



251 Graduates
in 102nd Commencement



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### Presidents' Messages

Dear Alumnus,

Greetings from the College of the Ozarks Alumni Association! We have just completed another successful year at the College. One of the great things about C of O over the years has been the

service of students and alumni to our communities and country. Each year a number of students do mission work throughout the country and even around the world. Whether it's the Agriculture Club building at the Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch or SIFE developing a business model in Africa, I am consistently amazed at our students' efforts and how they continue that spirit of service



after graduation. I know that many alumni are providing needed services in areas around the globe, giving generously of their time and resources; there is no doubt that part of this is a result of the service projects they experienced as students here at C of O.

An area where our alumni continue to make a difference is giving to the Admissions Office Addition and Renovation Project. We have a lot to be thankful for when it comes to the School; for all alumni, our S of O/C of O experience began with the admissions process. Thanks to your contributions, more than half of our \$250,000 goal has been achieved. With your help, we'll make this another successful

project for our alma mater. All gifts, large or small, are certainly appreciated and make an impact on this special project. It takes all of us working together to make it a reality.

Thanks again for your generosity and continued support. I hope to see you at Homecoming on November 7, 2009.

Sincerely, Roy Johnson Association President

#### On the Cover:

Magna Cum Laude graduate Lydia Davis is part of a treasured tradition. She is the daughter of Galen and Valerie Davis, both 1986 S of O graduates. She is pictured receiving her diploma from Dr. Jerry C. Davis.

### **Senior Reception**

The Alumni Association and Student Alumni Association held their annual Senior Reception at the Alumni Center on April 30. Many seniors attended the event and took the opportunity to visit with classmates, faculty, and staff before embarking on their lives after graduation. All participants enjoyed the company of good friends, great food, and a time to rehash memories of the past four years.





Dear Alumnus,

At the College's 102nd Commencement, the great majority of students graduated debt-free. The reason for this exceptional achievement is that College of the Ozarks remains committed to its founding mission. Through the years, the institution has garnered national attention because of its unique approach to providing

a debt-free education; given the present economic condition, it seems that more than ever this work-your-own-way philosophy is newsworthy.

Former Governor of Arkansas Mike Huckabee gave this year's Commencement address. Amazed with the work program and the College's efficiency to graduate students debt-free, the following day he shared with his ABC Radio audience during the "Huckabee Report" about the unique college he found in the heart of the Ozarks. "By the quality of the graduates I met," Governor Huckabee told his ABC listeners, "I'd say it's a great model to instill personal responsibility, as well as to help students get an education without ending up with a lifetime of debt to pay for it."

In his Commencement address, Governor Huckabee impressed upon the graduates the importance of not using all of *one's water on too small a fire.* This advice can be applied to many different circumstances and prove successful. It reminds me of something that former President of The School of the Ozarks Robert M. Good (or Doc Good as he was affectionately called) may have said in one of his talks to the students. He lived that

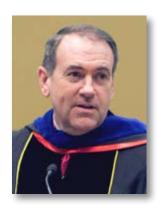
axiom during the Depression, when at times, what equated to a fire of financial despair raged. Doc Good's hard work, optimism, and faith flourished in the midst of hard times. Because of his steady leadership, The School survived the Depression debt-free.

It can be said that Dr. Good set the standard for others to follow, and the principles he laid down during his service to The School are carried out today at College of the Ozarks. In his honor, the Doc Good Fellows Society (see page 5) has been established. As an alumnus, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with the institution and pay tribute to a great example.

Best wishes for a safe summer.

Sincerely, Jerry C. Davis





(Left) Dr. James T. Draper, President Emeritus of LifeWay Christian Resources, delivered the Baccalaureate address. (Right) Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee delivered the Commencement address.



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### Tribute Giving

In Memory of:

Clell H. Awbrey from Kathryn H. Awbrey
Cordell Batts from Gayle (Batts) Harrington
Roy Becker from James R. Becker
Elva Bement from Kenneth J. Aiello, Dean Machinery
Company

Oleta Busby from Gene & Pat Kenyon Cissie Coursey from Gene & Pat Kenyon Pearl (Jamison) Dawodu from Charles E. Jamison, George L. Jamison, John & Carol (Wilhite) Jamison, Leon N. Jamison, Paul Jamison, Richard D. Jamison, Samuel B. Jamison

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Eleanor (Wilson) Howell from Alpha Delta Kappa/ Beta Sigma Chapter, Ida C. Barry, Norma C. Breshears, Brooks Plastering, Inc., Christian County Elks Ladies Aux. 2777, Alyce (Wilson) Cooper, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas

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**Dr. Allen S. Humphreys** from John V. Epperson

**Alva Clinton Kenyon** from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright

**Raymond & Emma Knaust** from Sharon (Knaust) Harris

Ronald Lightle from Edith L. (Goodwin) Flippo Annabelle McMasters from Ruth (Grinstead) Peterson Janet Meiser from Jim Meiser

Vernie Meyer from June (Sanderson) Meyer Eula "Tompie" Newberry from Janet (Griffith) Clower, Myron & Mary Lou Goldsworthy, Joanne (Griffith) Hertzig, Lou Etta (Newberry) Roe

James Newby from Edith L. (Goodwin) Flippo Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Oetting from Anonymous Ed Orr from Jack & Carole (Orr) Cobb Dr. Aubrey O. Pittenger from Loraine Garner Jack Reeves from June (Sanderson) Meyer Ron Rich from Sheldon Ledbetter Tom Smith from Anonymous, Beth Villers Jack R. Stanley from Frankie (Taylor) Stanley Lillian Thomas from Rebecca Jane Thomas Tommy Villers from Anonymous Naomi Welch from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neal Elizabeth Wilson from Robert S. Wilson

