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Harris Center named for person who made renovations possible

In recent years, the south end of Union's Don Love Building has become a vibrant learning hub for some of Union's popular programs dedicated to health care and service. This recently-renovated home for the Physician Assistant Program, International Rescue and Relief Program and Occupational Therapy Assistant Program has now been named the Harris Center in honor of Edna Maier Harris '48 whose estate gift made this learning space possible.

The Harris Center comprises the upper floor of the Don Love Building south of the library and was renovated into learning spaces in 2013 after AdventSource—the former occupants—moved to a new facility on the southeast corner of campus.

"We are so thankful for the tremendous generosity Edna Harris has shown toward



Photo: Scott Cushman/Union College

Union," said Dr. Vinita Sauder, Union College president. "These funds made a direct and lasting impact on many Union College students through the creation of the Harris Center and many other campus projects."

Harris was a lifelong supporter of Union College, and her final estate gift provided the funding for the Harris Center renovations, the launch of the OTA Program, and other campus projects including the Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics in 2014 and the campus entrance at 48th Street and Prescott Avenue in 2017.

"She did not graduate from Union, but always wished she had," said her son, Lance Harris. "Her experiences at Union College shaped her life, and she wanted to help others have the same experiences." You can read the full story at ucollege.edu/harris-center-gift

You may not have a multimillion dollar estate, but every dollar matters. Your gifts help make top-quality learning facilities to prepare Union students to change the world. **A**

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Sierra Lastine enjoys studying in the open field next to Larson Lifestyle Center. Read about the favorite spots of several Union freshmen on page 22. Photo by Scott Cushman.

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Union kicks off brand update with new logo and tagline

by Ryan Teller and Scott Cushman



Union College has launched a refreshed brand featuring a new logo and tagline. These changes in the college's visual identity and messaging are derived from a larger initiative to enact the college's vision that focuses on personal mentorship to help students dig deeper—connecting faith and career for lifelong fulfillment.

Creating this brand started in 2016 when Union began the process of updating its mission statement and creating a vision narrative to set the direction of the college. After 18 months of work and input from across Union's many stakeholders, the Board of Trustees approved the current mission and vision. The college ultimately partnered with Stamats, Inc., a national higher education marketing firm based in Iowa, to shape a distinct brand message and visual identity to align with this mission and vision.

"Union College is fully focused on helping students succeed," said Vinita

Sauder, president of Union College. "I believe our brand update will help us better tell Union's story as we boldly connect with students looking for God's calling in their lives."

The new tagline—"Finding purpose. Unlocking potential"—highlights Union's commitment to helping students discover lifelong faith and career fulfillment through the unique Christian community, personal mentorship and learning experiences offered by the college.

Union's new logo uses a bold, angular font to distinguish the college from other higher education institutions (particularly those with the words "union" and "college" in their names). The large "U" emphasizes Union's focus on each student as an individual while providing a distinctive design element. The two ribbons comprising the "U" reference the college's heritage of global mission service celebrated at the annual Golden Cords ceremony. This visually and thematically ties the new logo to the two previous college logos which similarly integrated the tradition of the golden cords.

The college has adopted a new shield symbol representing the institution and Warriors athletic teams interchangeably. The shield shape is less evoca-

tive of any particular culture or ethnicity than the previous Warriors logo, and it serves as a better metaphor for the spiritual battles for which the Warriors name was originally chosen. Displaying the stylized "U" from the logo, the shield shape illustrates part of the armor of God. Throughout the Bible, a shield is used to describe God's protection, His faithfulness, and the faith of those who believe in Him.

The school's official colors have been red and black since at least 1906, and this new visual identity has updated the shades without changing the hues. A brighter cardinal red replaces burgundy and anthracite gray lightens the mood from true black.

"Union's mission and vision already guide the direction of our administrative decisions," said Sauder. "The visual and messaging update helps us set Union apart from other colleges and reflects the same goals outlined in our vision—to mentor every student to become a highly sought graduate who serves joyfully in God's calling."

In order to minimize waste and carefully steward resources, the rollout of the new brand and visual identity will be a multi-year process. However, the work of integrating the updated imagery and messaging has already begun, both across campus and in communication and marketing initiatives. You will start to see changes immediately—including on our digital platforms. **A**

A history of Union College logos

For much of the college's 130-year history, the seal was used for branding Union and is now reserved for academic and ceremonial uses. In 1982, the college adopted the golden cords logo with an entwined "U" and "C" comprised of five cords each. The logo was last updated to a simple wordmark in 2003, keeping the idea of cords in the "O."



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The Editing Class, taught by Lori Peckham (far right) took on several real-world projects last semester.

Editing class works with AdventHealth to publish a book

by Hannah Drewieck

*The Editing Class also helped write and edit this issue of **CORD Magazine***

During the fall 2020 semester, Union College's editing class of 10 students worked with AdventHealth's CREATION Life team to produce a "Wellness Journal" for young adults.

At the beginning of the semester, the CREATION Life team met virtually with the editing class to collaborate on the project to reach college-aged students and discuss all aspects of health in an engaging way. They wanted the finished product to include writings from students from multiple Adventist colleges, but everything else was up to the class.

Robyn Edgerton, director of mission strategy at AdventHealth, said about the project, "We are delighted and really want the end result to be something that inspires students."

After discussing potential formats, the class decided on a "Wellness Journal." It would allow readers to learn about each of the topics in the CREATION acronym—Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust in God, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition—and learn about themselves in the process. With this idea in mind, the class began pulling all the pieces together.

Two students from the class began the process by contacting students from each college and assigning them to a particular topic. As the writing submissions came in, they edited them, using the skills they learned in class.

"The writings that were submitted were brilliant. The content was relevant and interesting to hear about. They were

all filled with fascinating information," said Lacey Stecker, one of the students responsible for editing the writings.

Several of the students in the class contributed to the main copy. The class also created the introductory material, the self-assessments at the beginning and end, the journal prompts for readers and the sidebars for all the writings. This additional material that fills each page allows readers to interact with the book, making it their own Wellness Journal.

The class finished gathering and producing the pieces and presented everything to AdventHealth at the beginning of November.

"I am thoroughly impressed by the editing that was done," Joshua Morton, social media manager for CREATION Life, said to the class. "You're doing a good job. You students are talented for sure."

AdventHealth is working with a designer to pull the book together, consulting with the class to make sure it aligns with their vision.

Lori Peckham, the editing class professor, said, "I know we will end up with a product that will make every participating student proud and will impact readers to begin their own wellness journey."

The Wellness Journal will be released in the first quarter of 2021. **A**

Hannah Drewieck, a junior communication and business administration major from Stoughton, Wisconsin

Celebrating Aunt Vi's 96 years of giving

by Ken Farrow, leadership giving director

If you're lucky, you had someone like Viola Lundry in your life. Her nieces and nephew, five in total, cherish the lessons they learned from their Aunt Vi: cooking, cleaning, lawn mowing, embroidery, quilting ... the list is endless, but at the top shines the generosity she modeled. Lundry was the sort of woman who baked cookies not just for herself, but also for the neighbors and shut-ins in need of a visit. And to the Hammond siblings (her nieces and nephew), she gave time, knowledge and patience in a way unmatched by other adults in their lives.

A seventh and eighth grade science teacher, Lundry could turn any walk into an adventurous exploration of biology, botany and the rest of the natural world. She shared her passion for science with her nieces and nephew who will never forget her special interest in ornithology and her ability to identify a bird simply by its call.

She was also an accomplished pianist, organist and singer whose

beautiful playing and contralto voice was a staple at Vacation Bible Schools. As she shared her music with her church, she was also sharing her Christian values with the Hammonds, surrounding them with faith and love to support them through difficult times at home.

At the age of 50, one of her students introduced Lundry to her single father. It wasn't long after this introduction that Lundry was married, becoming a stepmother to seven young children. As with her nieces and nephew, she pulled her stepchildren into her orbit and invested her time, knowledge and love in each of them.

At the age of 96, Lundry passed away, leaving her estate to be divided between her stepchildren and her nieces and nephew. The Hammond siblings decided to use their portion of the inheritance to support science education, a fitting tribute to the aunt who taught them and so many other children about God's creation. They first reached out to their Aunt Vi's alma mater, but after two weeks of unsuccessfully trying to reach someone at the school every day, they weren't sure what to do.

Lundry's niece, Jan Zimmerman, said, "As I prayed, God

"As I prayed, God reminded me that in the pastoral ministry of my husband and myself, the best teachers we hired for our church schools graduated from Union College," said Jan Zimmerman of why they donated Aunt Vi's estate to Union College.

reminded me that in the pastoral ministry of my husband and myself, the best teachers we hired for our church schools graduated from Union College." She told her brother and sisters about the plan, and they readily agreed Union College was the right choice. The siblings gave their inheritance (and a bit more) to benefit science education majors through scholarships.

These five siblings chose to honor their aunt's legacy by supporting future science educators. Their gift has already had an impact on the lives of two students.

There are many ways to support the promising young people who have chosen Union College to prepare them for their careers of service. If you have a passion to make a real difference in someone's life, please contact Ken Farrow at ken.farrow@ucollege.edu or call 402-486-2600, ext. 2200. **A**



Photo courtesy of Jan Zimmerman

Viola Lundry's life was commemorated by her nieces and nephew when they contributed the inheritance they received from her estate to Union College.

New scholarship covers tuition costs for families making \$60,000 or less

by Emily Roque Cisneros '17

Union College has launched the new Bridge to Union Scholarship—a plan that will cover the tuition costs for students from most families with an income of \$60,000 or less.

"In these challenging economic times, every dollar matters," said Dr. Vinita Sauder, president of Union College. "We want to bridge the tuition gap for any student and family who dreams of taking advantage of a life coach for every freshman, career preparation and spiritual community at Union College. The Bridge to Union Scholarship helps make our unparalleled personalized support available to many more students—regardless of financial circumstances."

For first-time freshman students enrolled for Fall 2021, Union College is granting a scholarship equal to all tuition costs not covered by their federal and state financial aid package. To qualify, a student simply needs to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) showing that they are eligible for a Pell Grant and their family income for the FAFSA year is \$60,000 or less.

The scholarship will be renewable for up to seven additional semesters as long as the student remains enrolled as a full-time student (12-17 credit hours) during that time, maintains a 2.0 GPA, is Pell-eligible and their family income stays at \$60,000 or below.

"No motivated student should be denied a quality education," said Sauder. "We are excited to remove more of the financial burden for students who want a Christian education as they seek to find God's calling for their lives."

The Bridge to Union program covers tuition only. Students can earn a majority of their room and board by working on campus throughout both semesters and contributing summer work earnings to their account. Outside scholarships may also be applied toward room and board.

Financial aid is available to all Union undergraduate students—regardless of income or eligibility for federal financial aid. For instance, every freshman admitted to Union already receives a four-year renewable scholarship of \$4,000 up to full tuition (worth nearly \$100,000 over four years) based on academic achievement, financial situation and other factors. **A**

For more information about the Bridge to Union Scholarship, call 402.486.2504 or visit ucollege.edu/bridge-to-union

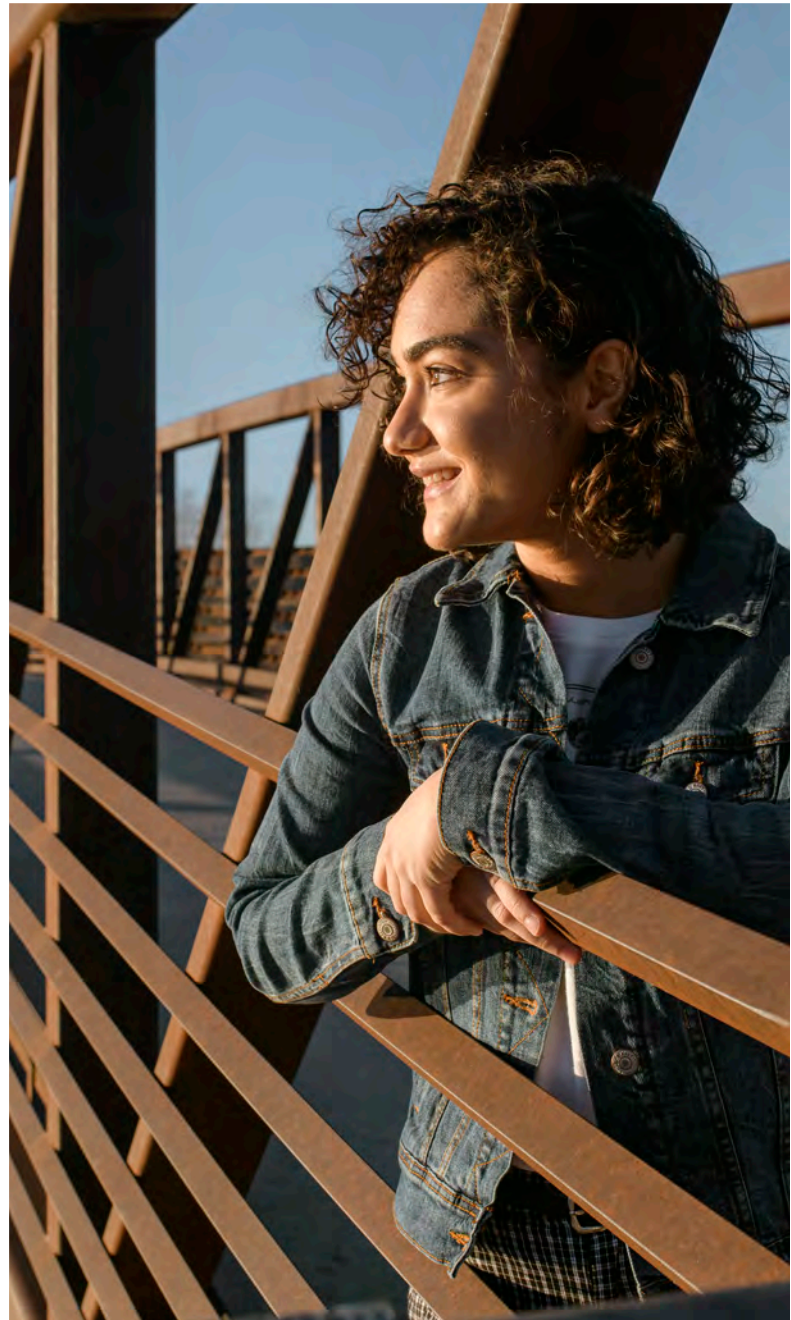


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- Dr. Vinita Sauder, Union College president

Student Association masks international intrigue at fall banquet

by Mary Freeman '22

Due to the coronavirus, many of the usual Union College events have had to be canceled, postponed or dramatically altered. But the Student Association (SA) still found creative ways to build community and hold events—including a fall banquet.

