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Eleven year old, Jillian Hough plans to be a student at Graceland University. Graceland bought an ad in her 4-H program, and she sent a thank you note with a picture that she drew of a GU cheerleader. The note said she was "really hoping to go to GU!" so Kirk Bjorland, Vice President for Enrollment Management, presented her with a scholarship for Graceland. It's never too early to make plans!

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I take great pleasure in Graceland's annual commencement ceremony, a splendid tradition in which we celebrate years of determination, learning and reward. Students, family, and university come together in this centuries-old ritual of recognition.

Rituals hold purpose in our lives. They knit together generations of people with a common interest, and empower the individual with the momentum of the past. The Graceland community continues. As a group of people, Graceland graduates are making a difference in the world. This Horizons shares stories of the Graceland community-a community of service. Here you'll find stories of how a Graceland liberal arts education provides the tools and inspiration to achieve excellence. Whether it is through work with non-profit organizations, new business ventures, scientific discoveries or community outreach, the Graceland family can be seen volunteering in service to others, making our world a better place.

The spring semester brought Graceland's first doctoral graduates in nursing and continued top rankings with U.S. News and World Report. We had athletic teams at the nationals, and our Enactus team was again in the top 12 in a renowned, choral artist-in-residence, National Medal of Arts recipient Morten Lauridsen. Our faculty continues to make impressive accomplishments in their fields, and Graceland graduates report significant successes.

"As members of the Graceland community, we will continue to offer the opportunity for future students to have the transforming Graceland Experience."

the nation. We expanded our facilities with the new Baughman Athletic Center. Graceland's Entrepreneurial Roundtable was a highpoint this spring, featuring JR Shaw and his family. In May, we hosted We are grateful for the many alumni and friends whose generosity helps to constantly reweave the fabric of Graceland. Our lives are intertwined in this community of service.

GU Volunteers Support Special Olympics 2014

round 9 a.m. Saturday, April 12, over 200 Special Olympic athletes started arriving on the Graceland University Lamoni campus. They were greeted by an equal number of GU volunteers. A tunnel of Yellowjacket football players clapped, cheered and gave hi-fives to the athletes as they entered. What an awesome event to see and what a great way to start a beautiful, sunshine-filled day.

> "I look forward to volunteering at the Special Olympics every year! I've always been told that the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. The creativity, hard work and enthusiasm I witnessed from the participants brings a happiness to my life that is unlike any other I've experienced!"

> > Haleigh Spurlock '14, Gadet from Phoenix, Arizona

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The tone was set with smiles and laughter that could be heard throughout the day, as the athletes competed, cheered on teammates (sometimes during their own race), and enjoyed the attention of the GU football, wrestling, men's basketball and soccer athletes, and Jay Hoffman's Adaptive PE class. In addition, the cheer and Gadet teams applauded everyone, while young and old competitors ran, jumped, threw and swam. Our athletic training students were readily available to take care of any injuries, and to celebrate achievements.

The event serves as a unique volunteer opportunity for the Graceland and surrounding communities, while providing a memorable experience for athletes, coaches and spectators. The events of the day ran smoothly with cooperation among volunteers from differing backgrounds. The smiles and camaraderie between athletes and volunteers spoke to the success of the day. ~*Chauntel Ranney*

"Today was awesome! Thank you for the opportunity to volunteer with the Special Olympic athletes. It has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done."

Chaddrick Ellis '15, GU football player



Roundtable Highlights Shaw Family Business Success

The Graceland University Entrepreneurial Roundtable is focused on an important topic: free enterprise and entrepreneurship. It provides students with an opportunity to integrate their academic studies with practical lessons from leaders from the business world. Faculty provide theoretical perspectives, students bring fresh insights by questioning assumptions, and the Roundtable event encourages a dialogue and an opportunity for networking.

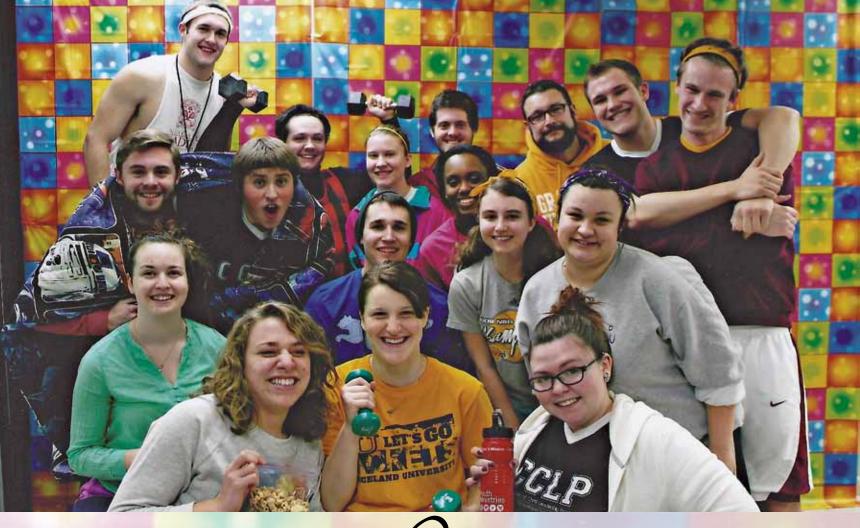
This year, the 23rd Roundtable was a veritable feast of information, as JR and Carol Shaw and their four children shared openly about the strengths and challenges of running a family business — in their case, the far-reaching Canadian enterprises Shaw Communications and Corus.

On April 17, the agenda opened to a full auditorium in the Shaw Family Auditorium in Shaw Center, named for the family, on Graceland University's Lamoni campus, with fast-paced videos on the history and corporate culture of Shaw Communications and Corus Entertainment Inc. The companies provide cable and satellite TV, internet, digital phone services and operate Canada's second largest private conventional television network and 19 specialty TV networks. JR Shaw's keynote address outlined the history and philosophy of the company, starting with the family farm in Ontario on which JR, his brother and sisters grew up under loving and insightful instruction from their parents.