In Honor of:

Sharon Bradley from Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Barker from Anonymous
Arvil Burks from Glen A. Gaines
Celia E. Dunn from Earl L. Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Johnson from Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Keith from Anonymous
Dr. Bryan Oetting from Anonymous
Susan Smith from Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Swearengen from Anonymous
Shirley (Johnson) Wilkie from Marilyn (Poole) Worden
Class of 1947 from Howard D. Stewart
JC Class of 1962 from Anonymous

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### CONNECT WITH US

To participate, we ask that you give \$1,000 or more each year to the C of O Fund; pray regularly for the College, its students, faculty and staff; promote the mission of the College in your community; and encourage others to support C of O in similar ways.

In return, we commit to engage you in the life of the College. You'll receive current prayer requests and updates from students and President Jerry C. Davis. We'll also provide opportunities for you to meet other Fellows at Connection events on campus and in your area.

# S Introducing & SFELLOWS SOCIETY

The Doc Good Fellows Society is a nationwide network of alumni and friends which fosters the development and support of College of the Ozarks and its students.

Each year, a Fellow commits to the following:

### PROVIDE

a minimum of \$1,000 gift to College of the Ozarks.

- Current Alumni Project
- Alumni Scholarship Fund
- Student Benevolence Fund
- Student Athletic Program
- Academic Programs
- C of O Operating Fund

PROMOTE \ and encourage the mission of C of O in your community.

- Participate in Doc Good Day at the College
- Host a Connection event in your area
- Encourage others to support C of O

PRAY for the College, its students, faculty, and staff.

- C of O students, their strength, safety, hearts, and minds
- C of O faculty, staff, and administration
- Give thanks for the faithful and generous stewards who pray and have made provision for the College



#### DOC GOOD FELLOWS SOCIET

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YES, I am committing to be a Doc Good	Fellow. I am willing to pra	ay, provide and promote
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### **Plateaus of Giving**

# FORSYTHE FELLOWS SOCIETY

A gift of \$100, or the accumulation of \$100 within a year, qualifies one as a Forsythe Fellow.

#### **PATRON SOCIETY**

A gift of \$250, or the accumulation of \$250 in one year, qualifies one as a Patron Society member. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given.

#### **BENEFACTOR SOCIETY**

A gift of \$1,000 or the accumulation of \$1,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Benefactor Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

#### FOUNDER SOCIETY

A gift of \$5,000 or the accumulation of \$5,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Founder Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

#### SPONSOR SOCIETY

A gift of \$10,000 or above, or the accumulation of \$10,000 given in four years, qualifies one as a member of the Sponsor Society. A one-time plaque will be presented at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association the year the gift is given or completed.

### College of the Ozarks Alumni Association Alumni Funds as of March 31, 2009

#### **Admissions Renovation and Addition**

Balance 1/1/09	\$112,060.58
Interest and contributions	12,006.00
Total Fund 3/31/09	\$124,066.58

#### Alumni Center Endowed Maintenance Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$40,381.83
Interest and contributions 1/1/09 to 3/31/09	666.00
Total Fund 3/31/09	\$41,047.83

#### The Alumni Endowment Maintenance Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$1,009,541.91
Interest and contributions $1/1/09$ to $3/31/09$	11,484.00
Total Fund 3/31/09	\$1,022,161.18

#### Alumni Scholarship Fund

Balance 1/1/09	\$630,217.59
Interest and contributions 1/1/09 to 3/31/09	11,484.00
Total Fund 3/31/09	\$641,701.59

#### J. Hugh & Martha Wise Alumni Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09	\$219.706.77
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#### Winfrey Alumni Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 \$38,171.15

#### Curtis Memorial Alumni Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 \$7,132.53

#### Don Schofield Alumni Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 <u>\$105,161.88</u>

#### Ridinger Brothers Alumni Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 \$109,921.56

#### Virginia Gillespie Lucas Scholarship Fund

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 \$800,105.00

#### Leo and Violet (Frye) Adams Memorial Scholarship

Total Fund Balance 3/31/09 \$12,300.00

## 2009-2010 Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Chelsy Wright, Sr. Journalism



Jodi Dunnam, Sr. Psychology



Suzanne Peterman, Sr. Business Administration



Matthew Benage, Jr. Psychology



Molly Brown, Sr. Biology



Mary Ellen Unruh, Jr. Studio Art



Mandy Renyer, Sr. Elementary Education



Melissa Roach, Fr. History



Charles Greene, Jr. History



Adam Parker, Sr. Music & Mass Comm.



Paul Voliva, Sr. Phys. Ed. K-12 & Sec. Ed.



Rebecca Newton, Sr. English



Nancy Fry, Jr. Nursing



Lynetta Wood, Jr. Dietetics



Brent Turpin, Jr. Nursing

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### Alumni Receive Awards

#### NACTA Teaching Award of Merit 2009

By Dan Swearengen

NACTA is an organization dedicated to the improvement of teaching, service and professionalism in college agriculture faculty and departments. It has been in existence for over 50 years. The Agriculture Department at College of the Ozarks has been a member of this professional organization for approximately 30 years. The Faculty in our department regularly attend the summer conferences due to the timeliness and usefulness of the subject matter of that year's theme and the camaraderie of associating with our colleagues at other institutions. Additionally, educational agriculture tours of the area are always a special feature of these conferences.



