The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication
As I reflect on these past eight years as president of Bradley University and prepare my last column for Bradley Hilltopics, it is hard to find the words to convey all I feel about this wonderful institution. I think of the special moments, milestone events and, most importantly, the extraordinary people I met along the way — the Bradley family.

Throughout, I have marveled at the thoughtful, passionate and courageous faculty, students and alumni who positively impact the University, their communities and beyond. These individuals do not seek personal recognition but quietly go about their lives making the world a little kinder, more peaceful and just. There are heroes among us.

From the faculty who inspire their students, to caring students who volunteer in the community, to alumni who excel in their careers, the Bradley family continues to make its distinctive mark. In this issue, you will read about iconic sports broadcaster Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10 who became the namesake of our signature sports communication program, making Bradley the first school in the nation to name such a program.

Erica Bustinza ’04 uses her international business degree to improve economic conditions worldwide. After earning a certificate in horology, Bob Eichhorn ’46 began his career as a watchmaker and jewelry maker almost 70 years ago. From 1897 to 1961, 11,000 horology alumni were enlightened by Lydia Moss Bradley’s vision of providing “students with the means of living an independent, industrious and useful life by the aid of a practical knowledge of the useful arts and sciences.”

From reservist to commander of the Logistics Readiness Squadron of the 182nd Airlift Wing at the Peoria Air National Guard base, Edith O’Bryan, MA ’00 has maintained “readiness posture” for 28 years. And Kevin Maynor ’76, from the Bradley Chorale to the operatic stage, has added beauty to the world through the gift of his voice.

TO THE FUTURE

Through the special young men and women whom I have had the immense pleasure of getting to know these eight years, I see the promise of the future. In these challenging times, we are hopeful that our intelligent, compassionate and hardworking students will be among the courageous changemakers of the 21st century.

Pulitzer Prize-winner Edith Wharton wrote in a poem, “There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.” So many members of the Bradley community are to be respected and admired for their good deeds and contributions to the greater good.

Together we have completed the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in Bradley’s history, brought in the strongest academic classes on record based on ACT scores, begun innovative academic programs, enhanced the Bradley Experience for our outstanding students and successfully completed other initiatives.

Above all, what I want to leave you with is that it has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve this great university as its 10th and first woman president. I am confident that each of you, with your own unique talents and passion for Bradley, will continue to build on the momentum to make this university even greater.

Dear friends and colleagues, wherever your path may take you in life, Go Far, Go Bradley.

President’s Farewell
Spring 2015

Storied Sportscaster Lends Brand to Bradley
First named school of its kind: The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication is celebrated.

World Citizen
As a micro-finance specialist, Erica Bustinza ’04 works to improve the economic stability of households and communities.

A Timeless Vocation
After earning his certification at Bradley’s School of Horology, watchmaker and jeweler Bob Eichhorn ’46 and Mary, his wife of 72 years, have nurtured a thriving family business for nearly 60 years.

Wheels Up: Guarding America
A rewarding 28-year military career has offered logistician Lt. Col. Edith O’Bryan, MA ’00 countless opportunities to maintain “readiness posture.”

The Voice
Kevin Maynor ’76 has performed worldwide in operas and created a nonprofit opera company to honor his heroes.

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“VETERANS DAY IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE HIGH COST OF THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR FREEDOM — AND WHAT IT TAKES TO DEFEND AND PROTECT OUR BELIEFS FROM THE INROADS OF AGGRESSORS.”

DR. ROBERT DeGISE, WWII Marine Corps veteran and faculty member in the Department of English, spoke at a Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the Bradley Veterans Club to remember military service members, past and present. Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-DeGise to learn about DeGise’s Honor Flight.

“I learned more about national security — a field I hope to enter — and met scholars and future political and military leaders.”

Political science and religious studies major TAYLOR SOTO ’15 was selected as Bradley’s first representative to the Student Conference on U.S. Affairs hosted by the United States Military Academy at West Point in mid-November. She developed public policy recommendations, discussed with West Point cadets challenges the U.S. faces in an increasingly global society and co-wrote a paper for publication.

The “proof” was in the performance for DANIELLE DYKSTERHOUSE ’15, as she became the first undergraduate to direct a main-stage play in the Meyer Jacobs Theatre. A double major in theater arts and business management, Dyksterhouse was chosen to direct Proof because of her “demonstrated skill as a leader and the maturity and depth of her artistic skills,” said Scott Kanoff, interim chair of the Department of Theatre Arts. Listen to an interview with Dyksterhouse at bradley.edu/go/ht-Dyksterhouse.

Art professors OSCAR GILLESPIE and ROBERT ROWE collaborated on a yearlong project with internationally renowned book artist Tim Ely to create a unique book entitled Tor. Using an unusual drum-leaf binding technique, the book melds Gillespie’s figurative engravings and Rowe’s structural typography with Ely’s cryptic markings, symbols and textures.

Psychology major BRIAN DEAL ’15 was selected as Student Laureate of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois in recognition of his overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities. The Lincoln Academy of Illinois was established in 1964 by the governor to recognize distinguished Illinoisans.

The compilation was made by Mary Brolley and Liz Cachey ’15. PHOTO CREDITS: // Hilltop Safety Cruisers, Salama/Petersen/Wyman, deans, therapy dogs, Dyksterhouse: Duane Zehr; Cargo Space: Clara Miles, MA ’05; DeGise: Brenna Mulholland ’17; Book: Robert Rowe; Deal: Brian Deal ’15, Soto: Taylor Soto ’15.
Centurion Society Honors Exceptional Alumni

After inducting four more outstanding graduates into the University’s Centurion Society on Founder’s Day, this elite organization now counts 184 members. Established in 1982, the Society recognizes alumni for exceptional achievements in their personal and professional lives that bring national and international recognition to Bradley.

Richard Delawder ’64

After earning his bachelor’s degree in industrial technology, Richard Delawder ’64 was a high school industrial arts teacher for 15 years before founding SWD Inc. in 1980. Now retired from his role as president and CEO of the metal finishing and fastener sorting company based in his hometown of Addison, Illinois, Delawder led its globally renowned environmental conservation efforts.

SWD — the nation’s first finishing company to earn ISO 14001 environmental management certification — has received the EPA Gold Award, the EPA Hammer Award and the Illinois Governor’s Award for Environmental Compliance and Innovation.

The Beta Tau Epsilon member said, “Bradley taught me to work hard, to never give up and to fight for what I believe in.”

Zahi Fayad ’89

Internationally known for his work at the forefront of cardiovascular research, Dr. Zahi Fayad ’89 is a professor of radiology and cardiology, the vice chair of research for the radiology department and the director of the Translational and Molecular Imaging Institute at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

The principal investigator on four National Institutes of Health-funded grants, he was awarded the 2007 John Paul II Medal in recognition of the potential of his work for humankind. Fayad also holds eight patents in the imaging field and has authored more than 250 peer-reviewed publications, 50 book chapters and 400 meeting presentations.

Originally from France, the electrical engineering major noted the Hilltop was his first experience in the U.S. Having mentored more than 30 individuals, Fayad dedicated the honor to his “extremely dedicated” professors because “they taught me to give back to students.”

Kelly Winkler Semrau ’82

The senior vice president of Global Corporate Affairs, Communication and Sustainability at SC Johnson, Kelly Winkler Semrau ’82 also is vice chairman and president of the board for SC Johnson Giving Inc. in Racine, Wisconsin.

In 14 years with the company, she has helped achieve a 42 percent decrease in greenhouse gas emissions from its global manufacturing facilities as well as increased its use of renewable energy and environmentally friendly ingredients. On the boards of the Consumer Specialty Products Association, American Cleaning Institute and Alliance for Consumer Education, the journalism major also has owned a public relations firm and served as director of public affairs and press secretary for a U.S. trade representative and secretary of agriculture.

“Bradley opened the world for me,” Semrau commented. “It’s an amazing cultural gem.”

— Clara Miles, MA ’05, contributing editor
Recognizing potential has always been one of Kennedy’s talents. Besides leading premier manufacturing businesses to innovate and collaborate, he has dedicated untold hours to encouraging and training students who are considering a career in manufacturing.

For the past 30 years, Kennedy has been owner, president and CEO of McClarin Plastics Inc. in Hanover, Pennsylvania. As company leader, Kennedy fosters “educational discipline” — a path to teach every employee about productivity, profitability and responsibility in addition to technical skills in math, planning and communication.

Also at McClarin, Kennedy saw potential in an often-overlooked group: high school students. He championed an innovative “Adventures in Technology” program at McClarin and helped launch an introduction to manufacturing class where high school students can earn college credit through a local community college.

He also was instrumental in the creation of the Thermoforming Center of Excellence at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, the first of its kind in the United States. In 2012, the college recognized McClarin with the Mentorship Award for the company’s ongoing contributions to the education and development of its students.

As the Distinguished Alumnus, Kennedy, a member of the Foster College of Business’ National Council of Advisors, also was inducted into the University’s Centurion Society during Founder’s Day activities in October.

His start at Bradley made an indelible impression, Kennedy said. “Bradley gave me a spark to want to excel and the education to compete successfully.”

— M.B.
ROBOT NAVIGATES VICTORY

Alex Berian ’16, Jair Robinson ’16 and Brian Roskuska ’17 won first place at the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) Region 4 Student Leadership Conference robot competition in early February at the University of Wisconsin. The trio of electrical and computer engineering students had three hours to program a robot to solve mazes as quickly as possible. Despite having one fewer team member than their opponents, the Bradley team’s robot navigated the mazes 7 percent faster than the second-place finisher.

“Despite having one fewer team member than their opponents, the Bradley team’s robot navigated the mazes 7 percent faster than the second-place finisher.” — L.C.

Writing a New Script

U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly ’78 MA ’82 encouraged graduates to serve others and influence society during her keynote speech for the 2014 December commencement at the Renaissance Coliseum, where she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

“I’m enlisting you in the fight for the future of the country,” Kelly said. “Even if your life doesn’t lead to politics, be involved. Get engaged in the ongoing debate about the direction of the country. Write a new script with a new cast of characters who are driven ... to promote the common good and leave the world a better place than you found it.”

Kelly, a Bradley trustee and member of the prestigious Centurion Society, won a special election in 2013 to represent Illinois’ 2nd Congressional District after serving as chief administrative officer of Cook County. She holds a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University.

Bradley President Joanne Glasser and student speaker Lauren Watts ’14 also urged graduates to use their talents to make positive changes.

“You have within you the power to build bridges, to open hearts, to bring people together,” Glasser said. “The best years of your life are in front of you. Color them with adventure, love, compassion and meaning. Shine your light for the world.”

Speech Team Wins State

In March, the Bradley Speech Team won its 15th consecutive state championship with an impressive 277 points, besting second-place Illinois State University by more than 150 points.

Individual team members were named state champions in eight of the 12 events, including Kitrina Baumgartner ’15 in communication analysis, Rebekah Gudeman ’17 in informative speaking, Adam Rayzor ’15 in program oral interpretation and prose interpretation, Talan Tyminski ’15 in extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking, and Sarah Brashear ’18 and Natasha Prosek ’18 in duo interpretation.

Gudeman, Tyminski and Baumgartner also won first, second and third place, respectively, in the individual sweepstakes awards, which combine points accumulated in all events to recognize the best overall speakers in the state.

The team placed fourth in April at the American Forensics Association National Individual Events Tournament in Portland, Oregon. At press time, members were preparing for the National Forensics Association National Tournament in Athens, Ohio, April 16–20. Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-SpeechNationals to learn tournament results.

— L.C.
Legal Scholar Urges Conversation on Race

An overflow crowd of at least 600 heard Michelle Alexander, author of the bestselling *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, February 12 at the Michel Student Center Ballroom as part of Black History Month. A legal scholar, attorney and civil rights advocate, Alexander spoke of her “awakening” — a realization that a growing number of African Americans have been disenfranchised through “a new form of segregation — mass incarceration.”

Afterward, the associate professor of law at The Ohio State University joined three members of the community, including federal Chief Judge James Shadid ’79, on a panel that answered dozens of questions from audience members.

— M.B.

**Founder’s Day Celebrates Five Faculty**

Every year during its Founder’s Day convocation, Bradley recognizes faculty and staff for their singular contributions to the University. In October, five faculty members were honored for achievements in teaching, scholarship and public service.

**Charles M. Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Dr. Daniel Getz, associate professor and chair of philosophy and religious studies, received the Putnam Award. He deserved the honor, wrote the nominating colleague, because of “his brilliant, inspiring and kind mentorship of many students, as well as his example of professionalism, thoughtfulness and humility.” He is described as “an idealist in the best sense about academia,” who “teaches classes, chairs a department and serves on myriad committees without complaint.” An internationally recognized expert on Eastern Buddhism, Getz joined the faculty in 1992 after earning his doctorate from Yale University.

**Samuel Rothberg Professional Excellence Award**

Dr. Sherri Morris, professor and chair of biology and co-director of the Center for STEM Education, was presented with the Rothberg Award. Morris’ research program at Bradley has mentored more than 45 undergraduates, plus numerous K–12 educators. The author of 30 publications, she has had five major research grants — totaling $2 million — funded by national agencies. In addition, Morris has been author or co-author of 92 national and international conference presentations. A member of the faculty since 2000, Morris received a doctorate in plant biology from The Ohio State University.

**Mergen Memorial Award for Public Service**

Dr. Herbert Kasube, associate professor of mathematics, was the 2014 Mergen Award honoree. Besides serving on many University committees, Kasube was chair of the Illinois section of the Mathematical Association of America as well as a member of its Board of Governors. He also has served on the boards of directors of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the MacMurray College Alumni, the Peoria High School Association of Parents and Teachers, the Peoria Girls Sports League and Glen Oak Christian Church. Kasube, who joined the faculty in 1978, holds a doctorate from the University of Montana.

— M.B.

