THE ANSWERS TO WHY
A message from the President

This edition of Butler Magazine highlights a topic that is particularly meaningful to me: experiential learning. Twenty-two years ago, I began my career in higher education as the inaugural Director of the Multidisciplinary Action Projects (MAP) Program at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. We were pioneering a curricular model that emphasized hands-on projects as fundamental to each student's graduate business education. Accordingly, Ross MBA students spent seven weeks engaged in real-world issues confronting large companies and organizations.

I found this visionary approach to be very compelling on a personal level. After earning a liberal-arts degree, I had run my own medical- and fitness-equipment company in Cleveland for 17 years before going to the University of Michigan to earn my MBA. Through my business experience, I learned how to engage with customers and employees, research potential new markets and products, balance costs and revenues, and take strategic entrepreneurial risks. Combined with the critical-thinking skills I gained as an undergraduate and the management education I received as an MBA student, this experience shaped the leadership practices I still use today.

I chose to become Butler University's president, in part, because I saw an institution already invested in providing students with both a liberal-arts foundation and exciting opportunities for hands-on learning. Along with internship experiences, Butler students take courses built around applying their classroom learning in real-life situations. From their first year on campus, they have immersive experiences in their future professions, develop solutions for real-life issues, and make significant contributions to their fields.

As this issue of Butler Magazine shows, our University is further strengthening its commitment to experiential education as a critical component of our Butler 2020 Vision to become an innovative, national leader in transformative, student-centered learning.

Some Butler students enjoy global learning opportunities rarely available to seasoned professionals, let alone undergraduates. For example, biology major Taylor Evans braved a summer internship in South Africa, studying 16-foot great white sharks.

Students in Applied Portfolio Management did such an outstanding job managing a $1 million stock portfolio for the University endowment that the Board of Trustees decided to give the class another million to invest.

Students showcased their faculty-mentored research projects at the 26th annual Butler Undergraduate Research Conference (URC), one of the nation's top gatherings of undergraduate researchers. The URC drew nearly 1,000 students from 20 different states this year.

Eighty percent of Butler students complete career-related experiences such as these. Through hands-on opportunities, students learn about themselves in new contexts, gain confidence, strive for professional achievements, and develop networks that advance their careers and continuing studies. I hope you are as inspired by their stories as I am.
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Class Acts: Office of Alumni and Parent Programs (alumni@butler.edu)
University Elects New Members to Board of Trustees; Appoints New Alumni Board of Directors’ Representative

The Butler University Board of Trustees has welcomed four new members:

- Jim Dickson ’95, Managing Director and Market Executive of the Midwest Market for Bank of America Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- Kevin Morris ’95 MBA ’96, Corporate Partner with the Chicago office of the law firm Kirkland & Ellis
- Tracy Stevens, an attorney and agent for her husband, Boston Celtics Coach Brad Stevens
- Kyle Delaney ’03, Director of Marketing and Communications at Northwestern University’s McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science

Dickson, Morris, and Stevens were each elected to serve a three-year, renewable term. As President of the Butler Alumni Association, Delaney will serve a two-year term as that group’s representative. The board now has 28 active members.

Butler University’s First Live Bulldog Mascot, Blue I, Passes

Butler Blue I, the white, English bulldog who served as Butler University’s first official live mascot, died Friday, May 30, 2014. She was 13 years old.

Blue I was born September 23, 2000, at Frank and Jeane King’s Kong King Kennel in Lizton, Indiana. She served as Butler University’s official mascot from 2000–2004, and then accompanied her human companion, Kelli Walker ’91, to Bellingham, Washington; Morris, Illinois; and Chicago, Illinois.

“For over 13 years Blue lived an extraordinary life. Her noble heart stopped today; instead of feeling empty, my heart is twice as full for loving her,” said Walker.

The concept of “Butler Blue” existed for about a year before Blue I, as she was known, became an integral part of life at Butler University and beyond. Walker worked in Butler’s Office of Alumni and Parent Programs from 1998–2004; in 1999, Walker began exploring what a live mascot program would encompass.

In fall 2000, Butler held a community-wide naming contest for the new mascot. While “Hinkle,” “Hampton,” and even “Buttercup” were popular vote-getters, “Butler Blue” was the top choice.

Blue I was almost all white with brown, spotted ears. She maintained an ideal conformation her entire life and was not plagued by health problems typical of many bulldogs.

As the matriarch of a Butler Bulldog legacy, Blue I will rest in peace alongside her successor, Butler Blue II (March 24, 2004–August 31, 2013), in a new Bulldog Memorial currently being erected on campus. The memorial—a gift of the Class of 2013 along with support from generous donors to the Campaign for Hinkle Fieldhouse and live mascot program—will be dedicated at Butler’s Homecoming festivities in September of this year.

Those wishing to honor the life and service of Blue I may make a gift in her memory to the Bulldog Memorial. To do so, visit Butler’s online giving site, select “Other” from the gift designation drop-down menu, and enter “Bulldog Memorial” in the space provided.

Additional information about the Bulldog Memorial is available at butlerblue.com.

New COE Minor Focuses on Lifelong Activity, Health

The College of Education will introduce a new minor in Recreation and Sports Studies (RSS) that is designed to prepare Butler students interested in health, physical activity, recreation, and sports to lead programs both in and outside of a school setting. The minor will be offered beginning this fall.

The RSS curriculum will meet the growing national interest in healthy, active lifestyles, covering skillsets and coaching in up to 14 different sports. It also covers dance and games, fitness and health, and the design, marketing, and management of recreation and fitness programs.

Butler’s Health and Recreation Complex, the Sports Medicine division of the Department of Athletics, and three other colleges—Jordan College of the Arts, the College of Business, and the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences—will collaborate with COE on the interdisciplinary curriculum.
Butler Honors Six Alumni at Recognition Dinner

Six Butler University alumni, including a professor emeritus, were honored May 3 at the annual Alumni Recognition Dinner for extraordinary professional achievement and service to the University and to their communities.

Award and honorees were:
• The Butler Medal: Winstan “Bud” Sellick ’44
• The Butler Service Medal: Roger W. Boop ’62 MS ’65
• The Robert Todd Duncan Alumni Achievement Award: Jay Love ’76
• The Katharine Merrill Graydon Alumni Service Award: Eldon Palmer ’50
• The Hilton Ultimus Brown Alumni Achievement Award: Ed Carpenter ’03
• The Joseph Irwin Sweeney Alumni Service Award: Christina Fugate ’04

The evening also included two awards presented by the Ovid Butler Society. Clarence ‘73 and Fabiola Crain, Clarence Crain ’73, Roger W. Boop ’62 MS ’65, President James M. Danko

Butler Earns Prestigious Business Accreditation

Butler University’s College of Business (COB) has earned reaccreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world’s business programs.

The College is Butler’s third-largest College, with approximately 900 undergraduate and 200 graduate students. Butler’s COB secured the 51st position in the 2014 Bloomberg BusinessWeek ranking of undergraduate business programs, and U.S. News and World Report ranked the College 141 out of 342 schools in 2013.

COE Professor Suneeta Kercood Selected for Fulbright Award

Professor of Special Education Suneeta Kercood has been selected for the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award. She will conduct research in India this summer and next under the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.
Kercood, a Butler faculty member since 2001, said her research topic is “A Study of the Health Behaviors of Children and Adults with Disabilities, and the Sociocultural Factors That Influence Their Healthy Lifestyles.”

The purpose of her visit to India as a Fulbright scholar will be:

- To utilize surveys and interviews with parents and caregivers of individuals with disabilities and identify health behaviors, health challenges, and areas of health promotion interest
- To identify and analyze case studies of individuals with disabilities who consistently practice healthy behaviors, in spite of having disabilities or socioeconomic or environmental challenges
- To develop components of a plan for creating ecologically-based intervention programs for individuals with disabilities in consultation with stakeholders such as parents, caregivers, educators, and health professionals who work directly with individuals with disabilities

India is the site of the largest Fulbright U.S. Scholar program worldwide, with more than 70 grants available each year.

Hinkle History to be Seen Around Indy

People for Urban Progress (PUP), in partnership with Butler Athletics, offered the public a chance to take home a piece of Hinkle history and memorabilia by offering seats from Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Proceeds will raise money for PUP to do public installations of seats around Indianapolis and for Hinkle Fieldhouse renovations.

PUP, an Indianapolis non-profit that advances connectivity, environmental responsibility, and good design, repurposes discarded materials for public benefit. The organization turned seats from the old Bush Stadium into bus-stop benches. The first of these “PUPstops” was installed in December 2011 near the Cultural Trail and Massachusetts Avenue.

The fieldhouse currently is undergoing a $34 million renovation, which is scheduled for completion in October. As with all major renovations, LEED Silver certification is the Butler standard for new construction and major renovations, but Gold or higher is strived for whenever possible. Even small renovation projects on campus incorporate the LEED sustainability concepts. A portion of this renovation is registered as a LEED project.

Lisa Brooks Named New Chair of the School of Music

Professor of Violin Lisa Brooks, a Butler University faculty member since 1994, has been appointed Chair of the Butler University School of Music. In addition to Brooks’ work teaching violin at Butler, she is the Principal Second Violinist of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra. She also is a regular substitute violinist and violist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and was a founding member of the Indianapolis Baroque Orchestra. Prior to coming to Butler, she taught at Baylor University, the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, Messiah College, and Dickinson College.

