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# Strategic Plan in Action: The Power of Philanthropy

In the past two issues of Lakeland magazine we have introduced the college's comprehensive strategic plan and shared stories about specific actions we have taken to improve the Lakeland experience for students.

Much of the college's innovation is propelled by the gifts of our donors. In this issue, we acknowledge the people whose gifts are helping Lakeland deliver on its promise and making it possible for us to implement our strategic plan.

To demonstrate the power of recent gifts, this issue highlights two initiatives that align perfectly with the strategic plan. The first is the creation of new cell and exercise science laboratories which will create new learning opportunities for current students. The second is the unveiling of the first class of Sheboygan County Scholars, an initiative to keep some of the best and brightest local talent close to home.

We are grateful to those who continue to believe in the college and its mission of educating women and men of diverse backgrounds, preparing them to think critically, to communicate effectively, to succeed professionally and to lead ethical, purposeful and fulfilling lives. At a time when higher education faces numerous challenges, alumni and friends provide the college with the resources so that our students can continue to excel in the classroom, on the stage and on the fields of competition.

Dan Eck,

President

Dr. Cliff Feldmann '69 remembers vividly the care and support he received as a Lakeland College student from many of his teachers, most notably, longtime chemistry professor and division chair David Rath.

This academic year, more than 45 years after graduating with a bachelor's degree, Feldmann, president of Sheboygan Falls-based Feldmann Engineering & Mfg. Co. Inc., made a gift of \$840,000 to Lakeland's natural sciences division. The money will fund a proposed new cell laboratory and exercise science laboratory that will provide new student research opportunities, set in motion significant expansion of the Lakeland Undergraduate Research Experience (LURE) and create new scholarships designed to attract top-tier, high-achieving students from throughout the Midwest.

These labs will be attractive draws for prospective students as the college works to increase enrollments in its natural science majors. Health science-related careers are expected to continue to grow over the next decade according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The cell lab, which will be housed in a renovated portion of the Chase Science Center, will give hands-on experiences to natural science students working with cell cultures and stem cells. Lakeland's assistant professor of biochemistry Jered McGivern feels that the creation of the lab will make Lakeland's program unique among smaller, liberal arts colleges by letting students have access to stem cell research. "Work with stem cells has grown dramatically in the last 10 years," McGivern said. "The research opportunities that will be created are ideal for students who want to enter graduate school and pre-professional programs like nursing, pharmacology, medical and dental."

Additionally, McGivern feels non-science students will benefit from the ethical discussions that could be held on campus. "The work in the lab will start a broader discussion on campus of what are stem cells and how should they be used?"

The exercise science lab is a natural next step in the evolution of Lakeland's popular exercise science and sport studies major. The lab, which will be housed in the Wehr Center, will provide a formal space designed for students to conduct research.

"We are limited in our research opportunities for current students by the availability of existing spaces that are well used for other purposes and the inefficiencies of the time needed to set up and take down equipment," said William Ebben, associate professor of exercise science and sport studies.

Ebben, who is leading the effort, designed similar labs at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. The lab will lend itself to his teaching model, which includes significant emphasis on engaging students in research. "Once this is completed, our program will be positioned as well as any other program that I am familiar with, and I know most of them in the region," Ebben said. "This really sets us up for future growth. The quality of our students and their experiences will evolve with this laboratory and the opportunities it gives them. This will be a really high quality lab space for teaching and research.

"Research can be the difference between students getting into many professional programs," Ebben said. "For students who want careers as physical therapists and other professional tracks, they need to do things that set themselves apart. This lab will give high quality undergraduate experiences."

Paul Pickhardt, chair of the natural sciences division and associate professor of biology, said some of Feldmann's gift will strengthen LURE, the college's 10-week summer program that allows

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undergraduate students to work alongside faculty members to design and conduct research which is later presented at regional and national conferences. Additionally, Pickhardt said Feldmann's gift will put Lakeland's programs in a stronger position to create new relationships with industry and community partners.

Feldmann said he's been impressed with Lakeland's commitment to the sciences and the focus on the same kind of faculty-student interaction that benefitted him more than four decades earlier.

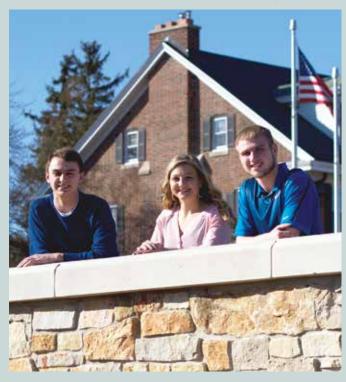
"Lakeland is a great setting for getting a good, private, liberal arts education in a small environment. But, this is getting more difficult for students with limited means," Feldmann said. "I want to help ensure that the same experience that I had many years ago is available for the next generation. That's the experience I had many years ago."

# Inaugural Sheboygan County Scholars Named

Three accomplished high school seniors comprise the inaugural class of Lakeland College Sheboygan County Scholars program, a new leadership-based initiative designed to retain the area's most promising young people and prepare them to assume future leadership positions within the region.

This first class of Sheboygan County Scholars includes: (l. to r.)

- MATTHEW SEIDER from Sheboygan Christian High School
- EMMA SCHAD from Sheboygan Falls High School
- ZACHERY MOCK from Howards Grove High School



The Sheboygan County Scholars program will annually award up to four full-tuition scholarships for four years to deserving high school graduates from the county who carry a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or score at least a 27 on the ACT.

"This program is another way that Lakeland is demonstrating it is an important asset to the region," said Lakeland President Dan Eck. "One goal of this program is to grow leaders for local companies. I'm well aware of the concerns that local business CEOs have about our future workforce. These scholarships will help us attract the area's most promising young people and prepare them for key positions at world class companies within the region."

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Students who enter the program will take part in a series of leadership initiatives developed by Eric Blacknall, Lakeland's senior director of student success and engagement. Students will:

- Become part of a leadership conclave which will include student leaders and presidents of other campus groups and organizations.
- Receive individualized instruction on how to become a leader, including lessons in leadership philosophy and how to identify their own leadership style. Students will have required readings on the different types of leadership and related topics and write reflection papers.
- Be asked to lead a student organization that fits with their interests, learn budgeting and how to assess organizational success.
- Participate in various Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce programs, including identification of a Chamber member to serve as a mentor. Students and their mentors will meet at least monthly for job shadowing and other discussions. Mentors will be invited to campus so students can demonstrate what they're learning about leadership.

"We are creating amazing opportunities for these students," Blacknall said. "They will have a lot of work to do, and we will be careful not to overwhelm them knowing they have to adjust to their first year of being in a college environment. Year one is about leadership awareness and building a foundation based on leadership."

In year two, students in the scholars program will become peer mentors and program evaluators. Over the course of their four years, students will have a variety of interactions with the college's senior leaders and be encouraged to aspire to larger leadership roles on and off campus.

"As we have more students enroll at Lakeland in this program, we will build a team of student leaders that will help one another and create a progressive environment that benefits all our students," Blacknall said.

Here's a closer look at Lakeland's first class of Sheboygan County Scholars:

- ZACHERY MOCK His extra-curricular activities in high school included football, golf, band, drumline, solo ensemble, forensics, church choir, student council and church-related volunteer work. He is a National Honor Society member, and he plans to major in communication with a minor in business at Lakeland.
- EMMA SCHAD Her extra-curricular activities included tennis, volleyball, serving as editor-in-chief of the yearbook and section leader in band. She is a National Honor Society member and is also a Spanish Honor Society member. Her volunteer work includes working at Catholic Heart Work Camp in Kansas and

serving during At Home Mission Week. She plans to major in communication.

• MATTHEW SEIDER – He earned all-conference honors in soccer and participated in basketball, yearbook, literature club, student council and the school's "Physics Tree Team." A member of the National Honor Society, he ranks second in his class. Numerous volunteer initiatives included working at the Above & Beyond Children's Museum, Habitat for Humanity and Sheboygan Bread Basket. He plans to major in mathematics and minor in statistics.

Jason Duff, the college's K-12 relations manager and coordinator of the scholarship program, said the program is welcoming a talented inaugural class.

"All three bring to Lakeland a solid academic foundation and an eagerness to be groomed as future community leaders," Duff said. "We feel extremely confident that they will set the standard for future classes to follow."