Dan Swearengen, Chair of the Technical and Applied Science Division, and Dr. Roy Johnson

Each year, NACTA offers several award opportunities to the colleges with

departmental memberships. One of those awards is the "Teaching Award of Merit," which is what Roy Johnson received at our first annual Agriculture Awards Assembly on April 20th in the Youngman Ag Center. This award seeks to honor a faculty member with excellent teaching accomplishments and service to the agriculture program at the college in which they work. As the Chairman of the Division of Technical and Applied Sciences, I alone have the opportunity to submit faculty names for this honor. I submitted Roy's name several months ago and it was approved. Roy was genuinely touched and completely surprised by receiving this award, for I kept it a secret from everyone except his wife, Betty, who was there to see him receive the honor. Roy received a standing ovation. He thanked everyone, and in particular the students, for making his work so enjoyable.



### Outstanding Beginning Teachers

Congratulations to recent graduates Miranda McDonald Snowden (Elementary Education) and Brian Anton (History Education), who were recognized on April 3, 2009, by the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education as Outstanding Beginning Teachers. Both Miranda and Brian were highly recommended by their building principals for this award.

### Sports News

### **Lady Bobcat Basketball**

The Lady Bobcats earned their fourth straight berth in the Final Four before losing in the semi-finals to Hastings College in the NAIA Division II Women's Basketball National Tournament. The Lady Bobcats defeated King College (TN) 77-67 in the opening round of the tournament. The second round game featured a rematch of the 2007 National Championship game, but with different results for the Lady Bobcats as they topped the Wildcats of Indiana Wesleyan 59-50.

Playing for a berth in the Final Four pitted the Lady Bobcats against Dickinson State. Trailing by as much as ten late in the first half, C of O ultimately prevailed by a score of 69-56. The semi-final featured a familiar foe for the Lady Bobcats, in Hastings College. A season ago, C of O played the Broncos in the same round of the tournament which featured the epic double overtime win for the Lady Bobcats. Hastings got the best of the Lady Bobcats this round by a score of 75-60.

This marked an end of the careers of Kayli Combs, Bethany Jenkins, Lindsy Murray, Emily Nichols, and Josie Sparkman. The five seniors went undefeated in conference play, won four conference titles, four





conference tournament titles, three trips to the National Championship game and another trip to the Final Four. In addition, they never lost a game at home. They will be sorely missed and helped elevate C of O women's basketball as one of the premier teams in the country.

#### **Bobcat Basketball**

C of O became the first unseeded team to advance to the championship game since 2003 as they upset #2 Bethel (IN) in the second game of the Final Four. This was also the fourth straight year that they had advanced to the second round and Elite 8 with wins over #14 Aquinas (71-60) and University of Sioux Falls (70-56). Using a 9-1 run late to pull away from #6 Indiana Wesleyan 79-70 in the quarterfinals, the Cats wound up in the National Championship where they were defeated by top-seeded Oklahoma Wesleyan 60-53 and ended their season with a 25-11 record.



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hearts and minds of the Iraqi people..."

### Alumni in the News

By Michelle Queiser Unit Public Affairs Representative Missouri National Guard

One of the most encouraging and visible aspects of Soldiers' performances on deployment is the relationships and trust they form while working daily with the local police and populace.

Courses throughout the 1175th Military Police Company's pre-mobilization training and deployment reinforced that the Soldiers should learn the Arabic language and Iraqi culture to encourage trust and respect.

One Soldier, Staff Sgt. Justin Copley, had a dedication to learning the language and culture that had a profound impact throughout the Ishaki district.

Over the course of his deployment, Copley earned 'rock star status' amongst the Iraqi police and his fellow Soldiers, said 2nd Lt. James Tucker.

"'When Justin?' is the common greeting when I arrive at Iraqi police stations throughout this rural district," said Tucker, Copley's platoon leader. "Almost every Iraqi policeman asks it within five minutes of beginning a conversation. A tug on my arm will garner my attention to ask the question if I am not paying attention."

'When' is the Arabic way of asking 'where is.'
Copley, a high school teacher from Plato, is a
team leader and a Soldier so admired and loved by
the Iraqi policemen that he has been adopted into
the local Iraqi tribe and given the name Hussein alMujamai.

In May, Copley's squad was assigned to help manage the Ishaki district's headquarters and four police stations. As part of his duties, Copley took care of payday operations, filling out trip tickets, and collecting intelligence. Interacting and

communicating with the Iraqi police was vital to completing his mission, but within the first days and weeks,

this proved to be a difficult task.

"The company was starved for interpreters," said Tucker. "Without many bilingual Iraqi police, communication was impossible, but Staff Sgt. Copley capitalized on the opportunity."

Copley spent hours with Iraqi policemen, learning the most mundane phrases by pointing at objects from the entries or rooftops of the police stations. Each visit produced a few new words or phrases.

"Initially my learning consisted of some serious games of charades," Copley said. "It eventually



Staff Sgt. Justin Copley stands with some of the 800 Iraqi children to whom the 1175th Military Police Company donated school supplies.

progressed into studying words out of an Arabic-English Dictionary, memorizing flash cards, watching Arabic movies with subtitles and listening to conversations between what interpreters we had and the Iraqi police. More effective than any of these was that I forced myself into situations where I had no other option but to try to understand what a person or group was trying to say."