JR, his wife Carol and children, Brad, Jim, Julie and Heather took questions from the audience in three breakout sessions focusing on different aspects of running a successful family business: governance, work/life balance, and multigenerational success. Students appreciated the openness of the family in sharing how they confront differences, find time for spouses and children outside of work, and think about the role their children and grandchildren might play in the companies' future.

Part of the Shaw family philosophy is that they share the blessings from their business ventures with those less fortunate. All four children, along with JR and Carol, have strong commitment to philanthropic efforts, especially for children. In his introduction of the program, Graceland University President John Sellars movingly recalled his experiences in the Philippines when he saw firsthand the impact of Shaw contributions to the lives of impoverished farm families. Carol has been active in a local AIDS network and has contributed to AIDS relief in Africa. Brad and his family support an orphanage in Tibet, while Jim, Julie and Heather each have their own projects that benefit children.

The Entrepreneurial Roundtable was able to bring the Shaw family business success' to focus while allowing students insights into their visionary leadership. The Roundtable is sponsored by the Charles Sandage Center for the Study of Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. Justin Akers directs the program under the supervision of the Sandage School of Business.



Community Building: Graceland and Community of Christ

The Graceland Experience is one-of-a-kind. Graceland University is home of an ongoing Community of Christ young adult leadership initiative: the Community of Christ Leadership Program, or CCLP. It is a partnership between Community of Christ and Graceland University. Each year, CCLP involves between 50 to 60 students. It combines financial assistance, leadership training and spiritual growth opportunities for Gracelanders who want to deepen their connection with Community of Christ through developing their gifts for ministry and pursuing church mission.

This year, CCLP partnered with Colonial Hills Congregation for a mutual ministry opportunity. The partnership provided a chance for Graceland students to exercise their gifts for ministry, and strengthen ties between Graceland and Community of Christ through the Go GU! Program. The Go GU! Program appoints congregational representatives whose role is to assure that members are kept informed about Graceland and the role it plays in the mission of the church.

The retreat's directors, Katie Arnold-Clow and Amy Sellars, worked closely with Melanie Grimes, Graceland's CCLP Director, planning and organizing the weekend. The day of the retreat, 15 CCLP students joined over a hundred members of the Colonial Hills congregation at Camp Doniphan for a weekend of community building, learning and renewal. Exploring the theme, "We Are the Body," CCLP students taught classes on Corinthians 12:12. They led campfire, games, activities, and prepared an evening worship on Saturday.

At the weekend's closing service, CCLP students joined the congregation in sharing testimonies of how blessed they were by God's Spirit during the weekend. Colonial Hill's member Gretchen Booz summed up the weekend well by saying, "There was instant bonding of the congregation with all the Graceland folks. They had us singing, dancing, laughing, worshiping and crying. Following the Sunday fellowship service, it was difficult to say goodbye."

And Campus Ministries

Youth Launch Commission



Graceland is committed to fulfilling the vision of "inspiring and empowering persons for transformational service and leadership." The creation and expansion of programs that improve Graceland's focus on civic engagement are examples of that commitment. The Youth Launch Commission (YLC), a consortium of new and existing Graceland service programs in the Affiliate Relations area, is one specific example of that effort.

The driving mission of YLC is to strengthen the culture of positive youth development and civic engagement in Southern Iowa through education, volunteerism and service learning delivered through four programs -AmeriCorps Youth Launch, RSVP, Volunteer Center of Southern Iowa, and Youth Launch Leaders.

AmeriCorps Youth Launch (AYL) provides youth-development initiatives through service in schools and other youth organizations. Twenty-five AmeriCorps members assist students in achieving academic engagement and educational success through building developmental assets, creating community connections and fostering civic engagement.

RSVP of Southern Iowa is dedicated to connecting senior volunteers to community organizations with a focus on early childhood literacy and disaster response. RSVP of Southern Iowa believes the skills of seniors should be utilized to the benefit of local communities. In addition to sharing skills, intergenerational relationships are valuable and should be leveraged to benefit the local community.

The Volunteer Center of Southern Iowa (VCSI) strives to boost volunteerism at Graceland and in the surrounding communities by connecting the skills of people, especially youth and young adults, with the needs in the area. VCSI hopes to ignite volunteers to be part of the solution to community challenges and assist organizations in engaging volunteers in meaningful service.

Youth Launch Leaders (YLL) is a program that provides training opportunities and support to adult leaders of youth activities in the areas of child and adolescent growth and development. YLL resources include training seminars, fact sheets, newsletters and links to online resources and webinars, all utilizing the 40 Developmental Assets designed by Search Institute. Through the program, adult youth leaders become proficient in the skills necessary for creating environments where youth can grow and develop. "The Youth Launch Commission programs bring together students, staff, faculty and community members to create civic-minded, service oriented community leaders. We are proud to be part of the effort to make Graceland's vision of transformational service a reality" said Executive Director of Affiliate Relations, Greg Sutherland.

If you would like to know more about how these programs are enriching Southern Iowa, or if you would like get involved in service opportunities, please visit our website at www.graceland.edu/YLC.

~Amanda Edsall



Graceland Forever: Marian Killpack

A n integral member of those creating Graceland's caring community, Marian Killpack has offered a lifetime of service. On June 1, Marian Killpack retired as Vice President for Student Life, Dean of Students, but her influence on thousands of students continues.

Marian's laughter and energy are contagious, as she relays memories of her experiences over the years. She talks as fast as a freshman with exclamation marks, her smile flashing and arms waving as she laughs. There is no hint of slowing down after 43 years. "I love being with young people; so full of hope and potential. They are inspiring and I'm energized!" Marian was and is passionate about people and relationships. She has invested her life, developing friendships here on "the Hill."

"43 years is all...and four years as a student."

Marian Garrett came to Graceland College as a student in the fall of 1966, "I am so grateful for the relationships along the way. My testimony is that the essence of Graceland is still at Graceland; students have the same opportunity we had; the Graceland transformation is still happening."