**Caterpillar Inc. Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching**

Dr. Mollie Adams, assistant professor of accounting and coordinator of the Master of Science in Accounting program, received the Caterpillar Award for Teaching. Noted for her hard work to keep her classes fresh and relevant, Adams’ students called her “exceptional, an incredible asset” who is “upfront and fair about expectations.” Her nominator cited her willingness to revise her curriculum each year. “You can tell she loves what she does, and that makes class a lot more fun,” said another student. A CPA who earned a doctoral degree from Virginia Polytechnic University, Adams has been a faculty member since 2010.

**Caterpillar Inc. Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarship**

Dr. Yasser Khodair received the Caterpillar Award for Scholarship for his masterful balancing of the roles of teacher and scholar. An assistant professor of civil engineering and construction, he has authored 13 publications in refereed proceedings and journals and serves as a reviewer for several core journals in his field. Khodair is credited with developing six research ideas submitted to the Illinois Center for Transportation (ICT) and is a co-principal investigator for ICT-funded grants totaling more than $400,000. “His value to our students, impact on the University and profession, and sustained scholarship are a source of pride,” wrote his department chair. Khodair, who earned a doctoral degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology, has taught at Bradley since 2009.

**Francis C. Mergen Memorial Award for Public Service**

Dr. Getz, who earned a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has made significant contributions to the University and the community. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, scholarship and public service. Getz is recognized as an expert in the field of Eastern Buddhism and has served on many University committees and boards. He has received the Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Mergen Memorial Award for Public Service and the Caterpillar Award for Teaching. Getz has been recognized for his contributions to the University and the community, and his impact is felt through his teaching, research and service to the community.

— M.B.
First Destination Study Reports Success

The Smith Career Center recently unveiled the First Destination Study: 2013–14 Graduates, which provides career outcomes for August 2013, December 2013 and May 2014 undergraduate and graduate degree recipients who are employed, continuing their education or engaged in other activities of their choice. The report boasts a 93 percent career outcomes rate for 2013–14 Bradley baccalaureate-degree recipients, with a 95 percent “knowledge rate,” which is the percentage of graduates for whom the Smith Career Center has reasonable and verifiable information regarding post-graduation plans. In addition, the study revealed that 94 percent of these graduates had participated in experiential learning. Data was collected via graduation fair surveys, online surveys, telephone and email solicitations, alumni records, social media research and input from faculty, staff and employees. The report also includes career outcomes and starting salaries organized by major and college, as well as lists of employers and continuing education institutions.

“The First Destination Study is a strong indicator of the fantastic teaching and learning happening on campus inside and outside the classroom,” said Jon C. Neidy, executive director of Bradley’s Smith Career Center. “Our graduates are well prepared to pursue the post-graduation plans of their choice. We have been helping prepare Bradley grads for post-graduation life since the early 1960s and plan to continue that effective tradition well into the future.”

— L.C.
Browse the University’s Art Collection Online

Bradley’s Cullom-Davis Library has amassed an extensive art collection over the past 55 years, and with many of those works now on display in the library, its staff identified a need. “People probably will have questions about what the pieces are and who created them, so we came up with the idea of a visual database,” explained Special Collections librarian Charles Frey.

A donation of two paintings to the University in 1959 created the foundation for the library collection. After slowly growing to include 93 pieces, some more than 100 years old, it recently underwent a dramatic increase with an anonymous estate donation of around 120 pieces. Among them are works by prominent contemporary artists Gustav Likan, Theo Tobiasse and Ken Hoffman, professor emeritus of art, as well as regional sculptors Preston Jackson and Nita Sunderland ’52 MA ’55, professor emerita of art.

A team organized and photographed the works, then compiled data on each. “In some cases, the estate had pretty good records as to when a piece was created, who did it and something about the artist. Other times, not so much. We spent a little bit of time trying to dig up everything we could, realizing when we finally declared a halt there was still a lot more to be learned,” Frey said, adding that Special Collections encourages users to contact its office with any additional information about an image or artist.

Once the images were combined with the data in a giant file, it was uploaded to CONTENTdm, a digital content management system used by many libraries and archives. Fortunately, the library has access to the powerful, yet expensive, software as well as the massive server space needed to store the content at no cost thanks to its membership in the Consortium of Academic Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI).

Today, users can browse the collection or conduct searches by specifics such as medium or artist’s name, or by broad library subject headings like sculpture and flower. In addition, Frey pointed out another major advantage of CONTENTdm — its integration with Google. “It’s cool because it’s really a very expansive reach. People can find what they’re looking for without even consciously choosing to search our database.”

Noting the database would be most helpful to people interested in works by particular artists, Frey acknowledged there may be other uses that haven’t been envisioned yet: “You never cease to be amazed at the uses people find for information. You might assume somebody has to be terribly interested in Peoria or Bradley, but often, that’s not the case; they’re interested in the subject matter.”

— Clara Miles, MA ’05, contributing editor
Radio Communication
Within Wildlife Firefighting

On July 25, 2008, in the Dutch Creek Incident in northern California, an 8-foot branch fell on an 18-year-old firefighter, crushing his leg and cutting his femoral artery. The subsequent investigation report transcribed the radio communication sent from the accident site: "Man down. Man down. We need help. Medical emergency. Broken leg. Bleeding. Drop point 72. Call 911. We need help."

However, the message the dispatch operator passed on to the sheriff’s office was “Sounds like a broken leg.” Because the message was distorted as it passed from one communicator to another, paramedics who arrived at the scene carried only equipment to treat a fracture, not severe bleeding. Although this initial failure of communication was just part of what went wrong that day, by the time the injured firefighter arrived at the hospital, he had lost too much blood and was pronounced dead.

My area of teaching and research, organizational communication, focuses on language use and organizational culture, and the impact of both on organizations, people and work. In my research, I have begun to focus on radio communication within wildland firefighting. Firefighting organizations are called high-reliability organizations (HROs), where even the smallest error may have serious consequences, and where risk is intrinsic to the work environment.

In 2012, through the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts and the Office of Teaching Excellence and Faculty Development at Bradley, I traveled to Sydney to present a paper on radio misunderstandings at the International Association of Wildland Firefighting. The Dutch Creek Incident described earlier was one of the radio misunderstandings analyzed in that paper. That led to a journal article and a research grant on which I work with four others: Dr. Anne Black from the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Missoula, Montana; Dave Thomas, former regional fire manager, trainer and consultant in high-reliability practices; Dr. Jennifer Ziegler, associate professor of organizational communication and dean of the graduate school at Valparaiso University; and Dr. Rebekah Fox, assistant professor of communication at Texas State University.

Funded by the interagency Joint Fire Science Program (a research funding arm of the U.S. Forest Service), the grant seeks to benefit members of interagency wildland fire communities and the research community. The goal of our multiple-university research project is to understand how people in different locations make sense of an incident, opportunities and constraints in communicating risk within current radio practices and how interactions in the field are shaped by available technologies.

This is a productive and busy year for our grant team. In February, we observed an S-520 Advanced Incident Management simulation in Tucson, Arizona, for leaders who seek to become part of Type I Incident Management Teams. We also collected interviews from firefighters from the Coronado National Forest in Tucson. In the summer, we will observe radio communication during an active fire incident. In addition, we will analyze a sample of radio recordings and conduct more interviews with radio users to better understand the context and culture in which the communications occurred.

ANALYZING RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio communication is used in wildland firefighting for strategic, operational and logistical purposes, including coordinating crews, ordering resources, communicating size-ups (initial evaluations of a fire), providing weather updates and reporting the status of operations or locations of firefighters. A notable aspect of radio communication in wildland firefighting is that radio is a linear medium, while events in a complex incident such as a large (more than 300 acres) wildland fire are numerous, complex and overlapping, requiring excellent communication skills and tools.

In small fires, events are easier to control; however, in large fires, more...
messages are transmitted over busier channels with more interference and less time to talk. Communications must be transmitted over greater distances and through a number of communicators, thus increasing the risk of messages — and meanings — becoming corrupted. Also, in large fires, multiple channels must be scanned, increasing the likelihood of information overload and messages going awry. Because large incidents last longer, messages may lose relevance, be overrun by events, be forgotten or become more urgent due to lack of timely action.

Optimally, an HRO’s communication tools and practices should help it expertly adapt to the complexity of its environment.

Yet, there are few scientific studies that address how firefighters communicate risk on wildland fires, even though nearly every incident report lists communication as a factor in the unwanted outcome. We hope that our study will lead to improved training in radio communication and message design.
Recent Books by Bradley Faculty

SEASON OF THE BEAST
Ballot Press Books

In his first published novel, Dr. Bob Jacobs, director of the John C. Hench Production Arts Studio and professor of communication, tells the story of newlywed couple Jeff and Sharon Nichols. Shortly after they relocate from northern California to the seemingly mundane Midwestern town of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for Jeff’s new job at a local university, a series of brutal murders rocks the community. While one of his students initially is blamed, Jeff soon realizes the horrifying truth behind the deaths. Jacobs’ friend and famed author Ray Bradbury said of the tale, “You scared me a couple times. Bravo!”

WHITE VOICES IN MULTICULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY, EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP: INSIDE THE WALLS OF AMERICA’S HIGHER EDUCATION
Nova Science Publishers

This collection of personal narratives edited by Dr. Jeffrey P. Bakken, associate provost for research and dean of The Graduate School, and Drs. Festus E. Obiakor and Bob Algozzine shares the significant events that inspired each contributor’s advocacy for multiculturalism. Highlighting moments when the authors broke with tradition in favor of a more inclusive approach, the text points out how teachers can engage with and positively impact the lives of multicultural students. The latest entry in The Silenced Voices in Education Series, the book is intended for use by both students and faculty in higher education.

ALGEBRA II WORKBOOK FOR DUMMIES (2ND ED.)
John Wiley & Sons Inc.

Designed to build on Algebra I skills, this new edition from Mary Jane Sterling, lecturer emerita of mathematics, provides students with hundreds of practice problems to help master the subject. After reviewing basic algebra topics — quadratic equations, inequalities, radicals and basic graphing — the workbook moves on to more advanced concepts including functions, conics, systems of equations and matrices. It also touches on advanced graphing and special sequences to help prepare students for higher-level math courses such as trigonometry and calculus. To ensure that students understand and retain the material, the book includes answers with complete explanations for all the practice problems.

CREATING HISTORY PAPERS
American Historical Association

This concise guide to writing history papers by Dr. Bradford C. Brown, associate professor of history, is described by the American Historical Association as a “must-read for all history students.” A helpful introductory resource for undergraduates majoring in the subject, the book provides the background necessary to understand the “hows” of college history assignments. Students will benefit from Brown’s thorough explanations of the technical details required for different stages of the writing process — from research and writing to documenting sources.

— Clara Miles, MA ’05, contributing editor
Bradley Picks New Athletics Director

Before a standing-room crowd in the Nick and Nancy Owens Atrium of the Renaissance Coliseum that included Missouri Valley Conference Commissioner Doug Elgin and Bradley sports standouts such as the Honorable Joe Billy McDade ’59 MA ’60 HON ’13, the University introduced Dr. Chris Reynolds as its 10th athletics director on March 18.

A Peoria native, Reynolds had been deputy director of athletics and recreation operations at Northwestern University. He replaces Dr. Michael Cross.

“It’s great to be home, Bradley University,” Reynolds said. “Being named AD goes beyond my wildest dreams. Candidly, I never really thought about it because I didn’t believe it was possible.”

A two-time all-state basketball player and Parade All-American in high school, Reynolds was a four-year letter winner and team captain his senior year at Indiana University under coach Bobby Knight. His college teams won Big Ten titles in 1991 and 1993 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Final Four in 1992.

He earned three degrees at Indiana, including a juris doctorate and a Ph.D. in human performance. Reynolds has held athletics administration jobs at Indiana, the University of Notre Dame, Michigan State and Western Michigan universities. He said he was motivated to continue his education to better lead others, adding that he can relate to students, parents, faculty and supporters.

“It’s so important to live the example,” Reynolds said. “This is a relationship business. I can relate to the people here. I am one of them.”

Reynolds recalled watching Hersey Hawkins ’88 and other players practice in Haussler Hall. “This place has such great traditions. We will work and embrace the issue of competitive excellence, not as a buzzword or catchphrase but as a mindset,” he emphasized.

Reynolds and his wife, Katrina, an assistant dean of students at Northwestern, have two children. Reynolds praised his family and others, including high school coach Chuck Buescher ’68 MA ’70.

“Many people like them helped me get where I am today,” Reynolds said. “It gives me the opportunity to give back to the community that has given me so much.”

— B.G.

New Men’s Basketball Coach Welcomed

Brian Wardle was introduced to Bradley men’s basketball fans as the school’s 14th head coach in late March at the Renaissance Coliseum’s Basketball Performance Center.

He was head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay for five years, winning Horizon League Coach of the Year in 2013–14 and building a 95-65 record.

“I believe in Bradley and this program,” Wardle said. “I’m going to build an identity so people know exactly what Bradley basketball means. We will work every day, and we will attack every day with a passion and a purpose. We’re going to make this University proud on a day-to-day basis.”

Athletics director Dr. Chris Reynolds and Doug Stewart, MBA ’79, Bradley board of trustees chairman, were enthusiastic about Wardle’s hiring.

“We chose the guy we think will be a difference-maker,” Stewart stated.

A two-time all-stater at Hinsdale Central High School in suburban Chicago, Wardle played in two state tournaments on Bradley’s home court at Carver Arena. He joked that he hadn’t won a game at the Peoria Civic Center, but “I’m planning to win there a lot in the future.”

“It’s going to be work,” Wardle admitted. “I’ve done it before without the resources and backing I have here. I am grateful for the opportunity.”

He played college ball at Marquette University and professionally in the NBA Development League and Continental Basketball Association. Wardle was director of basketball operations at Marquette and an assistant at Green Bay before becoming head coach there.

