession ‘42, Dec. 19, Peoria, Ill.
Mildred Eden Himmel ‘42, Nov. 17, Pekin, Ill.
Kenneth Legg ‘42, Dec. 1, Peoria, Ill.
Spalding Slevin Jr. ‘42, Jan. 16, Peoria, Ill.
Dorothy Cowperthwaite Coffman ‘43, Nov. 14, Peoria, Ill.
Phyllis Egert Webber ‘44, Dec. 25, Everett, Wash.
Anne Pattison Chinuge ‘45, Feb. 12, Peoria, Ill.
Jack McShane ‘47, April 7, Peoria, Ill.
James Cranwill ‘48, Nov. 30, Springfield, Ill.
Jack Greener ‘48 MEA ‘67, Nov. 26, Peoria, Ill.
Joseph Gutos ‘48 MA ‘70, Jan. 11, Jacksonville, Fla.
Marian Hoerr Hardin ‘48, April 5, Peoria, Ill.
Wilda Oedewaldt Keller ‘48, March 16, Tremont, Ill.
George Penney ‘48, Feb. 6, Apalachin, N.Y.
Margaret Weston Stuvel ‘48, Jan. 5, Denver, Colo.
Pauline Dimmick Sults ‘48, March 19, Galesburg, Ill.
John Totten ‘48, April 10, Peoria, Ill.
Beverly Winter Alumbaugh ‘49 MA ‘61, April 3, Mendota, Ill.
Richard Doedtmann Sr. ‘49, Dec. 29, Springfield, Ill.
David Easson ‘49, Dec. 21, Davenport, Iowa
Walt Eisele ‘49, Jan. 12, Peoria, Ill.
Jackie Schafer Everhart ‘49 MA ‘80, Dec. 9, Peoria, Ill.
Guiford Haneshwor Jr. ‘49, Feb. 24, La Crosse, Wis.

1950s

John Ambrosch Jr. ‘50, Jan. 24, Peoria, Ill.
Donald Brewster ‘50, Oct. 8, Palm Harbor, Fla.
John W. Bryant ‘50, Nov. 19, Gillsville, Ga.
George Gibons ‘50 MA ‘52, Jan. 31, Peoria, Ill.
Fran Hammitt ‘50, Jan. 4, Princeville, Ill.
William Jacobs ‘50, March 28, Bartow, Fla.
Daniel Knaub ‘50, April 10, Peoria, Ill.
Raymond Krumrey ‘50, Dec. 27, Green Valley, Ariz.
Joan Reinecke Lauterbach ‘50, Feb. 1, Rockland, Maine
Thomas Lavin ‘50, Nov. 20, Peoria, Ill.
Ellsworth “Bud” Matthias Sr. ‘50, Jan. 8, Winter Haven, Fla.
Ray Mensendike ‘50 MA ‘54, March 19, Stockton, Ill.
Keith Metzger ‘50, Jan. 12, Danvers, Ill.
Edward Picton ‘50, Nov. 7, East Peoria, Ill.
Harry Price Jr. ‘50, Feb. 18, Peoria, Ill.
Carlyle Rasmussen ‘50, Nov. 12, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Rudy Reche ‘50, Feb. 25, Milwaukee
Harry Sonnemaker Jr. ‘50, March 21, Dunlap, Ill.
Edmund Zarek ‘50, Feb. 27, Northbrook, Ill.
Clarence Ziemer ‘50, Nov. 8, Elmwood, Ill.
Del Driscoll ‘51, Dec. 18, Peoria, Ill.
Frank Duvall ‘51, Dec. 9, Lewistown, Ill.
Christian Diebold Erkert ‘51, March 24, Peoria, Ill.
Wanda Isaacs Evanoff ‘51, March 30, Richmond, Texas
Mary Dudas Klein ‘51, Jan. 13, Metamora, Ill.
Raymond Larson ‘51, Jan. 13, Upland, Calif.
Ray Livasy ‘51, Nov. 26, Decatur, Ill.
Carol Brandon McRoberts ‘51, Nov. 20, Peoria, Ill.
Nancy Millikan Phillips ‘51, April 7, Peoria, Ill.
George Saunders ‘51, March 7, Savannah, Ga.
Henry Bankie Jr. ‘52, Nov. 30, Peoria, Ill.
Gordon A. Brown ‘52, March 27, Trivoli, Ill.