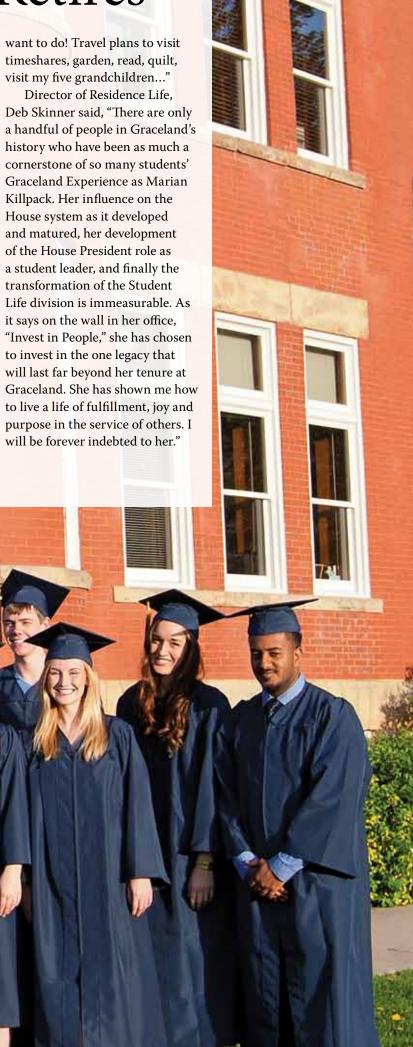
and graduated with the class of '70, with a degree in psychology. Her good friend Carol Lindgren brought her to grad school. "Carol got an application for Indiana State University and actually filled it out for me," she says, spilling over with enthusiasm. When the opportunity arose a year later to be a Graceland hall director, Marian returned to "the Hill," and the unplanned decision was a life changer. She knew she belonged here. Dale "finally" asked her to marry him and Lamoni became their home. Their heritage is laced with Graceland. Her grandmother graduated in 1932, his great-grandmother in 1898. Their three children are alumni: David '96, Kimberly '99 and Kristina '05; 12 of 14 nieces and nephews are also alumni.

The May 18 graduation ceremony was the last time Marian read the names of the graduates as they walked across the stage. She doesn't spend time dwelling in nostalgia, but gets right to the celebration. "When I'm standing there as they come across the stage – it's just wonderful. Graceland has transformed them. This year, I'll finally 'graduate' as well."

Horizons asked Marian what her retirement plans are and she immediately responded, "I'm going to do whatever I



Retires





David Schaal Appointed Vice President for Student Life

David D. Schaal has accepted appointment as the Vice President for Student Life as of June 1, 2014.

Schaal graduated from Graceland with a Bachelor of Arts in social studies in 1980, and earned a master's in religion with honors in 1985 from Park College, with an emphasis in advanced leadership studies. He was a member of the Graceland Board of Trustees until 2013 when he became a part-time field officer for Institutional Advancement. He also served several years as one of two counselors to Community of Christ President Stephen M. Veazey.

"What excites me about the position is its capacity to work with others in shaping lives to make a difference in the world," Schaal states with enthusiasm.

He looks forward to "working with a team of professionals who share that commitment."

For over 20 years, Schaal was an appointee with the Community of Christ, Graceland's sponsoring church, with leadership roles in several areas that parallel his new responsibilities in Student Life.

President Sellars noted the excellent fit between Dave's background and the Student Life position. "We are fortunate to have someone with proven leadership skills and broad leadership experience," Sellars stated, "who is already very familiar with Graceland through his board service, and deeply committed to Graceland's core values."

Dave '80 and his wife, Michelle '80, have three grown children: Jessica, Drew '11 and Carlie.

The House Built on Prayer: A Community of Service through Faith and Love

Tricia Brashear '93, RN, BSN, CHPN, clinical manager at Saint Luke's Home Care and Hospice, is one of the special ones. She is a Graceland nurse with a unique gift of caring for people during their life-ending journey.

For her and those in her profession, it is a commitment of community service inspired by faith and love. The 25 clinical staff members hired by Brashear operate as a family with compassionate caring. They work hard to create a home-like experience for the patients and their families. "It is just a part of who we are;" stated Tricia, "the shared experience makes us one."

Tricia knew she would be a nurse from an early age.

At 12, she started working at the Independence Regional Health Center as a hospital volunteer. After two years at a local community college, she continued her nursing education at Graceland's School of Nursing. She came to appreciate the relationships she developed with her instructors and classmates, with Professor Shirley Dauzvardis being a particular favorite. Tricia started her nursing career in oncology, but now realizes that she did hospice care all along.

Being in a faith-based environment is important to Tricia. So, when Independence Regional closed, she went to work for another faith based non-profit, Saint Luke's Home Care and Hospice. She participated on the planning committee for building the Saint Luke's Hospice House, and has been an integral part of this exciting start-up since the beginning. (It has been a 7-year dream!) It opened in 2013 and is the only free-standing craftsman style Hospice House, complete with an outdoor chapel in the heart of Kansas City.

The 22,500-square-foot "home" allows a family the chance to experience a meaningful and less-stressful end of life period with their loved ones. It is a 12 bed facility with medical technology and the comforts of home. Tricia headed up a china drive, so eating at the "House" would be like eating at her grandmother's table. She also worked to collect soft t-shirts and nightgowns so the patients don't wear hospital gowns. As part of its mission, Hospice House focuses on giving these individuals relief from the burden of their health issues. "These patients would otherwise be hospitalized," Tricia said. She explained that the level of care necessary keeps these patients from going home. She added that, "This is a better option to manage their needs, and that is a blessing."

Knowing the importance her faith would make in her own service for the patients of Hospice House, Tricia initiated the idea that the house literally be built on prayers. So board members, nurses and staff who helped develop the Hospice House handwrote prayers, which were placed inside the walls before the sheet rock went up. The prayers represent many religions. "It's what hospice is specifically about; celebrating and supporting people in their beliefs and all walks of life as they face the end of life." Brashear said. *~Nona Cady*





Graceland University Nursing Recognitions

The pinning ceremony for nursing students is a long held tradition where the newly graduated nurses are presented with pins to welcome them to the profession. Graceland has expanded the ceremony to include further recognitions of achievements and degrees.

