

CLASS NOTES – SPRING 2023

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Leonard Hines '58 and his wife Benita reside in Hampton Cove, Alabama, and have been married 48 years.

Thomas Himstreet '61 is retired and resides in Bend, Oregon.

Ed Detlie '72 has retired from private law practice, including 39 years handling Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability cases in Ottumwa, Iowa. However, he is now serving as a volunteer attorney at Iowa Legal Aid in Des Moines, handling Social Security Disability cases at no charge, and advising other Legal Aid attorneys on pending cases. He has joined a new attorney licensing category in Iowa, as an Attorney Emeritus, which limits his practice to handling volunteer cases at Iowa Legal Aid.

Scott Slechta '80 earned his Doctor of Education in Reading, Assessment & Literacy from Walden University in 2022. Scott and his wife Tricia reside in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

David Pearson '86 is enjoying his retirement splitting time between his new winter home in Rancho Mirage, California, and his summer home in northwest Iowa on West Lake Okoboji in Monarch Cove adjoining the United Methodist Campground.



John Hanley '00 was named Chief Marketing Officer for Equity Bank, leading branding, advertising and communication for the \$5 billion company with 70 bank offices through Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. During John's time leading the marketing efforts at Equity Bank, the company has grown from \$1 billion to \$5 billion in assets and he has led branding and communication for 10 mergers and acquisitions and led digital customer experience efforts for the

company, including Equity's online brand Brilliant Bank. John joined Equity Bank in 2012 as Director of Marketing and was promoted to Senior Vice President of Marketing in 2015. He also serves as Chair of the Advisory Board for the American Bankers Association (ABA) Marketing Conference.

Amanda Clark '01 is an educational consultant for PBLWorks, facilitating project based learning professional development workshops, courses and support services.

Jason Ott '01 is President – Private Risk Management at Aon. He and his spouse, Chris, reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Patrick Anderson '02 is Senior Vice President, Merchandising at Burlington in Los Angeles, California.



Michelle Checki Delker '04 launched a new financial services firm, The William Stanley CFO Group, in Tampa, Florida. The firm will support growing businesses by offering innovative solutions to diversify offerings, bolster margins, manage risk and ultimately maximize company profits. The name of the firm honors her late father, Ronald William Checki and her father-in-law, Douglas Stanley Delker. A Baton Rouge native with family ties to Des Moines, Delker brings nearly twenty years of experience in key finance roles, having spent almost a decade in both publicly traded and private sectors. Delker is a CFO and CPA with a Strategic CFO Certificate from Wharton Executive Education and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Tampa.

Lisa Rasmussen Ott '06 achieved National Board Certified Teacher for early and middle childhood music education in December 2022.

Laura Anderson '10 is Program Administrator at

Midwest Autism & Therapy Centers in Altoona, Iowa.

Shawna Robinson Crandon '10 is a Customer Service Representative at Emerson located in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Cori Baker Johnson '10 is an Underwriting Consultant at Principal Financial Group. She resides in Magnolia, Texas.

Emily VanMaele Rovinett '11 earned her Master's degree in educational technology from the University of Central Missouri in 2021.



Tyler Smith '13 was named Partner at Peddicord Wharton Law Firm in Des Moines, Iowa. Tyler focuses his practice in the areas of workers' compensation, personal injury, and employment litigation. As a trial lawyer, he helps clients see the "big picture" or long-term strategy of the case, which allows him to work with clients to resolve cases in the most efficient way

possible. Tyler earned his JD from Drake University Law School.

Jamie Williams Keecy '14 is a 1st Grade Teacher at Oskaloosa Elementary School.

Larissa Mincks Fothergill '16 is Senior Administrative Assistant – HR at Principal Financial Group in Des Moines, Iowa.

Olivia Sulentic '16 is a High School Spanish Teacher at Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mary Hudson-Smith '17 resides in San Francisco, California and earned her master's in education degree.

Nicole Evel Thayer '17 is a Physical Therapist at Johnson County Rehabilitation Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas.

Matt Hayden '18 joined the lab of Timothy Domeier, PhD in the MD/PhD program in cardiac physiology at the University of Missouri. He is attempting to characterize the mechanism by which an ion channel contributes to arrhythmogenesis and contractile dysfunction in the hearts of aged mice, potentially through modulation of lysosomal biology.

Brianna Fisher Jones '18 is an Accounting Manager at ExchangeRight Real Estate. She and her husband, Cody, reside in Victoria, Minnesota.

Mackenzie Finnegan Morris '19 is an Insurance Analyst II at CSAA.

Rachel Hollingsworth Lamparek '19 is an Associate Pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa City. She earned her Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 2022.

Katie Gassman '21 graduated from Allen College with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in August 2021. She is a prenatal nurse at Methodist West in West Des Moines, Iowa.