Jake Hermann ‘14 was part of NBC’s staff in Phoenix for the Super Bowl and several other programs in February. Kaylee Niestrom ‘14 is training to be a district sales leader at Frito-Lay North America.

Lauren Watts ‘14 is an intern for OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, the nation’s largest philanthropic half-marathon, in Indianapolis.

Katie Yohn ‘14 was inducted into the St. Edward High School Hall of Fame in Elgin, Ill. A four-year starter for Bradley, Katie was a second-team All-Missouri Valley Conference selection and first-team MVC Scholar-Athlete in 2013. Katie, who signed to play professionally with the Rhein-Main Baskets in Germany, also holds the school’s record for 3-pointers.
Class Notes

In Memory

Selwyn Shaw ’52, Dec. 19, Decatur, Ill.
Robert A. Hoerr ’53, March 21, Sierra Vista, Ariz.
Thomas Johnson ’53 MS ’58, March 1, East Peoria, Ill.
Robert O’Connor ’53, March 26, Wheaton, Ill.
Delmar Schoen ’53, April 13, Metamora, Ill.
Kenneth Weeks ’53 MS ’59, Feb. 7, Brimfield, Ill.
Martha Cargill Wolff ’53, Nov. 6, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Rollyn “Rolly” Affeldt ’54, Jan. 10, Beloit, Wis.
Frederick Knop ’54, Dec. 10, East Peoria, Ill.
Dolores Kieser Luthy ’54, March 27, Indialantic, Fla.
George Metcalf ’54, Feb. 19, Edwardsville, Ill.
Dixie Gannett ’55, July 2, 2014, Jupiter, Fla.
Joseph Lebau ’55, April 1, Baltimore
Beverly Dennis Schimmelpenning ’55, Nov. 24, Pekin, Ill.
Paul Winkelmann ’55, Dec. 14, Princeton, Ill.
Donald Atkinson ’56, Jan. 21, Roanoke, Va.
Donald Frasca ’56, June 21, Bloomington, Ill.
Marian Rithmiller McKinney ’56 MA ’59, Dec. 2, Toledo, Ohio
Patricia Shawgo Powers ’56, March 26, Peoria, Ill.
Robert D. Becker ’57, Feb. 25, East Peoria, Ill.
Patricia Berg Fipps ’57, Nov. 6, Peoria, Ill.
Carol Kreiling, MS ’57, March 18, Forest City, Ill.
Edmund Bangs ’59, Dec. 29, Des Moines, Iowa
William Schlesinger ’59 MA ’63, March 13, Peoria, Ill.
Roger Seghetti ’59, Feb. 25, Peoria, Ill.
Frances Kerber Walron ’59, Dec. 26, Webster Groves, Mo.

1960s

John Covey ’60, Jan. 18, Peoria, Ill.
Robert Maurice ’60, Dec. 14, West Peoria, Ill.
Elizabeth Costello Mikesell ’60, Feb. 4, East Peoria, Ill.
Thomas A. Shea ’61, March 26, Carmel, Ind.
Clyde Storbeck ’61, Nov. 19, Bettendorf, Iowa
Glenn Harris, MS ’62, Jan. 30, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Kathryn Bickerman Downing ’63, March 26, Peoria Heights, Ill.
Gene “Sonny” Hess ’63 MA ’69, Nov. 29, Peoria, Ill.
Leo Hoerderman Sr. ’63, March 10, Lansdowne, Pa.
Fred A. Johnson ’63 MA ’64, Nov. 22, Arlington, Va.
William P. Dixon ’64, Feb. 8, Milwaukee
George “Pat” McKinley ’64 MA ’67, March 13, East Peoria, Ill.
Billie Druffel Rhymes ’64, March 31, Mission, Kan.
Dorothy “Dot” Garner Smith ’64 MA ’68, Nov. 10, Pekin, Ill.
Kenneth Snyder ’64, Nov. 21, Marquette, Mich.
David McLuckie ’65, Sept. 7, Rockford, Ill.

James Schofield ’65, Oct. 27, Chesapeake Beach, Md.
Lois Parker Manley ’66 MA ’68, March 25, Streator, Ill.
L. Dean Nelson ’66, Feb. 15, Peoria, Ill.
Frank Perino ’66, March 5, Mesa, Ariz.
Del Dester, MSME ’67, Jan. 11, Spring Hill, Kan.
James Klopfenstein ’67, Nov. 25, Peoria, Ill.
John F. Martin ’67, Dec. 28, Indianapolis
Maurine Walker Sowers Corbridge Reeves, MA ’68, April 6, Rushville, Ill.
Carl Meurn ’69, Jan. 24, Otsego, Minn.
Stephen Wolpers ’69, Feb. 23, Morton, Ill.