“My program is going to be about team,” he explained. “Team first, self last. We won’t worry about the past. This is a new team, a new future.”

— B.G.
Runner, Team, Coach Honored by MVC

With the top runner, top team and top women’s coach, Bradley ran away with honors at the Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Championships last November.

Caitlin Busch ’16 set a school record in the 5K to become the first Bradley runner to win the MVC title since Hall of Famer Mary Ellen Hill Schupbach ’00 in 1999. Busch was subsequently named conference cross country Athlete of the Year.

Bradley boasted three of the top five runners and four of the top 11 as the Braves claimed their first MVC championship since 1998. Other Top-10 finishers, who were named to the All-MVC first team along with Busch, were Emily Delvo ’15 in fourth place and Kristen Busch ’16 in fifth place. Rosie Hiles, MA ’16 finished 11th and was named an honorable mention all-conference selection. Rounding out the Bradley scoring was Lauren Houmes ’16 in 18th place.

The Busch sisters, Delvo and Houmes also were named to the conference’s Scholar-Athlete squad. Scholar-Athletes must finish in the top 20 at the conference championship, be at least sophomores and have cumulative GPAs of 3.2 or higher. In addition, the men’s and women’s teams received all-academic honors from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Caitlin Busch and Delvo received individual all-academic recognition from the association.

Head coach Willy Wood, in his first year at Bradley, was named MVC Women’s Coach of the Year after the Braves scored 39 points, the school’s best point total ever at the MVC Championship.

In the men’s 8K, Bradley placed third as a team, matching a school record set in 1987. Eric Delvo ’15 finished fifth to become the first two-time All-MVC runner since Eric Suender ’91 MA ’94 in 1987 and 1989. Delvo’s finish also was the first in the top five for Bradley since Hall of Famer Rich Kruiswyk ’86 finished fourth in 1983. Earning honorable mention All-MVC recognition was Chase Coffey ’15, who recorded a career-best time to finish 11th. Finishing 16th was Patrick Campbell ’17, also named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete team, while Michael Ward ’18 was the MVC Freshman of the Year in 21st place. Capping the scoring for Bradley was Caleb Beck ’17 at 29th.

— B.G.
Hall of Fame Names Inductees

A pair of soccer standouts and the first women's team in school history to win a conference title are the 2015 inductees to the Bradley Athletics Hall of Fame.

Brian Remedi ’94 MA ’96, chief administrative officer for the U.S. Soccer Federation, and All-American goalkeeper Adam Gross ’01 were named to the hall in February. Joining them was the 1998 women’s cross country team, which earned a share of the Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

Remedi was a four-year member of the team and served as a graduate assistant coach. Gross was a three-year starter, the 1998 MVC Defensive Player of the Year and a third-team All-American choice after Bradley won its first regular-season conference title. The 1998 women’s cross country team tied Drake for the 1998 MVC Championship.

— B.G.

Senior Has CLASS

Michelle Young ’15 was a national candidate and the only Missouri Valley Conference women’s basketball player considered for the Senior CLASS Award.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award encourages student-athletes to make positive impacts in their communities. Thirty men’s basketball players and 30 women’s players were considered for the honor, which is managed by Premier Sports Management.

Young, an elementary education major, was Bradley’s leading scorer this season. She won the conference’s Leadership and Service Award in 2014 and is a two-time selection for the MVC Scholar-Athlete first team, receiving the MVC Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award for 2013–14.

— B.G.

Soccer Players Earn Conference Recognition

Six Bradley soccer players earned Missouri Valley Conference awards during the conference Men’s Soccer Championship last November.

Cody Lofgren ’15, Grant Bell ’16 and Christian Okeke ’17 were named to the All-MVC Second Team. Lofgren was second in the MVC with 17 points and six goals. His five assists tied for third in the conference. Okeke led the MVC with eight assists, and Bell was the third-leading scorer on the Bradley team.

Receiving honorable mentions were Andrew Brown ’16, who appeared in all 61 of the team’s games in the last three seasons, and Jason Lesch ’16, who was second in scoring on the squad with 14 points and five goals.

Jacob Taylor ’18 was selected for the MVC All-Freshman Team. He started all 18 regular-season games and had nine points.

Later, Zach Kovacevic ’15, a health science major, and his brother, Andrew Kovacevic ’17, a finance major, were named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team. Logan Ketterer ’17, an accounting major, was selected an honorable mention Scholar-Athlete.

To be chosen as Scholar-Athletes, students must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be starters or important reserves, have sophomore standing and have completed at least one full academic year at their schools and have participated in at least 75 percent of their team’s regular-season matches or played in the league tournament.

Lofgren and Okeke also were named to the NSCAA/Continental Tire All-Midwest Region Third Team.

— B.G.

Basketball Players Tapped for MVC Honors

Josh Cunningham ’18, the second-leading rebounder in the Missouri Valley Conference this season, was named to the conference’s All-Freshman Team. The fourth-ranked freshman rebounder in the nation this season, his 235 rebounds were the second-most by a freshman in school history.

His teammates Xzavier Taylor ’17, Ka'Darryl Bell ’16 and Nate Wells ’16 were named MVC Scholar-Athletes. Taylor, a social work major, earned second-team honors and also was named Bradley’s 2015 winter sport recipient of the MVC Leadership and Service Award.

Selected for honorable mention were Bell, a communication major with an emphasis in sports communication, and Wells, a communication major specializing in advertising. Bradley and the University of Northern Iowa were the only schools with three men’s MVC Scholar-Athletes.

For the women’s team, Michelle Young ’15 (left), an elementary education major, was named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team for the second consecutive year. She has been a first- or second-team Scholar-Athlete the last three years, matching a Bradley record set by Heather Best Oatley ’00. Chosen an honorable mention was advertising major Whitney Tinjum ’17. Scholar-Athletes must have sophomore standing and be starters or important reserves on their teams, have played at least 75 percent of their teams’ games and have a 3.2 or higher GPA.

— B.G.
Storied Sportscaster Lends Brand to Bradley

As a broadcaster for two iconic baseball franchises — the New York Yankees and the Los Angeles Dodgers — and a key figure at sports network ESPN, Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10 has left an indelible mark on sportscasting. With the March 31 dedication of The Charley Steiner School of Sports Communication at the Caterpillar Global Communications Center, he now leaves an enduring legacy on the Hilltop.

ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY at the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts’ 15th annual Hollywood Gala Reception at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, a gift by Steiner helped create the first named school of sports communication in the nation.

“Of the 23,981 days I have lived on earth, there haven’t been very many, or any for that matter, more satisfying and gratifying than this one,” Steiner said at the dedication ceremony. “Some of the most meaningful days of my life have taken place on the Hilltop.”

The four-time Emmy Award-winning broadcaster will spend a week each fall teaching on campus and will invite other media professionals to join him at The Steiner School. His gift will expand offerings for internships, create symposiums and lectureships, and enhance options for expedition courses and trips to major sports and media markets in the U.S. and abroad.

Before the dedication, Steiner had breakfast with students, met with classes and was interviewed for a video segment by Dr. Ron Koperski, associate professor emeritus of communication.

“A 2003 Bradley Centurion and member of the University’s Athletics Hall of Fame since 1995, Steiner received the Lydia Moss Bradley Award, which honors those who have given outstanding service to the University,

“We are storytellers and not the story. The story is not about us but how we tell the story … with our own unique experiences, sensibilities, perspectives and vocabularies.”

— Charley Steiner ’71 HON ’10

in 1991. He endowed the annual Charles H. Steiner Scholarship for Bradley broadcasting majors in 2000. Steiner was the featured speaker at the December 2010 commencement where he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

One of only 17 sportscasters in the National Radio Hall of Fame, he is among several famous broadcasters and announcers with connections to Bradley, such as Ralph Lawler ’61, Brad Johansen ’84, the late Jack Brickhouse ’37 HON ’90 and Chick Hearn.
“Media formats have changed, but there remains one constant,” he explained. “We are storytellers and not the story. The story is not about us but how we tell the story — with our ability to sympathize and empathize, with our own unique experiences, sensibilities, perspectives and vocabularies.”

Bradley President Joanne Glasser said Steiner’s gift helps the sports communication school continue to be an academic leader. “The Bradley community is forever appreciative to him for lending his good name, legendary by any measure, to our leading sports communication program.”

Dr. Jeff Huberman, dean of the Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts, noted the new venture will help attract the best students and faculty while strengthening connections with industry professionals.

‘ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENT’

Starting at radio stations WRBU on campus and WIRL in Peoria while a student, Steiner worked in Iowa, Connecticut, Cleveland and New York City before moving to ESPN. He has won numerous broadcasting awards and a national Clarion Award for excellence in communications for his coverage of the Mike Tyson trial.

“On the GPS of my career, the starting point had to be to get on the radio any way I could, anywhere I could, doing everything I could,” Steiner commented. “So I did.”

The Steiner School was praised by fellow broadcasters and friends, including former baseball commissioner Bud Selig. “Charley has chronicled two of our storied franchises and all of baseball with passion, enthusiasm and humor — qualities that will serve Bradley students well in all their pursuits,” he said.

Famed broadcaster Larry King, HON ’09 commented, “It will help future students to learn the world of sports broadcasting from the concepts of a guy who has really devoted his life to the profession itself.”

Dr. Paul Gullifor, Henry Means Pindell endowed chair of the Department of Communication, noted the sports communication program started in the fall of 2009 as a concentration and became a major in 2014. It now has 120 majors, and its students have interned for NBC at the Olympics in London and in Sochi, Russia, as well as at Super Bowl XLVI. They also have worked with professional and amateur sports teams, marketing groups and media outlets.

Remarking that his career began “at a time when the words ‘sports’ and ‘journalism’ rarely shared the same book, much less the same sentence,” Steiner sees the school’s purpose as incorporating many elements of the communications industry, including business, marketing and the Internet.

“It’s not just teaching how to do play-by-play. Journalism is involved; ethics is involved,” commented the former Scout staff member. “If we send students down the path, and ethics and thoughtfulness are part of the deal, I’m all in.”

Born and raised near New York City and a lifelong fan of the Dodgers, Steiner recalled when he decided to join the team as a broadcaster after the 2004 season. While visiting his mother at his childhood home, Steiner received a long-distance phone call from famed announcer Vin Scully, his childhood idol, welcoming him to the Dodgers family.

“Everyone should have a once-in-a-lifetime moment like that,” he recalled. “Today, I am having a second once-in-a-lifetime moment — two more than I could ever have expected, much less dreamed of. For that, I will be eternally grateful.”
World Citizen

From her time as an international business major studying in Mexico and Europe while at Bradley, Erica Bustinza ’04 has followed a path of “not really living anywhere — but living everywhere.”

BY BOB GRIMSON ’81

A stint in the Peace Corps and an internship in Guatemala while earning her master’s degree in international development at Tulane University instilled in her an even greater awareness of the world and its problems. In April, Bustinza started work as a digital financial services program officer with FHI 360, a nonprofit international human development organization. Previously, she was a micro-finance specialist for four years with Global Communities, another nonprofit, where she worked with a largely rural population in the northern part of the African nation of Ghana.

“I worked with access to finance and financial education,” Bustinza said, adding she spent a couple days a week in the field, sometimes traveling up to five hours to reach isolated communities. “Everyone in the villages was excited to be part of our programs. It just makes me happy to work with people who are so enthusiastic and eager.”

Her program, Resiliency in Northern Ghana, aimed to improve nutrition and food security in a mainly agricultural area that faces seasonal shortages. Bustinza worked with villagers and government officials to plan and budget resources. This included helping villagers acquire and use poultry and small livestock as a means of earning income from selling eggs, milk and meat.

“I worked to help improve the economic stability of households,” Bustinza noted. “We were teaching people how to save for the lean season and make money.”

RESPONDING TO THE EBOLA CRISIS

Before Ghana, Bustinza worked in Liberia for Global Communities until mid-August 2014, when she was evacuated due to the Ebola outbreak. She was involved in Ebola-response efforts for several weeks before her evacuation, coordinating with groups such as UNICEF, Doctors Without Borders and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Before the outbreak, one of her programs had provided assistance and training for women entrepreneurs.

“I designed the reallocation of funds to train our graduates to make their businesses Ebola-free and to spread awareness to their customers and families,” she explained. “We helped the government with payments to Ebola-response workers, and I also worked on community-based messaging.”

WORKING AROUND THE WORLD

Bustinza spoke of the sense of accomplishment she felt seeing the Liberian women become successful business owners, role models and community leaders. “We work together with them; we’re partners,” she remarked. “Seeing their dedication to achieving their goals, whatever those goals may be … that’s why I entered this field.”

While in Kazakhstan with the Peace Corps, Bustinza’s efforts focused on community development and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). She worked with an NGO to raise awareness of human trafficking by developing a curriculum to educate high school students.
about it. “Migration to work is common in Kazakhstan, and when people accept jobs in another city or country, they would not expect to be taken advantage of, so awareness of the dangers is important,” she said.

Bustinza also worked for Global Communities in Nigeria, Tajikistan and the West Bank of Palestine, and she has visited another 20 or so countries for pleasure, including her father’s homeland, Peru. She noted the hardship of being separated from friends and family, adding that making new friends and building relationships are important parts of her job, along with adapting to a variety of cultures.

“There are always cultural challenges you don’t realize until you learn them — sometimes the hard way,” Bustinza commented. “Now, I feel quite comfortable going to any country.”
A TIMELESS VOCATION

BY KAREN CROWLEY METZINGER, MA '97
Photography by Duane Zehr
Withstanding the test of time, Eichhorn began his career 70 years ago after graduating from Peoria High School, eloping with his high school sweetheart and serving in the Coast Guard during World War II. Fondly referring to Mary as the “personality of the store and my partner in everything,” the master craftsman’s business evolved from watchmaking and repair, to gemology, to appraisal work, to handpicking and setting diamonds.

