

WYOGRAMS

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Dr. Robert Curnow, team physician for UW Athletics from 1975–2010, was inducted into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame.

Dr. David Kieffer, the late team physician for UW Athletics from 1973–2003, was inducted posthumously into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame.

1940

Jim Weir, B.S. '43, education, **M.A. '46**, education, was inducted posthumously into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for his Cowboy basketball career.

1950

Vince Guinta, B.A. '57, secondary art education, was inducted into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for his Cowboy football career.

C.T. Hewgley, B.A. '50, psychology, was inducted posthumously into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for his Cowboy football career.

Gerald LeBeau, B.S. '54, animal production, and Maxine LeBeau celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 6/22/17.

1960

Cathie Garrison, B.A. '66, secondary art education, and **Jerry Garrison, B.A. '72**, secondary social studies education, celebrated their 50th anniversary on 6/17/17.

1970

James Anest, B.S. '77, economics, **JD '80**, law, was elected to serve his third term as the District 7

director of Intermountain Rural Electric Association Cooperative (IREA).

The Hon. Jeffrey A. Donnell, B.S. '74, psychology, **J.D. '77**, law, retired after 19 years litigating cases across Wyoming, and 20 years on the bench. He joins Pence and MacMillan's legal team and will focus on mediation.

Joe Feeley, B.S. '78, civil engineering, was named a Tau Beta Pi Wyoming Eminent Engineer. In 1998, Feeley along with engineer, **Dave Engels (M.P.A. '94)**, formed EnTech Inc. in Sheridan, Wyo.

Glen Larson, B.S. '70, mechanical engineering, was named a Tau Beta Pi Alumnus Eminent Engineer. Larson was active in the Air Force ROTC while at UW. He served on the National Advisory Board of the UW College of Engineering and is a member of the college's Engineering Hall of Fame.

Jim Porter, B.S. '70, accounting, celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Terry Porter, on 3/22/17.

1980

Gary Crum, B.S. '83, finance, received the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award, given annually to an individual involved in community activities who promotes Laramie and Albany County.



Mike Hamel, B.S. '86, secondary biology sciences education, was inducted into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for his all-time leader in pins for wrestling at Wyoming. During his freshman year, he was named to the Amateur Wrestling News Freshman All-American team and earned "Rookie of the Year" honors in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). Hamel won 12 tournaments during his time at UW and was a two-time NCAA qualifier. He also led the Cowboys to WAC titles in 1983, 1985 and 1986 and was honored with the Admiral Land award as UW's top student-athlete in 1986.

Tim Evans, B.S. '89, botany, **M.S. '91**, botany, is on the NASA Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) Mission 13 Team. Evans is a professor of biology at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

Mary (Ellbogen) Garland, B.S. '84, marketing, president of the John P. Ellbogen Foundation, was selected for the Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) panel.

Jeffrey Vincent, B.S. '81, business management, was named No. 1 for the state of Wyoming on Barron's Annual Financial Advisor Rankings.

1990

John K. Alsup, M.S. '94, mathematics, **Ph.D. '95**, education, received the Distinguished Faculty Award, the highest honor that faculty can bestow, from Black Hills State University in South Dakota, for his two decades of dedicated math education at BHSU.

Ann L. Anderson Berry, B.A. '94, zoology and physiology, received the Innovation, Development and Engagement Award (IDEA) from the University of Nebraska.

Carolyn (Feldner) Danko, M.A. '90, curriculum and instruction, received the 2016-17 Trustee Leadership Award by the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees.

Janet Farmer, B.S.N. '95, nursing, is president of the Wyoming

School Nurses Association. She was also chosen as Wyoming School Nurse of the Year for the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Josh Hamilton, D.N.P., M.S., R.N.-C, F.N.P.-C., B.S. '97, natural sciences and mathematics, **M.S. '03**, nursing, has been selected for induction to the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP).

Eric Koeppe, B.S. '95, accounting, **M.S. '97**, public administration, has been appointed as the president and CEO of the National Safety Council in Nebraska.

Mysha (Decker) Mattimoe, B.S. '94, natural sciences and mathematics **B.S.N. '96**, nursing; **Bruce Hayes, Ed.S. '08**, education; **Teresa Wright, B.S.N. '11**, nursing; **Marguerite Herman**; and **Janet Farmer, B.S.N. '95**, nursing, as a team recently completed the School Health Leadership Fellowship designed by Rutgers, Center of Alcohol Studies in collaboration with Johnson & Johnson.

Doug McWhirter, M.S. '93, zoology and physiology, was named as the Wyoming Game and Fish wildlife management coordinator for the Jackson and Pinedale regions. He will supervise the department's wildlife biologist activities.