A week before the banquet, SA released a video with students acting like they were spies, one trying to save the world from the coronavirus and the other trying to spread it—to introduce the spy theme of the banquet. In addition to the theme, the video announced there would be a talent show as the entertainment for the night and the banquet would involve a progressive dinner with each course of the meal being served in a different building on campus.

After a whole week of banquet announcements and reminders to wear masks at the event, the big night finally came. All the women slipped into their best dresses, and the men dressed up in their nicest suits. Everyone gathered in front of the Don Love Building to get their tickets to their first stop.

The attendees were split into three groups. One group started at “Royale” in Woods Amphitheater; another started at “Goldfinger” in the Atrium and the last group started at “Diamonds Are Forever” in the gymnasium. At “Goldfinger,” guests enjoyed a meal of pasta and garlic bread in a space decorated with lights and handmade centerpieces on the tables. Entertainment included a skit that contained the spy-themed promo video and three different groups singing for the talent show. At “Royale,” banquet attendees walked through a handmade arch of cards and could take pictures at a photo booth. Salad was served here, and more singers performed for entertainment. At the gymnasium, students could pose for pictures with a Tesla out front. Inside the building was a hall of mirrors constructed by student leaders. Here students enjoyed different kinds of pastries for dessert and listened to more singers perform.

“Our Student Association really outdid themselves with this banquet, considering the circumstances,” said one attendee. “It was entertaining and interactive, and the decorations were beautiful. Overall, this banquet was a complete success.”

Mary Freeman '22, a junior communication major from Auburn, California



Students found creative ways to hold safe events even in a pandemic.

Photo by Jay Kim/Union College

Union College ranked one of “America’s Best” for 15th year

by Scott Cushman '03

Union College has once again been ranked among America’s best colleges and universities by *U.S. News*. This year, Union also rated highly in the publication’s lists for best value, social mobility and diversity.

These 2021 rankings mark the first time institutions in Union’s category of Midwest regional colleges have been listed by social mobility, with Union College coming in at number 20. Based on the percentage of low-income students who graduate on time from an institution, this score is meant to serve as a shorthand for which colleges do the best job of improving the economic status of their graduates.

“It’s really gratifying to see Union recognized for something so close to our hearts,” said Vinita Sauder, college president. “I believe our focus on services like life coaching and personal tutoring helps to level the playing field for first-generation students who don’t have family members to turn to when they have basic questions about academics and college life.”

This is the third year the publication has included a list of “Best Value Schools,” and the third year Union has ranked highly on that metric (25 in its category). Only top tier schools are included in the list, and the score is based on a comparison of the school’s overall ranking with its average cost of attendance. The better the quality of the education and the lower the tuition, the higher the rank.

“Where *U.S. News* sees ‘value,’ I see all the behind-the-scenes sacrifices and small miracles working together to keep a world-class education accessible to students from many economic backgrounds,” said President Sauder. “I will never be able to say ‘Thank you!’ enough to Union’s dedicated alumni, employees and other supporters.”

Consistently high rankings

In the overall rankings, Union landed at number 38 out of nearly 100 in its category this year. The college’s score reflects its commitment to student success. Though not a factor in the overall rankings, *U.S. News* lists Union College as the second most diverse school in the category of Midwestern regional colleges, and the college is in the top 10 most diverse schools in the Midwest out of all categories.

“The key to Union’s diversity is really the friendly and welcoming environment prospective students experience when they visit campus,” said Michelle Velazquez-Mesnard, vice president for Enrollment. “Success often hinges on how well you work in a diverse team, and Union really does prepare students to reach across differences, pulling together to achieve the callings God has given them.”

Scott Cushman '03, director of digital communication

Alex found a calling as an occupational therapy assistant

by Brennan Hallock '11

Alex Ulrich began college as a kinesiology major. She intended to do physical therapy with her degree, but when a physical therapist visited her class to help the students understand more about what is involved in the position, Ulrich found herself disappointed.

She asked the physical therapist about how much of his time was spent with the patients and what the day-to-day of the job was like. "He said that most of his time was spent doing paperwork and making sure the equipment was functioning properly," said Ulrich. "I didn't like that answer because my whole idea of coming to college was to have that one-on-one time with patients.

Ulrich decided to take some time away from school to reassess her life's goals. "I went to Italy with Adventist Colleges Abroad, which was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I had a lot of time to learn about who I am." She arrived home with a renewed ability to focus on her interests and assess her career goals, and this newfound focus led Ulrich to Union College.

While doing research on different colleges and their programs, Ulrich came across Union's Occupational Therapy Assistant program. She thought back to when she'd been told that assistants were the ones who really dealt with clients face-to-face. While looking through other Adventist college programs, she hadn't found any programs like Union's. "When I saw Union had an OTA program, that it was two years, and that I could get my associate's and start working after I passed my boards, I thought that was really convenient," she explained.

Mentorship beyond academics

Ulrich was excited about entering Union's OTA program. What she didn't realize is Union's OTA program is unique in more than just Adventist schools. Union's OTA program was built and designed around mentorship—engaging learners to develop into "ethical, professional, effective occupational therapy assistants, called by God to service their community, and highly sought-after by employers."

Emily Rumery, assistant director of Union College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program, explains that, "Mentorship is a component that is included directly into our program mission statement, as it is our goal to mentor our students and engage them actively in their own learning process."

The program's small class sizes allow students to have direct access to faculty members and have one-on-one attention throughout their courses. Each student is assigned to an academic advisor, who not only helps students with academic questions, but can also be a mentor for helping students achieve their own goals and professional development.

Ulrich experienced this mentorship firsthand. "My advisor has been incredible. In the beginning I was very hesitant, but she has really encouraged me through all these semesters. If I've ever had an issue, I've felt very comfortable talking to her about it." She continued, "I was going through a lot this past semester, and there was a day where my teacher



Photo: Scott Curfman/Union College

Alex Ulrich was drawn to Union's Occupational Therapy Assistant program because of its uniqueness among Adventist colleges.

Laurel [Radley] could tell I was not having a good day," Radley sat Ulrich down and asked her what was wrong. "She offered her help where she could. I really appreciated that. If students utilize communication with the professors in the OTA program, they'll be set."

Pinpointing your purpose

"In each class you get a summary of where you can take your career and a new setting you could possibly work in," said Ulrich. When she first began college, Ulrich's goal was to help people one-on-one, but she wasn't sure in what format she would accomplish that.

"I actually want to be a traveling occupational therapist now, which is something I did not know existed before I entered the program," said Ulrich.

Rumery adds that Union places value on community, mentorship, and helping guide students toward their individual goals. "This is directly implemented within the OTA program through our efforts in one-on-one mentorship of our students," she explains.

In addition, Union offers numerous resources and forms of support for the students in the OTA program. Some of these include the Student Success Center, life coaches, counseling, spiritual care and academic accommodations. Faculty are able to assist students by accessing these resources in order to help support a student's individual goals.

Accepting help

Ulrich is nearing completion of her OTA degree, and when looking back on her path she is able to see the guidance and support she received throughout her time in the program. But she says the most helpful piece of advice she was given while in the program was simply to accept help when it is offered. She concludes, "Laurel Radley once told me, 'You have a lot on your plate and you're just pushing through it. But someday you're going to get burnt out. There are resources so you don't have to just push through everything. Accept help, because you can't help others if you're burnt out.'" **A**

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Photo: Scott Gahman/Union College

Hannah Roberts always knew Union was the place for her—and scholarships helped make that possible.

Hannah Roberts: “Union is worth the money”

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04

Union senior makes it through college with the help of scholarships and pandemic funds

Students choose to attend Union because they know the personal mentorship, career preparation and spiritual community will set them up to succeed in life. And for many, hard work and a little help from the alumni family make the Union experience possible.

Just ask Hannah Roberts, a senior business major from Kentucky. With the help of scholarship funds and the Emergency Relief Grant funded by donors and the federal government, she's been able to find her calling through her Union College education.

Roberts didn't even bother applying to other colleges. She knew Union was the place for her. Two brothers and a sister-in-law had preceded her, so it was a family tradition. She liked the idea of a smaller school that offered more individualized attention. When she visited for Preview Days, she was officially hooked. “I fell in love with the family feel of campus,” she says. “One of the big things for me was a connection with God, so family worship drew me in, and afterglow was one of the coolest things I'd ever been part of.”

Knowing where she wanted to go was one thing, but paying for college was another. Fortunately, Roberts enrolled at just the right time. She qualified for a new four-year recurring scholarship that paid most of her tuition, and her work ethic made it possible for her to earn the rest of her expenses. When her academic scholarship ran out after her fourth year, generous donors paid on her bill and she qualified for a business program scholarship that helped cover the shortfall.

That financial help allowed her to follow her dreams and find her ideal future. In fall 2019, Roberts registered for a personal finance class. She had been an education major for four years and graduation was in sight, but that class showed her a glimpse of a different future—and she liked what she saw. “I've always been interested in finances, and I've always liked to budget,” she said, “But that class? I was honestly amazed. It made me switch my entire life track to be a business major.”

Now she's looking forward to graduating in August 2021, and she hopes her business degree with an emphasis in small business management will land her a job with an organization she believes in. “With the foundation Union has given me with their classes and guidance, I know I'll be able to easily work my way up to a manager position,” she says.

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Roberts credits professor Dave Rickard with running a class so engaging and fun that she envisioned a new path, and she says her interactions with the business program staff and work as a teaching assistant for Rickard even changed the way she sees herself. "I've gained a lot of skills, and leadership is one of them," she says. "I've always considered myself a shy leader—only leading out if I had to. But I learned I can jump in and go for it. I used to be quiet, but now I'm fierce."

Perseverance is another skill she's honed—especially lately. When the pandemic hit last March, most of Union's students headed home to finish the spring semester. But Roberts recognized that she needed to stay. "I knew if I was going to be here this year, I needed to work and apply as much money as possible to my school bill," she says. Anyone wanting to stay on campus had to apply to do so, and Roberts was one of the few approved to remain. Even though it meant she wouldn't be able to travel home to see her family, the sacrifice was worth it to her. She was able to work in the residence hall and put in enough hours to earn a summer bonus.

Then, CARES Act funds appropriated by Congress and gifts from Union supporters through the #UnionStrong campaign added further relief. The funds were distributed among students, applied to wherever they'd be most beneficial. For Roberts, that meant another \$750 went straight to her tuition bill. "Without Union's donors, I don't know if I would have been able to stay here as long as I have," she says. And, indeed, that financial support and her hard work have reaped major benefits. "Between my scholarships, various donations put toward my school bill, the special fund, and working, currently I have no loans. If I can keep it that way, having no debt will free me to use my education to go further in life."

Roberts says it's especially meaningful to her that Union's alumni and friends are so willing to give back to help current students because giving is something she values, too. "I'm a giver, and I love helping others," she says. "I will help them before I help myself. Giving is in my blood; it's my love language." Because of that, she says Project Impact

days are some of her favorite memories at Union, and she is grateful for the experiences of gathering with her peers to serve the community. On a smaller scale, she says her dual loves of giving and budgeting combine to empower random acts of kindness. She uses her limited funds to share treats, cards and occasional trips to The Mill to support her friends—encouragement especially needed this year.

And it's kindness she sees in the generous gifts from Union College's supporters. "In my personal experience and hearing friends' experiences, if it weren't for scholarships and contributions, many of us wouldn't be able to attend an Adventist institution," she says. "There's something different about Adventist schools, and I'd be so devastated if I couldn't stay here. I know Adventist education is expensive, but it's so special and worth the money and the hard work. It's an adventure that's worth it. It's going to get me somewhere in life." **A**

Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04, a freelance writer in Bozeman, Montana.

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A training ground for sacrificial service

by Carrie Purkeypille '03

Union alumnus Mike Ryan '71 has had an incredible career within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, including 12 years as a vice president of the General Conference (GC). Even now in "retirement," he continues to work part-time as assistant to the president of the World Church.

But back in the 1960s, he was just another kid trying to make it through college. "My time at Union was good!" laughed Ryan. "Basically, I worked 30 hours a week in construction, dated my wife and then studied if I had any time! Some of our best friends were Buell and Kathy Fogg, Gary and Kathy Bollinger, and Gail and Linda Skinner. We made lots of good friends at Union."

Ryan feels his interest in mission was greatly encouraged during his days at Union College. "Mission was clearly communicated by many teachers—you attend Union for a purpose," he remembered clearly. "You can go and be anything you want to: a teacher, a nurse, a businessman. But you attended that school because there was a purpose for your life."

Like many others, Ryan has special memories of the old wooden College View Church. "We used to enjoy listening to Floyd E. Bresee," Ryan recalled. "He preached biblical distinctives unwrapping the proclamation that needed to take place around the world. For my wife and me the seeds were planted for missions, listening to the reports of those who had gone before. Many pioneers of the Adventist church spoke, at that pulpit."

