


# DOANE

A portrait of Dr. Roger Hughes, the 13th president of Doane University. He is a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue patterned dress shirt and a yellow and gold patterned tie. The background is a solid dark color.

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## **PASSING INTO A NEW ERA**

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as the university's 13th president*

## **THE EXCELLENT ADVENTURES OF DOC AND NED**

*Recounting nearly 30 years of Doane interterm  
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*Dr. Roger Hughes,  
Doane University President*





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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

To everyone reading this magazine, welcome. Whether you've been alumni for years, decades, or even months, I want to welcome you back to Doane and thank you for the welcome I've received in my first few months as president.

It's so great to be back in Crete and to see that all the pieces I loved as part of my Doane education are still in place on all our campuses and in our online courses, as well. Camaraderie with classmates, connections with faculty, support of alumni for current students, and programs that push us into the future, all contribute to the unique experience of a Doane education.

Not that I need to tell you — you know as well as I — that the relationships we built in college have carried us throughout our lives. Our classmates and professors have become our friends, our business partners, our mentors, and our advocates. This has been the case throughout Doane's 149-year history, and those experiences are what I hope to create in my time as president.

Change and the ability to adapt to changing times has always been a part of Doane. For a college that started in 1872, it was a change just

to add electricity and indoor plumbing. Even the liberal arts education we receive gives us the ability to be flexible in our careers, to look critically at the world around us, and to discover ways to make it better. Now, we're looking ahead to the university's next 150.

We've already seen change in the past several years, necessary change to keep our students and employees safe and healthy and ensure strong finances remain in place for years to come. I came on board as a new president, and new and familiar faces have joined us in administrative, faculty, and staff positions.

Change will keep happening in the world around us and within us. But because we're Doane Tigers, we'll face it head-on, and we'll face it together. I think that's another hallmark of our community and one you can see throughout the articles and anecdotes in our 94th volume of Doane Magazine — that by encountering and overcoming a challenge, we become better people.

*Sincerely,*







# PASSING INTO A NEW ERA

## Dr. Roger Hughes '82 returns to Doane as the university's 13th president

**D**oane University coming into the 2021-22 school year is a very different place from the college that Dr. Roger Hughes graduated from 40 years ago. But in some ways, it's very much the same. Merrill still chimes the hours. Faculty and administrators remain invested in mentoring and advocating for students. And students are still coming to Doane's physical — and online — campuses with hopes and dreams for the future.

As the university's 13th president, Dr. Hughes wants to encourage and grow those traits.

"We're excited to be back," he said, of himself and his wife Laura. Their relocation to Nebraska from Florida not only realizes Dr. Hughes' goal of becoming president of Doane, but brings them closer to their family, many of whom are also Tiger graduates, including their daughter, Maddison '18.

### LIVING THE DREAM

Dr. Hughes had first applied to be president in 2011. He was interviewed and brought to Crete, but at the time, Dr. Jacque Carter was seen as the better fit, having had more experience with university administration. But, if one door closes, another one opens. And if you put in work, have patience, and keep a goal (or several) in mind, it can really pay off.

"I think all those experiences certainly made me a much better candidate this time than I was 10 years ago," Dr. Hughes said.

To start, the past decade at Stetson University presented him with the opportunity to work beyond the traditional role of a head football coach in order to relaunch a football team after a 56-year absence and then make it thrive. There's a lot to do and a lot of people to work with if you want to add 135 students