In the fall of 2011, the School of Nursing admitted the first doctoral students in the history of Graceland University. At Commencement, May 18, 2014, in Lamoni, Iowa, the first doctoral graduates were "hooded" and awarded the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. All of the DNP graduates are alumni, having earned one or more nursing degrees from the Graceland University School of Nursing. Dustin Williams, the first student to complete the degree requirements in the fall of 2013, earned all three of his nursing degrees (BSN, MSN and DNP) from Graceland.

On Friday evening, May 16, 2014, graduates from the doctoral program were presented and celebrated for the first time at the School of Nursing Recognition Ceremony (NRC) in Independence, Missouri, at the Community of Christ Temple. Five of the six DNP graduates, as well as 35 distance students from all over the U.S., were in attendance. Eight GU Board of Trustees members also attended to mark this historical event. This was the largest assembly in NRC history, with well over 600 attendees!

Significant changes were made to the NRC to accommodate the addition of doctoral students and highlight the value of advanced education in nursing. Dustin Williams gave remarks for the graduate students. Graduates were recognized



Dustin Williams

and presented in order of highest degree earned. Doctoral graduates receiving awards included: Dustin Williams (Outstanding Achievement and Excellence in Nursing Practice), Lori Mathis (Higdon Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice), and Pam Dalzell (Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Special Recognition Award).



Commencement 2014

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The 2014 Commencement preparations began years ago, when the graduates first arrived at Graceland with hopes that this occasion would be marked in their timeline of accomplishments.

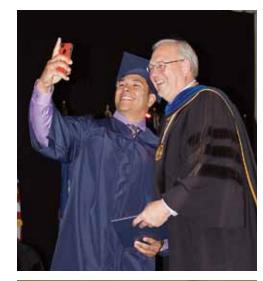


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The events began Friday night on Graceland's Independence campus with the annual Nursing Recognition Ceremony in the Community of Christ Temple Sanctuary. With Graceland's award-winning nursing program, the nurses' pinning is a memorable milestone in their careers.

After this traditional event, focus shifted to Lamoni for Baccalaureate, where the theme "Serve One Another" ushered the Community of Christ Leadership Program graduates into continued ministry by board president Ken McClain's inspiring remarks. Later Saturday evening, the beautiful Candlelighting Ceremony outside on the plaza bricks gave students a moment to reflect upon their best memories during their time at Graceland, and Campus Minister, Matt Frizzell, offered a spiritfilled prayer for the graduates. Finally, on Sunday morning, the 117th Annual Commencement Convocation began with a ceremonious processional and a welcome from President John Sellars. The graduates, families and friends filled with excitement as each candidate awaited their turn to cross the stage and be given the conferring and recognition they had worked so hard to achieve. Jay Newcom offered an address, charging the graduates to "bring justice, peace and wholeness to the people and institutions of the world." Vice President Parris Watts conferred the degrees on the waiting graduates. As the alma mater hymn was sung, all raised their voices "in lives of honor, truth and right: The seal of

the Blue and Gold."















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Commencement Awards

Nommencement provides an opportunity ✓ to give recognition for outstanding accomplishments in the Graceland community. The Student Life Award was awarded to Nathaniel Cochran and Andrew Murphy. Dan Keegan received an Honorary Doctorate Degree and spoke of the opportunities Graceland opened for him. The Alumni Awards for excellence in teaching were given to Thelma Sword and Nancy Wallace. Peggy Henson received an additional award from the Alumni Board for her teaching excellence. Jim Jones was conferred professor emeritus status.







Nathanial Cochran and Marian Killpack.

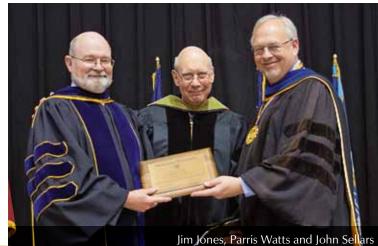


Andrew Murphy and Marian Killpack.



Nancy Wallace, John Sellars, and Samuel Smalldo





Commencement 2014

Record Breaking Graceland Tennis Teams go to NAIA National Championships

The men's and women's Yellowjackets tennis teams won their conference championships and went to nationals! Going to nationals meant a 19 hour bus ride to Mobile, Alabama, making it an even more memorable experience.

The four day event included travel, training sessions with Xavier University at the University of Moblie, a community service project – a free tennis clinic for local youth at the Mobile Tennis Center, a Championship Banquet, tournament play and lots of team bonding.

The women's tennis team finished the season with a record of 15-4 and won their first national tournament match in Graceland's history. "We had the highest ranking ever in HAAC history at number 12," shared head coach Monroe Walker.

The men's team finished the season ranked 13th with an overall record of 12-6, a third straight conference championship, and a third straight national tournament appearance.

"Both teams had a great season," said Coach Walker. "To be able to go to nationals together was great for both programs."





Baughman Athletic Center Connects to the Community

hen Madolyn (Rae) and Doyle Baughman were updating their wills last year, they wanted to include Graceland University in their plans.

Kelly Everett proposed they do something that would benefit Graceland University as well as the Lamoni community, as Madolyn's family hailed back to the 1800s in this area. There has been a building right in the middle of town that for several years has only been used as a storage facility, and had become somewhat of an eyesore. It had potential to become something more. With the generous gift from the Baughmans, this storage building has been transformed and is now the Baughman Athletic Center (BAC).

With the return of the Graceland University wrestling program, there was a need for a facility in which Graceland could hold practices and solidify their team. The BAC has a large wrestling room with a custom-raised floor that offers some flexibility for the wrestlers as they throw down their opponents. It has heating and air conditioning to allow year-round availability, which will create the opportunity for Graceland to offer wrestling clinics in the summer. With a locker room, showers, laundry facilities, a training room and office, the Baughman Athletic Center will help the wrestling program create a winning team.

In addition to wrestling facilities, the BAC also has a room with batting cages, and can be used for pitching practice. The Graceland University softball and baseball teams will now be able to practice right in Lamoni, without having to drive to batting cages out of town. The Lamoni High School teams will be able to use them, as well as the Lamoni little league teams.