Ryan married his sweetheart, Jeanie Haas ('71), and the two set off to serve at Sunnysdale Adventist Academy in Missouri. "After four years we left for the mission field and didn't come back for 16 years," he said. "After we went to the mission field we often found that more missionaries came from Union than any other college!"

Part of the Ryans' mission service included working in the Philippines at the brand-new Central Philippine Adventist College. Mike describes the fledgling school at that time as "on the side of a mountain in the jungle."

"That was a very frontline experience," he said. Jeanie, as a nurse, delivered most of the babies in the remote region.

When Mike and Jeanie moved on to other responsibilities, the school had grown from "barely there" to more than 700 students.

The couple was proud to know their golden cords were hung in the old wooden church, even though they were in Asia at the time of the ceremony.

Mike went on to manage more and more responsibilities, as associate education director for the Far Eastern Division, and then at the General Conference, becoming the first director of Global Mission, then director of Strategic Planning, and then serving as a General Vice President beginning in 2003.



photo: courtesy of Mike Ryan

"People don't realize that the Adventist church has about 75,000 churches and about that many organized companies around the world," Ryan explained. "More than 21 million people fill those churches and companies, representing all the countries of the world but seven. The church operates 430 hospitals, nearly 3,000 clinics, 40 publishing houses, 8,000 schools and 17 food factories. Keeping current with priorities, direction and critical operating data kept my work challenging and interesting!"

He observed, "Member involvement in spiritual growth, mission and leadership are possibly the greatest challenges before the Adventist church. The early pioneers started the work in the spirit of sacrifice. Though I am happy the church provides a basic salary and health care for employees, as a church we must always embrace a culture of sacrifice. Every Adventist college should teach this."

Ryan understands the role college played in shaping his life. "Attending college is a great time in life. There are a lot of very, very important decisions being made at Union College," he said. "Christian faculty and friends served as great guides as we explored values, direction and made some of life's most important decisions. It's at that age you ask yourself, When I leave this school, will I retain a relationship with Jesus Christ and the church? It's also the time of career choice, and for many, the choice of whom to marry."

He paused to reflect. "The decisions one makes at Union College clearly set a direction for life," he said with conviction. "I feel Union is a wonderful environment to face those decisions. Union College embraces an educational environment that places one's hand in Jesus's hand and makes you big and small enough to face life." **A**

Carrie Purkeypille '03, a freelance writer in Sacramento, California..

Following the call —Wherever it takes us

by Carrie Purkepile '03

Duane and Kathy McKey have served the Lord in many places, from Arizona to Zaire. That journey to ministry and service began at Union College.

In 1966, young Duane McKey '70 packed up his 1960 swept wing Plymouth and drove from small town Oklahoma to a booming Union College campus. Duane quickly got involved, giving Bible studies in nearby towns and immersing himself in ministry however he could.

His life was forever changed when his roommate set him up on a blind date with a young woman named Kathy Lang '71. The two had similar goals to serve God, and by the second date, their destiny was set. The two were married their sophomore year, at just 20 years old. "Marrying Kathy was the best thing that happened!" said Duane.

SPAGHETTI SAYS YES

The young couple's life of service and dependence on God started out with a handful of spaghetti. Duane was working a good paying job in construction when Bob Peck '71, a good friend and mentor, asked him to consider working as a colporteur.

"No!" Duane responded. Although most theology students sold books door-to-door, Duane didn't want to take the significant pay cut. He had a new bride to support, and they both needed to pay tuition.

Bob urged him to pray about it, and Duane reluctantly agreed. He and Kathy assembled seven pieces of dry spaghetti, prayed over them, and pulled ... the short piece. It couldn't be! Duane insisted on doing it over again. Seven more pieces of spaghetti ... and once again, the short piece! God had spoken—twice!

Duane's work went amazingly well that summer. He recalls, "The Lord blessed! I was able to pay all of my tuition and half of Kathy's so she could go back to school!"

WORLDWIDE SERVICE

Because of Duane's success canvassing, the Nebraska Conference asked him to work for them doing evangelism and pastoring. Duane began writing his dissertation for his doctor of ministry degree on the tremendous growth (a people movement) of the Adventist church in the Kasai Province, which grew from 300 members to 100,000.

They eventually returned to the United States and served the church in a variety of different positions, in pastoral, conferences and Union administrations.

TMI AND TODAY

Today Duane is Elder Ted Wilson's Assistant for Total Member Involvement (TMI) and the President of Adventist World Radio (AWR).

"The idea of the TMI initiative is to focus on getting our membership involved in witnessing, soul winning and all kinds of outreach," says Duane. Past projects have focused on evangelism in Rwanda, Romania, Japan and India.

AWR and TMI will have a nationwide event in the Philippines in 2021, where they hope—with God's help—for some 50,000 baptisms plus. The most notable will be the complete turnaround of the Mindoro Province where the New People's Army (NPA) communist rebels have controlled the country for 51 years. AWR started medical and Bible work in the Highlands four years ago and have seen over 10,000 baptized.

"This November we are scheduled to baptize the two governors, the head rebel general, Ka Martin, and many troops," said McKey. "According to the Philippine government, this will end the 50-year rebel control of the area, which led to almost 30,000 deaths!"

Their goal is to end the rebel war with the Philippine government. The Philippine military is extremely happy with what Adventist World Radio has done in their country!

SECRET TO HAPPINESS

Many of Duane's best friends and ministry mentors continue to be people he met at Union College. "My teachers were a great inspiration. Elder Gane and Elder Bresee, along with Elder Maxwell really inspired me to study hard and preach well. They were very committed Christians."

Duane and Kathy began their lives of service at Union College decades ago, and continue to hold those memories and values dear. "I think service to others is the highest goal that any university should be working toward!" he exclaimed.

Duane's final advice is this: "Do as much as you can for others. Go on mission projects. Do something out of your comfort zone—not for yourself, but for others and for the Lord. There is no greater joy! I believe Jesus is coming very soon!" **A**

photo: courtesy of Duane McKey





In tough times, relief funds keep students on track



Senior social work major Alexis Richardson already works hard to help pay for her Union education. When COVID jeopardized her ability to work, special funding from generous donors helped fill in the gaps.

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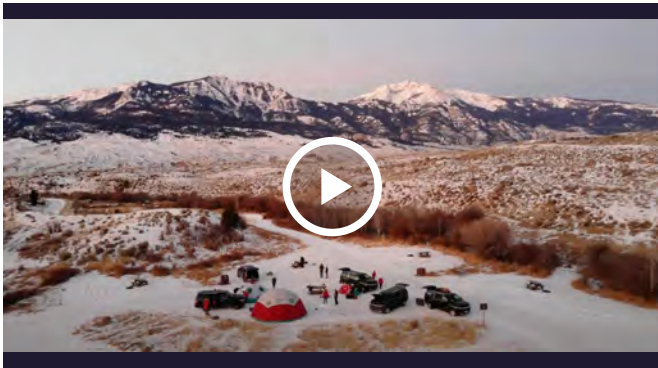
Student teaching in a pandemic

Three senior education majors had to adjust to unusual conditions caused by COVID during their student teaching experience. Each one found creative ways to adapt and provide great educational experiences for their students. ucollege.edu/teaching-in-a-pandemic



Green's "Days of Creation" gifted to Union College

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, noted Adventist painter Nathan Greene's series "Days of Creation" now hang in the lower level of the Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics. ucollege.edu/days-of-creation



Expedition Alaska

Watch weekly updates from the Union College International Rescue and Relief students who are spending the semester in Alaska learning about global health and wilderness survival while providing medical care in remote areas. ucollege.edu/expedition-alaska-2021



Youtube

youtube.com/unioncollegene

Acrofest 2021

We had to postpone Acrofest 2020 at Union College because of COVID, but Acrofest 2021—Walk Through Fire is back on for November 2021. <https://youtu.be/ByrYVXOXT8E>

Merry Christmas from Union College

Check out this rendition of "Oh Holy Night" performed by Union students with astronomical motion graphics created by one of our graphic design students. <https://youtu.be/3CbdPu9I-S0>

WHAT'S ONLINE



Instagram



#MaskMonday

During the fall semester we posted a weekly portrait of a masked student to remind our campus family to follow COVID protocols and keep everyone safe.



#UnionWorldWide

We don't have very many students studying or serving overseas this year, but we were able to share updates from two—including Hans Kenaston who is currently attending Friedensau Adventist University in Germany.



Facebook



#TeamTuesday

On Tuesdays we introduce new employees and reintroduce some who have been around awhile. You can meet Yary Jimenez, who recently transferred to become the assistant director of Enrollment and Admissions at [facebook.com/ucollegeNE](https://www.facebook.com/ucollegeNE)



Ice Rescue

The Union College Disaster Response Team took advantage of Lincoln's cold January and February to do some ice rescue training on nearby Holmes Lake. [facebook.com/ucollegeNE](https://www.facebook.com/ucollegeNE)



UTV

Fine Arts Fall Concert

We couldn't hold a traditional Christmas concert because the semester ended at Thanksgiving. But we held a COVID-safe fall sacred concert you can watch at [livestream.com/utv/events/9385823](https://www.livestream.com/utv/events/9385823)

Acrofest 2020 Worship Service

We weren't able to host Acrofest 2020 as planned, but we streamed a live worship service highlighting work from gymnastic teams around the country and announcing the recipient of the annual Heather Boulais Courage Award. [livestream.com/utv/events/9385823](https://www.livestream.com/utv/events/9385823)

Putting on a new face

by Gabrielle Nappi '21
photos courtesy of Natasha Gibson '22



Natasha Gibson stands in the McClelland Art Gallery surrounded by her photos. A third-year nursing major, she has a passion for photography as well as helping others.

Natasha Gibson, a junior nursing major, lit up the McClelland Art Gallery with the first exhibit of the year. In a stunning collection of masked portraits, Gibson captured her subjects and the attention of the campus alike.

Gibson was certain of two things growing up, the first being her love of photography. She began staging photo shoots at a young age with whatever was available to her and uploading the images to Instagram. The second, that she would attend Union College.

Gibson's mother, Chanelle Dames Watson, class of '94, advocated for her children to take advantage of what Union had to offer, just as she had. As Gibson's siblings all ended up attending Union, in 2018 Natasha followed suit, unable to pass up the advantages of Union's renowned nursing program.

Though Gibson had signed on as a nursing major, she was in no way eager to

give up her love of photography. Wanting to learn more, she registered for photography classes as soon as the opportunity presented itself. Finding her passion for photography more clearly than ever, she began to reap the rewards of her hard work and practice.

Changing landscape

With the sudden shutdown of campus due to COVID-19 in March 2020, the last photos that had been hung in the art gallery were from a peer in Gibson's very own photography class. Upon returning to campus and seeing no change, she took it upon herself to get involved. With the permission and support of Bruce Forbes, director of the art and graphic design program, Gibson set about creating a new exhibit to represent the

Natasha Gibson's photo of Union student Gabrielle Gibson.



“Union has taught me that we’re really in this together and we support one another.”

new face of campus.

“When I put it all up, I really wasn’t expecting anything,” she said. “I had no idea that people were going to care about my exhibit, but the response has overall been very enthusiastic, very supportive. I honestly figured people would walk past it not caring, but instead, people saw the beauty in what I was doing. I had my friends and professors coming up to me saying how impressed they were with my work, and that was just amazing. It’s all just made me very grateful.”

Capturing the personality of an individual while half of their face is covered is no small feat, but one Gibson was excited to take on. Encouraging the subjects to be as involved as possible, whether it happened to be as simple as not smiling or unearthing a fire extinguisher to use as a prop, the sky was the limit. Originally Gibson had intended to keep the collection black and white. This would allow the viewer to forget about any details that would be distracting from the subject’s eyes or smile. Or perhaps, as Gibson will admit, it was to indulge her pension for a more dramatic flare.

Taking on the project in addition to regular classes would be daunting to any college student, and Gibson quickly realized this would not be a project accomplished alone. Recruiting her best friend, Jenifer Galvez, Gibson got to experience one of the best things about Union—there is no shortage of people willing to help you. It was at Galvez’s suggestion that Gibson steered off her original plan of black and white and implemented some color photos.

“The ones I did in color happened because my friend suggested the focal point should be someone’s eyes or the interesting color of their hair,” Gibson shared.

She added, “Something Union has taught me is the fact that—and I know this is going to sound cheesy—but the campus community and your peers are willing to support you through no matter what. When I have these big ideas but I don’t know how to execute them, I definitely know I can lean on my professors for support and they’re going to be there for you. Union has taught me we’re really in this together; you know, and we support one another.” **A**

Gabrielle Nappi '21, a senior English major from Hamburg, Pennsylvania



Natasha Gibson's photo of Union student Eddie Luke.



Natasha Gibson's photo of Union student Jovan Cross.

A job well done

Union's custodian-in-chief teaches life lessons through cleaning by Alexander Nesmith



Lori Brasuell wants her students to see value in any job they do, big or small.

There are many ways to describe Lori Brasuell '96: detailed, intelligent and perceptive come to mind. But for many students, she is a mentor who imparts important life lessons through actions more than words.

A history at Union

Lori is a Union alumna who had no intention of staying connected to the Adventist church after graduation. Life quickly took a turn for the worse, and Lori began struggling spiritually, then mentally. Her life seemed to be crashing around her, and it seemed like nothing could be done. She felt scared and lost.

One day she came back to Union for a visit with one of her friends from college. "I was staying at her house and talking like we usually did," she recalled. "I started crying. Bawling really. I just couldn't stop crying."

She smiled, but continued with a tinge of sadness in her voice. "She took me and held me," Lori said. "She just sat there and held me as I cried."

With some help from her friend, Lori regained her faith. She began looking for a mission she would enjoy. Soon after, a position in Plant Services at Union opened, and Lori found her spot.

A different kind of teaching

Working alongside students, Lori discovered that she has a knack for helping young adults. It is the perfect place to teach them life skills and lessons about the future.