Recalling why he decided to attend horology school, Eichhorn said with a smile that his late brother-in-law, Billy Catcott ’39, and cousin, Paul Gangloff ’40, both watchmakers, “always seemed to have money, and I wanted to have money, too. I needed to make sure I was well-trained to build my trade and make a living, so I decided, like they did, that horology at Bradley was for me.”

After earning his certificate in horology, Eichhorn showed enough promise that his instructor asked him to be an assistant and help train other students in the art of jewelry making. But $50 a week from the horology school wasn’t enough to support his growing family, nor was his subsequent $60 weekly pay at a local jeweler. With their young son in tow, the Eichhorns moved to Galesburg in 1946, where Bob worked as a watchmaker and jeweler for O’Dell Jewelers. Ten years later, the couple opened their first small jewelry store, Eichhorn Jewelers. They have been at their current location, a former bank with a vault to protect the customers’ and store’s valuables, since 1969. That year, Eichhorn enhanced his specialized training in gemology through an American Gem Society correspondence course. His daughter, Priscilla Lindstrom, a retired teacher who has worked in the store for the past nine years, said her dad is quite proud of that additional accomplishment.

BUILDING THE FAMILY BUSINESS

Eichhorn remembered the 1980s and 1990s as his favorite decades in the business, when engagement and wedding rings were their specialty. He designed hundreds of rings, including Mary’s and his children’s wedding rings, “and everyone else’s children’s, too,” he added. “You have to build confidence, and our loyal customers come from all over the country.”

One such loyal customer, Dr. Edith Baker, Bradley associate professor emerita of English, shared that her husband purchased her engagement ring from Eichhorn Jewelers 20 years ago, and she is pleased that her diamond ring was designed by a Bradley horology alumnus. “They know their metals, materials and market and have refurbished family heirlooms for me, too. Bob is highly talented with genuine skills that Lydia Moss Bradley would embrace.”

Now in his 90s, Eichhorn knows the time to retire is near. “I like working; I am a ‘Do it’ man,” he said. “I love Bradley, and the School of Horology gave me a strong foundation. Mary and I have lived an enjoyable life; our children — Tom, Priscilla and Barb — all have master’s degrees and are retired. We love people and our work; I am proud of making my living as a watchmaker and jeweler.”

Regarded as “the town jewels,” Bob Eichhorn ’46 and Mary, his wife of 72 years, have prospered in the jewelry business in Galesburg, Illinois, despite the advent of shopping malls, big-box chains and Internet shopping. The store has thrived for six decades by offering top-notch, personal service. “My customers trust me, and I back what I sell,” Eichhorn said with obvious pride.
Service Lt. Col. Edith O’Bryan, MA ’00
Wheels Up
Guarding America

BY KAREN CROWLEY METZINGER, MA '97
Photography by Duane Zehr
Despite music and cross country scholarship offers, O’Bryan decided to serve her country while attending college. Starting as a reservist, a traditional guardsman, O’Bryan went active duty Guard in 1996. A business major, once she graduated from Northern Illinois University, she was commissioned a lieutenant and has served as Chief of Supply, Director of Personnel, Forces Support Commander, Medical Administrative Officer and Logistics Squadron Commander.

“In the 1980s, the Peoria base was about one-third female, but careers for women in the military are expanding,” O’Bryan said with pride. “Opportunity in our Wing has improved thanks to Wing Commander Col. William Robertson ’83. He doesn’t believe in gender differences: If you qualify, your gender is not a factor. The 182nd Airlift Wing/Air Force promotes equal opportunity. Females are in command positions, a female attorney, comptroller and base civil engineer in addition to female mechanics, aircrew and firefighters.”

Today, as the commander of the 182nd Logistics Readiness Squadron of the 182nd Airlift Wing at the Peoria Air National Guard base, she leads 120 reservists and full-time Illinois Air National Guard members. Without supplies, fuel, vehicles, aerial delivery and more, pilots could not fly their missions. O’Bryan is responsible for logistics plans and programs, contingency operations, distribution/material management, fuels management, traffic management, vehicle management and aerial port operations.

Due to the variety of roles within her squadron, each day is different. “I could be working on a budget, reviewing inventories or resolving a drop-zone issue in just one morning,” she remarked. “I may learn something technical or resolve a personnel issue, prepare for an audit or write a new policy. My position is challenging, energizing and educational.”

With a lifelong interest in education, administration and business, O’Bryan decided in the late ’90s to earn her master’s degree in human service administration at Bradley. “I am a logistician — a planner — so the Bradley curriculum was eye-opening. I was challenging myself in a completely different career field.” — Lt. Col. Edith O’Bryan, MA ’00

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TOURING THE BASE

O’Bryan exuded a sense of calm and confidence as she described her duties during a tour of the expansive Peoria base. For example, in one warehouse alone, she signs for about $84 million annually in equipment such as aircraft radar domes and components, weapons and mobility gear for chemical warfare drills.

“The Guard belongs to the governor of Illinois, but we also belong to the president of the United States, so we have a dual mission. We can respond rapidly to a terrorist threat or a humanitarian mission such as a hurricane response with 1,272 reservists. Sometimes, our humanitarian missions take us to developing countries such as Haiti where we supply medicine, food and water. Right now, we have airmen deployed to two locations in the Middle East.”

The aerial delivery area of the base is where loads are rigged and parachutes are packed to keep aircraft navigators and load masters proficient at their jobs. Large cargo aircraft at the base — C-130s — are capable of airlifting 10,000 pounds of cargo as massive as Humvees, boats, road graders or tractors. “Any type of supplies, food, water and medicine can be airdropped,” O’Bryan added. “We conduct some out-of-the-ordinary missions at this busy base.”

DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

Deployed numerous times during her 28-year military career, O’Bryan explained that the Guard must maintain “readiness posture.” Leadership must ensure that
reservists are trained and ready — “physically, mentally and spiritually.” She added, “Deployments can be challenging, rewarding and, at times, difficult.” For example, she served in the Middle East for seven months — her most unusual mission. She served primarily with the Army, specifically the Special Operations-PSYOP (Psychological Operations) unit. Often, she was the commander-in-charge of the unit and had to learn the specifics of the mission very quickly.

“I have seen many sad situations in my deployment, and they never leave my mind; it can be horrific,” she admitted. “Often it’s a new environment, culture and way of life, but I would do it again in a second. We do so much good globally. Our civil engineers show people how to build roads and make clean, fresh water. We provide vaccinations and teach proper hygiene and nutrition.

We do so much humanitarian work while we are deployed. We do all we can to help.”

O’Bryan is a private pilot, and her husband, George, is a retired C-130 Air Force pilot who now flies a jet in the civilian sector. She is a member of the National Guard Association of Illinois, the Logistics Officer Association, the Reserve Officers Association, the Academy of Military Science Alumni Association and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

In a career where she could find herself typing logistics memos one day and in a hostile environment facing chemical warfare the next, O’Bryan characterized herself as a lifelong learner who understood the potential risks when she took her oath. “Learning doesn’t stop when you attain a certain rank; we are all learning every day,” she noted. “Many have sacrificed their lives for our freedom, and I want to serve my country accordingly.”
Performance  Kevin Maynor '76
The Voice

Starting in church and school choirs in Tuckahoe, New York, Kevin Maynor ’76 created harmonies with a friend’s doo-wop group in the halls of his high school. His voice first attracted international attention during a Bradley Chorale tour of Europe when he was an occasional soloist. Now, he is a leading voice in opera, with performances acclaimed nationally and internationally.

The first Western apprentice at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, Maynor also has received a Fulbright Award, a George London Award and a Richard Tucker Career Grant. Before his operatic talents were honed, he sang with the Chorale and formed the group Cadence (“We were like The Temptations”), which performed with the Peoria Symphony.

“Everywhere the Chorale performed [in France], people went crazy,” he noted in his melodious bass voice. “Spain, same thing. We went to England. Same thing. That’s when I realized my voice was important.”

Now a doctoral student at Indiana University, his “big break” came with the Chicago Lyric Opera while earning a master’s degree at Northwestern University in 1978. He also holds a diploma from the Manhattan School of Music, an honorary degree from the Moscow Conservatory and has studied opera in Italy.

In addition to the Chicago Lyric Opera, his performances have included the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, the Spoleto Festival and Carnegie Hall.

In 2004, after years of worldwide operatic performance, Maynor worked with city officials in Newark, New Jersey, where he lives, to form the nonprofit Trilogy: An Opera Company, focusing on the work of African American composers.

“I became interested in commissioning new pieces,” Maynor said, adding Trilogy has performed more than two dozen productions focused on African American figures and events since its founding. Last November, the company premiered Robeson about the famous activist-singer-actor-athlete Paul Robeson, with Maynor in the title role. Recently, the Smithsonian Institution requested DVDs and musical scores of all the operas performed by Trilogy over the years.

Maynor has performed on U.S. State Department-sponsored cultural tours overseas and is scheduled for another to Kenya. Upcoming projects include the world premiere of an opera about early 20th century black nationalist leader Marcus Garvey and performances with the Palm Beach Opera.

Maynor cites among his favorite roles Mefistofele and the “small but important” Hunding in Die Walküre. He also sang the title role in the world premiere of Frederick Douglass about the famed orator and writer. “I loved playing Frederick Douglass,” Maynor said. “It’s a fabulous role.”

Along with mentioning several friends from his time at Bradley, including Booker Miles ’76 and Linda Perkins Lopez ’76 MA ’79, Maynor remembered the leadership of the late Dean Howard, Dr. John Davis and Dr. Allen Cannon, emeritus professors in the music department; Ann Davis, assistant professor emerita of music; and Dr. Barbara Penelton, associate professor emerita of education.

“I had a great time. It was a lot of fun,” he said of his years on the Hilltop. He returned for a master class and recital in the late 1980s and again, briefly, during a 2008 U.S. recital tour. “We were close by, and I stopped to see what was happening — and to buy some Avanti’s bread.”

WATCH: Kevin Maynor discusses Paul Robeson and the opera about the famed African American performer’s life at bradley.edu/go/ht-Maynor.

LEARN: More information about Kevin Maynor is found at kevinmaynor.com.

Families Converge in Engineering

When Prem Suri, MSCE ’70 was admitted to Bradley University with a civil engineering assistantship to pursue his master’s degree, he could not have foreseen the legacy he was planting in the United States. He traveled from India in 1968, and his wife, Sudesh, followed a year later with their young son.

Today, not only have their two sons, Adam Suri ’88 and Chetan Suri ’01, graduated from Bradley, but Adam met his wife, Krista Cornwell Suri ’88, on the Hilltop, and she tells a legacy story all her own.

The daughter of Dr. Larry Cornwell, professor emeritus of business administration, and Sara Cornwell, MA ’92, a retired counselor for Bradley’s Wellness Center, Krista said her dad inspired her to attend Bradley by introducing her to the engineering department when she was in high school. “Dad described the industrial engineering (IE) program, including the projects students were focusing on with Dr. Joe Emanuel [professor emeritus of industrial engineering],” she said. “Another motivation was hearing about opportunities in the co-op program, which I interviewed for my freshman year.”

Once Adam arrived at Bradley as a transfer student, Emanuel influenced him, as well: “The reality was I was not going to get into med school, so Joe convinced me to choose IE,” Adam said. “Since my family lived in Peoria, I could commute to Bradley. My brother also transferred to Bradley and finished his degree in computer science.”

Currently president of USA for CommunityDNS, Adam holds patents in network management and optical encryption. Adam said Dr. K. S. Krishnamoorthi, professor of industrial engineering, encouraged him to pursue an MBA: “I owe Krish a lot; earning my MBA helped my career take off.” Adam added that he is pleased to see the continued move toward convergence in the engineering and business colleges focusing on entrepreneurship and innovation and believes “computer science is the next wave.”

‘BEST PROFESSORS IN THE WORLD’

Although Adam and Krista graduated with the same degrees, they enjoyed different Bradley experiences. Adam arrived as a student-athlete when club soccer was transitioning to a Division I program. Krista focused on the work experience she earned through co-ops with “the cream of the crop — Kodak, International Paper … I had Fortune 100 companies on my resume when I graduated from college,” Krista said. “The co-op program was an invaluable opportunity.”

Now residing in Ellicott City, Maryland, the parents of four agree that their active Bradley social lives centered around Greek life; Krista was a Sigma Kappa and Adam a Sigma Chi. “Bradley provided us with the complete package, both academically and socially,” Adam explained. “Our engineering backgrounds are second to none. In the IE department, we had some of the best professors in the world; when we were there, the department was ranked one of the best IE departments in the country.”

Krista said she “loves making comparisons” between Bradley and her graduate school experience at Northwestern University. “I was one of six females in a special joint master’s program with 60 students from the top engineering schools in the nation, and I would constantly reflect on what a strong foundation Bradley had given me. I was able to compete; I had a much better undergrad experience than the students around me. I had Dr. Rita Newton [professor emeritus of industrial engineering at Bradley], a strong female who made an impact on me with her meticulous nature and good habits.”

FROM ENGINEERING TO EDUCATION

Before recently deciding to attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to become a high school math teacher and influence the next generation to enter the STEM fields, Krista said the integration of engineering and business has been her focus since graduating from Bradley; from Northwestern to her career in management consulting, she said she has “lived convergence. It’s the right direction to go.”

She added, “Of course, I am biased toward motivating young women. The pioneering work
is not done, and my fellow female engineers often discuss what we can do. At this phase in my life, I can do what I want: inspire the next generation to look into industrial engineering, accounting and other math-related fields.”

She worked during the summer with high-risk inner-city students and sought to “grab their attention” when she challenged them: “I am just the kind of person who is always asking, ‘Why? How do you know? What data do you have to make that decision? That’s what motivated me to be an engineer. If you are like me and are always asking similar questions, maybe you should look into becoming an engineer.’ Many times, students respond with ‘Yeah, that’s me!’”

