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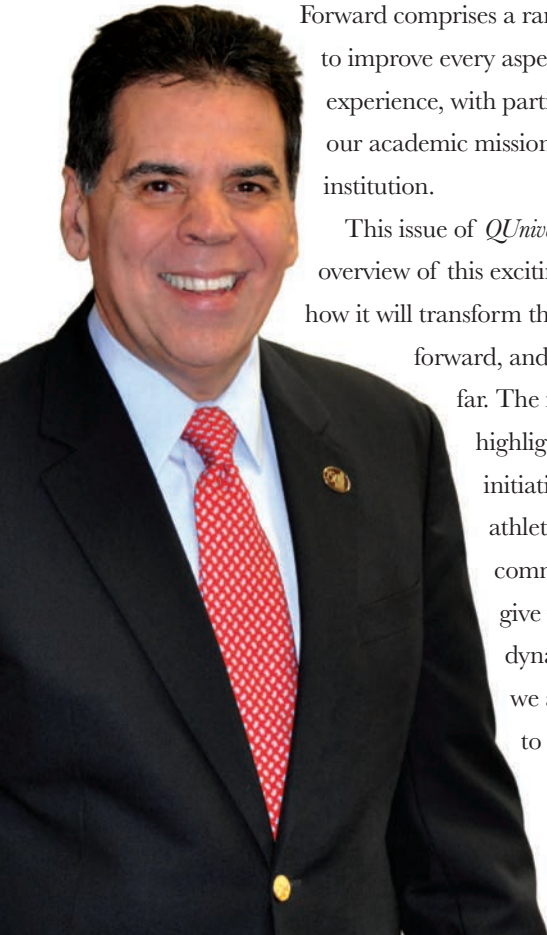
“It's an understatement to say that we live in a time of **great challenges** in our nation and our world—challenges that are affecting the **future** of higher education. This is an opportune time to reaffirm the **values** and **commitments** of the Franciscan tradition, and QU's heritage and future as an institution of **excellence.**”

One of the hallmarks of the Franciscan tradition is a passion always to be "on the move." In contrast to the place-bound commitments of medieval monasteries, St. Francis and the friars chose to travel widely, always moving forward to share Good News and embrace people wherever they lived.

That same passion for the journey animates Quincy University today, as we announce "Forever Forward," the University's first-ever comprehensive campaign.

While many benefactors have given generously for specific programs and projects through the years, Forever Forward comprises a range of initiatives to improve every aspect of the QU experience, with particular emphasis on our academic mission as a Franciscan institution.

This issue of *QUiverse* provides an overview of this exciting campaign, how it will transform the University going forward, and our progress so far. The issue also includes highlights of other current initiatives in academics, athletics, campus life, and community service, to give you a glimpse of the dynamism and vibrancy we are all privileged to enjoy in the QU



Dr. Gervasi and wife, Jen, celebrate the launch of "Forever Forward" at a private gala on October 24.

community. You'll also meet some members of QU's Board of Trustees, all of whom selflessly give of their time, talent, and treasure to advance QU's mission.

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In the spirit of St. Francis, I invite you to join us on this exciting journey Forever Forward!

Peace and all good,
Dr. Robert A. Gervasi, President

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turn it up...

by Ian Howell '16

Returning students and faculty were greeted by a new sound this semester in the form of Hawk Radio, Quincy University's very own internet radio station. Hawk Radio launched on January 16 and features current hits as well as original programming offering a variety of styles from comedy to entertainment news to local musical acts. The station is available at www.thehawkradio.com and through the Live 365 app on Apple and Android devices.

"It really is geared toward the college student with contemporary popular music as well as student and faculty produced programming and coverage of live events on campus," Travis Yates, associate professor of communication says.

Hawk Radio is the latest addition to a growing QU Media program designed to help communication majors in their fields. QU Media outlets now include a website, magazine, a television station, and *The Falcon* newspaper, now in its eighty-seventh year.

Students need to be well-versed in all forms of traditional mediums as they prepare for careers in the media field. This gives them another avenue to prepare themselves while creating content for their peers and the QU community.

— Travis Yates
Associate Professor of Communication



With the ability to listen online anytime via our website and app, students and alumni alike can tune in to hear what Hawk Radio students are producing, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

— Travis Yates
Associate Professor of Communication



Manning the computer and the microphone, T.C. Pierceall '15 cues up a song on Hawk Radio.



We were so excited by the end results of the day. Both QU community members and members of the community expressed their satisfaction with the day, and we received many thank-you notes.

— Megan Boccardi '99
Associate Professor of History
and Service Learning Co-director



at your service...

Quincy University held its first campus-wide Day of Service on October 1 featuring several service learning opportunities including a food drive which brought in more than 2,000 pounds of food for local pantries.

More than 600 students, staff, and faculty members worked on service projects both on and off campus at locations including Quanada, Catholic Charities, Quincy Community Theatre, Chaddock, and the Humane Society. Projects included landscaping, cleaning, serving at a soup kitchen, and painting at several locations. Service workers celebrated with a barbeque on campus after the long day.

by Ian Howell '16

Sam Lee '19, Sophia Downey '19, and Dallas Garcia '19 prepare lunch at the local soup kitchen as part of QU's first annual "Day of Service."



“It has been incredibly rewarding to watch the groups interact with the high school students and inspire them to make music.

– Dr. Christine Damm '95
Assistant Professor of Music



strong winds...

It has been an exciting year for Quincy University's Music Program with the additions of two new ensembles: the No Strings Attached Saxophone Quartet and the 18th Street Trio which is comprised of a violinist, clarinetist, and bassoonist. Both ensembles are under the direction of assistant professor of music and 1995 Quincy University alumna Dr. Christine (Calabrese) Damm.

These groups already performed at a variety of events throughout the school year showcasing a wide range of musical genres including classical, jazz, and contemporary. Each semester, the groups travel to area high schools to perform for students and work with them on developing their own musical talents and passions.

This semester, students will be traveling to St. Louis area Catholic high schools. In addition to performing for high schools, the groups have had the honor to perform for Quincy University's Alumni Dinner, Campaign Gala, Christmas Tea, and Retired Faculty Christmas Luncheon.

by Christine Damm '95

The 18th Street Trio is comprised of music majors Rebecca McIssac '18 (violin), Emily Cintron '19 (clarinet), and Jacob Schumacher '17 (bassoon).



Joshua Del Rosario '18 collects spare change from passersby at the corner of 18th Street and State in Quincy.

I think the biggest thing was the excitement that surrounded this event because the hard work paid off. The fact that we raised that much money was amazing.

– Darek Lambert '18
Delta Tau Delta Member Event Organizer



time for change...

The men of Delta Tau Delta have worked very hard this year to increase their philanthropic efforts. In October, the fraternity hosted the first ever “Fill the Wagon” event at which fifteen members collected money from passersby at intersections throughout the city of Quincy. After just a few hours, the students raised a total of \$4,483.53 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Lambert, who began planning the event months ahead of time, extends a special thank-you to fellow Greek and non-Greek students as well as the community who made the event a success.

by Amy Damron '16



by Nick Kedzuch '15

Doubles' VISION

“

If you don't trust your doubles partner, you won't have a very cohesive connection.

”

With match point on the line to win the third flight of the 2015 Quincy University Fall Tennis Tournament, Morgan McGinnis '17 turned to her doubles partner, Anna Morrissey '16.

“You are a great tennis player,” she said, just as they had to one another before each of their previous 43 wins over three seasons. The ritual helps the duo to remain calm and focused.

Known to some as the “five-foot threes,” McGinnis and Morrissey maintain a calm confidence on the court sharing high-fives after every point.

“We always pick each other up,” Morrissey says. “We both have had those matches.”

“We balance each other out,” McGinnis continues.

Anna and Morgan have known each other since high school when Anna went to Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, Ill., and Morgan went to Edwardsville High School in Edwardsville, Ill. They often met in Illinois sectional tournaments, but during the summer they went to many of the same camps and became friends. Both were drawn to the QU community atmosphere.

“I like how small the tennis team is at QU,” Morrissey explains. “Some teams are so big that there are cliques, but we are just one.”

“Quincy University being a small school, we hang out with each other, but I feel that the tennis team branches out to a lot of people,” McGinnis adds.

Over the past three seasons, Morgan and Anna have seen their relationship grow on and off the court.