"Our roots are here in Lamoni so, when we came back to the community 15 years ago, we wanted to help out Graceland as well as the entire community," said Doyle as he toured the new facility that bears his name. Doyle and Madolyn have an open invitation to watch the upcoming wrestling practices in the new Baughman Athletic Center this fall.



Graceland University Selected for ACE Change and Innovation Lab

National Initiative Focused on Increasing First-generation and Nontraditional Student Attainment Rates

Graceland University has been selected by the American Council on Education (ACE) to participate in the Change and Innovation Lab (CIL), an initiative to help universities implement sustainable efforts to increase the number of first-generation and nontraditional students who gain a college degree.



Debbie Kepple-Mamros, David Schaal, John Sellars and Tammy Everett.

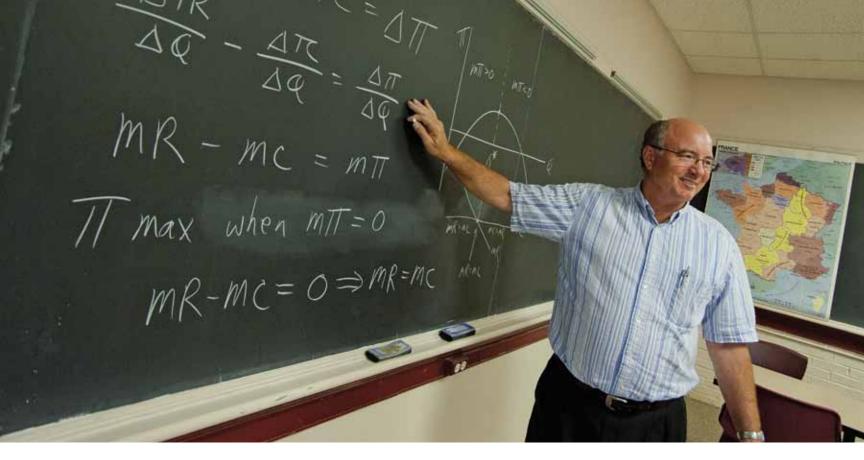
Graceland is one of nine institutions that will work during the 18-month CIL project to implement concrete steps on their campuses, and identify how some of these practices can be applied broadly at colleges and universities across the country. The project is being generously supported by a \$400,000 grant from Lumina Foundation.

"The support ACE is providing our institution through this program will help us become more student-centered and strategic as we focus on the future." -President John Sellars.

"The institutions that are participating

in the Change and Innovation Lab are engaged in meaningful exploration of initiatives aimed at mobilizing higher education to increase student success and attainment nationwide," said ACE President Molly Corbett Broad. "We are grateful to Lumina Foundation for its support of this project, as well as for its continuing focus on improving postsecondary attainment."

ACE convened the initial meeting of the CIL earlier this month in Washington, D.C. The meeting was attended by campus teams that included each institution's president or chancellor and chief academic officers, including Graceland University President John Sellars; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tammy Everett; Vice President for Student Life, David Schaal; and Director of Institutional Research, Debbie Kepple-Mamros. The criteria for selecting CIL institutions was designed to encourage high-access institutions to participate, including colleges and universities that enroll large numbers of Pell Grant recipients, have a history of serving or the capacity to serve posttraditional learners, and are interested in using technology and data to improve attainment rates.



Steve Anders to Teach Summer Course at University of Prishtina

Five Fulbright connections among a current full-time faculty of 87 is a remarkable achievement," commented Graceland President John Sellars on hearing the news that Dr. Steve Anders will teach this summer in Kosovo as a Fulbright Specialist.

The University of Prishtina in Kosovo has selected Dr. Anders to participate in the institution's 2014 International Summer University. Dr. Anders, Dean of the Sandage School of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Graceland, will teach "Intermediate Microeconomic Theory." The course will emphasize forces and structures in free markets in a part of the world that for 50 years made economic decisions under a centralized communist system.

Max Pitt, also in the Graceland



School of Business faculty and on the Fulbright Specialist Roster, taught an entrepreneurship course at the University of Prishtina's Summer Institute in 2013, the same program to

Max Pitt

which Dr. Anders has been invited. Anders and Pitt are two of five current Graceland faculty members with a Fulbright connection, the United States' flagship international education exchange program.

Dr. Wilaiporn Rojjanasrirat in



of Nursing has done extensive international work to promote nursing education. She served as a Fulbright Specialist as an expert consultant on online curriculum, faculty development

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and institutional planning at Naresuan University in Thailand.

Dr. Diane Bartholomew, Graceland



Diane Bartholomew

professor of Athletic Training, is also on the Fulbright Specialist roster, making her eligible to be invited for guest lectureships at international institutions. Bartholomew has been a statewide leader in Iowa for physical education curriculum instruction.

Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, who has a joint



Priscilla Eppinger

appointment to the Community of Christ Seminary and the Religion and Philosophy Department of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, received a Fulbright-Hays fellowship to

participate in a summer study tour to Poland and Russia. Students in her History of Christian Thought course benefit vicariously from her experiences in central and eastern Europe.

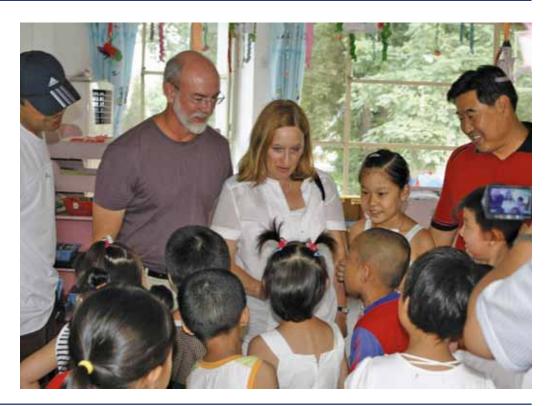
Before retiring as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Parris Watts noted the benefits of international study to not only the foreign institutions but to the Graceland campus itself. "Experiencing different academic settings always provides new insights on the learning process." ~Tom Morain

Bob and Barbara Mesle: International Scholars for Graceland

The "Doctors Mesle," Bob and Barbara, are still going strong after 33+ years of teaching at Graceland, representing Graceland as scholars around the world. Their world view expands the classroom borders and engages students here on "the Hill." The Mesles exemplify the Graceland motto, "prudens future," which is Latin for "wisdom for the future," a wisdom that embraces a global community.

