A year’s worth of alumni news

As the pandemic hit last March, we shelved the spring and summer issues of the magazine. So, as the class notes—births, weddings, new jobs, new degrees—rolled in, our team just kept adding them to one ever-growing document. We’d planned to include all of that alumni news in December’s President’s Report issue of The Bridge, but we, quite simply, ran out of space. So, if you’ve been waiting to see your class note, here it is. Finally.
Leonard Smith ’73 lives in Goshen, Ind., and is semi-retired from pastoring for the Church of the Brethren. He still provides pulpit supply for the denomination and teaches part-time at Goshen College.

Sandy (Besancon) Acornley ’79 works as the director of senior center services and the health and wellness coordinator of the Area Agency on Aging in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Carol (Snodgrass) Blessing was honored with the title of professor emeritus at Point Loma Nazarene University in May 2020.

Dianne (Kline) Hackenberg ’80 retired in June 2019.

Fred Haney ’82 works as the district chief for Dayton Fire Department in Dayton, Ohio.

Craig Lauterbach ’82 works as CEO/president of LifeWord Publishing.

Deborah Gamez ’86 and Steven Dendinos ’86 married March 14, 2020. Steven works as an adjunct professor at Dallas College.

Bobbi (Wernor) Drain ’87 works as the president and principal consultant for Drain Regulatory Consulting.

Kevin Cassel ’88 works as a Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Dr. Marjorie Kessler ’88 works as the Doctor of Audiology at Lancaster Ear, Nose, and Throat LLC.

Christina (Mellor) Langevin ’88 works as an analytics analyst at Horizon Blue Cross Shield of New Jersey.


Kimathi Choma ’97 works as the assistant dean in the college of arts and sciences at Kansas State University.

Fea ture story

Kimberly Johnson '05 received the Bailer Award from McDaniel College. The award is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the field of education.

Joanne (Garde) Mendoza '05 works as a pediatric hospitalist at the University of Virginia Children’s Hospital. She and her husband Michael announce the birth of Nicholas, Dec. 18, 2018.

Ilecia Buckner '06 and Leon Voughs married Aug. 26, 2018. She works as the school board director of Susquehanna Township School District and vice president of Susquehanna Township School Board.

Kelly '06 and John Chase '06 announce the adoption of Lydia, Nov. 12, 2019.

Joel Foster '06 and his wife Dawn announce the birth of Elliott, July 10, 2018.

Kristian (Yost) Orr '06 works as the children’s ministry director at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas.


Monica Stevens Smyth '06 works as an assistant curator at The Robert and Penny Fox Historic Costume Collection at Drexel University and earned her second Master of Science degree in communication, culture and media from Drexel University.


Lucy Barnhouse '08 works as an assistant professor of history at Arkansas State University.

Audrey (Martin) Farris '09 and husband Ryan announce the birth of Cora, Oct. 28, 2019.


Monica Stevens Smyth '06 recently earned a master’s from Drexel University. She also works as an assistant curator for the costume collection there.

2000s

Stuart Heisey ’00 was promoted to principal at Entech Engineering in March 2020.

Heather (Smeenk) Vogler ’01 works as the affiliate manager, editor and copywriter of The Old Schoolhouse Magazine in Bassett, Va.

Steven Carey ’03 works as a content area supervisor at Monroe Township Board of Education in Willamston, N.J.

Timothy Hillner ’03 is a founding partner and works as the chief technology officer at Farwends Technologies.

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2010s

Samuel (Alfaro) Pirondi ’10 works as the co-founder of Ruka Education in Brazil and married Milena Pirondi Jan. 8, 2016.

Kevin McIntyre ’10 and Kristin Young ’10 married May 29, 2010. He works at Delaware County Christian School as assistant head of the lower school and director of summer programs. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2014. They announce the birth of Titus John, Dec. 9, 2018.


Brynne Hall ’12 works as the volunteer support coordinator for the Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania.

Mary Powell ’12 and Jared Higgins married Sept. 11, 2020.


Laura (Deene) Wismer ’12 and Andrew Wismer ’12 announce the birth of Lucas, May 26, 2020. She works as a curriculum developer for Accelerated Learning LLC in Houston, Texas.

Rebecca (Allbus) Dudek ’13 was named a Helena Miracle Network’s “30 under 40” based upon her work with the Children’s Miracle Network and Shriners Children’s Hospital.

Olivia Weidemann ’13 received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from Pennsylvania State University.

Taryn (Tenaglia) Showalter ’14 works as an art teacher in the ELCO School District in Myerstown, Pa.


Rev. Jayme Balsczak ’16 was authorized as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ Sept. 8, 2020. She works as an associate pastor at First Parish Church in Yarmouth, Maine.

Matthew Bresee’er ’16 received the Graduate Instrumentation Research Award from Drexel University. The award is given to graduate students who facilitate greater involvement in physics.

Abigail Daley ’16 works as the assistant programme director for UNU-MERIT in Maastricht in the Netherlands.

Payton Legasse ’16 works as a high school counselor at Baltimore City Public Schools.

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Lydia Ernvik ’18 works as a family social worker for Mariestad Municipality Social Services in Mariestad, Sweden.

Amanda (Arnold) Chamniga ’19 works as a brief treatment/intensive therapist at Laurel Life in York, Pa.