“If you don't trust your doubles partner,” McGinnis explains, “you won't have a very cohesive...”

Morrissey finishes the thought.

“Connection!”



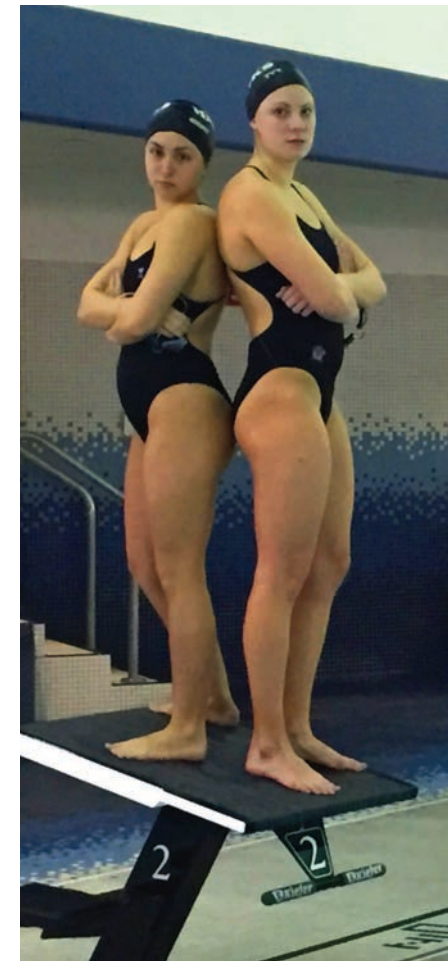
Hawks get their FEET WET

by Brendan Bittner

“

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The eight student-athletes comprising the first-ever Quincy University swimming team hail from seven states including North Dakota, Louisiana, Florida, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Illinois. The geographically-diverse team has melded together to exceed expectations in just their first year as a school-sponsored program.

Under the direction of head coach Rachel Schlatter, the QU swimmers have already picked up six wins in dual matches, including against Great Lakes Valley Conference rivals Maryville and Missouri-St. Louis.

Schlatter, a Wisconsin native and former Division I swimmer for the University of Nebraska, brings coaching experience from the club level and as an assistant coach with perennial Division III national champion Denison. Her student-athletes see her coaching and competitiveness as the driving forces behind their early success.

“Rachel brings in different aspects of training you didn’t think you would use or need,” swimmer Briana Flores ’17 says. “Her techniques are so crazy that you sometimes ask, ‘Why am I doing this? I don’t need this.’ But she says, ‘yes you do, it’s going to help you.’ And it’s showing in our meets.”

Why swim at QU?

Flores, a Lakeland, Fla. native and one of just three upperclassmen on the team, came to Quincy from Indian River State College where she found herself looking for a place to continue her swimming and academic career after two years. She happened upon QU through emails with Schlatter.

“I came on my trip and I just loved it,” she says.

“**What really sold me was coming here and seeing [fellow student athletes] at the volleyball games and soccer games. I liked that and wanted to come to a school that had that atmosphere.**”

In the pool, the Hawks are motivated by what they can cultivate as the inaugural team in a new program.

“It’s exciting. Starting a new program is pretty legit,” McKenna Brown ’19 says. “We can start new traditions. It’s Hawk history right here.”



BUILDING TRUST

A CONVERSATION with three QU Trustees

by Megan Duncan '14

Quincy University is a tight-knit community, where students know professors, coaches, classmates, Franciscan fathers, and myriad others who populate the campus, making up the mosaic of their daily college lives. But how many could actually identify members of

Quincy University's Board of Trustees?



Jerry Murphy '70,
Quincy University Board of Trustees Member



Fr. Tom Nairn, OFM, '71,
Chairman of the Quincy University Board of Trustees



Del Mitchell,
Vice Chairman of the Quincy
University Board of Trustees

Board members are challenged to provide students with a modern college experience rooted in traditional Franciscan values. **FR. TOM NAIRN, OFM**, '71, chairman of the board and senior director of ethics for the Catholic Health Association, is one of six Franciscan members.

Nairn brings to the board not only an understanding of the Franciscan tradition, but also personal experience as a seminary student in 1970 when Quincy College made the fundamental decision to close the North Campus seminary and open main campus to all seminary students. Nairn then decided to double major in philosophy and psychology before moving on to another seminary.

“QU served me well when I was here in the interest of my spirituality and education, and it has in many ways made me the person I am today,” Nairn says. “I am proud to participate in those same kind of life-changing decisions for students.”

To help strengthen the university’s Franciscan core, Nairn contributed the Service Hours Program, instituted as a graduation requirement in 2013. To complete their undergraduate education, students must complete a minimum of thirty hours of service during their years at QU (though many students exceed this minimum by wide margins). Students now travel to international sites like Haiti, travel the nation to help in disaster relief efforts, and help the local community in many fashions.

“Students are becoming more spiritually mature through service hours. It isn’t just career training but training students to learn through serving others,” Nairn says.

DEL MITCHELL, vice chairman of the board and attorney at Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell is a non-Catholic member, and one of only a few non-Quincy-alumni. But Mitchell, too, brings an important point of view to the board: that of a citizen of the community at large—one who understands and cares deeply about QU’s vital role in the city and region’s life.

This influential body shepherds students through their Quincy experience, guiding them, working hard to create a vibrant, viable institution with the highest academic standards. Three times each year, the twenty-three board members come from across the country to meet at Quincy University to oversee committees, direct general operations and programs, and supervise specific projects.

So while many students may not know them personally, the board members have been out and about on campus, watching and listening, so they can be assured that they are making the best decisions on behalf of the university.

These elected members govern through solving problems and setting goals with a constant eye on student benefit. **JERRY MURPHY** '70, a board member from St. Charles, Illinois, and a retired senior vice president at DeVry University, says an unspoken trust exists between students, their families, and the decision makers at Quincy University. “Students and their families are investors, and they are investing in themselves and in us,” Murphy says. “They are trusting the faculty, staff, and board that we will make good decisions to influence their education and your future.”

“I, like many others in Quincy, had very little connection with QU except at basketball games for many years, but I joined the board because I believe QU, a quality and faith-based university, is vitally important to community enrichment,” Mitchell says. “The community has a certain amount of trust and faith that this is a good institution and that everyone who makes decisions for the school is also making decisions about what is best for Quincy.”

Mitchell says the unsteady financial situation in Illinois has been a challenge to navigate, but through the board’s dedication and strong leadership provided by President Robert Gervasi, Quincy University continues to meet high standards as an asset to the Quincy community.

Making sure that the books stay balanced but, at the same time, new projects and initiatives, such as QU Stadium and the Connie Niemann Center for Music, enrich the campus are some of the weightiest subjects the board considers.

Renovations like the Student Success Center, the North Campus improvements, and the recent cafeteria overhaul reflect the generosity of grants and QU donors who entrust their funds to be allocated toward the preservation and betterment of the school.

“I always ask myself if we are making this 150-year-old institution a better place, and these are physical indications that it is a

better place.”

-Del Mitchell

Tuition spending is also essential to quality educational outcomes, and Murphy says the board rests in confidence that QU faculty and staff deliver quality education. It is the hands-on work and dedication of those directly involved with students who carry out, not only the board’s visions, but their own.

“The faculty, the leadership, and staff deliver excellent education, and their efforts and achievements in the classroom and in their daily life at QU is what generates through the students,” he says.

Murphy’s connection to the school far exceeds professional ties. After he enrolled in Quincy College in 1966, he met his wife and lifelong friends, who will soon reunite to celebrate fifty years of friendship.

Murphy says his proudest moments as a board member are when students walk across the stage to receive their diploma; he has now attended nine Quincy University graduations, including his son’s in 2002.

“You see exemplary young individuals going off to make their mark in the world. You see families celebrating with them. This is when you know QU has had positive impact,” he says. “They are ready to join their own stories with the amazing ones of so many other alumni.”

Each QU generation sees new challenges in paying for their college education, and this one of the main concerns for the board as they negotiate tuition cost during times of economic struggle. Murphy says enrollment and finances go hand in hand, because high numbers help support lower tuition, and it is a disappointment to everyone when enrollment numbers are low.

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-Jerry Murphy '70

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The Quincy University Board of Trustees join President Robert Gervasi prior to the 2015 Commencement Ceremony.