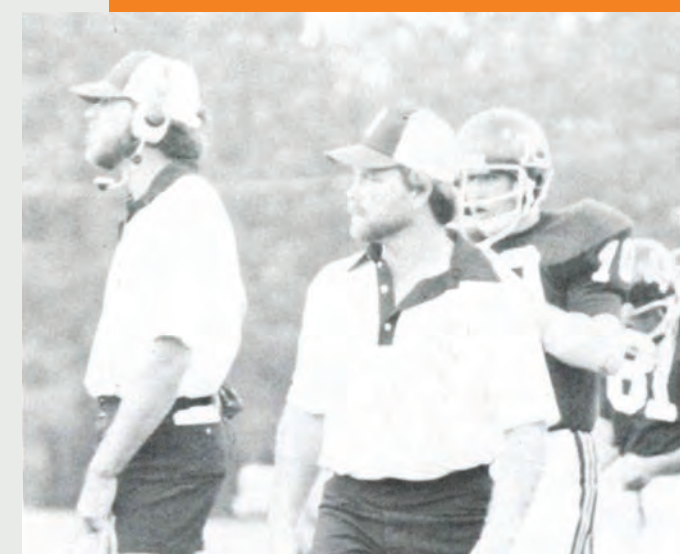
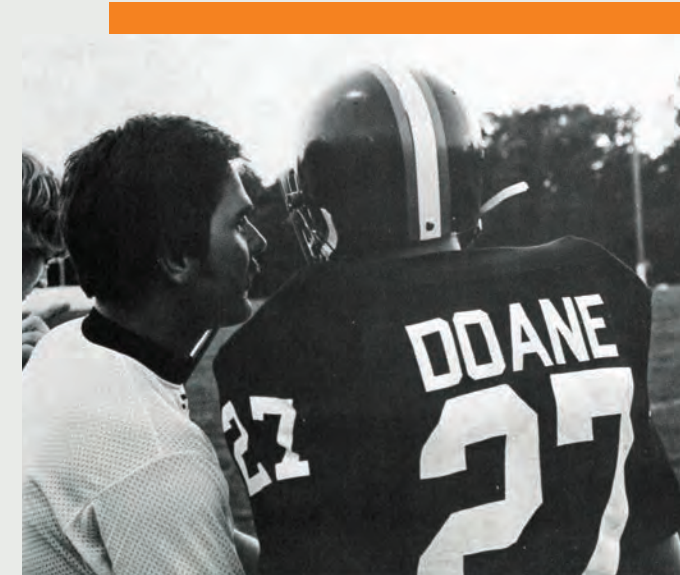
to a university. Stetson's president and athletic director treated him almost like a vice president, Dr. Hughes said, which allowed him to ask questions and take actions that resulted in long-term change.

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"As a head coach, you get to help people. The same thing translates when you get to be the president," Dr. Hughes said. "You can

really have an influence on how people are treated and the culture of an organization. You can really help multitudes of people. As corny as it sounds, I like helping people."

It was that goal, that drive to help others, that pushed Dr. Hughes along the path to coaching football. He had completed his master's and doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and faced a fork in the road — to follow an invitation to Chicago to research exercise science or start applying for open coaching positions. After being on the staff of Tom Osborne's football program, he hoped to be able to positively impact young lives through mentorship, support and advocacy. He coached at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Dartmouth, Princeton, and Stetson, always with thoughts of Doane at the back of his mind.



▶ Yearbook images from 1979-1982 show scenes of Doane's football team that Dr. Hughes both coached and played for. He served as an assistant coach for the Tigers throughout his undergraduate career, and got on the field as a junior after several tight ends were injured.

These experiences helped him get onto the Husker football coaching staff while pursuing his master's and doctorate. And throughout his career, there's been a Doane connection within nearly all teams with which he's worked.





◀ LEFT: Dr. Hughes meets with faculty and students at a College of Education event in June.

▶ RIGHT: Dr. Roger Hughes started as Doane's 13th President in June 2021.

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“It’s clear that people have a passion to be at Doane and they have a passion for what they do at Doane,” Dr. Hughes said. “And more importantly, they have a passion to help their students get better.”

**WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS**

There’s no getting around the fact that smaller colleges and universities are facing challenges now, and in the coming years, said Dr. Hughes. But what sets Doane apart is the university’s ability to meet the changing needs of higher education while still providing students with the skills embedded in a liberal arts education — communication, critical thinking, and a hunger to improve oneself and the world around us.

“The economy is changing. So we need to do things differently to train our students for what future employers want,” he said. “We’ve got to have our students prepared for that.”

It’s a difficult time to start as a university president. Even as vaccination rates grow and cases decrease, safety will still need to be a priority

with COVID-19 on all three campuses, and as trips to elsewhere in the country and world are planned. There have also been a number of initiatives, programs, fundraisers, and projects started during Dr. Jacques Carter’s term that are unfinished.

In short — there’s a lot to learn and a lot to talk about.

“You’ll hear me say a lot of ‘I don’t know about that, tell me about it,’” Dr. Hughes said, as he continues his first year as president. He hopes that with open communication, all parts of the Doane community will work together and move forward.