For her student workers, these lessons often come in very inventive ways. She wants to create a positive impact for everybody and teaches her workers life skills, such as working smarter, not harder, and fitting in some fun. She says there is

always an easier way to do things and that life should be more than just work. Money and jobs are temporary, but memories last forever.

She usually passes down this information through a tradition that goes something like this: With every new worker she acquires, Lori takes them to a bathroom that needs to be cleaned. Not a regular touch-up or once-over—but a deep-cleaning purge.

"I tell them, 'This has to be absolutely spotless. There can be no smudges, no dirt and no streaks when I get back. Good luck!' and then I leave," Lori explained with a laugh. "Usually they have a face of panic when I say that. Perfection? It isn't as hard as they think."

She usually leaves them for an hour or two. "Then I go back and check. I bring them to the door of the bathroom and tell them to look at what they did. This clean bathroom, this perfect bathroom . . . they did that."

Lori then compliments them and imparts her favorite piece of advice. "A job well done is worth celebrating" she said. "If you did a good job, you have a right to feel good about it." **A**

Alexander Nesmith '22, a junior communication major from Calhoun, Georgia

Keeping Union sanitized against COVID

In a pandemic, Lori Brausell's job has gotten a lot tougher as she stands as the first line of defense against the virus. I asked her about how she has had to adjust to a new reality.

AN: How have your resources changed due to the pandemic?

LB: Once this hit, it was good luck trying to get our cleaning supplies that were ordered or even finding things in stock to order and have delivered. Prices skyrocketed.

AN: How has your work process changed due to the pandemic?

LB: We are delivering more cleaning supplies to areas on campus. At first it was nonstop getting supplies out there once we received them. And now even more

often we clean touch points on campus, fill disinfectant bottles and do more laundry.

AN: How are you holding up?

LB: We adapted to the situation. We all are kind of forced to adapt to this craziness. Our team works better now on time management and brainstorming ways to get things done during their scheduled times.

AN: Random question: If you were a food, what type would you be?

LB: A noodle. Noodles are flexible. You can twist them and pull them, and they will be just fine. I try to be like that. If something isn't worth me getting twisted up about, then why would I get twisted up?

AN: Thank you. I think I can assure readers that Union lies in good hands. **A**

Renovate more Rees Hall rooms

Maranatha is returning to Union College **June 6-18, 2021**, to renovate another 27 women's residence rooms.

We need volunteers to stain and install cabinets, plus remove and install flooring, lighting and more. There's something for everyone to do!

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Two students publish advice for quarantine

Last spring, as the coronavirus took hold across the nation and world, Union College made the decision—as did most educational institutions—to move to online learning after spring break. So in mid-March, students headed home for the remainder of the semester. Many went to areas with enforced or at least recommended stay-at-home orders. “Quarantine” and “shelter-in-place” became household words, and two students in Union College’s Feature Writing class decided to write their how-to article on surviving this new challenge. Message magazine bought their articles and featured them on their website (messagemagazine.com), and we share them here to help you navigate this unusual time . . . no matter your personality.



photo: Scott Culman/Union College

Lacey Stecker felt an introvert's pain during the COVID quarantine.

The introvert's guide to surviving quarantine

by Lacey Stecker '23

Let's face it. All the extroverts assume we're handling quarantine like champions. They think we love the isolation. Yet they couldn't be more wrong. There's something they don't realize: we're not alone. We are trapped with them, and they are demanding all our attention because they can't get in touch with their kind. It's exhausting! How can we get away from them when we can't get away?

Try following this list of six things the introvert can do to get some time alone.

- 1. Set up a dead zone.** Pick a quiet part of the house and tell your loved ones that while you're there, you aren't available to talk. Make sure the boundaries are clear and let them know they can use it as well.
- 2. Put in your headphones.** Even the most sociable extrovert knows that when the headphones are in, the conversation is over. We've all mastered the art, so take advantage of this classic social cue.
- 3. Work on a project.** This excuse requires some effort, but it's worth it to get away from the crazy extroverts of your household. Whenever they come for attention, gesture to your project and explain that you don't have time to be with them at the moment.
- 4. Go for a drive.** I know, I know. It sounds like we're wasting gas and where are we going? Why would we ever leave the house if we don't have to? To get away from the society-starved extroverts of course! Keep those sweatpants on and drive with the music blaring until you get bored. Trust me, this will supply at least an hour of isolation—even if you get lost on your “unnecessary” trip.
- 5. Start a movie marathon.** Sure, this one isn't guaranteed to get you alone. It does, however, promise a no-talking environment. Let the

extrovert in your home know they can watch, but not talk through the movies. Who knows? Maybe it will help them too.

6. Let the extroverts in your home know what's going on. Yeah, I know. Feelings are gross and weird to talk about. But extroverts are going through a lot and need us to be there for them. They ask us to understand them constantly, but they need to understand us too. Tell the extroverts in your life when you need a break, even if it means hurting their feelings. Work together to find the best balance of their need to be with you and your need to be alone. **A**

Lacey Stecker, a sophomore communication and English major from Noblesville, Indiana

The extrovert's guide to surviving quarantine

by Diana Celaya '22

Would people describe you as outgoing and a little loud? Extroverts have the most fun . . . except now we outgoing people can't go out or have friends around to hear our infectious chatter and laughter. Social distancing can make us feel as trapped as a firefly locked inside a jar. We need to interact with people—that's how we recharge our energy. So what can we do when we can't hang out with others?

Here are some tips on how to survive quarantine as an extrovert.

- 1. Reconnect.** Communicating with others is a must for extroverts. This quarantine time can give you an opportunity to connect with old friends that you haven't seen in a while. Shoot them a text or give them a call to see what they've been up to.
- 2. Hang out virtually with friends.** Social media is a fantastic way to check on our friends in this crazy time. Some ideas include:
 - Open a Snapchat account. Add your friends and send each other snaps of how your day is going. When you wake up, you

could share funny selfies of your morning face, or when you're having breakfast, you can exchange selfies of your meals.

- Interact with others virtually through video chat and even movie dates. My boyfriend and I watched Tangled through Facetime together.
 - Upload a video of yourself working out, such as doing fifteen squats or the latest TikTok dance. Then challenge some friends to do the same and tag their friends on Facebook or Instagram; you might start a chain.
- 3. Make yourself known.** Take advantage of technology and let other people know you for your talents. For example:
 - Start a YouTube channel about any hobbies or interests you might have, such as video games, dancing, cooking, etc.
 - Share your art on an Instagram account. Post photography, drawings, quotes, or any way you express yourself. Keep the account updated and public to anyone.
 - Open a TikTok account and do some fun challenges with other people around the world.
 - 4. Spend time with God.** Let's face it—when we're busy with school, work, and relationships, we tend to forget about God. So read a chapter a day of the Bible or a devotional book. Listen to what God has been trying to tell you for a while through Scripture, and pray so He can listen to you too.
 - 5. See your family as friends.** Gather a few family members and do some activities together, such as a family game night with UNO cards, Monopoly, or Guesstures. This is a time to strengthen your relationships with your family members.
 - 6. Go outside.** Going outdoors for a walk or biking around your neighborhood can help you get some vitamin D and exercise. And as you see and greet your neighbors and passersby, even from far away, you'll recharge your energy and realize you're not alone in this world. **A**

Diana Celaya, a junior computing major from Houston, Texas



Diana Celaya was thrilled to be back at Union after months away during the COVID quarantine.



Sierra Lastine enjoys relaxing in the large field next the Larson Lifestyle Center.

“My favorite place on campus”

*by Alexander Nesmith
photos by Scott Cushman/Union College*

The iconic clock tower, the camaraderie of the dorms, and the friendly smiles of all who pass ... these are the things we remember about Union College. Whether you graduated last year or 60 years ago, I'm sure you can think of your favorite place on campus, that spot you crave to return to. It might be a place of chaotic joy with friends or quiet peace.

Although travel is difficult right now, perhaps you can visit vicariously through the descriptions and photos of these first year students, who, like you, have found their favorite spot at Union College.

Yvonne Guchu

As much as I want to say “my amazingly comfortable bedroom is my favorite place on campus,” the Student Center is where I spend most of my life. Every night, it’s lively with people. You can hear giggles and laughter from the game room. You see students intensely concentrating at the tables, determined to finish their homework before a deadline. The staff members behind the counter of Cooper’s Corner always have smiles on their faces. And most importantly, my friends sitting on the couches making fun of each other. Sometimes people bring a mini speaker and play the best kind of music. It’s not obnoxious and annoying, but it’s loud enough to enjoy and hear. It’s chilly enough

to wear a sweatshirt and leggings, but once you get me at the ping pong table, it skyrockets to 100 degrees! Every time I am in the building, I walk the 10 steps it takes to get into Cooper’s Corner and buy the best drink in the entire world—the honey aloe vera drink. If it’s there, I whip out my ID card and scan it, but too many other people on campus have the same idea as me—it’s usually gone. After that, I run over to my friends, sitting on the old couches and scratchy floor. We sometimes bring silly card games that are really just excuses to get to know each other better. Or we play UNO, and then it gets really intense. I like the Student Center a lot, and I like my friends even more.

Home: Overland Park, Kansas

Major: social work



photo: Scott Cushman/Union College



photo: Scott Cushman/Union College

Aubrey Benton

My favorite place at Union College is the gazebo. It is separated from the rest of the campus without even a trail or sidewalk leading to it. Surrounded by trees and grass, it is calm and quiet. It is the perfect place to call my friends and family or to just spend some time alone with my thoughts.

Home: Smithsburg, Maryland

Major: international relations

Enoch Alcalá

My favorite place at Union College is the clock tower. Coming from the heat and desert of Las Vegas, it’s a good changeup. The area by the clock tower is surrounded by trees and is covered in lush green grass, and there’s always several squirrels either running around or just lying down on the sidewalk.

Home: Las Vegas, Nevada

Major: English



photo: Jiy Kim/Union College

Sierra Lastine

I love the big cottonwoods down past Larson Lifestyle Center. I bring a large backpack stuffed with books and art supplies. Lying down on a large blue blanket, I watch as the leaves dance, shifting the shadows across my face. Hardly anyone passes by. It’s still, quiet, relaxing. Sometimes I draw, read, or do homework. But mostly I just look above, taking in the clear blue sky and large branches looming over me. Birds call to one another; twit tihoo, twit tihoo. If I listen long enough, I can pick up their conversations.

Home: Grand Junction, Colorado

Major: English



photo by Emma Burns/Student Union College

Xiara Lopez

My favorite place at Union could easily be my friend's dorm room. Our friend group hangs out there all the time, and that's where I became close with the people I call friends now. There have been many nights when we just laugh and laugh in there. The warm, homey feeling it gives when we are all together is just amazing. The cleanliness of the room makes me feel great. From trying on Sabbath outfits, to pigging out on snacks from Cooper's Corner, my friend group always has

fun in this dorm room. There have been many memories created in this space. The beautiful green succulents on the windowsill always seem to smile when I come in. The big tapestry that says "Good Vibes Only" reminds us that good vibes are the only thing created when we are all in there together. From cozy naps, to stressing over homework, to all getting ready to go out together, this room is my favorite place to be no matter what the occasion or what is going on.

*Home: Lincoln, Nebraska
Major: pre-nursing*

Eddie Luke

My favorite spot on campus is the main entryway. Even though it's one of the newest additions, when I'm there, I feel like I am back in the olden days, when the roads were paved with bricks. I love going under the arches because it makes me feel welcomed and safe from the world. When the sun hits the bricks, it feels as if that particular corner of campus is glowing.

But what I love most about this entryway is the glass sign that sits atop each column. In the etched image on one side you can see the College View Church, and in it is the cross. I love how it ties in the church with Union's campus.

*Home: Lincoln, Nebraska
Major: theology*



photo: Steve Nazario/Union College



Gabriel Correa Bublitz

My favorite spot on Union's campus has to be the Thunderdome. As soon as you walk in, you smell the wooden floor freshly polished. Some spots in the gym creak as you walk on them, and you can feel traction on your feet. The stands are all on one side and the team benches on the other. Right in the middle of the court, you can see

"Warriors" written in huge letters. And if you turn around to look at the scoreboard, you can see the balcony right above the entrance. It has comfy seats and a great view for watching games from up there. But the one thing you won't forget once you leave is the beautiful sound of the basketball thumping on the wooden floor as games go down to the wire.

*Home: Topeka, Kansas
Major: business administration*

Brian Garcia: Home is where the ministry is

by Trena Reed '94

Aiea, Hawaii, is far from home for a boy from Pharr, Texas.

"I never wanted to leave home," confessed Brian Garcia, a 2020 Union College graduate. "I've always wanted to be home. I've always wanted to be with family in the familiar place I grew up."

But God had other plans.

Brian didn't grow up in a typical Adventist home, but the seeds of faith planted by his mom blossomed into impromptu ministry at his public high school. Friends and acquaintances, recognizing a difference in Brian, called on him for encouragement, prayer, and advice on building a relationship with God.

"Never did I think I'd be a pastor," Brian explained. "It was something I actively tried to run away from because my friends would always tease me by calling me 'Pastor Brian.'"

Despite his reluctance, Brian listened to God's call—even when it sounded like teasing.

When it came time to attend college, he was unsettled, moving schools three times before deciding to study theology at another Adventist college. "Going into theology was a kind of 'thank you' to God for keeping me alive through all the craziness of life I'd been through," Brian shared. "I believe God orchestrated it all knowing that this is where I'm meant to be."

But a friend convinced him to give Union a try. And when Brian walked through the God-opened door to Union College, he found something special, something his heart longed for—he found a family.

This new family included his professors, fellow students, and the wider community of believers.

One afternoon, sitting outside, struggling to guide a friend through a difficult situation, Brian encountered this family of faith in the shape of man.

