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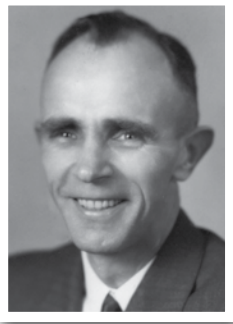
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# Around the World With Dobby



The Dobby Letters started as a way for Professor J.S. "Dobby" Doubenmier to keep in touch with his students. With the outbreak of World War II, these letters took on a new significance. They would capture, in the authors' own words, how friends, families and fiancées dealt with the stresses of a world at war.

Dobby collected the "interesting and vital points" of each letter and passed them along to his students, much as a blogger would do today. In this spirit, we have created a blog that reprints Dobby's letters 66 years after they were written.

As Dobby put it, "Join the 'gang' and see the world by letter from our former teammates scattered around the globe." Read the blog at [www.uncalumni.org/dobbyletters](http://www.uncalumni.org/dobbyletters).



What a thrill it was to read the article on "Dobby" Doubenmier, "Dobby's Letters," in the Winter 2009 edition of Northern Vision.

I was one of the youngest boys on campus when I entered in 1946. Nearly all of the others were not "boys," but men, who had put aside their college education while attending to more important matters overseas and stateside. Consequently, although I knew of Dobby's letters, I was not one who participated in them; I was fortunate—or unfortunate—enough to have been too young. I spent WWII in junior and senior high school.

But the men I met in college knew him, and their admiration—even love—was evident. He was an honorary member of every fraternity on campus. As a pledge to Delta Psi, I had to get my paddle signed by him, as did all pledges. He went along with all that "foolishness" with good grace. Perhaps it was because such innocent fun was a contrast to the grim reality many men were exposed in years past.

Not being as physically mature as most of my classmates, I tried with limited success to enter the athletic whirl of the college. A season of track showed me I was not fast enough, and part of a season on the boxing team showed me I was not going to be a fighter. When I finally found my milieu in the swimming pool, Dobby was not only encouraging, but his simple statement that he himself was never strong enough to do some sports made me feel somehow comfortable about my athletic shortcomings.

Thanks for the story. If there is ever a book made from Dobby's letters, I will be sure to get a copy.

Joseph Wendell Reiff  
Class of 1950

We'd love to hear from you. Send letters to [northernvision@unco.edu](mailto:northernvision@unco.edu) or Northern Vision, University of Northern Colorado, Judy Farr Alumni Center, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639.

## [ UNC At a Glance ]

founded  
**1889**

Fall 2008 Enrollment  
**9,857**  
undergraduate  
2,074 graduate

Students Represented  
**48** states  
**42** countries  
**6** continents

More than  
**100** undergraduate programs  
More than  
**100** graduate programs

Student Population  
**62%** Female  
**38%** Male  
**15%** Minorities

Faculty  
**438** full time; **37** part time

# New Leadership Education Program

A unique leadership program targeted at senior executives is being launched in Fall 2009 by the Monfort Institute (part of UNC's Monfort College of Business). Courses in the Sustainable Transformation Program will be taught by role-model executives who led transformations at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Co., Boeing and Clarke American, together with expert consultants and principals at the Institute.

"This series of non-credit workshops will help senior leaders design their own leadership systems and transform their organizations into sustainable enterprises, taking a triple bottom line approach (people, plant, profit)," said John Latham, director of the Monfort Institute. "Our research on high performing-organizations, along with years of experience in leading and advising on transformation initiatives, provides a solid base for a rich experience."

In the "Architect," the program's five-day flagship offering, participants work on their own leadership and organizational challenges, define a real project to work on, and receive follow-up coaching after the course is completed from Monfort Institute facilitators and a personal board of advisors.

The second and third courses are two-day offerings taken after the flagship course, and will be facilitated in a summit meeting format. The "Pioneer" maps out a systematic approach to leading change and the "Steward" tackles the realities of "sustaining the gain" following change initiatives.

The flagship "Architect" course is being offered at the university's Centerra facility in Loveland. The "Pioneer" and "Steward" will be offered at mountain locations in Colorado. For more information, visit [www.monfortinstitute.org](http://www.monfortinstitute.org) or call 970.351.2632.



Leadership for Enduring Organizations

## The Monfort Institute Blog

Keep up on the latest thinking on leadership systems, organization change, high performance, and triple bottom line issues on the Monfort Institute Blog.

Visit <http://blog.MonfortInstitute.org>. Follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/MonfortInst>, or join our Monfort Institute group on LinkedIn.

## Library of Congress Honors Teacher



Lisa Brose, an art teacher at Lopez Elementary in the Poudre School District in Fort Collins and frequent participant in local Teaching with Primary Resources workshops, offered through the University of Northern Colorado, was one of 12 educators in the country selected to develop exemplary lesson plans for the Library of Congress.

The lesson plans are for the online element of the Library of Congress Experience (LCE) website, known as myLOC.gov, which features tools and resources for teachers and students that enhance the interactive exhibitions at the library.

The Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Resources program works with universities and other education organizations to offer professional development that helps teachers use the library's digitized primary source materials to cultivate their classroom instruction. The UNC-based program offers free professional development to Colorado educators, with priority of serving rural, outlying and small towns within the state. Primary sources are actual records that have survived from the past, like letters, photographs, articles of clothing and music.

## UNC Faculty Awarded \$600,000 in Grants

The University of Northern Colorado College of Education and Behavioral Sciences faculty have been awarded more than \$600,000 in federal grants that will provide funding for two unrelated research studies.

A U.S. Department of Education grant of \$232,000 was awarded to UNC's National Center on Severe and Sensory Disabilities for a project studying students with visual impairments. About 1,000 students will participate in the research in which the existing curriculum will be examined to help determine whether there is a relationship on post-school outcomes. Kay Ferrell, the center's director and professor of special education, and Daniel Mundfrom, professor emeritus of applied statistics and research methods, will oversee the project.

In addition, a two-year \$377,000 grant was awarded to Kristina Phillips, assistant professor of psychology, by The National Institute on Drug Abuse, a division of the National Institutes of Health. Phillips will lead a study to develop a drug abuse intervention to reduce viral and bacterial infections associated with injection drug use.



## UNC Adds a Sixth College: University College

University College at UNC will give first-year and transfer students who have not declared a major their own college this fall by offering superior learning opportunities in the following areas:

- First-Year and Transitional Student programs
- Honors, Leadership, Undergraduate Research and Civic Engagement
- Core and Interdisciplinary Studies

This new college includes more than 100 programs of study for undergraduates, including the Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership, interdisciplinary studies including self-designed majors, academic support and advising, Liberal Arts Core classes, and new student orientation. The programs are designed specifically to support academic success and personal growth as many students transition into majors that are best suited for them.

The Liberal Arts Core will be housed in the University College in which students who are exploring a major will enroll in the “Exploring Liberal Arts” program where peers share a common set of curricular and co-curricular learning experiences.

Thomas Smith, PhD, is the assistant vice president of undergraduate studies and dean of University College. For more information, visit [www.unco.edu/universitycollege](http://www.unco.edu/universitycollege).

## Gov. Ritter Proclaims June 18 Little Theatre of the Rockies Day in Colorado



Dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts Andrew Svedlow and Director of Theatre Arts & Dance David Grapes with the signed and sealed proclamation from Gov. Bill Ritter.

Gov. Bill Ritter sent a proclamation declaring June 18 as Little Theatre of the Rockies Day in Colorado.

The Little Theatre of the Rockies (LTR) was founded as a summer company in 1934 during the depths of the Depression by then-Colorado State College president George Frasier and the company's first director, Helen Langworthy.

LTR is one of Colorado's longest-standing and most active theater companies. LTR produces five shows during its annual summer ensemble. It mixes students with nationally known guest performers and has been cited as a national model for educational stock. LTR

has continued to provide students with pre-professional work in performing, education, technical theatre and production areas.

## Professor Wins George C. Pimentel Award in Chemical Education



Henry W. Heikkinen has had an impact on teachers and students from grade school to the university level. His work continues to inspire science education internationally. For his contributions, Heikkinen received the 2009 George C. Pimentel Award in Chemical Education from the American Chemical Society. Heikkinen, 73, is a professor emeritus at the University of Northern Colorado where

he was a professor of chemistry from 1987-2001. His work in chemistry education focuses on curriculum design and evaluation, student understanding, problem-solving, and conceptual change. He is the chief editor of the ACS high school textbook, “Chemistry in the Community,” a text used by more than 2 million students and teachers in high schools. The book, first issued in 1988, is now in its fifth edition, was adapted for use in Russia and has been translated into Spanish and Japanese.

Heikkinen received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Yale in 1956. He returned to school to earn a master's degree in science education from Columbia University in 1962 and a PhD in chemical education from the University of Maryland in 1973. His first teaching job was at Richfield High School in Minnesota where he taught chemistry and physics from 1962-69.

He then became a full-time faculty member at the University of Maryland in 1973 and later joined the University of Northern Colorado in 1986. Heikkinen helped establish UNC's nationally recognized PhD program in chemical education. During his career, he served on research committees of more than 50 doctoral and master's level students.

Along with receiving the George C. Pimentel Award, Heikkinen recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of Helsinki for his leadership in international science education reform. He also received the Winchester Distinguished Scholar Award from UNC and the Leo Schubert Award for Excellence in University Teaching from the Washington Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

# Athletics Update

By Scott Ward,

Assistant Director of Athletic Media Relations

If all goes as planned, Northern Colorado fans and alumni years from now will look back on the 2008-09 Bears athletics season as another step in the right direction for an athletics department trying to find its place on the national NCAA Division I stage.

Until that point, though—when national attention and record-breaking performances are commonplace—seasons like the one just turned in by Northern Colorado student-athletes are to be remembered and celebrated.

“That’s one of the many reasons why we decided to make the switch to NCAA Division I,” said Jay Hinrichs, Northern Colorado’s director of athletics. “We knew we had done some great things at Division II, but we also knew that there were so many more opportunities available to our student-athletes and our program as a whole at this higher level.”

“We hope to get to the point where some of the things we accomplished this year are just considered par for the course. Until then, it’s nice to sit back and really relish the strides we’ve made in just a few short years.”

Northern Colorado’s baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, wrestling, track and field and softball programs all inched their way into the national consciousness this season. Other programs, like women’s golf, women’s tennis and volleyball, saw unprecedented performances in their fields of play.

On the national level, baseball senior Kevin Sandberg finished in the top 25 in the nation in home runs (20). Senior basketball player Robert Palacios was the featured student-athlete in the 2009 NCAA Tournament Final Four program after graduating college in four years although he arrived in America with little knowledge of English. Women’s track and field junior Rachael Stevens became Northern Colorado’s first-ever female NCAA D-I Championships qualifier. Jen Schunke’s softball program hosted the D-I

Independent Tournament.

The Bears’ women’s basketball team finished tied for second at the 2009 MTE Caribbean Classic in Cancun, Mexico, after falling to eventual national champion Connecticut.

Jack Maughan’s wrestling program rolled out the welcome mats in early March to host the NCAA Division I West Regional tournament, where sophomore Justin Gaethje, junior Tony Mustari and freshman Mitchell Polkowske all qualified for the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in St. Louis.

Northern Colorado’s golf programs didn’t have the kind of success they were hoping for, but the women’s squad did witness a singularly impressive performance from freshman Ali Nelson, who saved her best performance of the 2008-09 season for last when she won the 2009 Big Sky Conference individual championship.

Tad Boyle’s men’s hoops program improved on its win total from the previous year for a second straight season and qualified for its first Big Sky tournament appearance, and senior Jabril Banks finished off his Northern Colorado career as the Bears’ first-ever All-Big Sky First Team performer.

Not to be outdone, the Bears’ women’s tennis team competed in the Big Sky tournament for the second straight season and saw senior Tabatha Knop earn a second straight all-conference nod when she was placed on the Big Sky postseason first team.

Northern Colorado’s volleyball program

capped off a season that began with a mid-May trip to China by qualifying for its third straight Big Sky Conference tournament, Junior Kenzie Shreeve earned the Bears’ first all-Big Sky volleyball first-team selection.

While Northern Colorado athletic programs had varied levels of success in 2008-09, all laid the groundwork for continued strong efforts in campaigns to come. With a multimillion renovation to Butler-Hancock Athletic Center underway and an ever-increasing investment in Bears athletics by the state of Colorado and campus leaders, Bears teams will now look to build on their successful 2008-09 seasons and launch into an exciting era for Northern Colorado athletics.





