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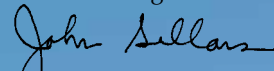
It was a hot, windy day when we took this photo of the “almost” completed Shaw Center. Finishing touches inside and sweeping, landscape changes outside were taking place so fast it was hard to keep pace. I hope you will make it to Lamoni Homecoming Weekend October 19th-21st so you can experience this magnificent new addition to our campus – the Shaw. Words truly cannot describe its beauty and grace, inside and out.

With their \$16 million gift, JR and Carol Shaw have transformed the center of campus into one of the most stunning spaces I have ever seen. You really have to see it for yourself. Even JR told me recently that it “...surpasses my wildest dreams.” I hope you enjoy the photos and stories in this special issue of *Horizons* dedicated to our new Shaw Center and the special weekend planned to unveil it to the world.

The Shaw dedication on Friday and throughout the weekend will be a Homecoming you will not want to miss. With performances by Jens Lindemann, Arliss Howard, Wycliffe Gordon, Shannon Gaye, the Fountain City Brass Band, and others, you and our students will enjoy ‘Broadway’-type experiences. The artists themselves are excited to be the first to perform in the new Shaw.

So come home for our fall classic Homecoming 2012, with all the traditions, fun and friendship we have enjoyed over the ages...and so much more.

Graceland is poised for new heights of greatness. We will forever be grateful to JR and Carol for helping make it so. The Shaw family would love to meet each of you. Please join me in thanking them when you are on “the Hill.”



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About the cover: The Shaw dedication festivities and Homecoming 2012 the weekend of October 19-21 will provide once-in-a-lifetime experiences for all who attend. Fireworks bursting over the transformed Shaw capture the excitement the stunning new facility will create for today's Graceland students and for the generations of students to come. Photo by Aaron Neeley. Design by Steve Edwards.

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The New Where Dreams Will



Shaw Center Come True

By Lee Bash

When potentially-new students first enter the instantly- impressive Carol Hall in the new Shaw Center, they will only need to squint their eyes a bit to imagine performing their own senior recital on this stage in just a few short years. That image is going to burn an impression in their minds that will often be their last thoughts before they go to sleep – seeing themselves in a setting that, at many larger schools and programs, is restricted to only a few graduate students or elite performers. At Graceland, however, the dream has always been to provide all students with unique experiences that help form strong foundations for the remainder of their lives. So, awake or asleep, many high school and transfer students are going to dream about the wonderful opportunities that the Graceland University Music Department is offering them via this amazing, unique new facility. This is, indeed, “the stuff that dreams are made of!”

But what, exactly, is it that makes Carol Hall so appealing to both our current students, and future students, seeking degrees in Music from Graceland? Well, first of all, of course, the room is magnificent! It is warm, appealing, and *intimate*. What this means to performers is

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having immediate and direct connections with their audience. You can make eye contact and interact more when an audience is limited to approximately 120 persons. This also means that the audience feels directly connected with the performer. If you're sitting in the audience, you will be able to observe the eye contact among the small group of performers or soloist and his or her accompanist that you miss in larger performance halls because you have to sit so far away. You'll be able to hear the performer *breathe*. So you'll be able to *experience* the performance in a way that provides insights and greater appreciation. And finally, there's the way the room *looks*: We've all recently watched the Olympics where it's easy to see how an athlete – or in this case, artist – in a special environment is likely to maximize his or her performance. Likewise, Carol Hall is the sort of small performing space that most artists dream of performing in – though few ever actually get to. This wonderful room is going to inspire many amazing performances capable of surpassing the artists' dreams.

Carol Hall isn't the only new space that is going to make talented students dream about performing at Graceland. While "black box theatre" is a concept that's been around for many years, Graceland University can now point to its new black box theatre, the JR Theatre, as a state-of-the-art

room that compares with the very finest theatres anywhere in the nation and technologically exceeds what you're likely to encounter on almost all other college campuses.

Theatre students are going to be excited at the prospect of performing in a space that will be the envy of college students everywhere else. This theatre will not only satisfy the dreams of Graceland students-to-be, many professionals are going to be thrilled at the prospect of performing here as well.

One further recent addition to this complex is a brand new outdoor Amphitheatre that will provide the widest range and diversity of performance opportunities. From impromptu and spontaneous pieces to informal and more casual lunchtime events or just serving as the outdoor gathering point that will provide Graceland students with an opportunity to experience a social and interactive dynamic that has not previously been possible, the Amphitheatre is going to help make the Shaw Center become the indoor and outdoor cultural and social center of the campus. It will expand the visibility and accessibility of so many events that many people believe it is likely to result in this facility becoming the campus hub.

There are many other amazing and exciting aspects of this new performing arts center that deserve your atten-



tion but this article would be remiss if it didn't describe the events associated with the official unveiling of the Shaw Center during Homecoming Weekend. There will be guided tours of all the wonderful spaces that you won't want to miss so plan on carving some time to visit it and attend the many events scheduled! It's the special performances with some spectacular artists who will perform and a jam-packed schedule during the Homecoming celebration that you should be aware of to ensure you don't miss one minute of what is likely to be the most memorable series of events Graceland may have ever experienced.

In order to understand the activities associated with the official grand opening celebration of the Shaw Center, it might help you to think of a *three-ring circus on steroids*. That is, there are going to be performances, tours, presentations, workshops, and social gatherings all day long every day starting on Monday, October 15th through Sunday, October 21st. Some of the events will require tickets, but many will be free and open to the public on a first-come/first-served basis. Some performances will feature internationally-acclaimed artists whose very presence will signal that Graceland now has a world-class performance arena deserving of such famous names. Other events will showcase Graceland students in what promises to be un-

surpassed levels of performance excellence! But you will certainly want to get out your calendar and start planning right now to see many of these presentations, since they are inevitably going to be a much-talked-about part of Graceland's institutional legacy from this day forward!



Jack Ergo

But, perhaps the highlight of all these student performances will be when Graceland music professor, Maestro Jack Ergo, performs with students on Graceland's new Steinway grand piano in Carol Hall at different times during the week. Consult the full Homecoming weekend schedule which appears in this issue on pages 14-18 for dates and times of all the events and activities. Ergo, and his colleagues in Graceland's excellent music department, are building a program that will rival any university in the Midwest. For more about the wonderful Mr. Ergo, see the story on page 10 about how he chose our new Steinway Grand piano.

When you are on campus for the amazing weekend, be sure to meet Leonardo Lebas, our Director of Choral Activities, and Frank Perez, our Director of Bands and

The atrium will serve as both an area to gather during special events and also as the 'living room' for campus.



JR Theatre

Department Coordinator. They are two of the most energetic, talented, dedicated music educators you could ever hope to meet. And, yes, they are really nice guys. Frank is about as excited as one person can get as his plans for instrumental groups expands with each passing semester. It makes you step a little livelier on a nice spring day when you hear the Jazz Band, perhaps with student vocalist Angela Jensen, performing favorites from the '50s outside the Swarm Inn. Frank's dreams are growing as he envisions the new Amphitheatre and what that could mean to musical events.

Leonardo Lebas has a voice like an angel and he is sharing that with a generation of Graceland music students. He leads a number of top vocal groups within the department, and as word is quickly getting out about the superb Carol Hall, Leonardo is going to find his groups growing just as quickly. Though he is a relative newcomer to Graceland, Leonardo has established himself as the friendly, engaging leader of vocal music here. You can see the passion he has for his students and it is translating into a tremendous range of student vocal talent developing on "the Hill."

Consult your schedule for the weekend (again, on pages 14-18) and be sure to attend some of the student performances planned. By the way, Jack, Frank and Leonardo were recently spotted doing backflips across the Quad. When asked why they were doing it, they glanced back at the new Shaw and said, smiling, "We might just be the luckiest music professors in the world."

Two headliners – Jens Lindemann, proclaimed as the



Frank Perez



Leonardo Lebas

"world's greatest trumpeter," and Arliss Howard, the award-winning actor, writer, and director who has made more than 25 films – will be prominent in a wide range of performances that will be further supported by an additional cast of notables who are certain to make for some amazing moments. (Read more about Arliss on page 9.)

Jens Lindemann previously played lead trumpet in the famous group *Canadian Brass* for many years before he went on to recently be declared as "International Brass Personality of the Year." Jens will present a Master class on Friday, October 19th for regional student musicians (just imagine how special *that* will be for them!). When you hear him – and you will regret it if you miss this opportunity – you will instantly be impressed with how effortlessly he plays the most difficult, yet wonderfully accessible, music you are likely to have ever encountered.

His performances promise to be nothing short of magic, made even more special by the other wonderful artists we have assembled to play with him. That night and the following night, Jens will present two gala concerts that will showcase special guests. On Friday Jens will share the stage with the award-winning *Fountain City Brass Band* from the Kansas City area, and special guest, world-renowned trombonist Wycliffe Gordon. The following night, Jens will be joined by Canadian vocalist Shannon Gaye and pianist Kristian Alexandrov in an intimate first half of the concert. They will also be joined by Wycliffe Gordon. In the second half, the *Fountain City Brass Band* will join in for a spectacular finish.