The legacy of the Cornwell family continues with BRENT CORNWELL ’87, TODD CORNWELL ’95 MBA ’98 and MICHELLE CORNWELL WALKER ’89 and her husband, JEFF WALKER ’89. Krista’s uncle, the late HAROLD SLATER ’49 MS ’53, played football for the Bradley Braves.
Class of 1964 50th Reunion

The Year That Was

With the backdrop of the burned-out frame of Bradley Hall and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Class of 1964 graduated into an uncertain world. Members of the class could pinpoint exactly where they were and what they were doing when they learned about each of those tragic events. Yet, the Class of 1964 still found time to enjoy its last year on campus. From Homecoming, with the theme “Legends of Victory,” to appearances by singer Nancy Wilson and famed musical trio Peter, Paul and Mary as well as the annual Campus Carnival, there were plenty of opportunities for Bradley students to have fun. And, there was the basketball team that capped a 23-6 regular season with the school’s third NIT championship. In anticipation of their golden reunion, they looked back at their time on the Hilltop and shared personal news of the last 50 years in these self-submitted updates.

Jim Bockhaus, MBA ’73 worked 38 years in product development and business unit leadership for Caterpillar Inc. and later as a consultant for the company. He completed the Executive Program in Business Administration at Columbia University. Jim is active in his church and retired a captain in the Army Reserves. He and his wife, Arla, have two children and five grandchildren and live in Windsor, Colo.

Eileen Corcoran Booher has been an administrator in higher education for more than 20 years. Before that, she taught college science courses and worked as a business analyst after earning her master’s degree in management information systems. Eileen and her late husband, David, have one daughter and two granddaughters. She lives in Kingwood, Texas, where she works at Lone Star College.

Richard Bour spent his career at General Motors Co. He and his wife, Teresa, have three children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and live in Kokomo, Ind.

Kenneth Brunninga worked at L.R. Nelson Corp. for 40 years, retiring as product development manager. He holds numerous U.S. patents for inventions relating to lawn and garden irrigation. He and his wife, Sheryl, have two children and three grandchildren and live in Mapleton, Ill.

Terry Cole, MBA ’69 spent 31 years working for Caterpillar Inc. around the world, including Geneva and Moscow. After retiring, Terry obtained an Arizona real estate sales license and taught business and economics courses at colleges in the Phoenix area. He volunteered as a tutor and received a President’s Volunteer Service Award for his work as a hospice volunteer. A football player at Bradley, Terry and his wife, Judie, established the Terry D. Cole and Judith Q. Cole Endowed Athletic Scholarship. They have three children and eight grandchildren and live in Peoria, Ariz.

Ron Coons was a nontraditional student who worked full-time while in school. After graduation, he reported for the Louisville Courier-Journal for 31 years, covering events such as the World Series and interviewing many major sports figures: “I had a wonderful career and met many fascinating people, and it couldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for my days at Bradley.” Since retiring, he has traveled to 48 states and six Canadian provinces, attended more than 1,700 baseball games in 153 pro stadiums in 133 cities and visited historic sites nationwide.

Dick Delawder taught high school and college classes for 15 years before founding SWD Inc. in 1980. He was president and owner of Delawder Construction and SWD, a Chicago-area metal finishing and fastener sorting firm. He has been active in civic, professional and church organizations. While president of SWD, the firm won the Illinois Governor’s Award for Environmental Compliance and Innovation and the EPA Hammer Award. Named to the University’s Centurion Society in 2014, he and his wife, Sharon, live in Addison, Ill. They have three children and seven grandchildren, including Nate Delawder ’18.

Nancy DeRose has lived in Iowa, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Texas. She met her late husband, Tony DeRose ’65, through a fellow Chi Omega. Nancy was a first grade teacher for many years and has three daughters and nine grandchildren. She lives in Edwards, Ill.

Sharon Mac Iver Dougherty built a family business with her late husband, Terry Dougherty ’63. She travels extensively, sometimes with her Chi Omega sisters. Sharon has visited campus many times and has “never ceased to be pleased and amazed at the growth and progressiveness of the campus.” She has two sons and has worked in real estate sales for 20 years.

Larry Elmore worked for Republic Steel and LTV Corp., among others, before retiring as a finance manager with Northern Ohio Multiple Listing Service. Active with his church, he served on the Bay Village, Ohio, school board and coached youth sports. He enjoys landscaping, gardening, golf and photography. Larry, a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, lives in Avon, Ohio, with his wife, Lee, whom he met at a Chi O/Pike party. They have two children and one granddaughter.

Barbara Kott Emanuel taught grade school in Illinois and Germany before marrying Dr. Joe Emanuel, professor emeritus of industrial and manufacturing engineering and technology at Bradley. Active as a volunteer in school and community organizations, she enjoys travel. They have three children, including Karen Emanuel Miller ’93 and Roger Emanuel ’99, and five grandchildren. Barbara and Joe live in Peoria, Ill. “I have enjoyed all my associations with Bradley. One of Peoria’s greatest assets is Bradley University.”

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Photography by Duane Zehr.


Judith Fischer, MA ‘71 taught in high schools and at Bradley University and Illinois Central College before earning her juris doctorate from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. She practiced law for 10 years and was a law partner of former California Gov. Pat Brown. She later taught at the University of Cincinnati Law School and is now a professor of law at the University of Louisville. Judith, who was a Meri-N-Ette at Bradley, has two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She enjoys traveling, gardening, singing and photography and lives in Prospect, Ky.

Anne Fredd earned her master’s degree in social work from Loyola University of Chicago in 1967 and her juris doctorate in 1973 from Northwestern University School of Law. Specializing in governmental and municipal affairs law, construction law, eminent domain and condemnation, government contracts and entitlements, public finance and real estate, she is a managing member of and has worked 36 years for Neal & Leroy LLC, the oldest African American-owned law firm in the nation. Anne is active in the Cook County, Chicago and state bar associations, as well as the National Bar Association and the Legal Assistance Foundation and has won numerous awards. She has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild and lives in Chicago.

Beverly McDowell Gale enjoys golf and traveling with her husband, Bill Gale, whom she met on a blind date arranged by a friend. He worked for 39 years as an investment officer at State Farm Insurance. She was a Gamma Phi Beta. They have three daughters and nine grandchildren and live in Bloomington, Ill.

Janet Futhey Flanigan worked as an auditor and accountant before her two children were born. Active in scouting and her church, Janet earned a master’s degree in accounting from Nova University. She started her own CPA firm, retiring in 2010. She enjoys traveling and is active with the Sigma Kappa alumni group. Janet and her husband, Austin, have two children and one granddaughter and live in Florida.

Annie Lena Gale ’61 graduated with a master’s degree in church, Janet earned a master’s degree in accounting, and photography and gardening, singing and attending events. She enjoys traveling, especially overseas. A member of Theta Xi, she and her wife, Ruthie Binkle Heineger ’65, have one child and live in East Peoria, Ill.

Carol Birnbaum Hershman taught first grade and was a substitute teacher in suburban Chicago. She “grew into a confident young lady during [her] four years at Bradley and enjoyed every aspect of college.” She has three children and 11 grandchildren and lives with her husband, Tom Dattalo, in Vernon Hills, Ill.

A. Jean Visocky Holmes ‘69 was a professor of nursing at Illinois Central College. She earned a doctorate in education from the University of Illinois. She and her husband, Ross, live in East Peoria, Ill. Their children include Michael Holmes ’92.

Jane Haas Hunt taught high school English in Indiana, Virginia and Maryland, including teaching two sons of President Gerald Ford. She then worked 20 years as a writer/editor at the Government Accountability Office and was in Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001. The Gamma Phi Beta member traveled extensively with her husband, Bob, during and after his military service. She enjoys volunteering, reading and taking care of the wild birds near her home in East Peoria, Ill. She and Bob have two children and five grandchildren.

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Karen “Poolsie” Pool Johnson worked in advertising and as a fashion writer in Chicago. She was active as a civic and community volunteer and started D-Lovely embroidered designs. She enjoys travel, golf, tennis, bridge and her book club. Karen and her husband, Leroy, have one child and two grandchildren and live in Chicago.

Wayne Klasing is the retired president and CEO of Klasing Industries Inc., which manufactures railway car hand brakes and water system fittings. A member of the Bradley Board of Trustees, he also served on the executive advisory board for the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology. Wayne is on the board of directors for his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, and is a life member of the Joliet Junior College Foundation’s board. He and his wife, Barbara, have one child and split time between homes in Illinois and Texas.

Kathleen Coleman Kraft worked at World Book Encyclopedia in Chicago and as an editor at Stanford Research Institute and McGraw-Hill. She was co-founder and chief operations officer for an educational publishing company and was a wealth adviser before retiring to Bainbridge Island, Wash., with her husband, Tedd Kraft '63. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Millicent “Penny” Mueller Leatzow taught elementary school and owned a restaurant/lounge with her late husband, Victor, before earning her juris doctorate at the University of Montana. A member of Sigma Kappa, she practices law in Kalispell, Mont. Penny has two sons and five grandchildren.

Paul Lepley grew up as the son of a Bradley faculty member and remembers watching the construction of Robertson Memorial Field House. A member of the band and pep band, he graduated in three years and earned a master’s degree from Purdue University and an MBA from Harvard. He was an administrator for construction companies and has coached Little League Baseball for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Marjorie, have been involved with efforts to design educational programs to serve older immigrants and refugee students. They have two sons and one grandchild and live in Seattle.

John “Pinky” Lyra was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and president of the Bradley Young Republicans. He lives in Chicago.

Ira Mallin, MBA ’65 founded the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity and was on the track team. He drove to Los Angeles after graduation “with $500 in my pocket” and worked for several companies before retiring as a purchasing agent for Union Bank. He has been active with alumni activities and was the 1992 winner of the Lydia Moss Bradley Award. He helped establish the Bradley Alumni Association of Los Angeles and was its president for 10 years. He also served as president of the Chicago alumni chapter. He and his wife, Adriann, split their time between Chicago and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Jeffrey Mannheimer has 48 years of clinical experience with patients who have neuromusculoskeletal pain and dysfunction syndromes. He holds several certifications and is a member of many professional groups. Jeffrey has written for publications and textbooks and serves as a consultant. In addition to his practice, he is an adjunct clinical professor at Columbia University and was a clinical assistant professor in the Dental School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. Jeffrey has been a speaker at national and international events and was invited to lecture to the University’s first physical therapy class. He holds a master’s degree and certificate in physical therapy from New York University and a Ph.D. in health science from Seton Hall University. Jeffrey and his wife, Regina, have two children and three grandchildren and live in Princeton, N.J.

Dave McIntire, MS ’75 retired as the purchasing manager for Gardner Denver. He and his wife, Julie Zimmerman McIntire ’63, have lived throughout the Midwest. He enjoys singing and music and entertains residents at the Illinois Veterans’ Home. Dave and Julie have two children and six grandchildren and live in Quincy, Ill.

Nancy Hinrichs Proehl, MA ’71 taught English and speech at secondary schools and universities as well as served as a GED instructor. She was the alumni education coordinator at Bradley and founded the Institute for Learning in Retirement, now the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLl). She has been an active volunteer and involved in civic organizations. A past president of the Bradley Alumni Association and a former member of the Bradley Board of Trustees, Nancy won the Lydia Moss Bradley Award in 2007 and served as president of Chi Omega’s Peoria alumni chapter. She enjoys golf, reading, traveling, gardening and exercise. Nancy and her husband, J.D. Proehl ’65, have two children and four grandchildren and live in Manito, Ill.

Michael Robinson served in the Marines and then spent more than 40 years in information technology, including 25 years as a managing consultant for two Chicago-based technology firms. He earned an MBA from the University of Chicago. Michael and his wife, Sharon, have three children and two grandchildren.

They live in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Gail Cecch Schimpff taught in Chicago and its suburbs for many years, retiring in 2009. She earned a master’s degree in outdoor teacher education from Northern Illinois University. With her husband, Wayne, she started Caretakers of the Environment, a self-funded international group of high school students and teachers who meet to share annual environmental projects in their individual countries. Gail, who was a Delta Zeta, and her husband have two children, including Michelle Schimpff Maki ’00, and three grandchildren. She lives in Chicago.

Diane Maikels Schuette was a Chi Omega, and her husband, Don Schuette, was a Sigma Nu. They have two children, five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Diane and Don live in Charlotte, N.C.

Liz Ticknor Schwartz taught grade school before starting a family. A Gamma Phi Beta, she met her husband, Fred Schwartz, when both attended a dinner party their senior year at a sorority sister’s house. He retired after a department store career. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Dick Schwebel, MBA ’68 enjoyed traveling with his wife, Margie, and restoring his home on historic High Street in Peoria, Ill. They have five children and six grandchildren.

*Editor's Note: Dick died July 15, 2014. His widow, Margie, submitted his information.*

Edward Thielbar Jr. went to work for an accounting and professional management firm in Kenosha, Wis., shortly after graduation, retiring as a partner in 2007. He enjoys traveling with his wife, JoAnne. They have three children, including Tanya Thielbar Peterse ’96, and live in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Leo von Scheben co-founded Unwin and Scheben Consulting in 1973, which became Unwin Scheben Korynta Huetti Inc. (USKH), a multidiscipline engineering and design firm with offices in Alaska, Washington and Montana before it was acquired by Stantec. He received the University’s Civil Engineering and Construction Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995. Leo earned an industrial engineering degree from the University of Florida and an MBA from the University of Alaska. He has seven children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. An outdoorsman, he lives in Big Lake, Alaska.

Don Washburn has one child and three grandchildren. He lives in Peoria, Ill.

Lowell Wheeler has three children and four grandchildren. He lives in Rockford, Ill.
Wiltz: Jason Colston / American Red Cross.