"This man comes over and starts giving a Bible study, sharing the exact words we needed to hear," Brian recalled. "I thought to myself, 'I don't know what's different about him, but I want that; I want to be that.' That character wasn't just found in Tyler Morrison (an enrollment counselor at Union at the time)," he continues, "it was a communal thing. Everyone was amazing. They loved without expecting anything back. They loved with this family feeling."

Brian found this family trait in his professors: "I was so different from the other students. I was still



Brian Garcia (right) says the friendships he built at Union helped keep him grounded in his faith.

a little ghetto," Brian confessed. "I don't hide where I come from; it's very different from Union's culture, Lincoln's culture, still they were able to work with me where I was and helped me grow."

It blossomed in his fellow students: "We had a real brotherhood," Brian remembered. "We navigated our faith together. To this day we talk about how we're growing in Christ. We continuously edify each other. Union was the perfect place for me to grow spiritually."

It flowed from the pastor at Allon Chapel where Brian interned. "Pastor Larivaux taught me that being a pastor isn't just about the people who attend," Brian said. "You are the pastor of the community. You are a worker of God in every single facet of your life and where you live. Pastor Larivaux gave me that foundation of being a local church pastor and put in the work. Even today he advises me."

And it was evident throughout the congregation of Allon Chapel: "The church family I gained at Allon Chapel is great," Brian said. "They still encourage me and let me know they're praying for me. The family I have there was an enormous blessing."

But this character of love didn't stop at the Lincoln city limits, Brian also found it flourishing in Hawaii.

Because of the connections he made at Union, Brian was offered an opportunity to serve for a year as the volunteer youth pastor at the Aiea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hawaii. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, his new Hawaiian church family finds ways to connect. Like all good families, they feed him, teach him important skills (like surfing), plan Facetime and Zoom meetups, invite him to COVID-conscious events, and even ask about his love life.

"Hawaii reminds me of home so much!" Brian shares. "The climate, the family-oriented culture, the friendliness that can be found in the form of what we call southern hospitality back home, I have found in the spirit of Aloha here. They are truly a great bunch of people who have welcomed me in as one of their own with arms spread wide."

Even though Aiea, Hawaii, is far from home, Brian found his ohana. And no matter where God calls him next, this extended family is waiting to welcome him into their hearts. **A**

Trena Reed '94, a freelance writer in Lincoln, Nebraska

Cossetine's List

How a Union president helped Japanese students escape internment by Kim Peckham



Americans of Japanese descent were rounded up and shipped to internment camps in the spring of 1942. Among them were these La Sierra College students from Hawaii. Union College opened a path out of the camps for all five women. (Back, left to right) Misao Gima, Sayo Hashizaki, Gertrude Yoshimoto, (front row) Toshiko and Sachiko Chinen.

TIn a country angered by the attack on Pearl Harbor, one man created a haven at Union College for Japanese-American students.

Up until this moment, success had followed Erwin Cossetine wherever he went. In Australia he had boosted both enrollment and income at Avondale College in a way that no one expected. He then moved to a small junior college in Southern California with 90 students, and 12 years later La Sierra had 450 students and six new buildings. He had grown to be a hero to the La Sierra family, but now he was at risk of letting them down. In particular, he worried about letting down the five Japanese-American students he had recruited from Hawaii.

On February 19, 1942, Executive Order 9066 had demanded the removal of "resident enemy aliens" from parts of the West Coast. Cossetine knew that sooner or later, his

Japanese students would be shipped to internment camps. He wanted to find them a place to land before the military began to round them up. He dictated a letter to the president of Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. "We have five girls who are here from Hawaii. These girls are all very fine people. We've never had better . . . I am wondering if it is necessary to evacuate them from here, if you would be interested in taking them as a group?"

The response from Union was less than enthusiastic. The matter was kicked down the road for discussion at the General Conference spring meetings.

Appeals to Union also came from Pacific Union College, where L.L. Caviness, the chair of the Modern Languages Department, had a burden for the Japanese-Americans on that campus. "Please let me know what you can do for these



E. E. Cossentine who was president of Union from 1942 to 1946, went to extraordinary efforts to give Japanese-American youth a way out of the internment camps.

students in an emergency," he wrote to the president of Union. Caviness got the same response as Cossentine: wait.

But Caviness wasn't content to wait. He also reached out to Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC, now Andrews University), where he struck a sympathetic cord with the dean. Andrew Nelson was a former missionary to Japan, and he moved quickly to accept the Japanese PUC students for the coming school year. But his love for Japan was not shared by the Berrien County Board of Supervisors. They refused admittance of any Japanese students in the area. Now Nelson also turned his face to Nebraska and wrote a letter begging Union to take on the students he had prematurely accepted. He opened his letter with the greeting "Dear President Cossentine: Congratulations upon your election to the presidency of 'OLD UNION!'"

Cossentine had moved on to a new school, but a shadow lingered from his last days at La Sierra. On a Monday morning in May, he had led a worship service on the lawn in front of Gladwyn Hall with the entire student body, according to an article in *Scope* magazine by Richard Pershing. A bus pulled up, and the five Japanese-Hawaiian students got onboard while their friends gathered around with tears in their eyes. They traveled to a processing center and then to the Heart Mountain War Relocation Center in Wyoming. Cossentine had failed to protect them from the internment camps.

But now that he had taken the helm at Union, Cossentine went to work to get his La Sierra students out of the barracks of the internment camps and into one of his dormitories. It wasn't easy. He had to get the approval of five government agencies and the blessing of the city elders of Lincoln. He even had to overcome opposition from some of his own staff. He wrote to Caviness that "through a lot of missionary effort on my part," the skeptics had come around. In the end, the Union board voted to allow a "few" Japanese-American students.

All summer long Cossentine wrestled with the bureaucracy. He got approvals from the Army, the Navy, the Department of Education, the War Relocation Authority, and the F.B.I.

He took a train trip to Wyoming, where he described finding Japanese-American citizens living in "tar paper shacks and the wind was blowing dust like nothing you ever see today." All of his work would come to nothing if he got the same refusal from the local authorities as had happened in Michigan. Cossentine appealed to Lincoln's mayor, R. O. Johnson, for approval to add Japanese students to Union's rosters. "We are taking only those that I know quite well, and we feel that we are taking no risk in accepting them," he said. "I believe these young people are just as loyal Americans as any of us, and only because of an accident of birth they find themselves in this dilemma."

Ten days passed without any final okay from Mayor Johnson.

Cossentine attributed the delay to "a certain amount of local feeling," which he knew EMC Dean Andrew Nelson understood. "[P]eople do not know the Japanese as you and I know them," he said to Nelson. "Consequently there is unfounded narrowness and prejudice that exists in the acceptance of these young people. I am doing everything I can for them."

We know about the correspondence between these men because of research done by Hilary Dickerson, a history professor at Walla Walla University. Dickerson can trace the building frustration as Cossentine dealt with one bureaucratic roadblock after another: In one case he was required to get approval from a local F.B.I. office after he had already gotten approval from F.B.I. headquarters. "You can see Cossentine blow his top," she says.

In the end, Cossentine rescued a total of 23 students out of the internment camps. All five of the girls who were taken away from La Sierra on that sad Monday morning were enrolled in "Old Union."

It was not a wholly unselfish act. Union got good students and workers for the farm and for campus construction projects. The students themselves would become influential in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Robert Nomi would pastor in Mountain View, California, and in Honolulu. Charles Yamashiro would become one of the founding physicians of Castle Memorial Hospital in Hawaii.

All of them honored Cossentine for his efforts in getting them out of the camps. Whenever his travels took him to the Hawaiian Islands, he was greeted by his former students, who put leis around his neck and brought him gifts.

In a 1983 interview, Richard Pershing asked Cossentine if he thought the injustice of Executive Order 9066 could happen again. "We do some strange things in war time," replied Cossentine. But he went on to add, "At that time I just couldn't pay too much attention ... I was just concerned about the young people." **A**

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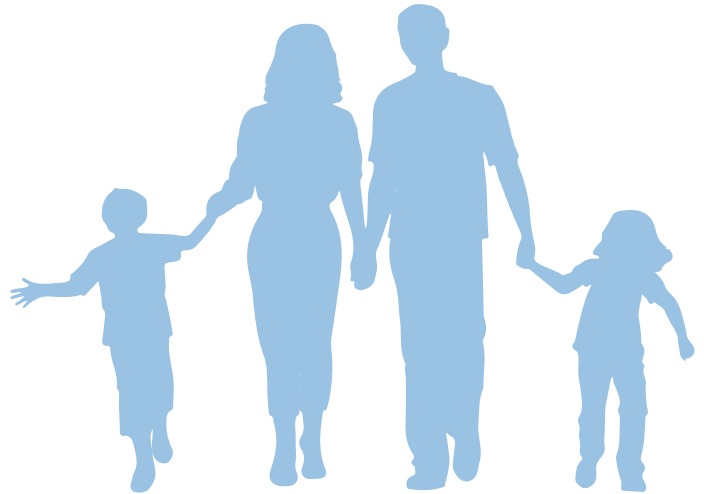
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But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Luke 18:16 (NIV)



Brandee Eisele Carroll '11 and her husband, Kris, welcomed Kaison David Carroll on June 17, 2020. He weighed 7 lbs 1.8 oz and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Dayton, Ohio.



Chase Merritt Saunders was born on June 13, 2020, to **Michelle Christensen Saunders '05** and her husband, Chad. Merritt weighed 6 lbs 2.9 oz and was 19 inches long. The family lives in Eugene, Oregon.



Susan Herawati Wongworawat '08 and her husband, Andy, welcomed their first son, Asher Wongworawat, on July 5, 2020. They live in Loma Linda, California.



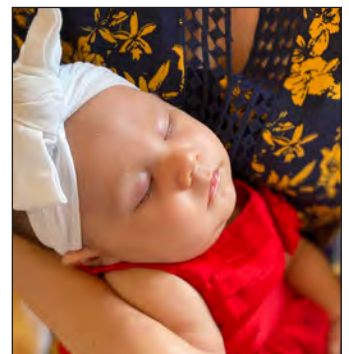
Katherine Alexandra Kruger was born on June 9, 2020, to **Collin Kruger '10** and his wife, Ashley. Katherine was 8 lbs 8 oz and 21.5 inches long and joined her brother Alden, age 2, at home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



Karen Refugia Werner '10 and her husband, Ryan, are pleased to announce the birth of triplet sons on Jan. 3, 2020. Giles Richard weighed 5 lbs 10 oz; Harrison Ryan weighed 5 lbs 6 oz; and Theodore Tayko weighed 5 lbs 1 oz. The family lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Trey Sharp '04 and his wife, Cheryl, welcomed Hudson Thomas Sharp on May 12, 2020. He weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and was 20 inches long. The family lives in central Kansas, where Trey has pastored in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference for the past four years.



Mindi Heinrich Huffman '11 and her husband, Timothy, are pleased to announce the birth of Dallas Sage Huffman on July 9, 2020. She weighed 6 lbs 1 oz and was 20.25 inches long. They live in Tolstoy, South Dakota.

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Mia Morrison Hartman '13 and her husband, Eric, welcomed Ellianna Rose Hartman on Feb. 25, 2020. The family lives in Weeping Water, Nebraska.



Levi Mason Solis Kahler was born on July 9, 2020, to **Tyson '13** and **Marielle Solis Kahler '14**. He weighed 4 lbs 11 oz and was 18.5 inches long. The family lives in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.



Devi Halim '14 and her husband, Felix Sugiarto, welcomed Levi Immanuel Sugiarto on April 20, 2020. He weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Perth, Western Australia.



Sloane Koi Lynch was born on Feb. 13, 2020, to **Lacey Brinley Lynch ('14)** and her husband, Jeremy, and weighed 7 lb 9 oz. The family lives in Midwest City, Oklahoma.



Ashton '19 and **Ashton Kennedy Fisher '19** welcomed Caiden John Fisher on July 30, 2020. He weighed 8 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



Gideon Reid Basit was born on Feb. 26, 2020, to **Courtney Tait Basit '15** and her husband, Wally. Gideon weighed 6 lbs 9 oz and was 20 inches long. The family lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Heather Boone Frederick '16 and her husband, Dylan, welcomed Lincoln Scott Frederick on March 7, 2020. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20.75 inches long. The family lives in Keizer, Oregon.



Léon Máximo De La O was born May 14, 2020, to **Hector '19** and **Rubi Pliego De La O '17**. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. The family lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Andrew '18 and Jessica Santee **Pisciotta** are pleased to announce the birth of Ziva Astrid Pisciotta on May 18, 2020. She weighed 8 lbs and was 14.5 inches long. The family lives in Deadwood, South Dakota.



De'Von '15 and **Elizabeth Pierson Morris '14** are pleased to announce the birth of Avery Von Morris on Feb. 5, 2020. He weighed 4 lb 4 oz and was 19 inches long. The family lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.



Eleanor Marie Bruening was born on June 26, 2020, to **Shelby Wieseler Bruening '20** and her husband, Mitchell. She weighed 6 lbs 11 oz and was 19.75 inches long. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Naomi Woods Fernandez '04 and her husband, Aaron, are pleased to announce the birth of Alexander Enrique Fernandez on July 13, 2020. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long. Their family

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Wilona Teruna '09 married Richard Norman on Dec. 30, 2019. They live in Orlando, Florida, where Wilona is a physician assistant in physical medicine and rehabilitation. She will be transitioning to a position in cardiology soon. Richard is an IT system administrator for Florida Department of Health.



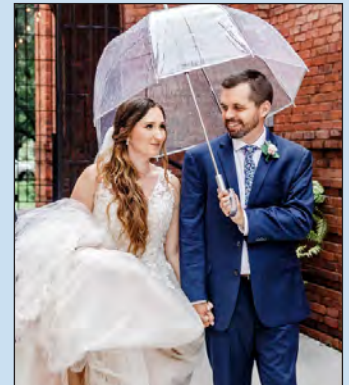
Hailey McIntosh '17 and **Wyatt Johnson ('17)** married on July 19, 2020. They live in Hermiston, Oregon, where Hailey is substitute teacher for Hermiston School District. Wyatt is an EMT for Prosser Memorial Health in Prosser, Washington, while finishing paramedic school.