Last July in Pamplona, Spain, Barbara spoke on "Empiricism, Pragmatism, Naturalism, and Feminism — Jane Addams as a Case Study in Sympathetic Knowledge" to the international meeting of the Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought. Bob spoke on "Crazy Love: Articulating and Defending the Utilitarian Vision." While there, they ate in one of Hemmingway's favorite haunts. They then traveled to the University of Athens, Greece, for the World Congress of Philosophy, where Bob spoke on "Teaching Love as a Continually Transcending Ideal," the only Englishspeaking presenter in his section.

This summer Bob and Barbara will return to Greece in June, where Bob will be a keynote speaker and panelist at the 6th International Symposium on Process Organization Studies, on the Isle of Rhodes. In conjunction with the conference, Bob has agreed to contribute chapters to two books: one for Oxford University Press and the other for the



"Scholarship involves getting out of your own classroom and your own thoughts to see the world through other peoples' eyes and minds, to be challenged and pushed to grow. Working with scholars around the world gives us profoundly new visions to bring back to our students at Graceland, so we can challenge them and help them grow." Bob Mesle

Sage Handbook of Process Organization Studies, for the European Group for Organization Studies.

In July, Bob and Barbara will be traveling to China for their fourth turn at teaching the Process Philosophy Academy, and speaking at various conferences. The Academy will study the Chinese translation of Bob's book *Process Relational Philosophy*. Two of Bob's presentations in China have also been published in scholarly journals there.

Bob's book *Process Theology: A Basic Introduction,* has been translated into

Chinese, Korean, Japanese and most recently, Portuguese. Bob and Barbara are also regular contributors to www. jesusjazzbuddhism.org, with readers in about 40 countries. Bob has been asked to be a featured author, and some of Bob's short essays have also been translated into Chinese.

The Doctors Mesle are representing Graceland University around the world as international scholars, bringing all of their experience and study back so scholarship and teaching come together in their classrooms.

Class Notes

The 1970s

Mary Ellen Foss '75 Kimball hosted the Red Carpet Preview of her second film, *Co-Pay*, at the historic Lyric Theatre on the Osceola Square. The movie, filmed in Osceola, won the Best Iowa Short Film, best actor, and best screenplay at the Wild Rose Festival. Mary Ellen was the art director and location producer; her husband, Jim Kimball, was actor and medical advisor; and Paul Berge was the author and director. Mary Ellen and Jim are in pre-production for a full-length movie, *Restoration Osceola*, to be filmed in 2015.

The 1980s

Ed Kaleikau '81 is senior advisor for plan science in the USDA Office of the Chief Scientist in Washington, D.C. Before joining OCS, he served as the national program leader in USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, where he proved leadership for plan genomics and breeding research, education and extension programs related to food security, climate change and bioenergy. For his contributions to U.S. agriculture, Kaleikau has received the NIFA Director Award for Excellence and three USDA Secretary Group Honor Awards for Excellence.

Scott R. Manuel '81 was appointed in January 2014 as Deputy Probate Commissioner for the16th Circuit Court in Jackson County, Missouri, for a fouryear term.

The 1990s

Kirt David DeHaan '91 co-authored an article titled "The If, How and When of UPAIA," which was published in the May edition of *Trusts & Estates* magazine.

Kimberly Anne Killpack '99 was chosen this year as one of Iowa's top 100 nurses for 2014. Kim is a graduate of the Graceland School of Nursing program and has completed an MSN. Since graduating from Graceland, Kim has been employed at UnityPoint Health (formerly Iowa Methodist Hospital) in Des Moines, Iowa, as a supervisor on the maternity floor at the hospital.

Weddings

C. Mark Snethen '84 and **Deanna Foss '84**, Lakewood, Colorado, May 15, 2012.

Tom Lows and **Jennifer Barner '06**, Vancouver, Washington, July 28, 2012.

Jack Downey '43 and Vivian Holloway '43, Auburn, California, May 26, 2013.

Don H. Compier's Scholarship Recognized in Christian Century

A s dean of Graceland's Community of Christ Seminary, Don H. Compier has plenty to keep him occupied.



He is frequently on the road to meet face to face with current and prospective students and supporters. "I have found there is no substitute for live engagement," Compier says, adding that "seminary education is very personal and relational."

Yet Dean Compier also believes that he must remain involved in research and writing. "Our faculty will continue to be lively teachers because they always learn more themselves," he says. He believes that "as dean, it is essential to model these high standards." In addition, Compier is seeking to attract students not only from Community of Christ, but other denominations as well. He shares that "publishing can enhance our seminary's reputation and demonstrate that we are involved in debates essential to all Christians and indeed all persons."

Don has authored texts on rhetorical theology and the thought of 16th century reformer John Calvin. He is the co-editor of *Empire and the Christian Tradition* (Fortress, 2007), named Best Reference

Book of the Year by the influential Academy of Parish Clergy. Yet his latest book, *Listening to Popular Music* (Fortress, 2013), has garnered more attention than any of his previous works. Compier explains that "music has always been a great passion of mine, so this one came from the heart. And I think music attracts the interest of people who might be intimidated by what they consider abstract theology." He has lectured on aspects of this book at Graceland and at University of Central Missouri, Seattle University, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Dean Compier was pleasantly surprised to learn that in its spring 2014 issue, the widely read magazine *Christian Century* recommended his book as one of the ten best reads in the field of ethics. *Christian Century* is the leading periodical in ecumenical Christianity, read by many pastors, theologians and lay people of many denominations. "I am very humbled by this wonderful recognition," Compier says.