“The moment you slack is the moment those numbers go down,” Nairn says. “We have not slacked, and thanks to the dedication of QU staff we have seen our highest enrollment numbers in a decade.”

Challenges are common to the board room table as members gather around it to offer varying perspectives, solutions, and ideas. Strands of differing backgrounds, interests, occupations, and beliefs run through the group as they unite in a joint commitment to Quincy University. Six other Franciscan members on the board keep QU’s tradition in roots while other members with business, law, education, and athletic backgrounds balance out decisions made at QU.

“What we all do on the board is bring our own expertise which is why we need these different backgrounds on the board,” Nairn adds. “My ethics have to line up with Del’s understanding of the legal perspective. So we complement each other and work together and as we do that we come up with solutions we would not have.”

Instead of allowing diverse backgrounds to cause division within the group, they use their differences to enhance and enrich their decisions and solutions.

“The group works together exceptionally well and we have little to no conflict within the board. When you have cooperation, respect, and willingness to hear each other,

trust follows.”

-Del Mitchell

wiring HAITI

by Ben Braun '07

How one QU alumnus is helping to
bring I.T. to HAITI...



This story starts out crawling with spiders!

That's right. Big, disgusting, hairy, creepy crawly, heebie-jeebies-inducing, eight-legged arachnids.

You still with me? OK, good.

See, Haitian Brown Tarantulas (or *Phormictopus cancerides*) are actually quite common in—you guessed it—Haiti. After a heavy rainfall especially, the critters seem to pop up in the strangest places, and they often come as an unwelcome surprise to those unfortunate enough to cross their paths. Matt Meglan, 2013 alumnus, has had his fair share of arachnophobic close encounters.

"One day, we were cleaning a large bucket full of black plastic irrigation tape, and as I reached into the bottom there was a tarantula the size of two fists in the bottom," Meglan says. "When I first saw him, I threw the bucket and backed away, all the while screaming like an infant."

Against his housemates' collective wishes, Matt spared the tarantula's life, scooped him into the bucket, and tossed him into the driveway, where he remained until nightfall. His current whereabouts? Unknown.

"It's a different world down here," Matt says. "You get used to the heat and sweating all the time. And the small bugs aren't a big deal."

But the tarantulas?

"Yeah, they'll ruin your day. Not fun."



DONATE



Have a used laptop you would like to donate to Matt's project?

E-mail matt@meglan.us. You can also support Matt's project by visiting www.gofundme.com/JesusMarySchool.

Any laptops, regardless of age, will be accepted, as long as they still turn on and have a power cable.

Of course, none of this came as a complete surprise. After all, this isn't the twenty-five-year-old's first trip to Haiti. In fact, it's his third in four years. With each visit, he discovers new ways of giving back.

"On my first trip in 2012, I thought since I wasn't an engineer or chemist or anything, that I couldn't provide much of a practical influence," Matt says. "My background was in computers."

So, when he made his second trip in 2014 as a graduate assistant for QU's Campus Ministry program, Matt came bearing gifts: five donated and virtually worn-out laptop computers. Pardoning the units from an otherwise eternal sentence in the local landfill, the computer science major wiped their hard drives clean and installed each with a free and open source Linux operating system, an offline version of Wikipedia, and a few educational games. He presented the refurbished laptops to the English Connection club of Fond-Verrettes and the Jesus Mary School of Fon Ibo, Haiti.

"The response was incredible," he says. "I felt like I had a place. Like I could be useful. I wanted to learn as much as I could about computers for this very reason."

In September 2015, Matt left his job as a systems and applications analyst at Quincy's Blessing Hospital to begin a twelve-month stay in Gros-Morne, Haiti, where he is a volunteer with the Religious of Jesus and Mary's "Quest" program. Dubbed the "resident I.T. guy," Matt is the lead technician for two school computer labs, and he recently spearheaded a project to build servers and workstations for an area clinic, school, and parish. He also teaches English as a second language and basic computer science to students through various after school programs.

Matt's latest endeavor is running a laptop collection drive for Haitian children. Through a network of friends and businesses in the States, Matt has collected more than thirty-five laptops which he personally refurbishes one by

one in his temporary home office. He is transitioning to a workspace at a local school, where Digicel, a Caribbean-based cellular communications company, has donated a solar-powered, sustainable high-speed Internet laboratory.

"The kids need education, and we can help with that," Matt says. "I can watch the kids have fun and learn. Sometimes, I have to pinch myself because THIS is my job. How awesome is that!?"

Matt continues to study Haitian Creole—the more widely spoken of the two official Haitian languages (French being the other). While he describes the language barrier as "frustrating", Matt doesn't let that impede his day to day life in the slightest. Though adapting to the Haitian culture is a constant challenge, Matt takes every opportunity to become part of his new community and make every moment a memory. For Matt, every day is a new adventure.

"Some of the most fun I've had here was one Saturday afternoon when two locals

and I took a four-wheeler up through the mountains and went swimming with a bunch of the neighborhood people," Matt says with a smile. "It's [through] things like that I became comfortable with my surroundings."

September 1 will mark the one-year anniversary of Matt's arrival in Haiti, and he can't yet say for sure what is in store next. He aims to return to the States and begin building a career in computer science – but not until his work in Haiti is complete. Thinking big picture, Matt would like to combine a professional career with continued nonprofit work, and he definitely will return to Haiti on an annual basis. "I am aiming high, and we'll see what I get," he says.

And as far as the immediate future goes, Matt continues to refine his Haitian Creole and admits that he might be just a little stuck in Haiti's web. "Maybe this turns into a two-year deal," he says. "Sometimes, one year isn't enough."



by Ben Braun '07

WHAT'S *new* at QU?

– QU Legal Studies and SLU LAW Announce Partnership

Quincy University teamed up with Saint Louis University School of Law to offer an unprecedented program for incoming students in the pre-law concentration. Known as the **“3+3 Program”**, the track offers students the opportunity to earn both a bachelor's degree from Quincy University followed by a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from SLU LAW by way of a six-year program across the two campuses; three years at QU followed by three years at SLU LAW. Participating students must maintain a qualifying grade point average and LSAT score to be considered for the program.

– Quincy.edu Receives Digital Makeover

In November, Quincy University launched its new website (www.quincy.edu)—an interactive platform featuring the latest events, stories, and videos from around campus. With a far more engaging and user-friendly layout, the new website is designed to house and disseminate University information to alumni, students, prospective students, and the community at large. In addition, the website is now responsive and easily viewable (and navigable) from mobile devices to better serve our Quincy University community.

– Quincy University Announces Micro-Scholarship Program, “QU Trust”

High school students looking to earn scholarships toward a Quincy University education now have a new and easy to use vehicle thanks to a partnership between QU and the “micro-scholarship” service Raise.Me. The program, known as **“QU Trust”** allows students to earn and collect scholarships for various academic and extracurricular endeavors up to \$40,000 a year! Achievements (and corresponding dollars) are tracked via the Raise.Me mobile app. The program is designed to reinforce positive behavior and promote a culture of giving back—characteristics we LOVE at Quincy University.



FOREVER FORWARD

QU Launches \$25 Million Comprehensive Campaign– A First in University History.

by Ben Braun '07

At a private gala held October 24, Quincy University President Robert Gervasi announced the launch of “Forever Forward: A Campaign for Quincy University”. With a goal of \$25 million, Forever Forward marks the first ever comprehensive campaign in QU’s history. To date, more than \$16.2 million has been raised thanks to the generous support of QU alumni and friends.



The **concept** is threefold...

PRESERVATION

To honor more than 150 years of rich history and development in the spirit of St. Francis as we embark upon the future of Quincy University.