Copley spent night after night with the interpreters practicing Arabic as they puffed on their hookah pipes. His personality and dictionaries became the flashpoint of conversations and source of excitement for the Iraqi police during visits.

Phrase by phrase, Copley became more fluent and proficient as the deployment proceeded. High-

ranking officers began to notice his accomplishments, giving him fame throughout the chain

of command, and, more importantly, he began to earn the respect of the Iraqi police and citizens.

"This respect transformed into confidence, trust, and friendship," said Tucker. "In turn, these relationships have helped save the lives of our Soldiers. One remarkable event comes to my mind."

On a scorching hot July afternoon, the squad visited a police station in a rural area known for its trafficking of weapons and terrorists on back roads. For days, the squad had planned to perform a joint patrol with the Iraqi police throughout a nearby

village. Before announcing their intentions for the patrol, numerous Iraqi police approached Copley and told him, 'Do not drive on the road today,' and 'It is not safe to be out today.' The squad canceled the patrol. The next day it was reported that a hole had been located where a roadside bomb had been laid and removed overnight.

"There is no question in my mind that danger was averted that afternoon and is directly attributed to Staff Sgt. Copley," Tucker said.

For Copley, incidents like this one are simply a part of being a Soldier. Some of his most rewarding experiences are those beyond the unit's stated mission - experiences including helping eight young teens and two adults build a secondary school next to one of the police stations where his squad was based.

"With my gear on and the outrageous heat, it was hands down the hardest that I've worked since arriving in Iraq," said Copley. "I had a member of my team take a group picture that first day. As we pulled up to the station the next day, I looked into a bunch of eyes that were genuinely excited to see us and gave each of them a simple piece of paper with the picture that read 'Justin and Friends.' I can't describe the look that I saw on their faces."

The significance of that moment hit Copley a week later while driving through the city as he and his squad passed a group walking along the street.

"As the first three vehicles passed them, I noticed a kid holding an object in the air," Copley said. "As our vehicle passed, I looked over to the smiling kid and he was holding up that same picture that I gave him a week prior."

The relationships Copley has forged go beyond pictures and words. They are in the faith of an Iraqi policeman who came to Copley for help finding his wounded brother-in-law, or an Iraqi police captain asking Copley to return to America and tell people



Staff Sgt. Justin Copley, shown with Iraqi teens, at a secondary school next to one of the police stations where his squad was based. Copley gave a copy of the picture to everyone in the group.

about the Iraqi people.

"Incorporating his teaching experience and respect for the Iraqi culture and humanity, he has turned around an entire station and developed a new, tremendous respect for all Coalition Forces," said Tucker. "All this he does while putting my attempts at Arabic to shame."



Where anti-American graffiti was once rampant, signs of support have sprung up.

Despite being away from his family and friends, Copley said he had no doubt that he was exactly where he needed to be and was making a difference, even on such a small scale.

"I have no doubt that we are winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people, one individual at a time," said Copley. "It's not by forcing our system on them and it's not by a lot of the common practices that may occur."

Copley said it is precisely the differences between him and his new friends that has made those relationships so strong. "I am often reminded of the competitive spirit in American society: high school seniors don't generally like freshmen, Army doesn't like the Marine Corps, colleges rival other colleges, and Iraq may not like America," Copley said.

"But with that thought in mind there is good news. I was a senior who liked a freshman. I am an Army Soldier who befriends a Marine. I have family and friends who attend different colleges everyday. And I have made some great friends who happen to be Iraqi." Copley's success is just the tip of the iceberg for the accomplishments of his squad and unit.

"The things everybody has done are more noteworthy than anything I've accomplished," said Copley. "They've done so many positive things for these people and this country, and are a great representation of the military and the U.S."

After nine long months, the unit has helped operate and validate the Ishaki Police District, assisted in hiring and training roughly 730 new Iraqi police, opened new police stations in Samarra and Hawijah, played a crucial role in stability operations in Mosul, and provided school supplies for more than 800 Iraqi children.

The Iraqi District Directors of Police openly asked

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for the Soldiers' assistance, as well as their presence, at major events throughout the area, said company commander Capt. Mollie Keith.

"We have given and earned respect for the professionalism in which the Soldiers conduct themselves," Keith said. "We have fostered a relationship with the Iraqi leadership who now seek out our experienced guidance to help them police what once was uncharted territory within cities that, just a year ago, were torn apart by violence."

Education, teaching and learning have been the core foundations for these successes and the enthusiasm of every Soldier to learn a new language, a new culture and a new way of life. "It's the willingness to step out of your comfort zone and build a positive relationship with one person at a time," Copley said. "It doesn't have to take a lot of energy, knowledge, or even knowing the native tongue. It takes a person to genuinely respect an individual."

### Graduate Survives Motorcycle Accident, Completes Doctorate

By Kevin Boatright, University of Kansas

Matt Sherrill was on his way to an 8 a.m. class at the University of Kansas when his life as a graduate student changed suddenly and dramatically. It was August 31, 2006.

The second-year chemistry graduate research assistant's motorcycle was hit by a car that failed to yield to oncoming traffic. Sherrill's left foot was crushed, and he had multiple bone fractures. He was flown to the KU Hospital and spent a week there. The damage to his foot was so severe doctors had to remove the front half.

Remarkably, Sherrill resumed classes that September and was back working in the lab by November. Getting around following the accident wasn't easy at first, but Sherrill soon had help. He was born in Osage Beach, Missouri, and received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College of the Ozarks. But he grew up in Tanzania, where his parents were missionaries. His father flew back from Africa while Sherrill was still in the hospital. His mother arrived two weeks later. They've been nearby ever since to help their son finish his degree.