National Champion Cowgirl Rodeo Team, '91, coached by the late **Pete Burns, Exp. '51**, agriculture, and **Danny Dunlavy, B.S. '81**, farm/ranch, and three members **Toni (Christinick) Olson, B.S. '93**, business administration, **Shanna (Newland) Howell, B.A. '91**, elementary education, and **Lori (Rhodes) Shepard, B.S. '93**, agriculture communications, were inducted into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for their second consecutive College National Finals Rodeo Championship in 1991.

The Hon. Bryan K. Pedersen, B.S. '98, psychology, was named fifth in the state of Wyoming on Barron's Annual Financial Advisor Rankings for his work at RBC Wealth Management in Cheyenne.

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Peter Simpson Jr., B.A. '93, English/theater, received an Obie Award for Sustained Excellence in Performance at the 62nd Annual Obie Awards. Simpson was a veteran of the UW stage, appearing in productions like *West Side Story*, *Romeo and Juliet* and many others. After receiving his degree at UW, Simpson earned a Master of Fine Arts in acting from the Denver Center Theatre Company's National Theatre Conservatory in 1996. Simpson then was hired into the Blue Man Group, which grew into a national and international sensation.

Lesley (Lanham) Travers, M.S. '99, education, **Ph.D. '02**, philosophy, has been appointed the president of Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyo.

Mike Vercauteren, B.S. '91, business administration, **M.S. '02**, social work, is the new director for the Laramie nonprofit organization Interfaith-Good Samaritan.

Jeffery White, B.S. '92, business education, **M.P.A. '96**, public administration, was elected to a four-year term on the Cheyenne City Council.

Patrick L. Winland, B.A. '97, elementary education, was named Boys Basketball Assistant Coach of the Year for all classifications in Wyoming.

2000

Carole (Shafer) Boughton, M.S. '05, public administration, has been announced as the new Colorado Mountain College vice president for its Rifle campus.

Jane M. Bushnell, M.S. '02, education, was honored as Big Horn County School District 2's Outstanding Educator. Bushnell has been teaching for 35 years



Mary Billiter, M.A. '14, adult and post-secondary education, is a columnist with the *Casper Star-Tribune*. Her work was recently recognized by the Best of the West 2017 journalism awards for Special Topic Column Writing, taking second place. The judge wrote, "Mary Billiter's first-hand account of breast cancer and depression is unflinching, personal and restrained all at the same time." In addition to her weekly column, Billiter teaches fiction writing courses at LCCC and her next novel, "Escape Clause," which she finished during breast cancer treatment, released summer 2017.

and has spent 27 of those years as a dedicated education professional in the district.

Nycole Courtney, B.S. '03, public relations and communications, **M.S. '05**, counselor education, **Ed.D '15**, higher education, will serve as an interim vice president and dean of students at UW. Courtney has been assistant dean of students since January 2016 after serving as director of student services at Laramie County Community College's Albany County campus.

Marneé L. Crawford, M.S. '08, nursing, is director of nursing at Northwest College and was named its 2016-17 Faculty Member of the Year by the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees.

Nick Fulton, B.A. '05, social studies education, is the assistant wrestling coach of the year for his success at Powell High School during the 2016-17 season.

Nuriéh Z. Glasgow, M.P.A. '09, public administration, **Exp. '17**, counseling, has been awarded \$8,000 from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y) for funding and training for her education.



WNIT National Champion Cowgirl Basketball Team, '07, was inducted into the UW 2017 Hall of Fame for their 2006-07 season that with a record of 11-5, earned them an invitation to the WNIT Tournament. During the three-week run at the tournament, they played six straight home games and captured the attention and enthusiasm of Pokes fans. With a record breaking sellout crowd of 15,462 fans, the Cowgirls claimed a victory over Big Ten power Wisconsin in the championship game. **Hanna Zavec, B.S. '17**, family consumer sciences, was named the tournament's MVP, while **Jodi Bolerjack, B.S. '09**, accounting, was selected to the all-tournament team. The Cowgirls ended the season with a record of 27-9, the best in school history.

Brett Drake, B.S. '11, architectural engineering, recently won the Nike Ease Challenge, a contest that called for innovative designs for sneakers for athletes of all abilities. A civil engineer in Cheyenne, he works for RESPEC Consultants. The Nike Ease Challenge competition was aimed at finding footwear ideas that help athletes put on, secure or take off their shoes, including athletes with disabilities. He used a design program that he mastered at UW thanks to an architectural engineering focus—AutoCAD—to create the winning design. In addition to winning the \$50,000 first prize, Drake will collaborate with Nike in the prototyping phase and begin testing his innovations with athletes of all abilities.



Matthew Lehmitz, B.A. '11, mathematics/science, is a candidate astronaut for the 18th Human Exploration Research Analog (HERA) with NASA. He is a strong candidate for Mission 16, which will start early in 2018. Matthew was also in the first graduating class of Wyoming Research Scholars.