Approximately 25 percent of students in Lakeland's traditional campus program come from Sheboygan County, a number the college is working to increase. "As I traveled the county introducing this new scholarship program, the response from teachers, counselors and administrators was tremendously positive," Duff said. "These are educators who care not only about opening doors for their students, but also about the well-being of their community. This program addresses both of those areas."

# **21st Century Teaching**

If you take an accounting class with Brett Killion, get ready to have the classroom flipped around. Time in Killion's class is spent on discussions and problem solving, allowing you a chance to demonstrate that you understand course content.

The flipped classroom is one of the dynamic approaches to teaching designed to spur student engagement and learning used by Killion, an assistant professor of accounting now in his fourth year at Lakeland. It also makes him a good fit in his role as chair of Lakeland's Faculty and Professional Development Committee, which is charged with developing learning opportunities for Lakeland faculty related to advising, pedagogy and leadership.

The Faculty and Professional Development Committee is currently working to create the Teaching and Learning Academy. Although still in the early planning stages, the academy will create opportunities for faculty to re-imagine their courses, experiment with the latest classroom technology, attend conferences or visit other institutions to learn more about approaches that could be used at Lakeland.

"Many people think money is the biggest restrictor for faculty, but I think it's time," Killion said. "The Teaching and Learning Academy will give time for professional development and improved

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Assistant Professor of Accounting **Brett Killion** will soon be featured on videos used by accounting students across the country. Killion has developed online videos that students access outside the classroom to help them prepare for in-class work.

Last spring, Killion shared his videos with representatives from Pearson Higher Education, a textbook publishing company, and it led to him being selected to record all the online video lectures for two of the top selling college accounting textbooks in the nation. Videos featuring Killion will be completed this May. "I took that as a compliment," Killion said.

learning for students. Whether you're in your first year or 25th year of teaching, college is changing and there are new ways to do things. The academy will help our faculty stay on top of the best practices in college today."

Killion, who is in his 12th year of teaching, started using the flipped classroom after learning more about the approach in 2012. "It's not a silver bullet, but it's a step in the right direction of getting students active in class and engaged in learning opportunities so they retain more instead of listening to me lecture for 50 minutes and tuning me out," Killion said.

He also uses the mastery learning approach, which is effective in progressive coursework such as math, science and foreign language which feature content that builds on students' mastery of previous content. In Killion's accounting classes, students complete a mastery assessment after each chapter to make sure they're ready to learn new material.

"We want to make sure our students are learning the material at each step before being introduced to new material," Killion said. "I have seen scores in Introduction to Accounting improve compared to our historical average. It lowers testing anxiety for students because each exam is a smaller percent of their overall grade and, if they don't reach the needed score, they can retake a different version of the chapter exam to prove mastery. Students are held accountable for their work, and they feel more in control of their learning."

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The second annual Lakeland College Community Book Read was a success as former child soldier and current author ISHMAEL BEAH came to campus to liscuss his bestselling book, "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier." Students in several classes read Beah's book, and community members were also invited to read and be part of this interactive event. Beah spoke at an evening event open to the community, then had a breakfast Q&A session for Lakeland students. Prior to Beah's visit, three Lakeland faculty members— Associate Professor of History Krista Feinberg, Associate Professor of Writing Nate Lowe and Assistant Professor of Psychology Jessica Kalmar—led a spirite liscussion about the author and his work at Mead Public Library in Sheboygan. "A Long Way Gone," which was named one of the Top 10 Nonfiction Books of 2007, tells the story of Beah's experiences during the war and after his release, when he struggled to regain his humanity and to re-enter the world of civilians.

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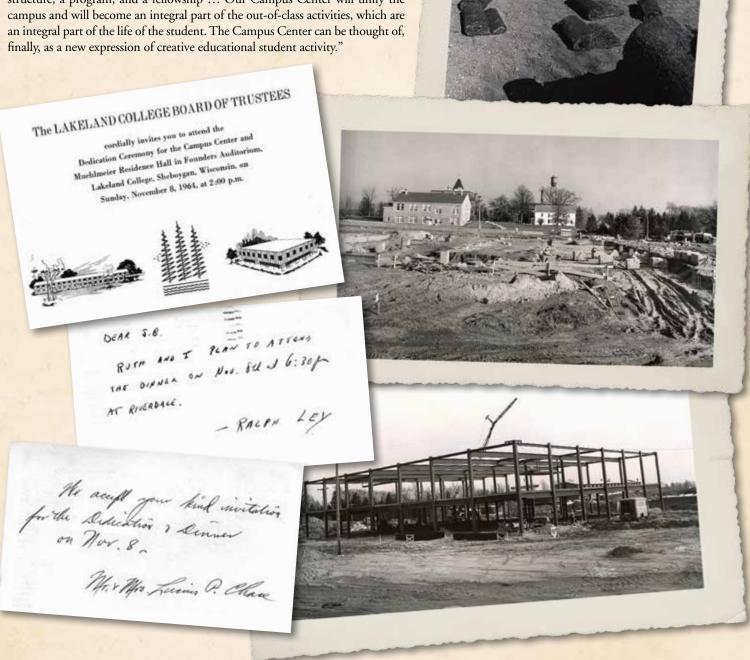
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Last fall marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of Lakeland's campus center and Muehlmeier residence hall. Both buildings were completed at a cost of \$1 million. The college celebrated the opening of the new buildings in grand style as thousands of area residents came to campus on Nov. 8, 1964, for an open house and dedication. The day included a program with remarks by Campus Minister Calvin Helming, Board of Trustees Chair Ralph P. Ley and Lakeland Vice President Ben Browne, performances by the Lakeland band and choir and tours of both buildings. The buildings were part of a 10-year campus development plan announced by the board in 1960.

Lakeland President John Morland wrote, "Our new Campus Center is a structure, a program, and a fellowship ... Our Campus Center will unify the



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#### **DAN FOCHS**

**Hometown:** Appleton, Wis. **Major:** Accounting

**About Dan:** Following the aggressive but realistic academic blueprint devised by Lakeland Assistant Professor of Accounting Brett Killion, Dan graduated from Lakeland with an accounting degree in just three-and-a-half years. Even more impressive, he earned 150 credits – the



number required to sit for Wisconsin's CPA exam – in that time frame. For most students, that takes five years. A 15-week internship at Schenk SC during his senior year led to a full-time staff position in the government/not-for-profit auditing department at Schenk's Green Bay office right after graduation.

Career Goal: Specializing in financial fraud prevention.

**Quotable:** "I had a great time at Lakeland, but I was ready to move on quickly and start my career. I was ready to put everything I learned at Lakeland to good use. The friendliness, the family atmosphere and the one-on-one attention from the professors at Lakeland really stood out. I didn't feel that at other schools I visited."

#### **JENNY KJIN**

Hometown: Madison, Wis.

Majors: Communication and nonprofit organization management

**About Jenny:** She was named Lakeland's 2013-14 Communication Student of the Year and is listed in "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges." She is past president of the Lakeland chapter of Habitat for Humanity and served as an admissions student ambassador and a resident hall assistant. She interned at the Sheboygan County Humane Society and the Dane County Humane Society. She completed her academic work in December and has started her professional career working at *ACUITY* in Sheboygan, Wis.

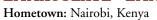
**Career Goal:** To work for a great company that sees my full potential and trusts me in my position.

Quotable: "As I was leaving Lakeland after my first campus visit, I knew I didn't have to do any more college visits. I knew in my heart that this was where I was meant to be. I was very comfortable. All of my



professors knew me on a first-name basis, and I knew them on a first-name basis. They cared about me."

#### EMMACULATE "EMMA" DIKA



Majors: International business and business management

**About Emma:** She completed four internships during her time at Lakeland: The Law Office of Mandy Tran Garrels; Lakeland's human resources department; Orion Energy Systems in Manitowoc; and Rockline Industries in Sheboygan, Wis.

**Career Goal:** Return to Kenya to start her own company so she can employ as many of her countrymen and women as possible.

**Quotable:** "My internships helped me develop professionally by improving my communication skills. Also, working with professionals helped me understand what is expected in the real business world."



#### KATE WALLEN

Hometown: Mundelein, Ill. Major: Exercise science and sport studies

**About Kate:** She served an internship at Generations, a non-profit community center in Plymouth, Wis., dedicated to improving community health and wellness. She planned, created and led everything from tee-ball leagues for youngsters to cardio programs for members of all ages to arthritis prevention and management classes for older members.