# The New Butler-Hancock

**R**enovations began the day after Spring Commencement on the New Butler-Hancock Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado. The renovations and new construction to the 37-year-old building will transform the facility into a showcase for UNC and the Sports and Exercise Science Department. It will be the new home for UNC Athletics.

The state-of-the-art renovation features new multifunction classroom spaces, large flexible meeting spaces, a video center, the new home to the SES Athletic Medicine Teaching Center, including the relocation of the Dan Libera Athletic Training Room, which will include a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool, the new Athletics Strength and Conditioning Center, new spacious team rooms for the UNC softball and wrestling programs, renovations to the swimming and diving locker facility, lockers and changing spaces for all UNC Athletic teams, and a renovated football team room including custom designed lockers and two coaches locker rooms.

The signature piece of the project that is expected to be complete in June 2010 is the long-awaited Northern Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame and Sports Museum to be built on the north side of the center. The Hall of Fame will proudly display the names of student-athletes, coaches and contributors enshrined in the Hall of Fame and will feature a video display system that enables visitors to call up the Hall of Fame member and view the accomplishment of the member.

All the new and renovated spaces are designed to serve the Northern Colorado SES students, UNC student-athletes, fans and alumni with the highest level of quality and amenities. There are hospitality areas for game-day and special events featuring color graphics and large murals adjacent to the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame and Sports Museum, which will highlight an athletic tradition rich in history and become a destination location for visitors to Greeley.

The University contracted with national contractor Hensel Phelps Construction, based in Greeley since 1937, for the construction and renovation, and partners with Denver-based Sink Combs Dethlefs to provide quality building design, architectural and engineering services.



The Butler-Hancock Athletic Center will proudly be the first building at UNC certified to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards for “green” buildings. LEED designation certifies that a building meets a wide range of environmentally friendly criteria.

With this renovation and addition to Butler-Hancock, UNC will enjoy one of the finest on-campus athletic facilities in the Big Sky Conference.

## Sports Museum Artifacts and Display Pieces

UNC Athletics is looking for memorabilia and display items for the University of Northern Colorado Athletics Hall of Fame and Sports Museum from fans, alumni and former student-athletes and coaches. UNC is looking for items marking the decades of history and championships to share with all Bears fans visiting the Hall of Fame and Sports Museum. Following a timeline of athletic history, UNC will display items of the past including a personal acknowledgement to the artifact contributor. There will be specific displays marking our coaches of the past, the National Championships and the decades of athletic success here at UNC. If you have an item to share with visitors, please contact volunteer curator, Walt Francis at 970.351.1733. Items can be sent to: 208 Butler Hancock Athletic Center, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado 80639.



Concept by Murphy & Orr Exhibits

# Q&A

## with Virgil Scott

### UNC Foundation President & CEO



#### **Q: How long have you been at the UNC Foundation and what brought you here?**

A: I have been at the foundation as president and CEO since 2006, previously serving at my alma mater, Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan., in the same capacity. I'm glad I can have a positive impact on UNC through my responsibilities at the foundation. I have tremendous respect for higher education and the opportunities it provides. My wife, Diane, received her PhD from UNC; we are having a wonderful time in a great community.

#### **Q: What is the UNC Foundation?**

A: Established in 1967, the University of Northern Colorado Foundation (the UNC Foundation) is an independent, privately governed nonprofit corporation whose mission is to support the University of Northern Colorado.

#### **Q: If the University of Northern Colorado is a public university, why does it need private gifts?**

A: Colorado ranks 49th out of 50 states in per capita support of higher education and provides less than 20 percent of the university's annual operating budget. Private gifts enable the university to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty, provide scholarships, build first-class facilities, and continue quality education and research programs.

#### **Q: How are gifts utilized?**

A: The UNC Foundation helps the university offer the best possible educational experience for students. By reducing administrative expenses wherever possible and optimizing organizational efficiencies, the foundation provides the university with millions of dollars each year to support scholarships and programs. Each gift received by the foundation, regardless of the purpose or amount, makes a difference at UNC.

#### **Q: Is my gift tax deductible?**

A: The UNC Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All gifts to the foundation are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. However, you should always consult with your tax advisor concerning the deductibility of your gift.

#### **Q: What is the easiest way for me to give?**

A: The simplest way is to write a check payable to the UNC Foundation. You can even pledge money over time and spread your donations over a year or up to five years. Another simple way is to provide for a gift to the UNC Foundation in your estate plan. You can leave a bequest in any dollar amount or percentage of your estate that you choose. Planned gifts can also be a charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust or unitrust. An estate gift, or planned gift, leaves a lasting legacy.

#### **Q: What other ways can people give?**

A: If you have a house or farm, you can donate it and the land it sits on. Donating all or a portion of an insurance policy is a great way to give, too. There are many ways that such a gift can be structured, and the positive impact for the university can be significant. Many people choose to leave money to the UNC Foundation through their 401(k), IRA or other retirement programs. Alumni and friends often make gifts of cash each year and still leave generous amounts to the foundation through bequests in their wills and from their retirement plans.

#### **Q: Do donors ever leave artwork or other valuables?**

A: Absolutely. Gifts-in-kind may be artwork, books, music, mineral rights or any other personal property.

#### **Q: I have heard that many companies match their employees' charitable gifts. Is that so?**

A: Yes. Our website—[www.uncalumni.org/foundation](http://www.uncalumni.org/foundation)—provides a list of hundreds of companies that match gifts. And, of course, a simple way to find out whether your employer matches gifts is to ask your HR representative. Companies match gifts because they



understand the importance of your charitable gift and because it provides a tax deduction for the company. It's a win-win!

***Q: Can I designate my gift for a particular purpose?***

A: Yes. Although unrestricted gifts provide the university with the most flexibility in responding to the needs of the institution, donors can designate gifts to a particular college, school or department, or even to a particular fund.

***Q: What is an endowment?***

A: Endowments are often referred to as the gifts that keep on giving. Endowments are permanently invested by the UNC Foundation, and the income generated by that investment is used for the purpose you wish to support, such as scholarships, supplemental salary support for faculty, research, libraries, programs and much more. A portion of the income is reinvested each year, enabling the endowment to grow and provide a permanent stream of income over time.

***Q: How do I establish a scholarship?***

A: Gifts that fund scholarship make it possible for UNC to attract and retain the best undergraduate and graduate students. You can have positive influence by contributing to an existing scholarship or establishing a new fund to benefit students enrolled in the college or school of your choice.

***Q: How can I obtain additional information?***

A: We would love to send you the UNC Foundation brochures on ways to give and on planned gifts. Just call 970.351.2551 or email [alumni@unco.edu](mailto:alumni@unco.edu) to request the brochures that provide all the details you need. We have a development team at the UNC Foundation who can advise and assist you with any level of giving. You can also make an impact by giving the next time a student caller calls during our annual giving drive. You can even give safely and securely via our website at [www.give2unc.org](http://www.give2unc.org). We provide many pathways to generosity, and we are here if needed, to help alumni and friends determine what type of gift best fits their needs as a donor to benefit the University of Northern Colorado.

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# A Legacy of Education

The University of Northern Colorado first opened its doors as the Normal School in 1889 with a mission of educating the best educators. UNC alumni Kathryn and Jerry Stigman have tried to live up to that long legacy of excellence in education.

For the past 30 years, it's been their mission as elementary school teachers and principals to live the values passed on to them by their professors in the UNC education department.

In Fargo, N.D., Kathryn (MA Special Education: Multihandicapped 1979) was a special education teacher and coordinator, and principal for 38 years and Jerry (MA Education Administration 1979) was a teacher

and principal for 36 years. The couple retired in June 2008, but they continue teaching a couple of classes at a local college.

The Stigmans spent three summers in Greeley earning their master's degrees, from 1977-79. And every five years or so, they still drive from their home in Fargo to visit the campus.

The couple loves to visit the old dorm room they shared with their young son. They drive around Greeley to see how it's changed over the years. But their trek to Greeley is about much more than seeing old haunts. The Stigmans say they return to UNC because of the connections they made with inspiring professors who taught them how to be

passionate about changing children's lives through education.

"We were told after those three summers, 'We have taught you everything you need to know. Now you are the ones to go back and live it.' We took that seriously," Jerry says. "Almost obnoxiously so," Kathryn adds, quickly.

During their most recent trip to campus, Kathryn got a surprise that highlighted UNC's legacy of education for her. While visiting the education department, they literally ran into Harvey Rude in a hallway. When Kathryn knew him more than 35 years ago, he wasn't "Dr. Harvey Rude, professor and director of

## UNC's Dream of the Pros

The following are just a few of UNC's education graduates who are continuing the university's legacy of education:

### The Clayburn Family

Four generations of educators in one family reflect UNC's own dynamic history, from the Normal School to Colorado State College to the University of Northern Colorado.

**Ansel Erwin Clayburn** received his master's degree in 1968 and went on to teach at the college level.

Ansel's son, **Ansel Neal Clayburn**, finished a tour of duty in the Navy in 1973, and upon return from the Vietnam War, entered the newly named UNC. Neal graduated in 1976 and started a long teaching career in Nebraska. He is now the associate executive director of the Nebraska State Education Association. It was little surprise, then, that **Nate Clayburn**, Neal's son, would choose UNC. He enrolled in 2006 and is expected to finish his physics degree this year. Nate's great-great-aunt **Mary Orner Griffiths** was the first in the Clayburn family to come to Greeley for a college degree, earning hers in the 1930s at what was the Normal School.

### Marie Greenwood, BA Elementary Education 1935

Greenwood was the first black teacher to earn tenure in Denver Public Schools, where she taught for five decades and currently has a school in Denver's Montbello neighborhood named in her honor.

### Marlene Politzer, BA Elementary Education 1952

Politzer is the past director of Bal Swan Children's Center in Broomfield and received the Trailblazer Award.

### Bruce Broderius, EdD Education Administration 1966

Broderius was dean of the UNC College of Education. He is now an emeritus faculty and the current school board president in Greeley.

### Norman Heimgartner, EdD Elementary Education 1968

Heimgartner taught elementary education at the University Lab School and became the director of early childhood studies at UNC. At 79, he is an emeritus faculty member and travels to China and

Thailand as a consultant with the Gesell Institute.

### David Delgado, BA Distributive Education 1979

After a long career as director of training at Domino's Pizza corporate headquarters, Delgado returned to Greeley and became a teacher and driving instructor at Greeley Central High School.

### Sarah Bickel, PhD College Student Personnel Administration 1980

Bickel is currently the assistant dean of students at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz.

### Steve Ferguson, BA Mass Media 1980

Ferguson is a principal at Bristol Elementary Magnet School in Colorado Springs.

### Sumate Yamnoon, MS Research-Statistical Methods 1980, PhD Applied Statistics and Research Methods 1984

Yamnoon returned to his native Thailand and is now the Secretary General of the Commission on Higher Education, Thai Ministry of Education.

### Randall Zila, MA Curriculum Design 1980, EdD Elementary Education 1996

Zila is the retired superintendent of St. Vrain Valley School District with headquarters in Longmont and past Superintendent of the Year. He will be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award at this year's Honored Alumni Banquet during Homecoming 2009.

### Linda (Boeger) Chapman, BA Spanish 1981

Chapman is the superintendent of Park School District R-3 in Estes Park.

### Dawn Strongin, MA Human Neuropsychology 1988, PhD Applied Statistics and Research Methods 2001

Strongin is an associate professor of psychology and was nominated last year for Professor of the Year at California State University, Stanislaus.

### Rich Morrell, PhD HESAL College Student Personnel Administration 1989

Morrell is vice president of student affairs at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.







# An Educator's Impact

*Editor's Note: This letter was submitted to Northern Vision by Janna (Baird) Oakes and intended for Susan Bromley, emeritus professor of psychology. It eloquently summarizes the impact of UNC educators.*

Dear Dr. Bromley:

Given that hundreds of students passed through your classes each year, I doubt that you will remember me. But I heard recently about your husband's passing and wanted to express my deepest condolences. It is my hope that you might find this note uplifting during this difficult time.

I came to the University of Northern Colorado in January 1990, at the age of 17. I was a first-generation college student and overwhelmed by the whole experience. My struggle to stay in school (and to pass) was a product of parties, youth and unresolved guilt regarding difficult family issues. My grades sunk, and I lost eligibility for federal financial aid. Toward the end of my sophomore year, I asked you to sign my withdrawal papers and spoke with you about the issues distracting me. Not only did you convince me that I was capable of college and that I should stay in school, but you completely changed my life and set me on a course to a bright future. You commented that if I'd just focus on my studies, I would realize how smart I was. The comment caught me completely off-guard: I had never thought of myself as intelligent before.