Brooks received both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in violin performance in four years from West Virginia University, where she was a student of Donald Portnoy. Brooks presents the pre-concert lectures for the Ensemble Music Society and is a member of the steering committee for the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. In May 2013, she received the inaugural Distinguished Faculty Award for Service and Leadership from Butler.

Streetscape Project Underway

Visitors to campus this year certainly will notice that a traffic transformation is underway. Butler University is partnering with the city of Indianapolis on a $3 million Streetscape Project that will improve the public entrances and gateways to campus.

Butler has earmarked $1.5 million for the project, which was matched by the city of Indianapolis in an effort to emphasize streetscape beautification, traffic calming, and public way-finding around campus.

Begun in April 2014, the initial phase of the Streetscape Project will primarily address Sunset Avenue between Hampton Drive and 49th Street. Street-side parking will be permanently removed from that stretch of Sunset Avenue to make way for boulevard-style...
medians lined with trees, new street lamps, campus signage, bike lanes, and sidewalks.

The intersection of Sunset Avenue and 46th Street will feature a median and new sidewalks. Meanwhile, the curve at Sunset Avenue and 49th Street will be softened and include a bus pullout.

Streetscape construction will last approximately one year, with finishing touches in place by the spring and summer months of 2015.

Other campus thoroughfares such as 49th Street, Hampton Drive, Clarendon Road, and Haughey Avenue are likely to be addressed in subsequent years as additional phases of the Streetscape Project.

Information regarding detours, parking, project timeline, maps, renderings, and more are available on the Butler University website at www.butler.edu/parking/streetscape.

Ed Carpenter ’03 Boasts New Trophy

Ed Carpenter ’03 won the Firestone 600K on Saturday, June 7, at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth.

Carpenter, Team Owner/Driver of the No. 20 Ed Carpenter Racing/Fuzzy’s Ultra Premium Vodka Chevrolet car, started fifth and led 90 laps to win the Firestone race. The Texas win was Carpenter’s third career Verizon IndyCar Series victory (Kentucky 2011, Fontana 2012, and Texas 2014).

For Ed Carpenter Racing (ECR), started in 2012, this has been a successful year to date with Carpenter’s Texas win in addition to ECR team driver Mike Conway’s wins at Long Beach and Honda Indy Toronto in 2014.

Carpenter, the Indianapolis 500 pole winner for the second consecutive year, suffered a tough late race result at this year’s 500 when he was knocked out of the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing” on lap 175 while running in second place. The popular Butler University marketing grad left little doubt of his speed at the high-banked, 1.45-mile oval north of Fort Worth. It was Carpenter’s 14th Texas start.

Carpenter, whose previous best Texas finish was fourth last year, led the 248-lap event three times, including 66 of the last 67 circuits to defeat pole-sitter Will Power and Juan Pablo Montoya in an all-Chevy podium finish.

Carpenter made a spectacular pass on Power for the lead on lap 182 and widened his margin to 14 seconds before a late race caution flag on lap 241 closed up the field. On the lap 246 restart, Carpenter took the advantage again and won at the checkered flag by 0.524 seconds with an average speed of 178.301 miles per hour.

“It’s an awesome night,” Carpenter said. “I have loved this race track for a long time and had a lot of bad luck here. I have always really wanted to win here, so I’m super excited.”
Butler University conferred diplomas on 903 graduates May 10 in the Butler Bowl.

Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner ’76, who has served 30 years in U.S. Navy medical and dentistry commands, and Brad Stevens, Butler Men’s Basketball Head Coach from 2007–2013, both received honorary degrees and addressed the Class of 2014.

“We all stand on the shoulders of the people who helped us,” Wagner said. “The sweetest part of my success is being able to share it with others.”

Stevens, now Head Coach of the Boston Celtics, advised graduates to practice “what’s important to getting a task accomplished.”

“The magic is in the work,” he said.

Many graduates were first-year students when Stevens led the Bulldogs to the 2011 NCAA Division I Championship game, the second consecutive championship run for Stevens.

University President James Danko praised graduates for applying their knowledge, time, and talent to benefit others.

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Veleda Davis can’t believe it’s been nearly 10 years since that awful day—September 24, 2004—when her husband of nearly 10 years, Butler University Police Officer James Davis, was attacked and killed outside Hinkle Fieldhouse.

“It doesn’t seem like it’s been that long,” she said. “We have our everyday family struggles with James not being there, but we’ve been doing OK.”

The Davis’ oldest son, Josiah, turned 18 in June. He’ll be a senior at John Marshall Community High School in Indianapolis and wants to join the U.S. Army after he graduates.

Middle child Jarren, 13, is going into seventh grade in the fall.

Daughter Jaedyn, 11, will be in sixth grade.

And Veleda, who took time off after James’ death to raise the children, has returned to work in the last four years. She’s now working part-time in a medical lab and is looking for full-time work.

She said she stays in contact with Assistant Chief of Police Andy Ryan, who still invites her and the children to events like the department picnic and invites her to lunch once or twice a year.

“James died serving the Butler community,” Ryan said. “He is a true hero, and I will never forget the outpouring of support from the students, faculty, and staff who came out on the day of the funeral. They lined the streets and held signs and flowers. It was amazing.”

Members of Butler’s Department of Mathematics and Actuarial Sciences have also helped the Davis family.

“They’ve offered tutoring for the children all the way up to when they graduate,” she said. “The Math Department’s been great.”

Veleda said life has been difficult at times since James’ death, and she especially wishes he had been around to teach Josiah to drive. (“I don’t really have the patience,” she said.)

“But, basically,” she said, “we take it one day at a time.”

Butler University will mark the 10th anniversary of the death of Officer Davis with a ceremony September 24. Details will be announced soon.
Three Indiana Stars Join Women’s Basketball Coaching Staff

New Women’s Basketball Head Coach Kurt Godlevske has chosen three Indiana basketball stars to join his staff as Assistant Coaches. Indiana University-great Damon Bailey, Butler’s all-time leading scorer Julie (VonDielingen) Shelton ’93, and Purdue star FahKara Malone each bring their heralded coaching experience to the Bulldogs bench.

All-American Bailey left his job as the Head Coach of the Bedford North Lawrence girls’ team where he had served under Godlevske and helped lead the Stars to a perfect 28-0 record and a state title in 2012–2013. After taking over, Bailey led the Stars to yet another state championship. Bailey still holds the state’s all-time high school leading-scorer title with 3,134 points. His oldest daughter, Alexa, will be playing for the Bulldogs in 2015–2016.

Butler’s own all-time leading scorer (the only player in Butler history to score over 2,000 points), All-American Shelton comes from her most recent post as Head Coach for Mt. Vernon’s women’s team. In her 16-year tenure, she led the Marauders to a 260–107 record and a 3A State Championship in 2013. Shelton was inducted into the Butler Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Indiana High School Hall of Fame (Silver Anniversary Team) in 2014.

After two seasons as Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Evansville, Malone made the jump to full-time Assistant Coach during the 2013–2014 season. The Purple Aces went 15–16 in her lone season on the sideline. The team ended the year with a trip to the Women’s Basketball Invitational after winning eight-straight games to close out the regular season. Malone is one of nine players in Boilermaker history to be a four-year starter, while serving three of those years as team captain. The Evansville native made three trips to the NCAA Tournament, including a pair of Elite Eight appearances.

Renovations to Hinkle Fieldhouse continue as plans finalize for a grand re-opening of the historic site in late fall 2014.
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Col. Michael J. Colburn comes to Butler University with an enviable resume—27 years with the United States Marine Band, including 9 as a euphonium player, 8 as an Assistant Director, and 10 as the Director of the band whose mission is to perform for the President of the United States as well as the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Perhaps even more impressive than his credits, though, are the stories he tells. Like the time the band finished the theme from “Schindler’s List” and Colburn turned around to witness applause from composer John Williams and filmmaker Steven Spielberg, who had been in the receiving line. “They heard us playing this and came out to listen,” said Colburn, who becomes Butler’s Director of Bands in August.

He’s had renowned musicians Van Cliburn, Yo-Yo Ma, and Itzhak Perlman sit in with the band, performed music of The Who and Led Zeppelin for members of those groups as part of the Kennedy Center Honors, and laughs about an event where he found himself with rock-rapper Kid Rock to his right and acclaimed violinist Joshua Bell on his left.

Then, there was the time in the grand foyer of the White House when former President Bill Clinton—one of five presidents under whom Colburn served—tugged on his sleeve while the band played Ralph Vaughan Williams’ English Folk Song Suite. Clinton not only said it was one of his favorite pieces of music, but he also wanted to ask questions about the composition.

“It’s been interesting for me to see firsthand these very different presidents, different personalities, different backgrounds,” Colburn said. “But one of the things they have in common is, they all love the Marine Band. They love these musicians and what they’re able to do for them at the White House.”

Three years ago, Colburn was having lunch with Dan Bolin, his longtime friend and former Chair of Butler’s School of Music, when Bolin offhandedly mentioned that Butler’s longtime Director of Bands Robert Grechesky would be retiring in 2014. What Bolin didn’t know was that Colburn also was planning to retire from “The President’s Own,” as the Marine Band is known—in 2014.

Colburn called Bolin a few months later “and asked him if Butler might be interested in a washed-up military band director.” Bolin’s response: an emphatic yes.

