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It is a tremendous privilege to serve as President of Dana College as we celebrate 125 years. In honor of Dana's 125th anniversary and our collective commitment to the future, I am pleased to announce the Dana College Students First Campaign.

Dana's story is one of legacy and partnership. Each generation of stakeholders has recognized the critical role Dana plays in making our world a better place and has invested in a college known for excellence in academics, caring and talented faculty, and a close sense of community. Now, in this 125th year, it is our turn to ensure that future generations have access to the joys and benefits of a Dana College education.

The Dana College Students First Campaign stems from our strategic plan that began three years ago and the input we've received through several conversations with Dana alumni and friends and the Blair community. This comprehensive \$20 million campaign will focus on three integral components, all linked to the strategic plan with our students at the center: annual operations, scholarship support and endowment resources. I am grateful for the continued support and partnership of the Dana Family.

In this issue of the *Dana Review*, you will read about opportunities for study abroad, an essential aspect of a liberal arts education. Dana alumnus, former Senator Paul Simon, knew the value of study abroad and established a program to help Dana students achieve their goals for a more global education. The Paul Simon Study Abroad Bill is making its way through Congress and will provide more funding for all college students. I am always gratified to hear about the experiences of our students during their study in another country. A global perspective is essential in our flat, global, high tech world.

The opening days of the fall semester have now passed. We welcome the Class of 2013 and continue to celebrate Dana's 125th anniversary.

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Janet S. Philipp
President

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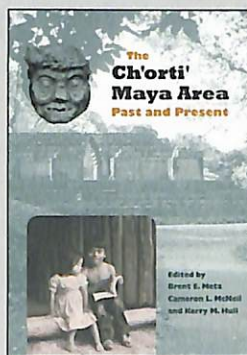
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Dr. Carla Delucchi, professor of biology, was a speaker at the 2009 Prairie Restoration Network Workshop in Aurora, Neb. in August 2009. Her presentation was entitled "Monitoring Restored Prairies at DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge."

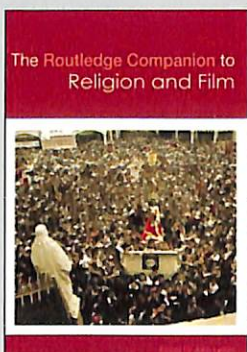
Dana is offering two new interdisciplinary programs to its students beginning this fall.

Dr. Mark Sand is serving as director of sustainability studies and **Dr. Stewart Brewer** is serving as director of Latin American studies.



Dr. Stewart Brewer, associate professor of history, is a contributing author in an edited volume published by the University Press of Florida on June 14. The book is titled "The Ch'orti' Maya Area: Past and Present."

His contribution is a chapter on the Spanish conquest of Ch'orti' Maya villages in eastern Guatemala in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.



"The Routledge Companion to Religion and Film," edited by **Dr. John Lyden**, has just come out in print. It is the first comprehensive introduction to the emerging field of religion and film studies, and

contains chapters written by 27 scholars on a range of topics including the history of the interaction between religion and film, depictions of religions in film, methods of studying religion and film, and key concepts of the discipline. It is intended as a reference for scholars and graduate students in the field, as well as for undergraduate courses in religion and film.

Dr. Kate Joeckel, professor of communication and assistant dean for partnerships & new program initiatives, has been named president of the Nebraska Women in Higher Education Leadership state organization for 2009-10.

On April 19, twenty students and four faculty from the biology and chemistry departments attended the Nebraska Academy of Sciences meeting in Lincoln at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Three biology/chemistry majors presented their senior research projects at the meeting:

Erin Bazata - Effects of Desmosomes on the Activation of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptors

Lauren Brooks - Optimization of a Lyophilization Cycle of a Swine Vaccine

Zach Genant - The Isolation and Amplification of Minisatellites in the Mouse Genome for Application in Disease, Maternity/Paternity, and Forensic Analysis

Zach's presentation was one of 10 finalists for the UNMC award for Outstanding Biology/Biomedical Sciences Research.

Dr. Milt Heinrich, professor of art, will be attending the Association of Lutheran College Faculties (ALCF) annual meeting Oct. 2-4. The gathering, held this year at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Mich., will bring together members of faculties of Lutheran institutions of higher learning and Lutherans teaching at other institutions of higher learning in the U.S. and Canada.

Greg Walter's paintings have been chosen for exhibition at the governor's residence in Lincoln. His artwork will be on display from November 11 - December 11. He was one of twelve Nebraska artists chosen for this honor.

Dr. Christopher Gade, assistant professor of psychology, taught a theories of personality class at UC Davis in California over the summer.

The Council on Social Work Education has appointed **Jan Potter**, professor of social work, for a three-year term as a member of the Commission on Accreditation, the national group that reviews self-studies and makes decisions regarding the accreditation status of all social work programs in the U.S. In addition, each commissioner visits and mentors two or three new social work programs each year.

Campus News

DANA COLLEGE RANKS IN TOP TIER OF U.S. NEWS & GROUPS AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES

For the third consecutive year, Dana College earned a spot among in the "Top Tier" of the "Best Baccalaureate Colleges – Midwest" in the 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News Media Group.



The exclusive rankings, which include more than 1,400 schools nationwide, are available at www.usnews.com/colleges and were also published in the September issue of the *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

Over the past 26 years, the U.S. News college rankings, which groups schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has grown to be the most comprehensive research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities. The America's Best Colleges ranking package, which includes extensive editorial content and multimedia resources, has helped families navigate the difficult decisions involved throughout the college process, from college admission and selection to financing options.

Dana College President, Dr. Janet Philipp is very pleased to again be ranked among the best colleges in the Midwest.

"We are proud to be recognized as an institution whose transformational education has continued to keep our name on this prestigious list," Philipp stated.

The institutions ranked in the "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" focus primarily on undergraduate education, just as the liberal arts colleges do, but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. At these schools, at least 10 percent of undergraduate degrees awarded are bachelor's degrees. There are 319 baccalaureate colleges, ranked within four regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.

The Midwest region includes Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Using a proprietary methodology, the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings examine how schools stack up based on a set of indicators of excellence including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

125TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT HELD AT ARGO CEMETERY

The heritage and the start of what would become Dana College was celebrated at a special event at the Argo Cemetery northwest of Blair on Sept. 13.

On Sept. 11-14, 1884, a meeting was held at St. Johannes (John's) Lutheran Church at Argo, a small rural congregation served by Rev. A.M. Andersen. For this new church to grow, it would need a seminary. Rev. Andersen began Trinity Seminary that fall in his home.

Now, 125 years later, Trinity Seminary and Dana College alumni and friends were invited to gather in celebration of our founding at the site where it all began. A service was held including some prayer and scripture in Danish led by Rev. Frederik Jensen '50.

Charlie Lang, caretaker and historian of the cemetery, provided some historical information about the land and the people buried there.

DANA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FEATURED IN KETV NEWS STORY

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Bill Danenhauer was featured in a news story on KETV on July 6. The piece focused on Danenhauer's former career as a professional wrestler.

ACCLAIMED PIANIST PERFORMS AT DANA

Dana College hosted pianist Stephen Beus on July 13 in Trinity Chapel. Beus was part of the Meadowlark Music Festival, a unique summer music festival established in 2000. Beus is recognized as one of the most promising pianists of his generation and holds degrees from Whitman College and The Juilliard School.



Floyd and Dorothy Jorgensen accept the award from President Philipp.

Floyd '53 and Dorothy (Landbo '56) Jorgensen Honored for Service

Dana College presented Floyd and Dorothy Jorgensen with the 2009 Clifford T. and D. Florence Hanson Servant Award during the annual Dana College Builders Luncheon on May 22.

The Hanson Servant Award recognizes individuals who model selfless devotion and gives recognition to ordinary people who do extraordinary things inspired by faith, love and service.

Floyd and Dorothy Jorgensen met while attending Dana College. Floyd became an agricultural extension agent, spending many years working on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. For Floyd, his job was one of service, helping plant family gardens, working with 4-H clubs, directing roadside clean-up and developing wildlife areas. Dorothy spent her professional career as a junior high school teacher.

Together they gave of themselves as foster parents, caring for seven children over the years. One foster son is still a part of their family and is married with two children. The Jorgensens also have four children of their own – Ann '78, Mark '81, Karen and Lois.

Now married more than 55 years and retired, the couple continues to give of themselves through service to their church, the North County Regional Hospital, Sheriff's County Community Patrol, Habitat for Humanity, Soil and Water Conservation Service Board, and Bemidji Community Theatre. They are also faithful donors to Dana College.

Dr. Janet Philipp, president of Dana College, presented the couple with their award.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF AT DANA

Four new faculty have joined the ranks at Dana College this fall.



Curtis Beck, instructor of business, earned his bachelor of science in secondary education, cum laude, from Pillsbury College, his master's of science in college student counseling and personnel services

from Kansas State University, and is a Ph.D. candidate in human sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He has taught at Central Community College, Bethany College and Kansas Wesleyan University. He was the executive director of the Associated General Contractors-Nebraska Chapter, special projects director for the Nebraska State Patrol, and deputy commissioner and marketing/communications administrator for the Nebraska Department of Labor.



Robert Doyle, instructor of chemistry, earned his B.S. in chemistry from Creighton University and his master's of science in chemistry from the University of Kansas. He has experience

with general chemistry, organic, and biochemistry. He has been a member of the American Chemical Society since 2000. He has presented at Midwest Regional and collaborated on in-house laboratory manuals.



Dr. Peter Ilich, assistant professor of chemistry, earned his B.S. in chemistry and chemical engineering from the University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia. He earned his master's of science in chemistry from

Yale University in Connecticut and his doctorate of science in chemistry from Rudjer Boskovic in Croatia. He has most recently worked at College of St. Mary in Omaha and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Ilich is a chemist with broad experience, inside and outside

academia. He was a visiting scholar at Ohio State University and an adjunct/visiting assistant professor of chemistry at St. John's University and College of St. Benedict, Ohio Northern University, and the University of Utah. Ilich has been a postdoctoral research associate at Ohio State University from 1995-99, the Mayo Clinic and Foundation from 1986-94, and Montana State University from 1983-86. He has numerous presentations and publications throughout the years. He has honors from the University of Mannheim and University of Heidelberg, as well as a Fulbright Scholarship at Yale University.



Sarah Dobel, adjunct instructor of English, earned her BA in both creative writing and applied communication from Creighton University, and an MFA in creative writing from California College of

the Arts in San Francisco. Before coming to Dana, she taught at Metropolitan Community College and worked as a teaching artist for the Nebraska Arts Council. She is also an active member of the Omaha Poetry Slam community.



Danielle Oliver is a 2006 graduate of Buena Vista University where she earned a degree in marketing and management. She joins the admissions team as the campus visit coordinator. She was

previously employed at Heritage Church in Rock Island, Ill., where she coordinated all mission trips and weddings.



Riley Courtright, a new addition to the Dana recruitment team, graduated in May 2009 from University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he majored in broadcasting and minored in

communication studies and political science. Riley is originally from Los Alamos, N.M., and was a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity, NHRI and was a 2008 New Student Enrollment Orientation Leader.



Jessica Bertschinger, a 2008 graduate of Dana College, handles duties as the office associate in the admissions office. During her time as a student at Dana, she studied corporate communications and

was actively involved in many of the theatre productions as the stage manager.



Carolyn Kruger joins the marketing staff as the interactive media specialist. Carolyn is a 2009 graduate of Dana College with degrees in iMedia and English. She worked previously as a web design intern for Bozell in

Omaha, Neb. and in the marketing and communications offices at Dana.



Nick Swaney, men's golf coach, was a three-year letter winner in golf at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. He was a member of the Loper golf team that qualified for Super Regionals. Currently, Swaney serves as the

assistant boy's and girl's golf coach at Blair High School and is a shop manager at Scheel's Sporting Goods in Omaha.

Kris Greder is the newest addition to campus security. Before coming to Dana, she earned a certificate from Des Moines Area Community College and worked as a sales representative for American Home Shield. She lives with her family in Blair.

Jordan Haas has been named the new assistant baseball coach. "Jordan brings a wealth of knowledge to the Viking baseball program," stated Head Baseball Coach Ken Misfeldt. "I am excited to have him as a part of our staff this season."

Blair native **Mike Kuhr** is the newest face in the maintenance department this fall. Before coming to Dana College he worked for Ag-Bag Int. for 8 years and Concrete Equipment Co. for two and a half years.

JESUS JUSTICE JAZZ COMES TO DANA

Dana College is excited to be the only site in Nebraska to host "Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour" on its campus in Blair, Neb., on Oct. 17. "Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour" features music by ELCA Youth Gathering artists Agape and Rachel Kurtz and powerful youth testimonies. This event promises to be an effective way to re-ignite the hearts of Gathering participants and others that need encouragement on their faith journey.

The concert will be held in the Gardner-Hawks Center on the Dana College campus beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dana College is underwriting and fundraising to cover the expenses for the event so that all ticket proceeds can go directly to ELCA World Hunger. Tickets purchased prior to the event are \$10. Concert tickets the day of the show will be \$15.

To learn more about the event or purchase tickets online, visit www.dana.edu/jjj or contact Carrie Reed, director of alumni affairs and special events, at 402.426.7385, or creed@dana.edu.

DANA WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH FINALIST FOR COACHING AWARD

Shad Beam '94, head women's soccer coach and sports information director, was a finalist for this year's Midlands College Coach of the Year Award for women's sports. The winner was selected by the *Omaha World-Herald's* sports staff after schools sent in nominations.

DANA COLLEGE THEATRE RELEASES 09-10 SCHEDULE

Dana College Theatre will open the season with a production of the humorous and poignant Robert Harling classic, "Steel Magnolias." The play will run Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16. Productions for the rest of the season include "Confessions of a Nightingale," Nov. 20-22, "Stepping Out," Mar. 5-7, 12-14 and "The Dining Room," Apr. 23-25, 30, May 1-2. For full descriptions, cast bios and online ticket sales, including a \$15 season pass, visit www.dana.edu/theatre.

DANA REGENT DAN HUNT FEATURED IN MBJ

Dan Hunt, president of HunTel Communications, is featured in the June 26 edition of the *Midlands Business Journal*. The cover story focuses on the growth his company has seen with new technology in selling, installing and servicing telephone systems in Omaha and the surrounding communities since 1982. Hunt has been a member of the Dana College Board of Regents since 2006.

FOOTBALL GAMES ON THE RADIO

Dana College alumnus Brian Abrahams '05 is broadcasting Dana home football games on KDCV this year. These broadcasts will be on the air at 91.1 MHz, streamed on the internet at www.huntel.net/kdcv and on DTV 59.

DANA AFTER HOURS TO MINNESOTA

After Hours is coming to Minneapolis on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Stella's Fish Café & Prestige Oyster Bar, 1400 West Lake St.

The next Omaha After Hours is Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 5:30-7:30pm at The Old Mattress Factory, 501 N 13th St, Omaha, Neb. 68102. Be sure to sign up online at www.dana.edu/afterhours/!

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ADMISSIONS EXCEEDS GOALS FOR '09

On August 24, Dana College welcomed the largest incoming class since 2005. The school surpassed its enrollment goal of 225 students, comprised of both freshman and transfers with a final total of 236. President Dr. Janet Philipp said, "I am pleased to welcome such a vibrant class of students to Dana College this fall. The admissions team, coaches and staff have done an extraordinary job in bringing in Dana's 125th anniversary class."