Makenzie Polacek '20 married Derek Lahm on Dec. 21, 2019. Makenzie is a physician assistant at Nebraska Spine and Pain Center, doing orthopedic spine surgery. Derek is in his third year of medical school at University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Kelly Vogler '10 married Jeff Weides on Sept. 27, 2020. Kelly is vice president of operations for Agilix, a software development company in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jeff is a senior chemical engineer at Corbion, a Dutch company located in Blair, Nebraska.



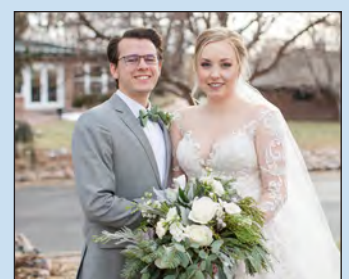
Chad Dupper '11 married Alyssia Hooker on Aug. 30, 2020. They live in Altamonte Springs, Florida, where Chad is the director of net revenue accounting at AdventHealth. Alyssia is a senior internal auditor at AdventHealth.



Scott Juhl '05 and **Kelli Wills Wehling '03** were married on Nov. 29, 2019. Scott is a medical laboratory scientist at Ascension Via Christi, and Kelli is a women's health nurse practitioner for Heartland Women's Group. Along with Colton, Tyler and Ella, they live in Valley Center, Kansas. Madison and Olivia Juhl live in Lincoln, Nebraska.



Valerie Pettey '20 married Alex Ziesmer on March 16, 2020. They live in Ocala, Florida. Valerie is a K-3 teacher and Alex is a 4-8 teacher and principal at Ocala Adventist Academy. Closed for over 17 years, the school has reopened with 22 students this year.



Gabriel Flechas '19 and **Morgan Mecklenburg '19** married on Dec. 22, 2019. They live in Lakewood, Colorado, where Morgan is a decision support analyst at Centura Health. Gabriel is continuing his mechanical engineering studies at Colorado School of Mines.

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Mira Ball '19 married Elliot Wickward on May 24, 2020. They live in Avon Park, Florida, where Mira is a science teacher and Elliot is a maintenance supervisor at Walker Memorial Academy.



Stephen Wasemiller '10 and Kelli Vigil '15 were married on July 26, 2020. Stephen is a cardiologist with Monument Health Heart and Vascular Institute. Kelli is pursuing a master's degree in ministry leadership with an emphasis in human services from University of Northwestern.



Leslie Lopez '20 married Nathan Kordowski on July 10, 2020. They live in Fresno, California, where Leslie is a science teacher at Fresno Adventist Academy and Nathan is studying to become a school counselor.



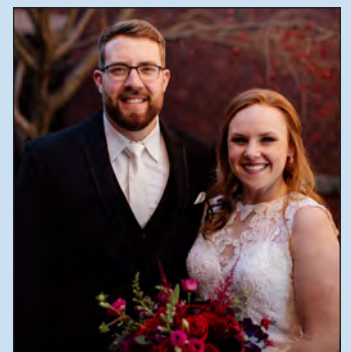
Martin Gomez '20 and Sara Kemp '20 married on June 27, 2020. Martin is a youth pastor and teacher at Skyview Learning Academy, and Sara is a graduate teaching assistant at University of Nebraska—Lincoln while she pursues a doctorate in school psychology. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.



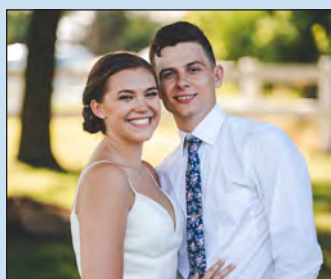
Zach Krall '18 and Ashley Pinto '20 married on July 18, 2020. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Zach is a cardiovascular intensive care unit nurse at Nebraska Heart Hospital. They will be moving to Colorado in the near future, where Ashley will begin a physician assistant program at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.



Daniel Ewers '10 married Taryn Swirl on April 17, 2020. They live in Nevada, Iowa. Daniel is a logistics team leader for AgCertain Industries in Boone, Iowa, and Taryn is an ESL teacher for VIPKid.



Derek Ullman '18 and Sophie Peters '20 married on Dec. 21, 2019. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska, where Derek teaches physical education at Blessed Sacrament School. Sophie is an orthopedic PA in Fremont.



Jenna Griffith '20 and Christian Popesku '20 married on Aug. 9, 2020. They live in Omaha, Nebraska, where Christian is a desktop support specialist at LRS Healthcare. Jenna is in the occupational therapy doctoral program at the College of Saint Mary.



Mike Ayala '18 and Carmen Mead '18 married on Aug. 23, 2020. They live in Mount Dora, Florida, where Mike is a customer care specialist for Sunbelt Natural Foods and Carmen is an administrative assistant in the Pathfinder and Adventurer Department for the Florida Conference.



Union College was built on the strength and sacrifice of those who have gone before. We thank God for the blessed hope that we will see them again soon.

Death dates and/or obituaries have been received for the following individuals.

1940s

Thomasine Longware Wright '43, Indianapolis, Indiana, died Dec. 15, 2019, at age 96. She was born June 12, 1923, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Thomas and Loueva Woods Longware. After graduating from Oakwood Junior College, she was awarded a scholarship to Union College. She earned a master's degree and completed postgraduate studies from University of Nebraska and University of Wisconsin. She returned to Oakwood College as a home economics teacher for 20 years. On April 10, 1966, she married Elmer Wright. She was a home economist for the state of Indiana for over 25 years. Her lifetime contribution to education included actively raising funds for the students and schools she loved.

Ina Flottman Brown ('44), Napa, California, died March 16, 2020, at age 96. She is survived by her nephews: Dan, Ed Flottman, Richard Flottman, Jim Juhl, Larry Juhl; and nieces, Martha and **Cheri Mathis '78**.

Betty Milstead O'Dell ('46), Visalia, California, died Sept. 8, 2019, at age 91. She was born Dec. 14, 1927, to Jack and Lela Milstead in Corpus Christi, Texas, and grew up on a dairy farm. When she was 16, the family moved to Keene, Texas, where she could go to an Adventist high school. She met and married **Charles O'Dell '49**, and they completed their education at Union College. Betty was a dedicated and talented pastor's wife, who later was an office secretary for medical professionals and church administration. She is survived by her children: Charlinda and Chuck; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Wayne Juhl ('47), Greenbush, Minnesota, died Sept. 25, 2020, at age 94. He was born May 28, 1926, in Bowsmont, North Dakota, to Henry and Christina Berthelsen Juhl. After attending Union College, he purchased a truck and used it for hauling corn, potatoes and fish. On June 7, 1948, he married Lindell Lehmann. They spent the summer custom combining from Kansas to North Dakota. In 1949 they moved to Greenbush, Minnesota, where they farmed and raised their

children. He built a self-propelled grain auger, many self-propelled rock pickers and a dozer blade for wheel tractors. Wayne and Lindell enjoyed many short-term mission trips around the world, building schools, homes and churches. He is survived by his children: **Michael, Lynda Burnsed ('71)**, Lewellyn, Debee Givens and Ivan; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Gladys Biloff, and brother, Ray Juhl.

Beverly Lutz Bicek ('48), Keene, Texas, died July 18, 2020, at age 93. She was born Sept. 27, 1926, in Dickinson, North Dakota, to George and Julia Halverson Lutz. On Aug. 31, 1947, she married **Milton Bicek '49**. She was an avid choir member and volunteered in children's ministry and at Keene Adventist Elementary School. In her 40s, Beverly became a postpartum nurse, first working in Cleburne and at Huguley Memorial Hospital. Survivors include her twin sister, Lorene Harper; children: Cheryl, Harlyn, Charles, Doreen and Angela; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Burden '48, Chehalis, Washington, died Dec. 19, 2019, at age 93. He was born Nov. 20, 1926, in Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The family moved to Colorado when he was 12, and he graduated from Union College in 1948 before graduating from Loma Linda University in 1952. During this time, he met and married **Clarita Kaufman ('48)**. The family spent 12 years in mission service in Puerto Rico. In 1973 he joined the Steck Memorial Clinic in Chehalis, Washington, where he served as a family practice physician for many years. Ken loved to travel and was an avid Audubon member. He continued mission service throughout his life by helping build churches and schools on Maranatha trips. He is survived by his children: Gary, Dan, Don and Debbie; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and his brother, H.O. Burden.

Alice Fischer Haas ('48), Loveland, Colorado, died June 25, 2020. She was born June 16, 1928, to Jo and Alma Fischer in Bismarck, North Dakota. On June 3, 1948, she married **Norman Haas '51**. Together they began their careers as school teachers in Colorado. Alice lovingly cared for her parents in North Dakota until their passing. She is survived by her husband, Norman; son, **Richard '79**; daughter, Susan **Dupper '82**; and five grandchildren.

Darlene Foster Juhl ('48), Loma Linda, California, died Dec. 5, 2019, at age 91. She is survived by sons: Stanley and Dale; five grandchildren; and brother, Darrow Foster.

Bruce Baker '49, Vacaville, California, died Jan. 7, 2020, at age 92. He is survived by his wife, Jill; daughter, Judy Singer; and son Bill.

Ralph Wiseman, Jr, '49, Walla Walla, Washington, died Sept. 7, 2020, at age 95. He was born Nov. 10, 1924, in Indiana and grew up in Kansas. He proudly served as a Navy corpsman during World War II, working as a pharmacist's mate in the Aleutian Islands. After an honorable discharge, he worked as a laboratory technician in Wichita, where he met and married his wife, Anne. In 1949 he earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Union College, followed by a master's degree in physiology and pharmacology from University of Nebraska. In 1955, the family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he began his work as a research biochemist in the field of insulin metabolism and cancer research at VA Medical Center. Eventually he began working in VA hospital administration and finished his career at Walla Walla VA Hospital after 34 years of federal service. He is survived by two daughters; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and brother, **Keith Wiseman '51**.

1950s

P Jerry Austin '50, Woodward, Oklahoma, died March 25, 2020, at age 100. He was born Feb. 1, 1920, in Woodward, Oklahoma. He was married to Margaret Miles, and together they started nursing school. While in training, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army, where he worked at a hospital in Panama. It was here that he developed an interest in medical technology. After the war he took prerequisites for medical technology at Union College before completing the degree. Soon after, he moved to Stoneham, Massachusetts, to head the lab at New England Sanitarium. After completing a master's degree in microbiology, Jerry taught at Loma Linda University for over 20 years. When he retired, he spent six years in Malawi, teaching at Malamulo College, before returning to Oklahoma. He is survived by daughter, Dottie Theriault; two granddaughters; five great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Lilianne Tolar Moore ('52), Keene, Texas, died May 30, 2020, at age 88. Survivors include her husband, Frank; three daughters, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Darlene Davis Hansen ('53), Bowman, North Dakota, died April 19, 2020, at age 86. She was born Sept. 21, 1933, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, to Ruth and Harley Davis. After moving to North Dakota at age 13, she met **Vernon Hansen ('48)**, a neighbor and friend. After graduating from Sheyenne River Academy and attending Union College, she earned a teaching certificate from Dickinson State University. It was during her first year of teaching that she was diagnosed with polio at age 18. She and Vernon married on June 2, 1953, and began their married life on a farm. Darlene loved being a farm wife and mom. She was an active member of the Bowman SDA church. She is survived by her husband, Vernon; children:

Pamela Taylor '78, Scott and Brad; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Beverly Reese Lorenz ('53), Lincoln, Nebraska, died March 20, 2020, at age 88. She was born Feb. 22, 1932, in Helper, Utah, to John and Cecelia Jylha Reese. She and her future husband, **Fred Lorenz '52**, began teaching at Sheyenne River Academy in North Dakota in 1954. They were married Aug. 22, 1955. Through the years they taught at many Adventist schools. In 1973, they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where they both taught at College View Academy. She is survived by her two sons, **Bruce '83** and **Dean '84**; and five grandchildren.

Carolyn Grubbs '54, Battle Creek, Michigan, died Aug. 10, 2020, at age 93. She was born March 16, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Burgess and Loretta Ray Grubbs. Carolyn earned a master's degree from Western Michigan University in 1971. She taught education for over 45 years before her retirement. A member of the Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church, she volunteered countless hours at Neighbor to Neighbor. Survivors include her siblings: Jim, Harry, Burgess, Charles and **Sue Perkins (former employee)**; and many nieces and nephews.

Clarence Southard '54, Owasso, Oklahoma, died Jan. 4, 2020, at age 90. He was born April 19, 1929, in Krebs, Oklahoma, to Allen and Anna Bell Rice Southard. He attended Southwestern Junior College, where he met Nellie Kathrine Reeder, known as Kitty, and graduated with a theology degree from Union College. He and Kitty married on Aug. 7, 1950. Clarence pastored churches in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Kentucky. He was involved in a lot of church construction, including many of the buildings at Summit Ridge Retirement Center in Harrah, Oklahoma, and parts of Wewoka Woods Youth Camp. Survivors include his children: Joy Davidson, Bob and Jerry; sisters: Clara

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Garcia and Alice Day; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Betty Jo Wallace Griffin ('55), Royal, Arkansas, died Oct. 28, 2019, at age 86. She was born to Bill and Lola Wallace on Nov. 21, 1932, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Her family became Adventists when she was 16 years old. She graduated from Southern Missionary College in 1953, and continued her studies at Union College while working as a secretary to the associate business manager. Betty Jo was introduced to Jim Griffin '65 by a mutual friend, and they married in 1956. She spent many years assisting her husband as a pastor's wife. Survivors include her husband, Jim; daughters: Deborah and Kimberly; sister, Barbara Wallace; and brother, Donald.