One paper at a time, one test at a time, I began to excel in my studies. There was an abrupt turnaround in my grades that I have always attributed to you. Your faith in me, availability during office hours, gentle coaching, and authenticity in and out of the classroom inspired me. In the spring of my senior year, I talked to you about my desire to go to graduate school, although my cumulative GPA did not merit entrance into any program. I have always known that your letter of recommendation and professional relationship with Randy Lennon in the educational psychology program were the reasons I was able to attend graduate school, and I can't thank you enough.

I loved my graduate studies and did quite well, completing my MA in just 15 months. After graduate school, I married Erik Oakes, who was an undergraduate psychology major at UNC. We have been married for nearly 15 years and have two beautiful children, Dillon, 11, and Alexandria, 2.

In fall 1998, I began work toward a doctorate. I completed a PhD in higher education administration with an emphasis in adult learning theory and a cognate in quantitative research methods. As dean of liberal arts and professional programs at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, I speak frequently to new and potential students. I share my story openly in hope that they will not make the same mistakes I made.

I strive to make a positive difference for my students, as you did so many times for me. Paying forward the kindness is the best possible way for me to honor the incredible gift you gave me — a future. You made a tremendous difference in my life. Erik and I are holding you in our prayers during this difficult time.

*Janna (Baird) Oakes  
(BA-93, MA-94)*

the School of Special Education." In 1973, he was her student teacher in Fargo.

They both worked in special education at a time when many educators and parents were still fighting to have their disabled children taught in public schools. These children finally won that right in 1975 with the passage of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act.

Kathryn and Rude had not seen each other since those pioneering days in Fargo, but they recognized each other immediately. "I could tell early on that Harvey had a great passion and commitment for educating special ed kids," she says.

Rude's passion and commitment are no different than the Stigmans' own. Their shared values are summed up by what Jerry says he learned at UNC: "What's right for the kids is right for the schools." **NV**

**Carmen Bustillos, BA Spanish-Secondary Teaching 1994, MA Education 1996**

Bustillos is an ESL teacher at Chappelow School in Evans. Coming from a migrant family in Mexico, she was a MacAllister Scholar at UNC.

**Heidi Holmes, BA Physical Education 1994, MA Moderate Needs 1999**

Holmes is a special-needs teacher at Severance Middle School, in Windsor.

**Laura Gaudet, PhD Education Psychology 1995**

Gaudet is a psychology professor and department chair at Chadron State College in Chadron, Neb.

**Scott Wylie, MA Human Neuropsychology 2000**

Wylie is associate professor of clinical neurology at the University of Virginia Health System.

**Helen Paul, BA Elementary Education and Secondary Teaching 2002**

After being a stay-at-home mom for 13 years, Paul earned her UNC degree and teaches elementary school at Martinez Elementary in Weld County School District 6.

**Jennifer Howell, EdD Special Education 2003**

Howell teaches at the Utah School of Deaf and Blind in South Jordan, Utah. **NV**

**Robert Todd Ehle, BM Instrumental Performance 1991, MM Instrumental Performance 1993**

The son of UNC music professor Robert C. Ehle, he is known online as Professor V, teaching violin lessons on YouTube. There have been more than a million hits on his violin instruction video.

**Scott Spearnak, MA Elementary Education/Middle School 1992**

Spearnak is the director of learning services for Weld County School District RE-1 in Gilcrest.

**James Utterback, PhD HESAL College Student Personnel Administration 1992**

Utterback is the president of the Native American College in Earlsboro, Okla.

**Kristi Baldino, BA Elementary Education 1994**

Baldino has taught at Windsor Middle School since she graduated. She is an active member of the UNC Alumni Association Board of Directors.





Article by  
Mary Sasaki

# E D U C A T I O N ADVOCATE

**Ann Allison Vitkus earned her UNC degree during the tumultuous '60s. The experience launched a strong banking career and turned on her commitment to supporting education programs.**

**A**nn Allison Vitkus' story is more than a tale of two very different cities, Greeley and Chicago. It's a tale of transition, from a teen in a conservative Greeley family to an active participant in the Chicago business community and Democratic Party. It's also a coming-of-age story, set in a politically charged era characterized by a controversial and unpopular war, the Woodstock generation and immense cultural change.

Cover photo by Barb Levant





Ann graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1968 with a Spanish degree during what she calls a “time of incredible upheaval.” She achieved fluency in Spanish, a language she began studying in grade school, at the same time she adopted a new world view. The experience transformed her into a successful businesswoman who demonstrates her ongoing commitment to education by supporting UNC’s Cumbres Program, which prepares students to teach Spanish.

Before that, in 1965, Ann began college at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She describes a “very strange transition” during her freshman year at CU: from a child in a “Father Knows Best” era of relative calm and peace to a culturally aware young adult influenced by the Vietnam War.

“Every preconceived notion about life went out the window that year,” Ann says. “The war changed everyone’s feelings and began the polarization of liberals and conservatives.” When she arrived on the CU campus, she remembers, “women wore skirts and led an old-fashioned conservative existence.” By her sophomore year, life had done a back flip. “It was an interesting time,” she recalls. “People were demonstrating on campus, and women were wearing jeans.” That’s when she began the transition from CU to UNC, thinking she would pursue teaching. She traveled back and forth between the two schools, carrying 24 credit hours each term and juggling CU’s semesters with UNC’s quarters.

While CU Spanish professors were intelligent and prolific in their writing, she says, “they were not as interesting or inspiring as the teachers in Greeley.” She especially remembers a Cuban refugee teaching at UNC who included students in his family dinners and led fascinating discussions in Spanish.

Ann graduated from UNC after spending six months in Salamanca, Spain. “What a wonderful way to experience Spain,” she says. “I attended the oldest university in Western Europe and studied literature by writers who once attended the school. I became fluent in a short time.”

Asked by her mother, Frances Dorothy Gilbert, what she would do with a Spanish degree, Ann didn’t have a good answer. “All I knew was teaching or translating at the United Nations,” which, she adds, was limited to native speakers. “I loved Spanish, but I knew teaching wasn’t my forte.” This set the stage for a unique professional journey.

## Influences and Inspirations

Ann made professional use of her Spanish fluency, working in Chicago for Avianca Airlines and Mexicana Airlines as a reservation agent and later a tariff expert. She lived with her then-husband and daughter in Spain for three years in the late 1970s. When they returned to Chicago, she entered a graduate paralegal program where she studied taxes and estate planning. After working as a paralegal, she became a vice president/senior trust administrator at Northern Trust in Chicago. During her final years at Northern Trust, Ann honed her teaching skills as a mentor of young professional women. She became an advocate and role model for women who entered the conservative, male-dominated world of banking, and she taught financial preparedness and estate planning seminars for women.

Her choice to study Spanish and international experiences influenced her political views as well. Ann found herself on the opposite political aisle from her conservative father, Greeley native and lifelong resident Robert M. Gilbert. “College was a time that certainly changed



At a Heartland Literary event.  
L-R: Julie McKinley, Marlene Hersh,  
Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ann Allison Vitkus

my political views,” she says. Today, her political leanings haven’t changed, and she remains active in the Democratic Party. She became a supporter of Barack Obama’s presidential campaign after hearing him speak in Chicago.

Although she didn’t subscribe to her father’s political ideals, Ann attributes her work ethic and ultimate success to both parents, and her professional inspiration to her father, a lawyer who became president of what was then First National Bank of Greeley. He also served on the UNC Foundation Board of Directors and the University of Colorado Board of Regents. “His encouragement wasn’t exactly in words,” she says. He led by example. “It’s the journey, not the goal,” she remembers him saying. “You didn’t work just for the goal of earning money, but to enjoy your work. I’ve tried to feel that way about everything I’ve done.”

Inspiration and encouragement also came from Ann’s mother. Frances Dorothy Gilbert was born in Sidney, Neb., and attended the University of Nebraska for two years before she had to quit due to her father’s illness during the Great Depression and the family’s inability to pay for college. Her mother moved to Greeley where she worked as a power company secretary and met Robert. “They were married more than 50 years and were very happy,” Ann says.

Other key influences were Ann’s Spanish teachers, including those leading an experimental Spanish program in which she participated. “I was encouraged and inspired by my high school teacher, Lynn Sandstedt, to make Spanish my major in college,” she says. Sandstedt went on to become a longtime UNC Spanish professor who was a national leader of language organizations, including the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the Joint National Committee for Languages, and the National Council for Languages and International Studies.

Ann’s daughter, Tiffany, now married with two children, also motivated her to succeed. “She kept me going when life seemed tough and made me learn to listen and not judge. She sometimes painfully made me look in the mirror.”

Finally, she gained strength not from a person, but a passion — running — which Ann began when she was divorced from her first husband in 1987. “I had minor asthma and allergies as a child,” she explains, “and to find that I could overcome physical hurdles, set goals and accomplish them was enormously liberating. I began doing marathons, many international, and eventually completed 17. It



## Cumbres Creates Leaders

Pupils across Colorado are learning Spanish from uniquely prepared teachers, thanks in part to the UNC Cumbres Program in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Program Director Linda Carbajal says the vision of Cumbres ("peaks" in Spanish) is "to prepare classroom teachers to be role models and leaders in the field of education. That means they're adept at working with students at risk of not succeeding in school, with children for whom English is not their first language, with minorities and with those living at the poverty level." Founded in 1997, the program has a current enrollment of more than 140 students with a cumulative grade point average exceeding 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

What makes Cumbres different from the UNC College of Education as a whole is that in addition to a Colorado teaching endorsement, students must also obtain an endorsement in bilingual instruction and/or English as a Second Language.

"We provide the 'cream of the crop' for Colorado schools," Carbajal says. In addition to traditional teacher-education skills, graduates of the program develop leadership skills and tools needed to serve at-risk children. Each student must complete a leadership project before graduation.

The Cumbres Program places 100 percent of its graduates who obtain teacher and ESL endorsements, according to Carbajal. In fact, some receive five to eight job offers. The program is unable to fill all requests for Cumbres graduates, who are in high demand by Colorado schools.

As director, Carbajal is responsible for recruiting students, promoting the program and raising funds to sustain it. Her goal is to recruit students with strong potential who will accept leadership training and mentoring. To recruit potential students, she visits college fairs and high schools, and she connects with organizations that can contact students who meet the program's criteria. After the students are enrolled, "we work hard to keep them in school," she says.

"Without the Ann Allison Vitkuses of the world, we wouldn't be able to function," Carbajal says. "Ann has been very generous and supportive of the program, and it's her way to support high-quality teacher preparation while honoring the memory of her mother," Frances Dorothy Gilbert who lived in Greeley more than 50 years.

In addition to private donors such as Ann, funds to support the program and its \$1,500-per-student annual scholarship come through the UNC Foundation and state scholarship funds through the university.

If you would like to contribute to the Cumbres Program, contact Michael Muskin, 970.351.1008 or michael.muskin@unco.edu.



Ann's parents Robert M. Gilbert and Frances Dorothy Gilbert.



Ann (right) with daughter Tiffany Dalton (left).

made me realize that I could do the same in my professional life." She still runs a few miles each day. After being single almost 16 years, she married Chicago lawyer Richard Vitkus in 2004, and she retired in 2005. They now split their time between Chicago and Naples, Fla.

Ann's education not only prepared her to be a successful banker, but an active volunteer in the Chicago community. She has worked for several nonprofit groups: the American Heart Association of Metropolitan Chicago; Youth Guidance, a program that provides counseling for students in high schools known for gang activity; and the Library of International Relations, which is associated with the Illinois Institute of Technology. She helps raise money for the library that electronically houses United Nations treaties and other important international documents.

Despite her wide range of interests, Ann is most proud of her volunteer work focused on educational support and advancement. "Education is the answer to the world's problems — the way forward and the way out," she says. She worked with Northern Trust and the Chicago Tribune Co. to found a nonprofit literary group, the Heartland Literary Society, which was named for the Heartland Literary Prize awarded to authors annually by the Tribune Co. The group sponsored authors to speak about their books to audiences that often included chief executive officers. "The only way to improve schools is to get the CEOs involved." Ann is proud that the society's popular meetings bolstered the book club trend in Chicago.

Ann is equally proud to support UNC's Cumbres Program ("peaks" in Spanish). "I support the Cumbres Program because it's geared toward helping prepare young adults to teach Spanish," she says. "I'm glad to see UNC take an active role in that." She also gives to UNC because "state schools are at the whim of state legislatures for funding," thus limiting their ability to expand. When budgets are tight, she adds, "education often gets the short shrift."