Take a Trip to Australia!

Professor Emeritus Jim Olsen '62 invites alumni, family and friends to join him on a college-sponsored adventure to Australia and New Zealand February 28 through March 14, 2010. This is autumn in the southern hemisphere.

Both Australia and New Zealand are renowned for their spectacular natural beauty, rich and varied ethnic and cultural heritage and relaxed life style. The itinerary will include Auckland, Waitomo, Rotorau and Wellington, New Zealand; Melbourne, Phillip Island, Gold Town, Beechworth, Canberra, Sydney, Australia.

The final price will be determined by the number of participants. With a minimum of 20, the total package is projected to be under \$5,000 per person based on double occupancy. Contact Jim for a detailed itinerary and other program details at jsolsen@dana.edu or by phone at 402.426.2765.

Build the Bridge

A survey for alumni

Through a new initiative of the Alumni Council, Dana College alumni are being solicited for ways they give back to their alma mater and reconnect with the Dana College of today.

Dubbed the "Build the Bridge" campaign, this effort is not about fundraising, but rather heightening that connection between both prospective and current students and Dana graduates.

"Bridge building" tasks may include calling prospective students who are interested in your career field, serving as a mentor to a current student or manning a Dana College table at a college fair in your community.

Take a few minutes to fill out a brief online survey at www.dana.edu/alumni about your experiences as a Dana student, your career and your willingness to be involved.

If you have any questions or cannot access the survey online, please contact Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed, director of alumni affairs and special events, at 402.426.7385 or creed@dana.edu.

Introducing... Victor E. Viking!

There's a new face on campus.
He's big. He's strong. He's...goofy?
He's the new mascot, Victor E. Viking!

Victor came to life through an effort to enhance and deepen sports enthusiasm and identity at Dana.

The Dana College student senate was approached by assistant athletic director Tyler Mohr about the project, and after seeing the final

sketches of the mascot, the senate agreed to fund the project. After hosting a campus-wide contest and vote, the mascot was named Victor E. Viking.

The mascot was created and manufactured by Street Characters, Inc.

The Face Behind the Face



Meet Cody Brousek, the Dana student who plays the role of Victor E. Viking. Brousek was selected by head spirit coach Crystal Baker and assistant athletic director Tyler Mohr to be the mascot because of his great Dana spirit and his mascot

experience. That's right, mascot experience. Last summer Cody played the role of "Casey" for Omaha's very own Royals! During his time with the Royals, Cody made private appearances as the mascot, working primarily at birthday parties and other local events.

"At the time I had no idea of the plans for the Viking mascot," said Brousek, "but I would definitely say the time spent within Casey's suit gave me a taste of what it would be like."

Being involved in sports throughout high school and college (he is a Dana cross country and track runner), Brousek enjoys going to sporting events and wanted to see the Dana cheering section step up its game. "Who knows?" said Brousek, "Maybe a mascot with a lot of energy, who just wants to have a good time will liven up the crowd!"

Look for Victor E. Viking at sporting events this fall, and be ready to cheer on the Vikings!



VIKING LEGENDS

HOMECOMING

WHERE LEGENDS ARE MADE

2009

A reunion for nearly every interest highlights Dana College's Homecoming celebration Oct. 9-11. Reunions are scheduled for art and social work majors, anyone who took Humanities, and participants in theatre, choir and KDCV radio. Alumni athletic events are scheduled for softball and cross country. Classes ending in "9" or "4" will also have special gatherings.

Humanities, one of the signature programs from Dana's history, will be recognized at a gathering in the former Parnassus in Pioneer Memorial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10. Piloted in the mid-1960s, Humanities shaped the Dana experience for students through the early 1990s. "The Pope" (Dr. John W. Nielsen), "King Richard" (Dr. Richard Jorgensen), Prof. Jim Olsen and Dr. Del Hutton are among the former Hum faculty who plan to attend.

Whether you were a part of "Renegade Radio," "The Jam" or just "on the air in Blair," get together to reminisce with your fellow KDCV DJs and Professor Emeritus Darrell Dibben in today's studio at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The long-time service of Dr. Milt Heinrich and Prof. Jim Olsen will be emphasized at the Art Reunion at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Thomsen Gallery. Art alumni will be encouraged to submit photos and information on their current work to be displayed at the reunion.

Social Work alumni and anyone who participated in the Social Awareness Organization (SAO) are encouraged to join an informal gathering in The Forum in the Durham Center to honor Prof. Jan

Potter for her teaching and personal guidance at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Bring your stories! Cheesecake and spiced tea will be served.

Softball alumni will take on the current team in a just-for-fun game on Saturday morning at Zimmerman Field. Current and former players will join together for hot dogs and hamburgers following the game. For more information, contact Coach Marcy Roff, 402.426.7376, mroff@dana.edu.

Cross country alumni are encouraged to lace up their running shoes and participate in the Viking Cross Country Meet on Saturday morning at River Wilds Golf Course north of Blair. The traditional cross country alumni picnic will be held at the course following the meet. For more information or to register, contact Coach Marc Bierbaum '01, 402.679.1273, mbierbau@dana.edu.

The annual Choir Reunion will be a part of a 125th Anniversary Dinner and Program on Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Cooperman Atrium in the Gardner-Hawks Center. President Emeritus Myrv Christopherson '61 will keynote the special event. All choir alumni will be invited to join with the current members of the Dana College Chorale for a couple of numbers at the luncheon prior to the Homecoming Chorale Concert.

Honored alumni during the weekend include Dr. Dale Christensen '53, Tony Collins '95, Michael Herbert '75 and Janet (Mitchell '91) Prins. A full schedule of events is available online at www.dana.edu/alumni/homecoming or contact Carrie (Larkins '94) Reed at 402.426.7385 for more information.

Homecoming Schedule

Friday, October 9

Venerable Viking Brunch/Program	11:00 a.m.
Charlie Brehm Memorial Alumni Golf Scramble	12:00 p.m.
Homecoming Awards Buffet	6:30 p.m.
Viking Volleyball vs. Midland Lutheran	7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10

Athletic Hall of Fame Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Alumni Softball Game	10:00 a.m.
KDCV Reunion	10:00 a.m.
Humanities Reunion	10:00 a.m.
Viking Cross Country Meet	11:00 a.m.
Kiddie Carnival	11:00 a.m.
Trinity Seminary Reunion Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
Tailgate Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Viking Football vs. Nebraska Wesleyan	1:00 p.m.

Art Reunion	3:30 p.m.
Social Workers Reunion and 25 th Anniversary of the Social Awareness Organization (SAO)	3:30 p.m.
Class Reunions	5:00 p.m.
Theatre Reunion	6:00 p.m.
Dana Theatre presents <i>Steel Magnolias</i>	7:30 p.m.
Street Dance/Beer Garden	8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 11

Worship/Memorial Service	10:00 a.m.
125 th Brunch & Program including Choir Reunion	11:00 a.m.
Dana College Chorale Concert	1:30 p.m.

MADE HERE

Why Teach

By Jan Potter



Why do I teach? There are so many levels and diverse vantage points from which to answer this question. I never intended to teach, even though I come from a family of dedicated teachers.

With a seemingly innate, compelling desire to try, against all odds, to try to alleviate pain and suffering and make the world a better place for everyone, I

discovered social work in college and spent years in the field, doing community organization in the Peace Corps in Colombia, South America; working in African American, Latino, and American Indian communities; and doing group therapy, family therapy, and play therapy in a psychiatric treatment center.

I loved the work, but something drew me to Dana College in the early 1980s, and I found that I also love teaching. Working with students who hold the vision of a just, harmonious world where all have a place to live out their gifts allows me to feel as though my small efforts are multiplied. Hope for the future, even in these terribly challenging times, emerges as I watch talented, caring students find their paths into the world.

Colleges and universities are like candy shops to me – they offer opportunities for exploring new ideas, new theories, different ways of seeing the world, and multiple possibilities for understanding the complex nature of reality.

The fascinating worlds of the mind and the vast domain of the heart are for me interconnected. I've learned that when the heart is open, the mind may be activated more easily. Students need to feel safe and affirmed in order to be able to open their hearts and engage their minds, and finding ways to accomplish this is both a challenge and a delight.

Teaching involves the privilege as well as the responsibility of seeing each student's unique gifts, strengths, sorrows, needs, concerns, and quests, even though students may sometimes be unaware of these. I've found that students generally are much more acutely aware of the areas where they need to grow than they are of their strengths. Holding up a mirror so that students may begin to acknowledge and build upon their own gifts is a gratifying part of my role, and it is one of the reasons why I teach.

The reasons for teaching go on and on. Ultimately, I teach out of profound gratitude for the gift of life on this beautiful planet. There is an exquisite song written and sung by the Chilean musician Violetta Parra, the mother of the historic Andean "new

song" movement of the 1960s and 1970s that awakened people's interest in ancient indigenous instruments and folk music. Even as a dictatorship took over her country and murdered many of her fellow musicians, Violetta Parra sang, with courage and love for her people's music.

The lyrics of my favorite of her songs begin with a Spanish phrase that resonates deeply in my heart: "Gracias a la vida, que me ha dado tanto..." ("Thanks to life, which has given me so much...") The song goes on to give thanks for everyday wonders, which are even more beautiful, given the social context. Gracias for "the night and day that record crickets and canaries, hammers, turbines...and the tender voice of my beloved." Thanks for "the heart that animates my being," and thanks for "the joy and grief..., the elements that make up my song."

Listening closely to the lyrics, we realize that this is a love song, but not only a love song to one man. This is a love song to life that transcends pain and suffering, and it is a recognition of the oneness of all humanity. The last stanza declares, "Y el canto de Ustedes es el mismo canto; el canto de todos es mi propio canto." "And your song is the same song; the song of all is my own song."

Perhaps this is why I teach. In the end, teaching is a love song to life. It's a heartfelt song that sometimes – when everything goes right – the students and I sing together. Some days when I'm not exactly in sync with the students, the music may sound a little off-key, and some days the rhythm may be too fast or too slow, and the song may border on chaos. Other days I may ask the students to sing notes that are too high or too deep for their voices, and they become frustrated. Then there are the days when some members of the class want to sing one song, and others are intent upon singing another.

But some days, some truly lovely days, we are all together in our song, and the music is wonderful. On those days, we may understand a complex theory in a way that possibly no one has ever conceived before. On those days, we may dig out the meaning of a disturbed child's seemingly senseless act, a cry for help. On those days, we may take a role play of a small group to a place where – for a few minutes – all of us truly communicate about the feelings and needs of the people whose roles we are taking. On those days, students may listen deeply to the stories of a guest speaker from a culture different from theirs, and I can see in their eyes that many of them have seen from new perspectives. On those days, a class exercise may reveal that students are truly seeing complicated social issues from a broad vantage point – they know that we are all connected and that "your song" is very much like "my song." "The song of all is my own song."

Jan Potter is a professor of social work and has been teaching at Dana since 1980. She received her bachelor's degree in social work and her master's in group work specialization both from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also holds the LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker), ACSW (Academy of Certified Social Workers), and LMHP (Licensed Mental Health Practitioner), credentials that are important for social workers.

Dana at Work

Community involvement. At most liberal arts colleges, these two words are typically very common. Students are normally encouraged to participate in their surrounding communities, both on campus and beyond. But at Dana, the words "community involvement" are more than just words, or even collegiate requirements. These two words represent both the choice to serve one's community and the goal to continue in this service, be it at Dana, or in a community beyond the hill.

One does not have to go far from Dana to see the affects of the students' service in their surrounding environments. Washington County Bank in Blair is home to several Dana alumni, as well as many current Dana students through its internship program. Students who are interested in banking, business, or just want to become active in the Blair community work at the bank as part-time trainees, giving them both hands-on experience in the business world and the opportunity to develop relationships with citizens of Blair.

Terry Dutton '80, president of Washington County Bank, values the emphasis that Dana places on being active in one's community, and he recognizes

the importance of it in the workplace. He says that the bank's partnership with Dana has "worked well," and that a "good relationship" has been formed. The relationship has turned out so well, in fact, that many of the students who work as trainees during their time at Dana go on to be full-time employees at the bank after graduation.

“ Dana students contribute a lot to the community. I don't think people realize that.

Terry Dutton - President of Washington County Bank ”

Because the students have already become accustomed to working at the bank as trainees, the transition to becoming full-time employees is smooth. But Dutton hires these Dana students not only because of their banking experience, but also because he knows that they are getting a well-rounded education at Dana. These students understand the



Washington County Bank President Terry Dutton

importance of being active in their community, an idea Dutton highly values.

"We want our employees to be involved in their community," said Dutton. "Dana is good at that. The students contribute a lot to the community. I don't think that people realize that."

Washington County Bank currently employs eight Dana alumni at its Blair location.

If you have stories that you'd like to share with us about an internship experience or if you know a company that would benefit from Dana interns, please contact Nikki Kinsey at 402.426.7216 or nkinsey@dana.edu.



Back from left: Terry Dutton '80, Cheston Field '03, Kari (Kristensen) '03) Huenink, Sarah Tews '07, Mark Kastner '81

Front from left: Jessica Iverson '09, Jennifer (Muell) '05) Harder, Emily Schaaf '09

Commencement

117 graduates. Three valedictorians. Hundreds of supportive family and friends. Commencement 2009 was a day to be remembered.

One hundred seventeen Dana College students joined the alumni ranks as the Class of 2009. Thirty-five graduated with academic honors, including three valedictorians who finished their collegiate careers with a perfect 4.0 grade point average – Jenna Bierma (Sutherland, Neb.), Aubrey Bray (Pender, Neb.) and Hunter Samuels (Tonganoxie, Kan.). Samuels was invited to speak at Commencement on behalf of his classmates.

Hunter Samuels came to Dana after graduating from Tonganoxie (Kansas) High School in 2005. He earned degrees in business administration and corporate communication. While a student at Dana, he was active in wrestling, where he was a two-time Academic All-American; Business Club, serving as publicist for two years; and Campus Crusade for Christ, serving as president for two years. He graduated as a Morton Scholar and member of Sigma Beta Delta, the business honorary society.

Hunter married fellow 2009 valedictorian, Aubrey Bray, in September.

His remarks follow:

Good afternoon, and thanks for coming today. Before I go any further, obviously I'm not the only valedictorian, so I think the other two deserve a little more recognition. I'm going to ask that Jenna Bierma and Aubrey Bray stand up, and I would ask that you all give them another round of applause...And actually, I have the privilege of marrying Aubrey in September, so how about a round of applause for me?...

Anyway, I'm so happy that you all could make it to this extremely special occasion. Many of you, I'm sure, have come a long way just to see your son, daughter, cousin, niece, nephew, or friend complete this great journey known as college. I'm sure

each of you is so proud to see them celebrating this momentous achievement. I think I speak on behalf of all the graduates when I say that we are proud to have such amazing and supportive people around us. Each of these students being here today is a testament to all the love and support that you have given all of us through the years, and for that, I thank you greatly.

I also want to issue a huge thank you to all the faculty and staff. Thanks to you, we are leaving today prepared to take our positions as contributing members of society. You have definitely made an impact on us, even if it's only a minor one. I didn't really think about this before, but maybe all those eight a.m. classes were used to get us prepared to wake up early every morning and go to work. Granted, I still think classes at eight in the morning should be considered cruel and unusual, but I may see a reason for it. Altogether, we are here today because you were not willing to give up on us, and you continued to push us through every semester. So thank you.