In good news, the university is in a good position financially, and a lot of that is due to Dr. Carter’s work over the past decade.

“Doane also has all the components to become an even better university with three campuses, a strong online presence, passionate alumni, and dedicated staff and faculty,” Dr. Hughes said. It has a strong reputation for making sure students receive the education they need in four

years and at a cost that’s competitive with regional universities.

“If we continue to do the little things very well, and if we continue to try to help people get better and better themselves, we’re going to have a major impact on the world.”

**WHAT MAKES DOANE UNIVERSITY**

Something that Dr. Hughes cherished about Doane during his time as a student and after was the mentors, the faculty and coaches, who pushed him to grow, and later advocated for him as a graduate.

He came to Doane from Crawford High School on a basketball scholarship and wanted to be a basketball coach after graduation. But he knew being able to coach football would likely open doors for him at larger schools. The head coach at the time, Joe Glenn, let him on the staff of Doane’s football team, and he stayed on staff through graduation even under two other head coaches, Nathan Hinkle in 1980 and Brian Naber in 1981 and ‘82.

Dr. Dick Dudley had him sit on the accreditation board for Dana College. And while “sit” could mean just that on other campuses for students brought on to observe the accreditation process, Dudley had him writing reports.

“They gave me experiences that I could not have gotten at a public school,” Dr. Hughes said. “Everywhere along my career, there’s been a Doane connection that hasn’t been just a mentor. They’ve been an advocate.”

When his daughter started at Doane in 2014, he was delighted to see that the relationships between students and faculty were just as close as he remembered, with faculty, deans, staff, and administration all committed to ensuring student success.





# YOU ALWAYS HAVE A HOME AT DOANE



**D**r. Jacque Carter served as the 12th President of Doane College and then Doane University from 2011 to 2021. He carried Doane through the process of becoming a university in 2016, through the introduction of new programs to meet emerging student and career needs, and, most recently, through one of the toughest of the university's past 149 years.

During his decade in Crete, Dr. Carter handed diplomas to thousands of Doane students at commencement ceremonies. A phrase he frequently used to welcome newly minted alumni was: "You always have a home at Doane."

*Thank you for making Doane your home for the past 10 years, Dr. Carter.*





**Marty Fye '83**  
*Vice President for Institutional Advancement*

I had the pleasure of working with Jacque in the last five years of his presidency. He studied closely what other universities were doing to create and measure success. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to implement some very successful programs that will ensure the future of Doane.

For example, he demonstrated leadership and courage in the implementation of the online program. Circumstances slowed the execution, but he stood up with certainty for its importance and its success.

The engineering major is another example of a great idea that has been successful for both the university and the first two classes of students to graduate from the program. Jacque not only implemented the creation of the program, but he raised the money to get it started.



**Dr. Amanda Renshaw '98 McKinney**  
*Associate Dean of Health Sciences and Executive Director of the Institute for Human and Planetary Health*

Dr. Carter has always had a passion for the natural world. He would recount stories about his childhood in Illinois and his bedroom full of fish tanks (His mother must have been a saint!). This love led to his training as a "fish guy" and his work protecting coral reefs.

Recognition of the need to protect the natural ecosystems upon which humans depend for survival, also led us to become fast and lifelong friends. It's also what led him to bring me to Doane to start the Institute for Human and Planetary Health. Like much of what he did at Doane, it was visionary and ahead of its time.

I believe that the transformative changes Jacque made will remain part of the Doane fabric. There's no doubt that Jacque left an indelible legacy on this institution that we all love and call home.

**Jill Smith '74**  
*Former Chair and current member of the Board of Trustees*

I served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for six years of Jacque's tenure at Doane. During that time, we changed from a college to a university, developed a successful online program that has greatly benefitted Doane's financial health, added both academic and athletic programs to the Crete campus, and secured a \$5 million donation toward the fine arts project.

I always admired Jacque's vision and entrepreneurial spirit. It hasn't always been easy. Jacque never gave the Board or me any time off because he never took any time off. He was continually pushing us with new ideas, always with the best interest of Doane and our students in mind. On a personal note, I think we made a good team. We didn't always agree, but we always did so respectfully.

From the Board's perspective, it is important to recognize Judy Carter as well. She is a phenomenal hostess. Not only did she help entertain spouses during our meetings, but

she also was instrumental in planning the meals and entertainment as well as hosting dinners and receptions at the Bauer House, including making some of the wonderful food!