“This is a great opportunity for Butler,” Bolin said. “There’s never been a former director of the Marine Band who’s become a college professor. There have been former directors who’ve taught in an adjunct capacity, but to be a full-time professor is great for Butler and our students—and for Mike to have a second career with some new challenges in a new community.”

Colburn grew up in Vermont. His father was a high school band director and his older brother played the tuba and sousaphone in marching band. “One of my earliest musical memories,” Colburn remembered, “is crawling around his bedroom to get underneath the sousaphone so I could get to the mouthpiece and buzz into it to make a sound on the instrument.”

His father convinced him to start on a euphonium (a baritone horn that’s about half the size of a tuba). At a junior-high band camp, Colburn met the Principal Euphonium Player of the Marine Band, Lucas Spiros, and decided on a career playing music. That led him to Crane School of Music at the State University of New York’s Potsdam campus for two years. Then, he changed majors from music education to music performance and transferred to Arizona State University because the tuba/euphonium professor there, Dan Perantoni, had a great reputation for placing his students in orchestras and military bands. (Perantoni currently teaches at Indiana University.)

Colburn auditioned for the Marine Band in December 1986 and was hired while working on his master’s in bass trombone and euphonium performance at Arizona State. During his years with the band, he also finished a master’s degree in conducting at George Mason University.

“I think,” Colburn said, “that when people think of military band directors, they think of a stern, authoritative presence at the podium and that I’m going to make kids do push-ups when they miss notes. Believe it or not, that’s not the way I operate. I think it will be reassuring for the students to see that I’m a musician who was trained at the same schools as most college band directors. And the way I direct is very similar to the style you’ll find at any institution of higher education.”

Colburn said Butler music students will be able to learn from his experiences, including starting at a small school (“I feel that most music students are better served by starting in a smaller program, where they’re going to have more personal attention and a greater number of opportunities to play”), changing majors, and diversifying his career options.

“Achieving a life and career in music is getting to be more and more challenging,” he said. “That doesn’t mean there won’t be opportunities, but young people will have to be more creative and entrepreneurial than they’ve had to be in the last couple of decades. The idea of stitching together a career from a couple of different jobs and opportunities is something they may be required to do. But if you have that burning desire to make music, I’m convinced that you will still find a way to make it work.”
Steve Standifird anticipated spending far more than three years as the Business School Dean at the University of Evansville. But then the Dean position opened in Butler’s College of Business. “When unique opportunities pop up, you have to pay attention,” he said. “Consider the world a series of opportunities and, what you’ll find is that, when you find whatever it is, it will resonate with you.”

In taking over the University’s third-largest College on June 1, Standifird said he was attracted to Butler because of its focus on innovation. That approach is going to be particularly important in the coming decade, he said, as higher education grapples with a business model that is becoming difficult to sustain. He cites Harvard Professor Clay Christensen’s prediction that half of all U.S. universities will be in bankruptcy in the next 15 years.

“For the small- to medium-sized private schools, there’s a lot of pressure,” Standifird said. “Those that are willing and capable of innovating really have an opportunity to redefine the industry.”

Butler, he said, will be one of those schools because education here is focused on student learning—especially experiential learning, like the COB’s “real life, real business” approach—rather than simply the dispensing of knowledge. Butler is less about “the sage on the stage,” he said, and more about “the guide by your side.”

“I’m excited to be part of this community,” he said. “There is a culture here that is so unbelievably rich. You can feel it when you walk on campus. There is a sense of university pride—and I’ve spent a fair amount of time at different universities—that is as rich here as anyplace I’ve ever been.”

Standifird, a “math and science nerd” when he was growing up in Evansville, Indiana, earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University. After graduating, he moved to Chicago and took a job with the oil company Amoco. While there, he earned his MBA from Northwestern University and became captivated by the strategy and people sides of the business world.

“Engineering was very difficult, but, usually, there was a mathematical answer,” he said. “In organizations and working with human beings, there’s never a clear answer, and it changes constantly. So that’s my fascination with it.”

A Northwestern professor encouraged Standifird to pursue his doctorate out west, and he did—at the University of Oregon. He spent the next 20-plus years in the western United States, first as a faculty member at Western Washington University, then at the University of San Diego. There, he served as a faculty member, Director of Undergraduate Programs, and, ultimately, Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration.

When the Dean’s job at Evansville opened, he saw it as “a natural next step in my career.” The move to Evansville brought him; his wife, Vivian (who became Chief Financial Officer for Evansville wholesale distributor P&I Supply); and daughters Sorana, 5, and Brianna, 1, closer to family.

During his time with Evansville’s Schroeder School of Business, he oversaw the creation of an institute for banking and finance and a career services program. The college also received money from Old National Bank to set up a microfinance fund for minority-owned businesses.

“My role as Dean was to support those innovations,” he said, “but those innovations really came from within.”

Greg Rawski, Associate Professor of Management at Evansville, said Standifird left a substantial footprint at the university. He credited Standifird with a series of innovations that resulted in a 19 percent increase in starting salaries, 23 percent increase in job-placement rates, and a 62 percent increase in freshman enrollment in the Schroeder School.

“The numbers reflect an exceptional record,” Rawski said, “but, what we are most proud of is that he has changed the lives of our students. We are now consistently placing students at Big 4 Accounting Firms and global corporations such as Cisco Systems. Within the school, Steve has formed positive relationships with faculty and staff and also across campus. Butler’s future is bright.”

Also at Evansville, Standifird formed a Dean’s Council to maintain closer connections to students. He transformed the curriculum from concentrations to majors, which boosted enrollment. He raised $1.2 million in funding with additional pledges to $2 million to endow positions in career services within the business school. And he launched a passport for professionalism program, in which students now get stamps in a passport booklet for each career-building event they attend in the school. (Butler’s COB has a similar program.) This ensures they will be ready to begin interviewing with corporations during their senior and sometimes junior years.

Standifird said he intends to build a similar “ethos of innovation” in Butler’s College of Business.

“I see my primary role as Dean is to set up an ecosystem of innovation and to work within the College to let that innovation bubble-up from within,” he said. “My experience has been that when you do that, amazing things happen. There are incredible amounts of talent and energy in the College of Business here. My role is to help harness and unleash that.”
THE ANSWERS TO WHY

By Marc D. Allan
When Anaiis Cisco, a senior at Queens College in New York, finished her research project “Turning On and Off the Post-Racial Gaze,” she looked around for a place to present her findings. She found the Butler Undergraduate Research Conference.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” Cisco said after her April 11 presentation about how the media depicts black women in the age of Obama, “but I thought it was amazing.”

Gerry Waite could’ve told her that. The Ball State University peace studies professor has brought students to the conference 9 of the last 10 years. This year, he attended with nine of his students.

“The conference is as good as, or maybe better than, a lot of faculty-level conferences,” he said. “Butler always makes us feel really welcome. It’s always well organized, and you can tell it gets a lot of support from the top there. It’s a nice conference to go to.”

The Undergraduate Research Conference—the URC, as it’s known—is now in its 26th year of giving students from around the country a place to showcase their work. This year, more than 900 students from 20 states filled classrooms across campus, giving their insights on topics ranging from science to music to economics.

And the participants gave the conference high marks. A survey found that more than 88 percent of the students are likely or very likely to recommend the conference to others. Perhaps even more telling: 56 percent of the faculty who attended the 2014 conference have been to the URC four or more times.

The conference has become so successful that plans are now underway to create the Butler Journal of Undergraduate Research, to be published in 2015. Professor of Sociology Kenneth Colburn said the new publication “will be national in scope, will be multidisciplinary, and will seek to publish the best empirical research available from undergraduate students.”

The research presented at the conference doesn’t necessarily have to be groundbreaking. Much of it is simply the result of spending significant time with a subject—usually an entire school year—thinking deeply about that topic, and giving a roomful of people a 12- to 15-minute summary of the findings.
“It’s a really great opportunity for the undergrads to get to show their work...It’s a rare conference where they get to do that. It’s professors, it’s advanced graduate students at most conferences. Yet these undergrads are doing fantastic work. This gives them that experience they need to go to graduate school.”

Butler’s Jessica Robinson ’14 presented her research on composer Francis Poulenc’s 1962 Sonata for Oboe and Piano, the last piece he wrote before his death. Robinson, who’s heading to graduate school in the fall for a master’s degree in oboe performance, said she’s always loved performing Poulenc’s composition, and is fascinated with the composer’s last works. “At some point, you play it enough that you wonder what it’s about,” she said.

She spent nine weeks of summer 2013 in the Butler Summer Institute (BSI), researching the history of the piece. During the BSI—which allows students to work on a project with a professor for nine weeks—organizers tell students: If you show nine weeks of interest in studying something, you should really tell people about it.

“Presenting things and knowing how to competently talk about something is really important,” Robinson said. “You learn to speak not only to music majors, but people who don’t necessarily know what you’re talking about. It’s good to know how to talk to people. I know how to think about this, but we live in a world where you can think what you want, but, if you don’t tell people about it, how far is it going to go?”

Business major Ryan Alaman ’14, who now works as a consultant for Exact Target, wanted to compare the Great Depression and the Great Recession. “This was something,” he said, “that was extremely interesting to me, and I wanted to understand very thoroughly.” In summer 2013, he started reading, and he asked Professor of Economics Bill Rieber to guide him through a research project. Among Alaman’s observations: Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke handled the recession deftly and helped the country avoid a depression precisely because he had been a student of the Great Depression.