**Career goals:** Become a physical therapist and be involved in the fitness and nutrition industry.

**Quotable:** "What she's done here shines a very positive light on Lakeland College. She is so well-prepared and understands the complexities of putting together a variety of exercise plans for a variety of people with different needs. Getting people in the door to participate is one thing, but it's a lot harder to get them coming back. Kate did that with her programming and enthusiasm."

- Fred Brown, exercise and activities coordinator at Generations

#### **CODY LEMKE**

Hometown: West Bend, Wis. Major: Accounting

**About Cody:** Prior to graduating in December, Cody was receiving calls from prospective employers – some of whom he had never met. He eventually chose Huberty & Associates over three other offers, and is currently in his fourth month as a staff accountant there. Cody, a first team all-conference football player for the Muskies, completed two



successful internships, one with Dutchland Plastics in Cedar Grove, Wis., and another with Veritas Financial, an investment firm in Plymouth, Wis.

**Career goal:** Earn Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification and obtain a position working in wealth management.

**Quotable:** "I owe a great deal of my success to Lakeland's Student Success and Engagement Office. The professionals there really emphasize the importance of networking and being active in your internship and job search. Being active and seeking out the assistance of Lakeland's professionals was vital to my success."

#### **CHARLOTTE TADYCH**

Hometown: Plymouth, Wis.

Major: Secondary education and broad field social studies

#### About Charlotte: A

transfer from UW-Sheboygan, Charlotte has thrived within Lakeland's education division. She is student teaching this spring on the high school and middle school



level in her hometown. She worked with business faculty member Scott Niederjohn as an assistant in the college's Center for Economic Education. She helped organize conferences and workshops, including the annual event at Lambeau Field, evaluated results, developed curriculum and worked with teachers.

**Career goal:** To teach young people. "I have a passion for helping students become interested in things they may not have thought of. I love it when that lightbulb goes on. Then I realize, 'Hey, I helped them understand that."

**Quotable:** "I absolutely love teaching, and Lakeland has set me up for success. The education division at Lakeland is phenomenal. I was really challenged and enjoyed the wide variety of subjects I studied."



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Both locations feature technology-rich classrooms, laptop labs and a computer lab, a student lounge, office space, Wi-Fi throughout the facility and ample free parking. Classrooms are available for daytime rentals to businesses, clubs and other organizations. A gift from the Byron L. Walter Family Trust supported one of the classrooms in the Green Bay Center.

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# Hospitality Head Start



Blue Harbor Resort & Spa



The Osthoff Resort



Destination Kohler

Lakeland College, Blue Harbor Resort & Spa, The Osthoff Resort and Destination Kohler have partnered to create a new talent pool for area resorts and help Lakeland hospitality management students learn while they earn money for college.

As part of the agreement, Blue Harbor, The Osthoff and Destination Kohler will make a number of entry-level positions and/or internships available to Lakeland hospitality management students. The jobs are not guaranteed, and students will have to interview for any posted positions. Employers have the final say in hiring, and how long the students stay employed depends upon job performance and job availability by the program partners.

For the resorts, the partnership addresses challenges of attracting and retaining qualified and dependable employees, especially during holidays and the summer. Lakeland will allow students to live on campus during breaks and summers as part of the program.

"If you ask area executives across all industry sectors what their biggest challenge for the future is, they are likely to respond that the availability of a viable workforce is that challenge," said David Sanderson, vice president and general manager of Blue Harbor Resort & Spa.

"Tourism is no different. With this partnership, we have an opportunity to overcome that challenge, while providing a real-world practical laboratory for students to augment their academic requirements. The potential benefit for students to lower their need for student loans and thus reduce their debt load after graduation is important also."

Sanderson noted that Blue Harbor has hired several Lakeland graduates into management jobs during his four-year tenure, and he expects that number to grow.

"I believe this gives Lakeland College's hospitality program a real competitive edge in attracting high school graduates who are interested in a career within our industry," Sanderson said. "If students apply themselves, they will exit Lakeland with a bachelor's degree along with years of industry experience. As a hiring employer, I would view that as a distinct advantage."

Lola Roeh, general manager at The Osthoff Resort, agreed that the partnership addresses the labor challenge facing local employers. "Through this partnership, Lakeland will have the ability to provide professional experiences for students studying hospitality management, and The Osthoff will have access to a new labor distribution channel that's very industry focused," Roeh said. "We have always had access to Lakeland's student body, but now Lakeland will be promoting The Osthoff and the other partners as an opportunity for gaining experience in the field."

The partnership provides Lakeland students with a way to earn up to \$8,000 a year to put toward the cost of college at a time when students and parents are increasingly concerned about the rising cost of a college education and the increasing debt load.

"Students and parents want to be sure that their investment will end in a job with good pay and benefits that would not be available without earning a college degree," said Lakeland President Dan Eck. "This partnership could significantly reduce a hard-working student's debt load, and, in some cases, even completely eliminate student loan debt—a remarkable achievement that will set those students on a road to financial well-being immediately after graduation."

Local employers will have an opportunity to train and grow prospective full-time employees. "If we have people working here in a job or internship and they enjoy our culture and working in this environment and we respect their contribution, we've promoted these individuals to management positions," Roeh said. "For the Lakeland student, this is an opportunity to sample their choice of study as a future job. They have control over their own destiny, because if they enjoy their work this is a possible entrée to key positions being open to them after graduation."

Michael Belot, General Manager-Destination Kohler, said, "Destination Kohler is pleased to collaborate with neighboring Lakeland College to showcase our world-class American Club Hotel and other resort facilities as a classroom of sorts in both accommodations and guest services to a group of engaged, hospitality-focused students eager to explore career opportunities. We are pleased to have these students learn directly from our talented associates, who excel each day at providing five-star services for our guests."

Lakeland and its three hospitality partners will establish mutually beneficial work and class schedules. In some cases, Lakeland may explore holding certain classes on site at the employer's facilities.

"This partnership puts Lakeland in a position to recruit and retain top students for our program, which translates into a reliable workforce for our region," said Chuck Stockman, Lakeland professor of hospitality management and chair of the college's business division.

Stockman worked in the hotel and restaurant industry for almost two decades before joining Lakeland's faculty in 1994. "Our students will have opportunities to graduate having already worked entry-level positions in some of the region's top resorts, giving them better chances of obtaining higher level jobs after graduation," Stockman said. "Our partners will have a chance to grow and mold these students with an eye toward full-time employment after graduation."



# CARING FOR COMMUNITY

It was a long, cold winter, but thanks to Lakeland's Beta Sigma Omega fraternity, many Sheboygan-area residents in need felt a bit warmer. In February, the Betas loaded up a Salvation Army van with two huge plastic barrels and several large garbage bags full of donated clothes. The pickup was the culmination of the Betas' month-long Salvation Army clothing and toiletry donation drive. "What these young men do for our community has such a positive impact," said Carrye Jo Cony, volunteer coordinator for the Sheboygan Salvation Army. "The most amazing thing about them is that they regularly contact me and ask me how they can help us. And at the same time, I've always been able to rely on them to help when other people have canceled on us. They are always there for us."

Rachael Milner (left) and Emily DesJardins are two of the first five Lakeland students that will transfer to Columbia College of Nursing in Glendale, Wis., this fall. Pre-nursing students successfully complete two years of liberal arts core classes on Lakeland's main campus, then seamlessly transfer to Columbia as direct admits. There, they complete the final two years of clinically intensive nursing curriculum and earn Bachelor of Science degrees from Columbia. There are currently more than two dozen pre-nursing students enrolled at Lakeland. For those students who continue nursing, they are guaranteed placement within the vast Columbia St. Mary's network of hospitals and clinics.



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#### THE LAKELAND COLLEGE MIRROR recently won.

first place in the prestigious "Best of Show" category for four-year, non-weekly publications at the Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest contest in Minneapolis, Minn. Members of the staff are pictured. In addition, Lakeland junior Ben Wilks of Milwaukee took first place in the editorial/commentary category for his column writing and sophomore Karalee Manis of Oswego, Ill., earned fourth place in that same category. The Mirror is a dynamic class where the school newspaper and the website and social media content are planned and created by students – giving them real-world, hands-on experience. Two Lakeland College staff members, Senior Marketing Specialist Pete Barth and Community Relations Manager Gina Covelli, who have a combined 30 years of professional newspaper experience, serve as advisors to the students.