While these fantastic artists reflect the status and quality of the new performance venues in the Shaw Center, they are still only a symbol of what this new era tells us about Graceland's future and its involvement with the performing arts. Graceland has assembled highly regarded faculty to help navigate Music and Theatre programs into a future of expansion and unparalleled success and excellence. Ensembles and performance calendars are already expanded and the level of performance excellence has been duly noted. The faculty and administration have embarked on an extended period of qualitative planning designed to improve and grow the Music and Theatre programs into the sort of excellent reputation that, like the Shaw Center itself, is expected to help place Graceland into the rarefied presence of schools whose very names immediately evoke an impression of performance excellence.

Graceland has been immensely fortunate to have had financial gifts earmarked to make the Shaw Center and its Amphitheatre become a reality, but these only represent the early seeds of an extended growth period ahead in the performing arts. Currently, funding is being sought for the additional faculty expected to meet the inevitable expanded enrollments in Music and Theatre that are anticipated because of students who will want an opportunity to perform in the fantastic new performance spaces.

Likewise, sources of funding to support a long-anticipated new marching band initiative, annual touring for

performance ensembles, an expanded performing arts series and scholarships for the many new students who are expected to more than triple current enrollments in these areas are just some of the funding and grant initiatives that are going to define this extended period of growth and transformation. By bundling the substantial foundation this amazing new facility provides Graceland University with a now-realizable vision of becoming one of the premier centers for the visual and performing arts, there is no doubt that we are entering one of the most exciting and dynamic phases of any time in this institution's storied history. Like those new students first visiting Carol Hall, you only need to squint your eyes bit to

see the dream of a new, exciting Graceland with limitless potential in its future! Such is the promise that this new Shaw Center offers.



(Lee Bash has had several special assignments at Graceland for three years. He is currently working with the Music Department and Admissions to aid in performing arts development and enrollment potential. Lee has done extensive research and publishing about the present and future state of higher education. Early on he worked with Duke Ellington and later completed his doctorate in jazz education.)

Homecoming 2012 & Gala Shaw Center Dedication

Limited Seating for Ticketed Events

All of the special performances that take place Friday and Saturday evenings of Homecoming Weekend (October 19th & 20th) offer limited seating on a first-come/first-served basis. To ensure that you are able to obtain a block of tickets for each night, you will want to reserve your tickets as early as possible. You may reserve your tickets at 641.784.5270.

Gala Concerts Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Shaw Family Auditorium, internationally-known trumpeter Jens Lindemann will be joined by the Fountain City Brass Band, an all star-rhythm section, special guest Wycliffe Gordon on trombone and Shannon Gaye as vocal soloist. It will cover everything from classical to jazz to pop...from Bach to Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington to Joni Mitchell and Rolling Stones...a night of everything.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Jens will be joined by Shannon Gaye and Wycliffe Gordon in an intimate setting prior to including the Fountain City Brass Band for an exciting conclusion to the weekend's final performance. Tickets to each concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and faculty.

Homecoming Play Thursday at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the JR Theatre, Arliss Howard will direct and star in *OUR TOWN*. Tickets are \$5.



Jens
Lindemann



Wycliffe
Gordon



Shannon
Gaye



Arliss
Howard



Fountain City
Brass Band

GALA CONCERT #1
October 19 - 7:30 p.m.

Featuring Jens Lindemann & Fountain City Brass Band with special guest Wycliffe Gordon.

GALA CONCERT #2
October 20 - 7:30 p.m.

Featuring an "intimate" first half with Jens Lindemann, Shannon Gaye, Wycliffe Gordon & Kristian Alexandrov. Fountain City will join them for the second half of the concert.

HOMECOMING PLAY — Our Town *Featuring Arliss Howard*
October 18th - 8 p.m., 19th & 20th - 7:30 p.m. and 21st - 2 p.m.

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The New Shaw Center **A Classroom for the Entire Campus**

By Gary Heisserer,
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

The new Shaw Center is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. When you walk into Carol Hall, be prepared to stare in awe at this gorgeous facility. But to focus only on the dazzling beauty of this new building diminishes the value of this historic gift. Yes, the new Shaw Center is stunning, but more importantly, it is a place for creation. And for all of us at Graceland University, it presents us with an extraordinary opportunity.

And so when I think of this wonderful gift from JR and Carol Shaw, I think of how this facility will help us bring more students to Graceland. This has started to happen even before the building has opened. As I've taken prospective students through the building during the construction, I have watched their eyes fill with desire to work and play in this space. And once these students are here, they will have the opportunity to work with state-of-the-art equipment in state-of-the-art facilities, and be better prepared for successful careers because of it.

The new Shaw Center fills us all with pride. I had the pleasure recently to give a tour of the Shaw Center to recent Graceland graduate, Valeria Avina '12. From her home in Mexico, she stopped by Lamoni on her way up to the University of Iowa, where she will begin her MFA in acting and serve as a teaching assistant. On one hand, she was a little bit sad and jealous that she would not have the opportunity to perform in this space. (I assured her we would welcome her back any time to perform with us again.) But her more dominant reaction was unbridled joy. To say that Valeria expresses her emotions freely is like saying it's been a little warm this sum-

mer in the Midwest. The tears she shed when she saw the new facility were tears of happiness, excitement and opportunity for those fortunate to follow in her footsteps.

The gift from JR and Carol Shaw is the most generous in Graceland's history, but it also represents the continuation of their ongoing commitment to the university. I first came to Graceland in 1988 as a young (more or less) theatre professor stunned by the beauty and versatility of the fine arts facilities in this small town in rural, southern Iowa. I was excited because the Shaw Center provided better facilities than the ones we had at the University of Wisconsin, a Big Ten school with more than 40,000 students. I couldn't wait to start working in the Shaw Center. And now, 24 years later, I can't wait for the opportunity to bring prospective faculty members to campus and look at their faces while I show them around. We will attract an even higher caliber faculty because this is a place they, too, will want to work.

The transformation of the Shaw Center also provides an opportunity for us to continue to enrich the cultural life of southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Just this year internationally-renowned trumpet soloist Jens Lindemann, actor/writer/director Arliss Howard, famed trombonist Wycliffe Gordon, and stunning Canadian vocal soloist Shannon Gaye, and groups such as the *Vienna Choir Boys*, the *Fountain City Brass Band*, and the *Owen Cox Dance Group* are all scheduled to appear in the Shaw Center.

While it is easy to think of the transformed Shaw solely as the home for the visual and performing arts, we must not do so. In addition to being one of the finest concert venues in the Midwest, Carol Hall will also be a classroom for film studies and the most beautiful lecture hall in the region. The Gadgets dance team and our Cheer squad will use the new sprung movement dance studio to rehearse and hone their craft. The redesigned Green Room (where performers have traditionally relaxed before curtain time) will be a venue of choice whenever we need a place to meet and discuss. With its cozy furniture and panoramic view, the upper level of the lobby is sure to become a living room for the university. The spacious lobby can host a 250-person dinner event. When we add seating from the JR Theatre, a 450-seat dinner becomes possible. The outdoor amphitheatre will host a diverse array of events sponsored by student organizations and performing arts groups from around the region.

The Shaw project has transformed the look and feel of the entire campus. The expanded structure, along with the new amphitheater, lighting, parking and landscaping unites the campus and synthesizes our rural charm with a modern and elegant aesthetic.

In the last two months I have probably given 30 or more tours of the new Shaw Center. I can feel myself getting more and more excited as we count down the days until it opens. My friends tell me that I never seem as happy, energetic and joyous as I am when I'm talking about the Shaw Center. They are right, and I'd like to share my excitement with you. Come and see for yourself. I'd love to show you around. ■



Graceland Theatre in *a Different Place*

By Tracy Salter, Assistant Professor of Theatre



Tracy Salter

Before this year, any space on the Graceland campus that was used for theatrical productions was neither dedicated nor designed with performance in mind. Anyone who has ever had to 'make do' with using something for any purpose other than what it was truly intended will immediately recognize the frustrations and shortcomings of such a situation. You can probably bake a cake from the heat of a light bulb but the results will always leave something to be desired. Such was the case until the unveiling of the JR Theatre, our stunning new black-box theatre in the Shaw Center. Today, we move Graceland theatre to a *different place*.

This amazing new space already feels like a modern miracle: It is not only one of the finest dedicated spaces for theatre in existence anywhere in the country, it also serves many other purposes that previous drama students and faculty could hardly imagine. It immediately reflects an elevated sense of *importance* so that this space, the program it serves and the productions it will house are suddenly much more significant and a new part of Graceland's identity! This, in turn, makes recruiting top-quality new students and faculty more possible than ever before. It creates an atmosphere that is conducive to elevated levels of performance and creativity. It will inevitably attract new personnel who will be excited to work with the technical side of theatre (lighting, sound,

set design and costumes), resulting in an expansion in curriculum that will, in turn, increase enrollment and theatrical activity on all levels.