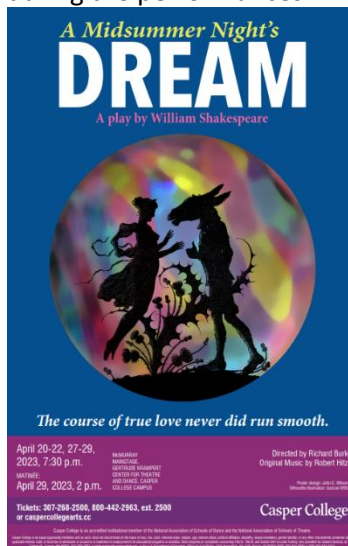
Bishnu Adhikari '22 is pursuing his Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence at John Hopkins University and is a Software Developer at Athene in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Jacob Morris '22 is a Salesperson for State Farm Insurance.

Erica Corrigan '23 is a Technical Analyst at McFarland Clinic in Ames, Iowa.



Theatre Simpson Alumni hosted a mini reunion in Casper, Wyoming. The group attended the production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* directed by **Richard Burk '75**. Attendees (pictured above L to R) included **Burk, Deborah John '74**, Abigail Puck Larsen, **John Wilson '76**, and **Jeff Ide '76**. **Wilson** was asked to design the performance poster (below) and his husband, Robert Hitz was invited to improvise music during the performances.

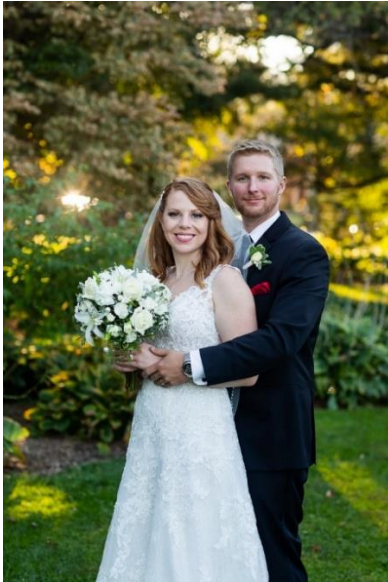


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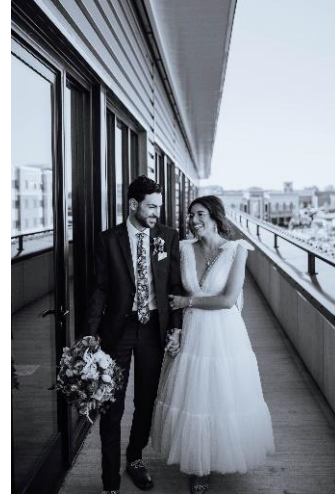


Jason Ott '01 and Chris Way were married September 24, 2022. The couple resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Shawna Robinson Crandon '10 and Rob Crandon were wed June 18, 2022. The couple resides in Le Grand, Iowa.



Lauren Schemmel Daufeldt '14 and Derek Daufeldt married October 1, 2022, and reside in De Witt, Iowa.



Larissa Mincks Fothergill '16 and Paul Fothergill were wed September 29, 2022. The Couple resides in Ankeny, Iowa.



Mary Hudson-Smith '17 and Paris Hudson-Smith married July 14, 2022, and reside in San Francisco, California.



Brianna Fisher Jones '18 and **Cody Jones** were wed October 23, 2021 in Long Lake, Minnesota. The couple resides in Victoria, Minnesota.



Mackenzie Finnegan Morris '19 and **Jake Morris '22** were wed October 8, 2022. The couple resides in Saint Charles, Iowa.



Keegan Lamparek '19 and **Rachel Hollingsworth Lamparek '19** married September 24, 2022 in Smith Chapel. The couple resides in Iowa City, Iowa.

BIRTHS/ADOPTIONS



Scout Hazel Busby, March 11, 2022, to **Cal Busby '09** and **Jamie Elbert Busby '13**.



Quinn Nora Davison, September 1, 2021, and Hope Elizabeth Davison, October 6, 2022, to **Brad Davison '13** and **Kayla Ferguson Davison '13**.



Vivian Rose Robinett, September 28, 2022, to **Emily VanMaele Robinett '11** and **Shane Robinett '11**.



Grant Irwin, February 9, 2023, to **Andrea Gerlach Irwin '14** and **Kent Irwin '14**.



James Allen Meints, June 27, 2022, to **Haley Blum Meints '17** and **Braden Meints '18**.

IN MEMORIAM

Grace Carpenter Green-Dickerson '41, December 29, 2022, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mildred Brown Walter '50, December 6, 2022, Lenox, Iowa.

Cecil Abarr '51, October 22, 2022, Savannah, Georgia.

William Peterson '51, March 23, 2023, Savannah, Georgia.

Dale Ferguson '52, March 10, 2023, Humboldt, Iowa.

Doris Buechler Finck '52, January 28, 2023, Robins, Iowa.

Donald Neumann '52, November 24, 2022, Des Moines, Iowa.

Evelyn Camp '53, October 30, 2022, Indianola, Iowa.

Roselea Penniston Richards '53, November 30, 2022, San Francisco, California.

Ross Williams '53, December 10, 2022, Briarcliff, Missouri.

Nancy Sisam Ratcliff '54, November 2, 2022, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Geraldine Moore Robinson '54, October 30, 2022, Atlantic, Iowa.

A. Roger Witke '54, February 19, 2023, Des Moines, Iowa.

Earl Boltinghouse '55, January 29, 2023, Osage Beach, Missouri.