Class Notes

1940s

Walter Anderson ’49 worked in insurance sales for 57 years before retiring. A Navy veteran of World War II, he has one daughter, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Walter and his wife, Virginia, live in St. Augustine, Fla., and Carthage, Ill.

1950s

Betty Vanetti Scaman Amoroso ’52 lives in Delray Beach, Fla.

George Smerk ’55 MBA ’57 received a lifetime achievement award from the American Public Transportation Association. A professor emeritus of transportation at Indiana University, he was executive director of IU’s Transportation Services and founder of the Institute for Urban Transportation. He is co-editor of the Railroads Past and Present book series and writes a monthly column for Railfan & Railroad magazine. He earned a doctorate at Indiana University.

1960s

Priscilla Thomas, MS ’60 is a retired educator and a member of the County Commission in Chatham County, Ga. First elected to the commission in 1990, she was elected the first woman and first minority vice chairman. In honor of her service, October 14, 2014, was designated Dr. Priscilla Thomas Day. Priscilla holds a doctorate in psychology and educational administration from the University of North America. She and her husband, Nathaniel Thomas, MS ’60, have a daughter and one grandson. They live in Savannah, Ga.

1970s

Ron Sanders ’65 is sales director for The Giving Piece, which creates experiences to support charitable causes at major national events, such as the Super Bowl. A former member of the Foster College of Business National Council of Advisors, he is pursuing a master’s degree at Drake University. Ron’s wife, Sara DeYoung Sanders ’64, earned a master’s degree in education at St. Thomas University. They have two sons and a grandson and live in Sartell, Minn.

David Dodd ’71 MA ’73 published his fourth book, Furnace Murder. He earned a doctorate at the University of Utah. David Hoffman ’71 was named to the board of SOS Children’s Villages-USA, the world’s largest organization dedicated to orphaned and abandoned children. He has been a board member of SOS Children’s Villages Illinois for more than 25 years. David worked 29 years for Morse Diesel International, including as executive vice president, western region manager.

International Honor

Bob Wiltz ’69 MA ’70 received the International Humanitarian Service Award from Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, chair of the American Red Cross, for his volunteer work providing mental health services and psychological first aid to disaster survivors. A past recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Service Award, Wiltz has helped disaster victims in central Illinois and elsewhere and is a national instructor for the Red Cross’ course on International Humanitarian Law. He also has conducted workshops for active-duty and veteran members of the military and their families.

Wiltz earned a doctorate from American University and is on staff at the Institute for Personal Development in Morris, Illinois. A practicing clinical psychologist for 40 years, he has been director of the Eating Disorders Program at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois, and clinical director at North Central Behavioral Health Systems in LaSalle, Illinois. He is a member of the American Psychological Association and the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

Wiltz and his wife, Becci, live in Peoria and have two children and two grandchildren.

— B.G.
As director of strategic planning, North American Manufacturing Operation at Ford Motor Co., Stephen Lewis ’72 is driven to develop business and product sourcing of new Ford/Lincoln vehicles for the company’s North American manufacturing facilities as well as give back to his community and alma mater. That’s why during Founder’s Day events in October he received the Lydia Moss Bradley Award in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the University.

“Bradley provided me a safe environment; it provided me the opportunity to mature,” Lewis said. Lewis, who earned an MBA from Marquette University in 1975, has held various executive positions in his 36-year career at Ford. He helped start an engineering internship program and has been active with the Ford-employees African-Ancestry Network (FAAN), an organization focusing on improving leadership, technical/business and networking skills. A board member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Foundation, he also has been an active member of the Bradley University Engineering Executive Council, the Foster College of Business Council of Advisors and the Black Alumni Alliance.

The first in his family to attend college, the industrial engineering graduate has raised $60 million in scholarships and educational funding for schools and organizations over the past three decades.

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**BUAA Taps Auto Executive for Award**

**Norman Lederman ’72 MS ’77** is department chair and professor of mathematics and science education at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. Active in professional organizations, he has written or edited 10 books, published more than 200 articles in professional journals and made over 500 presentations at conferences worldwide. Norman has won numerous awards and received a Fulbright Fellowship in 2009. He earned a master’s degree in biology from New York University and a doctorate from Syracuse University. He also holds an honorary Ph.D. from Stockholm University, the first such degree awarded in science education.

**Kenneth Wenzer ’72** earned a doctorate in Russian history at Catholic University of America. He is a historian at the Naval History and Heritage Command at the Washington, D.C., Navy Yard. Kenneth also is general editor of a six-volume project on 19th century land reformer and economist Henry George.

**Eugene Alesandrini ’75** was honored with the William Oxley Thompson Award for Excellence in Teaching at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. He is an associate professor of communication at the school. A member of the faculty since 1987, he earned a master’s degree at Eastern Michigan University.

**Steven Emerson, MEA ’75** was named a Fellow by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. To be eligible, recipients must have worked in chemical engineering for 25 years and have been a member of the Institute at least 10 years. He is president of Emerson Technical Analysis, LLC and has been active with the Institute. Steven earned a doctorate at the University of Arizona where he also taught engineering.

**Rosemary Keating Stuttle ’76 MA ’85** owns Rosemary Communications, a marketing and advertising firm in Peoria, Ill. Previously, she was director of marketing at UnityPoint Health-Methodist. Her husband, James Stuttle ’81, is a registered representative for Woodbury Financial Services. They live in Peoria.

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**1980s**

**Julie Palusztek Neitzel ’80** was elected to the board of HEICO Corporation. She is a partner with WE Family Offices, a financial advisory and wealth management company. Previously, she was president of GenSpring Family Offices. Julie earned an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management.

**John Heffernan ’81 MBA ’85** was named vice president and treasurer of Alliance One International Inc. Previously, he was director of long-term investments at Duke Energy Corp. and was general manager at Caterpillar International Finance PLC in Ireland.

**Glenn Tsidall ’82** and his business partner, Rob Procell ’83, run Tri-Star catering in Chicago. Specializing in corporate events, the company has hosted celebrities such as Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Oprah Winfrey. They purchased Costello’s Sandwiches and Sides, a two-restaurant group on Chicago’s North Side.

**Perry Browder ’85** was elected third vice president of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the state Bar Association. A shareholder in the Alton office of Simmons Hanly Conroy, he was named an Illinois Super Lawyer for the fifth straight year. He oversees the firm’s asbestos litigation department. Perry earned a juris doctorate from Valparaiso University.

**Kim Conroy, MEA ’85** retired after almost 30 years with the Gwinnett County Department of Transportation in Georgia, the last three years as its director. He now handles program management and government relations for California-based Jacobs Engineering.

**Brenda Powell ’84 MA ’86** is an instructor at the Peoria Day Treatment program at SEAPCO Academy. She earned a doctorate in education at Union University. Brenda has one daughter and lives in Peoria, Ill.

Jim Aylward ’85 was named president of MedCenter Display in Brentwood, Tenn. Previously, he was chair, president and CEO of SyMed Development Inc. and led a unit of HealthStream. He also worked for several Tennessee HMOs and for Caterpillar Financial Services. Jim has written and produced music, developed a record label and music publisher and served as a producer for several movies.
Alice Davis Elliott '86 is associate director of community outreach and programming at the Goldfarb Center for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement at Colby College. Peter Whalen '87 earned a master of strategic studies degree from the U.S. Army War College. A lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, he was one of 22 Reserve officers chosen to attend the residential program for this academic year.

Melissa Heisler '91 wrote the book *From Type A to Type Me: How to Stop ‘Doing’ Life and Start Living It*. She operates It's My Life Inc. and earned a master's degree in integrated marketing communications from Roosevelt University. Melissa lives in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Theresa Wan, MBA '88 joined Porter Keadle Moore in Atlanta as its senior international tax manager. Previously, she worked for national and regional accounting firms, as tax manager for a large private company and in her own consulting practice.

1990s

Jeff M. Evans '91 is an executive consultant with VASS Solutions. He earned an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management and lives in Chicago with his wife, Sheila, and two sons.

John Maher '92 earned an MBA from Northern Illinois University and a master of strategic studies degree from the Army War College. He also holds degrees from the NIU and DePaul law schools. John lives in Chicago and is a partner in Maher Funeral Services with his brother, Phil Maher '94, and sister, Julia Maher '00.

Craig Metrick '93 was named director, manager due diligence and thematic research at Cornerstone Capital Inc. Previously, he was principal and U.S. head of responsible investment for Mercer. He is a chartered alternative investment analyst and a member of the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association, and has been active with the U.S. Forum for Sustainable and Responsible Investment. Craig earned a master’s degree from George Mason University.

Jeremy Ranz '93 was named controller at Nevada State Bank. He has worked for the bank since 2007 after working in public and bank accounting. A CPA, Jeremy earned a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Tom M. Sargeant '93 was promoted to vice president of new product development for Tech Lighting and LBL Lighting. Previously, he was the companies’ director of new product development for three years.

Brent Walker '94 was named president-elect of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. He is associate athletic director for championship performance at Columbia University and oversees the school’s Championship Performance initiative. Brent earned a master’s degree at the University of North Carolina and a doctorate at the University of Illinois.

Couple Shows Heart

Doug Stewart, MBA ’79, chair of the Bradley Board of Trustees, and his wife, Vicky Stewart, MA ’76 MA ’84, were honored at the annual Easter Seals tribute dinner in November for their support of the organization and their long history of business, civic and community involvement. More than $580,000 was raised at the event.

The regional president of PNC Bank, Doug has been involved with the Peoria Riverfront Museum Development Committee, Children’s Home, PeoriaNEXT, the Heartland Partnership and the Bielfeldt Foundation. He also taught at Bradley, Illinois Central College and the National Graduate Trust School at Northwestern University.

Vicky retired as vice president of planning and organizational effectiveness at Illinois Central College. She has been active on the OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Community Advisory Board, the Peoria Riverfront Museum Board and the board of Quest Charter Academy. She was presented with the Heartland Partnership’s Athena Award for her support of education and women’s issues. Vicky earned a doctorate in education from the University of Illinois.

They co-chaired the Heart of Illinois United Way’s 2013 campaign, raising a record of more than $11 million.

— B.G.
Eric Warren '94 is director of information technology for FOX Television Stations, Inc. in Chicago. He earned a master’s degree from Northwestern University and lives with his family in Evanston, Ill.

Jos M. Smith ’95 was named county administrator for Rock County, Wis. Previously, he was special assistant to the state auditor in the Legislative Audit Bureau. He also worked as an assistant administrator for Rock County. Josh holds a master’s degree in public policy from American University.

Gillian Babicz Campbell ’96 and Kevin Campbell ’96 welcomed their fourth child, Lilianne Marie, on Dec. 22, 2013. Gillian is a senior marketing specialist for Hexagon Metrology. The Campbells live in Carol Stream, Ill.

Karen Farris Cotton ’96 was named one of the 25 Women In Leadership by WEEK-TV and the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce for her community leadership and innovative work to protect the watershed. She is external affairs manager for Illinois American Water. Karen and her husband, Brad, live in Peoria.

Laurie Bussau Mason ’96 teaches English-language learners at Field Elementary School in Wheeling, Ill., and was profiled as a top teacher in Wheeling Township Elementary School District 21. She has taught in the district for 19 years. Laurie earned a master’s degree from National Louis University.

Mike Unes ’96 was re-elected to the Illinois House from the 91st District for a second term. He and his wife, Natalie, live in East Peoria with their four children.

Erin Durbin Craig ’97 MA ’05 and her husband, Jeff, welcomed Jeffrey Scott Jr. on Feb. 18, 2014.

Lacretia Dye ’97 MA ’01 is an assistant professor of counseling and student affairs at Western Kentucky University. A licensed clinical counselor, she is a certified YogaCalm instructor. Lacretia holds a doctorate in counselor education from Western Michigan University.

Noelle Newhouse ’97 and Keith Carroll were married May 18. Noelle, who earned a master’s degree and doctorate at the Illinois Institute of Technology, is an associate professor at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. The couple lives in Chicago.

Paul Winiecki ’97 and his wife, Kelley Semkus Winiecki ’98, have three children and live in Long Grove, Ill. Paul is a partner sales executive for Microsoft.

Aaron Zobrist ‘97 has worked for 12 years at Peoria Home Alliance and served as general manager for three companies during that time. The Bradley Athletics Hall of Famer also worked for The Pipco Companies. Aaron and his wife, Amy, have three sons and live in Metamora, Ill.

Joe Lupo ’99 was a visiting artist at Murray State University in September. He is an associate professor at West Virginia University teaching printmaking and holds an MFA from the University of Georgia.

2000s

Mat Fletcher, MSCE ’00 was named vice president at Hanson Professional Services Inc. and celebrated 15 years with the company. He also was named Civil Engineer of the Year by the Central Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). A member of the ASCE and the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association, he serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Fulton County, Ill.

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Alicia Perkins Herrmann ’00 and her company, Herrmann & Associates, LLC Consulting Engineers in Peoria Heights, Ill., were honored with an award as an outstanding small business at the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Community Thanksgiving Luncheon. Alicia started the civil engineering firm in 2006 and was later joined by her husband, Jeffrey Herrmann ’97. The company provides engineering services for several governmental units in central Illinois.

Jeff Mauro ’00 competed on Food Network’s Cutthroat Kitchen: Superstar Sabotage. A restaurateur and host of the Food Network’s series Sandwich King, he participated to raise money for Hephzibah Children’s Association in Oak Park, Ill.

Christina M. Novak ’00 is a licensed broker for RE/MAX Suburban, the largest RE/MAX brokerage in Illinois. She lives in Elgin.

Josie Luedke Weatherford ’00 and her husband, Andrew, announced the birth of Charlotte Quinn on March 18, 2014.

John D. Hill ’01 was named vice president of eGrain Inc. in Springfield, Ill. He earned an MBA from Loyola University in Chicago.