Sherrill can now function entirely on his own. He even thinks the accident may have helped him finish his degree a year ahead of when he'd planned.

"I couldn't do any research for two months," he said. "I don't ever like to feel like I'm behind, so I hit it hard and made up a whole lot of ground when I could."

He used crutches for more than five months. His father put his own life on hold, helping his son in the labs by carrying materials and equipment for him.

Sherrill defended his dissertation in organic chemistry with honors. He is leaving soon for three

months of training in Germany, followed by a postdoctoral appointment with the U.S. Army Research Lab at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Sherrill's father is now in school himself, studying nursing at Johnson County Community College.

Editor note: Sherrill received his doctorate on May 17 at KU.



Dr. Matt Sherrill '05

### Class Notes

#### '60s

Ruby (Hopkins) Thomas '60 HS address update: 1450 Thomas Rd., Cleveland, GA 30528; starlite4h@ vahoo.com.

**Katharine (Merrill) Sanders** '65 address update: 207 S. 184th E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74108; HugnGranny@hotmail.com.

#### '70s

Kathryn (Ragland) Bernice '71 has lived in Louisiana since January 1971. She is married with five daughters, eight grandsons, and three granddaughters. Kathryn's husband is a deputy sheriff, and she has worked for Wal-Mart almost papers and is currently working on 24 years. Classmates may contact Kathryn at 10205 Blackwater Rd., Baker, LA 70714; Kathyabr@aol.

Robert L. Templeton '72 address update: 9214 Chimneywood Dr., Rowlett, TX 75089; rltlkt@yahoo. com.

Eugenia "Jean" Ann (Hampton) Huffman '73 teaches 5th grade at J. B. Hunt Elementary in Springdale, Arkansas, and has taught for 23 years. Her husband, Jim, is the pastor of Christ's Church Community Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas. They have two daughters, Jene' and Jenise. Friends may reach them at 3532 N. Whippoorwill Ct., Fayetteville, AR 72701; jean@jhuffman.net.

Roger Anderson '74 address update: 502 Bell, Coolidge, TX 76635; coolroger04@yahoo.com.

Karen (Martin) Kolavalli '74 is currently employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Wichita, Kansas. Her daughter Chhaya is a freshman at the University of Kansas. Karen can be reached at 411 S. Denver, El Dorado, KS 67042; heytoto@cox.net. Julie (Duran) Crank '76 graduated in May 2009 from Ozarks Technical Community College with an Associate of Arts degree. She plans to teach English as a foreign language in Europe. You can contact Julie at 2100 W. Atlantic, Springfield, MO 65803; crankduran@hotmail.com.

Dr. Charles Frangella '77 is part owner and CEO of Fratello's Italian Steak House and a real estate management company. Charles does itinerate ministry since leaving the pastorate and has returned to doing voiceovers and commercials. Since finishing his Ph.D., he has written several a book. Charles can be reached at 2347 Route 21S, Ripley, WV 25271; Ethan89@charlesandcompany.net.

Joe Michael Smith '78 address update: 1222A Green Hill Rd., Harrison, AR 72601; smithjm@ eritter.net.

#### '80s

Dan and Karen (Wallace) Lombard **'81** have lived in Bentonville for the past 27 years. Karen is a management associate with Wal-Mart. Dan is president of Vacation Rentals in Bella Vista. They have two children, Seth (20) and Kelsey (17). The Lombards can be reached at 2403 Linebarger, Bentonville, AR 72712; dklombard@sbcglobal.net.

Steven D. Roe '82 has taken a job as a store manager with Pocket Communications, online at pocket. com. His wife, Margie, has taken a new job with Trinity Lutheran Church. Their daughter Stacey graduated on May 10 from College of the Ozarks. The Roes would love to hear from old friends at 741 Matthew Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78418; cctxsam@sbcglobal.net.

Robert C. Samuelson '83 address update: 499 W. Cedarview Rd., Doniphan, NE 68832; bsamuelson@ esu9.org.

**Bobby and Sherry (Lindemann)** Hall '84 address update: 3507 Crabapple Ln., Columbia, MO 65203; bhall@mirma.org.

Wes Holly '86 address update: 3595 Benzinger Rd., Baltimore, MD 21229; wgholly@gmail.com.

**Denise Bowling '89** address update: 805 N. 13th St., Leavenworth, KS 66048; dlbtdh@ hotmail.com.

#### '90s

Robert A. Rogers '90 address update: 226 N. B St., Arkansas City, KS 67005; a\_hheroes@sbcglobal. net.

Michael Frizell '91 works for the Office of Student Development and Public Affairs at Missouri State University and has been the Director of the Writing Center for the past four years. He was recently made Director of the Supplemental Instruction program and named Director of the In-School Players Theatre troupe. In-School Players is a small cast of Missouri State University students who travel the local elementary school and Springfield Public Library circuit to bring live theater performances to children. Created in the fall of 1984, the cast consists of six to eight members who present a performance consisting of stories, poems, and music. It is estimated that the In-School Players Touring Group has entertained over 500.000 children since it was formed. Their current show is entitled "Ozarks Tall Tales!" and is a collection of original and adapted stories intended for kids in grades K through 5. Michael can be reached at 2824 S. Claremont Ave., Springfield, MO 65804;

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michaelfrizell@missouristate.edu or pessimism\_lost@yahoo.com.