“It’s unusual for students at the undergraduate level to have an opportunity to do research,” Rieber said. “Normally, that’s reserved for graduate students. But a lot of the research shows that if students do research at the undergraduate level, they’ll have good outcomes down the road. So they’re learning to think independently. They’re working with faculty who have done research. They give presentations to a wide range of people from across the country who are here.”

Some URC presenters do projects well outside of their areas of study. When Angelina Qin ’14, an accounting major, was deciding what to write for her honors thesis, she remembers getting this advice: Choose something that will interest you for the two semesters you’ll be working on it.

Qin has always been interested in urban ecology and environmental science, and she ended up working with Butler’s Urban Sustainable Food Fellow Nic Mink on a project to identify food deserts—places where a dearth of supermarkets makes access to healthy, affordable food difficult. She hopes the project will raise awareness that, in Indianapolis, only five percent of residents can walk to a grocery store in five minutes or less. In New York City, that figure is 72 percent.

Qin, who’s back at Butler in the fall to pursue her master’s in accounting, said getting to present at the URC—and being one of five people to present on related topics—was important.

“Public speaking is terrifying to me, but this was an awesome experience,” she said. “And just being with other scholars who have put so much time into doing something they’ve committed to. It was eye-opening to see the other presentations—not just in my section but across the board.”

Center for Urban Ecology Sustainability Coordinator McKenzie Beverage, who moderated the presentations that included Qin’s, said the URC “is about sharing and spreading ideas and cultivating knowledge.”

“It’s important to share ideas and be able to articulate what you are researching and come to a place where people are interested in hearing about your research,” she said.

And important to get out of the classroom, Ball State’s Waite said.

“Students have to take what they know and what they’ve learned out of the classroom and put it into the broader sphere,” he said. “I think it needs to be presented. It makes them clean up their act. It makes them dress up. They need to learn that their ideas need to be presentable to a broader group than just their classmates.”
“It’s important to share ideas and be able to articulate what you are researching and come to a place where people are interested in hearing about your research.”
Nothing beats having on-the-job, real-life experience in your field to expand textbook knowledge and boost future career prospects. Students in all six Butler colleges take part in powerful, hands-on experiential learning. Here are some stories.

By Mary Ellen Stephenson
COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

Recording and promoting a musical artist successfully demands long hours in the studio and “staying on top of things,” said Ian Opalinski ’14.

He was one of seven students in the College of Communication’s (CCOM) Recording Industry capstone course who cut a 10-song album for singer-songwriter Jenna Epkey last fall. Overseen by Assistant Professor Ian Anderson, the album was the first product for a non-campus client to come out of CCOM’s Indyblue Entertainment record label.

Seventeen students in the spring capstone course actively marketed the album, guided by Instructor Cutler Armstrong. Opalinski’s student-team developed artwork for the album logo, stickers, t-shirts, and other promotional pieces. He also booked a 60-venue tour for Epkey to promote the album.

“The biggest thing I learned is that you have to stay on top of the project,” he said. “You have to have good customer service skills. You’re helping an artist be comfortable with what she’s good at doing.”

Epkey had released two previous albums. “We wanted the artist to be a non-student, someone our students could have a real business relationship with,” said Armstrong.

Students recorded the album in the CCOM studios during the evening, to avoid conflicts with classes. Opalinski and other student-engineers worked as late as 5:00 a.m. on the project.

“That’s pretty typical of what you’d do working in an independent studio,” said Armstrong. “Jenna was impressed with how professional the recording quality was.”

Keeping Epkey’s style and audience in mind figured into the marketing strategy, Opalinski said.

“Jenna’s music is mellow, acoustic guitar; it’s not right for a bar scene. I tried to find her unique venues, like wineries.”

Other spring semester teams secured radio airtime, and news and social media exposure for Epkey, as well as the album copyright and royalties.

Professor Ken Creech allotted $4,000 from a Butler Innovation Fund grant so Indyblue Entertainment could register with the performing rights organizations BMI and SoundExchange. The money also covered mastering services, replicating the CDs, and other album expenses.

“Students are working at the level of real recording contracts,” Armstrong said. “We’re one of the few college-based production labels splitting royalties with an artist. The stakes are real; it makes the students more involved.”

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Wearing construction-paper hats and dancing joyfully on a Jordan Hall stage on March 21, Gwen Kozak and her Indianapolis Public School (IPS) School 91 students celebrated their five-week study of the culture of Thailand.

The first-, second-, and third-graders each recited something they had learned about Thailand, and recognized family and friends attending the learning showcase. Kozak was proud of her students—and of herself.

“It was my first experience with my own students,” she said. “It definitely enforced that I’m in the right major and profession.”

She and class partner Brooke Buckner created flashcards and games to help the children learn about the country. “The students wrote paragraphs about Thailand, and we discussed the elements of a paragraph,” Kozak said. “It was baby steps, but it proved that I have the ability to teach and make connections with students.”

For almost a decade, Professor Arthur Hochman has brought his Introduction to Elementary and Middle Education class—
including students who are not education majors—to IPS School 91. In weekly, half-day sessions over two months, they try their teaching wings with three assigned students each, leading to the finale on campus. Hochman said a few non-education majors have “converted” to education each semester.

Kozak praised School 91 host teachers Rachel Patten, Becky Hedrick, and Lynn Valinetz for the calm, cooperative example they set for students. “They have an insane amount of patience,” Kozak said. “Their students are comfortable. It’s something I’ll try to replicate in my own classroom.”

Buckner and Annie Larson, both human movement and health science education majors, participated at School 91 through their Coordinated School Health course, taught by Assistant Professor Lisa Farley. Their objective was to incorporate physical activity—such as dancing—into teaching different academic subjects.

Larson plans to be a physical therapist. She said her three students helped her understand how different learners absorb information, and how to customize her approach with each.

“That’s a lesson I will use in my future occupation,” she said. “Each patient will learn differently and need a plan to fit their individuality.”

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

“You’re gonna need a bigger boat.” That famous movie line from “Jaws” often ran through the mind of Taylor Evans as she threw bait to lure in great white sharks during an internship with the South African Oceans Research Center in May 2013.

Adult great whites average 16-feet long, more than half the length of the boat from which Evans and 12 other undergraduate interns from around the world observed their feeding activity.

Some sharks attacked the bait ferociously, rising from the water with teeth bared and close enough to touch over the boat’s railing.

“Even after a whole month, it was really intimidating,” said Evans, a resident of Westfield, Indiana. “It was crazy to see how big they were. If a shark latched onto a buoy line, they could easily drag the boat behind them,” she said.

These “living dinosaurs” survive largely by their superior sense of smell, Evans said. “Their brains are big olfactory systems that can pick up the scent of prey. They can swim under prey, then jump completely out of the water to catch a meal.”

Interns also caught smaller, 2- to-3-foot-long benthic sharks either from a boat or on shore, for a graduate researcher to examine in a lab. Interns measured and named each catch. Evans named one shark “Fluffy.”

Their research looked at how barometric pressure changes caused by storms affects shark behavior.

“It’s known that sharks move to deeper water in response to storms,” Evans said.

Butler Biology Professor Shelley Etnier suggested Evans apply for the internship. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Seitz Scholarship Fund covered most of her travel expense. (The fund supports natural science majors who want to conduct research abroad.)

Evans spent summer 2014 studying sea turtles in North Carolina. She hopes for a career that combines hands-on teaching and marine conservation.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Seven years ago, students in Professor Steve Dolvin’s Applied Portfolio Management classes began investing $1 million from the Butler University endowment.

They grew the funds to $1.4 million by fall 2013, so the Butler Board of Trustees decided to let Dolvin and his students invest another $1 million.

Students take a prerequisite investments class with Dolvin in which they learn to evaluate stocks and build portfolios. Applied Portfolio Management “is their chance to take that and put it into practice,” Dolvin said.

Typically, 12–16 students take the class each semester. They split into four teams; each is responsible for two segments of the S&P 500, covering consumer staples, industrials, financials, or
A two-thirds majority of the class must approve placing an order to buy.

Joey Przbylinski ’14, now a Financial Analyst for Eli Lilly & Co. in Indianapolis, took Applied Portfolio Management last fall.

His team invested in such healthcare and finance firms as Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Wells Fargo, and, their best buy, Express Scripts.

“We bought Express Scripts really low in the last few weeks of the semester,” Przbylinski said. “It turned out to be one of the class’s highest returns and fastest growth—better than some stocks held for four months.”

Home Depot, another winning stock last fall, doubled after students bought it.

“Prices would go up and down between the week’s two class sessions; it was really exciting,” Przbylinski said. “But it taught me to take more of a long-term view.

“Sometimes your choice is clear-cut. Sometimes you go with a gut feeling. Professor Dolvin stressed the difference between good companies and good investments, and between bad companies and bad investments.”

Eight investment professionals, including Butler alumni, mentor the teams.

About 20 fund managers oversee a portion of Butler’s endowment, currently valued at around $182 million. Over the past seven years, students in Dolvin’s classes have done about as well as any other manager. One quarter, they were the top performers.

JORDAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS

In the opening of Shakespeare’s The Tempest, the sorcerer Prospero conjures a wild storm to wreck his enemy’s ship. In the Heartland Actors’ Repertory Theatre (HART) production of the play in August 2013 at White River State Park, student-intern Taylor Galloway was one of the real wizards behind the howling winds and crashing waves.

Or, at least the sounds of them.