1970s

Beverly Dinger Herget ’71, Jan. 23, Toulon, Ill.
Randall Johnson ’71, Jan. 4, Yorkville, Ill.
Mitchell Josephs ’71, Jan. 23, West Des Moines, Iowa
Lily Lee ’71, March 15, Peoria, Ill.
Helen Romine Webb Sandman ’71, March 9, Peoria, Ill.
John Thorp ’71 MS ’72, Feb. 6, Morton, Ill.
Paul Bradshaw ’72, Feb. 20, Peoria, Ill.
Ronald DeBoer, MA ’72, Dec. 30, East Peoria, Ill.
Martha Wasilowski Brodkorb ’73, April 4, Peoria, Ill.
Paul Seymour, MA ’73, Dec. 3, Savannah, Ill.
Rodney Sumner ’73, Feb. 5, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Gene Voss II ’73, Feb. 19, Victor, N.Y.
Susan Lewis Williams ’73, Sept. 22, Marion, Ill.
Richard L. Diamond ’74, Nov. 16, Peoria, Ill.
Joan Dittmer Threw ’74 MA ’79, Feb. 8, Peoria, Ill.
Marilyn Shinn Barsema ’75, Jan. 7, Chardon, Ohio
Julia Collins ’75, Nov. 9, Peoria, Ill.
Mark Myers ’76, Aug. 11, 2014, Deerfield, Ill.
Maryruth Adams Ginn, MA ’78, March 12, Peoria, Ill.
Karyllynn Landen Hakan ’78, Dec. 27, Kansas City, Kan.

1980s

Mark Rork ’81, Jan. 30, West Dundee, Ill.
Joseph Beasley ’85, Nov. 5, Rosamond, Calif.
Sue Morris Ramirez ’85, March 23, Pekin, Ill.
J. Scott Vogel ’89 MBA ’92, Jan. 21, Peoria, Ill.

1990s

Robert Isaia ’91, March 30, Roanoke, Ill.
Ronald Johnston ’91, March 31, East Peoria, Ill.
Kris Fitzgerald Toborg ’91, March 4, Joliet, Ill.
Jeffrey Bolson ’93, Jan. 20, Pekin, Ill.
Nanette Dabney Kay ’94, Dec. 10, Metamora, Ill.
Susan McDonna Hermacinski ’95, Jan. 10, Peoria, Ill.
Scott Messer ’98, April 1, Olathe, Kan.
Sandra Hamrick Zumwalt ’98, Nov. 20, Rockford, Ill.

2000s

Nathan Tutko ’04, Feb. 15, Bloomington, Ill.
Andrew Vlachos ’05, April 4, Mapleton, Ill.

2010s

Daniel G. Thompson ’12, Dec. 28, Glendale, Calif.
Jeffrey Gust ’13, Nov. 17, Plymouth, Minn.

Faculty

Dr. Lester Brune, MA ’50, professor emeritus of history and Oglesby Professor of American Heritage, died June 12 in Peoria. He taught at Bradley for 40 years, retiring in 1996.

The author of several books on diplomacy and foreign affairs, Brune taught at what is now the University of Charleston in West Virginia for a year before joining Bradley’s faculty.

While on the Hilltop, he served as chair of the history department and assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He also directed Bradley’s Berlin Seminar from its inception in 1981 until 1993. The seminars ended in 2006.

He earned a Ph.D. at the University of Rochester. His wife, Joan Herzfeld Brune, MA ’65, survives.

Alta Thompson Rahn, Ed.D. ’57, professor emerita of education who taught at Bradley from 1960 to 1979, died March 15 in Peoria, Illinois, at the age of 100.

In addition to Bradley, she taught at every level of public school, including in Peoria District 150. She earned her master’s degree at Cornell University and her undergraduate degree at the School of Education at Albany, State University of New York.

She is survived by one son, Thomas Rahn ’62.
Peoria
Bradley football players took the field again in May for a reunion photo of team members at the site of their home games at Peoria Stadium. Nearly 60 players from the 1950s, 1960s and up to the final season in 1970 attended the three-day event, along with more than 20 of their spouses.