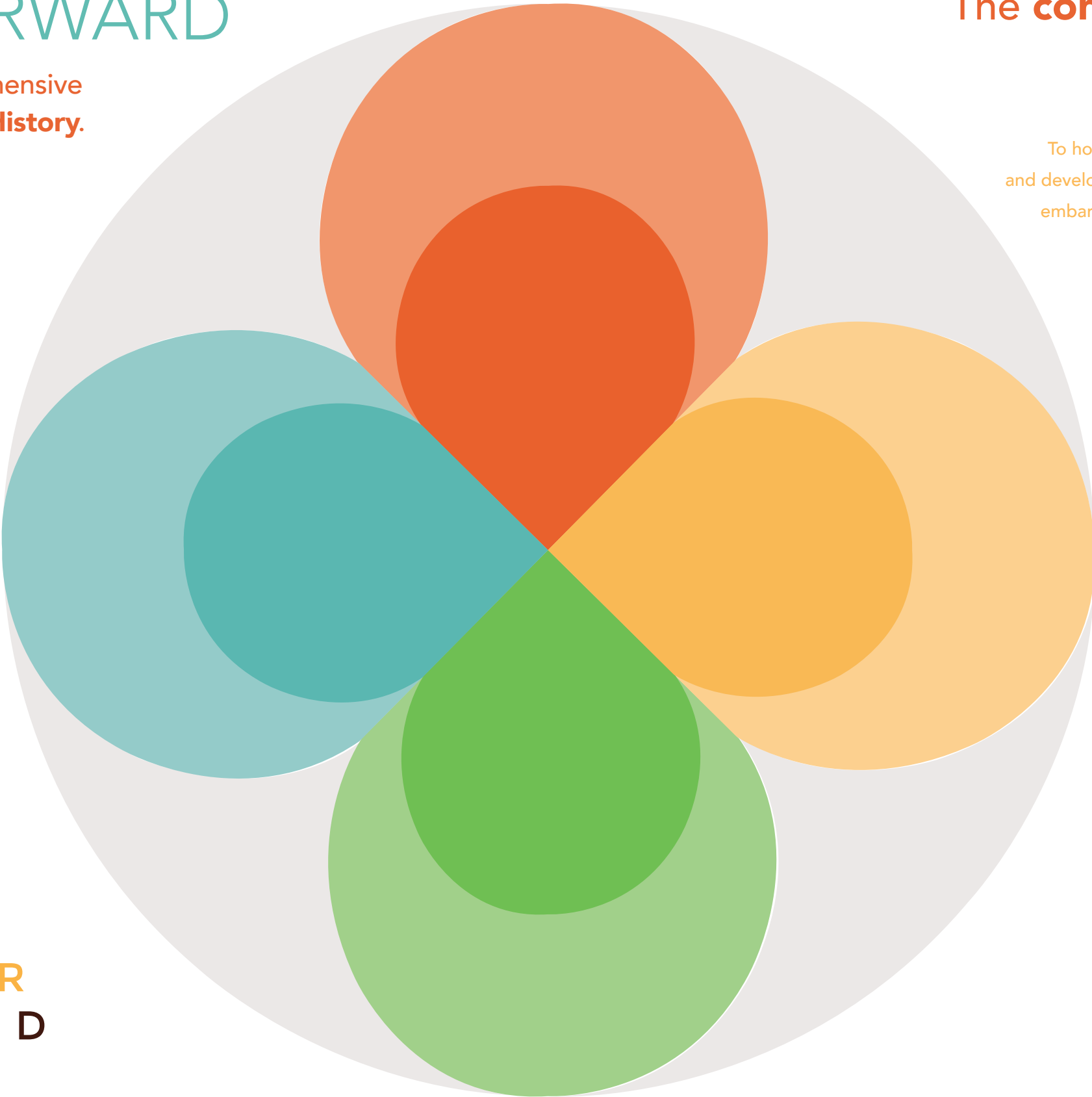
INNOVATION

To inspire the leaders of tomorrow by adopting contemporary learning techniques, tools, and environments.



EDUCATION

To guide students to seek knowledge that leads to wisdom as they discover their passions and forge their paths to success.



- MAJOR PROJECTS
- Student Union
 - Science Facilities
 - QU Stadium
 - Brenner Library
 - Music and Communication
 - QU Chapel
 - Endowment

“This campaign expresses our collective determination to ensure that our positive trajectory will continue and even accelerate.”

*—Robert Gervasi
Quincy University President*



STUDENT UNION



SCIENCE CENTER



QU STADIUM

This announcement comes during a transformative period for Quincy University. In recent years, Quincy University has taken great strides in enhancing the student experience and infusing technology and experiential learning with liberal arts education.

“The University has experienced a resurgence in recent years on many fronts, thanks to the support of so many faculty, staff, alumni and friends who are committed to our mission,” Quincy University President Robert Gervasi says. “This campaign expresses our collective determination to ensure that our positive trajectory will continue and even accelerate.”

At \$5 million, the largest undertaking of the campaign is the full renovation of the Quincy University Student Center. Thanks to a lead investment of \$2 million by Chartwells Dining Services, QU students were treated to a completely redesigned cafeteria in 2015. Until this major renovation, the facility had remained relatively unchanged since its opening in 1968, with the exception of minor renovations and upkeep.

Additional projects include the renovation of QU’s North Campus facilities including a series of renovated science laboratories, a television broadcast studio, production and recording theatre, and many other additions. Pivotal investments by generous alumni paved the way for the North Campus revitalization including a \$1 million gift by Rich Niemann ’53 and the Niemann Foods Foundation and a \$2 million gift by an anonymous alumnus in 2012 and 2013 respectively. The two donations were the first two non-estate seven-figure gifts in university history.

Other landmark investments in QU’s Forever Forward campaign include the \$800,000 raised by many alumni of QU’s soccer programs toward the recently unveiled Legends Stadium and Jack Mackenzie Field. In addition, alumni in 2013 raised more than \$100,000 in just one night via a charity auction to benefit preservation efforts for the iconic St. Francis Solanus Chapel.

Members of the Forever Forward Leadership committee include honorary chairperson John Mahoney ’66, co-chairs Linda Moore ’81 and Bill Metzinger ’74, and business chair Harold Knapheide III. Regional chairs include Jerry Murphy ’70 (Chicago), Tom Pollihan ’72 (St. Louis), and Dennis Galligani ’66 (California).

SUCCESS STORIES

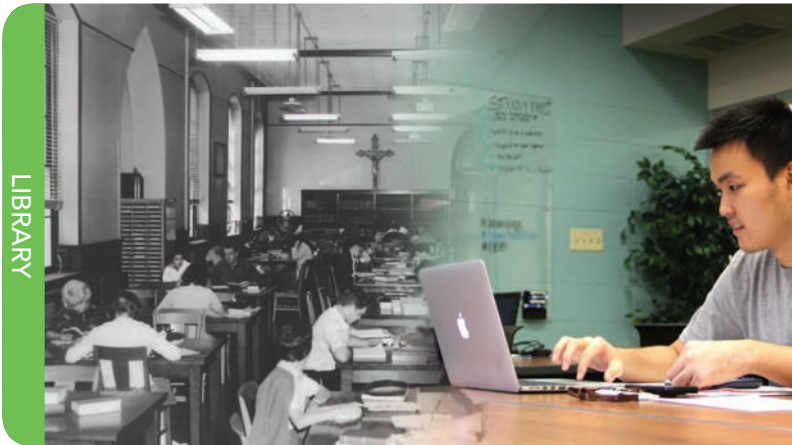
...that have made **History.**

\$1,000,000
to establish the
Connie Niemann Center for Music

\$2,000,000
to renovate the
Quincy University cafeteria

\$800,000
to build Legends Stadium,
QU's premier soccer facility

\$2,000,000
single largest non-estate gift
to QU's Center for Science



LIBRARY



MUSIC AND COMMUNICATION



CHAPEL



For more information on the Forever Forward campaign, visit www.quforeverforward.com.

WHO influenced YOU at QU?

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“ FATHER MELVIN GRUNLOH

not only taught debits and credits,
HE HELPED SHAPE MY THINKING.

His reach went beyond classroom competencies.

ETHICS, INTEGRITY,
delivering upon promises,
AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS

were among
THE FAMILY VALUES

he reinforced.”

...RAY BROMARK '67

'50s

Rita Zwick Hopkins '54 and her husband, Richard, celebrated sixty years of marriage on October 29, 2015, in Quincy.

'60s

Bernie Sir '60 reports the passing of his wife, Patricia Mary Cassin Sir, on April 3, 2015, in Park Ridge, Ill.

Gary Carter '62 and his wife, Gerry, celebrated fifty years of marriage on August 21, 2015, in Quincy.

Quincy University named Paul Brown '65, as the 2015 Alumnus of the Year at the annual Homecoming dinner and reception. Paul and his wife, Dr. Janise Denton, celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on November 24, 2015, in Quincy.

John McCaffrey '68 reports the passing of his wife, Aleta Marie McCaffrey, on September 28, 2015, in Rupert, W.VA.