**Rev. Jeff Hagaman '80**  
*Doane Alumnus and long-time friend of Dr. Jacque Carter*

Some of the lasting memories I have of Jacque revolve around his interest in fish and education. (It's a nice



coincidence that fish have schools too.) He once found himself helping local children catch fish at the annual Doane Fishing Derby. The girls he sponsored were catching enough fish out of Doane Lake that he called me to help bait the girls' fish hooks. It was a chilly day but bright with the joy of sharing the campus with the community. The whole lake was lined with fisher-folk.

His scientific interests were almost always pursued outside. He was very supportive of Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center. Not only did he donate money, but he shared his time out there. For one educational experience at the prairie, he dressed up as a sunfish and stood in a pond near a bridge. There were several other "animals" scattered around the prairie in what would be their habitat. Jacque was not the only critter sharing information about what it was like to be an animal of the prairie. Families would walk on the bridge and ask the "sunfish" about his life cycle. More than once, Jacque had to greet the passers as some were not so sure what to make of a guy standing in the pond dressed as a fish.

Past Presidents  
 Timeline



David Brainerd Perry  
 1872-1912



William O. Allen  
 1914-1918



Edwin B. Dean  
 1925-1936



G. Bryant Drake  
 1942-1947



Donald M. Typer  
 1954-1966



Frederic D. Brown  
 1987-2005



Jacque Carter  
 2011-2021



Arthur B. Fairchild  
 1912-1914



John N. Bennett  
 1919-1925



Bryan S. Stoffer  
 1937-1942



David L. Crawford  
 1948-1954



Philip R. Heckman  
 1967-1987



Jonathan M. Brand  
 2005-2011





Levi Sudbeck '20 assists a teammate in tackling Marcus Giles from the University of Jamestown during the Oct. 2019 Homecoming game.

## FOOTBALL

**HC:** Chris Bessler '94  
**W-L Record:** 2-5  
**Post-season:** n/a

**Season Highlight:** Riley Heithoff became the first Doane player to lead the GPAC in tackles per game for the year, averaging 9.4, and tackles for loss per game with a 1.9 average.

**NAIA All-American honors:**  
 Riley Heithoff - Honorable Mention All-American

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Riley Heithoff - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Cole Bruns - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Joaquim Robinson - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Cooper Bates - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Cedric Gooch Jr. - Honorable Mention All-Conference

## VOLLEYBALL

**HC:** Jenna Jones  
**W-L Record:** 5-13  
**Post-season:** n/a

**Season Highlight:** Kennedy Scheele moved from defensive specialist to outside hitter days before the start of the season due to COVID-19 and would end the season with a team-high of 154 kills.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Kennedy Scheele - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Jaime Kennedy - Honorable Mention All-Conference



Members of the Tiger women's soccer team at a Sept. 2020 game.

## MEN'S SOCCER

**HC:** Jeff Voigt (5-6) & Tony Odoriso (0-2)  
**W-L Record:** 5-8  
**Post-season:** lost in GPAC Quarterfinals

**Season Highlight:** The Tigers returned to the conference tournament after missing last year and posted their best conference finish since 2016, placing sixth.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Reynaldo Villafuerte - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Camilo Porto - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Evan Stiles - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Jesus Maganda - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Matt Jones - Honorable Mention All-Conference



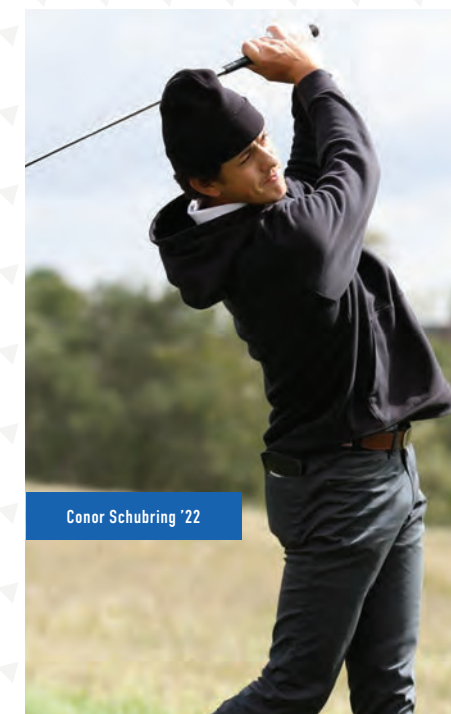
Reynaldo Villafuerte '21

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

**HC:** Jennifer Kennedy-Croft  
**W-L Record:** 1-14-3  
**Post-season:** n/a

**Season Highlight:** A penalty kick save by Danielle Dubovy resulted in a scoreless tie for the Tigers against the defending conference champions, Midland. She would post 18 saves in the game and earn GPAC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Danielle Dubovy - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Jenna Tardiff - Honorable Mention All-Conference