John Redlingshaver ’01 was re-elected to the county Board for Tazewell County, Ill. He holds a law degree from DePaul University and is an attorney focusing on governmental law and business/commercial litigation. John and his wife, Stephanie Boehm Redlingshaver ’01, have four children and live in Washington, Ill. Michelle Decker Fittro ’02 rejoined Arvest Bank in Benton County, Ark., as marketing manager. She worked as a marketing officer at the bank from 2007 to 2010 before establishing the marketing department at Arvest Bank Greater Kansas City. Allyson Paris ’02 played young “Little” Edie Beale in Grey Gardens at the Actors’ Theatre in Grand Rapids, Mich. She has appeared on stage at several theatres nationwide and is an instructor for the School of Theatre Arts at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Allyson earned an MFA from the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Adam Raftery ’02 was named vice president of the Integrated Solutions Group at SmartWatt Energy. He earned a master’s degree in sustainable energy engineering at the University of Maryland.

Wendy Baugus Ferrill ’03 MSA ’07 was named county administrator for Tazewell County, Ill. Previously, she was village administrator for Morton, Ill. Wendy also served as Morton’s treasurer/comptroller. She and her husband, Justin, have two children.

Nicole Franz Gill ’03 and her husband, Trent, announced the birth of their second child, Ivy Jean, on Sept. 3. Nicole, who earned an MSN at Walden University, is a nursing instructor at Methodist College. They live in Chillicothe, Ill.

Teah Moore, MA ’03 is an assistant professor and coordinator for clinical and field experiences at Fort Valley State University in Georgia. She earned a doctorate at Idaho State University.

Jerome Robinson ’03 joined the St. Bonaventure University men’s basketball staff as an assistant coach. Previously, he was director of player development, video coordinator and life skills coordinator at Eastern Michigan University. After being named Bradley’s Most Valuable Athlete, a first-team All-MVC pick and Defensive Player of the Year in 2001, he played professionally in France, Belgium and Austria. Jerome earned a master’s degree from the U.S. Sports Academy. He

D’Arcy Dentino Conley, MA ’96 is a counselor at Bradley’s Student Health Services. The mother of four is also involved in beautifying her Peoria neighborhood adjacent to Bradley’s campus.

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John Redlingshaver ’01 was re-elected to the county Board for Tazewell County, Ill. He holds a law degree from DePaul University and is an attorney focusing on governmental law and business/commercial litigation. John and his wife, Stephanie Boehm Redlingshaver ’01, have four children and live in Washington, Ill. Michelle Decker Fittro ’02 rejoined Arvest Bank in Benton County, Ark., as marketing manager. She worked as a marketing officer at the bank from 2007 to 2010 before establishing the marketing department at Arvest Bank Greater Kansas City. Allyson Paris ’02 played young “Little” Edie Beale in Grey Gardens at the Actors’ Theatre in Grand Rapids, Mich. She has appeared on stage at several theatres nationwide and is an instructor for the School of Theatre Arts at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre. Allyson earned an MFA from the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Adam Raftery ’02 was named vice president of the Integrated Solutions Group at SmartWatt Energy. He earned a master’s degree in sustainable energy engineering at the University of Maryland.

Wendy Baugus Ferrill ’03 MSA ’07 was named county administrator for Tazewell County, Ill. Previously, she was village administrator for Morton, Ill. Wendy also served as Morton’s treasurer/comptroller. She and her husband, Justin, have two children.

Nicole Franz Gill ’03 and her husband, Trent, announced the birth of their second child, Ivy Jean, on Sept. 3. Nicole, who earned an MSN at Walden University, is a nursing instructor at Methodist College. They live in Chillicothe, Ill.

Teah Moore, MA ’03 is an assistant professor and coordinator for clinical and field experiences at Fort Valley State University in Georgia. She earned a doctorate at Idaho State University.

Jerome Robinson ’03 joined the St. Bonaventure University men’s basketball staff as an assistant coach. Previously, he was director of player development, video coordinator and life skills coordinator at Eastern Michigan University. After being named Bradley’s Most Valuable Athlete, a first-team All-MVC pick and Defensive Player of the Year in 2001, he played professionally in France, Belgium and Austria. Jerome earned a master’s degree from the U.S. Sports Academy. He

D’Arcy Dentino Conley, MA ’96 is a counselor at Bradley’s Student Health Services. The mother of four is also involved in beautifying her Peoria neighborhood adjacent to Bradley’s campus.
and his wife, Beth, have three children.

Ben Cloyd ’04 and Katie Mickelson Cloyd ’05 welcomed their second child, Lincoln Benjamin, on May 18. Ben is a firefighter in Colorado Springs, Colo. Kate, who holds an MBA from the University of Colorado, is a marketing manager at Eide Bailly, an accounting firm. They live in Castle Rock.

Mandy Pierce Ellis ’04 MA ’07 MA ’12 and Brett Ellis ’04 announce the birth of their second daughter, Lauren Claire, on June 20. Mandy is a principal in the Dunlap, Ill., school district. Brett is a territory manager for Walz. They live in Dunlap.

Kimberly Corns Walker ’04 and John R. Walker ’04 welcomed their second child, Taryn Gibson, on July 22. Kimberly works for Comcast Spotlight. John is employed by Caterpillar Inc. The family lives in Washington, Ill.

Kari A. Miller Felkamp ’04 and Ryan Felkamp were married May 17. Kari is director of marketing and public relations for the Batavia Park District. The couple lives in Streamwood, Ill.

Sam Weaver ’04 received the James Madison Memorial Fellowship for California. The award was established by Congress in 1986 to improve teaching about the U.S. Constitution in secondary schools. He is pursuing a master’s degree in history education at San Jose State University.

Andrew Nelch ’05 was promoted to project manager at Tariton Corp. A certified LEED Accredited Professional, he had been a project engineer at Tariton. Andrew lives in Chesterfield, Mo.

Daniel O’Rourke ’05 was sworn in as a U.S. State Department foreign service officer and assigned as a visa consul in San Salvador, El Salvador. A Peace Corps volunteer in Moldova for two years, he holds an MBA from Marquette University.

Justin Phelps ’05 and his wife, Molly, welcomed their second child, Owen Russell, on March 12, 2014. Justin earned an MBA from Missouri Baptist University. He is a communications specialist for Mid-America Transplant Services. The family lives in St. Louis.

Chris Iasielo ’07 and Meghan Van De Velde Iasielo ’08 were married Oct. 4, 2013. Chris earned a master’s degree in management at Northwestern University. He is a program manager for S&L. Meghan is photographer/owner of Meghan Leigh LLC. They live in Chicago.

Julie Siebert, MA ’07 is a program development specialist at the Children’s Home Association of Illinois. She also is an affiliate instructor at the Graduate School at Bradley.

Allison Camp Schieferle Uhlenbrock ’07 MA ’14 is a counselor for violence prevention and educational outreach at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. Her husband, Jeff Schieferle Uhlenbrock ’09 MBA ’13 is an assistant vice president for commercial banking at Morton Community Bank. They live in Morton.

Steven Fetzer ’08 and Amanda Wagner Fetzer ’09 welcomed John Patrick on May 1. Amanda is a registered nurse at Presence Mercy Medical Center. The family lives in Aurora, Ill.

John Juliano ’08 is working in Neoga, Ill., through the Peace Corps Fellows Program, AmeriCorps and the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs to assist with a city mapping project. Previously, he worked with the Peace Corps in Kenya and the Republic of Georgia.

Elizabeth Little Wilcoxon ’08 is an assistant professor of English at New Mexico State University. She earned a master’s degree in linguistics from the University of Texas, El Paso. She and her husband, Aaron, live in El Paso.

Jordan Ashwege ’09 and Jessica Chesnut Aschwege ’10 DPT ’13 were married July 12. Jessica is a physical therapist at Mercy Hospital Jefferson in Crystal City, Mo. Jordan is a multimedia specialist at Phi Beta Phi headquarters. They live in St. Louis.

Matthew Dacio ’09 and Ashley Low Dacio ’10 were married July 11. Ashley is a kindergarten teacher in Chicago. Matthew works in residential construction. They live in Tinley Park, Ill.

Dr. Michael Jakoby IV ’90 (left) was named the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in October. He is pictured with Dr. Kurt Field, chair of the Mund-Lagowski Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. A Bradley chemistry major and graduate of Washington University’s School of Medicine, he is a clinical associate professor of medicine at Southern Illinois University’s medical school, where he is division chief of endocrinology and director of the Diabetes Center.

“My Bradley education was an indispensable first step,” he noted. He also has been a clinical associate professor of medicine at the universities of Nevada and Illinois. A Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Fellow, Jakoby completed post-doctoral research in endocrinology at Washington University after serving his residency in internal medicine at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

A national champion in impromptu and extemporaneous speaking on Bradley’s speech team, Jakoby was the first Bradley student named to USA Today’s College All-American Academic Team and was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi academic Hall of Fame. He has received 10 research-based grants, published 25 papers, written six book chapters and presented at national meetings for organizations such as the American Diabetes Association. He is active in his community and church and serves as a volunteer cook at the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield, Illinois.

— B.G.
2014 Outstanding Young Grad
Libby Birky, MA ’02

Despite moving from the classroom to the restaurant scene, life stayed the SAME for Libby Birky, MA ’02, named the 2014 Outstanding Young Graduate during Founder’s Day in October.

“I teach every day,” Birky said about her work as co-founder of So All May Eat, Inc. (SAME Café), a Denver nonprofit. “It’s just a different classroom and a different set of ‘kids.’”

Birky taught fourth grade for five years before earning her master’s in curriculum and instruction at Bradley. She moved to Colorado two days after completing her coursework and saw a need to make locally grown, organic food available to people regardless of their ability to pay. SAME Café has served more than 120,000 meals since opening in 2006, spawning more than 30 similar operations nationwide.

Patrons are encouraged to leave a fair donation or work at the café in exchange for their food. “We knew the goodness of people would come through,” Birky commented.

She and her husband, Brad, who helped her found SAME Café, have been highlighted on NBC’s Nightly News with Brian Williams and in national publications. Birky also was honored for entrepreneurship by the Denver Foundation, selected a Hometown Hero by MSN.com and recognized as an industry leader by the Colorado Restaurant Association.

“My time at Bradley certainly prepared me for SAME Café in more ways than you might think,” she noted.

— B.G.

Steve D. Levin ’09 and Cathy Goldufsky
Levin ’11 were married June 8. Cathy is a clinical diettian at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, Ill. Steve is an accountant at Aldridge Group in Libertyville, Ill. They live in Skokie.

J o n a t h o n T a y l o r
’09 is an electrical engineer with Monico in Spring, Texas. The Air Force veteran previously worked at Caterpillar Electronics.

Quintin Veasley
’09 earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Toledo. He is a community director at Georgetown University and lives in Washington, D.C.

K r y s t a l W a g n e r
’09 is a family nurse practitioner at McDonough Medical Group in Macomb, Ill. Previously, she was an RN at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. A board-certified family nurse practitioner and member of the Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Krystal earned her master’s degree in nursing-family nurse practitioner from the Peoria campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing.

2010s

Allegra Giulietti-Schmitt ’10 is a college and career counselor at Niles North High School in Skokie, Ill. She holds a master’s degree in education for school counseling from DePaul University and has served on the executive board of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling.

J e s s i c a L u n d
’10 MSCE ’13 is an Engineer II with Hermann & Associates, LLC Consulting Engineers in Peoria Heights, Ill. She lives in Peoria.

J o n a t h a n B.
Trent ’10 and K a t y
Feddersen Trent ’11 were married Jan. 18, 2014. Katy, who earned a master’s degree in communications at Illinois State University, is an associate with Greentarget Global Group. Jonathan is a transportation engineer with Baxter & Woodman Inc. They live in Chicago.

K a i l e y G r e e n
’11 MSN ’12 ran in the 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Oct. 12. She raised money for St. Jude’s from Memphis, Tenn., to Peoria, Ill. She is a professional nurse educator at Advocate Trinity Hospital and lives in Chicago.

M e l a n i e G u e n t h e r
Reid ’11 and Daniel
Reid ’11 were married March 29, 2014. He is a web designer for Zywave, and she works for the Milwaukee Brewers. They live in Milwaukee.

P a t r i c k O l d e n d o r f
’11 and Elly Pettrygrove Oldendorf were married July 12. Pat is pursuing a law degree at Chicago-Kent College of Law. The couple lives in Chicago.

K a r y n T a y l o r
’11 is an early childhood special education teacher and service coordinator for the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency in Iowa.

Taylor Brown ’12 signed to play basketball with Darussafaka Dogus in Istanbul. He played in Europe last year, finishing the season with Bruxelles in Belgium. On the Hilltop, Taylor was an honorable mention All-Missouri Valley Conference selection in 2012 and captain of the MVC’s Most-Improved Team in 2010.
Michelle Gerrity ’12 works for Honda’s research and development team in Dublin, Ohio. She recently was inducted into the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation’s new Alumni Hall of Fame.

Masha Shapiro ’12 is individual contributions researcher at the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group based in Washington, D.C. Previously, she worked for Project Vote Smart.

Kate Singler ’12 was promoted to assistant softball coach at New Mexico State University. She had been a graduate assistant with the team. A second-team All-Missouri Valley selection, she was named to the Capitol One Academic All-District V first team and was a first-team All-MVC Scholar Athlete. Kate was a volunteer and undergraduate assistant coach at Bradley.

Nicholas Swiatkowski ’12 was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He will serve as a Supply Corps officer in the Navy Reserves. Brent Baker ’13 works with the AmeriCorps program at the Peoria, Ill., Housing Authority.


With his parents, he escaped from Nazi-occupied Austria and came to the United States when he was less than a year old. After graduating from Bradley with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, Feldhorn joined his father at Wedbush Securities, a brokerage firm and investment bank. He was employed there for more than 50 years, working his way up to senior vice president and helping the firm expand from five to more than 1,000 employees with 100 offices nationwide.