Galloway, a theatre major/music minor from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was one of 10 Butler students interning with HART; Butler Theatre Chair Diane Timmerman is the company’s Producing Artistic Director.
Galloway also gained valuable experience when he operated the soundboard for Butler Theatre’s production of *Terminal* in February. Visiting Sound Designer Chet Miller showed him how to operate QLab, a multimedia sound-design program favored for many professional live performances.

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

To earn her master’s degree in physician assistant (PA) studies, Whitney Hammond ’14 completed eight, hands-on medical experiences, called rotations, working in different healthcare specialties. She spent six weeks in each rotation, gaining real-life practice in fields such as surgery, internal medicine, emergency medicine, mental health, and obstetrics/gynecology (OB-GYN). A licensed healthcare provider, or preceptor, mentored her in each experience.

Dr. John Norris of Franklin, Indiana, oversaw Hammond’s OB-GYN rotation in February. Initially, Hammond watched as Norris examined patients and measured the progress of their pregnancies.

“Most procedures encountered during clinical rotations were taught to us here at Butler,” Hammond said, “but it’s always reassuring when preceptors allow students to ‘watch one’ before you ‘do one.’”

After watching, she would try the procedure, with Norris observing. Learning from his feedback, Hammond was soon taking patient histories and conducting some examination steps, such as monitoring a baby’s heart rate, predominantly on her own. She also assisted in vaginal and cesarean-section deliveries, and scrubbed-in during gynecologic surgeries.

“This approach helped my professional confidence tremendously,” said Hammond, who is now caring for newborns in a postgraduate residency in neonatology at the University of Kentucky Children’s Hospital in Lexington. “It allowed me to first become comfortable before being expected to perform skills.”

An administrator for Johnson Memorial Hospital, Norris delivers about 200 babies per year and sees close to 120 patients each week in his practice. He appreciates having a PA assume some duties to free him up for more critical work.

“OB-GYNs have long recognized we need mid-level professionals, like PAs, to accomplish what we want to do,” he said.

Norris became a PA preceptor shortly after the Butler program began in the late 1990s. “We’ve seen continuous improvements in Butler students’ skills. Whitney is very talented, well read, and well spoken,” he said. Ironically, Norris might have been the first to encourage that talent.

Early in Hammond’s rotation, he casually asked where she was from.

Greencastle, she said. But born in Frankfort, Indiana, in February 1990.

“He had a weird look on his face,” Hammond said, “and asked, ‘Who delivered you?’”

“I told him, ‘I’m not sure. I remember seeing a picture of the doctor holding me on the day of my birth—he was tall, with dark hair, and skinny.’”

She texted her mom, who replied that the obstetrician was “Dr. Norris.”

“I knew it had to be me,” Norris said. “I was the only OB-GYN in Frankfort during that time!”
Alumni Association Board of Directors Elects New Members and Leadership

Butler University is pleased to announce the new officers for the Alumni Association Board of Directors who began terms on June 1, 2014. Kyle Delaney ’03, President; Nick Musial ’02, Vice President; and Jennifer Bougher ’00, Secretary. The Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomed six new members for four-year terms which began June 1, 2014 and include Joe Allegretti ’59, Amanda Leet ’99, Jennifer Muszik ’98, Mark Ribordy ’87, Patricia Wachel ’73, and Jim Zinkan ’60. Heather Hodge ’97 joined the Board in May, filling a member vacancy. In addition to a new member class, the Alumni Board welcomes ex-officio member Gene Murray ’94 and Becky Ruby-Wojtowicz ’05, Presidents of the Black Alumni Association and Young Alumni Board of Directors, respectively. For more information on the Alumni Board, visit www.butler.edu/alumni/board.

Young Alumni Board of Directors

The Young Alumni Board of Directors has elected new executive officers for terms June 2014–May 2015: Becky Ruby-Wojtowicz ’05, President; Leslie Hoggatt ’04, Vice President; and Ruthie Leeth ’09, Secretary. The board also welcomed eight new members for a term of June 2014–May 2017: Jordan Anderson ’10, Chris Beaman ’12, Stephanie Flint ’12, Susanna Foxworthy ’09, Jon Himes ’12, Chad Lesczynski ’12, Whittney Murphy ’11, and Austin Stanforth ’07. The Young Alumni Board oversees programming for graduates of the last 10 years residing in Central Indiana. For more information regarding young alumni programming, visit www.butler.edu/youngalumni.

Nominations Being Accepted for Annual Alumni Awards, Board

The Alumni Association recognizes the achievements of outstanding alumni and friends every spring by presenting six prestigious awards: the Butler Medal, Butler Service Medal, and awards named in memory of graduates Joseph Irwin Sweeney, Katharine Merrill Graydon, Hilton Ultimus Brown, and Robert Todd Duncan. The awards honor individuals for their commitment to the University and to their communities. Nominations are currently being accepted for spring 2015 recipients.

The Alumni Board is also accepting new member nominations. The board promotes the ongoing excellence of Butler University by enlisting the support and participation of its graduates. Board members volunteer their time, talent, and resources to assist in communication, recruitment, student retention, and outreach.

To nominate someone for an Alumni Award or the Alumni Board, go to www.butler.edu/alumni/associations/board. The deadline for nomination is October 31, 2014.

Greater New York Alumni Chapter: Welcome to New York BIG EAST Tournament Happy Hour

American Whiskey, located just around the corner from Madison Square Garden, hosted Greater New York Alumni Chapter members, University representatives, and Butler fans from all over the country for a pre-game gathering and networking opportunity before Butler’s inaugural BIG EAST Tournament appearance on March 12. Fans attending the game or just looking to meet up with fellow Dawgs, showed up to lend their support for the team. Everyone feasted on appetizers as chapter members rolled out the red carpet for their Butler visitors. To learn more about the Greater New York Alumni Chapter, visit www.butler.edu/alumni/chapters/new-york.

Fort Wayne Alumni Chapter: Martini Madness

Fort Wayne chapter members kicked off the tournament season in style as alumni, family, and friends gathered on March 22 at Main Street Bistro & Martini Lounge. Guests took this opportunity to also celebrate the first weekend of spring as they enjoyed a private area featuring tournament games, an assortment of gourmet artisanal pizzas, and, of course, spring-inspired martinis. To learn more about the Fort Wayne Alumni Chapter, visit www.butler.edu/alumni/chapters/fort-wayne.
Mascot Celebration Held for the Campus Community

The Butler University Student Foundation (BUSF) organized the Bulldog Bash in March to show appreciation for University mascots, Butler Blue III “Trip” and Hink. Members of the campus, alumni, and Indianapolis communities enjoyed free treats, photos with Trip and Hink, and had the opportunity to win prizes in a variety of contests. The afternoon also included a special Good Boy, Blue! book signing by Michael Kaltenmark ’02. This celebration is sure to become an annual tradition and was a great way to thank our mascots for their hard work and Bulldog spirit throughout the year.

Real World 101

In April, the Young Alumni Board of Directors sponsored a Real World 101 Panel for senior students getting ready to enter the workforce. The discussion included presentations from Alli Isaacs ’10 and Jeffrey O’Brien ’05 on how to select employee benefits and make 401(k) planning decisions. Attendees learned about the types of options typically available in benefits packages and how to make decisions based on their individual needs. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters and other young professionals who attended to provide additional insight and advice. The evening was a unique opportunity for recent graduates to help ease the real-world transition for their fellow Bulldogs.

Skype Speaker Series

Students gathered in Jordan Hall on April 22 to hear expert advice from a diverse panel of Butler alumni. “GLBT’ Thoughts, Advice, and Suggestions for Being Out in the Workplace,” was designed to help current students gain valuable insight and direction as they prepared to embark upon summer internships and full-time careers. Panelists shared their perspectives and knowledge that was aimed at providing real, concrete information for ensuring success going forward. The Skype Speaker Series is an exciting initiative between the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs and the Office of Internship and Career Services at Butler that helps students gain real-time professional advice on any given subject.

Outstanding Student Banquet

The Top 102 students for the 2013–2014 academic year were honored at the Outstanding Student Banquet on Friday, April 4, at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. Family and friends of the honorees gathered with campus administration to celebrate the accomplishments of our top junior and senior students. At the banquet, Loor Alshawa ’14 and Renato Puga ’15 were named the year’s Most Outstanding Woman and Man, respectively. Alshawa was named the Most Outstanding Woman for the second year in a row, the first time in almost 20 years that a student has won the Most Outstanding honor in back-to-back years. The Outstanding Student Recognition Program is administered by the Alumni Association and Office of Student Affairs, and this marked the program’s 53rd year. Visit www.butler.edu/top100 for complete details about the program.

Bay Area Alumni Chapter: Welcome to San Francisco Student and Faculty Reception

On May 22, the Bay Area Alumni Chapter welcomed students and faculty members from the Psychology Department who were traveling to San Francisco for the annual conference of the Association for Psychological Science. Alumni, family, and friends gathered at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square to welcome the Butler group and wish them well with their conference. To learn more about the Bay Area Alumni Chapter, visit www.butler.edu/alumni/chapters/bay-area.

Jordan College of the Arts (JCA) Alumni Community Celebrates Butler ArtsFest 2014

JCA Alumni Community members welcomed back to campus Cirque du Soleil aerialist and alumnus Tavi Stutz ’00 as he starred in the Butler ArtsFest performance of Once Upon a Dream, which also featured renowned storyteller Deborah Asante. The evening
began with a private reception featuring a sampling of select Butler ArtsFest 2014 performances. Immediately following the reception, guests enjoyed main-floor seating and an exclusive, post-show meet and greet and Q&A with Asante and Stutz.