Her involvement with Cumbres fits her desire to bolster education programs, not buildings. "I'm not a bricks-and-mortar donor, and I don't want my name on a building. What's really important is to provide scholarships." When her father turned 75, Ann established a scholarship in his name at the CU law school, primarily for older female students who might not otherwise be able to attend law school. "He loved the fact that I did that," she says. Her Cumbres support is given in the name of her mother, who wanted to be a teacher, but was unable to finish college. "I didn't know that until after she died," Ann explains, and this is an appropriate way to recognize her mother's inspiration and sacrifice.

Ann says she gives to UNC because the need is huge, the cost of education is rising more than inflation every year, and there's simply no way for colleges and universities to maintain outstanding teachers and high-quality programs without private funding. "I've been fortunate in my life and my career," she concludes. "My parents left a legacy, and this is my way of paying back, of keeping them alive." **NV**







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**2009**

**HOMECOMING**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10



### **Sunday, October 4th**

#### **3:00 p.m. – Soccer Game**

Come support the nationally televised game from Jackson Field as the UNC Bears take on the Wyoming Cowboys!

#### **5:00 p.m. – Root Beer Float Social**

Join us as we kick off Homecoming Week with ice cream, root beer floats and live music at Turner Green!

### **Monday, October 5th**

#### **8:00 p.m. – Comedy Club**

Jeff Dye, comedian from “Last Comic Standing” will head up this year’s Homecoming Comedy Club. Come enjoy some laughs and the feel of a real Comedy Club with appetizers and beverages in the University Center Ballrooms! This is a free event!

### **Tuesday, October 6th**

#### **6:00 p.m. – Bear Sync**

University Center Ballrooms- Earn Spirit Week points and show UNC what it takes to swing your way to the top!

### **Wednesday, October 7th**

#### **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Homecoming “kickoff” dinner**

Join us for a special dinner at Holmes Dining Hall on West Campus or Tobey-Kendel Dining Room on Central Campus to kick-off the Homecoming Week activities!

#### **8:30 p.m. – Bingo Night – it’s not just for Grandma**

Join the Center for Peer Education and your friends for a night of B-I-N-G-O in the University Center Ballrooms! Play to win an I-Pod and other great prizes.

### **Thursday, October 8th**

#### **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Cans to Candelaria**

Cans to Candelaria is the annual food drive held at UNC.

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#### **8:15 p.m. –Hockey Game**

Come support the UNC hockey team as they take on the Colorado Buffaloes at the Greeley Ice Haus on 8th Ave.!

### **Friday, October 9th**

#### **9:00 a.m. – Alumni Association 50 Year Reunion Breakfast**

#### **Social – Stay Classy UNC!**

The UNC Alumni Association will honor the class of 1959 at the 50 Year Reunion breakfast social held in the Panorama Room of the University Center. For more information, call 970.351.2551 or visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events).

#### **10:00 a.m. – Alumni Association 50 Year Reunion Bus Tour**

The attendees will embark on a Bear Bus Tour of the UNC campus. For more information, call 970.351.2551 or visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events).

#### **11:30 a.m. – Alumni Association 50 Year Reunion Luncheon**

The UNC Alumni Association will host a luncheon for the class of 1959 including several guest speakers and the Pinning Ceremony at the Panorama Room of the University Center.





cans to Candelaria at the annual 1000 Cans Road at UNC  
to help the Weld County Food Bank. They will accept  
both cash and cans. \$1 buys 6lbs of food or \$10 at retail.  
(With the economy the way it is, the food bank needs help  
more than ever. Their direct food plans have increased  
50% since last year, they help 6,000 county people each  
month and the food bank serves a 4,000 square mile area.  
In Weld count alone, 39% of kids have reduced or free  
lunches (one of the highest in the state). Our goal this year  
is to raise 40,000 pounds of cans and cash.)

Cans and cash will need to be turned in by 2:00 p.m.  
to the Candelaria parking lot. This event is worth Spirit  
Week Points!

### **Saturday, October 10th**

**9:00 a.m. – Homecoming Pancake Breakfast**  
Student Activities will host this event. Please contact  
351-2871 for more details!

**11:00 a.m. – Homecoming Parade**  
Join your friends and the Greeley community for this special  
event. Parade route begins on 10th Ave. and 19th St. near  
the Visitor's Center on Central Campus. This event is for  
Spirit Week points and for anyone that wants to participate!

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Homecoming Tailgating**  
Nottingham Field parking area is the spot to be for tailgating  
pre-game festivities! Visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events) for  
more information.

### **4:30 p.m. – Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet**

Enjoy dinner and cash bar in the UC Ballrooms as we  
honor eight worthy individuals. For more information,  
call 970.351.2551 or visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events).

### **8:30 p.m. – Pep Rally, Bonfire and Fireworks**

These festivities will take place outside of Bishop-Lehr  
Hall. This event is sponsored by the Residence Hall  
Association and the Student Activities Office.

### **1:35 p.m. – Homecoming Football Game**

Let's cheer on the UNC Bears to beat the Portland State  
Vikings at Nottingham Field! Homecoming Winners will be  
announced at Halftime of the Football Game.

### **5:00-8:00 p.m. – African American Alumni Reception**

"Transforming Lives, a Black Perspective," with food, music,  
dancing and networking in the Pikes Peak Ballroom at the  
University Center. Visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events) for more  
information.

### **9:00 p.m. – MIDNIGHT – Annual Homecoming Formal**

Get dressed up, bring a date or a group of friends, and  
dance all night in the UC Panorama Room. Bring 2 cans  
or \$1 entry fee to go towards Cans to Candelaria.

Training Center at the 1000 Cans Room at the University  
Center. For more information call, 970.351.2551 or visit  
[www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events).





# 1959

## “Ah—Well I Remember” ....

*The time has come to celebrate 50 years of your life and it will not happen again.*

Yes, fifty years has passed since our graduation from Colorado State College, and plans are finalized to celebrate this milestone at the UNC Homecoming, October 9-10. Dig out your annual, call that long lost friend and make plans to attend our special celebration. Remembering those years will be an experience you won't want to miss.

## The 50 Year Class Reunion honoring the Class of 1959 will feature the following events:

### Friday, October 9

- 9:00 AM a continental breakfast in the Panorama Room in the University Center will kick off our reunion activities and will provide a chance to reacquaint with returning classmates.
- 10:00 AM we will embark on a Bear Bus Tour of the campus. Meet the busses at the “Big Bear Mascot” at the north parking lot of the University Center.
- 11:30 AM a special luncheon in the Panorama room will feature a welcome by President Kay Norton. Special guests, Head Football coach Scott Downing and Head Women's Basketball coach Jaime White will follow. Our own Coleen Estes Cassell will present her “Hats Program” for our enjoyment. At this luncheon our class members will be inducted into the 50-year Reunion Society and receive our 50 year pins. We will also open our “Time Capsule” to give us a glimpse back to 1959.
- 5:30 PM The Honored Alumni Celebration dinner and awards presentation will be held in the University Center Ballrooms. This event will be preceded with a social hour and cash bar beginning at 4:30 PM. *Note this is a time change of an hour earlier than previously communicated.*

### Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 AM a complimentary Pancake Breakfast will begin on the grassy area in front of Snyder Hall.
- 11:00 AM. Parade. A UNC alumni tent will be located along the sidewalk in front of Snyder Hall. Reserved seating for Class of 59.
- 11:30 AM. Pre Game Tailgate under the tent in the North East corner of Nottingham Field.
- 1:30 PM. Football Kick Off between the UNC Bears and the Portland State University Vikings at Nottingham Field. Group seating will be available for our class.

To register visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events)

## TAILGATES

Join us for Pre-game tailgate fun hosted by UNC Alumni Association and the UNC Athletics. Mix and mingle with students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni. Fun giveaways, great entertainment and visits from the UNC Cheerleaders and Marching Band. Burgers, brats and beverages catered by Jackson's All-American Sports Bar, tickets are just \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under, and \$5 for UNC students & faculty.

### Mark your calendar and come show your Bear Pride

September 26 against Montana State University – tailgate begins at 11:30 am

October 10 against Portland State University – tailgate begins at 11:30 am

October 24 against Weber State University – tailgate begins at 11:30 am

October 31 against University of South Dakota – tailgate begins at 11:30 am

November 7 against Sacramento State University – tailgate begins at 10:00 am

★ To register visit [www.uncalumni.org/events](http://www.uncalumni.org/events)

# Honoring OUR OWN

2009 HONORED ALUMNI AWARDS | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

*Each year during Homecoming weekend, the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni and friends whose service and achievements embody the university's tradition of excellence. We are proud to announce the 2009 Honored Alumni Award recipients.*

## DISTINGUISHED EMERITUS AWARD



Allan "Gene" Aitken may have retired from the University of Northern Colorado to tour Asia and promote jazz music and jazz education, but his heart is still on campus. Aitken continues to make UNC an important part of his life, and that is why he is a natural fit for the Distinguished Emeritus Award. "Wherever he is, Gene Aitken never fails to mention that he is an emeritus professor from the University of Northern Colorado," a nominator wrote. "He is a tireless supporter of all programs of the UNC School of Music."

Aitken retired in 2002, but that does not mean he's been at home working in the garden. Since his retirement, he has been on ABC World News direct from Erbil, Iraq, inducted into the Down Beat magazine Jazz Educator Hall of Fame and conducted China's top military band, the Military Band of the People's Liberation Army of China. In 2007, Aitken conducted the UNC/Greeley Jazz All Stars, sharing the evening stage with the Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra.

One of Aitken's most exciting endeavors is the Southeast Asian Youth Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, a project he co-founded in 2003. In the first year, 500 students auditioned and 146 were selected to play a concert in Thailand at the Thailand Cultural Center in Bangkok. This proud tradition still continues today.

Aside from his international conducting and education duties, Aitken has found time to author more than 30 articles for national and international journals on jazz education and computer technology. In 1997, the National Education Association published a chapter in "Technology and Higher Education" by Aitken on the future of music education in the United States. Aitken has also been on 30 recordings and continues to teach master classes for wind ensemble directors.

Even while touring the world, "Dr. Aitken is a strong supporter of the UNC Jazz program and makes the commitment to return to Greeley every year to work and conduct the UNC Jazz Festival," stated one nominator.

## CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



University of Northern Colorado musical theatre graduate Aléna Watters has made the trip from Colorado to New York look easy. One nominator explained the 2003 graduate's journey: "She has performed alongside luminaries such as Bette Midler. ...She has used her training and education to land roles in important Off-Broadway productions in New York City, in musicals at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and in regional theatre productions from Boston to our own summer stock Little Theatre of the Rockies."

Her impressive resume makes Watters the perfect recipient of the Creative Achievement Award. Watters' talents are not limited to just stage. She has performed in concerts, films, TV programs, showcases and readings. She also has special skills ranging from piano sight reading and choreography to dialect and character voices. Whether it is dancing on "Live! With Regis and Kelly" or working on a smaller New York-based project, Watters combines the lessons learned at UNC with natural talent to make her a force in the performing world.

Other people have taken notice, too. She was mentioned in the Beacon Journal as being "a true triple threat with her excellent dancing, vocals and acting." Watters was also mentioned in Washington, D.C.'s MetroWeekly: "Aléna Watters looks like Kelly Clarkson and has the vocal chops to match."

Currently, Watters can be seen in the Broadway cast of "West Side Story" in the lead role of Maria. She was also recently certified as a Vinyasa/Hatha yoga instructor. No matter what she is doing, "Watters is the kind of exceptional young graduate of our institution that deserves our recognition and applause," one nominator wrote. "She is emblematic of why we are considered one of the top university programs in the performing arts."



## YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



The connection Brian M. Davidson, MD, has to the University of Northern Colorado did not start his freshman year of college. Instead, it began the year before when he attended the Frontiers of Science Institute. During his time at UNC, he held numerous leadership roles, serving on Student Representative Council and holding a leadership position with his social fraternity, Delta Tau Delta. Ultimately, Davidson won the

UNC Dickinson Presidential Prize for Leadership at the 1999 spring commencement ceremonies where he graduated summa cum laude with a pre-health degree.

After graduation, Davidson continued his hard work both on and off the UNC campus. For his activities during his attendance at UNC and his dedication to the university since, he is the ideal recipient of the Young Alumni Award.