And now, to my fellow graduates, Dana College Class of 2009. We made it. After all the hard work, long hours, and seemingly endless lectures, we made it. And for those of us not continuing our education, this will likely be the last lecture you hear, ever. But don't worry; you won't need to take any notes to prepare for a Brewer-like exam this time.

No, today, I want to talk to you about the Dana difference...I know, I know, it's a phrase that's been thrown around more times than a Dana football...I'm talking about something more than just the Dana difference...In fact, I don't think the Dana difference says enough. I think it's best to call it, the Dana STUDENT difference.

Let me explain...

Whether you realize it or not, you are leaving Dana College a different person than when you came. We are all older. I'd like to



think we are all wiser. And I can almost guarantee that our overall perception of the world has been transformed, if only a little bit. I know my outlook has changed. And that's largely due to all of you. I have learned more about myself in the past 4 years than I ever thought I would. I have grown so much, and I know that I am a different person; I would like to say a better person, than the freshman who walked into this place four years ago. I have experienced all sorts of changes I didn't think would happen. And I'm not talking about small, regular changes. I mean life-changing changes. For example, when I was a freshman, if you would have asked me if I would be leaving college engaged to be married in four months, I likely would have replied "Yeah..." But now that I have experienced that change, my response is "YEAH!!" Like I said, real life-changing stuff.

I also learned a great deal about different cultures and different viewpoints, not necessarily from class work, but from interacting with all of you. I have been roommates with a Hawaiian, a Spanish person, a Polynesian, a Puerto Rican, an American Indian, a Caribbean Indian, and a Portuguese person....and that's just one of my roommates! Because of all of you, I now have a greater understanding about the way people see things. I fully appreciate learning so much from you as well as the difference you have made in my life. I am a much more open-minded and more relaxed person, and that is largely due to your impact on me. That's what I believe is meant by the Dana difference. It's not that just showing up to class everyday will transform you completely. But interacting with and learning from all of you has had such a profound impact. And being able to see my progression from coming in as a shy, quiet freshman and leaving as a more confident, more outgoing senior...that, my friends, is the Dana STUDENT difference.

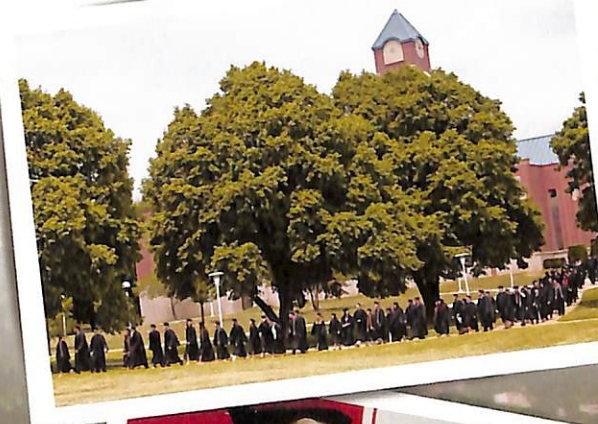
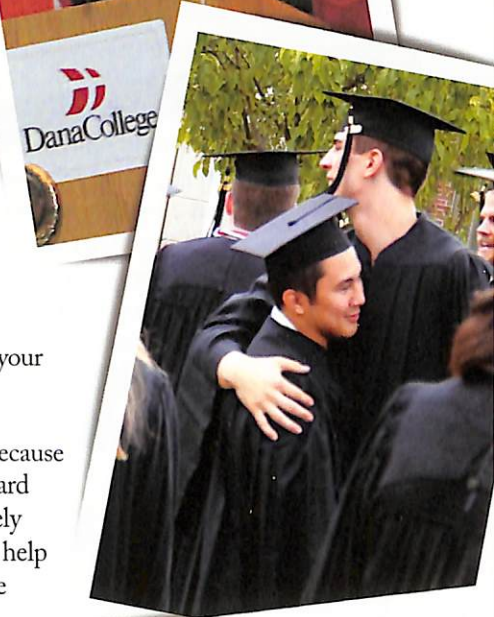
But now, as we leave today to begin the next big step in our lives, I challenge you to continue to make a difference. Some of us will be teachers, some will be counselors, some will be business people. No matter what career path you choose, you can, and I believe will, make a difference. And I'm not even talking about just making a difference for your organization. I'm talking about making a difference in the lives of the people you interact with. Whether it's your clients, your supervisors, or your students, you will have plenty of opportunities to make an impact. I am here challenging you to not let those opportunities go to waste. You are all very unique. Your personalities, your attitudes, your beliefs, your dreams. All are different from everyone else here. You all bring something different to the table, and I respect each and every one of you for that.

I know each of you has goals that you want to achieve. I also know that you will reach those goals, because you have displayed your determination to finish what you start. You have devoted countless hours of hard work and study sessions to get to this point. Most of you, during some point of your college career, likely pulled an all-nighter to finish a paper or study for a big exam. That's the kind of perseverance that will help you reach your goals and make a difference. Granted, you probably won't be reaching those goals in the t-shirt and sweats you wore last night, but still...you get the point.

What I'm saying is you all have what it takes. You can, and should, use your distinct ideals, backgrounds, and experiences in everything you do. You never know who you may be able to help. You all are special individuals. You all have made a difference here. Now, I'm challenging you to go make a difference out there. I know you all have the potential to succeed, and I know that that success won't be limited to your occupation.

So as we now complete our journey through the Dana College experience, I say congratulations to all of you. And I leave you with this: Gandhi once said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world". I'm going to take that one step further and say: As you seek to make a difference in the world, you yourself will likely be made different. Once again, congratulations Dana College Class of 2009! Thank you!

—Hunter Samuels, 2009 Valedictorian



Worldly Travelers



Transformative experiences for all students is a signature element of Dana's strategic plan, and few experiences are more transformative than study abroad. As the following stories detail, study abroad is virtually unparalleled in its capacity to challenge and inspire, promote personal growth and intercultural understanding, and prepare students for citizenship in a global culture that is as complex as it is vibrant.

Barry and Jennifer Jurgensen at
Piazza Michelangelo, Florence, Italy



Lovely Travels

Barry '06 and Jennifer (Thede '06) Jurgensen

My wife and I have a pretty good story about our trip to Greece and Italy through Dana's Discovery Term in 2005. My wife and I had been seeing each other since our freshmen year of high school in Denison, Iowa, and ended up going to college together at Dana. During our sophomore year at Dana, we discovered an opportunity to tour Italy and Greece for credit. Jen was an art major and I was a history major so it assisted us both to further our education. I knew right away that I would want to ask her to marry me in Italy. I was not sure where I would propose but I knew it had to be special.

While on the plane from Omaha to Chicago, I sat next to a historian for the National Park Service. Now we were juniors in college, and I was trying to figure out what I wanted to do after graduation. Throughout the flight, I discussed opportunities available for me with the National Park Service and we also talked about where and how I would propose in Italy. Little did I know that this chance encounter would lead to a full-time position as a historian with the National Park Service after my graduation in 2006. Working for the National Park Service opened my eyes to a new way to interpret history and led me to begin my master's degree in history at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

During our trip I told everyone what I was planning, including Professor Jim Olsen who was really excited for us. The entire group

would turn out to help me throughout the entire trip. After our group toured through Greece, which was awesome, we finally arrived in Italy. At first I wanted to propose in the Sistine Chapel, but after hearing about security I changed my mind.

While in Rome our group ate at Ristorante Romantica and I knew this was the place. The interior of this restaurant looked a lot like a vineyard and was just really cool. The night before our proposal I spoke with our waiter and he planned for a bouquet of roses, a bottle of champagne, a special dessert, and asked the guitarist to play music while I proposed. Thankfully our group became really good friends on this trip and used my video camera to tape the night, I'm glad that everyone was on this trip because we became great friends and made the trip even more special.

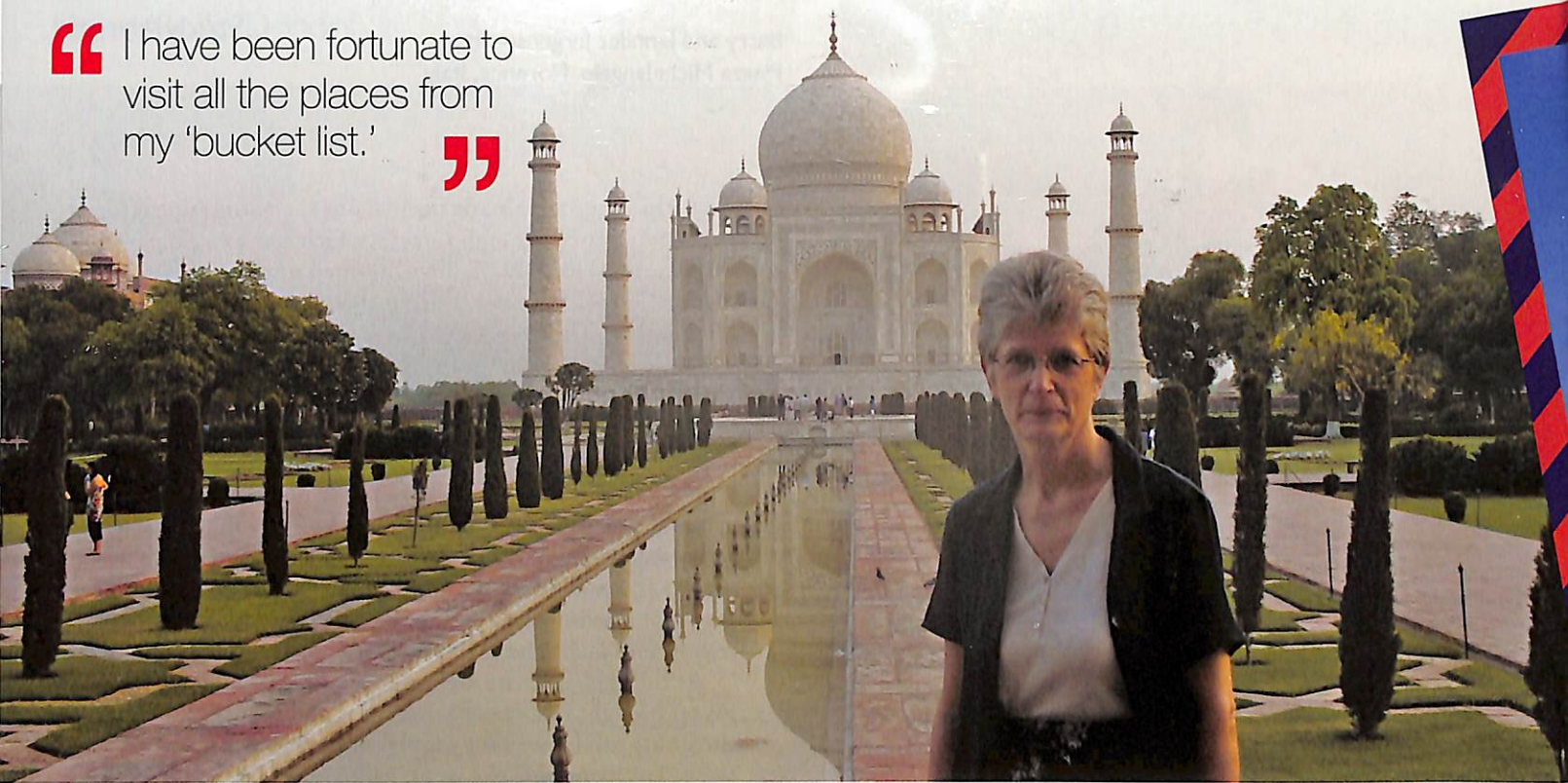
At the restaurant we ate our regular meal and then the waiter brought out dessert. Jokingly, I told Jen, my wife, that she didn't need to eat any more food and took her dessert away. Everyone else was laughing because they knew what was coming, and then the guitarist began playing which was my signal. The waiter brought out a huge bouquet of roses and laid a plate with the ring wrapped in a napkin. Jen immediately began to cry as she opened up the napkin and I proposed. The proposal worked out perfect and I got it all on tape. Again, our group was awesome and Jen and I are extremely happy we could share this experience with everyone involved.

Our wedding took place on July 22, 2006, and we've been married for three years. This trip not only gave me a new look at history, a job, and extended my knowledge of Greek and Italian history, I also proposed to my wife in an extraordinary way that she'll never forget.

While working for the National Park Service I acquired a completely different way to interpret history and wanted to teach kids to interpret history. This past year I returned to Dana and finished my secondary education degree. Jen is now teaching art at Westside Middle School in Omaha, Neb., and I have returned to the teaching field and began teaching history at Arlington Public Schools this fall in Arlington, Neb. Thank you Dana!!



“ I have been fortunate to visit all the places from my ‘bucket list.’ ”



Zwanziger at the Taj Mahal

Checking One Off the List

Kathleen J. Zwanziger '69

While I was still in high school, I saw a brochure from Dana which included the semester in Denmark program. I was hooked. A few years later I was able to travel to Denmark for spring semester and lived in the home of a Danish pastor's family—who really became a second family to me.

The classes introduced me to European art (I got to SEE what I had learned in Humanities), European opera (homework included attending a couple productions), history from a European perspective, as well as social welfare in Denmark.

In addition, the semester included possibilities of week-end travel with others in the program. I went to Norway, Sweden, Berlin (in East Germany—years before it reverted to being in just Germany again), and Holland (at tulip time). A longer trip during the Easter holidays took us to Austria, Switzerland, and Italy (St. Peter's Square at Easter).

At the end of the semester I traveled with a new friend to Spain, England, and Ireland.

That semester opened my life to the possibilities of learning about people in their own environment – and I have been fortunate to visit all the places from my “bucket list” (probably formed during my history and humanities classes): the Parthenon, the Pyramids, Machu Picchu, and the Great

Wall. In May I was at the Taj Mahal at dawn to watch the changing colors of that monument to love.

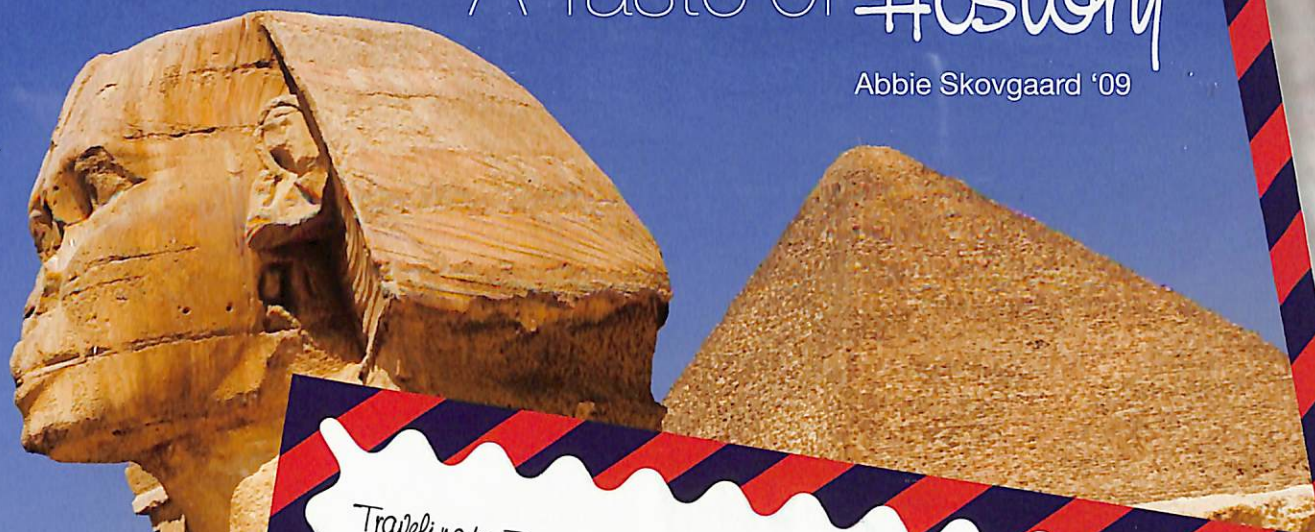
It's the people who mean the most.