The JR Theatre now provides greater flexibility and versatility so that the program can expand its scope and explore new pathways. It is already beginning to spur interest from professional artists who appear eager to perform in this room. Internationally-known actor/writer/director Arliss



Arliss Howard

Howard will be on campus this fall as artist-in-residence. Arliss has been a prodigious actor since the early 1980s, working in television and on Broadway, but primarily in film. His credits include *Big Bad Love* (co-starring his wife, actress Debra Winger), *Men Don't Leave*, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, *Full Metal Jacket* and many others. He will be working with the department this fall to produce *Our Town*, our first production in the JR Theatre.

The Graceland Theatre Program considers itself especially fortunate to have Arliss here this fall. When students work with the best artists in the industry, they are elevated to a new level, forcing them to professional levels that are not realized in a classroom. The work being done in the new JR Theatre will be performed at the real-world level. Welcome to Graceland Theatre as it moves to "*a different place*." ■

A New Steinway – Welcome to Carol Hall

By Tom Morain, Director of Government Relations



Jack and Tom test drive a Steinway Grand in New York City.

Carol Hall is getting a new piano. Not just any set of 88 ivories, but a nine-foot, top-of-the-line Steinway concert grand. I was privileged to accompany Graceland piano and orchestra professor, Maestro Jack Ergo, to the Steinway showroom and factory in New York City recently to help make the selection. Our game plan was that we would each play on each of the instruments available and then make our pick.

Jack had prepared to test their power, tone and versatility with intricate passages from Rachmaninoff, Debussy and Bach. He said he had spent a month in "...a kind of separate spiritual universe, preparing myself to choose a world-class piano that will spend 100 years bringing to life the artistic expressions of thousands of performers." I had prepared by polishing up on "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The Graceland party also included my wife Vikki and David Liljedahl, piano technician from the Steinway dealer in Des Moines who will provide long-term maintenance. On 'The Day', a Steinway representative led us back to the showroom. There they were, lined up all in a row – six elegant, shining black Steinways, lids up, waiting. "Take whatever time you need to choose one," he said. Then he left. Jack said it felt a little like the first time he saw his son in the maternity ward – "a powerful experience".

Choose one? It is like being asked which 'Lamborghini Spyder Performante' convertible you find most suited to your personal driving style. To those of us accustomed to church basement uprights, standing in the presence of six new Steinway Grands was a near-transcendent moment. If this wasn't heaven itself, it was the closest thing to a trial run I am likely to experience.

While Jack made his first pass through all six, we

listened intently and silently. Then I did the same. While each was "perfect", each still had its own personality. We color-coded the tones from bright "red" to subtle "purple". Sometimes the high notes would seem better on one piano; on some the low octaves were simply magnificent.

After the first run, we eliminated Pianos #1 and #3. The first seemed a little "thin" in comparison with the others, and #3 was just too powerful for a 120-seat recital hall. Jack said the latter could have held its own against a 100-piece orchestra. #5 was the next to go. #4 and #6 emerged as finalists.

After Jack's first test on each, Vikki quietly predicted we would choose #4. It just sounded the best to her. Two and half hours later, we chose Piano #4. Vikki could even tell the magic moment when the piano and Jack fell in love with each other. Jack said #4 "...is a piano of multiple personalities; able to express many characters. I have never felt such a responsive touch – from the softest colors to a thundering power!" He praised it for its versatility and the way it can "sing" in soft passages. He said it is not only a good solo instrument, but it can tone down to support a student's vocal recital.

Jack Ergo is a superb pianist and performer, but perhaps more importantly from a Graceland perspective, he is a consummate music educator. To watch him work with a student is a study in pure joy. He said, "A marriage between the new Steinway and the acoustically-perfect Carol Hall, designed specifically for solo recitals, assures a future of excellence for the Graceland music department. We anticipate many uses for Carol Hall, especially for individual students. It is rare for any university or concert venue to have an open policy and especially for an undergraduate to have access to such a space and instrument. I close my eyes now and see the students lining up."

Back in the Steinway showroom, we reported our choice, and Jack signed the paperwork. Unlike used cars on the dealer's lot, a Steinway piano is not marked "Sold". A classy blue tag indicates that the instrument has been "Selected".



Graceland pianists may not become more proficient because they play on this piano, but they will certainly walk away with a haunting awareness of divinity. For me, if we are to be judged on Judgment Day by the works of our hands, I want to be playing Steinway #4.

Jack said, "Welcome home Steinway #4 to Carol Hall. You deserve each other." ■

Graceland and Canadian Landscapes 'Intermingle' in the new Shaw Gallery

By Julia Franklin, Professor of Art



Julia Franklin

The beautiful Gallery running along the north-facing corridor of the new Shaw Center provides a premier public space to showcase highlights from JR Shaw's collection of modern and contemporary Canadian still lifes and landscapes. The Gallery is a stunning architectural addition complete with a 120-foot-long bank of windows that allows for intermingling of the eye-catching landscapes of Graceland and Canada.

The space began as a walkway to the new atrium of the Shaw Center and through collaboration with the faculty, the Shaw family, and Gould Evans architects, the space quickly transformed into a highly functional and state-of-the-art gallery. The Gallery will feature rotating exhibits of works from JR's personal collection. They offer a variety of realistic and recognizable natural imagery in a diverse array of art styles.

In December 2010, JR established a formal university art collection when he donated "The Canadian Heritage Collection," a group of over 50 serigraph reproductions of Impressionist paintings by Canada's Group of Seven. The works are currently on display in public offices and meeting spaces around the Lamoni campus. The vibrant landscapes capture a mixture of natural terrain and seasons as seen in Canada and interpreted by 34 artists working with or inspired by the Group of Seven. The Group of Seven, sometimes known as the Algonquin School, was a group of Canadian landscape painters in the 1920s who formed the first major national Canadian art movement. They believed that a distinct Canadian art style could be best expressed by capturing nature. The group initially met in Toronto to share their art and ideas and traveled to Georgian Bay and Algonquin Park and other locales to find inspiration. In the early 1930s the group disbanded and created a wider association of painters, the Canadian Group of Painters, who continued to capture the majesty of Canada's unique landscape.

During the expansion of the Shaw Center, JR began searching Canadian galleries for pieces that would complement "The Canadian Heritage Collection." He focused on purchasing works that are large and colorful and offer a wide range of imagery and styles. He also concentrat-

ed on selecting works by talented, successful and internationally-known artists that challenge us to see the world from new perspectives. Collectively these contemporary Canadian artists represent the natural world and find inspiration through personal experience and memory, direct observations and photography. Light, shadows and reflections link the works as does the attention to detail and the high quality of representation.

The new paintings, and a very special, floor-standing, wood/ceramic/paint sculpture piece, have arrived on campus. They are called "The Graceland University Collection," and they are simply magnificent. The sculpture piece is playful, reminiscent we understand, of JR's early years growing up in a modest Canadian farmhouse. It is called, "Ode to Pickles," 2009 (below), by Victor Cicansky. I think you will love it.

The absolutely stunning "Three Tomatoes in Pressed Glass," 1998 (above), by Mary Pratt, is currently hanging in President John Sellars' office. You just can't take your eyes off the sparkling crystal realism of the bowl where three tomatoes nest with vibrant variations of red. This new, initial collection of 10 pieces is going to whisk you away on a brief journey of pure joy as you move slowly along The Gallery.

Art lovers (aren't we all), do take time to stroll through The Gallery when you are here for Homecoming and the new Shaw Center dedication to get a

sense of trends in contemporary Canadian art and to appreciate and be inspired by the landscapes and natural objects. Compare the Graceland landscape and consider what is distinct and memorable about our space among the rolling green hills of southern Iowa. By doing so, JR will have fulfilled another goal: to establish through art an ongoing dialogue about place, home and the familiar in the United States and Canada. ■



JR Shaw, O.C., A.O.E.

Visionary leader, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist – a part of Graceland's Legacy



Carol and JR Shaw

JR Shaw, Executive Chair of Shaw Communications Inc., is a visionary and business leader who has contributed significantly to the communications, business and social landscape of Canada.

When the original Shaw Center for the Performing Arts opened its doors in 1982 to Graceland students, all Gracelanders and the people of our region, JR and his wife Carol, and the Shaw family, helped shape the physical and social landscape, and the future, of Graceland University.

With the Homecoming dedication of the new Shaw Center, JR, from our Class of 1956, and Carol, once again are transforming and redefining Graceland's future as a strong liberal arts institution poised to offer *all* of our students opportunities for experiences of a lifetime in music and theatre performance, and so much more. With their remarkable \$16 million gift, the largest in Graceland history, JR and Carol have set in motion ripples of excellence that will be felt far into our future, positioning Graceland as a leader among distinguished fine arts universities.