Excitement is building for this year’s Homecoming 2015: A Brave New World from September 20 to 26. Along with traditional favorites such as the Lighting of the B and the Homecoming tailgate and soccer game, we have added one of the Braves Club’s most popular events, Bids for the Braves, to our schedule. This Saturday night gala in the Renaissance Coliseum provides alumni opportunities to meet with current and former athletes, faculty and staff members while helping raise funds for our athletic programs. I invite you to bring your friends and fill a table of 10 to celebrate “Pirates of the Coliseum.” If you are unable to join us on campus this year for the 13th annual Bids for the Braves, consider purchasing a bidding ticket by visiting BradleyBraves.com.

There will be lots of food, friends and fun at this year’s celebration, so make plans now to join us. You can find a complete schedule and register online at bualum.org/homecoming or call the Alumni Relations Office at (800) 952-8258.

Returning to campus for Homecoming is a wonderful way for you to see the success of your alma mater and reunite with former classmates and professors.

I look forward to welcoming you back to campus in September.

Hail, Red and White,

Tory McCord Jennetten ‘96
Executive Director
Alumni Relations
Peoria
More than 150 alumni and friends, including (from left) Adam Klaege ’10, Sammi Peterburs ’13, Emily Key ’14 DPT ’17 and Cole Diekhoff ’14, enjoyed wine, food and live music at the Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter (CIBAC) annual wine tasting in the Peplow Pavilion at the Hayden-Clark Alumni Center. A silent auction also helped raise funds for CIBAC scholarships.

Palos Hills
BUBAA members, including Rhonda Potts Reynolds ’04 (second from left), and their families held a bowling event in June at Palos Lanes to raise money for the group’s scholarships. 

Peoria
Sudanese alumni and family members gathered June 5–7 on the Hilltop to celebrate their shared heritage and ties to the University. More than 100 people attended picnics, a welcome dinner and a mentoring session for Bradley students.

Denver
Alumni in the Mile High City exchanged ideas and conversation while enjoying the weather during an alumni meetup June 28 at Joyride Brewing. 

Visit the Alumni Association’s flickr page at flickr.com/BradleyAlumni to view more photos.
NEW CITIZENS TAKE OATH ON CAMPUS

The Renaissance Coliseum took on a distinctly patriotic aura in April when 597 people from 100 countries became U.S. citizens during what officials called the largest naturalization ceremony in central Illinois’ history. The ceremony included new citizens from the four divisions in the federal court’s Central District of Illinois: Peoria, Urbana, Rock Island and Springfield.

After Katie Burnham ’14 sang the national anthem, speakers, including federal Chief Judge James Shadid ’79 — who presided over the ceremony — told of their ancestors coming to the United States or described their own immigration experiences. Shadid and the Institute for Principled Leadership in Public Service (IPL) spearheaded the event. Joining Shadid were other court personnel, including Judge Joe Billy McDade ’59 MA ’60 HON ’13.
Joanne Glasser, president emerita, introduced the keynote speaker, Bradley’s head baseball coach Elvis Dominguez, who told the new citizens of life before and after arriving in the United States on a Freedom Flight as a child when his family fled Cuba. “I applaud you for giving your families hope and an opportunity to be anything they choose to be — as Americans,” he remarked.

IPL Executive Director Brad McMillan said, “We need to give our students the opportunity to witness firsthand these inspiring, life-changing events. It makes all of us proud of our country and aware that it is special to be an American.”

— B.G.
HIGHLIGHTS OF A ‘BRAVE NEW WORLD’

Wednesday, Sept. 23
- Lighting of the B Celebration

Thursday, Sept. 24
- Volleyball Game vs. Loyola at Renaissance Coliseum
- Bradley Bowl: Students vs. Faculty/Staff Flag Football

Friday, Sept. 25
- Founder’s Day Convocation
- Founder’s Day Luncheon
- Cross Country Meet
- 50 Plus Club Campus Tour, Reception/Dinner
- Soccer Game vs. Loyola and Fireworks

Saturday, Sept. 26
- Gary Tippett Memorial 5K Race
- Service on Saturday
- Football Marker Dedication
- Class of 1965 Reunion Campus/City Tour
- BUBAA Scholarship Luncheon
- 13th Annual Bids for the Braves Dinner/Auction

Visit bualum.org/homecoming for more information.

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