Chandra (Berryman) Grohman, B.A. '02, elementary education, **M.S. '11**, education, is Big Horn County School District 1's Outstanding Educator at the Lovell Area Chamber of Commerce Community Banquet.

Kenneth Keffer, B.S. '02, wildlife biology and management, published his seventh book, *Hiking Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains* (Falcon Guides, May 2017).

Nina McConigley, M.A. '02, English, delivered the 2017 Wasden Reading in Powell, Wyo. McConigley is the author of the story collection, *Cowboys and East Indians*.

Kevin O'Dea, B.S. '00, botany, became the Laramie Junior High School principal on July 1. O'Dea has seven years of experience teaching high school and middle school.

Ryan H. Scott, B.S. '00, finance, was named No. 6 for the state of Wyoming on Barron's Annual Financial Advisor Rankings for his work at the Edward Jones firm in Rock Springs.

2010

Scott Carter, B.S. '17, physical education and communications, finished third in the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., for his 53-foot, 3½-inch triple jump. The placing is the highest by a Wyoming athlete in the triple jump.

Elizabeth (Krampner) Erickson, B.A. '13, English, recently graduated from the Montessori Center of Minnesota with a Primary (3–6) teaching diploma. She will be a teacher at the Montessori School of Casper where she previously served as an assistant.

Anthony Farmer, B.A. '17, political science, B.S. '17, economics, received the 2017 Tobin Memorial Award as UW's outstanding graduating man.

Jordan Kelley, B.S. '16, kinesiology and health promotion, former Cowgirl basketball player, was recently named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association High School Assistant Coach of the Year.

Karen Koritnik, B.A. '15, social studies secondary education, was awarded the James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. The fellowship is awarded to those who aspire to teach American history, American government and social studies in secondary schools.

Sarah Maze, B.S. '17, physiology, B.A. '17, Spanish, received the 2017 Rosemarie Martha Spitaleri Award as UW's outstanding graduating woman.

Chase McNamee, B.A. '13, history, **M.S. '15**, counseling, took part in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Internship at the University of Houston in University Advancement and Development.

Andrew Potter, B.S. '17, marketing, is the Expansion Coordinator at Sigma Chi Head Quarters in Evanston, Ill. Potter will work on expanding the Sigma Chi chapter to new universities and helping current chapters grow.

Samantha Wiederrecht, B.A. '12, psychology, has been awarded an \$8,000 rural scholarship from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) to complete her graduate degree in counseling at the University of Wyoming.

In Memoriam

John Charles “Jack” Allen, B.S. '66, zoology and physiology, **M.S. '69**, zoology and physiology, 5/23/2017. Survivors include his daughter, nieces, sister-in-law, great-nieces and great-nephews and longtime friend, EmmaJo Spiegelberg, B.A. '58, M.E.D. '85.

Kaye Barrett, Exp. '69, elementary education, 6/4/2017. Survivors include her three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Michael Alan Brodrick, B.S. '65, business administration, 3/8/2017. Survivors include his daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Robert Casteel, B.A. '59, math education, 5/28/2016. Survivors include his wife, **Marilynn M.**

Robert L. Bath, J.D. '52, law, 4/15/2017. Bath attended UW on the GI Bill after World War II and was a walk-on to the UW football team, where he received the first Bowden Wyatt watch in 1947 and named Honorable Mention All-Conference in 1948. He was a former president of the State of Wyoming County Attorneys' Association. Survivors include his sisters, a sister-in-law, his children and others.

(Morris) Casteel, B.A. '59, music education, and their son.

Donald Clark, B.S. '64, business administration, 5/4/2017. Survivors include his wife, son, brother, nephews, niece and others.

Joseph Philip Dzuback, B.S. '49, mechanical engineering, 1/13/2017. Survivors include five children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jessie Elizabeth “Beth” (Fowler) Easton, teaching certificate, 5/15/2017. Survivors include her brother, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

H. Richard “Dick” Farr, B.S. '67, animal husbandry, 6/7/2017. Survivors include his wife, son, daughter, brothers and grandchildren.

Rosalie H. (Giesler) Flanagan, B.A. '54, elementary education, 4/30/2017. Survivors include her four children, grandchildren and others.

Evan Michael Frost, Exp. '17, physiology, 3/6/2017. Survivors include his parents, siblings, grandparents and others.

Jane S. (Seltenrich) Gerheart, B.A. '64, music, 4/18/2017. Survivors include her husband, son, sister, nephew and others.

John Tyler Dodge, B.S. '58, agricultural mechanics, 4/10/2017. Dodge attended UW until he was drafted into the U.S. Army for World War II. Dodge was assigned to the Mountain and Cold Weather Training Command (MCWTC) where the group headed the recovery from the United Airlines Flight 409 crash into Medicine Bow Peak. After being released from the army, Dodge returned to finish his degree at UW. Dodge is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren and others.