Over the years I have stayed in touch with one of my “classmates” and my Danish family. During a year living in Tübingen, Germany, my husband and sons traveled with me to Denmark to meet that family. They came to Ohio shortly after that, and I returned to Denmark a few years ago in what turned out to be the last time I would see my Danish father.



A Taste of History

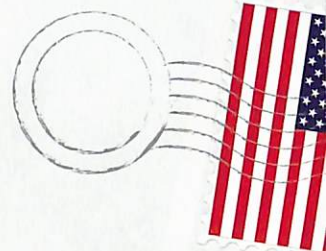
Abbie Skovgaard '09



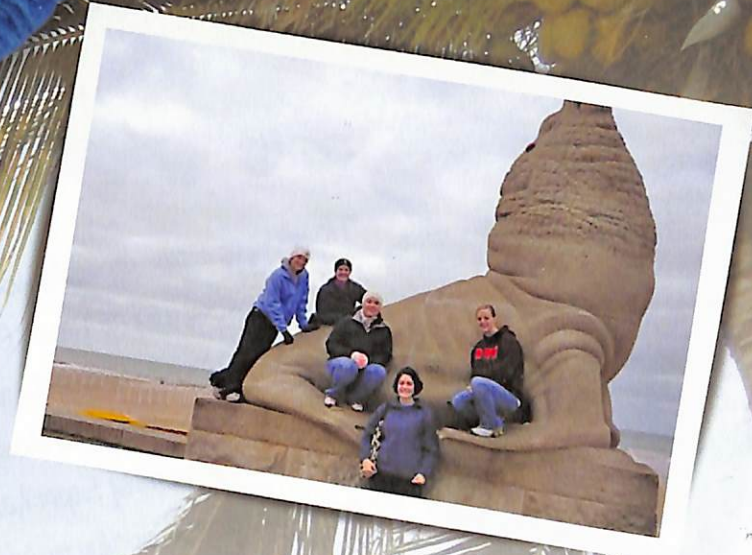
Traveling to Egypt my sophomore year in 2007 was one of the major highlights of my time at Dana College. Being a history major I truly enjoyed getting to see some of the remarkable historical landmarks I learned about in some of my classes. The unique culture and geographical location of Egypt has been a great interest of mine and my curiosity only continues after traveling there.

I vividly remember standing next to the Great Pyramid of Giza and feeling so small next to the large blocks it is made of. I also enjoyed seeing the Sphinx, Valley of the Kings, Egyptian Museum, Karnak Temple, and the Library of Alexandria. I will never forget the beautiful sunsets I got to see while we were on our river boat cruise of the Nile. I would strongly suggest to any student attending Dana College to travel abroad because it will be one of the many great memories of your college experience that you will never forget!

—Abbie Skovgaard '09



Skovgaard (right) and classmate Alicia Rick experiencing ancient Egyptian transportation



Left: Argentina countryside

Right: (from left) Stephanie Connell, Lacie Greiner, Jena Johnson, Zola Petersen, and Bobbi Morse in front of a Sea Lion at Mar del Plata.

Spanish Excursion

While many Dana students spent the summer of 2009 lounging pool-side or working a summer job, five Spanish majors continued their studies by immersing themselves in another culture. Jena Johnson (Franklin, Neb.), Bobbi Morse (Verdigre, Neb.), Zola Petersen (Valentine, Neb.), Stephanie Connell (Harlan, Iowa), and Lacie Greiner (Boone, Iowa) spent two months studying in Argentina.

The Dana students took several general education classes together including History of Argentina, Geography, Environmental Geography, and a Spanish Grammar class. They also had the opportunity to take additional classes specific to their interests such as education and language. A tutor came to the house to answer any questions they had on homework.

The trip was not about work alone. "Aside from our studies, we also did a lot of sightseeing around Tandil (the city we were staying in)," said Greiner. "We traveled to Mar del Plata with our host parents. We got to see the beach there, go shopping, eat out at some neat restaurants, and go dancing at a really fun disco.

"We also spent a few days in Buenos Aires. Our host parents took us to different areas of Buenos Aires and my favorite part was La Boca. This was a neighborhood with vibrant colored houses, live music, and beautiful artwork. I also really enjoyed the rose garden that we walked around. It was very peaceful."

For Greiner, the trip was about more than the sightseeing or even the studies. "One of the most significant things that I learned and that I was excited about was when I could carry on a conversation with someone. I called one of my friends to ask her to come over for dinner one night and because she wasn't there I talked with her mother on the phone. It was very exciting for me when I could not only understand her but also be able to have her understand me as well.

"From this experience I have become more confident in my language abilities. I have experienced how another part of the world lives and I have an even greater appreciation for the blessings I have been given."

Living the Dream



Even after his death, the international vision of the late Dana alumnus and U.S. Senator Paul Simon '49 lives on.

A bill, the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act, is currently working its way through Congress. It was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in June and is awaiting vote by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Simon believed that a more internationally educated citizenry would "lift our vision and responsiveness to the rest of the world."

Based on Simon's vision and the recommendations of the congressionally appointed Lincoln Commission, the Simon Act sets the goal that in 10 years' time at least one million American college students from diverse backgrounds will study abroad annually in locations across the globe, with an emphasis on destinations in developing countries. To achieve this goal, the legislation establishes an innovative new structure that will provide financial support to students to study abroad, while at the same time requiring U.S. higher education institutions to address the on-campus factors that currently impede students' ability to study abroad.

In 1996, Simon helped enable students at Dana College to study abroad with the establishment of the Simon Travel and Study Fund. Money from the fund is awarded to Dana students through an application process. Students are asked to repay the grant, interest free, at some point so the fund may exist in perpetuity.

 The image shows two blue U.S. passports with the word "PASSPORT" embossed in gold. The Great Seal of the United States is also embossed on each cover. In the foreground, a yellow leather suitcase handle is visible, with the words "University of America" partially embossed on it. To the right, a white boarding pass is partially visible with the text "BOARDING PASS", "SEAT 40B", and "ZONE". The background is a map with red and blue lines.

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Photo courtesy of Ben Tams

From left: Stacey Tams, Jace Tams, Ben Tams, *America's Funniest Home Videos* host Tom Bergeron

Rising Star

Do you have what it takes to be a winner on *America's Funniest Home Videos*? This 2-year-old does. And he's the protege' of a Dana alumnus. (Hey, we've got bragging rights!)

Maybe something like this happened in your house, or you've heard a similar story from a friend or relative who has young kids. Ben Tams '99 and his wife, Stacey, were watching all the election coverage on TV last fall and they thought their son Jace, then 2, was oblivious to the whole thing. But, it turned out he had been watching too.

Ben recalls the moment: Out of nowhere, "He just said, 'That's Barack Obama. He says, Yes We Can.'"

Well, it turned out young Jace had been watching after all. We've all heard or told this story. For whatever reason, the President scores exceptionally well with the 3-and-under set. All across the nation, toddlers were pointing to the TV set and saying, "That's Barack Obama!"

But here is where it gets unusual.

Ben and Stacey were taken aback by Jace's political acumen. But one of them said, "That's right. He's going to be president."

And then Jace said, "Like George Bush?"

Whoa. The kid really had been paying attention.

So Ben then explained to his son that there had been many presidents. Who were they? Well, Ben knew this song, a song he had learned in fifth grade about the presidents. He sang it to his son, and Jace loved it. They would sing it together every so often.

"Two weeks later," Ben said, "he knew as many presidents as I did!"

It was astounding. "I told Stacey, my wife, 'You've got to hear this.'"

Jace listed presidents.

Stacey said: "That's more than I know!"

Soon, Jace was INTO presidents. Some kids are into dinosaurs. Jace was into presidents.

He was voracious about it. Who were the others? And Barack Obama says "Yes We Can." What do the others say?

Uh ...

"I watched a lot of History Channel and looked up stuff on the internet," Ben said.

"He would ask me, 'What did Harry Truman say,' and I would say, wow, I have no idea."

But Dad always had the answer by morning.

It became a ritual with them. Driving Jace to preschool/day care each morning, Ben would tell his son about a new president.

And when he went to pick Jace up in the afternoon, it was the son telling the father all about the newest chief executive they'd learned.

It was amazing. "He learned one a day," Ben said, still marveling at it.

By the time he was about 2½, Jace knew numbers 1-44 and was doing impressions of several of them (his George W. Bush comes complete with the shoulder shrug on the "heh-heh-heh") saying their most famous or infamous lines.

“We were like holy cow. We won ten grand from a video!”

Ben and Stacey made a video to show Jace's grandparents, who of course showed it off to their friends, and so on. And the reaction was unanimous: They had to send this in to a TV show!

The Tams submitted it to ABC's *America's Funniest Home Videos*. "There was a huge stack of papers to send," Ben said. "We didn't do that, we just sent the video." They didn't think about it again until the phone rang: They should send in the release forms. But they didn't get to it right away. After another day or so, another call: No, really, you need to send in all that stuff.

The second it hit AFV's door stop, the Tams' phone rang again. Jace was a finalist. The show was flying them out to Los Angeles.

Ben said: "When they called it was literally, I think it was a Wednesday. And the next Friday we left."

Maybe you saw the show. Yes, that was a Dana family on that March 26 episode. That was Jace Tams impersonating the presidents, and he won the \$10,000 prize.

"We were like holy cow. We won 10-grand from a video," Ben said.

A few weeks later, and boom, more whirlwind adventure. Now Jace was a finalist for the \$100,000 prize on the May 10 show.

The first time was a pleasant surprise. This time, his father was just prepared enough to be a total wreck.

"I was very nervous," Ben said. "What they do ... little kids can't be in the studio. The finalist people sat in the back where no one could see us. Once we went down on the stage I was rocking back and forth, back and forth and my wife was, Are you going to pass out?"

"The last five minutes of the show took about 40 minutes to tape. They did a bunch of different endings (for syndication and reruns), 'the winner is ...' and then stop."

Meanwhile, "He's getting heavy, moving around."

At last, it was announced that the kid who quoted the presidents had won the whole thing.

"I still don't believe that happened," Ben said.

They stayed out there for a week, had a mini vacation. Disneyland. It was a great time.

But life has finally returned to normal. Jace has apparently decided against becoming a Hollywood star.

"The first time he was on TV, his little preschool had a party for him. As soon as he came on the screen he went under the table and plugged his ears. He was embarrassed by it," Ben said.

The prize money put away for Jace's education. They didn't withhold anything. The show just gives you the money and then sends you a 1099 at the end of the year. The Tams set up accounts to take care of the taxes and put together a hefty start to a college fund.

Ben is a loan officer for MetLife Home Loan in Omaha. Stacey, a registered nurse, is clinical services manager at Methodist Physicians Clinic Women's Center.

"She actually went to Midland," Ben said. Well, nobody's perfect.

As for Jace, he's no longer into presidents.

"When we were out there we went to SeaWorld," Ben said. "He saw Shamu and the dolphins. Now the books we have to buy are sharks and fish and stuff."

Brace yourself, dad. There are a lot more than 44 fish.

(An Abbreviated) Biography of A. M. Anderson

By Ann (Harms '54) George

This year, as Dana College celebrates the 125th anniversary of the founding of its predecessor, Trinity Seminary, it's fitting that we remember Trinity's first president and first professor, Danish-born Anton Marius (A.M.) Andersen, and his wife, Laurine.

Andersen, who became a student after completing his obligatory military service, was determined to become a pastor, and he left Denmark in 1872 when he learned of the need for pastors to serve Danish immigrants in this country. He had grown up in a pious family. Nevertheless, his father was so opposed to his son's plans to emigrate and become a pastor that he disinherited him. "I loved him all the same," Andersen later wrote in his memoirs, "and I don't doubt but that he also loved me." He was 25 years old.

On his arrival he enrolled at Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis and was ordained in 1874 in the Norwegian-Danish Conference.

His first assignment as a pioneer pastor was to Dannebrog, Nebraska, where he served that Danish Lutheran congregation and, traveling by horse and buggy, several others, some nearby and some more than 100 miles away. Andersen includes a description of his experiences during this time—among them, a rainy night in a pioneer family's leaking dugout home in the bank of a creek, a 22-mile walk, quicksand, swollen streams, and welcoming settlers—in his "Memoirs from the Pioneer Days" that he wrote for G. B. Christiansen's *Recollections of our Church Work, 1877-1927*.

(This article is based on those memoirs and on his entries of the births and deaths of the Andersen children in the family Bible, which is in the Danish American Archive and Library on campus. It is also based on accounts of Andersen in *Saga of the Tower*, the 75-year history of Dana and Trinity by Wm. E.

Christensen, and in *A Place Called Dana*, the 100-year history by Peter L. Petersen '62.)

We know more about Andersen than about his wife, the former Laurine Marie Larsen, who was also a Danish immigrant. Andersen writes that she was 20 years old when they married in 1875 in Omaha and that she had been living in St. Ansgar, Iowa, with a Danish pastor and his family.

Rather than describing Andersen's ministry and experiences in the Dannebrog area northwest of Grand Island and then in Racine, Wisconsin, I'd like to start with the couple's lives in 1879 when they returned to Nebraska, this time to the eastern part of the state, to live in Argo, about 15 miles northwest of Blair.

The Andersens had already experienced

“ Anderson was recognized... 'as an individual whose faith was matched only by his capacity for work.' ”

sorrow. They returned to Nebraska with their third child, Agnes, who was born that year, 1879. Their first two children, also born in Racine, hadn't survived—Martha, born in 1877, died within the year, and Martin, born in 1878, died the day he was born.

In Argo, Andersen served that church, annexed at Oakland-Lyons, Kennard-Orum, Fremont and Fremont Bluffs, and mission stations in Saunders and Colfax Counties and Blair. In Racine he'd become the first editor of *Dansk Luthersk Kirkeblad*, and he continued his editorship at Argo.

Three more children were born in Argo: Alfred, in 1880, died when he was 14 months old; Alice, in 1882, died in 1898 of diphtheria; and Anne, in 1883, lived less than a month. (Infant mortality rates were high in the 19th century, and these deaths had to have been hard to bear—and as you'll

see, they continued.)

When developer H.B. Dexter offered to donate property in Blair for a house, the Andersens decided that Blair would be a more central location, and they moved in 1883 with four-year-old Agnes and one-year-old Alice into a new house on Park Street, which, extensively remodeled, still stands. They installed the small printing press used for the *Kirkeblad* in a room on the second floor of their home.