Tom Rostkowski '68 is an officer of the 2016 Board of Directors for the Telephone Museum of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.MEX.

Mary Ann Johannes McKeon '69 of Geneva, Ill., is on the ministry/spiritual direction team with Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

'70s

Paulette Kelly Bozarth '70 and her husband, John, celebrated forty-five years of marriage on August 29, 2015, in Quincy.

Robert Haas '71 and his wife, Jane, celebrated forty years of marriage on August 9, 2015, in Quincy.



Members of the 1974 class gather at Starved Rock State Park for an annual fall get-together.

Mary Jo Shaughnessy Murphy '71 has retired after twenty-four years of service from St. Cletus School in LaGrange, Ill.

Joe McCafferty '73 is a director business process consultant with Optum 360 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dennis '74 and Rachel Scanland Bergman '96 celebrated forty years of marriage on September 6, 2015, in Quincy.

Arlene Schwartz Hendren '74 and her husband, Charles, celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on June 23, 2015, in Quincy.

Ann Tracy Mueller '74 is a recruiting and communications director with Sustainable Business Center in Galesburg, Ill.

Bella Allison '75 of Quincy retired after forty years of service with Kuester Tool and Die Inc. in Quincy.

Linda Martin Myers '75 and her husband, Gary, celebrated forty years of marriage on June 8, 2015, in Quincy.

Richard Zeidler '75 of Quincy, a group home manager with Transitions of Western Illinois, was recently inducted into the CPI Instructor Hall of Merit.

Dr. Colleen Athans Sexton '76 of Manhattan, Ill., is the associate provost/associate vice president for academic affairs with Governors State University in University Park, Ill.

Laurie Grigsby VandenBoom '77 joined Klinger & Associates P.C., Engineers-Architects-Surveyors in Quincy.

Rosanna Bacher Voss '77 and her husband, Henry, celebrated thirty-five years of marriage on July 19, 2015, in Quincy.

Dennis Bingheim '79 retired from the Quincy Police Department in August 2015.

Judy Riker Gay '79 was elected to the 2015-2016 board of the “Friends of the Castle”—a group dedicated to the restoration and operation of the Villa Kathrine in Quincy.

'80s

Marilyn Murphy Shepherd '83 of Quincy has renewed her certified diabetes educator status from the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators.

Brian Sir '83 reports the passing of his mother, Patricia Mary Cassin Sir, on April 3, 2015, Park Ridge, Ill.

Laurie Deters Stegeman '84 and her husband, Marty, celebrated thirty years of marriage on June 22, 2015, in Quincy.

Thomas Bertrand '85 of Rochester, Ill., was inducted into the College of Education Hall of Fame at Illinois State University in October 2015.

Robert Parkinson '85 is a career service director with Search, Inc., in Des Plaines, Ill.

Doug '86 and Debbie DeMoss Tenhouse '89 celebrated thirty years of marriage on July 14, 2015, in Quincy.

Ralph Fantasia Jr. '87 is the assistant principal and athletic director with Eastern RSU 39 Limestone Community School in Limestone, Me.

Richard Gregory '87 of Quincy retired in May 2015 from his dental practice after forty-six years of service.

'90s

Mike '90 and Kristine Burkemper Bickhaus '89 announce the birth of Margaret Ann on July 23, 2015, Quincy. Margaret joins siblings, Katherine, William, Victoria, Isabella, James, and David.

Mike Eling '90 and his wife, Carla, of Quincy celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on June 9, 2015, in the islands of Turks and Caicos.

Brenda Graff '94 is a mathematics instructor with John Wood Community College in Quincy.

Joseph '95 and Donna Venvertloh Goerlich '85 celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on June 23, 2015, in Quincy.

Melissa Pratt Lore '97 and her husband, J.C., announce the birth of Abigail Rose on June 11, 2015, Blue Bell, Pa. Abigail joins siblings, Olivia, Sadie, Ciela, and Jack.

Heather Brown '98 married Rocky Ford on May 30, 2015, Payson, Ill. Heather is an on-air and music director KZZK, promotions director with STARadio in Quincy.

Claudia Lasys '99 of Quincy is a recent graduate of Leadership Illinois, a nonprofit organization which works to educate and connect in order to bring positive change in Illinois communities.

Emily Schuering '99 married Christopher Sutton on June 13, 2015, Macomb, Ill. Emily is an attorney with Lucie, Scalf & Graham, Attorneys at Law in Macomb, Ill.

“ SUE FRANCOUR.

She was my Kindergarten teacher and then was my

STUDENT TEACHING SUPERVISOR

in college. She was an amazing teacher and

SPARKED MY DESIRE

to go into teaching. She was a very caring,

UNDERSTANDING

and nurturing teacher that helped

INSTILL MY LOVE FOR CHILDREN

and teaching even more.

SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE

if you had a question or needed help!

”

...Jan [Dickson]
Koester '77



Members of the Class of 1965 gather celebrate their 50th anniversary during Quincy University's Homecoming Weekend in 2015.

“**JACK MACKENZIE**
made us work hard on the field, but also be
GOOD STUDENTS
and good members of the college community.
COACH’S DOOR WAS ALWAYS OPEN,
he was always there to help and mentor. We all
wanted to make Jack
PROUD OF US
both on and off the field.”
...MIKE MITCHELL '84



Alumni celebrate at a regional gathering in St. Louis.

'00s

Kesi Voth Holbrook '00 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Louis Richard on May 25, 2015, Columbia, Mo. Louis joins siblings, Rush, Dennis, Bruce, and Gibson.

Bethany Nannen Miller '00 is a special education teacher with Quincy Senior High School in Quincy.

Josh Rabe '00 and his wife, Debby, announce the birth of Cal Ryan on June 18, 2015, Quincy. Cal joins big sister, Paige.

Kraig '01 and Natalie Craven Genenbacher '03 announce the birth of Corbin on July 15, 2015, Quincy. Corbin joins siblings, Taylor, Collin, and Caleb.

Sara McMahon '01 married Daniel Wolski on November 8, 2014, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Blake Mock '01 and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of a son on June 4, 2015, Quincy.

Liz Heckenast '02 of DeKalb, Ill., is attending Northern Illinois University College of Law where she is serving as secretary of the executive board for the Public Interest Law Society (PILS). She was runner-up in the 2015 1L Closing Argument Competition and made the 2015 dean’s list at NIU.

Kristi Stuckman Stadler '02 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of a daughter on September 14, 2015, Quincy.

Kimberly Nagel Boccardi '03 is the director of marketing with Titan International Inc., in Quincy.

Susan Ebert Grant '03 of Quincy is the education technology specialist with Quincy University.



Chicago-area alumni participated in a regional

Ryan Jansen '03 and his wife, Lauren, celebrated five years of marriage on June 19, 2015, in Quincy.

Dena Nokes '03 was named the 2015 July Employee of the Month with SIU Center for Family Medicine in Quincy.

Melissa Schmidt '03 married Jeremy Lee on April 25, 2015, Rockford, Ill.

Destiny Dunker Schuenke '03 of Hannibal, Mo., has published a book, *Easter Eggsters: An Easter Tradition*.

Lynn Schlepphorst Argabright '04 and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of a son on September 1, 2015, Quincy.

Laura Andrew Lawrence '04 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of a son on November 8, 2015, Quincy.

Andrea Obert Shelton '04 and her husband, Travis, announce the birth of Madelyn Rose on October 28, 2015, Edwardsville, Ill. Madelyn joins big sister Kathryn.

Matt '04 and Clare Glomski Smith '03 announce the birth of a son on October 26, 2015, Quincy.

Day of Service on November 28.

Brock '04 and Jennifer Arnold Sousa '07 announce the birth of Connor on April 17, 2015, Quincy. Connor joins big sister Mackenzie.

Anne Walrath Vahle '04 and her husband, Jake, announce the birth of Madelyn Claire on November 5, 2015, Quincy. Madelyn joins big brother Hudson.

Courtney VonderHaar '04 married Kevin Benfield on February 14, 2015, Quincy.

Jacob Maas '05 and his wife, Shelby, announce the birth of a daughter on June 16, 2015, Mendon, Ill.

LeAnn Vance '05 announces the birth of Bentley Jordan Shuck on November 17, 2015, Palmyra, Mo.

Amanda Betlach '06 married Luke Probst on September 5, 2015, Belleville, Ill.