Charles House ('55), Killeen, Texas, died Sept. 17, 2020, at age 86. He was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Mexico to missionary parents, Harold and Lucille House. Growing up in Mexico City, he was bilingual. On Aug. 29, 1954, he married **Mary Kathleen Hamilton ('55)**. After graduation from Loma Linda University as a medical doctor, he completed an internship at Washington Sanitarium Hospital in Riverdale, Maryland. He continued working in Tacoma Park, Maryland, for two years before opening a private practice in Texas to be closer to his family. When he was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1968, the family relocated to Sharpe Army Depot in Stockton, California, where Charles served as a post surgeon and the only flight surgeon for the West Coast. In 1970, the family returned to Killeen, Texas, where he resumed his medical practice. He traveled the world doing medical work for free, building schools and churches and giving health talks. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; children: Janelle Hollingsworth, Charles, Michelle Berry, Melinda Graham, Delisa East and Desiree Garrett; 14 grandchildren; siblings: **Franklin '58**, Derrill and Elizabeth Salisbury.

William Robinson '56, Selah, Washington, died Aug. 22, 2020, at age 86. He was born Jan. 10, 1934, in Fairburn, South Dakota, to Earl and Ethel Robinson. He attended a one-room school through eighth grade and graduated from Plainview Academy before attending Union College. He worked hard to pursue his calling of being a medical doctor and graduated from Loma Linda University in 1960. He married **Velma Jean Krauss ('60)**, and they moved to Minnesota to pay off loans before going overseas as missionaries. After serving on Guam, they eventually settled in Selah, Washington. Bill was a family doctor in Yakima. He was involved in his church and with choirs and men's ensemble at church. Survivors include his children: Brett, Greg, and Lisa; seven grandchildren; and brother, Tom.

D Robert Johnson '57, Corona, California, died April 10, 2020, at age 85. He is survived by his wife, Odette;

children: Cameron, Jesse, Vance and Sana; and 12 grandchildren.

Martha Hosek Hanson '59, Wichita, Kansas, died March 13, 2020, at age 81. She was born Jan. 25, 1939, in Clutier, Iowa, to Louie and Marie Hosek. While in college, she met Merlin "Bud" Hanson at his going away party as he left for military service. They wrote to each other faithfully while he was in the service and married Aug. 14, 1960, in Toledo, Iowa. Moving to the farm in Clutier, Iowa, Martha enjoyed country living while raising their sons. In 1994, they moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she worked in food service for the Wichita Public School System for 19 years. She loved her church family and had a passion for serving in the Dorcas Community Center. Survivors include her sons: Steven, Ken and Rich; eight grandchildren; sister, Helen Foster and brother, Danny.

Larry Scofield ('59), Falls City, Oregon, died Nov. 5, 2019, at age 83. Born Oct. 22, 1936, the son of Rex and Ruth Scofield, he joined the Coast Guard after college. He participated in whale and bird surveys and studies in the Arctic Ocean. He earned a master's degree in wildlife biology from the University of Massachusetts. Larry conducted a 20-year study on the spotted owl while working at the Bureau of Land Management. He helped save 25 botanical areas, three wild and scenic rivers and the Columbia Gorge National Scenic area. He was a musician, a soloist and a loving dad and husband. His favorite pastimes were camping, observing nature, reading, eating pie and drinking root beer. Survivors include his wife, Ruth; siblings: Melvin Livingood, Carolyn and Sharon Davis; children: Lucinda Holzman, Bryan, Heather Merrill and Stephanie Crary; and 17 grandchildren.

1960s

Clifford Price '60, Harvest, Alabama, died Feb. 8, 2020, at age 85. He was born April 16, 1924, to Archie and Ruth Gilleland Price. After graduating from high school in Hutchinson, Kansas, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served two years of active duty and four years in the reserves. He graduated from Union College with a degree in physics. Cliff was a physicist for the U.S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency and an MSFC propulsion and vehicle aerospace engineer, working on pre-launch specifications and launch redlines for Saturn I, IB and V launch vehicles. He also coordinated the development of all experimental hardware for the Saturn Apollo/Soyuz project. In his retirement years he became a real estate investment advisor and management consultant, co-founding the North Alabama Apartment Association. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Sandra Frederick Price ('56)**; daughters: Penny Miller and Tammy Kellogg; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brothers: Archie, Jerry, Ron, Larry; and sister, Esteleene Maxwell.

Ray Carrick ('61), Topeka, Kansas, died Oct. 5, 2020, at age 78. He was born Nov. 1, 1941, in Harper, Kansas, to Clarence and Maxine Lockwood Carrick. He owned and operated Carrick Electric for 22 years, retiring in 2011. He and his wife, Linda Arvidson Carrick, participated in many mission trips around the world. He is survived by his wife, Linda; children: **Brad '84**, Greg, Randy Arvidson and Mike Arvidson; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and sister, Carolyn Simpson.

James Lunday ('61), Bismarck, North Dakota, died Sept. 17, 2020, at age 87. He was born July 2, 1922, to Elmer and Martha Duschka Lunday in Vesta, Nebraska. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was deployed to Korea in April 1953. His camp was one or two miles south of the current demilitarized zone. Returning to the United States, he was sent to Bismarck, North Dakota, where he met **Berneice Schield ('53)**. They were married on Feb. 6, 1956. After his discharge, he attended Union College on the GI Bill. This led to his eventual work as a self-employed masonry contractor. He served as local church elder and treasurer at his church for many years and was also a Pathfinder counselor. He is survived by three daughters: **Marga Carlson ('77)**, **Amy Hinger ('80)** and Bernelda Lehmann; and three grandchildren.

Darwin Kungel ('61), Jamestown, North Dakota, died Dec. 5, 2019, at age 78. He was born May 27, 1941, in Kulm, North Dakota, to Richard and Delia Reinke Kungel. After attending college, he returned to the Kulm/Fredonia area, where he farmed for many years and was employed by Logan County. Darwin and Jeanette Lien Gertz were married April 9, 1994, at Steele, North Dakota. He is survived by his wife, Jan; two sons and two sisters, Cindy and **Cheryl Crawford ('72)**.

Donald Schroeder '61, Jamestown, North Dakota, died May 15, 2020, at age 84. He was born to Solomon and Ida Haas Schroeder on October 11, 1935, in Jamestown, North Dakota. On August 19, 1957, Donald married Patricia Zehm. They lived in several areas and farmed in Cleveland, North Dakota, for 35 years. Don was an educator and was employed by several out-of-area schools, North Dakota State Hospital, and finally the James River Senior Center. He enjoyed farming the most. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patricia; two sons: Sidney and Stuart; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Shirley Roland.

Thomas Bringle ('62), Reedsport, Oregon, died June 26, 2020, at age 83. Survivors include daughters: **Tara Berthelsen ('81)** and Julie Weber; one sister and five grandchildren.

Carole Wreed Maston '62, Longmont, Colorado, died Sept. 10, 2019, at age 80. She was born March 22, 1939, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Maurice and Marie Wilcox Wreed. After graduating from Union College, she earned a master's degree in French and English from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. On July 23, 1973, she married Charles Maston, Jr., in Piqua, Ohio. Carole was a high school teacher for more than 10 years. In 2001 she moved to Longmont, Colorado, to be closer to her family. She was a long-time member of the Longmont Seventh-day Adventist Church and volunteered at Longmont United Hospital. Survivors include her two sisters: **Janet Honstein '64** and **Eleanor Dellapina '66**.

Kenneth Enochs ('63), Wichita, Kansas, died June 1, 2020, at age 77. He was born April 21, 1943, to Joseph and Ruby Enochs. Ken loved the Lord and singing gospel music with his wife. Family, church, traveling and playing sports were his greatest joys in life. Survivors

include his wife, **Linda Curtis Enochs ('64)**; sons: Jeffrey, Troy and Cory; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Steve Gifford '63, Gainesville, Texas, died March 13, 2020, at age 79. He was born May 17, 1949, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Steve graduated from Ozark Academy, attended Southwestern Junior College and graduated from Union College before doing one year of graduate study at Andrews University. He served as president of Kansas-Nebraska Conference, South-eastern California Conference, and Texas Conference before his retirement. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne; sisters: Susie Collier and Linda June; and sons: Trent, **Jon '96** and Michael.

Bonnie Campbell Lloyd '63, Hotchkiss, Colorado, died March 7, 2020, at age 80. She was a special education teacher and member of the Delta SDA Church. Bonnie is survived by her husband, **Harry '64**; children: Andrew, Becky and Brenda Reinholtz; and one grandson.

Tom Neslund '64, Mission Viejo, California, died Sept. 8, 2020, at age 85. He was born June 9, 1935, in Montevideo, Minnesota. After completing studies at Union College and Loma Linda University, he began his service in the Adventist church as a pastor in the Iowa Conference. After teaching at Glendale Adventist Academy for five years, he served as health and temperance director of the Southern California Conference for 13 years. In 1986 he was appointed health ministries associate director for the Adventist World Church. During his years there, Tom became known for his service as director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency, promoting the prevention of alcoholism and drug and other addictions through education, research and advocacy. He is survived by his wife, Gunda; children, Todd and Stephanie; and six grandchildren.

Carolyn Bliss Seltmann ('64), Temecula, California, died Feb. 22, 2020, at age 76. She was born in Walla Walla, Washington, on July 16, 1943. Carolyn is survived by her sons, Laughn and Larry "Max"; and daughter, Lauren; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ronald Wu '64, Glendale, California, died Sept. 8, 2020, at age 78. He was born in 1941 on the small island of Gulangyu, a short distance from the coastal city of Xiamen, China. He began his education in Singapore, coming to Union College to complete his college degree. He graduated from Loma Linda University four years later. Just two weeks after completing medical school, he married Georgiana in June 1968. He specialized in obstetrics and gynecology during his entire career. Besides caring for mothers

and families, he mentored physicians and medical students. Nurses who worked alongside him treasured him as a teacher and friend. Dr. Wu loved all sports, especially soccer and tennis. He is survived by his wife, Georgiana; daughters, Roxanne Wu and Crystal Simpson; one granddaughter; and brother, Gary Seng Hock Wu.

Charlotte Blanke Hutton ('65), Nowata, Oklahoma, died Nov. 5, 2019, at age 74. She was born Nov. 3, 1945, in Nowata, Oklahoma, to Oran "Brownie" and Wilma Merrow Blanke. Charlotte was a registered nurse in the Osage Nursing Home before a 32-year career at Jane Phillips Hospital in Nowata. On Feb. 14, 1979, she married Donald Hutton. She is survived by her husband, Don; children, Kristine Hutton-Boyd and Rick; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Daryl Burbach ('68), Wichita, Kansas, died July 27, 2020, at age 72. He was born June 28, 1948, to **Marvin '48** and **Alice Vanderbilt ('48) Burbach**. Like his parents Daryl spent many years as an educator, teaching math at middle school, high school and collegiate levels. Although he had other professions in insurance and aerospace industries, he would always say he retired from teaching. In his personal time, he was all about cars and motorcycles. He and his wife, **Cindy Laue Burbach '72**, were longtime members of the Air Capital Corvette Club. Survivors include his wife, Cindy; son, Collyer; two granddaughters; brothers: **Dwayne '75** and **Rodney '64**.

Ursula Polensky Hamilton '68, Glasco, Kansas, died May 17, 2020, at age 76. She was born Feb. 18, 1944, in Breslau, Silesia, Germany to Fritz and Freda Prosser Polensky. She was a registered nurse for many years and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include her son, Alexander; stepchildren: Denise, Nathan, John, Eddie, Victoria Hoyt and Brian; brother, Siegfried Polensky; two grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1970s

Carolyn Hobbs Early '70, Keene, Texas, died Nov. 17, 2019, at age 78. Born Sept. 9, 1941, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Clem and Mary Hobbs, she was the oldest of four children. She loved music, began playing the piano at age two, and performed on the radio at age eight. After graduating from Union College with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, she taught and was principal, serving 28 years at what is now Conroe Adventist Academy in Conroe, Texas. She shared her hope in the Second Coming with her students and picked a meeting place in heaven at the Gate of Benjamin. As each class graduated she challenged them to meet her at the gate. Survivors include her daughter, Danielle Bunkley; and siblings: **Clem Hobbs ('67)**, **Sherry Littrell ('71)** and Sally Page.

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Dean Eastin '72, Lincoln, Nebraska, died March 10, 2020, at age 71. He was born to **Farrell ('50)** and La-Verna Howell **Eastin** on July 10, 1948, in Des Moines, Iowa. He loved to fish and hunt and enjoyed many sports. Dean's cooking was legendary, and he was an avid chess player. He loved his family and spending quality time with them. Survivors include his wife, Terri; children: Kimberly Hessheimer and Scott; two grandchildren; sister, Gloria Razo; and brother, **Monte Eastin ('76)**.

Dennis Parrott '74, Thornton, Colorado, died May 4, 2020, at age 74. He was born March 24, 1946, in Red Oak, Iowa, to Virgil and Eva Johnson Parrott. Dennis graduated from Oak Park Academy, then Milford Technical College as a draftsman in 1966, and then with a bachelor's degree in biology from Union College. He married **Barbara Nash '72** on May 21, 1971. Dennis was a draftsman, mostly drawing steel details for bridges and buildings. He loved spending time outdoors, birdwatching and hiking. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; children: **Katherine Clarke '08** and Dennis; and two grandchildren.

Israel Flechas ('76), Huntsville, Alabama, died March 25, 2020, at age 64. He was born Jan. 16, 1956, in Houston, Texas, to Jorge and Hilda Flechas. As a member of a military family, he enjoyed living in many states and abroad. He was a translator for Maranatha Volunteers International on mission trips to Estonia, Mexico and Peru. He is survived by siblings: Jorge, Felix and Hilda Riston.