Davidson went on to attend the University of Colorado School of Medicine where he received the Adler Scholar Award for outstanding leadership and service to CU Medical School and graduated as president of his medical school class. In 2004, Davidson was appointed by the governor to serve as a public member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, a position he still holds today.

Upon graduation, Davidson started as the assistant medical director for perioperative services at the University of Colorado Hospital and serve as assistant professor of anesthesiology at the CU School of Medicine. He completed a physician executive fellowship in healthcare administration at the University of Colorado Hospital. Concurrent with the fellowship, he completed an MBA in healthcare administration at the University of Colorado Denver. Davidson is the third youngest person ever admitted to the executive program and graduated in July 2009.

One nominator wrote: "Brian's accomplishments in his professional career, commitment to community service and continued involvement at UNC should make him a standout as the candidate of choice for the 2009 Young Alumni Award. He is a graduate who brought, and will continue to bring, unequivocal pride to the University of Northern Colorado." For those reasons and many others, he is being honored at the 2009 Homecoming festivities.

## HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD



Although Frank and Betty Ottesen are relatively new to the Greeley area, they have already made a big impact on the University of Northern Colorado and Greeley itself. While they are not graduates of UNC, "the Ottesens have adopted us as if they had not only attended the institution, but had been part of the founding families of our esteemed academy," wrote a nominator. That is why the Ottesens will be awarded the Honorary Alumni Award at Homecoming 2009.

The Ottesens have become engaged in the university, even counseling College of Performing and Visual Arts Dean Andrew Svedlow on many issues that currently face the arts in higher education. Part of their university engagement includes endowing a scholarship for a performing and visual arts student. "Helping our community with scholarship and assisting students to complete their education is so rewarding," they said, upon founding the scholarship. "The arts have been an important part of our lives."

The Ottesens came to Greeley in 1993 after Frank sold the family business, Brighton Grain Company. Betty, stemming from her interest and familiarity in Indian art, assists with the Downtown Art Train in Greeley and Eagle Plume's in Estes Park. Frank was an active member in the Elks Lodge and currently works as support staff at Allnutt Funeral Services. Both Frank and Betty enjoy volunteering with the Santa Fe Indian Market and are proud supporters of the Greeley Philharmonic and the Little Theatre of the Rockies.

The Ottesens embody the Honorary Alumni Award. As one nominator concluded, "Such recognition would not only give great pleasure to the Ottesens, but would serve as a symbol of the university's gratefulness to those who join and support our university family not for any other motive but to give to the greater good that UNC represents."

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



Randy Watkins may have had an unfair advantage over the other freshmen stepping foot on the UNC campus in 1995. On top of being born and raised in Greeley, his father, Lee Watkins, graduated from UNC in 1968. Still, the younger Watkins' dedication to the university is evident on both a professional and personal level, and that is why he will receive the Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

After graduating with an accounting degree in 1999, Watkins started his professional career in the Denver office of BDO Seidman, which later became Anton Collins Mitchell LLP (ACM). In 2008, he joined Watkins & Schommer Inc., in Greeley, and in 2009, became a shareholder in that company. He has been actively involved in auditing and consulting for organizations in numerous industries and has experience in helping companies comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Watkins has always given back to UNC. He is currently chairman of the Accounting Academic Advisory Board in the School of Accounting and Computer Information Systems, Treasurer of the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association, and participant in the national accounting honorary society Beta Alpha Psi. "Randy gives back to accounting, MCB and UNC in ways we encourage our graduates to support the university after graduating and leaving campus," wrote one nominator. "He has been an exemplary alumnus to our students since he graduated in 1999."

Watkins also continues to support the university and its graduates by being the lead person for recruiting at UNC. "He has hired many students over the years, which is an important part of the alumni cycle that we like to see," a nominator wrote. "First and foremost,

he realizes that UNC gave him the opportunity to enter the accounting profession, and he opens those same doors for current UNC accounting graduates by hiring them into his CPA firm.”

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Tim Jorstad may be a familiar name to those who read the Winter 2009 Northern Vision. Appearing on the cover, Jorstad told his story from working the Monfort meatpacking plant kill floor to starting his own company, Jorstad Inc., an accounting firm in San Rafael, Calif.

While the article highlights the 1975 accounting grad's rise to success, his commitment to community service and UNC will be recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award. One accounting professor remembered Tim as a “very serious, dedicated nontraditional student. He quickly became a leader among the students. He and another nontraditional student co-founded the UNC Accounting Club, the predecessor organization to our current Beta Alpha Psi Chapter, a national honorary for accounting majors.”

Jorstad is a major believer in giving back to his community. In fact, he says one of the most rewarding aspects of his business is watching some of his famous clients become involved in social and political causes. One client is Carlos Santana, who recently built a medical clinic and cultural center in his small Mexican hometown.

Jorstad also remains active in UNC activities and has returned to campus to speak to students and assist in placing accounting graduates with Bay Area accounting firms. One nominator wrote: “I believe his willingness to help UNC graduates today, after 35 years, is a direct result of the education he received at UNC and his relationships with the accounting and other business faculty. He is a model of what our college has accomplished over the years. Tim Jorstad's success should be shared with our students and alumni and presented as a fine example of what first-generation college students can attain.”

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Randall Zila may be known professionally as the former superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District, but around the University of Northern Colorado, he is just another one of the many outstanding graduates who embody the type of education professional UNC prepares. He earned an MA in curriculum and instruction in 1980 and an EdD in elementary education in 1996. For his tireless work in education

and his devotion to the university and its students, he will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Zila began his career as a teacher and rose through the K-12 system until becoming superintendent, even being named Superintendent of the Year in 2007 by the Colorado Association of School Executives. Working in the St. Vrain Valley School District, he has faced the challenges presented by a \$13.5 million budget deficit and the

Colorado Student Assessment Program, all while maintaining adequate yearly progress goals. Zila's colleagues wrote glowingly about his leadership, budgetary and technical skills, but also his personal style. “He shows respect for his colleagues and for all employees in his district,” one nominator wrote. “He has the ability to bring out the best in people.”

According to Zila himself, UNC is where he really got his start in education. “Dr. Zila is very proud of his roots at UNC,” a nominator wrote. “I have heard him say publicly that the quality of teacher candidates from UNC is second to none.” Zila recently volunteered to serve on the Advisory Board of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and has been a keynote speaker at the college's Honors Convocation.

“Dr. Zila has worked closely with our department over many years,” another nominator wrote. “He has taught several courses for us, both on and off campus. Students respect his knowledge of educational leadership and his genuine care about individuals in the program.”

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Sharon Lee Parker, who earned a master's degree in gerontology in 1977, returned recently to Greeley to speak at the North Colorado Medical Center about her personal dealings with cancer. An attendee at the event said, “Despite her unique personal story and lifestyle, she was just like us—human, angry and frightened, yet full of spunk, optimism and hope—the kind of hope and energy that so many of us affected by cancer need ourselves to wage the battle with cancer.” As a UNC graduate and for her courage as a cancer survivor, Parker will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Parker's book “Look Out Cancer, Here I Come!” tells about the journey of her cancer diagnosis, treatment and survival. Since writing the book, she has become a self-professed cancer coach, helping more than 800 patients, offering support, friendship and questions patients can ask their oncologists.

One nominator wrote: “She told me that her master's degree in gerontology from UNC has been advantageous to her as she works with others. Sharon is a cancer coach 24/7 with her cell phone ringing frequently. It is nothing for her to jump on a plane and head to New York from her home in Florida, where she resides with her supportive husband George, to help someone newly diagnosed with cancer.”

Parker is invited to speak about her experiences based on her successful book. “Audience members line up after to ask her questions and have their book personally signed,” a nominator wrote. Building on the impact of her personal story and book, she started the Life Lover Foundation, a cancer research foundation whose goal is to fund new and novel cancer therapies.

One nominator summarized what many stated: “Sharon Lee Parker is a dynamic speaker and caring person who is a cancer survivor, writer, speaker, fundraiser and cancer coach. She is making a difference in the lives of thousands. She is most deserving to be recognized as a UNC Distinguished Alumna.” **NV**



# Doug French

University of Northern Colorado alumnus Doug French (BA '80) couldn't help but notice that every time he went sailing, he would inevitably spill his drink. To help solve that problem, he invented a prototype for attaching a koozie to his lifejacket so he could keep his drink and use both hands to sail at the same time. He kept that prototype for 15 years, but the idea kept nagging him until he finally started doing the research. He soon realized that no one else was doing anything similar, so he decided to move forward on the idea.

His resulting invention was the Stick It Coolie, a drink holder with an adhesive backing that can stick to any clean and dry surface. A person can use a Stick It Coolie on a car, lawn mower, boat, golf cart, jet skis, cooler, ladder or stroller. The website boasts, "If it moves, stick it!" He filed for an intellectual patent and is developing five new models that are stronger with better adhesive.

"It's not just a cup holder," he says. "I actually use it as a cell phone holder for my Blackberry while I am in the car or on the boat."

Doug is no stranger to a boat or the ocean. He first went out to Florida as a part of the Senior Professional Baseball League and his work with the Fort Meyers Sun Sox. He became involved in sailing and now holds his captain's license.

Doug, however, wasn't always around the ocean and the warm weather. He grew up in Colorado, moved to Berthoud in 1970 and graduated from Berthoud High School in 1975. "I loved the mountains, but I always wanted to live in a warmer climate by the water," he says.

**I have loyalty to UNC because of the great education and the great time I had while attending college there.**

After high school, he joined Up with People, touring with the group during 1976—the bicentennial year. He remembers being on the field at the halftime show for Super Bowl X. Doug also remembers participating in Bob Hope's 70th birthday celebration. Up with People was chosen to be ushers, "but I was actually picked from the other lead singers to get up and sing 'Thanks for the Memories' to Bob himself," he recalls with a chuckle.



Once Doug's stint with Up with People was over, he enrolled at the University of Northern Colorado where he immediately got involved with campus life. "I loved my time at UNC," he says. "The professors were great." He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, played on the men's tennis team, and was a resident advisor in McCowan Hall for three years. Doug's other claim to fame was that he was the first male UNC cheerleader. Doug graduated in 1980 with a BA in Liberal Arts—English and a minor in business.

Doug used his degree when he went into his first job after graduation as a flight attendant. He flew to Europe for 10 years, traveling to France, England, Germany and Italy where he even picked up some of the languages. "I understood so much of the history and surroundings because of the literature I had read," he says. "I even recall teaching passengers on the plane about the places they were going and the features they were seeing because of literature."

The use of his degree was not limited to work in the travel industry. That is how I was able to work on things like the Stick It Coolie," he says. "The business minor also helped me now that I am working with lawyers."

"UNC taught me the ability to read and write contracts," Doug says. "It is so important to know how to write and communicate well, especially now with the Internet and web-based communication."

Doug continues to remember the University of Northern Colorado in many important ways. A regular donor, Doug is quick to say how vital it is for him to give back to his alma mater. "I thoroughly loved college, and it is important to give back," he says. "I have loyalty to UNC because of the great education and the great time I had while attending college there."

**Check out more on the Stick It Coolie at the new and improved website at [www.stickitcoolie.com](http://www.stickitcoolie.com).**



# CLASS *notes*

## 1950s

**Claude Schmitz** (BA-53, MA-54), Greeley, celebrated his 90th birthday in April. Claude retired in 1983 from teaching vocal music at UNC for 30 years. He has two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Julianne Haefeli** (MA-54), Greeley, has been reappointed to the Commission on Family Medicine by Gov. Bill Ritter. The commission partners with the Colorado Association of Family Medicine Residencies to meet Coloradans' health care needs through the recruitment, education and retention of family medicine physicians.

**Jack Hilyard** (BA-54), Portland, Ore., received an honorary doctorate from his seminary, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

**Gladys Richard** (AB-57), Bellevue, Wash., celebrated her 100th birthday in March, with a program at her residence in the Garden Club Retirement Facility and a daylong reunion with her sons, Gene, Jerry and Allen, and their families.

**Mary Ann (Nelson) Tanking** (BA-59), Salina, Kan., facilitates the art program at Sunflower Adult Day Care in Salina. It provides a safe environment for seniors recovering from strokes or living with various forms of dementia, while their caregivers take time for errands or work. Mary Ann is a retired art educator from Unified School District 306 and Kansas Wesleyan University.

## 1960s

**Ernest Brown Jr.** (BA-62), Brookfield, N.H., is chair of the Building and Space Needs Committee of the Governor Wentworth

Regional School Board. He successfully presented and received voter approval for an extensive building program, which includes a new multipurpose building, and expansion of the vocational center, middle school and high school. Ernest was re-elected to the school board and as a selectman for the Town of Brookfield.