Black Alumni Association (BAA) Spring City Tour

The BAA, along with current Butler students, enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in Indianapolis on April 5 viewing historical Indianapolis African-American sites of interest and other Circle City landmarks. The tour provided an opportunity for alumni to meet dynamic students who were eager to connect and learn more about the BAA. The guided private tour included Madame Walker Theater, Crispus Attucks School, Major Taylor Velodrome, MLK Park, and more.

Central Indiana Alumni Chapter hosts Young Alumni Board Members

The Central Indiana Alumni Chapter hosted an intimate gathering on May 1 before the Young Alumni Board of Directors spring meeting. Guests gathered in the sitting room of Robertson Hall for appetizers, one-to-one networking, and a chance to learn more about each other’s missions and goals. The Central Indiana Alumni Chapter is the largest of Butler’s nine chapters, representing more than 18,000 alumni. The board is an advising body charged with engaging alumni who have graduated from Butler within the last 10 years. For more information about either group, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@butler.edu or visit www.butler.edu/alumni.

Central Indiana Alumni Chapter Celebrates Butler Baseball

Commencement was not the only exciting event on campus on May 10. The Central Indiana Alumni Chapter hosted a celebration of Butler Baseball that featured the final home season series against the Georgetown Hoyas. Guests were up close and personal as they gathered for a ballpark-style picnic lunch overlooking left field. The warm spring day was the perfect setting at Davey Athletic Field and featured free Butler swag. To learn more about the Central Indiana Alumni Chapter, visit www.butler.edu/alumni/chapters/indiana.

The Alumni Association Welcomes the Class of 2014

On Saturday, May 10, 2014, Alumni Association hosted Commencement at the Butler Bowl. The ceremony included special remarks from President Danko, Class President Michael Keller ’14, and faculty speaker Deborah Skinner. Brad Stevens and Rear Admiral Elaine Wagner ’76 delivered keynote addresses and each received an honorary degree from the University. Leading up to the ceremony, the Class of 2014 celebrated their upcoming graduation with a series of class events and outings. The class hosted an outing to an Indianapolis Indians game prior to the start of finals. During Senior Week, President Danko hosted a special reception for members of the class who contributed to the senior class giving campaign. This year’s graduating class had an increase both in member participation and the amount raised for the University from the senior class. The class also organized a food truck picnic on the mall for
graduates to enjoy free food and lawn games prior to the Commencement festivities. Graduates enjoyed the annual champagne toast with President Danko at Graduation Celebration and participated in shuttles to various Indianapolis locations. Graduates and their families also celebrated this important milestone with a spiritual ceremony at the annual Baccalaureate, presented by the Center for Faith and Vocation. It was a memorable time, marking the culmination of years of hard work and memories for members of the Class of 2014.

Chapter Challenge

Thank you to our alumni chapters in Atlanta, Bay Area, Central Indiana, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, Fort Wayne, New York, and Washington, DC, for their participation in this year’s Chapter Challenge. The challenge offered our chapters the opportunity to participate in a friendly competition to increase alumni giving participation in support of their favorite University and its students. The challenge involved all nine alumni chapters and focused on raising the overall participation rate of their respective geographic areas—not the dollar amount. Any gift that was made to Butler between June 1, 2013, and May 31, 2014, counted toward participation both in their chapter and for the University’s overall giving rates. Chapter members can see their final participation numbers on the Chapter Challenge website at www.butler.edu/chapterchallenge.

Meet the Butler Student Callers

Each semester, the Office of Annual Giving employs 15–20 student callers to make outreach phone calls in the Butler Telefund program. These students reach out to Butler alumni, parents, and friends to reconnect them with the mission of the University, learn about their experience with Butler, and encourage their support of various areas on campus. In addition to their academic priorities and campus jobs, these students also are involved in other areas of campus. Please meet some of the faces behind the phone calls.

**Caller Name:** Erin Ogden, Class of 2014  
**Hometown:** Gas City, Indiana  
** Majors:** Actuarial Science; French  
**Activities:** Butler Telefund, Alpha Chi Omega, Math Club, Actuarial Science Club

Erin on working at Telefund: “Butler Telefund provides flexible scheduling and great benefits that you can’t find anywhere else. There is a strong camaraderie among the employees and a positive environment that supports growth. I have built countless professional skills that will benefit me in my future career, but the most rewarding aspect of working at Butler Telefund is the knowledge that I am making a difference for Butler by raising money to maintain and improve the amazing and unique Butler experience for all students, faculty, and staff.”

**Caller Name:** Myeisha Harris, Class of 2016  
**Hometown:** Millersville, Indiana  
** Majors:** Science, Technology and Society; Pre-Med  
**Activities:** Butler Telefund, Methodist Hospital Volunteer

Myeisha on working at Telefund: “After I graduate, I do plan on giving back to Butler. My main goal would be to donate to Butler’s Learning Resource Center. The LRC has gone above and beyond to help me get through college academically, as well as in many other ways. I feel that every student should take advantage of the many opportunities the LRC has to offer. Thanks to Butler alumni, I have these amazing services available to me and I will keep the tradition going by supporting the Butler Fund.”

**Caller Name:** Tucker Lucas, Class of 2015  
**Hometown:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
** Major:** Finance  
**Activities:** Butler Telefund, ECO Club

Tucker on working at Telefund: “I plan to support Butler because it is important to take pride in the program that shaped your experience and prepared you for the ‘real world.’ I love the small class sizes at Butler and the alumni, parent, and friend support helps keep that possible. They allow me to actually get to know my professors and meet other students with my major. It is the best environment to get connected to the city while being in a quiet community setting.”
Join us September 26–28!

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Bryan Brenner ’95 was a farm kid who didn’t like to get his hands dirty. While he adopted the work ethic and perseverance that farming demands, he knew at an early age that the family business was not for him.

Still, the Clarks Hill, Indiana, native speaks fondly of his small-town upbringing, from trips to Lafayette for groceries and “fine dining” at McDonald’s to Colfax fish suppers. The Brenners raised livestock and grew soybeans, wheat, and corn. “I can bail hay and do all of that,” he says proudly. “I was a 10-year, 4-H member and a Junior Leader (within 4-H).”

Brenner remembers feeling at home at Butler from the start—“farm to city” he calls it. First in his family to attend a four-year college, Brenner graduated cum laude with degrees in public/corporate communications and journalism and was active in Butler’s Campus Crusade for Christ, SGA, and other student organizations.

He found his way to the public and corporate communications major via actuarial science, pre-med, and undecided, citing Journalism Professor Art Levin and Public...
Relations Professor Steven Vibbert as the encouraging voices who helped him to value his gifts. “Both of them helped me to be comfortable with who I was and not stretch to be something I wasn’t because I thought that was what other people would want,” Brenner says. “I could start to trust that if I did what came naturally to me and really invest in that, I could create a good life for myself and help other people.” Political Science Professor Margaret Brabant taught Brenner’s section of Change and Tradition (now Global and Historical Studies). “Phenomenal, passionate woman. She literally would beat her chest, getting so excited about these topics and debates,” he laughs. “I loved coming to that class. That’s where I got a lot of work done in my own heart around what I really believed and thought. I was so taken with her ability to stand out in a crowd and lead the way that she did.”

Today, Brenner serves as Founder and CEO of FirstPerson, a professional consulting firm advising employers in the areas of benefits, human resources, wellness, compensation, and communication. Based in Indianapolis, FirstPerson serves more than 250 corporate clients, including Marsh Supermarkets and Mike’s Carwash.

“It was a complete accident,” Brenner says of his career in healthcare. While working in a marketing position for a third-party health benefit administrator, he discovered his fascination with the employer/employee relationship.

“There’s so much power there, so much opportunity for good and for bad. What I built our firm to do is to help employers maximize that relationship, to understand it better, and to become excellent planners and administrators within that structure.”

In 2012, Employee Benefit Adviser Magazine named Brenner Health Plan Adviser of the Year. The same year, he also was named to the Indianapolis Business Journal’s “Forty Under 40” list.

Brenner’s mission, personally and in business, is to create space for others to become who they want to be—to live out their best story. To him, that means engagement with the community, contributing beyond his job, and home life.

One way Brenner lives out this mission is by plugging in to Butler, specifically within the College of Business (COB). He started by joining the COB Board of Visitors.

“At first, I was the liberal arts guy trying to learn and keep up,” admits Brenner. “I didn’t know exactly how I would contribute, but I just loved the College and wanted to plug in and be helpful. I loved it—learning how the business school works.”

From there, he started looking for a way to engage more deeply. The MBA Board Fellows program rose to the top. The program provides graduate students the opportunity to monitor the activities of a board of directors within community organizations so they can observe firsthand how nonprofit boards and their committees operate. Each board fellow completes a project for the organization for which he or she serves. Fellows receive course credit for participating in the program.

“I thought [the program] was really great because it’s a very purposeful way that Butler is bringing people through that process in an academic setting—so there’s learning, encouragement from mentors, and connection back out to the community. It was perfect for FirstPerson because it accomplished so many things that are important to us; we like to support education, getting people involved in the community, and Butler. This did all those things.”

Business Professor Roberto Curci says Brenner has been instrumental in helping orchestrate and financially underwrite the FirstPerson MBA Board Fellows Program.

