

CLASS NOTES

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.



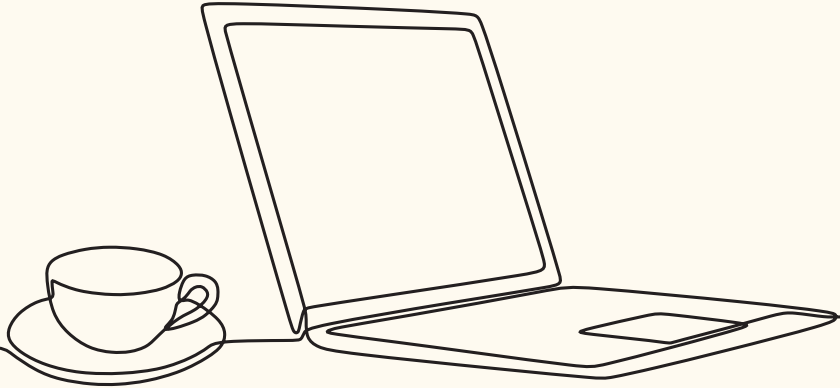


PHOTO COURTESY OF DAYTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Above: Fred Haney '82 works as a district chief for the fire department. Right: Dr. Lore Wootton '89 was named physician of the year.



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1970s

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 '78 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.

1980s

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 Dendrinis '86** married March 14, 2020. Steven works as an adjunct professor at Dallas College.

Bobbi (Werner) Drais '87 works as the president and principal consultant for Drais 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.

Tim Grove '89 published his third children's book, "Star Spangled: The Story of a Flag, a Battle and the American Anthem," this year.

Dr. Lore Wootton '89 was named the 2020 Idaho Family Physician of the year. She is the first female to win this honor in its 40-year history.

1990s

Lynette (Mellinger) Nisly '90 works as an Outpatient Therapist for COBYS Family Services in Leola, Pa. and completed her LCSW.

Norm Cole Jr. '92 works as a Family Teaching Partner for Boys Town in Nebraska.

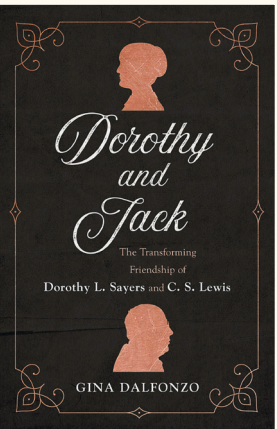
Mark Tegeder '92 works as a Computer Systems Analyst for Lockheed Martin.

Heather (Thurman) Creekmore '95 published her second book, "The Burden of Better: How a Comparison-Free Life Leads to Joy, Peace, and Rest" with Leafwood Press in September 2020.

Jim Boyer '97 published his second book, "Beneath the Lights" in 2019.

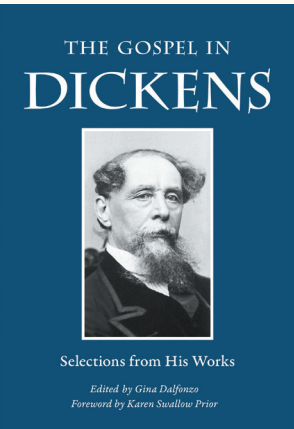
Kimathi Choma '97 works as the assistant dean in the college of arts and sciences at Kansas State University.

Gina Dalfonzo '97 released "Dorothy and Jack: The Transforming Friendship of Dorothy L. Sayers and C.S. Lewis" and "The Gospel in Dickens: Selections from His Works" in 2020.

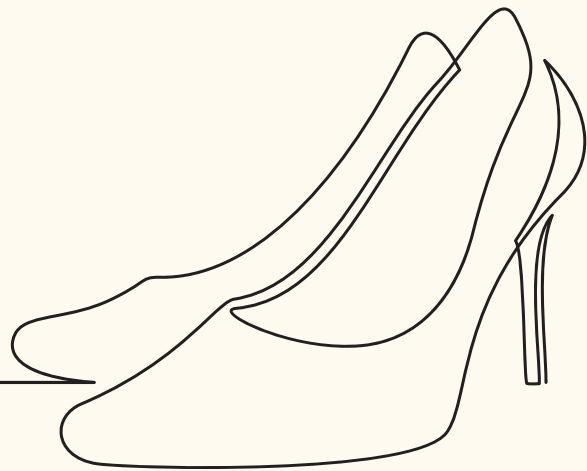


CALEB BORMAN '18

Above: Kimathi Choma '97, pictured with his wife Tosha Sampson-Choma '97, works as an assistant dean at Kansas State. Left: Gina Dalfonzo '97 published two books.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GINA DALFONZO '97



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



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MONICA STEVENS SMYTH '06

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 Williamstown, N.J.

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

Victoria (Bol) Romanoski '04 works as the K-12 science coordinator for Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Annapolis, Md.

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 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.

Aimee (Mixner) Reagan '06 and her husband Stephen announce the birth of Lucas, Dec. 27, 2019.

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.

Elisha Talley '06 and Justin Deni married Aug. 17, 2018, in Lancaster, Pa. She works as a music teacher in Penn Delco School District in Aston, Pa.

Andrew Orr '07 earned a master's of business management from Azusa Pacific University.

Jamie (Youngs) '07 and **Chad Watkins '07** announce the birth of Adalyn, Nov. 16, 2019.

Jenna (Hunsberger) Weigner '07 and **Jason Weigner '07** announce the birth of Ruben, July 23, 2019.

Anna Wendel '07 works as an assistant professor at Rivier University and completed her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Nevada.

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.

Sarah (Huber) Goetz '09 and husband Andrew announce the birth of William, Oct. 12, 2020.



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.

Sarah (Fleischman) Fallin '13 and husband Brandon announce the birth of Emmelia Elizabeth, Dec. 20, 2020.

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.

Kellsie (Ebbeling) Whitner '12 and **Michael Whitner '12** announce the birth of Colton, Aug. 8, 2020.

Laura (Deeney) 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 (Albus) Dudek '13 was named a Helena Miracle Network's "20 under 40" based upon her work with the Children's Miracle Network and Shodair 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.

Abigail (Wade) Schmuck '14 and Robert Schmuck '15 announce the birth of Joanna, Oct. 6, 2020.

Rev. Jayme Babczak '16 was authorized as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ Sept. 6, 2020. She works as an associate pastor at First Parish Church in Yarmouth, Maine.

Matthew Bressler '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.

Peyton Lagasse '16 works as a high school counselor at Baltimore City Public Schools.

Bryan Ji Yang Leong '16 and Shen Wen Tan married Jan. 7, 2018, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He works as a human capital senior consultant at Deloitte Consulting.

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

Amanda (Arnold) Charnigo '19 works as a brief treatment/mobile therapist at Laurel Life in York, Pa.

Kay Smeal '19 published her first book, "I Found Jesus through Anxiety and Depression," through New Degree Press Publishing.



Bryan Ji Yang Leong '16, pictured with his wife Shen Wen Tan in Malaysia, works at Deloitte Consulting.

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