**Dwayne Trembly** (BA-62), Cheyenne, Wyo., retired after 36 years of teaching and coaching. He is the executive director of Wyoming Retired Education Personnel. Dwayne's full-time hobby is restoring antique two-cylinder John Deere tractors.

**Jim Jensen** (BA-64), Fort Worth, Texas, is marketing manager for FP International.

**Ernie Reichert** (BA-66, MA-68), Longmont, retired from teaching at St. Vrain Valley Public Schools.

**Stephen Ritzenthaler** (BA-66), Lake City, Minn., was inducted into the Lake City Public Schools Hall of Fame for his achievements and leadership in the area of outstanding contribution. He retired in 2000 and currently performs with the Sheldon Theatre Brass Band in Red Wing, Minn., and the Salt River Brass Band in Phoenix.

**Ed Poole** (MA-67), Boone, N.C., is founder and president of Lessons for Your Journey, an author, a consultant success coach and a storyteller. His most recent book, "Lessons from Empowering Leaders—Real Life Stories to Inspire Your Organization Toward Greater Success," was released in May.

**Theodore Fredrickson** (MA-68), Cottage Grove, Minn., retired as president of Capital University. His wife, **Diane (Broad) Fredrickson** (MA-72), is a retired reading specialist from South Washington County School District 833.



**James Cantrell** (MA-65), Bardstown, Ky., exhibits his artwork at Bardstown Art Gallery. His oil painting, "Derbytime," was featured on the cover of the spring 2009 issue of *The Bourbon Review* magazine. Jim invites all regional artists to "A Brush With Bardstown," on Oct. 1-3, 2009. It is an opportunity for artists to paint, display and sell finished works, and to compete for awards. Call 502.348.6488 for registration information.



**Gene Dwyer** (MA-73), Davenport, Iowa, released "She Walks on Gilded Splinters," a novel based on the life and legend of Marie Laveau, the voodoo priestess of New Orleans.

**Carlotta LaNier** (BS-68), Cherry Hills Village, received the Social Justice and Education Award from Escuela Tlatelolco, a Denver K-12 school. Carlotta is a member of the Little Rock Nine who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. She has served on the UNC Board of Trustees since 2006 and has worked in real estate for 34 years.

**Lee Davis** (BA-69), Houston, has been teaching in the same school district since graduation. During that time, he has also been a bus driver and administrator, but he enjoys teaching the most.

**William Pettit** (MA-69), Broken Arrow, Okla., is associate dean for rural health and associate professor of family medicine at the Center for Health Sciences at Oklahoma State University.

## 1970s

**Marianne Dinges** (BA-71, MA-97), Greeley, is the executive director of Child Advocacy Resources and Education Inc., a nonprofit agency that strengthens and preserves families while protecting children from abuse and neglect. Marianne became CARE's interim director in May 2008, after working for 20 years at UNC.

**Leo W. Pauls** (EdD-71), Emporia, Kan., retired in 2006 from Emporia State University and the State of Kansas. He is currently working as a fundraising consultant for Webster Conference Center, which is owned by the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.





**Cheryl Carpinello** (BA-74), Littleton, published her first middle-grade novel titled "Guinevere: On the Eve of Legend." A high school educator for more than 20 years, Cheryl has taught the principles and ideals of the King Arthur legend. She hopes to introduce elementary students to the enchantment, mystery and magic of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

**Albert Barouh** (MA-74), Miami, retired from Dade County Public Schools in 1993.

**Sam Searcy** (MBA-74, MA-76), Englewood, is president of DCMI, a customer computer programming company.

**Victor Bolado** (MA-76), Windcrest, Texas, is a retired United Nations representative.

**Mark Wood** (MA-76), Greeley, provides strategic planning and financial forecasting services at Bruce Preston CPA, PC, in Greeley. Mark previously was the resource development director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Weld County.

**Therese (Keenan) Appell** (BA-77, MA-92), Denver, has taught in Cherry Creek schools and the Denver Public Schools system. She received the Denver Association for Gifted and Talented Teacher of the Year Award in 2007. Teri and her husband have two sons.

**Louise (Basehore) Little** (BA-77), Portland, Maine, was recognized as the 2008 Special Education Teacher of the Year by the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities. Louise has taught in Florida and Maine for 30 years, serving a wide range of students with significant challenges and disabilities.

**Charles Parker** (BS-77), Nye, Mont., retired after 32 years in the property and casualty insurance business. He was president of the Barlow Agency of Gillette, Wyo., the state's largest independent agent, employing 28 people, before selling to BW Insurance Agency.

**Patricia Bradley** (MA-78), Covington, Va., is a licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, and hypnotherapist. For the past 10 years, she has been the director of the mental health and substance abuse clinic for Allegheny Highlands Community Services.

Patricia lives with her two cats and two dogs in a mountaintop home on 31 acres.

**Una W. Polk** (MA-78), Denver, is a retired teacher from Denver Public Schools.

**Edward Smiley** (BS-78), Kirtland, N.M., is executive director of Farmington Indian Center, a division of the City of Farmington and a clearinghouse for Native American referrals, social networks and cultural events. During the '70s and '80s, Ed was a grant writer and fiscal officer. He and his wife, Mary, who works as a preschool and special education administrator, enjoy traveling and camping. Their son, Marc, will graduate from college in fall 2009.

**Richard Irwin** (BA-79, MA-85, EdD-90), Germantown, Tenn., is a professor at the University of Memphis and his wife, **Carol Irwin** (BA-79), is an assistant professor.

**Richard Moore** (BA-79) and **Mimi (Schillig) Moore** (BA-79), Sloan, Iowa, celebrated the January arrival of their first four grandchildren—Jack, Joseph, Grace and Noah—quadruplets born to their son, Aaron and daughter-in-law, Tina. Richard is pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Sloan.

**Glen Nardin** (BM-79), Virginia Beach, Va., is a Chief Warrant Officer 4 with the U.S. Army School of Music at Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base.

**G.M. Malliet** (BA-78), Alexandria, Va., introduced her second book in the St. Just Mystery series, "Death and the Lit Chick," which was published in April. Another of Malliet's books, "Death of a Cozy Writer," was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best First Novel and Left Coast Crime's "Hawaii Five-O" Award. Kirkus Reviews chose it as one of the best books of 2008.

**Terry Vice** (BA-79), Colorado Springs, accepted a position with the Department of State as a facility manager. Following training, he and his family will relocate to a U.S. Embassy overseas, in mid-September 2009.

## 1980s

**Stephen Shapiro** (BS-80), Littleton, is founding partner of Bieging Shapiro and Burrus LLP and a member of the UNC Foundation Board of Directors.

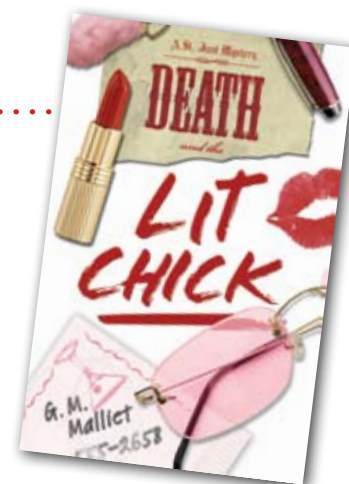
**Stephanie Moran** (BA-81), Durango, is the lead GED teacher at Durango Adult Education Center. She is married to Andrew Gulliford, professor of Southwest studies and history at Fort Lewis College.

**Michael Tessier** (BA-81), Newburgh, Ind., is assistant vice president for student affairs at the University of Evansville. He earned his master's degree in college student personnel administration in 1984 from Western Illinois University.

**Craig Simpson** (BA-82), Mountain View, Calif., works for Lockheed.

**Meg (Moeller) Worth** (MA-82) and **Ted Worth** (BA-70), Erie, are retired. Meg taught elementary music at Boulder Valley Schools and Ted was a high school band director in the Brighton School District.

**Wendy (Bernd) Shupe** (BS-83), Greeley, has been named chair for the Colorado Motor Carriers Association, which represents more than 600 trucking companies and affiliated businesses in Colorado. Wendy, who is also the president of Tri-State Commodities Inc. of Greeley, is only the second woman in the association's 70-year history to lead the group.





**Lou Ann Gurney (MA-86)**, Keaau, Hawaii, released a CD, "Joy Ride," a collection of American jazz standards, which was nominated for Best Jazz CD in the 2008 Na Hoku Hanohana Awards (the Hawaiian Grammy). Lou Ann performs at Jazz Mele on the Big Island of Hawaii.

**Veronica Patterson (EdD-84)**, Loveland, won the second annual Kenneth and Geraldine Gell Poetry Prize for her manuscript "Thresh & Hold." When the work is published in a trade paperback edition by Big Pencil Press in November, it will be Veronica's third book of poems. Veronica is a UNC writing professor.

**Louis "Joe" Piccotti (BA-84)**, Montgomery, Ala., retired after a 23-year career in the USAF, as lieutenant colonel and command pilot. Joe is a four-time recipient of the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal. During his Air Force career, he was stationed in the United States and England and flew the KC-135 globally. He taught leadership, management and ethics at the University of Iowa. Joe enjoys traveling, the stock market, fishing and outdoor activities. He and his wife, **Debbie (Danila) Piccotti (BS-84)**, have three sons, who are all Eagle Scouts and currently attend college.

**Christy Tappy (BS-84)**, Fort Collins, works for Hewlett-Packard Co.

**Crystal Zwetzig (BS-84)**, Fort Morgan, has been a labor and delivery nurse for 27 years and currently works at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley.

**Sandra (Nielsen) Williams (BA-85)**, Aurora, founded a Christian preschool in 1991 and graduated from Colorado Christian University in spring 2009 with a master's in curriculum and instruction. She and her husband have a son and two daughters.

**Brian Cronin (BA-86)**, Denver, has worked in the origination department at Comcast

Media Center in Centennial since 1996. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a son, Brice, who was born in January 2009.

**Mark Jones (BS-86)**, Greeley, and his family—wife, Kerry, and daughters, Brooke and Krista, were featured in a February episode of the ABC reality show, "Wife Swap." The once-in-a-lifetime experience involved a film crew following them around Greeley for two weeks. Mark is a police lieutenant with the Greeley Police Department and head of the Weld County Drug Task Force.

**Kenneth Lee (BAE-88)**, Castle Rock, graduated from Regis University in Denver with a master's degree in computer information technology.

**Lisa Aughenbaugh (BAE-89)**, Harlingen, Texas, teaches college awareness and test preparation. She worked as a high school vocational counselor after receiving her master's degree in education and counseling.

**Russell Brown (BA-89)**, Wellington, teaches social studies at Poudre High School in Fort Collins. He earned the Poudre School District's Excellence in Education Award in March 2008 and the Fort Collins Sam's Club's Teacher of the Year Award in October 2008.

**Eric Strand (BS-89)**, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., owns DesignerPlumbingOutlet.com, which was ranked #79 in Inc. Magazine's top 500 fastest-growing companies for 2008, #1 in the top 100 businesses in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area and #4 fastest-growing retail company nationwide.

**Lori (Miller) Wood (BAE-89)**, Richmond, Texas, teaches first grade and celebrated her 20th year of teaching.

## 1990s

**Jason Niedziela (BA-90)**, Bluffdale, Texas, owns the Hideaway Ranch and Retreat in Bluffdale, which won the 2008-09 Best Family Friendly Inn Award.

**Chris Pierce (BA-91)**, Broomfield, is a neurologist at Denver Health Medical Center and an assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. His teaching duties include supervision of psychology interns in neuropsychological assessment and externship/practicum training in neuropsychology for graduate students of UNC and other universities.

**Angela (Rains) Quinn (BA-91)**, Fort Collins, has worked for Hewlett-Packard since 1991. She is currently in the sales arena as part of the Personal Systems Group Human Resources team and is a new member of the UNC College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Council. Angie and her husband, **Lorr Quinn (BA-91, MA-93)**, have two children.

**Debra Scott (MM-91)**, Nacogdoches, Texas, is a professor of trombone and the jazz band director at Stephen F. Austin State University. Debra and her husband, G.W., have two children, Rachel and Jordan.

**Sara Heimbecker (BM-92, MM-93)**, Greeley, performed with the Greeley Chamber Orchestra as featured cellist in November. Sara teaches three classes at UNC, while working on her doctorate in music history.

**John Moran (BAE-92)**, Pearland, Texas, is featured in the book, "Hurricane Ike," for his heroic efforts in leading a rescue to save one adult and three children from floating out to sea during the hurricane.