“This high-quality experiential program would not be available to our students without his superior level of commitment and support,” says Curci, Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs and Eugene Ratliff Endowed Chair, Professor of Finance.

In addition to sponsoring the FirstPerson Board Fellows Program, the company’s role includes interacting with faculty, assisting in teaching the introductory class, and managing the mentor component of the program.

Brenner says the goal is to build a collection of 25–30 mentors who are trained to understand the program’s objectives and can connect students to organizations and help them find their passion.

Brenner is excited by the shift he sees in the students’ motivation as they move through the program. “I think they change their mindset from volunteerism to more strategic engagement. Most of them have appreciated volunteerism for a long time, but there is a strategic level at which these organizations need help and support. It’s really a heart of volunteerism applied to the strategic.”

“I think when people walk around feeling like they’ve really got something to offer is when it’s pretty hollow. It’s when they have a deep sense of support to others that it becomes really powerful. I see that progression happen. They become passionate about the topics at hand and start to engage beyond the project, which is perfect.”

Brenner met his wife, Elaine (Miller) ’94, his freshman year at Butler and proposed under the Carillon (March 1993). They celebrated their 20th anniversary in May. The couple has four children: Caroline, 14; Grace, 11; John Michael, 8; and Lily, 4.
The ‘50s

Tom Osborne ’53 has been inducted into Midwest Real Estate News magazine’s Hall of Fame. He is Principal and Principal Broker at Colliers International/Indiana Region.

Jack Eaton MM ’55 is still playing the piano every day. On the first Friday of every month, he plays a show called “Happy Hour with Jack” at the Newport Bay condo complex in Indianapolis.

Bobby Plump ’58 was featured in an Indianapolis Star article on the 60-year anniversary of the “Milan Miracle” on March 20, 2014.

The ‘60s

Butler Trustee Emeritus Stephen A. Briganti ’64 has been awarded the 2014 Friend of History Award by the Organization of American Historians.

Bob Parsons ’64 was named Citizen of the Year by Haddonfield (New Jersey) Mayor Jeff Kasko. He is best known as Haddonfield’s unofficial videographer and football announcer.

John C. Render ’66 was named to the 2014 Leadership in Law list by Indiana Lawyer.

Bob Rice ’66 has published a new novel, From Every Bitter Thing. The book is set in the time of the historic Arthur (early sixth century) and tells the story of the clash of cultures, religions, and sexes in a changing world.

Robert E. Swinehart MBA ’68 has joined the Indiana Historical Society Board of Trustees.

The ‘70s

Fred Bagg ’71 has announced his retirement in early April as Director of Strategic Planning for Franciscan St. Francis Health.

Kevin Celarek ’71 was selected by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration as a winner of a 2014 Public Administrator of the Year award in the Career Achievement category.

Bruce Darnall MS ’71 has written an article titled “Padres Catcher Talks About Key to 2013 Rebound Season” on San Diego Padres Catcher Nick Hundley. He has also written two articles on Milwaukee Brewers coaches John Shelby (“One Question Changes Life Direction of Hitting Coach”) and Lee Tunnell (“Childhood Lessons Still Shaping Pitching Coach”).

Timothy Wright ’73 has joined the Community Health Network Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Kathleen Custer ’75 MM ’78 has been hired as Executive Assistant with the Methodist Health Foundation.

Butler Trustee Howard L. Schrott ’76 has joined the Indiana Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Andrew “Drew” Brahos ’77 has joined Montecito Bank & Trust as Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager.

Beth Thomas ’77 has been named Vice President for Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis.

Rich Van Wyk ’77 has been named to the Local Initiatives Support Corp. Advisory Board.

Sam Davis ’78 has been appointed Director of Hospital and Family Services at Southwest Transplant Alliance in Dallas.

Debra “Deb” Wolinsky MS ’78 has been selected as one of four winners of the first Hubbard Life-Changing Teacher Award.

Dennis Bassett MBA ’79 has been named Director of the Department of Finance Institutions by Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Scot Shaw ’79 has been named the new Head Football Coach at Wayne High School in Fort Wayne.

Brent Taylor ’79 has been honored with the 2014 Heartland Pro Bono Award in recognition of his many years of service with the Indianapolis Bar Association’s Homeless Project.

The ‘80s

Jay Cutler ’82 has been promoted to Vice President of Business Development at Level365.

Laurette Frazier ’82 is the recipient of the J.B. Vandaworther Award.

Nancy S. Patrick ’83 is now the Human Resources Director of the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida.

Lisa (Summers) Kobek ’83 was named Executive Vice President of Client Services with Mobius Vendor Partners.

D. Rusty Denton ’85 has been named a member of the Partnership Board at Birmingham Greenebaum Doll.

Richard “Rick” Mahoney ’85 joined the Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as Assistant Vice President of Technology.

Julie Crabb Campbell ’86 has retired after teaching 35 years in MSD Washington Township. She is now an ACE Certified Personal Trainer.

William E. Kennedy MBA ’86 has joined Salin Bank as Vice President, Portfolio Manager.

Pam Millikan ’86 has been elected to serve a second term as North Regional Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Association for Middle Level Education.

Michael “Mick” Naylor ’86 was appointed Mortgage Development Officer for Bangor Savings.

Michael Pennell ’86 accepted a position at Emtec Inc.

Valerie (Bunting) Brennan ’88 has been named Treasurer for Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis.

Dr. James Brown ’88 was elected to the SAFE-BioPharma Board of Directors.

Dr. Brent “B.G.” McPike ’88 will make his ULM Guitar Festival debut, headlining the feature concert of the 2014 event at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Susan (Brummer) Sholtis ’88 was promoted to Vice President of Global Solutions, Specialty, Medical Sales, and Marketing at Mead Johnson Nutrition.
Lisa (Ogibovic) Sullivan ’89 and her Mohawk Trails Elementary School Show Choir were pictured in The Indianapolis Star on March 3.

Nancy (Dorris) Sweet ’88 has been promoted to Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of CNO Financial Group.

The ’90s

Bob McElwain MBA ’90 has been named Vice Chairman for JPMorgan Chase.

Karen (McKnight) Burk ’91 has been hired by The Lowry Team—Keller Williams Realty of West Chester, Ohio, as Director of Marketing.

Kristin Hinshaw ’91 has joined the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters as a Program Coordinator.

Dr. Holly Johnson ’92 published a book called Pick It and Flick It: The Prescription I Wrote for My Healing. The book discusses her inspiring journey from being a doctor to being a patient after she was diagnosed with lymphoma cancer roughly five years ago.

Jolie Lindley ’92 was selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar.

Nicole Gaines ’93 received the 2014 Goldmark Award at a luncheon on February 21, 2014, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel.

Heather (Burkhart) Minor ’93 has been hired as a Staff Accountant for Katz, Sapper & Miller.

Kate Shepherd ’93 was hired as the Marketing and Communications Manager for Stand for Children Indiana.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan MS ’94 has been named Interim Superintendent for California’s Santa Clara County Schools.

Joseph Svetanoff ’94 has been appointed to the Indiana Gaming Commission by Gov. Mike Pence.

Gillian Bohning Wyckoff ’94 was chosen as a summer fellow at Vanderbilt University’s Peabody Professional Institution.

Deborah Agard MA ’95 has been honored by the United Way of Central Indiana with a Leadership Ignited Outstanding Board Service Award for her service with Kids’ Voice of Indiana.

Keith Bice ’95 has been named a member of the Partnership Board at Bingham Greensbaum Doll.

Spencer Martin ’95 performed in the Luther College Faculty Artist Series on March 15.

Andrew Penca ’96 has been named the Managing Director and General Manager of Cummins South Pacific.

DesNeiges Buchana ’97 has been named an IPS Building-Level Teacher of the Year.

Benjamin Davis ’97 sang on the “TODAY Show” as part of the cast of the Tony-nominated show Violet.

Brooke Huntington ’97 was elected to the Board for the Economic Club of Indianapolis. She will serve as Program Chair.

Andrew Whitfield ’97 performed in the Luther College Faculty Artist Series on March 15.

Lucy (Cetin) Dollens ’98 has joined Quarles & Brady LLP’s new Indianapolis office as Partner.

Kendra Hamby EPPSP ’98, MS ’99 has been named Principal at Madison Street Academy in Ocala, Florida.

Clifford Klotz ’98 transitioned as a First Officer, piloting a Boeing 757 and 767 with United Airlines, flying routes to Europe, Hawaii, and South America out of United’s hub in Houston, Texas.

Jennifer (Jaroszewski) Muszik ’98 will assume the role of President-elect for the Healthcare Businesswomen’s Association Indiana Chapter.

Mariama (Shaheed) Carson ’99, former College of Education Board of Visitor member, was named an Education Entrepreneur Fellow by the Mind Trust.

Meredith L. Roney ’99 has been named President of Tactic LLC.

The ’00s

Chad Amos ’00 has joined the Board of Directors for Horizon House.

Aliya Chaplin ’00 graduated with her MBA from Western Governors University in April.

Lisa (Baer) Carry ’00 has joined the Board of Directors of Joy’s House Adult Day Service.

Jane Keller MBA ’00, CEO of Orthology, has been named the recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award from Executive Women in Healthcare.

Chad Martin ’00 has joined nimblejack LLC as a Technical Architect.

Thomas Burdick ’01 has been promoted to COO of Business Development at Level365.