#### LOREN & ROSEMARY TIEDE PLAZA DONORS

The following individuals have made gifts to create a new campus plaza near the Wehr Center and to establish an endowed scholarship to honor Loren and Rosemary Tiede.



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#### 1962

David Wacker, of Keaau, Hawaii, was inducted in to the Plymouth, Wis., High School Alumni Hall of Fame on Oct. 10, 2014. He was honored for his 22 years of teaching and eventually taking over the family photography business. He was honored as Wisconsin Teacher of the Year and Wisconsin Photographer of the Year. He has authored and co-authored numerous books on biology and photography and was recognized internationally as the Photographer of the Year by the Senior Photographer International Association.

#### 1971

Robert Trester retired on Jan. 17, 2014, from his position as rental manager at Bobcat Plus, Inc. in Butler, Wis. Also, Robert writes to say that his wife, Margaret, passed away on Aug. 16, 2014.

#### 2003

Luke and Monica (Hetzel) Pfeifer '06 celebrated the birth of their first child, Bayleigh Gwen Pfeifer, on March 7. The family lives in Renton, Wash.

#### 2006

Courtney Gatlin is the director of Strength Through Leadership, LLC, a mentoring service which he founded. S.T.L. Mentoring helps at-risk youth positively transition into adulthood by providing group and individual mentoring, supervised visits for parents and children working towards reintegration and working with young people to teach independent living skills. Learn more about them online by visiting their Facebook page.

Ryan Maiuri MAC '08 was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Central College in Pella, Iowa.

Nathan Volkomener has been named a shareholder at Huberty CPAs and Trusted Advisors. He will oversee the Plymouth, Wis., location while working to further develop the presence of Huberty CPAs in the Sheboygan County marketplace. Nathan resides in Plymouth with his wife, Samantha.

#### 2008



Allison (Komaromy) Norman and her husband, Zach, celebrated the birth of their first child, Mya Jo, on Oct. 15, 2014. The family lives in Sheboygan Falls, and Allison is a math teacher at Sheboygan North High School.

Megan Stock MBA '10, of Libertyville, Ill., will marry Eric Pickell on April 25 in Lake Geneva, Wis. Megan recently started a new job with Kraft as a global category manager, HR services procurement.

#### 2009



Peter Worth and Kristine Raeder '10 were married on Oct. 25, 2014, at Zion Covenant Church in Sheboygan, Wis. Musko made an appearance, and Brittanie Paulus '10 was a member of the bridal party. The couple resides in the Town of Sheboygan, and they are both claims representatives at *ACUITY*.

#### 201

Jessica Lillie, also known as Lillie Lemon, of Monterey, Calif., released her first album of original music, entitled /brak/, on Feb. 28. She began writing her own songs

while attending Lakeland, and she says many these tracks are about people and places that influenced her while attending Lakeland. Learn more about her career at www.facebook.com/lillielemonmusic. Email: lillielemon@gmail.com



Chris Collins married Hilary Puksich '11 on May 31, 2014. The couple is expecting their first child this June. They live in Saukville, Wis. Chris is a partner with Collins Financial Group (insurance and investments), and Hilary is a liability claims adjuster with Farmers Insurance.

Jane Gundrum of Plymouth, Wis., recently accepted the QA Specialist – Incoming Inspector at Sargento Foods, Inc. in Plymouth. Jane joined Sargento in 2008.



Blaine Horness and Kim Linger were married on Sept. 13, 2014. Kim is a registered nurse at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wis. Blaine is a pre-press lead in the pre-print group at Menasha Corporation. They are expecting their first child this July.

#### 2.01

Nicole Shavlik and her fiancé, Mike DeRoehn, celebrated the birth of their first child, Madalynn Marie, on March 9. Nicole works as a teacher's assistant for special needs students at Platteville High School. Mike is head wrestling coach at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Christina Moore and Justin Laack '13 are engaged and planning a wedding this July. She works at Miller Electric and is an assistant high school girls basketball coach, and Justin works in outside sales support at Fastenal. The couple has purchased a home near Appleton.

#### 2014

Melissa Christiansen is engaged to Derek Madson. The couple plans a fall 2016 wedding. She is working as a teller at Nicolet National Bank.



Katie Freitag married Stephen Maris on Aug. 15, 2014. Melissa Christiansen '14 was a bridesmaid and Brittany Reindl '14 was personal attendant. Katie is a commercial lines underwriter at *ACUITY* and Stephen is a staff pastor at Word of Grace Community Church. The couple lives in Sheboygan.

Chris Lindeke MAC married Anna Havivah on July 19, 2014. He is sports information director at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. The couple lives in New Berlin.

# **ALUMNI EVENTS**

May 16 Movers & Shakers Gala

May 21 Second Annual Lakeland Day

June 19 Blasters Classic Golf Tournament

June 25 Second Annual Educator Appreciation Event

Sept. 26 Homecoming: Inaugural Big Fish Festival

# IN MEMORIAM

Lakeland College has been notified of the following deaths of alumni and friends of the college:

Rev. Ernest Lauer '44 of Lincoln, Neb., on Sept. 6, 2014.

Ralph Pippert '44 of Kiel, Wis., on Aug. 31, 2014.

Donald Mathewson '47 of Newark, Del., on Jan. 31, 2015.

Robert Poetsch '50 of Douglas, Mich., on May 17, 2012.

Elmer Wieting '50 of Fort Myers, Fla., on Aug. 29, 2014.

Elroy Hansman '53 of Appleton, Wis., on Dec. 22, 2014.

John Hanlon '55 of Tigerton, Wis., on Sept. 27, 2014.

Carl Fintelmann '56 of Loveland, Colo, on Jan. 7, 2015.

Arnold Schaeffer '57 of Green Bay, Wis., on Aug. 26, 2014.

Elroy Miller '58 of Sheboygan, Wis., on Nov. 18, 2014.

Kenneth Valleskey '58 of Lehigh Acres, Fla., on Feb. 2, 2015.

Eugene "Bud" Ertman '59 of Two Rivers, Wis., on Aug. 11, 2014.

Mildred (Smeltz) Mainzer '59 of Camarillo, Calif., on Apr. 4, 2014.

Richard Meilahn '59 of Plymouth, Wis., on Nov. 14, 2014.

**Dale Johnson-Philipsen '61** of Ypsilanti, Mich., on Dec. 22, 2014.

Susan (Rezash) Glinski '64 of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., on Feb. 5, 2015.

Cheryl (Erdmann) Muller '65 of Houston, Tex. on July 3, 2014.

**Kurt Sampson '65** of Rhinelander, Wis., on Oct. 22, 2014.

David Wiesman '65 of Woodstock, Ill., on Dec. 16, 2014.

Jay Parkins '71 of Southern Pines, S.C. on Sept. 18, 2014.

Debra Dix '75 of Madison, Wis., on Jan. 4, 2015.

Christian Spangberg '77 of Wausau, Wis., on Sept. 2, 2014.

Frances (Stempihar) Stanisch '79 of Sheboygan, Wis., on Nov. 5, 2014.

Christine (Nesemann) Wieser '79 of Plymouth, Wis., on Sept. 8, 2014.

Jenine (Behnke) Carpenter '88 MEd '97 of Sheboygan Falls, Wis. on Nov. 7, 2014.

Charles Miller '88 of Oregon, Wis., on Aug. 19, 2014.

Gerald Durian '89 of Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 8, 2014.

Edward Lachat '90 of Sobieski, Wis., on Oct. 2, 2014.

Michael J. Sheldon, '91 of Oconomowoc, Wis., on Jan. 4, 2015.

Neal Burkle '95 of Waunakee, Wis., on Jan. 29, 2015.

Mica Friederick '98 of Galena, Ill., on Jan. 12, 2015.

Julie (Vruwink) Jonsson '00 of Sherman Oaks, Calif., formerly of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., on Oct. 14, 2014.

Bashir-Frank Chipanda '03 of Blantyre, Malawi on Jan. 6, 2015.

Andrew Nourse '05 of Weston, Wis., on July 7, 2014.