Brian Gall '06 is an assistant professor of biology with Hanover College in Hanover, Ind.

Alissa Brandt Jarrett '06 and her husband, Jamie, announce the birth of Maren Louise on September 17, 2015, Iowa City, Iowa. Maren joins big sister Brandt.

Becky Dietrich Reed '06 joined the Family Medical Health Care team of Blessing Physician Services located in the Blessing Health Center, in Quincy.

Jennifer Crock Sibbing '06 is the principal with Gale Elementary School in Galesburg, Ill.

Amy Killingsworth Sommer '06 is the executive assistant for the Chief Executive Officer of Replacement Services LLC in Belleville, Ill.

Sam Sutura '06 of Mission, Kan., married Soraya DeSouza on June 5, 2015 in the Bahamas.

Sara Marie Chalabiani '07 married Robert Royston on August 21, 2015, Carthage, Ill.

Bryan Green '07 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of Charlotte Jean on November 24, 2015, Woodridge, Ill. Charlotte joins big sister Darcy.

Derek Hauk '07 of Elgin, Ill., married Dana Tardella '08 on July 25, 2015 in Elkhart Lake, Wisc.

Matthew '07 and Martha Gaitan Manning '07 announce the birth of Damian Mateo on September 14, 2015, Chicago.

Doug Sheffer '07 married Amber Dillon on October 3, 2015, Carbondale, Ill.

Amanda Thomas Torman '07 and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Emma Louise on February 6, 2015, Leland, Ill. Emma joins siblings, Jackson and Miles.



Alumni prepare for the 2015 QU & You Chicago Golf Classic in Winfield, Ill.

“**FR. AARON PEMBLETON**
because although I was not a history major
HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO STUDY
and work hard when
TRULY CHALLENGED.”
...Nancy [Milligan] McLaughlin '95



Chicago alumni gather for a Happy Hour gathering in September 2015.

“**DR. DAVID EDGERLY**
was by far the most influential teacher.
HIS LOVE AND PASSION
for Psychology made me
NEVER GIVE UP
and made me realize that
I CAN DO WHATEVER
I put my mind to.”

...Jennifer [Wirth]
Plack '04

Adam Uppinghouse '07 and his wife, Alyssa, announce the birth a son on November 14, 2015, Canton, Mo.

Chris '08 and Katie Moody Droege '08 of Tobyhanna, Pa., announce the birth of Brandt Corbin on February 15, 2015, Arvada, Colo. Brandt joins big sister Lillian. Chris graduated with a master's in divinity from Naropa University in Boulder, Colo.

Ashley Reichert Fischer '08 and her husband, Kurtis, announce the birth of a son on November 20, 2015, Fowler III.

Elena King Geery '08 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Ronan James on December 1, 2015, Wentzville, Mo.

Katrina Grossius '08 married Stephen Georgen on November 7, 2015, Imperial, Mo.

Jenna Napolillo Langdon '08 and her husband, Lee, announce the birth of Annalyn Mae on September 21, 2015, Las Vegas, Nev.

Claire Vargo McAuliffe '08 and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of Elizabeth Frances on July 21, 2015, Quincy.

Erik Bateman '09 married Elizabeth Newton '08 on September 6, Woodstock, Ill.

Brad Bunch '09 announces the birth of a son on September 3, 2015, Quincy.

Suzie Leeds Childress '09 and her husband, Jeremy, announce the birth of a son on August 2, 2015, Quincy.

Brad Conrad '09 married Erin Hunkins on June 13, 2015, Millstadt, Ill. Brad is an associate with Mercer LLC, in St. Louis.

Dawn Niffen Gamble '09 and her husband, Jacob, announce the birth of a son on July 15, 2015, Quincy.

Adam Hendrian '09 and his wife, Kellea, announce the birth of a daughter on October 7, 2015, Quincy.

Jerod Hughes '09 announces the birth of a daughter on August 14, 2015, Quincy.

Mackenzie Kroeger Kammerer '09 and her husband, Logan, announce the birth of a son on October 1, 2015, Quincy.

Kyle Leonard '09 married Elizabeth Cramsey '15 on July 11, 2015, Liberty, Ill.

Cori Rees Moore '09 and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of a son on October 27, 2015, Quincy.

Nick '09 and Colleen Taylor Myers '09 celebrated five years of marriage on August 7, 2015, in Quincy.

Kathryn Sidmore '09 married Jason Kulakowski on June 27, 2015, Geneva, Ill.

Jonathan Straube '09 married Kylie Miller on May 30, 2015, Quincy.

Kevin Williams '09 married Karilyn Lipcamon '08 on June 27, 2015, Pittsfield, Ill.

'10s

Anthony Lara '10 married Ashley Earnst '15 on October 3, 2015, Quincy.

Richard Markey '10 and his wife, Sara, announce the birth of Mason Michael on September 2, 2015, Quincy.

Patrick Moore '10 married Marisa Koller '12 on October 3, 2015, Imperial, Mo.

Fr. Adam Prichard '10 was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Ill., on May 23, 2015. He is assigned to Blessed Sacrament Parish in Quincy as Parochial Vicar.

Justin Ray '10 of Liberty, Ill., is an admissions counselor with Quincy University.

Ashley Graff Shriver '10 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a son on June 19, 2015, Ursa, Ill.

Amy Grimes Smith '10 is a corporate accountant/office manager with Gully Transportation in Quincy.

Jeffrey Terry '10 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of Madison Lynn on March 15, 2015, Quincy. Jeffrey is an attorney with Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Neu & Mitchell LLP in Quincy.

Joe Wagner '10 is a theology teacher and campus minister with Saint Anthony High School in Effingham, Ill.

Justin Brink '11 of Quincy is a network technician in the technical services department with Adams Telephone Cooperative in Golden, Ill.

Stephanie Miller Dickens '11 and her husband, Tyler, announce the birth of a son on August 6, 2015, Quincy.

Kayla Whatley Epley '11 and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of a son on September 4, 2015, Quincy.

Stephanie Haller '11 married Blake Jones on September 26, 2015, Wildwood, Mo. Stephanie is an associate with Purk & Associates, P.C. and was selected as one of St. Louis Business Journal's 2015 "30 Under 30," an honor that recognizes 30, 30-year-old professionals who have influenced the St. Louis business and non-profit communities.

Dustin Hibbard '11 is a system/application analyst with Knapheide in Quincy.

Samantha Howell Houghton '11 is a residential therapist with Chaddock School in Quincy.

Andrew Kueker '11 married Torie Bunzell '11 on October 24, 2015, Quincy.

Jessica Olson '11 announces the birth of a son on August 1, 2015, Quincy.

Kathryn Poletti Untiedt '11 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of a daughter on July 11, 2015, Quincy.

James Campbell '12 married Nita Scherer '10 on June 20, 2015, Quincy.

John '12 and Brigid Heatherly Canniff '10 announce the birth of Emmett Patrick on October 28, 2015, Grayslake, Ill.

Alex Culpepper '12 married Andrea Verhasselt on May 30, 2015, Bartlett, Ill.

Kallie Dixon '12 is the assistant vice president with Bank of Quincy in Quincy.

Leslie Johnson '12 married Samir Musallam on November 28, Lake Geneva, Wisc.

Alison Lewis Merrill '12 and husband, Jason, announce the birth of a daughter on August 13, 2015, Quincy.

“**KRISTEN [LIESEN]**

taught me the career development and

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

that has helped me for the real

WORLD AFTER GRADUATING.

No matter what the situation was,

KRISTEN ALWAYS MADE TIME

for students, her door was always open, and

SHE WELCOMED EVERYONE

with a friendly hello and a smile.”

...Zach Klein '13



Alumni hoist a QU banner as the Hawks basketball team faced Northwestern University in Chicago.

Carla Passini '12 of Quincy is the head softball coach at Quincy University.

Niki Stuhlman '12 married Matt Kroeger on September 12, 2015, Palmyra, Mo.

Brandon VanCamp '12 married Ashley Reese '15 on October 24, 2015, Quincy.

Jessica Zeiger '12 married Nathan Lindahl on June 13, 2015, Monroe City, Mo. Jessica is a science teacher with Hannibal Middle School in Hannibal, Mo.

Nicole Beckman '13 married Jordan Cook on May 30, 2015, Quincy.