JR spent his early childhood on a small farm in Ontario with few modern amenities. His



father Francis and mother Lottie, namesakes of the Shaw Center, by example, raised a young man who early on learned about work-ethic, confidence and vision. He built this empire, piece by piece – with family – and has become one of the most influential men in Canada. He graciously has chosen Graceland as one of the many institutions of higher education he supports. JR and Carol have four children and 12 grandchildren, many of whom have attended, are attending or will be attending Graceland.

Beginning with farming and flour milling, JR's father led the business on to trucking, Ready-mix cement, construction, drive-in-theatres, pipeline contracting and a pipe-coating business. JR was a pioneer in developing the Canadian cable television industry. In 1966 he founded Capital Cable, which, under his leadership, evolved into Shaw Communications Inc. Today, this national corporation is one of the largest, most successful and diversified communication companies in Canada, and one of the largest and most successful, family-owned business conglomerates, including broadband cable TV, High-Speed Internet, Home Digital Phone, telecommunication services, satellite direct-to-home TV, national conventional broadcasting and 18 specialty networks such as HGTV, Food Network, History Television and Showcase, most spanning Canada.

Because of his 'get it done' mindset, JR has been a sought-after and distinguished member of many private sector boards, including Shaw Communication Inc., Suncor Energy Inc., and ShawCor Ltd., where he served as both Board member and Chair. He has also served on the Boards of Melcor Developments Ltd., Millar Western Forest Products Ltd., and many other companies.

In recognition of his many accomplishments, JR has received numerous prestigious awards.

- In 1998 he was inducted into the Junior Achievement Canadian Business Hall of Fame.
- In honor of his long service to the Canadian cable industry, he has received numerous awards from industry colleagues, including the Canadian Association of Broadcaster's 2000 Gold Ribbon Award for Broadcast Excellence.

- He has received Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from the University of Alberta and The University of Calgary. In 1993 JR received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Graceland.
- JR has been an active supporter and driving force behind the growth of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT); he has served as Board member, Chair for eight years and a major supporter of fundraising campaigns. He was recently honored with the naming of the JR Shaw School of Business at NAIT.
- In recognition of JR's many business successes and contributions to his community, he is one of the few Albertans to be honored as a Hall of Fame member by both Northern and Southern Alberta Junior Achievement.
- In 2002 the Governor General of Canada welcomed JR as an Officer of the Order of Canada (O.C.), the preeminent award for those who made a major difference to Canada through lifelong contributions in every field of endeavor. The prestigious Order of Canada's motto, "they desire a better country," exemplifies the panorama of JR's life.
- In 2005 JR was awarded both the Alberta and Saskatchewan Centennial medals celebrating both provinces' 100th anniversary of achieving Provincial status in Canada.
- In 2008 JR received the Alberta Order of Excellence (A.O.E.) – the province's highest honor – in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Alberta and Canada.
- In 2010 JR was inducted in the Cable Hall of Fame, one of the industry's most exclusive and highest honors. In 2011 he received the University of Victoria's Peter B. Gustavson School of Business Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award.
- In July 2012, JR received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to honor his significant contribution and achievements within Canada.

We are honored to call JR and Carol members of the Graceland family. Our students and all Gracelanders will benefit from your generosity for generations to come and remember experiences at the Shaw Center for the rest of their lives. ■





From our President

Fellow Gracelanders,
I've attended many homecomings, but
I've never looked forward to one more
than Graceland Homecoming 2012.



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With a stunning new Shaw Center to unveil with music and theatre to make the angels sigh. Carnegie Hall and Broadway rolled into one. An elegant new fitness center to debut, and great friends to see, old and new. Fall colors and crisp air. Football. Wonderful food. And fireworks, too.

Come home to experience history yet to be made. Come home and join me for a weekend of extraordinary memories we've yet to imagine. Let us gather on "the Hill", this sacred place we call home. This place that is Graceland.

John



Honor Class

REUNION DINNERS

Saturday, October 20
5:30 p.m.

Special Reception
4 p.m. (Saturday)

1952. Patroness Hall, Rm. 106

- 1962. Floyd McDowell Commons
- 1972. The Helene Center for the Visual Arts, Rm. E101
- 1977. The Helene Center for the Visual Arts, Rm. E205
- 1982. Resch Science and Technology Hall, Rm. 105
- 1987. Higdon Administration Building, Harpham Heritage Chapel
- 1992. Memorial Student Center, South Americas Room
- 2002. Resch Science and Technology Hall, Rm. 106

TICKETS REQUIRED. *Dinner reservations can be made at graceland.edu/homecoming. Day care will be provided from 5 – 11 p.m. Please call 866.GU4.EVER to make reservations no later than October 8.*

Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 18

- 5 p.m. **BAND CONCERT.** Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
- 8 p.m. **HOMECOMING PLAY.** Shaw Center / JR Theatre
Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, directed by Arliss Howard, film and stage actor, director and writer. *Our Town* is a character story about an average town's citizens in the early 20th Century as depicted through their everyday lives. (Tickets go on sale two hours before each performance at the Shaw Center box office. General admission seating only: \$5) Call Kathy Templeton at 641.784.5270 to reserve tickets. Presidential Societies members must show card to get in free!

Friday, October 19

- 1 p.m. **REGISTRATION/ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT.** Lamoni Golf Course
The \$35 entry fee supports the Graceland golf program. Play starts at 1:30 p.m. (Four-person best shot format)
- 1–8 p.m. **HOMECOMING REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY.** Memorial Student Center / Americas Rooms
- 1:45 p.m. **DISCUSSION WITH ARLISS HOWARD.** Shaw Center / JR Theatre
Reception to follow in the Shaw Center Lobby
- 3 p.m. **BASEBALL *ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT.** Mt. Ayr Country Club
- 3 p.m. **SHAW CENTER DEDICATION.** Shaw Center Amphitheatre & Shaw Family Auditorium
- 4 p.m. **SHAW CENTER RECEPTION.** Shaw Center
- 5:30 p.m. **13th ANNUAL ALUMNI EMERITI & AWARDS BANQUET.** Memorial Student Center / Main Room
We will honor the recipients of the Graceland Award of Recognition, Distinguished Service Award, Honorary Alumni Award and Graceland's new class of alumni emeriti (1961). Dinner is complimentary for all alumni emeriti, spouses and award recipients. Other guests are welcome for \$25 per person. To reserve your place, please call 866.GU4.EVER.
- 5:30 p.m. **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. *ALUMNI.** Eugene E. and Julia Travis Closson Center
- 7 p.m. **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL VS. *ALUMNI.** North Park
- 7 p.m. **ALUMNI ART SHOW & RECEPTION.**
The Constance Gallery in The Helene Center for the Visual Arts will feature the work of Brad Sutton ('77) spanning a 35-year career at Hallmark. GU classmate Jeff Piedmonte is the show producer.
- 7:30 p.m. **MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. *ALUMNI.** Closson Center
- 7:30 p.m. **HOMECOMING PLAY.** Shaw Center / JR Theatre
Our Town (Directed by Arliss Howard)
- 7:30 p.m. **JENS LINDEMANN CONCERT WITH FOUNTAIN CITY BRASS BAND.** Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
General admission seating only (Students & Employees: \$5 — Adults: \$10)
- 9:45 p.m. **HOMECOMING FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR.** Campus Quad
- 10 p.m. **ALUMNI AFTER HOURS.** Alumni Brick Plaza
This is a GU Alumni Board event for alumni and friends who simply want more time to hang out together around a campfire. When was the last time you had a tasty s'more?

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Saturday, October 20

Shuttle service available at GU parking lots until after the football game.

For medical emergencies, call 911. For campus security and assistance, call 641.784.5199.