Carol Shearer Shaw '56, December 17, 2022, Indianola, Iowa.

Dorothy Newman Burnett '57, January 13, 2023, Atlantic, Iowa.

Thomas Cambridge '57, March 24, 2023, Amarillo, Texas.

Donald Bartholomew '58, December 6, 2022, Carlisle, Iowa.

Franklin Wagner '58, July 30, 2022, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Daniel Cole '59, September 14, 2021, Houston, Texas.

Carl Tidgren '59, November 14, 2022, Camdenton, Missouri.

Robert Lewis '60, February 21, 2023, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Janet Kentfield Stafford '60, April 15, 2022, Des Moines, Iowa.

Janice Dolmage Wilcox '60, January 18, 2021, Wever, Iowa.

Larry Willits '60, March 15, 2023, Marshalltown, Iowa

Marilyn Middleswart McMullin '61, Hacienda Heights, California.

Leola Eddy Wright '61, January 10, 2023, Ackley, Iowa.

Caroll Snider '62, July 12, 2022, Albion, Iowa.

Max Dugger '63, October 28, 2022, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Denis Kale '64, April 30, 2022, Osceola, Iowa.

Patricia Matthew Wallman '64, January 11, 2023, Cortland, Nebraska.

Sandra Haarvig Blinn '65, December 6, 2022, Bothell, Washington.

Lynn Fox '66, December 29, 2022, Canton, Missouri.

Danny Hosfield '66, June 30, 2022, Overland Park, Kansas.

Fred Jones '66, January 8, 2023, Indianola, Iowa.

Marcia Kinney Tillson '66, October 22, 2022, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Sandra Ribble Harsh '68, December 25, 2020, Urbandale, Iowa.

Craig Knouf '68, December 24, 2021, Worthington, Ohio.

Karen Jackson Remington '68, August 17, 2021, Shawnee, Kansas.

Mary Eckhoff Barakat '69, November 5, 2022, Boulder, Colorado.

Marcia Follmann Frese '69, January 19, 2023, Bridgewater, Iowa.

Terry Hinman '69, June 4, 2022, Coralville, Iowa.

Ann Eighmey Clausen '70, July 10, 2020, Mason City, Iowa.

Richard Bower '71, November 2, 2022, Argyle, Texas.

Verle Guthrie '71, February 22, 2023, Englewood, Colorado.

Steven Ritenour '71, April 3, 2021, Preston, Iowa.

Madalyn Clarke Vander Linden '72, March 18, 2023, Indianola, Iowa.

Nancy Violette Hooton '73, November 13, 2022, Dyersville, Iowa.

Douglas Shafer '73, December 6, 2021, Tracy, Iowa.

William Smith '73, August 28, 2021, Lorimor, Iowa.

Joseph Funaro '74, December 17, 2016, Fair Oaks, California.

Dennis Lederer '74, March 16, 2023, Algonquin, Illinois.

Sheri Exline Ziegler '75, March 29, 2020, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Cheryl Lee Koch '76, March 12, 2023, Indianola, Iowa.

Edward Langgaard '76, February 23, 2022, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

John Hines '80, December 27, 2022, Urbandale, Iowa.

Brenda Malone Mateer '83, June 24, 2021, Norwalk, Iowa.

Shirley Miller '83, November 23, 2021, Seattle, Washington.

Kendra Peterson Woertendyke '84, August 31, 2021, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Kelli Cranston Rogers '86, February 10, 2021, Eldora, Iowa.

Beverly Looney Mackey '87, May 28, 2022, Diagonal, Iowa.

Timothy Mundell '87, October 2, 2019, Winterset, Iowa.

Montgomery Shawn Trainer '87, April 27, 2020, Des Moines, Iowa.

Darwin Green '89, June 10, 2021, Grand River, Iowa.

Beverly Major Miller '89, August 12, 2022, Indianola, Iowa.

Scott Krauth '91, July 4, 2020, Grimes, Iowa.

Kevin Jackson '92, May 1, 2021, Johnston, Iowa.

Chad Ahlers '94, September 2, 2021, Algona, Iowa.

Matt Baumann '94, October 16, 2021, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mary Nielsen '95, October 5, 2022, Urbandale, Iowa.

Jon Bauer '01, January 21, 2022, Marshalltown, Iowa.

Sarah Miller Bryan '04, January 28, 2023, Perry, Iowa.

Brian Chambers '12, October 17, 2022, Eddyville, Iowa.

Tyler West '18, December 22, 2022, Pueblo, Colorado.

Shelby McCasland '22, December 23, 2022, Saint Charles, Iowa.

Faculty & Staff

Max Blair, September 2, 2022, New Virginia, Iowa.

Tom Chaney, November 26, 2022, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Donald Dittmer, January 14, 2023, Concordia, Missouri.

Fred Jones '66, January 8, 2023, Indianola, Iowa.

Richard Krumme, October 25, 2022, Prole, Iowa.

Kay Lebeda, September 29, 2022, Urbandale, Iowa.

Barbara Traster, February 23, 2023, Parkville, Missouri.