Anjay Clark '13 of Quincy is a residence life graduate assistant and a sports information intern with Quincy University.

Meredith Coleman '13 is an event coordinator with the Baltimore Club in Kansas City, Mo.

Mitch '13 and Lili Guk Coval '14 announce the birth of a son on November 6, 2015, Quincy.

Marissa Curry '13 of Calumet City, Ill., is a police officer with Cook County Hospital.

Charlie Hull '13 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of Lindsey Rae on August 6, 2015, Pittsfield, Ill. Lindsey joins siblings, Tim and Jake.

Taylor Jacobs '13 is the director of marketing with LAVA 24 Fitness in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Andrew Koester '13 is a cost accountant with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Damaris Linker '13 of Lanark, Ill., is a director of volleyball operations graduate assistant with Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

Steven Scharff '13 is a research remediation associate with Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, Minn.

Ryan Stuckman '13 is a financial analyst with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jamie Lee Wensing '13 married Richard Cook on May 9, 2015, Quincy.

Tyler Willer '13 is a sales representative with AT&T in South Elgin, Ill.

Taylor Buss '14 is a shelter monitor with the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter in Quincy.

Constance Smith Clifford '14 and her husband, Alex, announce the birth of a daughter on October 24, 2015, Coatsburg, Ill.

Lori Crisman '14 married Brandon Eger on June 6, 2015, Quincy.



The Colorado Chapter of QU Alumni hosted their 11th

Justin Dickens '14 is an associate consultant for operations management with AtSite, Inc., in Washington, D.C.

Jessica Foster '14 is a program specialist with Girl Scouts of Central Illinois in Quincy.

annual gathering on August 28 in Boulder, Colo.

Deborah Guthrie '14 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Gregory Huckstep '14 is a shipment controller with Hollister Witney Elevator Corporation in Quincy.

Jordyn Mecklenburg '14 is a special education teacher with Adams School in Quincy.

Victoria Melville '14 is the area coordinator for first-year students with the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn.

Elizabeth Seago '14 is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive-care unit with Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

Austin Weber '14 married Brittany Atkinson '14 on June 26, 2015, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Rachel Anderson '15 is the plant accountant with Continental Cement Company in St. Louis.

Ashley Attebery '15 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Madison Kenison Banton '15 and her husband, Zach, announce the birth of a son on October 16, 2015, Quincy.

Brittany Barnes '15 is a loan processor with Home Bank in Palmyra, Mo.

Jesse Berry '15 is a game warden with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Tallahassee, Fla.

Kala Griffin Breder '15 is a cross-categorical teacher with Monroe Elementary in Quincy.

Austin Brown '15 is employed with Marlboro Wire, Ltd., in Quincy.

Jordan Buckley '15 of Barry Ill., is a member of the United States Air Force.

Daniel Camp '15 is a raft and zip line guide with Wildman Adventure Resort in Athelstone, Wis.

Joseph Chinn '15 is a history teacher with Bowling Green High School in Bowling Green, Mo.

Lucy Cramsey '15 is a second grade teacher with Saint Francis School in Quincy.

Nick Doellman '15 is an accountant with Arnold Behrens Deters & Gray in Quincy.

Maria Finnie '15 is a youth counselor with Chaddock in Quincy.

Rachel Deters Gibbons '15 is employed with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jessica Grimes '15 is on the advisory staff with Brown Smith Wallace in St. Louis.

Scott Hahn '15 is an insurance and financial advisor with State Farm in Grimes, Iowa.

Chase Hildebrand '15 is a personal banker with Commerce Bank in Columbia, Mo.

Julie Holdener '15 is the 2015 CBF Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Scholarship recipient and is currently attending the University of Illinois College of Law.

Sommer Holder '15 is an e-commerce web content specialist/buyer assistant with Farm and Home Supply in Quincy.

Rachel Horas '15 is a resident nurse with Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Bridget Huck '15 is an admissions counselor with Quincy University.

Renee Shade Hummel '15 is a therapist with Adams County Juvenile Detention Center in Quincy.

Chelsea Job '15 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jack Jones '15 is a master control operator with KHQA in Quincy.

Christian Jordan '15 is a behavioral specialist with Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center in Springfield, Ill.

Patrick Kuhle '15 is a marketing intern with Wilson Sporting Goods Co., in Chicago.

Andrea Kuntz '15 is employed with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

John Lammers '15 works in the surgery department with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Kelsey Ley '15 is an auditor with KPMG Accounting Firm in St. Louis.

Lyndie Mays '15 is a registered nurse in the emergency department with Columbia of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Ashley McCaughey '15 is a receptionist with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Colleen McCormack '15 is a marketing assistant with Educational Marketing Group in Parker, Colo.

Anthony McPherson '15 is the director of operations with Wavelengths in Quincy.

Makenzie Meyer '15 is a loan receptionist with Mercantile Bank in Quincy.

Tiffany Mohr '15 is a lab technician with Carthage Veterinary Service in Carthage, Ill.

Abygale Murphy '15 is a high school special education teacher with Griggsville Perry High School in Griggsville, Ill.

Nathan Obert '15 is employed with State Street Bank in Quincy.

Jason O'Brien '15 is employed with Prudential Financial in Springfield, Ill.

Travis Owens '15 is a laboratory technician with Phibro Animal Health, in Quincy.

Jeffery Patterson '15 is an assistant manager with Hy-Vee grocery store in Quincy.

Stephen Phillipi '15 is a videographer with Spotswood Baptist Church in Frederickburg, Va.

Adrienne Plattner '15 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Rebecca Pulliam '15 is an interpreter with Champaign School District in Champaign, Ill.

Terry Riggs '15 is employed with the YMCA in Bloomington, Ill.

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Joshua Schaben '15 is a park ranger with Black Hawk County Conservation in LaPorte, Iowa.

Rebekah Seevers '15 is a math teacher with Sullivan High School in Sullivan, Ill.

Karen Sickler '15 is an event management associate with University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

Carley Simmons '15 is a pharmacy technician with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Roy Smith '15 is a laboratory technician with Premier Health Care in Hannibal, Mo.

Stacey Soliman '15 is an inpatient therapist with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Carla Sprewell '15 is a technician with Pavilion Hospital in Urbana, Ill.

Shane Stanford '15 is a cardiovascular nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Randy Swope '15 is a videographer for the Quincy Gems in Quincy.

Tiara Thomas '15 is a teller with Wood Forest Bank in Decatur, Ill.

Osaretin Uwumarogie '15 is an inside sales account manager with Caregiverlist, Inc., in Chicago.

Ethan Venvertloh '15 is the assistant wealth manager with Investment Planners Inc., in Quincy.

Sheridan Voshake '15 is a medical lab technician with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Kim Wilson '15 is a title 1 tutor with Quincy Public Schools in Quincy.

Rebecca Wolf '15 is an accountant with Calvert Tax and Bookkeeping in Kewanee, Ill.

Pasha Yates '15 of Quincy is a graduate assistant for the Office of Development and Alumni Services with Quincy University.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward P. Arlis '49 on April 23, 2014, Lombard, Ill.

Linda G. McGlauchlen Black '79 on August 3, 2015, Rockport, Ill.

Mari N. Watanabi Boone '05 on June 9, 2015, Quincy.

William H. Clifford '74 on November 14, 2015, Orland Park, Ill.

Michael A. Connell '74 on May 31, 2015, Mendon, Ill.

Anna "Lucile" Danker '77 on November 7, 2015, Kahoha, Mo.

Kenneth H. Davenport, Jr., '65 on May 30, 2015, Springfield, Ill.

Michael J. Golden '65 on July 8, 2015, Chicago.

Shawn O. Kane '94 on September 14, 2015, Springfield, Ill.

Daniel T. Kelly '80 on October 20, 2015, Peoria, Ill.

Daniel G. Kipping '59 on May 14, 2015, Temple, Tex.

Ann Marie Holtschlag Knuffman '72 on August 20, 2015, Quincy.

Mary T. LaDouceur '69 on December 26, 2014, Naperville, Ill.

Thomas A. Leenerts '57 on January 13, 2015, Kennewick, Wash.

Robert F. Marchesi '63 on February 2, 2015, Dallas, Kan.

Phyllis M. Mast '87 on August 10, 2015, Quincy.

Joyce C. Brockschmidt Maxwell '71 on October 1, 2015, Katy, Tex.