Brock Hasler ’01 has been named Director of Membership for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

J. Wes Nicholson MBA ’01 has joined Würster Construction Co. as a Project Manager.

AnnCatherine (Van Lone) Downing ’02 was honored with a 2013 Top 100 Innovator Award from Lilly Research Laboratories at Eli Lilly & Co.

Emily (Fay) Hasselbeck ’02 received a doctorate in communication sciences and disorders from the University of Cincinnati in August 2013.

Jeremy Stacy ’02 has been named Campaign Solutions Manager by nimblejack LLC.

Kurt Beier ’03 has been named Treasurer of the Ronald McDonald House of Indiana.

Pat Neshek ’03 has accepted a minor league offer from the St. Louis Cardinals.

Dana Altemeyer ’04 has accepted a district-level position as Coordinator of Communications Marketing and PR for Lawrence Township Schools.

Eric Averitt MBA ’04 has joined the Board of Directors of Joy’s House Adult Day Service.

Steve Fredwell MBA ’04 has been promoted to Senior Director of Sales at Bosma Enterprises.

Jon Loftin MBA ’04 and his company MJ Insurance were featured in The Indianapolis Star on April 6.

John D. Perry MBA ’04 has been promoted to Managing Director with Morgan Stanley’s Wealth Management office in Indianapolis.

Pamela Pietrowsky ’04 completed a master’s of science in historic preservation from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in August 2012.

Colin Ruud ’04 earned his doctorate in higher education from the University of Illinois on May 12, 2013.

Kyle Masur ’05 was named to the Humane Society Board of Directors.

Justin Nichols ’06 has joined The Homewood Suites Indianapolis Downtown Hotel as Director of Sales.

Charles Porter ’05 will lead Vaco Indianapolis’ new technology division.

Brant Sloan ’07 accepted a position at the law firm of O’Bryan, Brown, & Toner in Louisville, Kentucky, as an Associate Attorney.

Ashley Hardy ’08 has been hired as Creative Director of Keyflow Creative, a division of KPC Media Group Inc.

Jacob Pactor MA ’08, Speedway High School English Teacher, was featured in an article about Common Core in The Indianapolis Star on March 1.

Eric Land ’08 has been promoted to Manager at Katz, Sapper & Miller.

Brittani (Jennings) Maletta ’08 has been promoted to Manager at Katz, Sapper & Miller.

Kathleen Crockett ’09 has been accepted to The Ohio State University’s Coordinated Master’s Degree Program.

Douglas D. Miller EPPSP ’02 MS ’09 has been hired to succeed the retiring Tippecanoe School Corporation Assistant Superintendent.

Graham Summers ’09 has been promoted to Vice President, Office Services Group at Jones Lang LaSalle.
Butler Beginnings

Katherine Delaney Lynch, March 8, 2014

Jorie Marie Lovell, March 1, 2014

Amelia Jacinta Essig, March 20, 2014

Michael '13 and Claire (Peterson) '11 Couch on June 15, 2013

Indi Mae Grimes, October 12, 2013

Creighton James Veasley, April 9, 2014
The ’10s

Megan Carter ’10 graduated from Washington University School of Medicine as a Doctor of Audiology on May 16, 2014.

Nicole M. Cegelski ’10 was one of the top 10 finalists for the Indianapolis Public Schools’ Teacher of the Year.

Jennifer “Jenn” Lisak ’10 was promoted to Vice President and Partner at DK New Media.

Dane Suarez ’10 advanced to the semifinals of the Metropolitan Opera National Council audition.

He represented the mid-south region on May 16, 2014.

Zach Hahn ’11 has been named Head Boys Basketball Coach at Center Grove High School.

Terri L. Lee ’11 received a master of public health degree with a concentration in public health administration from Indiana University. She has also joined Health By Design as the Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Jonathan Guthrie MS ’12 was named 2014 Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Association of Biology Teachers.

Lauren Pedigo ’12 was featured by WISH-TV (Channel 8) in Indianapolis as a volunteer and runner for the fundraising team “The One Marathon” for the Boston Marathon bombing.

Emily M. Blanche ’13 is now employed with Fort Wayne-based InHealth.

Emily (Fay) Hasselbeck ’02 and Nick Hasselbeck; Julian Prescott Hasselbeck, January 10, 2014

Charles Christopher Grimes ’01 and Amanda Eschen Grimes; Indi Mae Grimes, October 12, 2013

Bethany Swain ’94 and Warwick Stone; Charlotte Sylvia Stone, October 7, 2013

Matthew Burden ’96 and Jenny Gao; Mikayla Burden, June 27, 2013. Mikayla joins big brother Joshua.

Shawnae (Easter) Davis ’98 and Jeremy Davis; Calla Victoria Davis, January 30, 2013

Hilary (McDonald) Phelps ’00 and Justin Phelps; Lila Stephanie Phelps, December 29, 2013


Kristin Holzbauer ’02 and Dave Holzbauer; Ashlyn Joy Holzbauer, April 2, 2014. Ashlyn joins big sister Kensie.

Melody Benbow Lynch ’02 and Brendan Lynch; Katherine Delaney Lynch, March 8, 2014

Katherine (Mortensen) Essig ’03; Amelia Jacinta Essig, March 20, 2014

Stacy (Hammond) Hofinger ’03 and Rob Hofinger; Avery Elizabeth Hofinger, December 24, 2013


Collin Ruud ’04 and Krista (Chernausky) Ruud ’05; Lydia Kathleen Ruud and Liam Oliver Ruud, January 2, 2014

Emily (Combs) Benson ’06 MS ’11 and Matt Benson; Alice Margaret Benson, March 22, 2014. Alice joins big sister Eleanor.

Jessica Crone ’06 and Loren Crone; Abigail Ann Crone, January 29, 2014

Matt Waggoner ’07 and Erica (Boys) Waggoner ’07; Samantha Eden Waggoner, July 30, 2013

Sarah (Gosset) Literal ’08 and Wayne Literal; Abigail Marie Literal, February 14, 2014. Abigail joins big brother Austin Tyler.

Tiffani Lovell ’08 and Andrew Lovell MS ’09; Jori Marie Lovell, March 1, 2014

Will Vaseley ’10 and Emily Fischer ’12; Creighton James Vaseley, April 9, 2014

In Memoriam

Robert Ford ’30
Florence (Hinshaw) Maxwell ’35
Lois (Le Saulnier) Miers ’36
Catherine (Bowsher) Purves ’37
Marthana (McWhir) Walters ’39 MA ’48
Elizabeth (Lockhart) Hoffman ’40
Audrey (Harrington) Michels ’40
Mary Boyce ’42
Patricia (Ellig) Keevil ’54
Patricia McTarsney ’54
Allan Long ’55
Donald Tyler ’55
Herbert Elliot ’54
Maxine (Kendall) Featherston ’54
Thomas Fritch ’54
Sarah (Gosset) Literal ’08
Patricia (Ellig) Keevil ’54
Patricia McTarsney ’54
Allan Long ’55
Donald Tyler ’55
Herman Barnett MA ’56
Caroline (Carter) Hyde ’56
Dorothea (Brun) Newell ’56
Paul Sutherlin ’56
Marcia (Skinner) Williams ’57
Patsy Scott MS ’58
Ronald Long ’59
James Strauss ’59
Ralph Weeks ’60
David Brown ’61
Jane Trotter ’62
Edgar Stresino MA ’63
Milton Baltimore MS ’64
Larry Davis ’65
Ladye (Kimbrough) Hazelwood ’65
Adeline Hill MS ’65
Harold Hoffman MA ’65
Kirby Kayser ’65
Suzanne (Deboy) Lebrato-DeHaan ’65
Norman Spradlin ’65
Doris (Wcua) Andrews MS ’66
Jeffrey Cougill ’66
Barbara (Glad) Edmiston MS ’66
Jean (Elsey) Gayer MS ’66
Darlene Lawson ’66
Linda (White) Turk ’66
Jean (Harvey) Whitmoyer MS ’72
Sandra Donovan ’67
Margaret Hart MS ’68
Johnny (Mckay) O’Dell ’68
Alice (Powell) Blind ’69 MS ’73
James Carter ’69 MS ’69
Christine (Johnson) Lyon ’69
Sue Beard MA ’71

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Your fellow alumni are interested in your professional accomplishments, including a job change, a promotion, or retirement; community and volunteer activities; recent marriage or addition to your family; or any other news you would like to share.

Send to Alumni and Parent Programs, Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208-3485; online through Bulldog Nation at bulldognation.butler.edu; via email to alumni@butler.edu; or fax to 317-940-9816.

Include my news in the next Class Acts!

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MAKE A GIFT EVERY YEAR.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.
I arrived on Butler’s campus as a little 7-week-old English bulldog puppy in February 2012. Needless to say, I’ve been on a steep learning curve ever since. After all, to be mascot, there’s a lot to learn! Lucky for me, I ended up at Butler University, a place that’s all about learning.

Simply flip through the pages of Butler Magazine and discover the great examples of experiential learning happening every day in each of our six colleges.

Or read up on Butler’s Undergraduate Research Conference—the largest of its kind in the Midwest. The conference includes more than 1,000 students representing 20 states. That’s a lot of learning!

As declared in Butler’s 2020 Vision, the University will continue to seek transformative, student-centered learning opportunities with great fervor. And so, the pursuit of knowledge at Butler never stops, which means, even when I’m an old dog, I’ll still be learning new tricks.

GoDawgs!

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