- 8–9:30 a.m. **AARON HOUSE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Gunsolley Hall / Main Floor Lounge
Donations will be accepted at the door.
- 8:30–10:30 a.m. **PALOMA HOUSE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Tess Morgan Hall / Paloma Lounge
Donations will be accepted at the door.
- 8 a.m. **GU OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL 5K RUN/WALK.** Fitzgerald Fitness Center
Start and finish line at "The Fitz." \$20 registration fee, but children under age 12 can walk for free with paid adult runner. (Sign up at 7:15 a.m.)
- 8:30 a.m. **ALUMNI & FRIENDS TENNIS TOURNAMENT.** McKain Tennis Courts
Matches for men's, women's and mixed doubles. Ages 15 and under will play singles.
The \$25 contribution will benefit the GU Tennis program (pre-registration is not necessary).
- 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. **HOMECOMING REGISTRATION.** Memorial Student Center / North Americas Room
- 9 a.m. **SOCIAL CLUB REUNION.** Memorial Student Center / South Americas Room
Calling all Spartans, Gimpers, OOHs, K Alphas, K Zetas, FNPs, ETAs, KOGs and all other social clubs!
Find your club's table and relive some great memories.
- 9 a.m. **WOMEN'S JV VOLLEYBALL INTRA-SQUAD SCRIMMAGE.** Closson Center
- 9 a.m.–4 p.m. **FEATURED ALUMNUS AUTHOR DUANE PORTER.** Memorial Student Center / Enter.Netc@fe
- 9–11 a.m. **SCIENCE & MATH OPEN HOUSE & BUSY BEES CORNER.** Resch Science and Technology Hall, Room 104
Children ages 3–10 are invited to participate in supervised games and activities. The fun includes science experiments, robotics, music, crafts and other activities.
- 9 a.m.–Noon **ACKERLEY COMPUTER PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE.** Resch Science and Technology Hall / Room 130
Refreshments and student demonstrations, along with robotics, graphics, gaming and more. We encourage former CS, CE, CIS, IT or CSIT majors to attend!
- 9:30 a.m. **CHOIR CONCERT.** Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
- 10 a.m. **WOMEN'S JV SOCCER VS. *ALUMNI.** John and Mary Anne Rasmussen "The Razz" Soccer Facility
- 10 a.m. **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. *ALUMNI.** Closson Center
- 10 a.m. **ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FORUM.** Shaw Center Amphitheatre
Meet the outstanding student recipients of this year's Alumni Endowed Scholarships, and the winner of the Alumni Board of Directors' "Behind the Scenes" Award. All alumni are welcome to bring business before the meeting. The current Alumni Board members will be introduced, as will candidates for election.
(In case of bad weather: Memorial Student Center / Main Room)
- 10 a.m. **FUTURE STUDENT CAMPUS TOURS.** Higdon Administration Building / Lobby
Admissions counselors will be available to meet with interested students and their families in the lobby of the Higdon Administration Building to answer any and all questions about becoming a Graceland student.
- 11 a.m. **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE GRACELAND HOUSE SYSTEM.** Shaw Center Amphitheatre
- 11 a.m. **MEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. *ALUMNI.** Closson Center
- 11:30 a.m. **MEN'S JV SOCCER VS. *ALUMNI.** "The Razz" Soccer Facility
- 11:30 a.m. **GU SUB & PIZZA PARTY.** Hampton Center / East landing area
High school students are invited to hear all about Graceland and enjoy fresh pizza and sub sandwiches (sponsored by the Admissions Office). Better than that, the food is free! (In case of bad weather: Resch Science and Technology Hall / Room 106)
- 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. **TAILGATE PARTY.** Campus Quad / Tailgate Tent
Join your friends for a BBQ lunch and live entertainment before the big game. Tickets can be purchased at the tent for \$7 per person. (In case of bad weather: Memorial Student Center / Main Room)
- Noon **JAZZ BAND.** Shaw Center Amphitheatre
(In case of bad weather: Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium)
- Noon–2 p.m. **SHAW CENTER TOURS.** Shaw Center / Shaw Center Box Office
Visual Arts faculty and staff will meet you at the Shaw Center box office for a whirlwind tour of this spectacular addition to the GU campus.
- 12:45 p.m. **HOMECOMING COURT CROWNING OF THE KING & QUEEN.** Shaw Center Amphitheatre
(In case of bad weather: Memorial Student Center / Main Room)
- 1 p.m. **"GO GU!" COC CONGREGATIONAL REPS RECEPTION.** Higdon Administration Building / Harpham Heritage Chapel
- 1 p.m. **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY YELLOWJACKET CLASSIC.** Cross Country Course
- 1–4 p.m. **EMERITI & CLASS OF 1952 HOSPITALITY ROOM.** Patroness Hall / Room 106
- 1–4 p.m. **25 & 50 YEAR HONOR CLASS HOSPITALITY ROOM.** Tess Morgan Hall / Main Floor Lounge
- 1:30 p.m. **SHAW CENTER ART GALLERY TOUR AND TALK.** Shaw Center / Shaw Center Art Gallery
Please join Professor Julia Franklin in the gallery to enjoy and learn about the fantastic pieces on display, all from JR Shaw's private collection.
- 1:45 p.m. **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY YELLOWJACKET CLASSIC.** Cross Country Course

- 2 p.m. **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME VS. MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE.** Huntsman Field
Halftime | Gadets and Cheer Squad performance, Freeman Awards Presentations,
Hall of Fame Induction: Terri Wessell, Darrick Jones and Russ Harney (posthumously)
- 2 p.m. **STEINWAY PIANO RECITAL WITH JACK ERGO & FRIENDS.** Shaw Center / Carol Hall
- 3–5 p.m. **14th ANNUAL GALA RECEPTION.** 121 S. Ferguson Street, Lamoni
Hosted by Bill & Lois Russell
- 3:30 p.m. **STEINWAY PIANO RECITAL WITH JACK ERGO (REPEATED).** Shaw Center / Carol Hall
- 4 p.m. **60 YEAR ALUMNI RECEPTION (CLASS OF '52).** Patroness Hall / Room 106
Members of the graduating class of 1952 will have a special reception to celebrate their time together at Graceland. Light fare will be served.
- 4:30–6:15 p.m. **POSTGAME TAILGATE DINNER.** Campus Quad / Tailgate Tent
If you are not attending an Honor Class dinner, join the students for a nice evening meal under the tent. Tickets can be purchased at the tent for \$7 per person.
- 5:30 p.m. **WOMEN'S VARSITY SOCCER VS. MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE.** "The Razz" Soccer Facility
- 7:30 p.m. **MEN'S VARSITY SOCCER VS. MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE.** "The Razz" Soccer Facility
- 7:30 p.m. **JENS LINDEMANN CONCERT WITH WYCLIFFE GORDON, SHANNON GAYE & FOUNTAIN CITY BRASS BAND.**
Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
General admission seating only (Students & Employees: \$5 — Adults: \$10)
- 7:30 p.m. **HOMECOMING PLAY.** Shaw Center / JR Theatre
Our Town (Directed by Arliss Howard)
- 10 p.m. **STUDENT AIRBAND COMPETITION.** Closson Center / Center Court
A must-see event for all Homecoming visitors, featuring Graceland student residence halls that team up to present a well-choreographed music medley production. Closson Center is always packed, so grab your seat in the bleachers early.
- 10 p.m. **ALUMNI AFTER HOURS.** Alumni Brick Plaza
This is a GU Alumni Board event for alumni and friends who simply want more time to hang out together around a campfire. When was the last time you had a tasty s'more?

Sunday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m. ***ALUMNI CHOIR REHEARSAL.** Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
- 10:30 a.m. **HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE.** Shaw Center / Shaw Family Auditorium
- 11:45 a.m. **PRESIDENT'S BRUNCH.** Memorial Student Center / Main Room
(*By invitation only*) Presidential Society members will hear the latest news on Graceland's plans for the future from President John Sellars. We will also honor brand new and longtime members of the Heritage Club.
- 2 p.m. **HOMECOMING PLAY.** Shaw Center / JR Theatre
Our Town (Directed by Arliss Howard)
- 2 p.m. **JV FOOTBALL VS. SIMPSON COLLEGE.** Huntsman Field

* If you plan to participate in any Alumni Games or the Alumni Choir, please RSVP the Athletics Department at 641.784.5311 or the Music Department at 641.784.5270.

Karla Fennick ('89), Kansas City, MO

Kasey (Johnson '08) Steen, Clive, Iowa

Michael Morain ('01), Des Moines, Iowa

JJ Musgrove ('92) Columbus, Georgia

Jeannine (Andersen '84) Ward, West Des Moines, Iowa

Please take the time to submit your vote by visiting graceland.edu/homecoming.

If you do not have online access, you can submit your vote by calling 866.GU4.EVER (toll-free).

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New Horizons for our School of Education

By Melissa Shephard, Campus Writer

Since Graceland first adopted the Elementary Education major in 1960, the Edmund J. Gleazer School of Education (GSOE) has come a long way. The program has expanded to four undergraduate sites, developed a Master's program, perfected both online and face-to-face instruction and sent future educators abroad to countries like Jamaica and New Zealand. More than 50 years since the first Elementary Education major was declared, the GSOE has swelled to one of Graceland's largest and most successful programs—and according to GSOE Dean, Dr. Tammy Everett, they're just getting started.

Undergraduate Program: Keeping Pace with Trends

With the constantly evolving nature of education, the GSOE has kept light on its feet. Acquiring a variety of new, educational technologies, and expanding the depth and reach of its programs, the GSOE is on the edge of the most current trends in education. A sign of this is GSOE's portable iPad labs. Allowing students to experiment with this up-and-coming classroom technology, the iPad labs have been an ideal addition to the school's already extensive technology base.

"We've been really working hard, trying to keep instructional technologies just on the cutting edge," said Dean Everett. "We want our students to be able to walk into any kind of classroom setting, regardless of the building's choice of technology and say, 'Oh, I am prepared to use that.'"