The next year, in 1884, Andersen was one of several pastors and laymen who met at Argo to establish the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association in America, and he became its secretary. The participants also decided to establish a seminary to train pastors to serve the new synod. Andersen was named chairman of the education committee, which asked him to organize the seminary and to teach there. He returned to Denmark that year with several goals, one of which was to recruit another faculty member. He was unsuccessful in that attempt, but he met several young men who, influenced by him, subsequently immigrated to study at Trinity Seminary and become pastors.

With his new duties, Andersen decided to resign as pastor of the congregations in Fremont, Fremont Bluffs, and Saunders and Colfax Counties, but he continued as pastor of the other four, in Argo, Oakland-Lyons, Kennard-Orum, and Blair.

He also resigned as *Kirkeblad* editor, and the printing press was moved elsewhere so that the second floor of the Andersen home could be used for the seminary, with one room for classes and two for sleeping. That first year there were four students, and the second year, nine. Andersen taught exegesis, dogmatics, and church history, and two of the students—his nephews—taught English and Greek. Mrs. Andersen cooked for them and probably did their laundry and cleaning, too, while caring for their two young daughters. A son, Anders, was born in 1885 and died a month later.

It soon became clear that the seminary

needed more room, and when Blair developers Dexter and J.C.W. Kline donated land for a building site on a hill overlooking Blair and the Missouri River valley and the town promised \$3,000 in matching funds for the structure, Andersen headed a fund-raising committee consisting of all the pastors in the small synod, two laymen, and a seminary student. He was elected president of the seminary's board of trustees and named to a three-member building committee.

In *A Place Called Dana* Petersen writes that Andersen was recognized by his fellow pastors "as an individual whose faith was matched only by his capacity for work,"



and his life bears that out. At this point he was seminary president, its only professor, president of its board of trustees, the chief fund-raiser and a member of the building committee, synod secretary, pastor of four congregations, and a husband and father. He was also a member of Blair's first elected public school board.

In reviewing Mrs. Andersen's increasing responsibilities, we can safely conclude that she, too, had faith and a "capacity for work."

In 1886 the Andersens and 12 students moved into the new building. (In the early 20th century two wings were added to the structure that many years later would be called "Old Main." It was destroyed by fire in 1988.) Andersen continued as seminary president and its only professor, and his nephews continued to teach secular subjects. The four-story, multi-purpose building had a four-room apartment for the president and his family on the south side of the first floor and a dining room and kitchen for students on

the north side. Mrs. Andersen continued to cook for the students.

During this time two more children were born: Alvin, in 1887, who died of diphtheria in 1890; and Silas, born in 1889. He became an M.D. and served on Trinity and Dana's Board of Trustees from 1944 to 1953.

The number of students continued to grow, with 14 in 1887-88 and 15 the next year. When cooking—understandably—became too burdensome for Mrs. Andersen, students organized their own boarding club.

Funds were scarce, and Andersen bore much of the burden. He added his small

1896, in Blair; and Allen, in 1899, in Viborg. (Altogether the Andersens had 17 children, including the adopted son; six lived to adulthood.)

Andersen became a Trinity and Dana board member in 1902 and served on the board until 1909, for part of that time as its secretary and president.

In 1903 the family moved to Blair again, after Andersen was named editor of another church publication, *Danskeren*. He continued as its editor until 1923, when *Danskeren* and the *Kirkeblad* were merged to become *Luthersk Ugeblad*. He was 75 years old at the time.

From their later home in Beresford,

"A Warm and Cordial Person"

In his 1959 *Saga of the Tower*, Wm. E. Christensen writes that "people close to [Andersen] remember him as a warm and cordial person." Christensen learned through his interviews with those who had known him that Andersen was temperate and deeply religious and that he "read widely and had a keen interest in politics."

Among his hobbies were planting trees, including fruit trees, and tending a vegetable garden. "The couple would serve

wine in their home on special occasions," Christensen writes, "but when Prohibition arrived, they removed it altogether."

Andersen was an early promoter of using English during church services and was criticized by some for his advocacy. After he retired from preaching, "he made it a point to visit every church in Blair and attend a service in each one," Christensen writes. He also continued to study, write and translate throughout his life.

earnings from the four congregations he served to seminary funds to help pay his salary of \$600 a year—a salary that, even with this assistance, often wasn't met. In 1889 he resigned but remained in Blair another year as pastor at First Lutheran. Then he became pastor in Hampton, Nebraska. (That church is now a part of the Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer in Grand Island, Nebraska.)

In Hampton daughter Emma, who survived, was born in 1891. Two sets of twins, Maren and Ane, born in 1893, and Naomi and Ruth, born in 1894, died shortly after they were born. During this time the Andersens adopted Anton Nielsen Lorenzen, who was born in 1893 and survived.

The family returned to Blair in 1895, and Andersen taught at Trinity until 1897. Then he accepted a call to Viborg, South Dakota.

Their last two children were born in the late 1890s, and both survived: Ruthven, in

South Dakota, the couple moved to Glendale, California.

In recognition of his work among Danish Americans, in the 1920s Andersen received the Golden Cross of the Royal Order of Knights of Dannebrog from the Danish government. Then in 1934, when he was 87, he and his wife traveled from California to Blair where he gave the main address for the seminary's Golden Jubilee, a day of celebration that started with devotions at their first Blair home — and Trinity's — on Park Street. And a few years later, in 1938, Trinity awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Mrs. Andersen died in Glendale in 1939 at the age of 84, and A.M. Andersen, who subsequently moved into a retirement home in Selma, California, died in 1941 at the age of 94.



Cody Falk helps the Vikings through another impressive baseball season.



Adam Lewon represents the track & field team in the discus throw.



Lenae Kryszak catches for the Vikings.

Dana's spring sports teams challenged their competition and led the nation in academics, once again. Read more about these outstanding students in our Spring Recap.

SPRING RECAP

BASEBALL

The Dana College baseball team finished the season with a 12-31 overall record and 6-16 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play. Chase Hunter, Alex Johnson, and Justin Nicola earned Honorable Mention All-Conference honors for Coach Ken Misfeldt's team. Hunter led the Vikings with a .353 average and 12 doubles. He also smashed three homeruns and had 24 RBIs.

Nicola was in the top five in batting average with a .322.

Johnson helped the Vikings at the plate and on the mound. He was third on the team with a .326 average and led the team with six homeruns and 31 RBIs. Johnson was one of the top pitchers for the Vikings this season with a 1-1 record and four saves. He had a team-low 1.62 ERA and struck out 19 batters.

SOFTBALL

The Viking softball team finished with a 21-22 record and was 13-11 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play. Coach Marcy Roff's team graduated several starters from

last year's national tournament team.

Senior Beth Richmond led the Vikings in almost every offensive category and earned first team all-conference honors. She had a team high .345 average, 51 hits, six doubles, and four homeruns. She also drove in 30 runs and stole 15 bases. Sophomore catcher Lenae Kryszak took over midseason for an injured Paige Brune and earned first team all-conference honors. Kryszak had a .344 average and stole eight bases. Freshman Paige Lager had a .343 average.

Mindy Schoop was the Viking ace this season with a 1.77 ERA and won ten games. She also set a single season record with 178 strikeouts. Schoop earned second team all-conference honors.

Brianne Nutty continued to be a dual threat for the Vikings. Nutty went 8-5 on the mound this season with a 2.16 ERA and struck out 125 batters. She also had a .254 average with three homeruns.

Other members of the All-Conference Team were Lindy Bohlmann (second team) and Brianne Nutty (honorable mention).

The Vikings also had five players named NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athletes. Earning the academic awards were: Melena Selzle, Mindy Schoop, Beth Richmond, Jesse McKinney, and Paige Brune.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The outdoor track season proved to be a good one for Dana College. The Vikings had ten athletes earn all-conference honors. Earning honors for the Dana were Chase Trecek (shot), Roger Goff (javelin), Cory Logsdon (steeplechase), David Eads (800 meter), Jeremiah Feine (10,000 meter), Nathan Gaunt (1500 meter), and the men's 4x800 meter relay team (Eads, Gaunt, Brandon Rowley, and Dan Staehlin).

The Dana College men's track team finished 44th overall in the 2009 NAIA Track Meet. The Vikings had six athletes place in the top twenty in their respective events.

Trecek became the first Dana College All-American since 2003, placing fifth at Nationals in the shot-put with a throw of 52 feet 8 inches.

Another Viking thrower, Roger Goff (SR, Missouri Valley, Iowa), just missed All-American status. Goff finished 10th in the javelin with a throw of 189 feet 6 inches. The top nine throwers in the preliminaries advanced to the All-American round.

Dana had three runners qualify for the marathon. The NAIA is the only division

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that holds a National Championship in the marathon. Freshman Jim Vonnahme (Glidden, Iowa) was the first Viking to cross the finish line. He finished in 11th place with a time of 2:39.31 hours. Vonnahme was the second GPAC runner and first freshman to cross the finish line. Jeremiah Feine (JR, Lewiston, Minn.) finished 15th in the marathon with a time of 2:42.01 hours and Andrew Palmblade (JR, Hastings, Neb.) finished in 20th overall with a time of 2:47.10.01 hours. The lone female representative for Dana was Christina Hanson (FR, Spirit Lake Park, Iowa). Hanson finished 15th overall in the women's marathon. Hanson crossed the finish line in 3:30:56.01 hours.

Cory Logsdon (JR, Ft. Calhoun, Neb.), who ran in the marathon last year, placed 26th overall in the men's 3000 meter steeplechase. Logsdon finished with the time of 9:42.14 minutes.

The men's track team had three athletes earn NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athlete honors. Earning the award were Cory Logsdon, Kiel Montgomery, and Beau Viergutz. The women's track team had four athletes earn NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athlete honors — Christine Bailey, Chelsea Fibranz, Jamie Jones, and Rachel Ness.

46 VIKINGS NAMED NAIA DIVISION II SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

The Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) is proud to announce that 480 student-athletes have earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors for 2008-2009.

NAIA Scholar-Athletes must be juniors or seniors, total a 3.50 or higher grade point average, and be a member of a varsity team. Concordia University led the conference with 74 scholar-athletes for 2008-09. The Bulldogs added to their total of 57 last year.

Dana College finished fourth overall in the GPAC with a total of 46 Scholar-Athletes. The Vikings had three sports garner the largest number of student-athletes in the conference. Men's and women's basketball and wrestling led the nation in the total number of Scholar-Athletes. The women's basketball team finished with the largest

number of Scholar-Athletes at Dana College with eight.

"This is a credit to our coaches for bringing quality student-athletes," noted Athletic Director Bill Danenhauer. "We take pride in our student's accomplishments in the classroom and the field of competition."

The GPAC has over 4,500 student athletes in 19 sanctioned conference sports. Scholar-Athletes in swimming and diving (Morningside) were also added to the scholar-athlete totals for the league.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL EARNS TOP GPA IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Dana College women's basketball team is atop the 2008-09 Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll as released by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). This award, given in NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and Junior College/Community College, awards teams throughout the nation that carry the highest grade point averages (GPA) for the entire season based on the nomination submitted by WBCA-member head coaches.

Dana College claims its third number one ranking in four seasons. Four of the five institutions at the top spot for their division have received distinction on the WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll before.

Dana College returns to the top with the highest GPA of any division with a 3.763. Seven student-athletes on the official roster turned in 4.0 GPAs during the spring semester. The Vikings finished 2008-09 with a 9-20 record. The Vikings turned in the highest GPA in NAIA back-to-back years (2006-2007).

"I am very proud of our women's basketball team," Head Coach Shane Larson said. "Performing well academically was a goal that we set at the beginning of the season, and to do well enough to be the top academic team in the country is truly a great honor. It shows the commitment our athletes here at Dana have to excellence on the court and in the classroom. I am very fortunate to work with such an outstanding

group of young ladies."

The WBCA Academic Top 10 Team Honor Roll for NAIA is as follows: Dana College, 3.763; Oklahoma Christian University, 3.762; Davenport University, 3.663; Concordia University-Nebraska, 3.652; Valley City State University, 3.610; Lewis-Clark State College, 3.530; Ohio Dominican University, 3.529; Blue Mountain College, 3.524; Saint Xavier University, 3.487; Northwestern College, 3.477.

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as a sport for women and girls.

For more information about the WBCA, please visit www.wbca.org.

WRESTLING COACH NOMINATED FOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The NWCA is excited to announce it has secured a \$30,000 grant that can be utilized to scholarship up-and-coming college coaches who have been nominated by their peers to participate in a one of a kind Coaches Leadership Academy focus group in conjunction with this year's NWCA Convention in Ft. Lauderdale.

Current Dana College head wrestling coach **Beau Vest** was one of 27 wrestling coaches named to the inaugural leadership academy class. Vest joins the likes of John Mark Bentley, Ben Berogen, Jason Borrelli, Mark Branch, Brandon Brissette, Shawn Charles, Dax Charles, Heath Eslinger, John Garriques, Trent Goodale, Scott Hawes, Scott Hinkle, Tim Homan, Greg Ilaria, Tony Islas, RC LaHaye, Tom Layte, Clint Manny, Risto Marttinen, Joe, Pollard, Tom Prarie, Todd Roberts, Ryan Smith, Ben Stehura, Casey Stouffer, and Jason York.

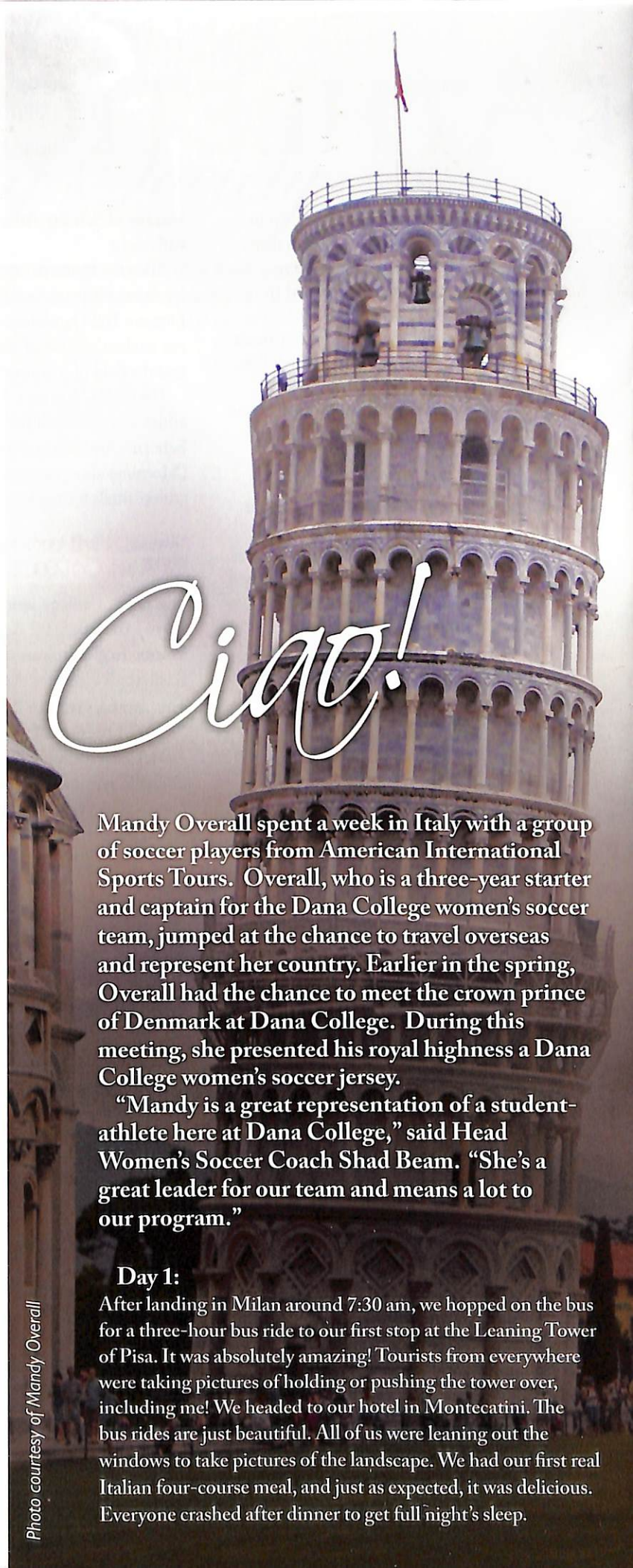
Mentors for the 2009 Leadership Academy are as follows: Ron Beaschler, Jim Beichner, Tom Bold, Tom Borrelli, Jim Fallis, Mark Gumble, Dan Harris, Todd Hibbs, Dave Icenhower, Paul Kendle, Rob Koll, Jim Makovsky, Joe McFarland, Darrell Randall, Rande Stottlemyer, Greg Strobel, Jeff Swenson, Alan Utter, and Colonel Billy Walker.