Lysle Gilmore Day

hen Stu Sherman '85 presented Lysle Gilmore '36 with a plaque announcing April 29 as Lysle Gilmore Day for Graceland University, Lysle smiled and said, "...Wow!" Lysle was 100 years old on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. He made a trip back to "the Hill," along with several members of his family, to commemorate his birthday and to visit Graceland. He had stories to tell of times during his school years and his involvement in the Friday Night Percolators (FNP) Club. The men's social group met to "talk about things and drink coffee," explained Lysle with a grin. Lysle Gilmore Day will be remembered along with a Graceland legacy Lysle



Lysle '36 and Frances '46 Gilmore

passes on to his great-great-nephew, who will be a freshman at Graceland University this fall; a fourth generation Gracelander.

We want your class notes! Submission Guidelines

Upcoming Deadline

Fall 2014:July 2014 (publication month: September 2014)Winter 2014:November 2014 (publication month: January 2015)

How to Submit Class Notes

Email: Email your notes to alumni@graceland.edu (Subject line: Class Notes "year") By mail: Yes, the post person is still welcome at our door.

You may mail your news to: Class Notes Alumni Office 1 University Place Lamoni, IA 50140

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- Save the photo as a TIFF or JPEG and email it as an attachment to alumni@graceland.edu.

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Brandon Vogelsberg and **Rebekah Rusch '08**, Iowa City, Iowa, July 13, 2013.

Charles Rogers '07 and Ashley Griffin, Independence, Missouri, September 8, 2013.

Brent Delong '06 and Jill Wiese, Moore, Oklahoma, October 19, 2013.

Dale Gilner and **Janna Cash '06**, Overland Park, Kansas, November 15, 2013.

Blake Uhlenhake and **Katie Lickteig '09**, Overland Park, Kansas, November 16, 2013.

Births

Brian '98 and **Rebecca Rees '98 Fausett**, Stafford, Virginia. Trevor, born October 2, 2008 and Rees, born December 15, 2011.

Matthew '06 and Lindsay Garrett '07 Tarwater, Lee's Summit, Missouri. Emerson, born August 15, 2011.

Cindy Lawson '06, Keokuk, Iowa. Bryson, born February 29, 2012.

Jacob '05 and Rachel Goodson '06 Blakesley, Pensacola, Florida. Joel, born April 15, 2012.

Jessica Stevenson Hudson '04, Sacramento, California. Dean, born November 12, 2012.

Wesley '05 and Rose Donovan '05 Hodgson, West Des Moines, Iowa. Violet, born January 16, 2013.

John and **Tarasa Oldridge '02 Gardner**, Kirksville, Missouri. Emerson Sky, born June 3, 2013.

Justin '03 and Jenny Ekstrom '02 Lee, Independence, Missouri. Aiden Edward, born July 8, 2013.

Brian '98 and **Misty Sanchez '05 Elkins**, Westland, Michigan. Beckett Jude, born December 3, 2013.

Clayton '07 and **Bryn DeGraw '09 Braddock**, Lamoni, Iowa. Reyse Amelia, born March 10, 2014.

Anniversaries

Chris '62 and **Eleanor West '62 Koehler** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13, 2014, in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Meredith '66 and Brenda Shaw '66 Mitchell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2013, in Hawaii.

Art '52 and Dorothy Fisher '53 Burnham celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 22, 2013 in Denver, Colorado.

Thomas '56 and Bonnie Mortimer '59 Scherer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 2013, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In Memoriam

Gary R. Swart '69, Topeka, Kansas, December 8, 2013.

Helen Vredenburg '41 VanDerKamp, Davenport, Iowa, December 10, 2013.

Gloria Crimmins '73 Slayton, Lamoni, Iowa, December 14, 2013.

Mary Lou "Luella" Wheatley '50 Miller, Independence, Missouri, December 25, 2013.

Mildred "Mid" Carter '62 Canning, Independence, Missouri, December 26, 2013.

E. Richard Outhouse '38, Creston, Iowa, December 31, 2013.

Richard D. Price '45, Independence, Missouri, January 1, 2014.

Berdelle Tait '01 Ingeman, Atwater, Minnesota, January 3, 2014.

Russell C. Lewis '39, Raytown, Missouri, January 5, 2014.

Rene C. Pauley '72, Wilmington, Delaware, January 9, 2014.

Doris Fern Jones '47 Woodstock, Independence, Missouri, January 21, 2014.

Kenneth E. Savage '48, Independence, Missouri, January 21, 2014.

Myer Applies GU Lessons of Success

¬ raceland University **J**alumnus Nathaniel Myer recently found himself in Miami, the site of the finals in a world-wide case study competition, impressing 60 of the world's top ICT executives as he, along with two teammates from IAE Universidad Austral in Buenos Aires. Argentina, were selected as the winners of the Networked Society Cities contest.

Myer, known as "Nate" during his time at Graceland, is a 2010 GU graduate who is no stranger to success in business competitions. He spent three years on Graceland's successful SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) team, now known as Enactus. It is this experience, along with his mentors and instructors from Graceland, he credits for his recent success.

"By simply reapplying the Graceland Enactus presentation formula, (my team) took first place in Ericsson's worldwide MBA Case Competition," explained Nate. "The bar of professionalism in the GU Enactus program is so high that, if you choose to follow those values when you graduate, you will stand out." And stand out he has.



"Whenever you have an intimate community that surrounds you and believes in you, the blessings begin to add up. My GU roots empowered me to win Ericsson's worldwide MBA case competition. There is no doubt in my mind about that."

Nate is originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a member of the Community of Christ. He is the son of Graceland alumna, Janet (Ross) Myer and grandson of former Graceland University Board of Trustees member Vicki Ross. He has an aunt, Julie Ross, and two uncles, Joel and Steve Ross who also graduated from Graceland. Nate's Graceland roots gave him the support he needed to succeed.

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Donald G. Glenn '56, Arco, Idaho, January 26, 2014.

Frederick S. Armstrong '49, Los Gatos, California, February 2, 2014.

D. Duane Peters '59, Shawnee, Kansas, February 3, 2014.

Mary Holder '43 Davis, Wichita, Kansas, February 8, 2014.

Betty Moore '43 Loving, Independence, Missouri, February 9, 2014.

Matthew A. Lowry '76, Orange, California, February 11, 2014.