On the programs side of the spectrum, the GSOE has kept pace by expanding its Professional Development School (PDS) partnerships. The PDS partnership assigns Education students to an in-the-field classroom for an entire school year, as opposed to the typical one semester spent in a student teaching term. While students complete this year-long internship, they also take valuable Graceland courses, helping students see the significance of their curricula first-hand. Dean Everett says the program has drawn the attention of administrators in the Kansas City area, with some even saying they use the PDS program as a "pipeline" for hiring teachers.

Stepping outside of the Midwest, the GSOE is taking its programs to an international level. For years, Graceland has sent students to New Zealand, perhaps the world's leader in literacy instruction, where students can complete their student teaching. Two years ago, the GSOE also began sending students to Falmouth, Jamaica, where they can get a two-week, field experience.

"These trips let students see what it's like teaching outside of their culture, to a whole different type of student. Especially in Falmouth, the children are so eager to learn,



Dean Tammy Everett works with students during student-teacher orientation.

it's a transformational experience," said Dean Everett.

The international program's success has inspired the GSOE to expand their opportunities, and the school will partner with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and HealthEd Connect to work at underserved schools in Zambia this winter.

Graduate Program: Online Program Ranked Eighth Nationally

As the GSOE's undergraduate program extends its reach, its graduate program is progressing as well. The graduate program now offers face-to-face instruction at three different sites, and its online program was recently recognized by TheBestSchools.org, an independent website that gives in-depth rankings of colleges and degree programs. The site ranked Graceland 8th in its Top 25 Online Teacher Education Programs, calling the university a "pioneer in distance learning" and tuition prices "very affordable." Teacher education programs were ranked by academic excellence, program depth, and affordability.

While the Master's program's quality is undeniable, it's now seeking to expand its course offerings. The GSOE is currently developing a new emphasis area in Literacy Instruction to add to the five specializations it already offers: Management in the Inclusive Classroom, Collaborative Teaching and Learning, Differentiated Instruction, Technology Integration and Mild/Moderate Special Education. Further down the road, the school has begun the initial stages of developing a doctoral program which will offer students an administrative Ed. D. with certification in Educational Leadership.

Dedication to the Future

Despite over 50 years of preparing the teachers of tomorrow, Graceland's School of Education is anything but dated. Expanding its programs, its reach and its prestige, the GSOE has proven a thirst for self-improvement. With inspired faculty currently doing everything from writing dissertations to presenting research papers at national conferences, and dedicated students and alumni doing everything from winning local Teacher of the Year awards to attending Ivy League graduate programs (see story about Karin Blythe on page 21), the GSOE is committed to strengthening new programs and the future looks bright for our education students of tomorrow. ■

The Norris Family Shares Their Journey of Loss and Hope

By Melissa Shephard, Campus Writer

Larry Norris '70 and Sharon Gorker '72 Norris' work isn't always easy. It can be emotionally draining, they don't receive monetary reimbursement and typically, they don't get to see the full impact their work is making. But for the last 19 years, Larry, a full-time minister for the Community of Christ church and wife Sharon, a music teacher for special education students, including the emotionally disturbed, have traveled the country, raising awareness about suicide and depression.



Larry and Sharon Norris with a group of students at SPECTACULAR 2012.

"Depression is everywhere," Sharon recently told a group of teenagers on Graceland's Lamoni campus for SPECTACULAR Camp 2012. "We're going to try to educate you today, in the short time that we have together, so that you may save a life. If you catch the signs of depression soon enough, it won't go to the stages that it did with our son. That is why we're here."

The Norris' son, Ryan John, took his life in 1993 when he was 20 years old, after years of battling with depression. Sharon and Larry powerfully told SPEC campers of their son's struggles through depression, beginning in high school. In 1993, Ryan was on summer vacation after his sophomore year at Graceland, when Sharon noticed that Ryan seemed troubled. Though Ryan reassured her that everything was fine, the following morning he came to her crying, with stretch marks around his neck and a note, after a failed suicide attempt. The alarmed Norris family checked Ryan into a hospital, but tragically, just six days after his release, Ryan took his own life.

Just two weeks after this tragic event, Sharon began speaking of her experiences – to honor Ryan's legacy, cope with her pain and to help prevent the same tragedy from happening to others. Now, Larry and Sharon hand out

cards, explaining the warning signs of suicide, and brochures from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. They also share their journey of loss as they work to combat the negative stigma that surrounds depression. Perhaps the most moving part of their workshop comes at its conclusion, as they told SPEC campers about their journey of hope.

After Ryan's death, as the Norris family, including Sharon and Larry's daughter Kamie, struggled with their grief, they sought ways to cope with their pain. They experienced hope in a simple, yet powerful way – on the wings of butterflies.

When Ryan was a boy, he was fascinated with butterflies, catching and collecting them to display on his bedroom wall. While looking for pictures for Ryan's visitation, Sharon stumbled upon some of these butterflies from his youth. In a truly mystical turn of events, the family began being visited by the same types of butterflies Ryan once adored. The family took these experiences as signs from Ryan, that his pain was over and he was finally okay. Larry and Sharon later published a book, *Our Butterfly Blessings*, celebrating these moments and sharing their journey of healing.

Now, nearly 20 years after their tragedy, Larry and Sharon have visited Graceland many times, giving their testimony and raising awareness about depression and suicide. The family annually visits SPECTACULAR and makes efforts to visit Graceland during the school year to give their workshop. Though they can't truly know how many lives their work has saved, or how many people they have touched, they hear often of the impact they have made.

"That's what keeps us going, when we hear stories about saving lives," said Larry.

As they said goodbye to their class, to rejoin the laughter and hubbub of SPEC, they asked class members to spread the word about the workshop, recruiting their friends to take it later in the week. ■

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Warning Signs of Suicide:

- Suicide threats, desires or plans
- Prolonged depression
- Sudden changes in behavior
- Frequent complaints of aches, pains
- Unable to concentrate on tasks
- Isolation from friends, family
- Alcohol and/or drug abuse
- Giving away prized possessions

"Spread the word, because the more people who know, the more lives we can save," said Larry.

Karin Blythe Tackles 'Teach for America' and Columbia Teacher's College

By Melissa Shephard, Campus Writer

When Karin Blythe '08 graduated from Graceland, she left Lamoni "on a high." After getting involved with Graceland Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), the Honors Program, Campus Ministries, Student Government and House Council, Karin knew she had the skillset to take on the world. And that's exactly what she set out to do.

Karin was accepted into 'Teach for America', a prestigious, two-year program that stations ambitious educators in low-income, high-need school districts to ensure that children who grow up in poverty receive an excellent education. Through Teach for America, Karin became certified to teach middle school Math, and after a brief, but rigorous training workshop, she was sent to an area of high need: Newark, New Jersey.

On top of transitioning from what Karin calls the "simple joys" of Lamoni to an economically-challenged, sprawling suburb of New York City, Karin tackled the challenges of being a first-year teacher, and her Teach for America requirements.

"It was quite a lot to jump into," said Karin. "It was a very, very challenging experience. But when I came back for my second year, I got to apply everything I had learned and it was an incredible experience. I invested myself in that community and it's something that will impact the rest of my life."

After finishing her term with Teach for America, Karin spent a year interning with the World Service Corps and then began researching graduate programs that would



combine her passion for education with her international aspirations. Inspired by some of her Teach for America struggles, Karin began looking into programs that addressed education policy. Her attention focused on Ivy League schools. She said Graceland's Honors Program really "set me up with a drive for high quality education." After a rigorous application process, Karin was accepted into the prestigious Columbia's Teacher College, one of the nation's oldest and largest graduate schools of education. Now two semesters into her program, Karin will complete her degree in Education Policy: International Education Development this fall. Though far from her alma mater, Karin says Graceland continues to have a significant impact on her life.

"The liberal arts aspect of Graceland has been incredibly valuable; it's prepared me for things I never knew would come my way. I left Graceland with a diversity of skills that allow me to be flexible in a variety of settings." ■

Tom and Terry Freeman Celebrate Student-Athletes with new Medal Program



During Tom Freeman's 37 years of teaching psychology at Graceland (the all-time record), he also was a strong supporter of athletics. He spent 30 years manning the clock for football, basketball and track – another record. He coached golf for 10 years.

During those decades of service to Graceland, Tom, from the proud Class of 1955, understood the important connection between athletics and academics. "They go hand-in-hand," he said recently, "to create the whole student, the kind of student that graduates ready to take on the world." He added, "Good grades do make a difference. Graceland is proud of that tradition."

Tom, and his wife Terry, from the equally proud Class of 1956, have wanted to give something back to Graceland for all the years they have enjoyed life on "the Hill." Terry

taught 1st grade in Lamoni for 19 years and spent a lot of time mentoring Graceland student teachers. In retirement Terry continued as an adjunct professor at GU, continuing her work with student teachers. The Freemans also provided room and board for many students over the years.

It makes a lot of sense then that Tom and Terry have established the new Freeman Student-Athlete Award program. Each fall a special medal will be given to the senior student-athlete in each varsity sport who achieved the highest GPA in their junior year. This year's medals are to be given out at halftime of the Homecoming football game.