"This is a great honor to be named to the first class to go through the Leadership Academy," said Vest. "I am excited to be able to talk about coaching and leadership with some of the greats of wrestling."

The purpose of this focus group is to utilize "peer group discussion" among college coaches, athletic administrators, and CEOs to develop best practices for protecting and strengthening intercollegiate wrestling programs through this challenging economy. Specifically, we want to help coaches strengthen their CEO skills and better align their programs with educational values.

Nationally renowned coaching development expert, Dr. Dan Gould from Michigan State University, will be facilitating these discussions. In addition, he will be collaborating with some of the nation's top athletic administrators, coaches, and CEOs (with wrestling backgrounds) to begin the develop of faculty who will serve as facilitators at regional "Coaching Leadership" workshops around the nation once the training program is fully functional.

Coach Vest is entering his third season as head wrestling coach at Dana College. His Viking team has won three straight GPAC conference titles. During the previous two seasons Dana has produced five All-Americans and six Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. In his first season, the Vikings finished in fifth place at the NAIA National tournament in Sioux City, Iowa.



Mandy Overall spent a week in Italy with a group of soccer players from American International Sports Tours. Overall, who is a three-year starter and captain for the Dana College women's soccer team, jumped at the chance to travel overseas and represent her country. Earlier in the spring, Overall had the chance to meet the crown prince of Denmark at Dana College. During this meeting, she presented his royal highness a Dana College women's soccer jersey.

"Mandy is a great representation of a student-athlete here at Dana College," said Head Women's Soccer Coach Shad Beam. "She's a great leader for our team and means a lot to our program."

Day 1:

After landing in Milan around 7:30 am, we hopped on the bus for a three-hour bus ride to our first stop at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. It was absolutely amazing! Tourists from everywhere were taking pictures of holding or pushing the tower over, including me! We headed to our hotel in Montecatini. The bus rides are just beautiful. All of us were leaning out the windows to take pictures of the landscape. We had our first real Italian four-course meal, and just as expected, it was delicious. Everyone crashed after dinner to get full night's sleep.

Photo courtesy of Mandy Overall



Overall (left) at the top of the Campanile of the Duomo in Florence.

Day 2:

Today was our half day in Florence. A tour guide took us around the most historical parts of the city. Afterwards, we were able to experience the market shopping of bargaining with shop-keepers, and further explore the city. After our adventure in Florence, we headed back to the hotel to get ready for our games. Basketball was first at 7:30 and soccer at 8:30; both teams did really well. It seemed as though we had already played together in previous years. The communication and work ethic was awesome! Final score of the soccer game was 1 – 1.

Day 3:

After driving through rolling hills landscaped with vineyards and cypress, the picturesque view slowly turned to city buildings. We were approaching Florence. Led by our tour guide, we went inside the Duomo. We were checked by the guards to make sure we were dressed “appropriately,” and walked out of the hustle and bustle of the city square into a quiet, low-lit, revered cathedral. Walking through the city streets we came to a street lined with jewelry stores decked with windows filled with gold of all sorts. We even saw the birth place of Pinocchio! After some time on our own to explore the cross streets and multiple squares, we ventured to our first matches in soccer and basketball.

During the 1950s and 1960s when a famine struck the “Great Leap Forward” of China, Mao had a saying that “Capable Women can make a meal without food.” This was the air in which both teams approached their games. Soccer, requiring 11 to play, had eight girls; basketball requiring five, had five. However, being lead by our coaches from an attitude of passivity to a can-do, get-up-and-go spirit, we were not imperiled. Soccer ended with a 1-1 tie and basketball only lost by four. Both teams walked away with a positive experience that could be carried into their future games.

Day 4:

This morning both the soccer and basketball teams had free time to explore the seaside in Rimini Beach. After spending a few hours lounging on the beach and swimming in the Adriatic Sea, the women’s soccer team left for its first training session. Italian coach Fabio Ferri spent two hours with the team running through technical skills, passing drills, and small sided scrimmages on a small turf field in a three-field complex.

Following our practice session we went back to the hotel where we rejoined the basketball team travelling with us. Back at the hotel, we enjoyed dinner and a free evening. Most of us opted to make the hike following dinner up the storied “Witch’s Trail” to see panoramic

views of the San Marino countryside as well as a historic fortress built in the 12th and 13th centuries with three separate towers. After the twilight walk, we dispersed for free time at the hotel and a final night in San Marino before leaving for Venice in the morning.

Day 5:

The trip to Venice started with a boat ride to the city. Upon arrival in the port, the teams were greeted by the beautiful architecture of the city. Both teams were taken by our tour guide to fill our empty stomachs from the long bus ride to Venice. Once everyone was recharged, all of us were allowed to go off in groups to explore the streets. The shopping was plentiful, and everyone found gifts for family and friends. While walking along the streets, we were all able to see people taking the famous gondola rides down the canals so often seen in the movies.

The day wrapped up by meeting our very informative tour guide, Sara, who told us of the beginning of the ever-addicting drink ‘coffee.’ Sara also told us of the history of the San Marco Cathedral and then was able to enter but unfortunately not allowed to take pictures inside the church for fear of ruining the ancient building. At the end of the tour we walked back to where the boats were stationed, ready to head back to our hotel after a long day of shopping and seeing some of the most beautiful buildings ever constructed.

Day 6:

The soccer team practiced with a local professional coach from 10 –12. The day started with skill drills and fundamentals. The practice finished with a 5-on-5 game. Tomorrow will be the second game for soccer.

Day 7:

The final day of our Italy sports tour consisted of a day trip into the beautiful town of Como and the soccer team’s final match versus Como 2000. After arriving mid-morning, both teams boarded a ferry to visit the beautiful town of Bellagio after some quick sightseeing around Como. The hour and forty-five minute ferry ride across Lake Como consisted of sightseeing quaint towns settled into the massive forest-covered mountainside that drops right into the water. Perhaps the most impressive sight was that of the snow-covered Alps rising above the lush green mountainside. After the ferry docked into Bellagio, the teams were granted additional free time to roam the narrow streets and take in the breathtaking views. After some shopping and exploring, another ferry ride back into Como allowed the girls time for extra sightseeing, shopping and even a short trip up the mountain side in a Funicular cable car to see over all of Como and its lake, and even into Switzerland.

After departing Como, the women’s soccer team had their final match in Italy against Como 2000. The American team battled to an unfortunate loss of 2-1, after outshooting the Italian team in both halves. American striker Michelle Sage scored the first goal early in the second half off of a well-placed corner kick by Mandy Overall. The Italian team answered shortly after with both goals within the first ten minutes of the second half, capitalizing on two of their few shot opportunities. Despite a strong effort by the American women, and several cross bar shots and close calls, the team finished with a close 2-1 loss against the Italian team. After pictures and trading jerseys among the soccer teams, both teams headed back to their hotel for their final meal in Italy.



A Note

from the Advancement Office

I first heard the name Dr. Paul Neve two years ago from my grandfather Paul Bouman. We were sitting in his study chatting around the time I was discerning the job opportunity at Dana College. My grandfather is now 91 years old and has spent his entire career immersed in the universe of Lutheran music as an organist, choir director and composer. I asked him if he knew anything about Dana College. "I know Paul Neve, so of course I know Dana College," he said. They had met a number of times at the Lutheran Summer Music Camp and my grandfather spoke about him with deep reverence. His impression of Dana was fully formed solely by his respect and admiration for Dr. Neve. "You should go work at Dana," he told me.

I met Dr. Neve for the first time at Dana's Homecoming in 2007. He was kind and gracious to me and I will never forget his words of welcome and encouragement. I was expecting this legendary titan to be ten feet tall. He was humble and sincere and had a dry sense of humor that resonated with me.

Dana is a unique and special place because of faithful and determined people like Dr. Paul Neve who lived by their values and dutifully taught them to others. This ideal of living a joy-filled life of service to the glory of God permeates the Dana experience and echoes through the generations.

In June of 2008, several Dana alumni, friends and family visited campus for the occasion of Dr. Paul Neve's 90th birthday celebration. It was a joyful weekend of reminiscing, showing appreciation to Dr. Neve for the impact he made, and of course, lots of singing. In July, many alumni, friends and family of Dr. Neve came to Blair to say their final goodbye.

For many, Dr. Neve bridged the Dana experience across the decades acting as a constant in the midst of a changing narrative. As a Dana student, Dr. Neve took Danish language classes from Dana's first President, Rev. A.M. Andersen. He was present for all three visits of Danish Royalty to Dana in 1939, 1976 and finally this past year in 2009. His choir trips to Europe and Asia solidified Dana as a place for international travel and provided students with a life-changing global experience. Even after his four-plus decades as a faculty member at Dana, Dr. Neve could be counted on to direct the choir reunion during Homecoming year after year.

As we mourn the loss of Dr. Neve, we celebrate his faithful legacy to Dana College. Paul and Lela's generosity has ensured that the Paul and Lela Neve Endowed Scholarship will live on at Dana serving students' needs in perpetuity.

We are grateful for their lives of service to glorify God and the tremendous impact they made on so many in the Dana family.

Jeremy Bouman
Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Students First Campaign

In December of 2008, we completed a campaign-readiness study that included feedback from many alumni and friends of Dana College. The response was very clear. Institutions like Dana that foster a community of faith and learning rooted in the church are more important than ever. Dana needs to maintain its focus on meeting the needs of current students. Over 20% of the students at Dana today are first-generation students. The present-day economy is causing our students to face hardships not faced in many decades.

Launched on June 1, 2009, the Dana College Students First Campaign is officially underway.

The goal of the campaign is \$20 million over five years. \$12.5 million of our goal will be current funds while \$7.5 million will be in deferred funding. The three campaign priorities are the Dana College Annual Fund, scholarship support and building Dana's endowment.

The Advancement Team is poised and ready to work with you. The success of the campaign will require participation from those that have never before given to Dana and those who love Dana and have contributed generously in the past. We look forward to assisting you with your personal commitment to this campaign in ways that are creative and meaningful to you. This is an exciting opportunity to support the vision we have together for Dana and a powerful way for you to invest in the lives of Dana College students.

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09 *Dan Adler '09* is an assistant manager at Walgreens in Omaha. *Chris Bachmann '09* is an associate with AFLAC in Omaha. *Jaime Brabec '09* is teaching Spanish at Elkhorn (Neb.) High School. *Lauren Brooks '09* is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. *Paige Brune '09* is a K-3 special education teacher for the Fremont (Neb.) Public Schools. She also plans to attend graduate school at Wayne State College. *Carla Clark '09* is an intern at the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa. *Matt Dargy '09* is an officer with the Bellevue (Neb.) Police Department. *Chad Fajkus '09* is an agent with AFLAC in Omaha. *Katie Foote '09* is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Omaha this fall, pursuing a degree in library science. *Zach Genant '09* is attending Creighton University Medical School. *Kate Getbmann '09* is a collector for Tiburon Financial in Omaha. *Roger Goff '09* is the recycling coordinator for Crossroads of Western Iowa in Missouri Valley, Iowa. *Kevin Gray '09* is the sports director for the Blair Family YMCA. *Jacque Holzer '09* is a correctional officer for the Omaha Correctional Center. *Doug Huston '09* is a landscape superintendent for Huston Contracting in Olathe, Kan. *Michael Johnson '09* is a microbiologist for Aegis Food Labs in North Sioux City, S.D. *Sean Johnson '09* is a management trainee for Menards in Council Bluffs, Iowa. *Brian Logan '09* is a teller at Union Bank and Trust in Lincoln. *Dominic Marasco '09* is attending graduate school at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in architectural engineering. *Keith Neal '09* is an officer with the Missouri Valley (Iowa) Police Department. *Jennifer Oerman '09* is working in accounting, human resources and job management at Tri-V Tool and Manufacturing in Omaha. *Allie Oestmann '09* and Jamie Schleifer were married

June 6, 2009, in Bennington, Neb. Allie is teaching kindergarten in Fort Calhoun Public Schools. *Dan Pray '09* is teaching first and second grade and coaching wrestling in St. George, Kan. *Kira Presler '09* is teaching elementary/special education at Westside Community Schools in Omaha. *Terra Sell '09* is a scheduling specialist at NCCI in Omaha. *Marcus Sladek '09* is pursuing his law degree at Creighton Law School in Omaha. *Aimee Supanchick '09* is an eighth grade math teacher at Ralston (Neb.) Middle School and is attending graduate school at Wayne State College. *Clayton Timm '09* is a behavioral health technician at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha. *Sean Tyler '09* is a pastoral intern at Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont, Neb., and is attending Trinity Seminary in Evansville, Ind. *Lindsay Van Horn '09* is teaching music at Papillion-LaVista (Neb.) Public School. *Paige Vaughn '09* is a K-5 music teacher for the Hastings (Neb.) Public Schools. *Lauren Welsbouse '09* is pursuing a nursing degree at Creighton University.

08 The family of *Burke Barnes '08* was featured in the *Seattle Times* for their wrestling legacy in Lake Stevens, Wash. Burke was a four-time NAIA All-American wrestler for Dana. He is a purchasing agent for a commercial construction company.

07 *Tony Grasso '07* and *Wendi Sieb '04* were married May 16, 2009, in Elkhorn, Neb. The couple was featured on the *Today Show* on their honeymoon in Colorado in a segment about vacationing closer to home. Wendi works at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn. Tony is employed at Woodhouse in Blair as a web developer.

06 *Bernardo Cueto '06* received his law degree from the University of North Dakota School of Law in May. He and his family live in Stoddard, Wis. *Bruce Erdmann '06* and Andrea Ronderos were married May 29, 2009, in Bismarck, N.D., where the couple lives. *Barry Jurgensen '06* is teaching social science at Arlington (Neb.) High School.

05 *T.J. Quick '05* and Angela Friedel were married July 17, 2009, in Omaha.



04 *Lynsie Cetto '04* and Jarrod Slachetka were married May 15, 2009, at Castle Aigle in Aigle, Switzerland. The couple spent their honeymoon

backpacking through France, Switzerland and Italy. Lynsie is employed by Capital News Service of Tallahassee, Fla. *Jerrold Phillip '04* and April Daly were married May 24, 2009, in Lincoln, Neb. Jerrod is employed by Developmental Services of Nebraska in Lincoln.