Danielle Day '93 is the Youth Service Manager at Carnegie-Stout Public Library in Dubuque, Iowa. Danielle can be reached at 3714 Pennsylvania Ave. Apt. I-85, Dubuque, IA 52002; dennielle@aol. com.

Tricia Smith '93 is the Marketing Director for the Wiggles, a children's entertainment show, based in Dallas, TX. You can reach her at 3773 Timberglen Rd., Apt. 406, Dallas, TX 75287; tsmith\_101@ yahoo.com.

Heather Ballance '94 address update: 1235 Garrett Rd., Williamston, NC 27892; h.ballance@yahoo.com.

Aaron and Patty Bristol '95 live in Mountain Home, AR, with their eight children—five girls and three boys, ages six months to 13 years. Aaron is working as a Property Manager, and Patty is homeschooling the children. The Bristols can be reached at 84 Yellow Star Ln., Mountain Home, AR 72653; aaronpatty@centurytel.net.

Christine L. (Holrath) Vinson '95 address update: 1066 Blackwood Rd., Springfield, MO 65802; christinelvinson@yahoo.com.

Heath Waters '95 earned a Master's degree in Athletic Administration in 2007 and graduated in May 2009 with a Specialist degree in Educational Administration. He is currently coaching baseball, basketball, and teaching weights and conditioning and science at Lesterville, MO. Heath can be reached at P.O. Box 101, Lesterville, MO 63654; heathwaters@centurytel.net.

**Matt Dean '96** address update: 406 Copperleaf, Austin, TX 78734; dizzymmd@yahoo.com.

**Michael Jones '97** address update: 19 Mace Place, Pottsville, AR 72858; michael\_angela2000@yahoo.com.

Rachel (Anderson) Kasch '98 and her husband, Bryan, have been married for eight years and have a six-year-old daughter. They also have a cat and a guinea pig. You can reach them at 1956 S. Ingram Mill Rd., Apt. B-21, Springfield, MO 65804; rachel.kasch@gmail.com.

Bryan Burger '99 and his wife, Janice, just completed construction and moved into their new home in December 2008. They are blessed with two healthy children, Caleb, (6) and Olivia, (3). Janice is an assistant director at a childcare facility, and Bryan is a construction superintendent. The Burgers can be reached at 52 County Hwy. 316, Scott City, MO 63780; burg\_man77@att.net.

Shellie (James) Ficco '99 address update: 2913 Diamond Ln., Bates City, MO 64011; sficco@odessa.k12. mo.us.

Mary Jo (Little) Waldo '99 works for the Carthage Chamber of Commerce. She has two sons, Cainan, (15) and Justice, (1). Mary Jo can be reached at 114 Sophia, Carthage, MO 64836; mary. jo.little@gmail.com.

Chad '99 and Beth (Johnson)
Dardenne '00 address update: 4
Hickory Dr., Kimberling City, MO
65686; dardjos@aol.com.

#### '00s

Christy (Ditch) Fleeman '00 is the Program Director and Therapist for an adolescent girl's residential home. Christy also has a private counseling practice for children and adolescents. She is grateful to her wonderful psychology professors (Dr. McMahon, Dr. Jones, and Dr. Goodwin) who prepared her to excel in her field. Christy also has a three-year-old son and resides at 9425 Carron Rd., Bloomsdale, MO 63627; christyfleeman@gmail.com.

Shane D. Tipton '00 and his wife, Brandi, have moved back home with their families to the Harrison, Arkansas area. The Tiptons have been married for ten years and have two beautiful daughters,



**Ryan Merkling '99,** Co-captain of the inaugural airTran flight into the new Branson Airport on May 11, was greeted by College of the Ozarks Board of Trustees Chairman, General Terrence Dake, and C of O President, Dr. Jerry C. Davis.

Maddy, 7, and Makenzie, 6. They would love to hear from old classmates at 6720 Hwy 65 N., Harrison, AR 72601; 4tiptons@live. com.

Traci Kristine (Cornman) Craig '01 and her husband, Scott, are excited to move their family to their new home in Metamora. Scott is a test engineer for Caterpillar, and each and every day is exciting in Traci's second grade classroom. Matthew (4) and Lindsay (1) make their life fun and very interesting at home. The Craigs would love to hear from old friends at 1674 Coal Bank Rd., Metamora, IL 61548; scott\_n\_traci@ hotmail.com.

Kristen Graham '01 address update: 131 Mystic Ave., Hollister, MO 65672; kaegraham@hotmail. com.

Jessica (Butler) Pryor '01 married Jeff Pryor on December 4, 2008, in Las Vegas, after dating long distance for almost two years. They now live in San Diego, and Jessi continues to work for Fresenius Medical Care as a dialysis social worker. Friends may contact them at 8895 Towne Centre Dr., 105-153, San Diego, CA 92122; jessi\_butler@ hotmail.com.

Shelli Baughman '02 started an artist management company last year called RisingStar Artist Management, and currently manages seven acts in the Kansas City area. She was a featured guest at the Kansas City Music and Entertainment Conference in May. Shelli is also a member of the National Association of Professional Women. Her website is www.risingstarartistmanagement. com, and she would love to have your comments. Contact Shelli at 1110 Dakota, Leavenworth, KS 66048; risingstarmanager@live.

Shave Marie (Mann) Brouse '02 address update: 1404 Spruce St., Pea Ridge, AR 72751; smbrouse27@ hotmail.com.