Mark Witzeling '06 of Sheboygan, Wis., on Sept. 17, 2014.

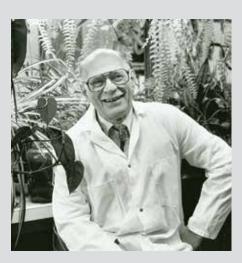
Terri Walker-Devoy MAC '08 of Lake Geneva, Wis., on Feb. 2, 2015.

**Debra Rahn '13** of Sheboygan, Wis., on Feb. 3, 2015.

William Bahlow (former staff) of Sheboygan, Wis., on Oct. 5, 2014.

LaVerne Carter (friend of the college) of Sheboygan, Wis., on Sept. 15, 2014.

# IN MEMORIAM



Allen Wangemann '55, a revered biology professor for more than 40 years at Lakeland and a champion of preserving the college's history, passed away on Dec. 6, 2014. He was 86.

After graduating from Mission House with a bachelor's degree in biology, Wangemann joined Lakeland's faculty in 1956, retiring in 1997 after 41 years, one of the longest faculty tenures in the college's history. He was named faculty emeritus. He taught many of the college's science courses and coordinated Lakeland's medical technology program, which offered students internships at Midwestern hospitals. He also conducted his own research, including teaming up with the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., to research parasitic diseases in mummy tissue.

He was honored for service to the college in 1980 by Lakeland College Alumni Association, and in 1981 was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by the college.

In retirement he served many years as curator of Lakeland's museum and often spoke to local organizations about the history of Mission House and Lakeland.

He was known for having a strong rapport with students, and he influenced many students to pursue careers in science and medical fields, including Lakeland's own Professor of Biology Kathy Rath Marr. He was named Student Government

Association Teacher of the Year in 1987-88 and in 1993 won the Underkofler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

A world traveler, he participated in archaeological expeditions in North America, Egypt and the South Pacific.

Gifts in his memory may be made to the Allen and Jeanette Wangemann Scholarship.



Alice Senty, a former Lakeland College Trustee and a generous friend of the institution, passed away on Sept. 29, 2014. She was 91.

Senty served as a Lakeland Trustee from 1994-2006, and later was named Trustee Emeritus. In 2007, the college honored her with an honorary doctor of humane letters to recognize her lifetime of civic engagement and service to her community. It was one of many honors and awards she received for her work.

A lover of learning, she would often attend academic and other events at Lakeland to broaden her own circle of knowledge. In addition to her role as a Trustee, Senty also served on Lakeland's Church Relations Board.

Gifts in her memory can be made to the Alice K. Senty Scholarship Fund at Lakeland College.

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The Rev. Louis Grossen '51, who served the college in several important roles, passed away on Jan. 16, 2014. He was 85.

A Mount Horeb, Wis., native, Grossen attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, but transferred to Mission House College, where he graduated in 1951. In 1954 he graduated from the Mission House Theological Seminary (now the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities) with a Master of Divinity degree. On Aug. 22, 1953, he married the former Margery Gaul, a 1954 Mission House graduate.

An ordained United Church of Christ minister, Grossen served a number of pastorates throughout the Midwest before being named director of alumni relations at Lakeland in 1976. Later he became the college's director of planned giving and church relations, before retiring in 1995. He was instrumental in the college publishing its first alumni directory, led alumni giving to record highs and logged tens of thousands of miles driving to speaking engagements around the Midwest to share the Lakeland story.

He received the Outstanding Alumni Award and Lakeland's award for distinguished service. In retirement, he served on the college's Sesquicentennial Committee.

Memorial gifts may be sent for the Grossen Scholarship Fund at Lakeland.

# 1995 GRAD LEADS AWARD-WINNING TV TEAM



Marybeth Jacoby '95, the news director at WLTX in Columbia, S.C., led an investigative team that won a 2015 Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia University Award for Outstanding Local Television Investigative Reporting. The award was presented Jan. 20 in New York.

The WLTX team was honored for its series on a four-year-old boy who died while in the care of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. After the news reports, the agency's state director resigned and policy changes occurred in the Child Protective Services Division, according to a press release by WITX.

After graduating from Random Lake High School, Jacoby earned a diploma in fashion merchandising. After working full time as a retail manager, she took a job with a Milwaukee TV station. Meanwhile, she was taking night classes at Lakeland's Milwaukee Center. She earned a degree in marketing in 1995, and her career in TV news soared. In Milwaukee, she became a special projects producer and helped lead coverage of the Green Bay Packers' Super Bowl win in February, 2011.

"The Lakeland night program is really good for anyone looking to continue their education," she said. "When you go back to school as an adult, you love it so much more than when you were young. It's much more fulfilling. School at Lakeland was great. I really enjoyed learning and being in my classes, and I really appreciated the professors. I loved it."

# **Eight Honored at Alumni Awards Banquet**

Last October, as part of Homecoming weekend, the college honored a number of individuals for their achievements and positive impact on the college. Eight people were named award recipients at the annual Alumni Awards Banquet. The winners included:

#### Service to the College Award: Dave Aldag '83

Aldag, a long-time supporter of Lakeland and a past Lakeland College Alumni Association Board president, competed as a dancer in the 2009 Movers & Shakers Gala and was an active member of the college's Sesquicentennial planning committee. He has also presented at Alumni College and has been a long-time participant in the Blasters golf tournament.

#### Service to the College Award: Carroll and Marilyn Olm '46, '86, '47

Carroll and Marilyn (known to many as Olmie and Blondie) are longtime friends of the college. For years, Olmie wrote "The Echo," an entertaining, informative, email newsletter that was popular with alumni from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Devoutly religious, Olmie, a retired UCC minister, has dedicated his life to the church. Olmie is a Hall of Fame member who competed in football, basketball, track and tennis, earning the 1945 and '46 Student-Athlete of the Year awards.

#### **Outstanding Recent Alumni Award:** José Araujo '05 MBA '09

Araujo served for five years as the program director at Partners for Community Development in Sheboygan before accepting the opportunity to become the associate director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin. He has remained active with the college by participating in focus groups and career development programming. Araujo received the Top Young Professional Award of Sheboygan County in 2013.

#### The President's Richard C. Preuhs Award: Kathy Rath Marr '76

Rath Marr, who has taught at Lakeland College for 27 years, grew up on campus while her father taught and led the natural science division. A professor of biology and past winner of the Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching award, Rath Marr wrote "Into the Grether Woods," which details the ecology around campus. She has given tours of the woods to alumni during Homecoming weekend, has taught at a number of Alumni College events and is dedicated to her students and her alma mater.

#### Honorary Alumni Award: **Keith and Carol Striggow**

Keith and Carol have been pillars of the Lakeland family for more than 30 years. Earlier this year, they established the Keith and Carol Striggow Fund for Research and Learning. Keith was named faculty emeritus when he retired in 2005 after 32 years of service to Lakeland. From 1993-96 he served as provost, and was acting president for one term in 1995. He was the college's chief academic officer for 12 years, was dean of students for two years and chaired three different academic divisions. He is regarded as one of the finest teachers in the college's history, having won the Student Government Teacher of the Year Award twice, the Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award and the Alumni Association Outstanding Faculty Award.

#### Professional Achievement Award: Dan Verbanac '98

Verbanac, president of WPS Energy Services in Green Bay, graduated with a degree in computer science. In the mid-1990s, Daniel helped Integrys Energy Services become one of the leading natural gas and electricity suppliers in the U.S. and Canada. In 2009, he was charged with leading the newly restructured Integrys after serving as director of trading operations, vice president, senior vice president and chief operating officer. He is also a 2002 graduate of the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

# Four Named to Hall of Fame

Lakeland College inducted three standout athletes and a remarkable coach into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend in October. Leslie (Jerks) Laster '98, Dominic Schanen '99, Cory Nickel '04 and former softball and women's basketball coach Jane Bouche were

The incoming class of four inductees increases membership in Lakeland's Hall of Fame to 151.



LASTER was a two-sport standout, earning numerous honors in basketball and volleyball. She graduated with a psychology degree in 1998 and a master of arts in counseling

degree in 2010, and today is a guidance counselor at Horace Mann Middle School in Sheboygan. Originally from Iron Mountain, Mich., she lives in Sheboygan with her husband, Santino Laster '05, and their family.