Cynthia Amick '75 Sullivan, Metuchen, New Jersey, February 11, 2014. Lois Rae Anderson '46 Leverson, Independence, Missouri, February 16, 2014.

William "Bill" Crick '50, Independence, Missouri, February 17, 2014.

Betty Jo Morford '47 Grant, Ottawa, Kansas, February 21, 2014.

William E. Barber '48, Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 26, 2014.

Oliver C. Houston '47, Lee's Summit, Missouri, March 1, 2014.

Francis "Pat" E. Hansen '48, Lee's Summit, Missouri, March 7, 2014.

Peggy Smith '48 Henson, Blue Springs, Missouri, March 8, 2014.

Joanne Webb '77 Steinel, Anchorage, Alaska, March 13, 2014.

Frank P. Benson III '52, Independence, Missouri, March 18, 2014. **Dorothy Lents '39 Hughes**, Independence, Missouri, March 18, 2014.

Mary Skinner '41 Lively, Bella Vista, Arkansas, March 22, 2014.

Gerald D. Gillmore '07, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 2014.

Frank E. Affannato '66, Des Moines, Iowa, March 24, 2014.

Barbara Harris '70 Roberts, Independence, Missouri, March 26, 2014.

L. Sharon McCormick '58 Kelley, Mandeville, Lousiana, April 1, 2014.

Joan Horsley '73 Brown, Blue Springs, Missouri, April 7, 2014.

Burton N. Derick '58, Wilmington, Delaware, April 11, 2014.

Ronald J. Howdyshell '62, Florence, Alabama, April 11, 2014.

Donald J. Bogue '37, Chicago, Illinois, April 21, 2014.

Being Chairman of the Graceland Board of Trustees has been one of the most satisfying roles of my life. My term ended at the May board meeting. My commitment to Graceland continues.

I have received a number of congratulations and thanks for the things that were accomplished over the last seven years. Most of those things were really the work of others. However, I have always said it's better to be lucky than good. I have been lucky to have been Chairman when so many good things happened at Graceland.

Despite the fact that we went through one of the most challenging economic situations since the Great Depression, Graceland was able to do great things over the last seven years.

We were able to complete Resch Science and Technology Hall, the Small and Thomas Apartments, the Fitzgerald Fitness Center, the Shaw Center expansion and renovation, and the Graybill restrooms and lounge renovations. All told, over \$35,000,000 worth of improvements. Many people have said that the campus has never looked better.

Last fall's incoming class numbers were larger than they have been for a decade. We expect that trend to continue to 1200 students, full capacity, in a few years.

The percentage of Community of Christ freshman students also increased, as did

overall freshman GPA and ACT scores.

Graceland has always had excellent faculty, staff and administrators. Many have stayed at Graceland even though they could have moved elsewhere. One of the most vexing problems has been how to compensate our faculty, staff and administrators fairly. We commissioned a study that told us where we were compared to our peer institutions on compensation, and President Sellars just announced intent to get the faculty and staff more equitable wages.

As important as these accomplishments are, we balanced our budget and significantly decreased our reliance on our principal asset, SkillPath Seminars. SkillPath has been a tremendous asset to Graceland delivering over \$110,000,000 to the operating budget since it was acquired. SkillPath had always been viewed as an asset of the endowment, not as a proper major component of our operating income stream. We will soon be able to utilize SkillPath for more traditional endowment related purposes.

All this adds up to an institution that has never been stronger. I would be



remiss if I didn't point out some of the contributors who were so integral to Graceland's success. This could not have been done without the contribution of the Board of Trustees, their leadership and innovative ideals set the stage. The administration has also labored diligently to find the efficiencies necessary for the accomplishments I outlined above. We owe a debt of thanks to our faculty who have trusted the leadership enough to allow us time to do what we said we would do. Finally, to the alumni who supported our efforts at every stage, we all say thanks.

Thank you all.

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Memorium



Dr. Oliver "Ollie" C. Houston, Jr. passed away on March 1, 2014. With 49 years on the Graceland music faculty, Ollie taught over 800 music theory and organ students and was a music legend on the Graceland campus. Offering his ministry of music over so many decades Dr. Houston's legacy continues in the lives he influenced.

"Oliver Houston was a Graceland legend who served almost a full half-century as a talented organist, teacher and competent administrator. He was the 'go-to' man for questions about Graceland and Lamoni history."

~President John Sellars.

The gentle manner and amazing recall that hallmarked Ollie's teaching was inspirational. He published anthems, songs and hymn compositions, while quietly contributing to the musical influence of the students he supported.

"Dr. Houston's memory challenges me to consider my own support of other musicians and the impact it might have if I were to emulate his 'ministry of presence.' He demonstrated that it is possible to make a real difference just by attending the programs, listening to the ministry of musicians both young and old in our congregations, and letting them know we appreciate their efforts." – Blake West, EdD

In addition to his influence at Graceland, Dr. Houston offered years of organ recitals at the Community of Christ Auditorium organ, where he would often chat with the listeners afterward about technique, the specific nuances of the organ, and about the power of music that meant so much to him. Franklin S. Hough, president of Graceland from 1977-1980, passed away on May 19, 2014. Frank had a tremendous impact on the Graceland Experience. He loved teaching and inspired his students with his contagious enthusiasm. Frank was a Lamoni entrepreneur with a large smile and a can-do attitude.

Dr. Steve Anders, Dean of the C.H. Sandage School of Business, states: "We were truly blessed as a result of experiencing Frank as our professor in economics. Many of us were attracted to the major because of his 'bigger than life' personality. He could be on a tractor in the field, on the ground



sorting cattle, and in the classroom, all before noon on any given day. His business and farming activities provided a steady stream of humor and economic examples in his classes. His influence and impact on the Graceland community was profound and far reaching. He will be missed."

Before serving as president, Frank served as professor of economics, chair of the Division of Social Science and Dean of Faculty. His sense of humor and engaging classroom skills endeared him to students and colleagues alike, and he used his considerable financial skills to create innovative, new Graceland programs. After resigning as Graceland president, Frank returned to the classroom until MS forced him to retire in 1988, when he received the Graceland Distinguished Service Award.



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