Marcie Smidt '04 married Pat Reed on March 17, 2009, in Adare, Co. Limerick, Ireland. They were married at Fanningstown Castle and spent a week traveling

throughout Ireland with family and friends. The couple lives in Pleasant Dale, Neb.

Nick Albrecht '08 Wins Theatre Award

The Theatre Arts Guild in Omaha presented Nick Albrecht with the award for featured actor in a musical. He played Duke in "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" at the Broadstreet Theatre in Omaha.

Albrecht graduated in 2008 with degrees in vocal music education and musical theatre. He is continuing his education at University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he is pursuing a master's of fine art in acting with the intention of performing professionally. Eventually he would like to teach theatre at the college level.

03 *Bakar Griggs '03* is a central station operator for Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) and is attending graduate school at the University of Phoenix.

02 *Mindy Streitenberger '02* and Ryan Collins were married Aug. 1, 2009, in Sioux City, Iowa. Mindy is a rehabilitation counselor for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

99 *Deann Ray '99* recently completed an eight-foot tall by four-foot wide oil painting of the nativity for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah, Iowa.

98 Lori and *Matthew Anderson '98* welcomed their third child, Grady Joseph, on Feb. 21, 2009. He joins a sister,



Hailey, 5, and a brother, Zachary, 2. The family recently relocated from St. Louis, Mo., to Lincoln, Neb., where Matthew started a new job as the biosafety officer in the Environmental Health and Safety Office at the University of Nebraska.

97 *Stephanie Carlson-Pruch '97* was nominated for and received the Salute to Teacher's Award for May 2009. KMTV Action 3 News, in conjunction with Blimpie, NSEA and OEA, recognize a hard working and dedicated teacher. They surprised Stephanie in one of her kindergarten rooms at Edward "Babe" Gomez Heritage Elementary School in Omaha where she has been teaching for three years. She has taught for 12 years with Omaha Public Schools.

95 *Mitchell Allemang '95* and Jessica Treptow were married June 27, 2009, in Fremont, Neb. Mitchell is employed at Snyder Industries in Lincoln.

94 *Laurel (Minnick '94) Tague* was named 2009 Platte Valley American Business Women's Association Woman of the Year. She is an internal audit analyst for Douglas County (Neb.).

92 *Claudia Brown '92* presented her workshop "No More P's for me! Instructing and Decoding the Complicated and Mundane" at the 2009 American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Annual Conference in July.

91 *Thomas Morrow '91* and Leslie Rupiper were married June 20, 2009. Thom is a photojournalist at KELO TV in Sioux Falls, S.D.

88 *Jeanine (Tharp '88) Lytton* is teaching algebra and video production at Hoisington High School in Hoisington, Kan.



86 *Julie Grauerholz '86* received a second bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University in May 2009. Her degree is in general studies with an emphasis in human services.

85 *Mary Frohs '85* received her doctor of ministry degree in pastoral care and counseling from Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) in Indianapolis, Ind., in May. She began her residency as a pastoral counselor at the CTS Counseling Center in June.

83 *Dr. Michael Martin '83* was selected as the outstanding professor of the year in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

He accepted a position at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania where he will direct the minor in Professional Communication and be a member of the Department of English faculty. His dissertation on Bonhoeffer was published by German publisher VDM Verlag this past year.

78 *Kim Cooper '78* received the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award. The award is given each year to 15 Omaha Public Schools teachers for their achievements and dedication to teaching. Cooper has been an art instructor at Omaha North High School for 30 years. At the ceremony, Cooper took prints from his gallery and let everyone in attendance choose one as a gift from him. He and his wife, Lynn, operate Cooper Studio and Gallery in Ashland, Neb., where they live.

77 *Mark Tiby '77* was selected as the 2009 Character Counts Girls Coach of the Year. He currently serves as head girls' basketball coach in Urbandale, Iowa. He has taught and coached for 31 years with stops at Earlham, Des Moines East and Urbandale. The Character Counts Coach of the Year Award is sponsored by Character Counts in Iowa, the Iowa Games and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union.

76 *Deb Wallman '76* resigned as a seventh grade English teacher at Fremont (Neb.) Middle School after 28 years in the system. She hopes to teach special education in the Omaha Public Schools system and is also considering pursuing a doctorate, according to a feature story about her teaching career which appeared in the *Fremont Tribune*.

75 *Donald Baack '75* has a new book forthcoming, "Marketing Management: A Customer Service Approach." The book is co-authored with Kenneth E. Clow and will be released in November. The textbook is directed to college seniors and serves as the text for the capstone marketing course. Baack has also recently published a series of modules or chapters entitled "Ethics

Rev. Dr. Edward A. Hansen Dies at Age 92

Rev. Edward A. Hansen D '39 T '42 of Minneapolis, Minn., died Aug. 1, 2009, at the age of 92. He served as pastor of congregations in south Minneapolis and Hutchinson, Minn., Bible teacher and administrator at the Lutheran Bible Institute and Golden Valley Lutheran College, and bishop in the former American Lutheran Church (ALC). He also supported mission work and served on the committee that produced the *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

His desire to lead Bible studies and classes led him to the Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI) on Portland Avenue in Minneapolis. When LBI opened a campus in Teaneck, N.J., Hansen was sent there in 1948 to be dean and to teach Bible studies.

He returned to Minnesota in 1956, pastored a church in Hutchinson and was selected to oversee 270 congregations as Bishop of the Southwest Minnesota District of the ALC, a position he held for 18 years.

Hansen served on the Santal Mission Board. He visited India, Thailand and South America as a member of the World Mission Prayer League. He was a frequent volunteer to the Danish American Archive and Library on the Dana College campus. He was named Distinguished Alumnus of Dana College in 1972.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Shirley (Bondo '42), two daughters and one grandson.

Across the Curriculum." These are co-authored with his son, Daniel W. Baack, who teaches at the University of Denver. The series covers discipline-specific ethics issues in all of the major business areas, including management, marketing, finance, accounting, economics, information technology, and international business. The fourth edition of Baack's co-authored text: "Integrated Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Communications" has been released by Prentice Hall. The text is now used in over 250 colleges and universities in the United States and has been translated into Chinese, Dutch and Russian. It is used in universities in over 20 countries.

73 *Ryle Smith's '73* independent film "Collared" was recently awarded third place at the Fort Omaha 2009 Film Conference. Comments about the film included its "excellent acting, direction and editing" and "pastiche of cinematic surprises and influences ranging from American directors Wes Anderson and the Cohen



brothers to French New Wave directors Goddard and Truffaut." "Collared" was written, edited and directed by Ryle whose other films include the award-winning "The Van Helsing Papers" and "Harker," both films

featuring fellow Dana alumni *Kevin Barratt '79* and *Brent Noel '85* with a musical score by *Barry Anderson '73*. Smith continues to write and direct for the stage, including his one-act play "Indian Poker or The Night Herbert Hoover Would Be King" for the Circle Theatre. His three-act adaptation of "Dracula" was produced by Millard South High and "The Invisible Man" was commissioned by the Omaha Theater for Young People (aka The Rose). Ryle is currently working on his next proposed film "Pregnant Pause" and will direct and appear in Jules Feiffer's play "Little Murders" in September 2009 at the Circle Theatre in Omaha.

69 *Marcia (Metbus '69) Young* has been commissioned as an Associate in Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She serves St. John Lutheran Church in LeMars, Iowa.

68 *Susan (Shadle '68) Jaderstrom* was awarded the National Business Education Association (NBEA) Postsecondary Business Teacher of the Year Award in Chicago in April 2009. NBEA is a professional organization for business educators. Her selection for this award was based upon her teaching, committee participation and offices held in professional organizations, publication of textbooks and journal articles, editorial responsibilities that shaped the publications for NBEA, and the cofounding of a nonprofit association that promotes public interest and has influenced land use planning in Petaluma. Susan teaches in the business administration and computer studies departments at Santa Rosa (Calif.) Junior College.

66 *Chaplain James K. Jensen '66* has written a chapter for a book about pastoral care in long-term care facilities. His chapter is specifically about pastoral care for Jewish residents in a non-Jewish facility. Jensen has been the chaplain for 15 years at Lutheran Village of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio. The title of the book is "Flourishing In The Later Years, Jewish Perspectives on Long-Term Pastoral Care," edited by Rabbi James Michaels and Rabbi Cary Kozberg. The book is a compendium of 23 articles written by chaplains, both Jewish rabbis and Christian ministers, nurses, administrators, social workers, and recreation therapists.

52 An autobiography by *Art Simon '52* was recently released by Paulist Press. Entitled "The Rising of Bread for the World," it focuses mainly on the beginnings of that organization, but includes several pages about his years at Dana College.

49 *Norlan Hanson '49* and his wife *Alice (Romer '49)* write: "We have lived in Oregon, Wis., since 1998, moving from San Diego, Calif., where we lived from 1971-1998. Our sons, David and his family

Adjunct Professor Frank Taylor Dies at Age 53



Dr. Frank Taylor, 53, of Cambridge Springs, Pa., died June 5, 2009, due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was an adjunct professor of sociology at Dana in

the late 1990s. At the time of his death, he was chair of the sociology department of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; four children, three brothers and a sister, Elizabeth Fimbres '03.

Upon the news of Dr. Taylor's death, it quickly became evident that he had a greater impact on Dana alumni who had taken his classes than the average part-time faculty member. Below is a tribute written by Garry Clark '04, executive director of North Capitol Main Street Inc., a nonprofit neighborhood commercial revitalization organization in Washington, D.C. It was originally published on Garry's Facebook page and is reprinted here with permission.

Finding that fix....

God Bless Dr:Taylor and his family

I recall the first lecture when your words and focus shocked my being

I started to notice the fire in its purpose, the dedication and persistence

As Dr:T dove into knowledge of the self

The norms, social structures, mores, etc...

I became hooked like the old neighborhood junkie, with little concern for my prior thoughts....sociology was my fix.

Dr:T would dish out sociological theory and concepts and relate everything to the current issues of the day, and I would generously dive into every discussion.

Most students recall his relaxed tone and calming presence as he would move into the topic of the day

Almost on a weekly basis some student would test the limits, and Dr:T would let them down with one simple phrase, "Hog-wash."

I recall the moments when I'd feel the euphoria of intellect from the discussion topics and concepts.

Knowledge is definitely one of the things you have to fall in love with and for most of us, you need that friend or mentor to brush off your dusted eyes, and point you in the direction of that fine specimen across the way. It just came to be that in my first year at Dana...Dr:Taylor was that mentor who showed me the way. My very first sociology course, the very first lecture...I was hooked!

I will truly miss one of my first mentor's Dr: Frank Taylor! When I didn't have a clue what to study or how to approach my college studies Dr:Taylor would say, "Hog-wash Garry, if you want to see change, you gotta get in there and shake things up." Even after leaving Dana he continued to make himself available to me for advice.

Thanks for having such a large impact on my life Dr:T...you'll be missed.

—Garry Delano Clark, Jr. '04

and Steven and his family, are both here with our five grandchildren. They are the reason for our leaving San Diego, of course, and we're so glad we moved when we did."

48 *Paul Larsen '48* was featured in the *Fremont (Neb.) Tribune* on Memorial Day weekend as a World War II veteran. The story was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in several regional newspapers. He and his wife, *Beulah (Jorgensen '44)*, are retired and live in Fremont.

Deaths

Paul Hansen '70 of Blair died June 15, 2009, at the age of 61. He farmed west of Blair and worked at Memorial Community Hospital in Blair. For the last 14 years, he was employed at Con-E-Co in Blair. Survivors include his wife, Judy, four children and a grandson.

Ruby Masters '70 of Blair died April 8, 2009, at the age of 78. She taught for more than 40 years in rural schools in Dodge and Washington counties and at Fort Calhoun (Neb.).

Gail Frazier '67 of Logan, Iowa, died June 12, 2009. He initially instructed new pilots at the Council Bluffs Airport, and then flew corporate jets for various employers in the Omaha area. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, and five children.

Phyllis (Iverson) Fitch '66 died June 7, 2009, in Herman, Neb., at the age of 83. She taught elementary and special education in Herman and Tekamah for 41 years. Survivors include her husband, Joe, a son and two grandsons.

Larry Wright '60 of Crowley, Texas, died July 8, 2009, at the age of 71. He worked as a personnel psychology specialist in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife, Meredith, two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Norman Winther '50 of Union Grove, Wis., died April 21, 2009, at the age of 85. He was an electrician at maGaw Electric and then started Electrical Services Company. He was later a partner in NKW Machine Inc. Survivors include his wife, Evangeline, and four children, including Jody (Winther '84) Friddle of Arlington, Tenn.

Marianne "Randy" (Lund '49) Brunk died June 9, 2009, in La Habra Heights, Calif., at the age of 82. She started teaching in the 1950s in Orange County, Calif., and then moving to the East Whittier City District where she retired in 1978. After retirement, she became a contract educator for the district, working with gifted students, teaching public speaking and poetry. Survivors include her husband, Jerry, six children, 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Williams '41) Yowell died May 12, 2009, in Oakland, Neb., at the age of 89. She had a variety of employment experiences, including teaching, working as an inspector at the Martin Bomber Plant which produced B-26s during World War II, and filling the positions of clerk and officer-in-charge with the U.S. Postal Service. Survivors include her daughters, Vickie (Yowell '67) Beck and Paige (Yowell '70) Peterson, a son, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Bernadine (Buettner '39) Kozak of Grand Island, Neb., died April 23, 2009, at the age of 91. She taught school at District 43 in Hall County (Neb.), worked at Model Laundry, was a clerk for Montgomery Wards and later was employed by Village Inn Restaurant. Survivors include three children.

Margaret (Petersen '33) Breese of Richfield, Utah, died July 11, 2009, at the age of 96, one day after her 96th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Donald D. Survivors include her two daughters.

Friends

Keith Hansen, 79, of Bella Vista, Ark., died June 24, 2009. He was vice president of business affairs at Dana from 1970-1991. Survivors include his wife, June, and three children, Brad Hansen '84, Carter '89 and Keri (Kuhr '89) Hansen, and Julia (Hansen '91) and Clay Halpain.

Betty Hernes of Blair, Neb., died August 13, 2009, at the age of 74. During her career, she worked at the Sioux Valley Hospital and as an office nurse in Sioux Falls. She was also a nurse at the Memorial Community Hospital in Blair and a campus nurse at Dana College. Survivors include her husband, Arvin, professor emeritus of physics at Dana; two children, Karla (Hernes '82) Broman and Kevin Hernes '85; and three grandchildren.

Donald E. Nielsen, 76, of West Point, Neb. died May 11, 2009. He began his career at a Standard Oil Station in Omaha and in 1954, moved to West Point, and purchased his first tank wagon. He went on to operate Nielsen Oil and Propane in West Point until 1998, when he sold it to Sapp Bros. He continued to operate his farms and feed cattle. He gave generously to Dana College, most recently supporting the Hunt, Nielsen, Sapp Scholarship which is given as a matching scholarship to students who received funds from their home congregations. Survivors include his wife, Sarah, and two sons.