#### SCHANEN is

one of the most accomplished wrestlers in the college's history, and is the first wrestler inducted into the Lakeland Hall of Fame. He was the first to

qualify for NCAA Division III Nationals, advancing in 1998 and 1999 at 125 pounds. He is also Lakeland's only two-time NCAA Academic All-American. In addition to his success as a wrestler, Schanen was a back-toback conference cross country champion in 1997 and 1998.

He graduated with a computer science degree in 1999, and today is director of technology and membership services for the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Originally from Port Washington, Wis., he lives in Muskego, Wis., with his wife, the former Carrie Czajka '00, and their family.



**NICKEL** had

an outstanding basketball career, finishing ninth on the alltime scoring list (1,498 points), fourth all-time in steals (191) and sixth all-

time in assists (366) and 3-point field goals made (136). He was the 2003-04 Lake Michigan Conference Player of the Year and helped lead that year's team to the program's only NCAA Tournament appearance.

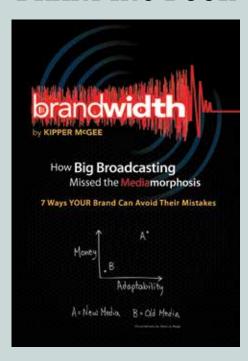
He graduated in 2004 with a double major in accounting and business administration. He is co-owner of two Dairy Queens, one in Manitowoc and one in Norway, Mich. He is a certified public accountant and works as a controller for Wisconsin Feed Mill Builders based in Manitowoc. Originally from Pipe, Wis., he lives in Howards Grove with his wife, Vanessa, and their family.



**BOUCHE** joined Lakeland's athletic staff in 1989, and in five seasons as head women's basketball coach and eight seasons as head softball coach, she helped position Lakeland's programs among the best in the region. The softball program won six regular-season or tournament championships in her eight seasons, and she is tied for the most wins by a coach in Lakeland softball history.

Bouche was later named Lakeland's athletic director in 1993, and in 2012 she was named an admissions advisor in Lakeland's Evening, Weekend and Online program.

# 1977 GRAD **PUBLISHES BRANDING BOOK**



Veteran radio manager, program director and consultant Cliff "Kip" Bedore '77 will see his new book "Brandwidth: How Big Broadcasting Missed the Mediamorphosis," published this spring by Eckhartz Press in Chicago. McGee offers seven ways brands can avoid their mistakes.

Bedore is an RAB Certified Digital Marketing Consultant, whose client list ranges from Fortune 500 companies like Nokia and Delta Airlines, to Internet startups, broadcast networks, groups and stations. Since 2013 he has also been involved in talent management and representation.

He has managed and programmed such successful and award-winning radio stations as WLS/Chicago, WDBO/Orlando, KTRS/ St. Louis, WMIL/Milwaukee and KBEST95/ San Diego.

Now as Chief Brandwidth Strategist at Kipper McGee LLC, he is a frequent speaker, panelist and presenter at national broadcast conventions and numerous group and corporate meetings. His comments, columns and articles have been published in America's leading trade publications.

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#### **Barbara Gannon becomes** chair of Board of Trustees

Barbara Gannon became chair of the Lakeland College Board of Trustees at its February 2015 meeting. A member of the board since 2003, she was elected to the position at the board's October meeting.

Gannon, vice president of corporate communications and government affairs at Sargento Foods Inc., has served as chair for the marketing and development committee for the past two years. She was also a member of the task force that developed the vision for the college that served as the foundation for Lakeland's 2020 plan, which guided the college's operational plans from 2008 until completion of the current strategic plan. She lives in Plymouth, Wis.

She takes over from Robert Melzer, a member of the board since 1971 and the board's chairperson since 1998. He will continue as immediate past-chair and serve on the board's executive committee.

In other moves, the board approved the following officers for 2014-15:

- Peter Reddin '68 as vice chair and treasurer. He is a developer in Door County and resides in Ephraim, Wis.
- William Sheldon '66 as secretary. He is retired president and CEO of Eisai, Inc., and resides in Winter Park, Fla.

#### **Computer science faculty** member promoted

Cindy Lindstrom was granted tenure in February and promoted to associate professor of computer science.

Under Lindstrom's leadership, enrollment in the computer science major has tripled since she joined Lakeland's faculty full time in 2009. Her courses mix classroom lectures and hands-on activities related to the most recent topics in IT, and she is working with regional employers, like The Manitowoc Company, to create internships that have students working on real industry issues.



She also helped lead the creation of a partnership with ACUITY and Sheboygan South High School that has created dual-credit computer science course opportunities at South paired with internship opportunities at ACUITY to keep the best and brightest local computer science students studying and working close to home.

Prior to joining Lakeland's faculty, Lindstrom spent more than 20 years analyzing and creating technology systems in the corporate world. She worked in a variety of sectors and has expertise in systems analysis and design, international project management, training and course design and system programming and support.

To go with the practical experience, she has a Doctor of Education in higher education with an emphasis in computing and information technology from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., a master's degree in administration with a systems analysis emphasis from UW-Green Bay and a bachelor's in business administration/management information systems from Michigan Technological University. She taught computer science as an adjunct instructor at Lakeland's Green Bay Center from 1992-2005.

#### Alumni return to share professional experiences with students

Nine successful Lakeland graduates returned to campus this winter to share their stories with prospective and current students. Five alumni returned for the Business Colloquium, and four for the Science Colloquium.

The business alumni spoke with a handful of prospective future students in a roundtable format, then discussed their careers, recounted their Lakeland experience and offered advice to about 300 current students.

The visiting alumni included:

- José Araujo, who earned his bachelor's degree in international business in 2005 and his master of business administration in 2009, is the senior associate director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin.
- Celine Elzinga, a 2010 graduate, is the director of human resources at nationally known Contemporary Services Corporation in Washington, D.C.
- Rachel Pokorny, a 2001 summa cum laude graduate with a triple major (economics, marketing and business administration), is the business and financial coordinator at Froedtert Health in Milwaukee.
- James Robinson, a 1996 graduate (business administration/economics), is executive vice president and general manager of sales for Camera Corner Connecting Point.
- Joe Steffensmeier, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in accounting in 2004, is a capital project analyst at Sargento Foods.

The science alumni conducted a panel discussion in front of more than 80 current Lakeland students, then later met with smaller groups in classrooms. The visitors were:

• **Kevin Anderson**, who earned his biology degree from Lakeland in 2007 before

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- earning his Doctor of Chiropractic and opening his own business. He now owns his own practice in Terre Haute, Ind.
- Ashley Doran, who graduated magna cum laude with a biochemistry degree in 2012, works as a forensic DNA technician for the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Delaware. Following her time at Lakeland, Ashley earned a Master of Science in Forensics from Michigan State University.
- Russ Sprunger, a 1975 graduate, majored in math and physics at Lakeland. He earned his master's degree in computer science from Purdue University in the mid-1970s and founded multiple startups. He currently works for a startup group within software giant Intel and lives with his family in Sherwood, Ore.
- Heather Wilsing, who graduated from Lakeland in 2007 with a degree in biology, is an associate veterinarian at Sheboygan Animal Hospital. After graduating from Lakeland, she earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois.

# Lakeland honors MLK with Peace Walk

Lakeland celebrated Martin Luther King Day with a Peace Walk on Jan. 19. Members of the Lakeland community – students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college – gathered at the Younger Family Campus Center, then walked to Immanuel United Church of Christ, located on the corner of County Highways M and FF.

The Lakeland group was joined by Immanuel congregation members at the church for remarks about King's legacy, a message of peace and singing.

# Chemistry Club provides lessons for Sheboygan Falls students

More than 60 Sheboygan Falls High School juniors and seniors spent a day at Lakeland this winter engaged in various chemistry experiments conducted by Lakeland Chemistry Club students.

"This was great experience for the high school students and our Chemistry Club students," said Brian Frink, Lakeland's professor of chemistry and physics. "The high school students were able to participate in lab experiences that otherwise would not have been possible in their regular school day. And our Chem Club students were able to share their passion for chemistry and develop their leadership skills."

Jered McGivern, associate professor of biochemistry, played an integral role in the success of the collaboration. McGivern helped orchestrate some of the experiments and provided troubleshooting throughout the day.

"This was a great example of a high school and Lakeland partnering to create a unique learning experience," said Jason Duff, Lakeland's K-12 relations manager.