A special plaque, with the student's name, will be placed in their coach's office to commemorate the student's achievement, and to remind all of us of the important role a coach plays in a student's collegiate life.

All Gracelanders thank you Tom and Terry for providing a lasting legacy to the importance of sportsmanship and scholarship. ■





A Fifty-Year Celebration of Graceland's Unique 'House' System

By Melissa Shephard, Campus Writer

Marian Killpack shares a light moment with Deb Skinner.

Dean of Students Marian Killpack can't remember the name of her first Graceland Student Government President. But there is one name from her freshman year she simply cannot forget: the name of her first House President (HP).

Call this selective memory if you like, but one thing is certain: Graceland's House System, including its well-respected HPs, has had a lasting impact on Marian, and thousands of other Gracelanders throughout the years.

It's hard to pinpoint what about the House System makes it so powerful. Perhaps it's the value the system places on *inclusion*. After all, the House System philosophy is a testament to acceptance. Deb Skinner '93, Director of Residence Life, says that HPs practice "the ministry of presence." HPs and Hall Directors (HDs) alike make an intentional effort to get to know the people in their community, spending quality time with individuals and taking a personal interest in their lives.

Or perhaps it's the System's diversity and its integra-

tion of students from different regions and interests. In similar Residence Life systems, many students live in a community with people with common majors. Graceland's System strives to keep House placements random so students spend their time getting to know people from a variety of places, programs and walks of life.

Or maybe that special something is Graceland's connection between Student Government and Residence Life. Graceland's House Council members not only serve the interests of their select House, but also work for the betterment of the entire campus. With six House council positions available on every House, Graceland fosters an environment where *everyone* can evolve into a leader.

Whatever the reason for the House System's popularity is, one thing is for sure: it works. And this fall, it celebrates 50 years of changing lives.

"It's amazing, because hardly anything is what it was 50 years ago," says Marian, Class of 1970. "We've changed rules and regulations, but the fundamentals of the House System, the community, leadership and involvement, those principles have stayed."

When it comes to Graceland's House System, there is no one more knowledgeable than Marian. She came to GU as a student in 1966, just four years after the House System started. After graduating, she spent a year getting her Master's degree. She returned to "the Hill" in the fall of 1971 to serve as Tess Morgan HD. After working in



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this role for five years, Marian agreed to take a part-time job as Coordinator of Housing. Though the position was supposed to be temporary, with Marian just filling in for three months until someone else could be found, she spent 39 years in the position (now titled Director of Residence Life). Marian has now passed the torch to the capable hands of Deb.

President John Sellars recently promoted Marian to VP for Student Life and Dean of Students effective September 1 this year. The president said, "No one believes in the integrity and importance of our unique House System more than Marian Killpack."

Residence Life Philosophy

Everyone who is here
belongs here, just
because he or she is here,
and for no other reason.
This is our top rule.
It depends on nothing else.
Nothing changes it.

"I feel like I'm standing on the shoulders of a giant," said Deb. "What Marian has done is amazing; she builds community like no one else. To have her be the one who I report to is just an incredible experience and I'm so grateful for it."

For those outside the Graceland circle, the House System can be something difficult to describe. In simplest terms, Marian and Deb refer to it as the "basic unit of

social life at Graceland." Every full-time traditional age Graceland student is automatically placed in a 'House.' These Houses are similar to sororities and fraternities in that they have elected leaders (HPs and House Council) who plan activities – in Graceland terms, "house functions." Yet, dissimilar to Greek life, the System ensures that everyone is included – there is not an exclusive selection process.

The Residence Halls serve as a home base for the houses, with a floor dedicated to each house. Living together, attending functions and sharing weekly "House Meetings" Tuesdays at 10 p.m., the House System helps students create and maintain lasting friendships.

Marian notes that while the foundation of the System has remained firm throughout the years, minor rules and regulations regarding the System have shifted. Houses no longer draw for their location on campus, but have one central location where they remain year to year. Brother/sister House pairings now change every semester, as opposed to the older model where brother/sister Houses were permanently paired.

Some of the most notable changes over the years have come with the creation and disbandment of houses. The House System has seen more than 30 Houses throughout its years, and currently there are 16. At times, Houses were disbanded due to building closures. When Walker Hall temporarily closed during the late 70's Marian drew a name out of a hat to determine which House would cease to exist: and the House was her own.

"But still, I meet with my housemates around Community of Christ World Conference time. Our House doesn't exist anymore, but that doesn't matter. We're still bonded in our traditions. Whether your House is here anymore or not, it doesn't matter," said Marian.

And this, perhaps, is the aspect of the House System that has made it so powerful: the lasting bonds and friendships it creates.

"When you talk to students about their House, they describe it as a family," said Deb. "People become so close they describe their House as their home. You can tell this is having a powerful influence on a student when they describe their neighbors as their brothers and sisters."

Whatever the rationale for the House System's popularity, one thing is certain: it has touched the lives of thousands of students – and it doesn't look like it will stop creating these special connections any time soon. ■



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Let us Plant now for the Great Oaks of Tomorrow



It is said that great people plant acorns so that future generations can repose beneath the shade of oak trees. JR and Carol, and the Shaw family, by building the original Shaw Center 1982, have strewn acorns across the Graceland landscape for 30 years. And now, as the Shaw Center transformation nears completion, funded entirely by JR and Carol with an unprecedented \$16 million gift, the Shaw forest of oaks sprawls out for all of us to enjoy.

JR and Carol's generosity is not the only example of Graceland Alumni planting acorns. Janet and Bob Fitzgerald have donated \$1.6 million for the construction of Graceland's first student fitness center, 'The Fitz.' This spacious, state-of-the-art facility will house the best treadmills, elliptical machines, stair climbers, free weights and weight machines, and provide lovely spaces for Yoga, Zumba and group exercise.

But it doesn't end there. Alumni, friends and supporters have also been providing funds for other long-awaited projects. The MSC has remained virtually unchanged since I graduated in 1979. Board of Trustee member Bob White '77 has donated \$1 million and led efforts for its renovation. If more donors get behind this project, the renovations to the MSC could easily be the next landscape transformation to complement the Shaw Center and the Fitz.

Graceland has experienced a 10-year facility upgrade. The Helene Center for the Visual Arts provided the starting point back in 2004 with a gift from the Robino family. This superb building is the envy of other universities. The artificial-turf football field gifted by Johnny and Sharon Huntsman lifted our outdoor athletic facilities into the 21st century. Our Resch Science and Technology Hall came next and it is attracting science, math and technology students who would not otherwise have chosen GU - our thanks to the Resch family. The 'Small' and 'Thomas' student apartments are first class and students love them.

Top facilities are a necessary prerequisite to our future but they are not enough. I recently told the Board of Trustees that Graceland is on the verge of greatness. Graceland is about to make the transition from being a good university to a great one. But great facilities alone do not determine a world-class university.

Our Honors program headed by faculty members Barb and Bob Mesle continues to inspire greatness in our students. Our incoming student population has a significantly higher GPA and ACT score average. Our graduates are landing good jobs and admission to elite graduate programs. However, we need to offer scholarships that are competitive with these elite schools to get prospective top students to Graceland.

To continue these trends we must better compensate our employees. Graceland administrators, faculty and staff work for far less than their peers. The Board is beginning to address both enrollment and compensation. Here are a couple of things we are doing. The board authorized a pilot program

which builds on the Study and Faith Scholarship Initiative for Community of Christ students. This program guarantees Community of Christ students one-half tuition on our Lamoni campus and it has significantly increased Community of Christ student enrollment. The Board has authorized a similar program for other students. The Chairman's Scholarship pilot program I began recruited 12 new Graceland students that would not have otherwise attended this fall. The program is being expanded next year. Board member Mickey Seeman is recruiting students from Arkansas. Others will follow.