**Jean Schober Morrell (PhD-94) and Pete Morrell**, Greeley, were chosen grand marshals of the 2009 Greeley Stampede. Jean served as UNC's dean of students for 32 years and Pete was Greeley's city manager until 1986. They work together at Morrell & Associates, a management and leadership development company, and Jean is a part-time senior adviser with the UNC Foundation. Both Jean and Pete have been involved in a number of community and charitable organizations and have been honored for their endeavors.





**Toni Theisen** (MA-93), Fort Collins, teaches French at Loveland High School. Toni is national board certified in world languages other than English and is the district curriculum representative and chair of the World Languages and Cultures Department at LHS. She was selected 2009 National Foreign Language Teacher by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language.

**Michael Schreck** (BA-94), Columbus, Ga., finished his medical studies in podiatry in San Francisco and is a partner at Foot and Ankle of West Georgia. He married Christina West in September.

**Thomas Smith** (BA-94), Eastlake, Ohio, is a supervisory financial manager with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Cleveland. He supervises the debt recovery team in the civilian payroll office.

**J. Justin Hutchens** (BS-95), Murfreesboro, Tenn., was appointed president and chief operating officer of National Health Investors Inc., a real estate investment trust. Justin served as executive vice president and chief operating officer for Emeritus Senior Living and senior vice president/COO and regional director of operations for Summerville Senior Living. He is chair of the Operational Excellence Advisory Panel for the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA) and the past chair and current member of the COO roundtable for ALFA.

**Patricia Iolana** (BA-95), Glasgow, United Kingdom, is working toward her PhD at the University of Glasgow, studying theology, literature and the arts.

**Trent Johnson** (BA-95), Greeley, owner of Greeley Hat Works, was among 10 individuals and organizations awarded Northern Colorado Business Report's Bravo! Entrepreneur Award in March.

**David Sanchez** (BS-95), Miami, is a learning consultant and instructional designer for the College of Business at Florida International University. He earned a master's degree in education from American Intercontinental University (Weston, Fla.) in 2007.

**Denise (Coddling) Sloan** (BA-95), Ventura, Calif., is a part-time artist, photographer and volunteer. She worked in banking administration for 10 years and hopes to enter the nonprofit field and earn a master's degree in marriage and family therapy/art therapy.

**Kelly Turney** (BA-95) Palmer, Alaska, is detective sergeant for the Palmer Police Department. He graduated from Alaska's police academy in 1998 and worked for the North Slope Borough Police Department before moving to Palmer as a patrolman in 2003. He was assigned as the department's only detective and then promoted to detective sergeant in 2007.

**Matthew Wiggins** (EdD-95), Eau Claire, Wis., is the chair of the kinesiology department at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire. Matt and his wife, Leanna, have two children, Mikala and Jonah.

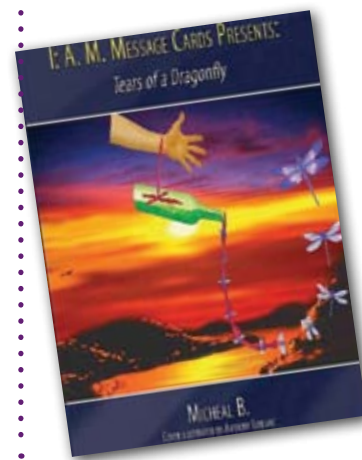
**Jeff Jiron** (BA-96), Windsor, is a commercial banker with Guaranty Bank and Trust. Jeff's banking career began as a personal banker for US Bank in 1998. By 2005, he was an award-winning bank manager. He is a member of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Advisory Board.

**Daniel Jordan** (BA-96), Phoenix, was awarded a 2009 James Madison Fellowship. The fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Daniel's course of study toward a master's degree, which must concentrate on history and the principles of the United States Constitution. Daniel is a teacher at Glendale High School in Arizona.

**John Erdkamp** (BA-97), Greeley, taught junior high and high school science in Greeley and Fort Collins for eight years. He returned to college in 2005 to study mechanical engineering. Before he finished his second degree, John was offered the opportunity to join the nation's largest biofuels technology company. He travels to a number of the lower 48 states to teach five-day seminars on biofuels, renewable fuels technology and sustainable agriculture, and their environmental impact.

**Jason Sanchez** (BA-97), Seattle, earned a PhD in audiology in 2007 from Kent State University. He is currently doing a postdoctoral fellowship in auditory neurobiology at the University of Washington. Jason and his wife, Penny, have a son, Tait.

**Travis Goeglein** (BS-99), Windsor, is vice president of lending at First FarmBank in Greeley. Travis has more than 11 years in business, mortgage and agricultural banking.



**Micheal Butts** (BS-05), Pearland, Texas, published "I: A.M. Message Cards Presents: Tears of a Dragonfly," a comprehensive collection of poetry, speeches, short stories, sayings and songs.

## 2000s

**Jeff Elison** (MA-00, PhD-03), Cedar City, Utah, teaches philosophy at Southern Utah University. He is a member of the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Program advisory board and mentors students with their research projects. Jeff's efforts have led to more than 10 research awards for his students, three mentor awards for himself and the SUU Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award.

**Vanessa Ewing** (MA-00, PhD-05), Thornton, is principal of Broomfield Academy, a private elementary school. Vanessa and a group of parents organized an independent investment group to keep the school (formerly Meritor Academy) open when it was in danger of being closed.

**Dana Salvador** (BA-00), Albuquerque, N.M., received a \$2,000 award from the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation, which she will use to support the completion of her memoir, "After the Harvest." Dana's nonfiction work has appeared in Fourth Genre, and her poetry in The North American Review, Prairie Poetry and Water-Stone Review. She and her husband have twin sons.

**Elizabeth Zavodsky** (BA-00), Evergreen, has worked at the University of Arizona in residence life for the past seven years.

**Tamara Warr** (BA-01) and **Kevin Mayeda** (BA-98), Greeley, were married in September. Tamara works at Chappelow Magnet School in Greeley, and Kevin works at Front Range Orthopedic Center in Longmont.

**Lindsay (Efting) Hovden** (BS-02), Yankton, S.D., and her husband, Chris, welcomed a son, Maddox Christopher, on Dec. 11, 2008.

**Michael Messerole** (PhD-02), Omaha, Neb., received an Alumni Outstanding Teaching Award from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in March. Michael is an associate professor in UNO's School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

**Nikki Tomlinson** (BA-02), New York City, was part of Hollywood Bowl's summer presentation of the classic Frank Loesser musical "Guys and Dolls."

**Grant Harrell** (BS-03), Dallas, is director of business development at 21-Century Silicon Inc.

**James Miller** (BA-03), Centreville, Va., worked as an analyst for the Department of Defense, while he continued his career in the Navy Reserves. He served 15 months in Afghanistan, returning in 2007, and returned to Afghanistan for six months as a civilian contractor. He and his wife, Karyn, have been married since 2006.

**Mark Reinholz** (BA-03), Windsor, launched a collectible medieval trading card game called "Conquest of Arthenia." Visit Mark's website [www.conquestofarthenia.com](http://www.conquestofarthenia.com) to learn more.

**Jeremy Beets** (BA-04), Greeley, is admissions representative for the Institute of Business and Medical Careers, Fort Collins campus, and volunteers as football coach at Greeley West High School.

**Jordan Burkholder** (BA-04), Sacramento, Calif., married Elizabeth Estrella in August 2008. Jordan works at the Sacramento Theatre Co. and Elizabeth works at the Capital Stage Theatre.

**Jennifer Dauphinais** (BA-04), New Haven, Conn., is pursuing a master's degree at Quinnipiac University (Hamden, Conn.),

and will be certified to teach elementary education in 2010.

**Noel (Otten) McDonnell** (BA-04), Denver, is a marketing coordinator for Professional Case Management.

**Jonathan Shumate** (BA-04), Arlington, Va., is a member of the 2009 Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, which supported the 56th Presidential Inauguration on Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C. Jonathan earned a law degree in 2007 from Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach, Va., and has served in the military for 18 months. He is a judge advocate regularly assigned to the Coast Guard Commandant at U.S. Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

**Brant Williams** (BA-04), New York City, starred in an independent feature film, "Last Days of Simon," that premiered in April at the Garden State Film Festival.

**Lindsay Brubaker** (BA-05), Littleton, began graduate school in 2007 at the University of Missouri Columbia in the Clinical/Developmental Joint Psychology PhD program. Lindsay hopes to pursue assessment and intervention training at the Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders.

**Marisa Helms** (BA-05), Greeley, works at New Vision Charter in Loveland. Marisa and her husband, Chad Atwood, have a son, Micaiah.

**Christyn Kamper** (BA-05), Waverly, Neb., works at Lincoln Public Schools. In June 2008, Christyn married Jason Campbell, who works at ACI Worldwide Technologies.

**Kelly Quick** (EdD-05), Sheboygan, Wis., is assistant professor of fitness studies at Lakeland College. She previously served seven years as assistant professor of exercise science and strengthening and conditioning coach at the University of Sioux Falls.

**Shannon Clark** (BA-07), Windsor, married Seth Koester in December. Shannon works at Monfort Early Childhood Education Center.

**Brianna Daberkow** (BS-07) and **Aron VanSickle** (BA-05), Greeley, were married in August. Brianna is a full-time graduate student in the speech pathology program at UNC, and Aron works for the city of Greeley parks department.

**Nikki Hesse** (BA-07) and **Weston Hielscher** (BS-08), Yuma, were married in March. Nikki works at Yuma District Hospital and Weston works at Team Hielscher Training.

**Jorge Chavez** (BS-08), Log Lane Village, is an accountant with Bruce Preston, CPA, PC, in Greeley, after previously working with the group during the 2006 and 2007 tax seasons.

**Chad Chisholm** (BA-08), Evergreen, was selected for a National Juried Art Exhibition in Pagosa Springs. The Shy Rabbit Gallery displayed one of Chad's pieces, "The Contemporary Photograph," in May and June. His work "Confinement" can be viewed at [www.creationize.com](http://www.creationize.com).

**Emily Edens** (BA-08), Greeley, teaches at Winograd K-8 School. Emily married Tim Murphy in June.

**Jennifer Frank** (BS-08), Lakewood, married James McConnell in August 2008. Jennifer works at Anton Collins Mitchell, a CPA firm in Denver.

**Jerrod Griebel** (BA-08), Greeley, enlisted in the Colorado Army National Guard in July 2007 and trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He graduated Army Advanced Individual Training as an intelligence analyst.

**Joseph Hamm** (BA-08), Milliken, is enrolled in the psychology and law doctoral program at University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Amy Pogorelz** (BS-08), Greeley, married Brady Walter in June 2008.

**Juliana Rosa** (BA-08), Loveland, began a doctoral program in applied social psychology at Colorado State University in fall 2008. She continues to work with UNC Assistant Professor Kristina Phillips researching social, personal and environmental reasons for substance use, with hopes of publishing the study and presenting the findings.

**Conlan Brown** (MA-07), Evans, published his first book, "The Firstborn," which was released in May. He enjoys video editing, writing film scores and developing thought-provoking fiction.





# Alumni News

A group of alumni and former students came together in February 2009 at the Old Capital Grill in Golden to reminisce and remember their days together in Turner Hall. Organized by Lloyd Yonemura (BA-72), Kaunakakai, Hawaii, and Bill Hensley (BA-73), Golden, the mini-reunion included residents of Turner Hall in the early 70s.



Front row L-R—Rodney Hahn (BA-71), Yuma; Lila Hahn; Jodi (Wrigglesworth) Carlson (BS-72, MA-80), Longmont; Barb (Whitman) Stauffer (BA-73, MA-77), Greeley; Lloyd “Hoch” Yoneumura (BA-72, Kaunakakai, Hawaii); Van Kinahan, Aurora; Bev (Hargrove) Kinahan (BA-73), Aurora. Back row L-R—Bill Hensley (BA-73) Golden; Greg “Bear” Robison (BA-72, MA-77), Montrose; Burl Stewart, Colorado Springs; Kent Stauffer (BA-72, MA-78), Greeley; Kathy Green (BS-77), Centennial.

## Faculty and Friends

Thomas Endres, director of the School of Communication and professor of Communication Studies, received the “Service to the State” award from the National Communication Association’s States Advisory Council. The council consists of representatives from state communication associations within the U.S. who collectively work with the national office to exchange information and advocate on behalf of their local constituents. Endres currently represents the Rocky Mountain Communication Association, which honored him with a regional service award last year. He has been a member of the NCA States Advisory Council for approximately 20 years, originally representing the state of Minnesota, and currently serves as the council’s secretary.