"This is the future of education, where the boundaries between high school and college come down and we work together to further education as a whole."

# Lakeland Band works with Plymouth students

Members of Lakeland's band spent time with dozens of enthusiastic seventh- and eighth-grade students at Riverview Middle School in Plymouth.

"It means a lot to us that the Lakeland students played with us," said Sarah Reabe, band director at Riverview. "Our students learned a lot, and really got an upclose glimpse of what they could become someday."

Lakeland Assistant Professor of Instrumental Music and Director of Bands Chris Werner blended his down-to-earth humor with strong musical knowledge as he chose the perfect moments to give the middle school students tips on how to improve.

"It was a really great opportunity," Werner said of the experience. "You get to see the next generation of potential college musicians, and they get to see what our students can do."

# Lakeland awarded Gannett Foundation grant

Lakeland College was one four Sheboygan County non-profit organizations awarded a grant in late 2014 from Sheboygan Press Media and the Gannett Foundation. Lakeland received funds for the Hayssen Academic Resource Center. The money will help offset the costs of the school's free tutoring services. This past fall, the HARC had 49 tutors, and they had 1,144 contacts with students.

#### **Personnel Moves**

Mohammad Amin was named international admissions advisor in February. He replaced Jennifer Alig, who resigned to take a similar role at Carroll University. Amin comes to Lakeland from UW-Platteville, where he served as international admissions advisor for more than four years and increased international enrollments by more than 50 percent.

In December, **Nate Dehne MAC '08,** Lakeland College's vice president for athletics and wellness and a member of the Lakeland

community for 11 years, resigned to become associate vice president for enrollment services at Cardinal Stritch University. Dehne joined Lakeland's staff as director of admissions in 2003, and was named vice president for student development in 2008. He was named vice president for student development and athletics in the fall of 2013, and was named to his current position earlier this year. April Arvan '93 M.Ed. '95 was named interim athletic director. Arvan, who serves as associate professor of exercise science and sport studies and senior woman administrator, was promoted to associate athletic director in 2013.

Katie Britton MAC '14 accepted a position as assistant director of the annual fund at Valparaiso University, where she received her undergraduate degree. She played an instrumental role in the development of the women's volleyball team and, in her most recent year, served as alumni engagement officer.

Don Francis, professor of sociology and nonprofit organization management, is retiring after 23 years serving as a Lakeland faculty member. Francis used his nearly two decades of work in nonprofits to lead development of Lakeland's nonprofit organization management curriculum. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, Francis often tapped his endless list of industry contacts to benefit his students, and he maintains a close network with his former students.

Ron Haas, professor of mathematics and computer science, is retiring after serving as a faculty member for 35 years. He has been a fixture in the Chase Science Center where he has been heavily involved in development of the college's mathematics and computer science programs. He has also led the annual Michael J. Devaney high school and middle school math meets, continuing the legacy started by the late Mike Devaney.

John McKenzie, instructor of communication, is leaving the college at the end of this academic year. McKenzie was instrumental in the development of the communication major, which has seen dramatic growth since his arrival. Today, more than 60 students throughout the college's EWO and traditional programs are communication majors.

**Denise Presnell-Weidner,** associate professor of art, is retiring. She will teach at Lakeland on an adjunct basis for the

2015-16 academic year. Presnell-Weidner came to Lakeland in 1989 as a member of the faculty and co-director of the Bradley Gallery with her husband, Bill Weidner. She served as chair of the Creative Arts Division and helped lead development of the graphic arts emphasis within the art major. A prolific professional painter, printmaker and pastel artist, her work has been featured in numerous exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally. She is represented by professional art galleries in Milwaukee, Mishicot and Elkhart Lake.

The college hired two familiar faces as hall managers for the spring semester - Liz Pritzl '14 and Joey Lehto '13. Pritzl is the new hall manager for Krueger. She graduated with a double major in psychology and nonprofit management and has been working as the extension director at the Boys & Girls Club of Sheboygan County. Lehto is the new hall manager for Muehlmeier. He graduated with a degree in exercise science with an emphasis on sports studies and a business administration minor. He has been working as a graduate assistant for the football program since August 2013, and is working towards his master of arts in counseling degree.

Kathy Rath Marr, professor of biology, is retiring after serving as a faculty member for 28 years. She graduated from Lakeland in 1976 and returned to the faculty in 1987, holding the position once held by her father, David Rath. With interests as wide ranging as ecology, stem cells and aviation, she has motivated students in some of the college's top-level science courses while also providing a strong record of institutional service. She is the author of "Into the (Grether) Woods."

**Bob Schuricht,** a reference librarian in Esch Library, retired from the college in January. Schuricht started working at Lakeland in September 1996. He graduated from Lakeland in 1991.

Adina Schwartz, associate professor of economics, is retiring after serving as a faculty member for 31 years. She started teaching for the college at its Milwaukee Center in 1984 and at the main campus in 1986. The 2004 winner of the Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, Schwartz has been a favorite of Lakeland students for her animated classrooms and the care she takes in making sure her students are learning.

Chuck Stockman, professor of

hospitality management, is retiring after 21 years of service. A driving force behind the creation of the popular program in which he teaches, Stockman led dynamic classrooms and took several groups to South Korea where students got hands-on experiences working at the luxury COEX Intercontinental Hotel in Seoul. His students have served internships in award-winning properties around the globe. He was named the 2009 Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award winner.

Martin Ulrich, associate professor of German and music, is retiring after 32 years of service. A 1975 Lakeland graduate, Ulrich served as chair of the Creative Arts Division for several years, and taught at Lakeland's Tokyo campus where he served as a charter faculty member. He taught a variety of classes at Lakeland that have capitalized on his extensive background in German and his talents as a musician.

Sai Yang joined the admissions team as an admissions advisor for traditional recruitment, replacing the position vacated by Greg Teuton when he became an admissions advisor at the college's Madison Center. Yang comes to Lakeland from UW-Platteville, where he also served as an admissions advisor for territories in Wisconsin and Minnesora.

#### Names in the News

Four Lakeland faculty members have been facilitators as part of the 10th annual John Michael Kohler Arts Center Community Cinema series.

**Krista Feinberg,** associate professor of history, led a discussion about "A Path Appears: From the Creators of Half the Sky," an investigation of domestic crimes and adversity faced by women and children around the world.

**Don Francis,** professor of sociology and nonprofit organization management, facilitated a discussion for the documentary, "American Denial," a film about the unconscious biases and concepts of equality and justice in race and class in today's world.

**Richard Lemke,** assistant professor of criminal justice, served as the facilitator at "Evolution of a Criminal," which told a personal story of a man and his life as a teenage bank robber.

**Jodie Liedke,** assistant professor of composition, facilitated the discussion for the film "Women in Comedy," which dealt

with the advancement of women in the world of comedy.

The films are hand selected by the makers of Independent Lens, an Emmy Award-winning series. After each film has been viewed, community members participate in a facilitated discussion about the issues addressed in the film to find solutions to problems raised.

Three employees were named winners of the Lakeland "Big Fish" award: **Sueann Kohlmann** of the college's housekeeping staff, head women's basketball coach **Lindsey Vande Hoef** and college chaplain and assistant professor of religion **Robert Sizemore.** 

Eric Blacknall, Lakeland's senior director of student success and engagement, will present a talk entitled "The Impact of Demonstrating A Positive Attitude on College Success" at the eighth annual Black Male Summit, scheduled for April 10-11 at the University of Akron.

Associate Professor of Writing **Nate Lowe** has a creative essay, "Archipelago," forthcoming in Beecher's, a literary journal out of the University of Kansas. The essay deals with owls, sound, his grandmother's pet finches and his son's birth at home.

**Christopher Moore,** associate professor of sociology, has authored a manuscript entitled "Impression Formation" which will be published in 2015 in Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition.

**Scott Niederjohn,** Charlotte and Walter Kohler Associate Professor of Economics and Business, presented an invited lecture at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on technology-based tool for teaching high school and college level economics.

In October, associate professors of biology **Paul Pickhardt** and **Greg Smith** co-led a faculty development workshop with their colleague Laura Salem (chair of the Biology Department at Rockhurst University) titled, "Promotion and Tenure" at the 58th annual meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators (ACUBE) in Portland, Ore. Smith and Pickhardt are both active in the governance of ACUBE with Smith currently serving as the executive secretary of finance and Pickhardt serving as the organization's secretary and recorder.