Conor Schubring '22

## MEN'S GOLF

**HC:** Myron Parsley  
**W-L Record:** n/a  
**Post-season:** 2nd place in GPAC Championship

**Season Highlight:** Conor Schubring put together one of the best seasons in program history and in the process, put his name atop five of seven individual program records. Schubring placed in the Top 10 in ten of the 11 events he competed in.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Conor Schubring - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Ryan Weiss - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Micah Ramirez - 1st Team All-Conference



Josie Schnakenberg '21

## SOFTBALL

**HC:** Jordan Olson  
**W-L Record:** 26-24  
**Post-season:** 1-2 in GPAC Tournament

**Season Highlight:** Josie Schnakenberg tied the single-game strikeout record in the first game of the season with 13. A little over a month later, she broke the school record with 15 strikeouts against Valley City State.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Josie Schnakenberg - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Shelby Downard - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Kayla Miller - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Megan Elliott - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Kailyn Wiseman - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Alicia Vint - Honorable Mention All-Conference





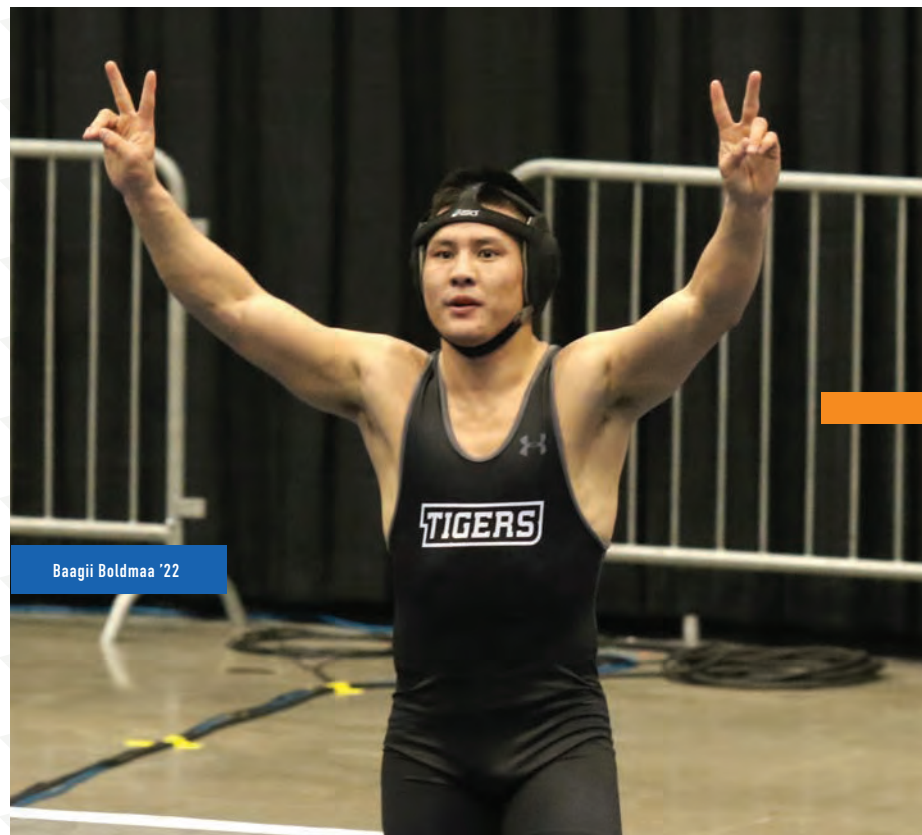
Anthony Laravie '21

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**HC:** Ian McKeithen  
**W-L Record:** 6-19  
**Post-season:** n/a

**Season Highlight:** Anthony Laravie broke the program record for 3-point baskets made in a career with 271. Max Masin hit a school record with nine consecutive 3-point baskets made, hitting the mark against Jamestown (six) and Mount Marty (three).