William H. McCain, Jr., '63 on August 15, 2015, Springfield, Ill.

Edward J. McPartland '74 on November 15, 2015, Asbury, N.J.

Richard O. Mensendike '49 on November 6, 2015, Camp Point, Ill.

Mary Ann Sullivan Moore '62 on November 4, 2015, St. Charles, Mo.

Sherry L. Bower Morris '50 on October 27, 2015, Lombard, Ill.

J. Kenneth Nesbit '63 on July 6, 2015, Quincy.

Clarence "Clare" Novotny '56 on April 9, 2015, Henderson, Nev.

Janice Mast Prior '75 on June 11, 2015, Stone Mountain, Ga.

Donald D. Quigg '69 on June 18, 2015, Mendon, Ill.

Daniel L. Reed '58 on June 11, 2015, Quincy.

Louis G. Sabo '52 on May 25, 2015, Godfrey, Ill.

Charles A. Schell '48 on May 29, 2015, Woodruff, Wis.

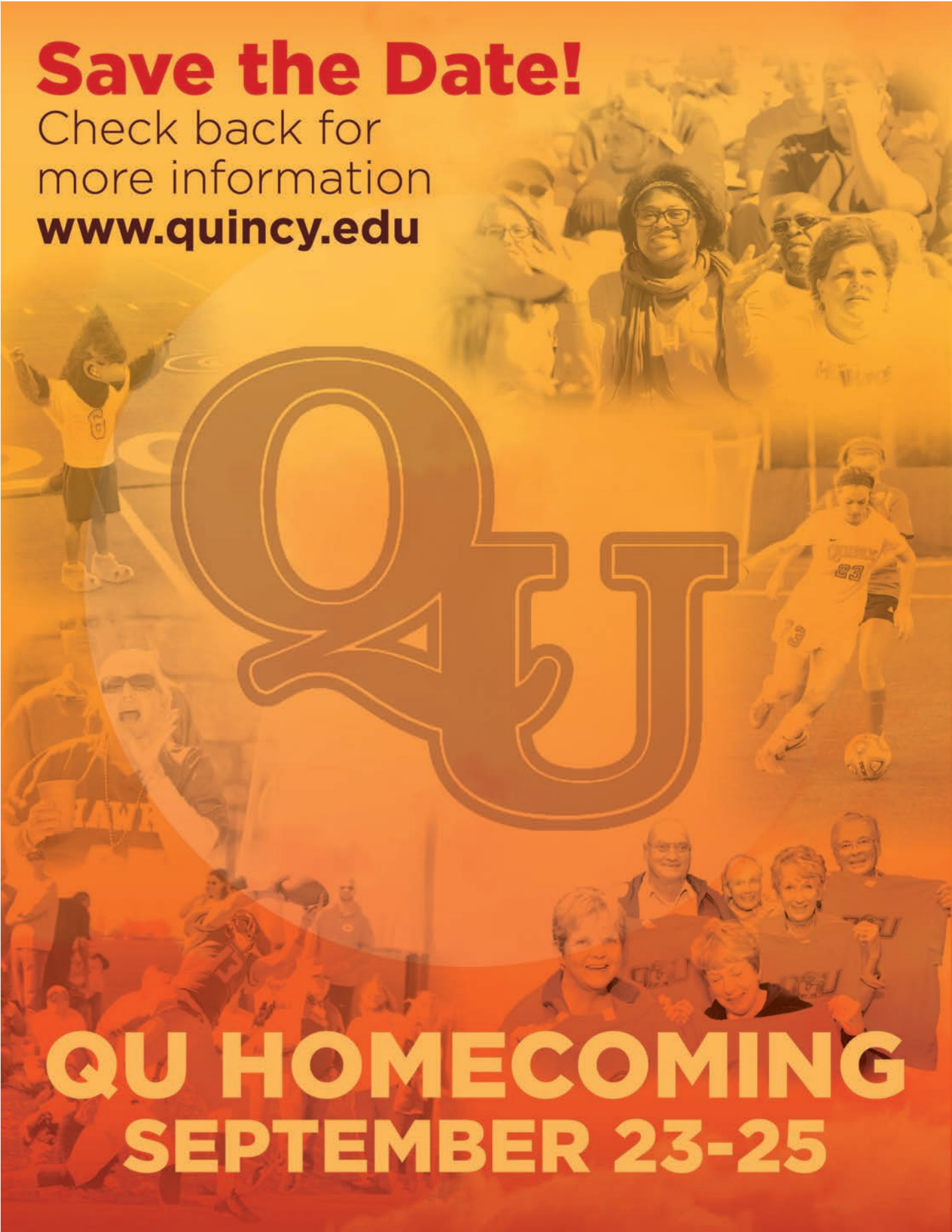
Norma A. Schlipman Shuler '72 on November 17, 2015, Quincy.

Leonard M. Tyrrell '59 on August 6, 2015, La Grange Park, Ill.

James J. Wagner '72 on May 17, 2015, East Longmeadow, Mass.

Michael P. Waterkotte '64 on June 10, 2015, Phoenix, Ariz.

Edward J. Whelan '51 on September 19, 2015, St. Louis.





Dr. Michelle Combs '96 is the fourth member of her family (across three generations) to attend Quincy University.

I ALWAYS LOOKED,
BUT I NEVER COULD FIND
AN OPENING UNTIL
ONE DAY MY FRIEND SAW
AN ADVERTISEMENT AND SAID
I FOUND YOUR JOB AT QU!

◦ by Megan Duncan '14 ◦

her parents (Kenneth '72 and Jaqueline Garkie '73) and her grandmother (June Bean '85). It was June's journey that first motivated Combs' own educational goals.

"She was a non-traditional student just like I was when getting my doctorate degree," Combs says.

"I REMEMBER MY
GRANDMA ATTENDING QU,
AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS
YOUNG, IT WAS SUCH AN
INSPIRATION TO ME."

Combs finished graduate school in 2011 at the University of Cincinnati while conducting research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. After moving on to St. Louis as a postdoctoral fellow at Washington University Medical Center, Combs soon discovered the job she was waiting for finally opened up. "I was given such a gift through my scholarship and education at QU,

and I wanted the chance to give back and teach here," Combs says. "I always looked but I never could find an opening until one day my friend saw an advertisement and said 'I found your job at QU!'"

Hired in 2013 as an assistant professor of biology, Combs now gives students the chance to experience and explore science at QU as she had years before. Combining her own love of research and discussion with classroom methods, Combs hopes to ignite students with her passion for science.

"It makes me so happy that I get to talk science with students all day and spend time with them in the lab," she says.

"I LEARN A LOT FROM
STUDENTS AND I HOPE
**THEY LEARN A LOT
FROM ME.**"

"I've been lucky that Quincy University has given me so many opportunities to lead and serve. Through organizations like Haiti Connection, the American Chemical Society and the pre-professional science club, I have been able to greatly enhance my learning experience. Thanks to the Robert P. Lang Scholarship I was able to focus more on my schoolwork and be more involved on campus."

– Catherine Richards '16

Quincy, Illinois

A biology and chemistry double major, Catherine is an Honors Scholar and QU's 2015 Student Laureate recipient. She serves as the president of QU's pre-professional science club, a student tutor and a supplemental instructor for biology and chemistry. In addition, Catherine has participated in two service trips and one mission trip during her time at Quincy University. After graduation Catherine plans to attend medical school with the hope of one day becoming an ophthalmologist.

Catherine is the recipient of the Robert P. Lang Chemistry Scholarship.



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"My years at Quincy University were the most formative of my life. The people who became lifelong friends, the teachers I learned from, and the experiences I had—each contributed to form a **SOLID FOUNDATION** for my adult life and my career in education."

For **Trish Viniard '82**, attending Quincy University was a family affair. In fact, of her eleven siblings, eight are Quincy University alumni! Through her annual support to the QU Fund and volunteer endeavors, Trish is a **FAITHFUL** and generous believer in QU's mission to educate leaders of tomorrow.

"Every day I carry with me lessons and inspiration from Dr. J. J. Lakers, Dr. Joe Messina, Dolores Donnelly, and so many other wonderful "faces of QU". Because of all Quincy University gave me, it is a privilege to **GIVE BACK** so its great tradition can continue!"

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TRISH VINIARD '82

*Superintendent
LaGrange-Highland School District – LaGrange, IL*