Jeanne Renee (Wheeler) Andreen '03 is currently enjoying being a stay-at-home mom to Maddox Ryan, born November 18, 2005, and Alexander Keith, born June 27, 2008. Jeanne can be reached at 3272 Creek Path Ln., Lexington, KY 40511; jean65721@yahoo.com.

Travis Bahr '03 and his wife, Amanda, finally moved back home to enjoy family and the farm. They purchased a clinic for Mandy to practice optometry and Travis is still selling on the road. The Bahrs can be contacted at 22360 Hwy. P, St. James, MO 65559; travis.bahr@ hotmail.com.

Seth "Bud" Brooker '03 graduated from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, with a Master of Divinity degree in May 2006. On January 5, 2007 he married his wife, Kathleen, who is a Mental Health Counselor. Bud was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church on January 6, 2008, and is currently serving as the assistant rector at the St. Columba Anglican Church in Fresno, California. He would love to hear from C of O friends at 8060 N. Glenn Ave. #215, Fresno, CA 93711; budbrooker@hotmail.com.

**Andrea M. George '04** is working at zalma.k12.mo.us. the new Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph, Missouri, as the exhibit/event coordinator. People can learn more about the center by going to www.stjoenaturecenter. info. Andrea can be reached at P.O. Box 6262, St. Joseph, MO 64506; ageorge@ci.st-joseph.mo.us.

Michael Scriven '04 is working in the Springfield-Greene County Library system. You can contact Michael at 1325 N. Ethyl, Springfield, MO 65802; new\_ michael09@yahoo.com.

Joseph Utter '04 and Molly Katherine Head were married December 29, 2008, in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, by Chaplain Dan

#### WEBSITE **INFORMATION**

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- · Read Alumni News
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Chinn. Joseph is still working in Multiple Myeloma Research at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). The Utters attend the Mosaic Church of Central Arkansas (www.mosaicchurch.net), and they are thinking about going overseas for missions or ministry for a year or so. You can reach the Utters at 7301 Ohio St., Little Rock, AR 72207; utterjp@gmail.com.

Ben '04 and Rita (Copeland) **Walker '04** address update: CMR 411, Box 340, APO AE 09112; mpman20@hotmail.com.

**Brandi (Garner) Bishop '05** is currently teaching second grade at Zalma Elementary School. She can be reached at Rt. 2, Box 2757, Advance, MO 63730; bbishop@

Aaron '05 and Kristen (Kentch) **Plunkett '07** address update: 315 N. Cheyenne, Clever, MO 65631; ashley\_musicgirl@yahoo.com.

**Matt Whiteley '05** address update: 22862 Aspen Rd., Sarcoxie, MO 64862; whitely.matt@gmail.com.

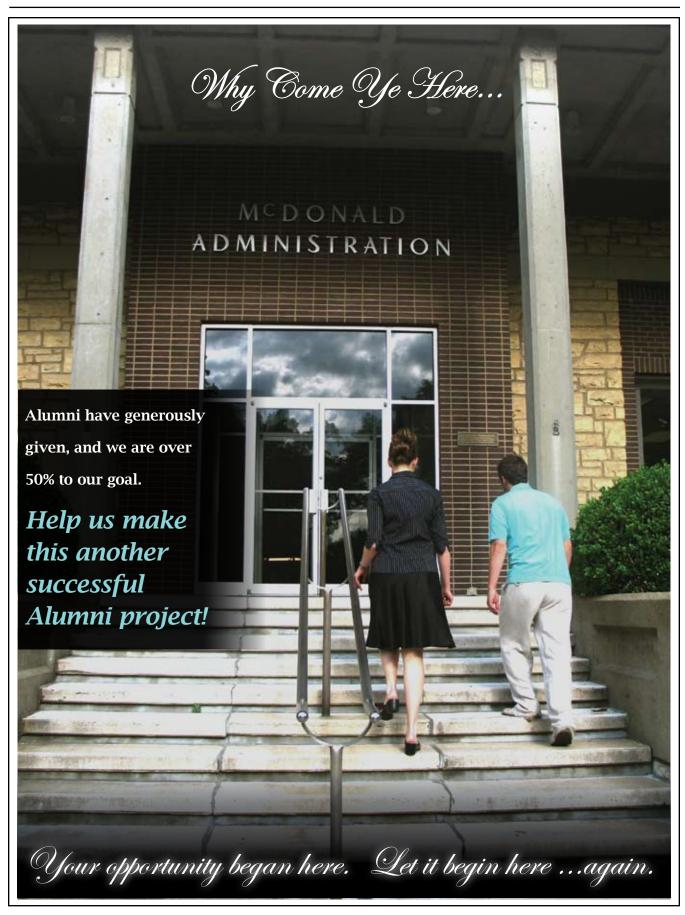
Andrew Woods '06 address update: HCR 1, Box 21, Williamsville, MO 63967; andy21p3r@msn.com.

Magan Curry '07 address update: 2052 N. Lyon Ave., Springfield, MO 65803; kmcurry@yahoo.com.

Jessica Stroud '07 address update: 601 W. Easy St. HH4, Rogers, AR 72756; angel\_72530@hotmail.com.

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### Current Alumni Project



### **Admissions Office Renovation & Addition**

### Alumni Goal = \$250,000

The College's Office of Admissions is the heartbeat of campus, bringing in new students to the campus each semester. Today, the office is housed in very close quarters on the second floor of the McDonald Administration Building.