Donald L. Hammontree, B.S. '55, general engineering, 5/21/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hal Hardy, B.A. '68, speech and drama education, 3/13/2017.

Donald Hunton, B.S. '50, zoology and physiology, 5/1/2017. Survivors include his son, daughter, grandsons and sister.

Robert Arthur Iserman, B.S. '53, physical education, 3/28/2017. Survivors include his daughter, grandchildren and great-granddaughters.

Darla Dolores (Kusel-Chilcote) Johnson, M.A. '60, English, 3/19/2017. Survivors include her son.

Thomas V. “Tommy” Jones, B.A. '60, history, 4/17/2017. Survivors include his wife, son, granddaughters, great-granddaughter, step grandsons, brothers and others.

Connie F. Jordan, M.P.A. '97, public administration, **Ph.D. '07**, education, 4/11/2017. Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, her brother and his wife and others.

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Jane Lisbeth Kidneigh-Medved, B.A. '65, English, 4/7/2017. Survivors include her son, sisters, grandchildren and others.

Jo Anne F. (Daly) Kolasinski, B.S. '47, physical education, 2/21/2017. Survivors include daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Corrie Lee Lovercheck, Exp. '58, 5/25/2017. Survivors include his wife, former wife, siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Gibson Lee Mathers, B.S. '80, communications, 2017. Survivors include his siblings, nieces, nephews and others.

Arlene (Francis) Osborn, B.S. '90, social work, 5/20/2017. Survivors include her husband, children, grandchildren and siblings.

Robert Galt Schrader, M.A. '58, education administration, **Ed.D '65**, education administration, 6/25/17. Schrader served in the USMC during WWII and the Korean War. He then served eight years as State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state of Wyoming and retired as a professor from Western Kentucky University. Survivors include his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shelley Marie Simonton, B.A. '90, English, 5/26/2017. Survivors include her husband, parents, brother, uncle, aunt and in-laws.

Vincent Stefan, B.S. '84, zoology and physiology, 3/31/2017. Stefan was named a Fellow of the Physical Anthropology section, American Academy of Forensic Sciences in 2004, and was made a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology. Survivors include his wife, father and sister.



Edward R. (Ted) Layman, B.S. '53, electrical engineering, 05/07/17. He attended UW on a football scholarship and played in the 1951 Gator Bowl. In 1994, he was inducted with the team into the UW Athletic Hall of Fame. Layman served two years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was employed by G.E. and Aerospace in the space program at Cape Canaveral. He was a generous patron of the arts and a fitness enthusiast. Survivors include his wife, daughter, son, sister Joan Brown ('62), grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Matthew Sorenson, B.S. '00, history, **J.D. '03**, law, 6/2/2017. Survivors include his wife, his daughter, his son, parents, brother, sister, grandfathers, nieces, nephews and others.

Jack Tracy Turnell, B.A. '70, vocational and agriculture education, 3/19/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughters, grandchildren and others.

Bonita D. Veal, B.A. '67, elementary education, 4/30/2017. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, grandchildren and others.

Richard "Dale" D. Vonriesen, UW emeritus professor of marketing, 3/31/2017. Vonriesen taught marketing at the University of Wyoming/Casper College starting in 1988. In 2001, he retired as emeritus professor of marketing. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, brother-in-law and nephews.

Bernard "Buzz" James Wolf, B.S. '65, education and school counseling, 5/30/2017. Survivors include his son, grandson, nieces and nephews.

Susan Wyatt, B.S. '61, general agriculture, **M.S. '62**, animal husbandry, 6/7/2017. Survivors include her husband, four children, siblings, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Weddings

Seth J. Courson, B.S. '16, business administration and Kendall Bilodeau, 6/10/2017.

Brian Lee, B.S. '10, ag-business, **M.S. '12**, ag-economics and **Tanya Madden, B.S. '10**, ag-business, **M.S. '11**, ag-economics, 10/1/2016.

Mallory Mayer, B.A. '12, elementary education, and **Jesse Knoll, B.S. '11**, zoology, 7/8/2017.

Rachel Ann Robinson, B.S. '17, sociology, and **Zachary M. Schafer, B.A. '16**, anthropology, 6/3/2017.

Arrivals

C.J. Cole, B.S. '11, kinesiology and health promotion, and **Danielle (Roehrka) Cole, Exp. '11**, kinesiology and health promotion, welcomed a baby girl, Adeline Joy Cole, on 6/5/17.

Marcus Curley, B.S. '07, management information systems, **M.A. '11**, business administration, and **Alison (Rickard) Curley, B.M. '13**, music performance, welcomed a baby girl, Madeline Alison Curley, on 6/8/17.