Marie Wallman, 87, of Lincoln, Neb., died May 29, 2009. She lived and farmed with her husband, Thees, in the Cortland and Princeton, Neb., areas for 46 years. Survivors include three children, David '71, Debra '76, and Malinda (Wallman '78) and Bob '78 Jepsen.

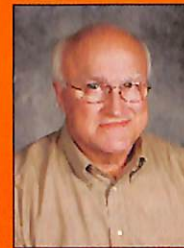
Black Elk Speaks

From July 9-15 Dana College hosted the production "Black Elk Speaks," a performance based on the 1932 biography of Black Elk. Black Elk was a spiritual leader for the Oglala Sioux tribe, who spoke to author John Neihardt about the injustices brought upon his people by white men.

Twelve scenes in the performance depicted tragic episodes starting with Columbus and continuing with events Black Elk witnessed such as the Battle of Little Big Horn and the Wounded Knee Massacre.



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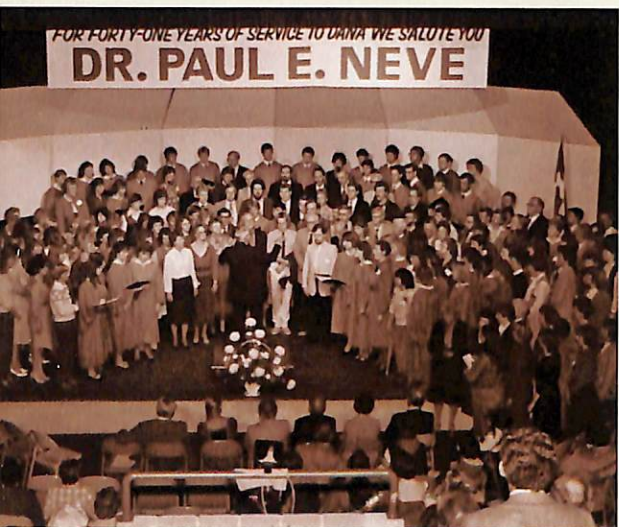
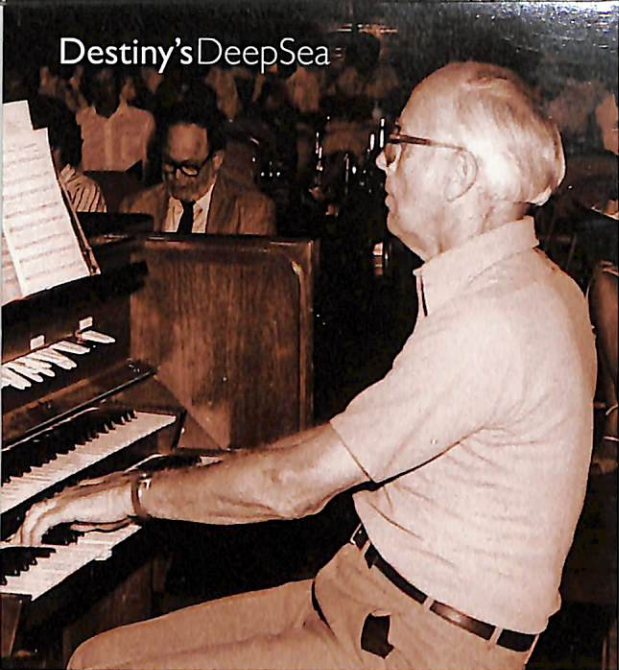
"From the beginning 'Black Elk Speaks' was to be a community effort to say we care and we are sorry for the history that has so tragically impacted Native culture and history," said director Hal Berry '66.

"My one single goal for this summer was to give something back to Dana, a college I love. I hope that this production will begin a new tradition for Dana and the community of Blair to have a community summer theatrical event on the campus."

The production was well-represented by Dana students and alumni. Hal Berry '66 and Joe Anderson '70 co-directed the play, while Jennifer (Crosely '88) Kelley, her daughter, Kaliska, and current Dana student Lauren Fischer all played roles in the cast ensemble.

The production was a phenomenal success. Over 1,000 people filled the seats in Lauritzen Theatre throughout the performance schedule.

"I am grateful to Hal Berry and Joe Anderson for their gifts of time and talents for the betterment of their alma mater," said President Philipp.



Paul Neve Dies at Age 91

On July 18, Dana College said goodbye to an institution. Dr. Paul E. Neve, 91, professor emeritus of music and former choir director at Dana College, died after suffering a heart attack.

"Today we mourn the loss of Dr. Paul Neve and honor his life and legacy," said Dana College President Janet Philipp. "Dr. Neve loved Dana College and his students. He led by example and served Dana for over four decades with faith and humility. Few have been as integral to the growth and success of Dana College over the years as Dr. Neve has. He will be missed and remembered fondly by all whose lives he touched."

Neve graduated from Dana College in 1941. It was at Dana that he met Lela Nielsen '43, a pastor's daughter. The couple married in 1944. She preceded him in death in 1988.

Five of his siblings also attended Dana College and/or Trinity Seminary – Aster D '39 T '44, Alton '43, Lloyd D '45 T '47, Ried D '48 T '57, and Marilyn (Neve '50) Nyegaard. All four of his children also attended Dana – Leon '67, Lois Carter '71, Loyd '76 and Lori Jones '82.

Neve's tenure at Dana spanned 41 years from 1943 until he retired in 1984. In 1948 Dr. Neve organized the Dana College Band with its first public performance coming at the dedication of Pioneer Memorial that October. Over the years hundreds of Dana students traveled with the tour choir under Neve's leadership. In addition to virtually every corner of the United States, Neve took the choir to Europe three times (1961, 1972 and 1982) and Asia once (1969). In June 2001, Dr. Neve returned to Denmark for a 40th anniversary trip with members of the 1961 Dana College choir.

Eighty alumni returned to campus in June 2008 for a weekend concert and celebration of Dr. Neve's 90th birthday and to thank him for the impact he had on their lives.

One of his former students, Iris (Frey '78) Doolittle, paid this tribute upon Neve's death: "In my eyes, Dr. Neve began as a quiet professor who insured that you had the best knowledge of music theory possible. In my eyes, Dr. Neve became an organ teacher determined to make you the best organist possible. In my eyes, Dr. Neve developed a serious choir with moments of hilarity that the choir members threw into the mix. In my eyes, Dr. Neve turned into one of the dearest friends I will ever have. His family can be assured that he was a man who worked hard, didn't gloat over his accomplishments, and rode down the hill on that blessed bike at the end of the day to them, often at high speeds! Thank you, Uncle Paul."

Dr. Paul E. Neve was born on Jan. 25, 1918, in Oshkosh, Wis., as the second oldest of seven children born to the Rev. A.V. and Dora Christine Neve.

His career in music was inspired by a high school teacher in Beresford, S.D., where he spent his childhood. He played the organ as a child in Danish Lutheran churches where his father led the worship. He also sang in a quartet that entertained Danish Lutheran churches on weekends.

He earned a master's degree in music from Northwestern University in 1948 and a doctorate in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1968.

He also served as choir director and organist at First Lutheran Church in Blair for many years.

Survivors include his four children, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Lloyd and Ried.

Top: In addition to his directing duties, Dr. Neve served as an accompanist for a number of campus events before and after his retirement.

Middle: Alumni staged a large thank you event for Dr. Paul Neve at the Homecoming following his retirement.

Bottom: Dr. Paul Neve early in his career

2008-2009

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Just as the early presidents of Trinity Seminary and Dana College provided the foundation of the Dana College we value today, our President's Circle donors enable Dana College to continue to provide a top quality faith-based education. Members of this elite circle are not only tied to past presidents of Dana, but also the current and future leaders of Dana through personal interactions and on-campus events with the President.

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A.M. Andersen was the founding president of Trinity Seminary, later to become Dana College. Just as Rev. Andersen was pivotal in Dana College history, so today Andersen Society members make an indelible mark on Dana College with yearly gifts of \$25,000 or more.

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G.B. Christiansen, the second president of Trinity Seminary, was fondly referred to as the “promoter” for his boundless enthusiasm for Trinity. Members of the Christensen Society continue to “promote” today’s Dana College through their gifts of \$10,000 or more annually.

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P.S. Vig, the third president of Trinity Seminary, was known for his drive and tenacity leaving a lasting impression in the lives of those he taught. Members of the Vig Society leave a lasting impression on Dana through their annual gifts of \$5,000 or more.

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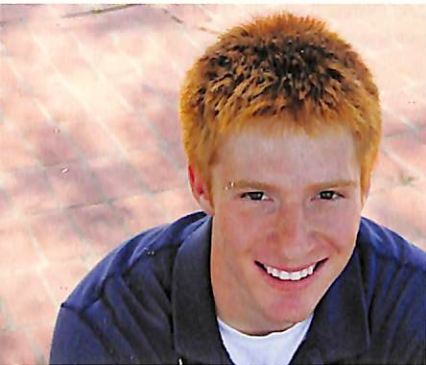
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The Dana College Annual Fund

The Dana College Annual Fund ended with another strong year. The unrestricted resources provided by the Annual Fund are essential to the well being of the institution. This fund bridges the gap in funding for financial aid, faculty development and operating expenses for the day-to-day activities and achievements of the College and those it serves.

Dana recently announced the kick-off of the Students First Campaign; a five-year fundraising campaign with a \$20 million goal (\$12.5 million current gifts and pledges; \$7.5 million deferred or planned gifts). The Annual Fund will continue to be one of the top fundraising priorities of the college during the campaign. Gifts to the Annual Fund over the next five years will be counted towards our current fund goal of \$12.5 million.

If you already give to the Dana College Annual Fund, we ask for your continued and growing support towards the campaign. If you haven't given in past years, we ask for your support now – and we pledge to be good stewards of it.

Dana College Annual and Endowed Scholarships

Ninety-eight percent of Dana students receive some sort of financial assistance. Dana is thankful that generous donors have had the foresight to establish scholarship funds to help underwrite the educational expenses of our students. The following is a list of the scholarship funds awarded at Dana. For more information on how to give to one of these funds or how to establish a scholarship fund please contact Development Officer Alison Rasmussen at rasmussen.alison@dana.edu, 402.426.7387 or 800.444.DANA option 4.

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Established in 1982, the Dana College Builders is an informal society that honors and recognizes the generosity and vision of those who have chosen to leave a legacy through estate or deferred gifts to Dana College. Planned gifts are so important to the future and vitality of Dana. The Dana College Builders society signifies the importance Dana places on these types of gifts and acts as an inspiration and catalyst for other to consider making planned gifts of their own.

The Dana College Builders is a way for Dana to publicly thank these supporters and provide special recognition in Dana publications. Builders are also invited to the Annual Builders Luncheon in May and have their names engraved on the Builders Honor Wall located in the President's Room on the Dana campus. Finally, we send you some nice leather Dana coasters! The college will honor requests for donor anonymity.

Enrollment to the Dana College Builders is simply a matter of advising the Dana College Advancement Office of the creation of a legacy gift: a bequest in a will or living trust; a charitable gift annuity; a charitable remainder trust; a donor advised fund; a life estate agreement; outright gift of cash, securities or property to establish an endowment fund; or beneficiary designation of a retirement plan or life insurance policy.

There are vast personal benefits to be had from creating a planned gift including: a current income tax deduction; the avoidance of long-term capital gains tax; an increase in income and effective rate of return; and the reduction in estate and gift taxes.

Become a member of the Dana College Builders today. For future information, contact Jeremy Bouman, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at jbouman@dana.edu 402.426.7230 or 800.444.DANA option 4.

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Estates Received

Estate of Dorothy Burgess
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 Estate of George Evers
 Estate of Evelyn Hansen
 Estate of Betty Heide Kuessow
 Estate of Wayne Wise
 Estate of Lydia Young

Memorials and Honorariums

Gifts were made during the 2008-2009 fiscal year in memory or honor of the following:

Memorials

June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

Cliff Adelsen
Joan Allgor
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Martin and Elsa Andersen
Norman Bansen '47
Elvera (Petersen) Beam
Duane Benson
Daniel Berke
Elizabeth Boos
Langston Bradley '71
Charles Brehm '67
Margaret (Christensen '42) Cantine
Alma Karoline (Larsen) Christensen
Robert A. Christensen '44
Virginia Christensen
Vera Mae Doidge
Helen Elling
Ninna (Schultz '33) Engskow
Elsie (Jensen '50) Everson
Deborah Garrison
Maynard Geschke, Sr.
W.L. Gray
Allan D. Hansen T'44
Clifford K. Hansen
Dana Jerome Hansen
Leona (Johansen '40) Hansen
Cleo Hanson D'50 T'54
Betty Ann (Prochnow '63) Hart
Frank Hengeveld '41
Ken Holm
David Jacobsen
Russell Jensen D'54 T'58
Helen Irene (Kirkegaard '48) Jessen
Carol Johnson
John Johnson
Norm Johnson '43

Oscar Johnson D'44 T'47
Calvin Jorgensen '51
Glenn Kirchhoff
Adolph Kloth D'39 T'42
Lucille (Neve '39) Kloth
Fred Knudsen
Roseann Krantz
Marion Kuehn
Betty Heide Kuessow
Dorothy A. Larsen '53
Mary Larsen
Ruby Larsen
Victor Lauritsen '41
Sarah (Schwartz '85) Lehr
Lanny Lenker
Helen (Pedersen '37) Lincoln
Rasmus O. Lund
Philip Magnussen '31
Esther (Haals '33) Magnussen
Harold Maxwell
Gerhardt Mengers '52
Rev. Carl A. Nelson
Karen (Jensen '87) Nelson
Norman Nielsen '44
A. Craig Nielsen '52
Willis Olson '51
Brian Peterson
Paul "Pete" Peterson '41
Don Poh '50
Wallace Rasmussen
Vince Rotherham
Ethel Saathoff
Harald Schjodt
Tante Ruth Skjoldager
Edward Sorensen
Marilyn Storms
Ethel Stougaard
Kathryn (Ringhand '68) Strong
Dolliver Thogerson D'35 T'38
Ethel Thompson
William Thompson '64
Orpa Thomsen

Carol Thorson
John Cyrus Warmanen '66
Sara Watrous
Annamae Wessel
Norman Winther '50
Marie Wordell

Honorariums

June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009

Charlie and Linda Axness
Karen (Jensen '60) Capel
Borge M. Christensen – 80th Birthday
Keith and Rosalee Christiansen
Nathan and Emily Clements
Norman D'54 T'58 and Esther Freund
Carol (King '72) Hansen
Frederick and Cathy Hansen – Wedding
Verlan Hanson '51 – 80th Birthday
Carol Haussermann '69
Duey '88 and Tracy (Erickson '87) Heffelfinger
– 25th Anniversary
Margret Jacobsen
Mick '65 and Gail Jensen
Norm Jensen '52
Dody (Jensen '48) Johnson
Frances McGee – 90th Birthday
Paul Neve '41
John W. D'47 T'53 and Liz (Solevad '49) Nielsen
– 60th Anniversary
Liz (Solevad '49) Nielsen
Ruth (Solevad '50) Nyegaard – 80th Birthday
Phil Pagel '56 – 75th Birthday
Elmer Petersen '54 – 80th Birthday
Ruth (Hansen '44) Peterson
Steve '83 and Janice (Butts '83) Peterson and Family
David and Janine Ragan – Wedding
Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou – 80th Birthday
Don '49 and Eleanor (Nielsen '50) Schou
– 60th Anniversary
Larrie Stone '57
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