In a year's time the staff and students of Admissions will:

- · Conduct over 1,000 interviews
- · Give over 1,500 tours
- · Prepare and mail 10,000 information packets

As alumni of the College, we began our opportunity at C of O starting at the Admissions Office. Without our acceptance, we could not be alumni today. Do you remember getting your acceptance letter to The School and how it changed your life? Honor your acceptance to S of O/C of O with your gift to the Admissions Office Renovation and Addition Project today.



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**Brian K. Anton '08** address update: 445 Eagle Dr., Forsyth, MO 65653; banton@forsyth3.k12.mo.us.

Nathan '08 and Janelle (Stolz) Carter '07 address update: 173 Andro Cir., Hollister, MO 65672; carterj@branson.k12.mo.us.

**Timothy Conroy '08** address update: 1135 Hwy. J, Black, MO 63625; switchfoot\_fan2@yahoo.com.

Sarah (David) Layton '08 married Jared Layton April 4, 2009, on campus in Williams Memorial Chapel. They currently live in Kirbyville and are searching for a house to buy. You can reach the Laytons at P. O. Box 201, Kirbyville, MO 65679; Srhnn84@aol.com.

### **Marriages**

Erin (Morgan) '99 Coleman married Mike Coleman on September 2, 2007. Both completed their master's degrees in Summer 2008. Erin is looking forward to hearing from C of O friends and classmates at 205 Genesis Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712; southernrazorbackgirl@gmail.com.

Cynthia (Davis) '02 Gebert and James Gebert were married on April 4, 2009. Cynthia works in St. Louis and can be reached on Facebook or at 6494 Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill, MO 63016; cynthia.eileen@yahoo.com.

Kristina (Cadanau) '08 Smith married Joshua Smith on September 28, 2008. They can be reached at #2 East 8th Street, Fulton, MO 65251; tinniekitty@yahoo.com.

#### **Births**

Ginger (Corbin) '93 and Charles Johnson are proud to welcome a son, Sawyer Wade, born October 28, 2008. The Johnsons can be reached at 4851 Turner Rd., Millen, GA 30442; cgjohnson1@hughes.net.

Aaron '02 and Kristy (Bossaller) '02 Berendzen announce the birth of their second child, Adalyn Bailey, on September 17, 2008. She joins her three-year-old brother, Tristen. The Berendzens' address is 505 Ellis Blvd. Apt. D25, Jefferson City, MO 65101; kristyb9@hotmail. com.

Jimmy '02 and Cindy (Casper) '02 Kinser proudly announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Josie Belle, born September 10, 2008. The Kinsers reside at 2708 N. 31st St., Ozark, MO 65721; CKinser104@aol. com.

Jaredd '03 and Heather King welcomed their third daughter, Maycee Aaron, February 25, 2009. Jaredd has also been elected to the City of Clever Board of Aldermen and the National Association of Credit Management Associates Council Board of Directors. The Kings live at 404 W. Brown St.,

Clever, MO 65631; clever\_kings@att. net.

Preston '03 and Stacy (Whisler) '03 LaDuke announce the birth of their second daughter, Carrie Hope, born October 17, 2008. Her older sister, Jenna, is now three. The LaDukes reside at 1213 S. 15th St., Ozark, MO 65721; pladuke35@hotmail.com.

Erin (Richardson) '03 and Cory Orr welcome the birth of their second child, Addison Lee. She was born December 3, 2008 and joins her two-year old big brother, Gavin. The Orrs live at 917B S. Golden Ln., Marionville, MO 65705; erinleeorr@gmail.com.

Carrie (Rennison) '05 and Bud Orvis announce the arrival of their first son, Toby Kane, on September 16. The Orvis' address is 73810 314 Ave., Lamar, NE 69023; rennison\_ care@yahoo.com.

Shayne '05 and Christina (Smith) '05 Robinson are proud to welcome two more beautiful daughters into their family, Karis Phoebe and Kaelyn Sophia on October 3, 2009. They joined two big sisters, Amara and Addy. The Robinsons reside at 401 Miranda, Dupo, IL 62239; sandcrobinson@gmail.com.

#### **Deaths**

Louise (Eoff) McManus '21 5/11/09 Macie Burkart '37 4/2/09 Charles J. Fain '40 1/14/09 Estelle (Hays) Huff '44 3/17/09 Eleanor (Wilson) Howell '48 4/19/09

Charlene (Allred) Sims '49 5/29/09 Janet (Snow) Lozano '51 12/14/08 Don Walker '52 5/15/09 Harold D. Davis '56 HS '58 JC 1/22/09

Edward L. 'Eddie' Beaver '77 3/21/09

Lorrie (Jones) Upson '82 5/25/09 Steven Paul Swan x'82 5/22/2009 Jody Dautenhahn '86 5/6/09 Kathy (Patton) Cooper '95 5/9/09

### 2009 Doc Good Day Cancelled

Approximately 100 alumni registered for Doc Good Day 2009, which unfortunately was cancelled due to rain. Although it is typically a biannual event, the special day of service has been rescheduled for next year on May 1. Registration information will be available in the winter edition of the *Alumni News* and online at www.cofo.edu. Mark your calendar for May 1, 2010!

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### Gift Bricks Continue to Be Available

Alumni gift bricks continue to be available for a gift of \$500, with the proceeds going to the endowment for the upkeep of the Alumni Center. Bricks can be inscribed individually, as a class project, in honor of, or as a memorial. Gift bricks will be ordered at the end of each academic year and installed during the following summer. The gift bricks beautifully flank the north and south sides of the gazebo at the entrance to the Alumni Center.

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