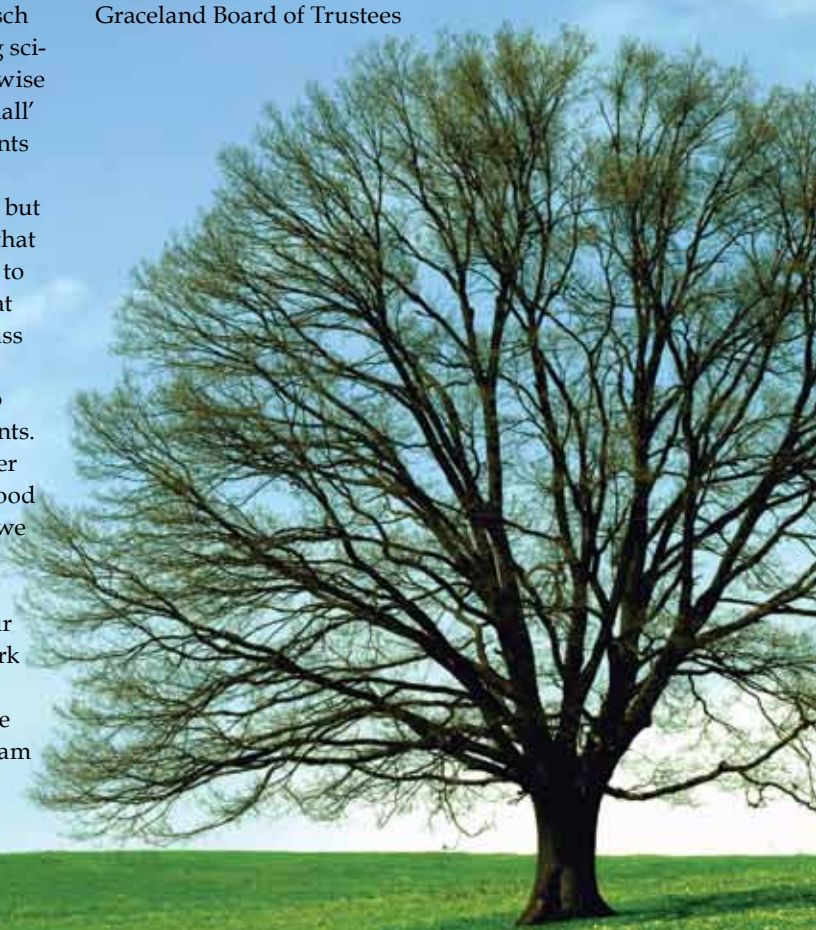
We have also begun evaluating faculty compensation in a systematic way. Board Vice-Chairman Gary Howard has agreed to lead this program. He led the presidential search that landed John Sellars. He also chaired the Board Committee on Presidential Assessment. I am confident that with Gary's help we will get an accurate assessment of where our salaries are currently and where they should be as we move forward. Once that information is in front of the Board we will act on it with alacrity.

Graceland's best days lie before us. I urge you to embrace these myriad efforts aimed to transform your Graceland into a truly elite place of learning. Help plant the acorns of today so that future students may take repose beneath the great Oaks of tomorrow.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ken McClain".

Ken McClain, Chair
Graceland Board of Trustees



GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

Annual Report 2012

As excitement and anticipation increases daily for the fast-approaching Homecoming and Shaw Center dedication weekend, I don't want you to forget that dedication ceremonies and an open house for our new Fitzgerald Fitness Center (pictured here on August 28th) are scheduled for Sunday, September 16th at 1 p.m. Try to join us if you can. Doesn't it look beautiful? Our students are so excited about this wonderful new addition to campus.

So much has happened this year I hardly know where to start. As I reflect back on the 2011-12 academic year, my first thought is to simply say 'thank you' to our alumni and friends. It is you, the wonderful alumni and friends of Graceland, who have driven our school to a fourth-straight 1st-tier university status in *U.S. News and World Report* and the *Princeton Review*. You are loyal Gracelanders who never forget your years on "the Hill," and you are always there to help us ensure a solid financial future.


So, thank you. These are such exciting times.

With the phenomenal addition of the new Shaw Center, we are recommitting ourselves to the performing arts. Graceland is now a 1st-tier school in the arts. Students from around the world will follow their hearts and dreams to Graceland just for the chance to work and learn in this magnificent facility.

In the short-term, I have some very exciting travel plans coming up this fall to meet with donors concerning athletics, the sciences, the arts, music, agriculture, and more. In the long-term, I feel an excitement for Graceland's future that seems to grow as each day passes.

I thank you for making this excitement possible.

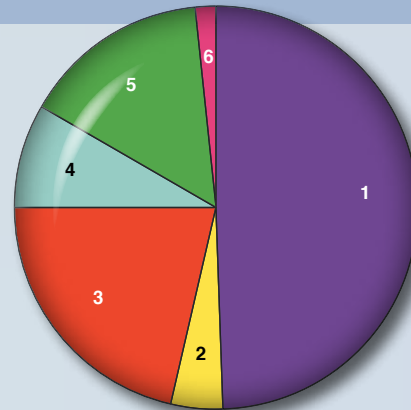
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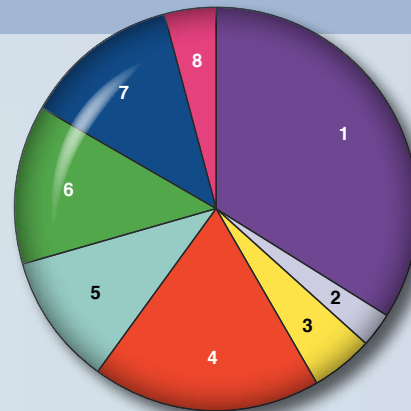
Revenue Sources in thousands

- Tuition and Fees	32,031	81.6%
- Less Scholarships and Grants	(12,563)	(32.0%)
1. Net Tuition and Fees	19,468	49.6%
2. Government Grants and Contracts	1,690	4.3%
3. Private Gifts, Grants and Contracts*	8,326	21.2%
4. Investment Income and Distributions from Subsidiary **	3,253	8.3%
5. Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises ***	5,909	15.0%
6. Other Sources	625	1.6%
Total	39,271	100.0%



Use of Funds in thousands

1. Instruction	15,055	34.0%
2. Public Service	1,279	2.9%
3. Academic Support	2,150	4.9%
4. Student Services	8,130	18.4%
5. Institutional Support	4,652	10.5%
6. Auxiliary Enterprises ***	5,603	12.7%
7. Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment (Gain)/Loss	5,551	12.5%
8. Unrealized (Gain)/Loss on Interest Rate Swap Agreements	1,821	4.1%
9. Adoption of Retirement Obligation	0	0.0%
Total	44,241	100.0%
Change in Net Assets	(4,970)	



Endowment Growth in thousands as of May 31

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Change in year
Total Assets	\$54,781	\$36,993	\$38,164	\$41,090	\$40,934	-0.38%
(Includes net assets of subsidiary**, market value of investment portfolio, and other endowment assets)						
Assets Excluding Subsidiary**	\$34,526	\$23,776	\$26,541	\$30,331	\$30,338	0.02%

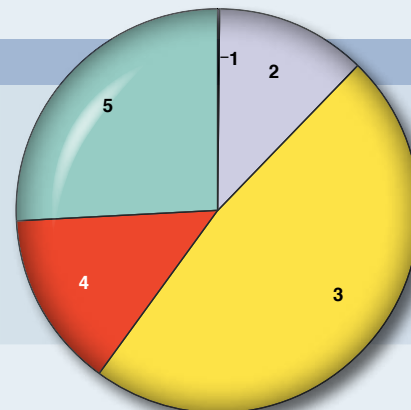
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**The Graceland College Center for Professional Development and Lifelong Learning (SkillPath)

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Endowment Distribution Uses

1. Facilities Support	4,357	0.17%
2. Faculty Support	303,668	12.09%
3. Institutional Support	1,205,601	48.01%
4. Program Support	350,353	13.95%
5. Scholarship/Loan Support	647,484	25.78%
Total Endowment Distribution	2,511,463	100.0%



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\$188,954 received

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Jonathan B. Bredin Foundation
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Julia Wilkerson

Nail Yusupov

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Annalee Gamm

Agricultural Business Scholarship

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Clint Fleming

Jared Hartstack

Gregory Hensley

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Senny Jackson

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Jody Lewis

Shrista Little

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Brandi Luton

Jules Maxi

Paris Moore

Phil Nagbe

Brianna Nelson

David Portman

Cheyenne Rawson

Divante Robinson

Shelby Runkle

Antoine Saint Felix

Allen Sales

Bre Suyeyoshi

Dirinna Uwkwe

Halamehi Vailea

Dialo Wells

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Jaymie Willis

Wyneshia Wilson

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Laura Ferguson

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Scholarship**

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Angela Jensen

Anan Smith

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Averi Coffee

Maria Cortes Ramos

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Dani Gonzalez Chacon

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Megan Wood

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Endowed Scholarship***

Steve Cackler Textbook

Endowment

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Eric Escamilla

Jenna Golden

Canadian Student Scholarship

Kwabena Boateng

Madison Esch

Ahmed Khalif

Deanna Manocchio

Tyrique McKane

Laryssa Vachon

**Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlson
Endowed Scholarship**

Derly Castano

**Ava Carmichael Endowment for
Theatre and the Speech Arts**

Samuel Clegg

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Scholarship***

**Phyllis Carmichael Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**

Sarahi Ortiz Casillas

Marissa Roberts

Alex Stewart

**The Carpenter-Andover Endowed
Scholarship**

Kendra Martin

Effie Case Carroll Nursing Award

Whitney Pierce

**Norman T. and Rosa Carter
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Leadership Scholarship***

**Lois Marie Christensen Endowed
Scholarship**

Kevin Hart

Angela Jensen

**Margaret L. Christensen Endowed
Scholarship**

Liz Deegan

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Scholarship**

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