In January, Pickhardt gave an evening presentation to the Sheboygan area chapter of People to People. The presentation was titled "A Brief Tour of the Biological and Cultural Diversity of Belize" and focused on the biodiversity that Lakeland students and faculty have been exposed to while studying in the lowland tropical rainforests of Belize in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Pickhardt also recently presented to more than 55 chemistry students at Plymouth High School. He discussed the impacts of producing electricity from fossil fuels (primarily coal) and how cleaner, sustainable alternatives could change the environmental impacts of electrical production. The students are taught at Plymouth by **Jay Grossheusch '83.** 

**Denise Presnell-Weidner,** associate professor of art, had three new works in the holiday exhibition "Adornment" at Two Fish Galleries in Elkhart Lake, Wis.

Lakeland Chaplain **Rob Sizemore** and Bome Kwon, a senior marketing student, spoke this winter at the Sheboygan chapter of People to People. Kwon gave information on international travel and food, while Sizemore spoke on the importance of understanding how respect is communicated in Asian culture.

**Patty Taylor '87,** Lakeland's director of financial aid, has been elected treasurer of the Wisconsin Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

In October, **Linda Tolman,** professor of English, gave a presentation entitled "Romeo and Juliet's First Meeting: Text and Context" to Aegis of Issaquah in Issaquah, Wash.

Martin Ulrich '75, associate professor of German and music, co-directed a concert of three combined choirs—Westend Singers of Eberswalde, Germany; the Wisconsin Gospellers; and the Glenview Chancel Choir—at First Congregational Church in Glenview, Ill., in the fall. He also helped organize the guest appearance of those choirs with the 150-voice choir at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago for a service.

## LAKELAND SELECTED FOR NATIONAL PROJECT

The American Council on Education (ACE) recently selected Lakeland College as one of 25 colleges and universities nationally to participate in an innovative alternative credit consortium. The goal is to create a more flexible pathway to a college degree. The participating institutions represent a diverse group of four-year and two-year, public and private, non-profit and for-profit colleges and universities that have a strong commitment to access and serving nontraditional learners.

As part of serving in this pilot project, Lakeland has agreed to expand its list of courses which will be granted transfer credit. In this consortium, Lakeland will play a key role in reviewing the quality of alternative sources of low-cost or no-cost introductory courses that may satisfy general education requirements. The college will then play a lead role in assisting students completing those courses to continue through to a bachelor's degree.

Today, in the United states, more than 31 million adults have completed some postsecondary coursework but lack a degree or credential. Many of these students represent first-generation, low-income students. "Lakeland has been serving nontraditional students for nearly 40 years, so this project is a natural fit for us," said Lakeland President Dan Eck. "We're excited to see the results of this effort and learn how we can offer better access and serve this population in new ways."

ACE President Molly Corbett Broad said the project will play a valuable role in helping enhance the work ACE has done for many years in developing quality mechanisms for determining the credit worthiness of education, training and life experiences outside of a formal higher education classroom setting.

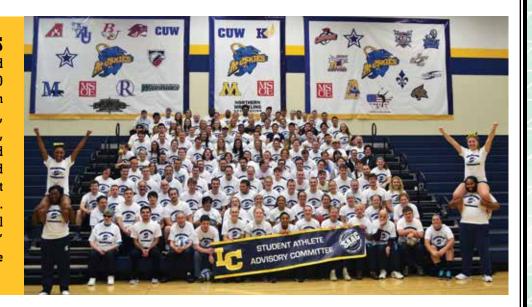
ACE is the major coordinating body for all the nation's higher education institutions, providing leadership on key higher education issues and influencing public policy through advocacy.

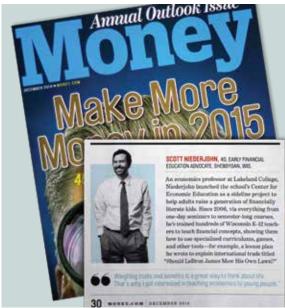


FIRST AID KIT, an indie folk band riding a wave of international popularity, played a sold-out show at Lakeland College's Bradley Theatre on Friday, Nov. 21, as part of the Krueger Fine Arts Series. Sisters Klara and Johanna Söderberg, who hail from Stockholm, Sweden, front the group, which included the Lakeland show as part of the second leg of its U.S. Tour. The band released its third album, "Stay Gold," in June and it has gone platinum in Sweden and won a Swedish Grammis Award (Sweden's version of the Grammys). The band played an 80-minute, 12-song set and three-song encore, drawing heavily from "Stay Gold" and their second album, "The Lion's Roar." Included was their breakthrough hit, "Emmylou," which Rolling Stone magazine named one of the 10 best songs of 2012. First Aid Kit has enjoyed recent appearances on the Late Show with David Letterman and Conan O'Brien's show.

#### In November, about 50 SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

from Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties participated in an All-Sport Clinic at Lakeland College. Nearly 100 Lakeland student-athletes worked with their guests on multiple sports skills, including baseball, basketball, cheer/dance, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball. The Special Olympians rotated to various stations for about 90 minutes and enjoyed different facets of all the sports. "It was a really great experience," said Lakeland junior golfer Natalie Neitzel. "Just seeing them having such a blast and enjoying all of the different sports was a remarkable experience." The event was sponsored by Lakeland's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.





SCOTT NIEDERJOHN, Lakeland College's Charlotte and Walter Kohler Charitable Trust Associate Professor of Business Administration, was featured in the December 2014 issue of Money magazine. Niederjohn was one of two "Heroes" featured for their work in getting young people educated about personal finance early in their schooling.

The piece recognized Niederjohn for creating Lakeland's Center for Economic Education, which was established in 2006 and has created programming and training for hundreds of K-12 teachers to introduce students to economic and financial concepts.

A member of Lakeland's faculty since 2004, Niederjohn has become one of the Midwest's foremost advocates for the need for financial literacy and economic education. He has won Wisconsin Financial Literacy Awards from The Governor's Council on Financial Literacy in 2011, 2012 and 2014.

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In June 2014, the first cohort of graduate students from Malawi, Africa, arrived at Lakeland College to begin their studies in the Master of Education program. The graduate students are here as beneficiaries of a generous grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which is working closely with Malawi's Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to improve the teaching of early grade reading in Malawi.

The months since the students arrived have been filled with classes on early-grade reading instruction, practice teaching experiences and planning for how they will use the knowledge and skills they are gaining in the U.S. In addition to the classroom work, the students have gone on field trips to Chicago, Milwaukee, Green Bay and Madison. They also visited Bookworm Gardens, the interactive children's reading park in Sheboygan, and now have a collective dream of someday creating a garden for children in Malawi that is dedicated to reading. For pure fun, they went ice fishing and sledding with their host families.

The story does not end yet, though. When this cohort returns home, the students will complete research for their master's theses and then defend their findings in December of 2015. Meanwhile, the second cohort of Malawians will arrive this coming June. To keep up with the progress of the graduate students, visit http://lakeland.edu/malawi-blog.



The inaugural season of the ThinkHaus community

CONVERSATION SETIES, created by Lakeland College and Jake's Cafe, has successfully launched. Three conversations have taken place, with the fourth scheduled for May 7. Scott Niederjohn, Lakeland's Charlotte and Walter Kohler Associate Professor of Economics and Business, will discuss the possible effects of raising the minimum wage in Sheboygan County. More information about Niederjohn's talk is available at Lakeland.edu/thinkhaus.

The most recent talk was led by Jon Doll, executive director of the United Way of Sheboygan County. He spoke about the importance of birth to 4 education and the Born to Succeed program spearheaded by the United Way of Sheboygan County.

Lakeland faculty members Rene Ryman, assistant professor of international business, and Paul Pickhardt (pictured), Lakeland College associate professor of biology and chair of Lakeland's Natural Sciences Division, spoke at the first two ThinkHaus events.

ThinkHaus is designed to inspire positive change in the community through knowledge sharing and creativity; promote community wellness through a thoughtful, meaningful forum; and create common ground among community members by sharing new ways of thinking.

The conversations are free and open to the public. The 2015-16 series will be announced soon at Lakeland.edu/thinkhaus.





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