Ralph Lockett ('77), Lincoln, Nebraska, died April 14, 2020, at age 66. He was born to Lester and Margaret Chaney Lockett on Oct. 31, 1953, in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Union College from 1973-1977, studying music and social work. He was a member of the Unionaires choral group. Ralph worked at the State Department of Health and Human Services for over 35 years. He specialized in foster care placement and child protective services. He loved the outdoors, camping and fishing. He is survived by his daughters: Amy Escobar and **Sarah Coffey '05**; four grandchildren; and siblings: Daniel and Lanora Kempton.

Gordon Heinrich '78, Tolstoy, South Dakota, died Feb. 15, 2020, at age 63. Son of Clemens and Adah Brenneise Heinrich, he was born March 18, 1956, in Bowdle, South Dakota. He grew up on the Heinrich farm seven miles north of Tolstoy in Edmunds County. He married **Connie Rushhold '78**, and they settled on a farm 13 miles southeast of Bowdle. In 2007 Gordon relocated to his family farm, where he lived the rest of his life. He was a member of the Bowdle SDA Church and served as treasurer for Cloyd Valley Township. He was a fan of all Minnesota professional teams as well as local athletics. He is survived by his children: **Amber Keller '05**, **Caleb '07**, **Mindi Huffman '11** and

Joshua '15; brothers: **Keith '73**, **Virgil ('72)** and Jim; sisters: **Elaine Babbitt '78** and **Trudi Hatch '84**; and six grandchildren.

Ed Jumper '78, Parsons, Kansas, died July 10, 2020, at age 78. Ed was born December 16, 1941, in Plankinton, South Dakota, to Merle and Mamie Buchholz Jumper. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chanute, Kansas, where he had previously pastored. Ed also pastored congregations in Fort Scott and La Crosse, Kansas. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion 8th District, earning a certificate of appreciation on May 5, 2011, for his outstanding service as district chaplain. Ed and Joyce Nalley shared 52 years of marriage together. After Joyce died in November 2018, he married Sandra Walters Nance in May 2019. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; son, Alan; daughter, Lisa Bramblett; 4 stepchildren: Ed, John, Ann and Tom Nance; five grandchildren, ten step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Edith Darby ('79), Phoenix, Arizona, died Jan. 23, 2020, at age 64. Survivors include her sister, Jacqueline; aunt, Linda Ingram; and cousins: Henry Winfield, Thomas Winfield and John Thomas.

Shirlee Lauer Neisner '79, Walla Walla, Washington, died April 26, 2020, at age 63. She was born Oct. 16, 1956, in Creston, Iowa, to Duane and Wanda Lauer. On June 10, 1979, she married **Dan Neisner '80**. The family lived in Japan, California, Hong Kong and Washington. Shirlee devoted her life to helping others in her roles as mother, pastor's wife, pianist, children's programming leader and more. Working as a nurse for the Veterans Administration, she completed a nurse practitioner program. While working at the Washington State Penitentiary, she saw the need for mental health care and completed training as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She fulfilled a lifelong dream by opening her own private practice, Surely Goodness Healthcare, integrating medical and mental health. Survivors include her husband, Dan; and children: Sara, Heidi and Steven.

1980s

Randy Hausted '84, Calistoga, California, died Aug. 9, 2020. After graduating from Loma Linda University as a medical doctor, Randy joined the U.S. Army and completed pathology training at Walter Reed Hospital. At one time he was chief of pathology at Womack Hospital in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where the Green Berets are headquartered. He had also been lab medical director at St. Helena Hospital and was the current chief of pathology at Northbay Medical Center in Fairfield, California. He passed away due to COVID-19 related illness. Survivors include his wife, **Birgit Hoppe Hausted '85**; and sons, Andy and Jonathan.

Yvonne Lee Powers '83, Lincoln, Nebraska, died Jan. 24, 2020, at age 88. She was born March 8, 1931, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to Albert and Elizabeth Brewer Lee. She practiced nursing for many health care organizations, including the Indian Health Service and the Veterans Administration. Yvonne was an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota tribe. She is survived by her six children: Patrick, Colleen, Kathy, Michelle, Janie and Lisa; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Tom Brogden '86, Calhoun, Georgia, died Aug. 13, 2020, at age 61. He was born March 10, 1959, to Newton and Angeline Fiest Brogden in Bismarck, North Dakota. On Feb. 2, 1987, he married Stephanie, the love of his life. He was a medical technologist at Erlanger Hospital in Tennessee. While there he modified the lab so employees could work at a more efficient and productive pace. He traveled abroad and donated his time to help with medical work, building churches and showing compassion. He is survived by his wife: Stephanie; children, Rachel and Michael; and sisters, Julie and Debbie.

2020

Eric Daniels '20, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, died May 7, 2020, at age 27. He was born in Pipestone, Minnesota, to Dan and **Sandra Johnson Daniels '85** on May 18, 1992. After attending Maplewood Academy, he started Eric and Dad's Paintball Sports. He also earned his CNA license and worked at Saint Mary's Nursing Home. After completing his trucking license, he began traveling all over the United States. In 2016 Eric enrolled at Union College to complete a business degree. He is survived by his parents, Dan and Sandy Daniels; sister, **Elizabeth ('20)**; and grandparents, Ivan and Sharon Johnson.

Faculty

Notice of the following deaths has been received:

Mary Ann Johnson Woods '45, Placerville, California, died Jan. 27, 2019, at age 95.

Robert Compton '49, Parker, Colorado, died Aug. 8, 2019, at age 94.

Kent Dickinson '49, Layton, Utah, died July 2, 2019, at age 94.

Lois Rigutto '50, Roseburg, Oregon, died June 20, 2019, at age 92.

Wallace Carlson ('50), Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, died April 28, 2019, at age 87.

Ruth Gerst '53, Loveland, Colorado, died Oct. 22, 2019, at age 94.

Ruth Nordstrom Lamar '53, Sarasota, Florida, died June 3, 2019, at age 89.

LaVern Opp '53, Walla Walla, Washington, died Sept. 15, 2019, at age 90.

Robert Lang ('57), Ooltewah, Tennessee, died Oct. 29, 2019, at age 83.

Allin Karls ('59), Canyon Lake, Texas, died July 18, 2019, at age 84.

Brenda Buckley Eveland ('72), Denver, Colorado, died in August, 2018, at age 69.

Virginia Simmons '61, Lincoln, Nebraska, died Aug. 23, 2020, at age 87. She was born Sept. 6, 1932, in Darby, Iowa, to George and Carrie Benson Simmons. She earned master's and doctoral degrees at George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The driving force and cofounder of the George Stone Lab School at Union College, she also served as chair of the Division of Human Development at Union College for more than 20 years. Virginia taught for over 63 years and taught every grade level from preschool to graduate school. She is survived by her brother, Royal Simmons.



Orville Shupe (former faculty), Rossville, Tennessee, died March 27, 2020, at age 81. Born Aug. 7, 1938, in Brookfield, Missouri, to Norton and Mary Shupe, he taught choir at Union College from 1969-1972. He lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and worked in the insurance profession for over 40 years. Survivors include his wife, Carol; children: Dan, Dawn Valenzuela and Shane; stepchildren: Chris Cramer, Jeffrey Cramer and Lori Akins; 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Beatrice Neall (former faculty), Ooltewah, Tennessee, died Dec. 8, 2019, at age 90. She was born Feb. 12, 1929, and was a native of New York City. She served as a missionary's wife and college professor with her husband, **Ralph Neall (former faculty)**, from 1957-1974 in Southeast Asia. They taught together at Union College from 1977-1994. She authored two books, one of which was translated into 10 languages. Bea was a member of the African Violet Society. Survivors include her husband, Ralph; children: Randy and Cheryl Johnson; sister, Ellen Oblander; and brother, James Short



IN MEMORY

Board members

Charles “Charlie” Henkelmann ’56

Lincoln, Nebraska, died Dec. 3, 2020, at age 88. On Oct. 13, 1932, he was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Carl and Ruth Miner Henkelmann. He graduated from Union College Academy in 1950 before attending both Union College and La Sierra College. While at Union College he met his future wife, **Naoma Hopkins ’54** and while attending La Sierra College he built a duplex, which boosted his skills and confidence in the construction industry. Charles and Naoma married in 1953 and spent all their married years in Lincoln and the surrounding area, with a brief move to Fayette, Arkansas, in the late 1950s to buy and operate a small dairy farm. He operated Henkelmann Construction Company for many years, specializing in smaller apartment buildings. He built over 100 buildings in Lincoln during his career, providing more than 1,000 housing units. He used his skills to help others throughout the world. In 1974 he started volunteering with Maranatha Volunteers International with a life-changing trip to Peru. For more than 35 years and on well over 60 different projects, he was quite active leading projects, making calls to recruit other volunteers, and coordinating travel, lodging and construction site materials. In 2004 he was honored as Volunteer Missionary of the Year by Maranatha. During his life he was grateful for his educational opportunities and led an effort to set up an alumni association at College View Academy and supported Union College through scholarships and service on the Union College Board of



Trustees. When Union College was planning to celebrate its centennial, Charlie volunteered to organize a large parade down 48th Street in College View to honor the occasion. In 2008 **Naoma Hopkins Henkelmann ’54**, his wife of 55 years, passed away, and he later married Carol Fleetwood, whom he met through church. Survivors include his wife, Carol; sisters, **Carlene Henkelmann Chalmers Wymer (’49)** and **Mary Henkelmann Olson ’55**; children: **Rebecca Wells ’75**; **Priscilla (’78)**, Thomas and **Gregory (’78)**; and nine grandchildren.



Ray Herber ’53

Loma Linda, California, died Aug. 21, 2020, at age 88. He was born Feb. 29, 1932, in Shattuck, Oklahoma. Although he had well-qualified teachers at Keene Junior College, he transferred to Union College because he had been told it would be easier to get into the College of

Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) if he received most of his premedical education there instead of the two-year program at Keene. After his first year of medical school, Raymond married **Marilyn Dart ’54**, whom he met at Union College. He graduated from Loma Linda University at the top of his class, interned in Los Angeles County at White Memorial Hospital, and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve at El Toro Air Base in the outpatient department for two years. He completed an internal medicine residency at White Memorial Hospital and a GI fellowship at Washington University with research on lactase deficiency. In 1962 he became chief of the medicine teaching clinic at White Memorial Hospital for three years. He was emeritus professor of medicine at Loma Linda University, chair of the department of gastroenterology and founder of the GI fellowship. Throughout his 65-year career at Loma Linda University, Ray supported the school in every capacity. He served as president of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association from 1988 to 1989 and was named Honored Alumnus for 1997. He served on the Union College Board of Trustees from 1983-1991. He raised money for education by setting up and soliciting endowments and set up a myriad of student funds at both Union College and Loma Linda University. He authored several books of Loma Linda history, including a documentary on the history of the department of medicine. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children: Steven, Susan Mace and Sandra Fisher; and five grandchildren.

THE LAST WORD

Upcoming events

April 11 — Gymnastics Homeshow

The Union College gymnastics teams will culminate their year of hard work with a show in the Thunderdome that will also be streamed live at ucollege.edu/utv

April 16-17—Virtual Union ReUnion

Mark your calendars for a special virtual homecoming weekend on April 16-17, 2021. We are working on great plans to connect from a distance and honor the classes of 1950, 1951, 1960, 1961, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1980, 1981, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2010, 2011. We plan to have an in-person event in April 2022, and we'll be adding new information about both events to ucollege.edu/reunion or contact us at 402.486.2503.

May 7-9—Graduation Weekend

Join us to celebrate the Union College Class of 2020 and Class of 2021. Learn more about how you can support both classes live or virtually at ucollege.edu/graduation

June 16-18—Renovate Rees Hall 2021

We're back on! We had to postpone last summer's project to renovate another 27 rooms in Rees Hall, but Maranatha plans to return to Union to continue the project June 6-18, 2021. The cabinets are already built, and we need volunteers to stain and install them as well as paint and put in new flooring, lighting and more. Learn more and sign up at ucollege.edu/learningandliving

See our whole calendar at ucollege.edu/calendar

STAYING FOCUSED on others

Union College has been truly blessed this school year. We've been able to hold in-person classes the entire school year enabling our learning community to help students dig deeper into who they are, who God is, and what He created them to be.

But the year has not been without challenges. Like the rest of the world, Union adopted safety protocols that kept COVID from spreading significantly on campus, but also put a strain on the events and interactions that help make Union the supportive, encouraging place our students and employees appreciate so much.

On top of that, record snowfall and a polar plunge into subzero temperatures kept everyone cooped up indoors—we even had to close the school for four days.

But that didn't stop our students from making the world around them better even when many non-profit service organizations in Lincoln couldn't function because of COVID-19 or the snow and cold.

Masking up and following safety protocols, the PA and nursing students continued to serve the homeless at the monthly Matt Talbot Foot Clinic—providing foot care and footwear to Lincoln's homeless and near homeless. I heard the story of how the students cared for one homeless gentleman who was experiencing hypothermia and had frostbite on his feet.

In another instance, an elderly woman came to my office insisting the president could help her. She had no food, no working refrigerator and no car. Pastor Rich Carlson and his Campus Ministries student leaders immediately mobilized the campus to help out.



Our students and employees donated hundreds of items of food to help this woman through the winter.

When the Lincoln hospitals were nearly filled to capacity with COVID patients, our students wrote notes of encouragement to our local emergency responders to thank them for their service to the city.

These are just a few examples of how Union students have continued a legacy of serving others—even in difficult times with their own lives significantly impacted.

Seeing this kind of unselfishness reminds me that God is always at work—even in the toughest challenges. We can worry about our circumstances all we want, but God promises to accomplish his plans through us.


Vinita Sauder, President

Our mission

Union College is a Seventh-day Adventist community of higher education, inspired by Jesus Christ and dedicated to empowering students to learn, serve and lead.

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