The UNC Alumni Association and Foundation sponsor a wide variety of events each year—from tailgate parties and reunions to networking events and Homecoming Weekend. We look forward to seeing you soon at one of these great events!



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 I am pleased to share the following news to be published in Class Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# IN MEMORY

## 1920s

Mazelle (Evans Kingsbury) Smith (AB-28)

## 1930s

Helen (Cade) Vagner (BA-36, MA-39)  
 Frances (Goetzel) Lindsley (BA-37)  
 Helen (Rinehart) Mayfield (AB-38, MA-42)  
 Alberta (Meden) Robertson (BA-38)  
 Helen (Teller) Casten (LC-39)

## 1940s

Catherine (Linder) Miller (BA-40)  
 Corabelle (Owen) Goetzel (BA-41)  
 Lois A. Johnson (BA-42)  
 Charles S. Kern (BA-43)  
 Ruth (Krause) Welsh (BA-43)  
 Virginia A. (Heilman) Peterson (BA-45)  
 William H. Drummond (BA-46)  
 Richmond N. Hutchins (MA-48)  
 Raymond J. Kelley (BA-48)  
 Lowell B. Baumunk (MA-49)  
 Abbott E. Fay (BA-49, MA-53)  
 Robert F. Maiden (BA-49)  
 Maybeth Melton (BA-49)

## 1950s

Mary Louise (Boulter) Conner (BA-50)  
 Merl E. Railsback (BA-50, MA-53)  
 Stanley M. Powell (MA-51)  
 Dan W. Roberts (MA-51)  
 Laurel L. Webb (BA-51)  
 James B. Bailey (BA-52)  
 Wayne C. Cowden (BA-52)  
 Ebert L. Miller (MA-52)  
 Grace A. (Stuart) Blyler (AB-53)  
 Russell C. Johnson (MA-53)  
 James R. "Bob" McGee (MA-53)  
 Dorothy L. Moore (MA-53)  
 Raymond A. Muckel (MA-53)  
 Robert Erger (BA-54)  
 Frank R. Brown (MA-55)  
 James B. Peck (BA-55, MA-56)  
 Carman P. Felice (BA-56, MA-73)  
 Ronald A. Wiesner (MA-56)  
 Orval D. Crosier (MA-57)  
 Philip Gose (BA-57, MA-61)  
 Yvonne Kortum (BA-58)  
 Wilbur L. Skow Jr. (BA-58, MA-63)  
 Joseph "Joe" Bilotti (MA-59)  
 Doren D. Yount (BA-59, MA-66)

## 1960s

Betsy (Furusest) Aas (MA-60)  
 Raymond V. Biondo (BA-60)  
 Gerald E. Blessinger (BA-60)  
 Vern B. Foster (BA-60)  
 Grady L. Matthews (BA-60)  
 Dorothy (Linder) Fischer (BA-61)  
 Joan L. Ritchey (BA-61)  
 Helen J. Martindale (BA-62)  
 Edward F. Peska (BA-62, MA-64)  
 Mary C. Knott (BA-63)  
 Anis Quidwai (MA-63, EdD-64)  
 Sophia C. Brotherton (EdS-64)  
 William R. Durham (MA-64)  
 George H. Hahner (MA-64)  
 Alexander C. McDougall (BA-65, MA-69)  
 Phyllis (Bushy) Cyphers (MA-66)  
 Carolyn (Croft) Lodwig (BA-66)  
 Wayne O. Naugle (BA-66)  
 Francis P. Bowles (MA-67)  
 Robert C. Hawthorne (MA-67)  
 Dianna Ruppe (BSN-67)  
 Edward E. Martin (MA-68)

George H. Brooks (EdD-69), *former director of UNC's graduate school, director of International Affairs and College High School teacher, passed away in June. Dr. Brooks, a long-time Greeley resident, was active in Kiwanis, GRASP and the Congregational Church. He was a regular contributor to The Tribune editorial page and was active in community affairs and in local and statewide politics.*

Terry (Froman) Dionisio (BA-69)  
 Gene G. Panning (EdD-69)

## 1970s

Sister Susanna Kennedy (MA-71)  
 Philander H. Vannoy Jr. (BS-71)  
 Ed J. Watts (BA-71)  
 Michael L. Milner (MA-72)  
 Susan (Howell) Peterson (BA-73)  
 Sharon Andreaci (MA-74)  
 Jack McCall (BS-74)  
 Samuel R. Walter (BA-75)  
 Ellen L. Wolfe (BS-75)  
 Bessie (McClendon) Amos (MA-76)  
 Kenneth M. Gambrell (BA-76, MA-78)  
 Jane E. Goenner (MA-76)  
 Lee Shoemaker (BA-76)

Theresa A. Jones (MA-77)  
 Dorothy L. Schenk (MA-77)  
 Jimmie J. Alexander (MA-78)  
 Richard A. Bills (MA-78)  
 Charles R. Piver (MA-78)  
 Sally Roscoe (BA-78)  
 Donna (Coady) Shawcroft (BA-79, MA-97)

## 1980s

Samuel N. Cox (MA-80)  
 Mark A. Petrick (MA-81)  
 Lyn C. Ryder (BA-81)  
 Cary B. Davis (MS-82)  
 Patricia (Robinson) Kaufmann (BS-82)  
 Norbert E. Matts (EdD-83)  
 Keith W. Johnson (MBA-84)  
 Martin S. Snyder (BS-84)  
 Donna (Bruffey) Gallion (BME-85)  
 Jeffrey L. Peterson (BS-86)  
 David J. Pearson (BA-87)

## 1990s

Michael L. Claussen (PSY-91)  
 Miriam "Mary" (Brok) Roth (BS-91)

Linnea (Erikson) Heiny (MA-93), *former UNC professor and high school teacher, passed away in March. Linnea earned a bachelor's degree from CSU in 1965 and master's degree from UNC in 1993. A champion volunteer, Linnea was active in Meals on Wheels, the Great Books Program, Channel 6 public television, Weld County Clothing Bank, Bluebirds, the First Congregational Church and the Greeley-Evans District 6 School Board. The Linnea Erikson Heiny Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established in her honor. Memorial contributions may be made to the Linnea Erikson Heiny Scholarship Fund at the UNC Foundation.*

Susan (Compher) Xavier (BS-95)  
 Francis "Ben" Paquette (BS-98)

## 2000s

Erica J. Bethke (BS-01, MA-04)  
 Richard S. Zelinger (BA-01)  
 Rikki (Vallejo) Cano (BS-06)  
 Alfred H. "Skip" DeGraff (PhD-06)



# EMERITUS FACULTY & FRIENDS

Sister Jose' Hobday  
Robert A. Petteys  
Edward J. Rozek

Dale Dykins, former professor at UNC, passed away in April. Dale earned his bachelor's degree in 1941 at the College of Music in Cincinnati. During his four years in the U.S. Air Force, Dale was awarded a number of awards and recognitions, and in 1946 he returned to the College of Music to study for his master's degree. From 1950 to 1983, Professor Dykins taught piano, music theory and composition at UNC, and was chairman of the Department of Theory and Composition. During a sabbatical leave 1955-56, he was a composition student at Juilliard. Upon his retirement from teaching in 1983, the Dale Dykins Award for Theory and Composition Students was developed, which is awarded annually to promising students at UNC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dale Dykins Award for Theory and Composition Students c/o UNC Foundation.

Memorial funds have been established by the families and friends of loved ones listed below:

John Beel (*founder of UNC's chemistry department*)  
Tom Benich (*long-time track and field coach at UNC*)  
Bud Best (*long-time UNC football, baseball and swimming coach*)  
Bernie Blach (*friend of UNC and respected Colorado realtor*)  
John Bromley (*Monfort College of Business professor and President's Leadership Program director*)  
Sandy Davenport (*35-year employee at UNC*)  
Dale Dykins (*35-year piano, music and composition professor at UNC*)  
William Harmon (*long-time UNC biology professor*)  
Linnea (Erikson) Heiny (*UNC professor and community volunteer*)  
Zahi Kamal (*long-time UNC sociology professor*)  
Toni May (*long-time employee at UNC*)  
Teresa Rodriguez (*Spanish and literature professor at UNC*)  
Vinnie Scalia (*long-time professor of Human Sciences and dean of the College of Natural and Health Sciences*)  
Walter Schenkman (*long-time professor of piano at UNC*)  
Allen W. Straight (*friend of UNC athletics*)  
Sue Varvel (*friend of performing and visual arts at UNC*)  
Welby Wolfe (*Little Theatre of the Rockies executive director and PVA professor*)

*If your life has been touched by any of these individuals, please consider making a memorial gift in his or her name to the UNC Foundation, Campus Box 20, Greeley, CO 80639.*

# October

- 3** **Bears Football vs. Northern Arizona**  
4:05 pm (MT), *Flagstaff, AZ*
- 5** **Blue & Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago's, Noon, Cost \$9*
- 7** **2nd Annual Cumbres Fall Kickoff**  
*Guaranty Bank Lobby, 2700 47th Avenue, Greeley, CO, 5:30-7:30 p.m*
- 9-10** **Homecoming Weekend**
- 9** **50 Year Reunion Breakfast**  
*UC Panorama Room, 9 am*
- 9** **50 Year Reunion Bus Tour**  
*Bus will depart from the UC, 10 am*
- 9** **50 Year Reunion Luncheon**  
*UC Panorama Room, 11:30 am, Cost \$15*
- 9** **Honored Alumni Social, Dinner & Ceremony**  
*Social, 4:30 pm, UC Fireside Lounge  
Dinner and Awards Ceremony, 5:30 pm, UC Grand Ballroom, Cost \$30*
- 10** **Homecoming Pancake Breakfast & Parade Viewing**  
*Breakfast, 9 am  
Parade, 11 am*
- 10** **African American Alumni Reception**  
*UC Pikes Peak Ballroom, 5-8 pm, Cost \$30*
- 10** **Football Tailgate UNC vs. Portland State**  
*Parking lot east of Nottingham Field, 11:30 am*
- 10** **Bears Football vs. Portland State**  
*1:35 pm, Nottingham Field*
- 17** **Bears Football vs. Idaho State**  
*3:30 pm (MT), Pocatello, ID*
- 24** **Football Tailgate UNC vs. Weber State**  
*Parking lot east of Nottingham Field, 11:30 am*
- 24** **Bears Football vs. Weber State**  
*1:35 pm, Nottingham Field*
- 31** **Football Tailgate vs. University of South Dakota**  
*Parking lot east of Nottingham Field, 11:30 am*
- 31** **Bears Football vs. South Dakota**  
*1:35 pm, Nottingham Field*

# November

- 2** **Blue & Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago's, Noon, Cost \$9*
- 7** **Football Tailgate UNC vs. Sacramento State**  
*Parking lot east of Nottingham Field, 10 am*
- 7** **Bears Football vs. Sacramento State**  
*12:05 pm, Nottingham Field*
- 14** **Bears Football vs. University of Montana**  
*12:00 pm (MT), Missoula, MT*
- 19** **Reverse Raffle Dinner & Auction**  
*UC Ballrooms, 5:30 pm, Cost: \$100 ticket, \$50 dinner*

# December

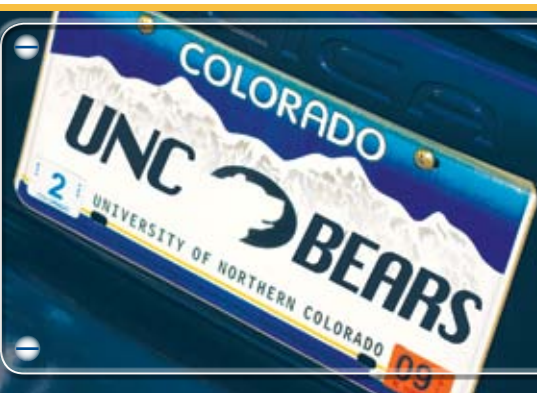
- 7** **Blue and Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago's, Noon, Cost \$9*
- 11** **Graduate Commencement**  
*7 pm, Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion*
- 12** **Undergraduate Commencement**  
*9 am & 2 pm, Butler-Hancock Sports Pavilion*

# January

- 4** **Blue and Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago's, Noon, Cost \$9*

# February

- 1** **Blue and Gold Luncheon**  
*Old Chicago's, Noon, Cost \$9*
- 19** **Hall of Fame Dinner**  
*UC Ballrooms, 5 pm, Cost TBD*



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