A board member for both the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles and the Guardians of the Jewish Home for the Aged, he also was active with the Frostig Center, a school for children with learning disabilities. He funded epilepsy research at institutions including the University of Southern California and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A member of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and the southern California Bradley alumni chapter, he had been an associate trustee for Bradley and an adviser to the Foster College of Business.

He created two endowed scholarships for the University. The August R. Feldhorn Scholarship is for students majoring in communication or fine arts, while the Puder/Feldhorn Endowed Scholarship aids business administration majors.

— B.G.

In Tribute
Earl Feldhorn ’62

In Tribute
Warren Reynolds ’53 MA ’67


He was active in band, chorus, forensics and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity while at Bradley. Hired by Keystone Steel & Wire Company after graduation, he was employed there for 30 years, working his way up to corporate secretary and vice president. He also worked in real estate as a property manager and broker, managed the Illinois office of mortgage broker Tucker & Branhm Inc. and was the office manager for a state Supreme Court justice.

Reynolds served six years on the Peoria City Council and eight years on the Peoria County Board, including consecutive terms as board chairman. He was instrumental in the planning and approval of the Peoria Civic Center, which houses Carver Arena, home of Bradley’s men’s basketball team.

He was a member of the Bradley Council and chaired the University’s 75th anniversary committee. He and his wife, Carol, received the President’s Award in 2005.

He was involved in many civic groups, serving on the boards of the Dirksen Center for Congressional Leadership, Peoria Community Action Agency, Peoria Historical Society and the Peoria Symphony, among others. Along with his wife, surviving are two daughters, including Lorie Reynolds Becraft, MA ’91, one son, and four grandchildren.

— B.G.
In Memory

1930s

Don Akin '34, July 13, Benton, Ill.
Dorothy Holmes Brucker '37, Aug. 8, Peoria, Ill.
Gretchen Rettberg Jungst '37, Sept. 18, Sarasota, Fla.
Betty Spears Muirhead '38, Oct. 6, Plato Center, Ill.
Phyllis Blair Marshall '39, July 23, Bradbury, Calif.

1940s

Lorraine Waggoner Gorham '40, Aug. 26, New Haven, Conn.
Robby Anderson Stubbs '40, Aug. 26, Peoria, Ill.
Donald Wollett '41, Sept. 23, Freeland, Wash.
Bernard "Bern" Markoski '43, June 4, Palm Desert, Calif.
Betty Sass Coe '44, Sept. 26, DeKalb, Ill.
Anna Mary Chiotte Hession '44, Aug. 1, Sierra Madre, Calif.
Roberta Mohr Belsley '46, Oct. 16, Northbrook, Ill.
John B. Doyle '47, May 9, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Robert Fabry '49, Aug. 22, Peoria, Ill.

1950s

John R.C. Armstrong '50, Aug. 21, Washington, Ill.
Neil Callbeck '50, Aug. 11, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Burton Doty '50, Nov. 5, Sheffield, Ill.
Clement Gotway '50, Aug. 24, Springfield, Ill.
Dale Hardin '50, Sept. 4, San Marcos, Texas
Marilyn Schram Heraty '50, March 22, 2014, Northbrook, Ill.
Donald L. Hoffman '50, Aug. 7, Peoria, Ill.
Wayne Katus '50, Oct. 29, Peoria, Ill.
Daniel Page '50, April 7, 2014, Virginia Beach, Va.
James Roos '50, Aug. 10, Palos Heights, Ill.
Jack Dirkson '51, Sept. 25, Thornton, Colo.
James Harrell '51, Aug. 31, Carmichael, Calif.
Ila Mae Moomberry Miller '52, Aug. 28, Pekin, Ill.
Bruce Conibear '53, Oct. 19, Atlantic, Iowa
Joan O'Connor Cyhoch '53, Aug. 9, North Little Rock, Ark.
Sally Wohl Gamis '53, Sept. 1, Roswell, Ga.
Paul Karl '53, Oct. 15, Peoria, Ill.
Charles Kranz '53, Sept. 29, Mundelein, Ill.
Frederick Reinholdt '54 MS '61, Aug. 29, East Peoria, Ill.

1960s

Dalton McKinney '60, Sept. 15, Peoria, Ill.
Linda Lee Bendel '61, Sept. 13, Alamo, Texas
Anna Nichol Peacock '61, Oct. 23, Eureka, Ill.
Beverly Johnson Stewart '61, Oct. 24, Canton, Ill.
Willis "Bill" Brown '62 MA '64, Oct. 14, Conway, S.C.
James Rashid '63, Oct. 22, Princeton, Ill.
Eugene Weberski '63, Sept. 15, Dalzell, Ill.
Ira Bernstein '65, July 2, Selden, N.Y.
Jerry L. Miller '65, Aug. 12, Morton, Ill.
Marjorie Furusho Carrigan '66, June 27, Davis, Calif.
Gene Glendinning '66, Oct. 8, Barrington, Ill.
Muriel Campbell Harmon '66, Oct. 13, Tiskilwa, Ill.
Roger Pretzer '66, June 23, Westchester, Ill.
George Goodman '67, Sept. 9, St. Charles, Mo.
David Jordan '67, Sept. 27, Elwood, Ill.
Frank "Pete" Knoll '67, Sept. 25, Peoria Heights, Ill.
James Carlson '68,Sept. 16, Midlothian, Ill.
Thomas Haigh '68, May 8, Wheaton, Ill.
Larry Himmel '68 MA '69, Nov. 5, San Diego.
Lyle Yattoni '68, Sept. 18, Lombard, Ill.
Edwin Kirk, MEA '69, Sept. 10, Morton, Ill.
Donald Orrill, MA '69, Nov. 2, Metamora, Ill.
Thomas W. Rich '69, Sept. 12, Olivette, Mo.
Duane Sears, MA '69, Aug. 11, Eureka, Ill.

1970s

Wayne Bohlke, MSIE '70, July 9, Le Sueur, Minn.
H. Christelle Harshbarger Briggs, MA '70, Aug. 12, Bartonville, Ill.
Jerry Cooper '70, Aug. 20, Riverviews, Ill.
Jim Pullman '70, Aug. 26, Mundelein, Ill.
Georgiana Glover Conibear '71, Sept. 23, Atlantic, Iowa
Terry Paul, MBA '71, Sept. 5, Boulder, Colo.
Kenneth Westdyk ’71, July 9, Mount Pleasant, S.C.
Stephen Happ ’74, Nov. 3, Peoria Heights, Ill.
Jeanne Flickinger Person, MA ’74, Sept. 15, St. Louis
Neil Beim ’75, Oct. 4, Pompton Lakes, N.J.
Joanne Bosché ’76, Oct. 17, Sharonville, Ohio
Wayne McClain ’77, Oct. 15, Champaign, Ill.
Richard Hofer ’78, Aug. 6, Princeville, Ill.
Rosalie Perkins Guy, MA ’79, Sept. 10, Peoria, Ill.
Hortense Ewell Woods, MA ’79, Aug. 15, Peoria, Ill.

1980s

Rich Eckman ’80, June 1, Rincon, Ga.
Evelyn Killebrew ’83 MA ’95, Oct. 18, Franklin, Tenn.
Mary Draeger Schultz ’83, Aug. 24, Groveland, Ill.
SusanPrezel Landrum ’85 MSN ’89, Aug. 6, Peoria, Ill.
Leanne Bonifas ’88 MA ’11, Sept. 17, Peoria, Ill.
Michael K. Smith ’88, Aug. 9, Canton, Ill.

1990s

Matthew Kaufmann ’93, July 11, Munster, Ind.
Katherine Esser ’94, June 30, Cherry Valley, Ill.

2010s

Dianne Delaney-Smith, MA ’14, Sept. 8, Dahinda, Ill.

Faculty

Dr. Max Taylor, professor of chemistry since 1969, died Nov. 4 in Peoria, Illinois.

The 1998 recipient of the Charles M. Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching, he held a Ph.D. in chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During sabbaticals, Taylor conducted research at Caterpillar Inc. and at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Northern Regional Research Laboratory.

A popular longtime instructor with Bradley’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), he served as academic adviser for senior chemistry majors and students in the master’s in liberal studies program. Taylor received the American Chemical Society Certificate of Merit for 50 years of service and authored 16 peer-reviewed publications.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Segel Taylor, MA ’75.
Alumni Events

May 2 // Peoria
PIKE 65th anniversary reception and dinner; $50 alumni, $25 guest; visit peoriapikes.com/pages/65th-chapter-anniversary.php for more information.

May 2–4 // Peoria
Football reunion for former players and their families; visit bualum.org/footballreunion for details and to register.

June 6 // Chicago
BUBAA Scholar Bowl Fundraiser; 5–10 p.m., Palos Lanes, Palos Hills, Ill.; $20 in advance, $25 at the door, $12 for children 12 and under.

June 11–13 // Peoria
Leadership Summit; Visit bualum.org/leadershipsummit for registration and more information.

June 15 // Chicago
Chicagoland Golf Outing; Royal Fox Country Club, St. Charles, Ill.

August 7 // Peoria
CIBAC Bratfest; Jimmy’s Bar, 2801 W. Farmington Road.

August 8 // Chicago
BUBAA Senior Send-Off BBQ; 6–8 p.m., Dan Ryan Woods, Grove 15; 82nd and Western.

August 9 // St. Louis
SLABAC Senior Send-off Picnic; 1–3 p.m., Stacy Park, 9750 Old Bonhomme Road, Olivette, Mo.; $5 for alumni, free for incoming freshmen and their parents.

September 20–26 // Peoria
Homecoming
Class of 1965 50th Reunion

Greetings from the Hilltop as we invite you to our second Bradley University Alumni Association Leadership Summit on campus June 11–13. You won’t want to miss this exciting learning and networking opportunity. Meet Bradley alumni known for their local, regional and national leadership, along with faculty from the Foster College of Business, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology. We invite you to attend with fellow alumni or bring colleagues to your alma mater for our top-notch professional Summit. The event is open to the public. The Summit kicks off Thursday evening with a casual dinner on our beautiful Alumni Quad. Speakers committed as of press time include: Tim Bender ’82, David Bozeman ’91, Brad Cohen ’96, Matt MacDonald ’98, Kelly Winkler Semrau ’82, Dr. Charlene Dewey ’85, the Hon. James Shadid ’79, Adam Suri ’88, Lanetha Neal ’87 with Dr. Chris Jones, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Dr. Ed Bond, associate professor of marketing; Dr. Chuck Stoner, professor of management and leadership; Dean Lex Akers of the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology; and Dean Darrell Radson of the Foster College of Business.

Visit bualum.org/leadershipsummit for details. Sign up by May 1 for the early bird discount.

I look forward to welcoming you home at such a lovely time of the year.

Tory McCord Jennetten ’96
Executive Director
Alumni Relations

ONLINE For program information, visit bualum.org or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (309) 677-3565 or (800) 952-8258.

SAVE THE DATE for HOMECOMING 2015! September 20–26, 2015
Chicago Bradley University Black Alumni Alliance (BUBAA) members and friends gathered at the Licorice Lounge on October 12 to watch the Chicago Bears take on the Atlanta Falcons. Another BUBAA group held a simultaneous watch party at the Chicago Pizza and Sports Grille in Smyrna, Georgia, while others tailgated and attended the game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Peoria Members of Sigma Chi honored their brother Bob Runkle ’51 for his lifelong service and dedication to the fraternity with a luncheon during Homecoming in October, including (from left) Bill Troy ’61, Runkle, Dean Mefford ’62, Jack Wilkins ’54 and Ed King ’54 MA ’62.

Carmel, Indiana More than 75 alumni, friends and prospective students and their families joined President Joanne Glasser for an evening at the Woodland Country Club on November 11. Among those in attendance were (from left) Anne Kross Mundrick ’09, President Glasser, Keith Mundrick ’09, Angela Toures Tressel ’05 and Ryan Tressel.

Peoria On November 14, the Central Illinois Bradley Alumni Chapter (CIBAC) hosted a home opener pre-game party at the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette to celebrate the start of another season of men’s basketball with local fans, including Lana Miller, MLS ’94 and her husband, Ron.

San Francisco Alumni, friends and fans attended coast-to-coast watch parties in eight cities for the men’s basketball game against the University of Memphis on December 6, including this group at Pete’s Tavern: (from left) host Eva Wong Champi ’01, Steve Champi, Kelly Strain, Scott Solomon, Victor Nelson ’81, Walt Dannenberg, Ulani Levy Dannenberg ’97 and Eliesh Tuffy ’95.

Westlake, Texas Mary Bauer, President Glasser and Mark Bauer ’67, along with about 40 other alumni and friends, gathered April 9 at the home of Charles Anderson ’79 and Audrey Limonta Anderson ’80 at the Vaquero Golf Club. Visit the Alumni Association’s flickr page at flickr.com/BradleyAlumni to view more photos.
Hilltop View Homecoming 2014

ONLINE Visit bradley.edu/go/ht-Homecoming 2014 for more Homecoming highlights.
River Jam on the RiverFront

Homecoming 2014 offered myriad activities in the spirit of last fall’s “Roll Out the Red.” For the first time, the Red & White Scrimmage showcased the women’s and men’s basketball teams along the Peoria RiverFront. The “Red & White River Jam” drew fans of all ages to watch both teams against a backdrop of lights glistening off the Illinois River. Meant to foster camaraderie within the Bradley community, Homecoming also hosted traditional on-campus festivities from the pep rally, the lighting of the “B” and the fireworks show, to new events including a T-shirt swap, where students could exchange their high school spirit gear for new Bradley T-shirts. Homecoming culminated with the soccer team celebrating a 1-0 win against the University of Central Arkansas at Shea Stadium.

— L.C.
Spring is in the air as budding trees and blooming flowers add a splash of color to the Hilltop, including this stretch of St. James Street entering campus from University Street. Photo by Duane Zehr.