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Anthony Laravie - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Jaxon Harre - Honorable Mention All-Conference



Baagii Boldmaa '22

## WRESTLING

**HC:** Dana Vote  
**W-L Record:** 15-2  
**Post-season:** 12th at NAIA Nationals

**Season Highlight:** Baagii Boldmaa became the first wrestler to win multiple NAIA National Championships as he repeated as the 141-pound champion. He went 25-0 on the season. As a team, Doane won their first-ever conference championship as they went a perfect 8-0 in GPAC dual matches this year.

**NAIA All-American honors:**  
 Baagii Boldmaa (1st Place)  
 Daniel Vargas (5th Place)

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Baagii Boldmaa - 1st Team All-Conference, GPAC Wrestler of the Year  
 Daniel Vargas - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Tristan Zamilpa - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Bradley Antesberger - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Brandon Antesberger - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Michael Scarponi - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Garrett Cornwell - Honorable Mention All-Conference



Tiger women's cross country during a Sept. 2020 invite.

## MEN'S/WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**HC:** Brad Jenny '93  
**W-L Record:** Men 3rd in GPAC, Women 6th in GPAC  
**Post-season:** Men 20th in NAIA

**Season Highlight:** The men qualified as a team for nationals in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2008 and 2009 teams qualified. The men won two meets of the year with the women taking runner-up honors in the Dean White Invite.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Shawn Kiptoo - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Jaci Parriott - 1st Team All-Conference

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**HC:** Ryan Baumgartner '14, '17A  
**W-L Record:** 5-20  
**Post-season:** n/a

**Season Highlight:** Haylee Heits not only achieved on the court, earning all-conference honors for the fourth time but in the classroom where she was named the SHAPE Nebraska Outstanding Exercise Science Major of the Year.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Haylee Heits - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Madison Davis - Honorable Mention All-Conference

## SHOOTING SPORTS

**HC:** Rick Marshall  
**W-L Record:** n/a  
**Post-season:** 6th at ACUI Nationals

**Season Highlight:** Seth Swinea won the Class B Trap Division with a round of 99 (out of 100). Skylar Clark became just the second Tiger to post a perfect score in the trap competition when he broke all 100 targets at the Doane Invite.

**All-GPAC honors:** n/a

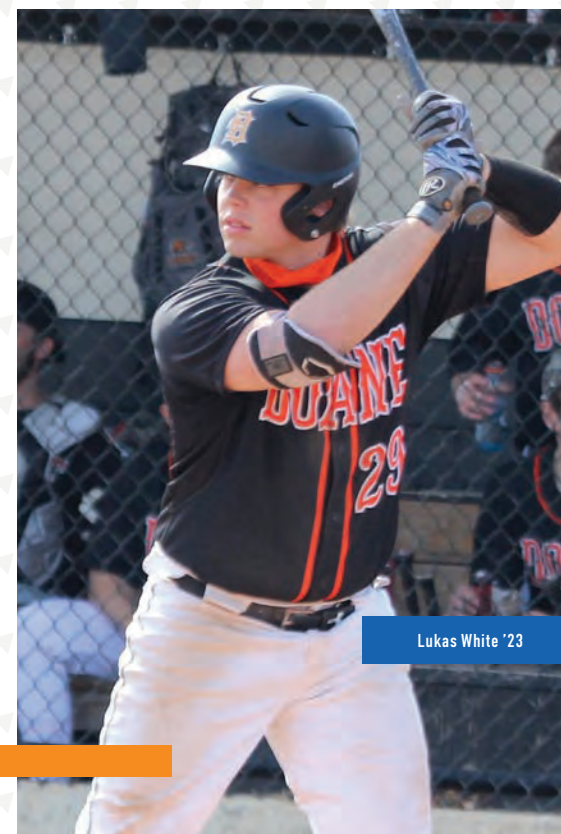
## BASEBALL

**HC:** Josh Oltmans (GPAC Coach of the Year)  
**W-L Record:** 35-19-1  
**Post-season:** 0-2 in NAIA National Tournament Opening Round; 3-1 GPAC Tournament and postseason runner-up

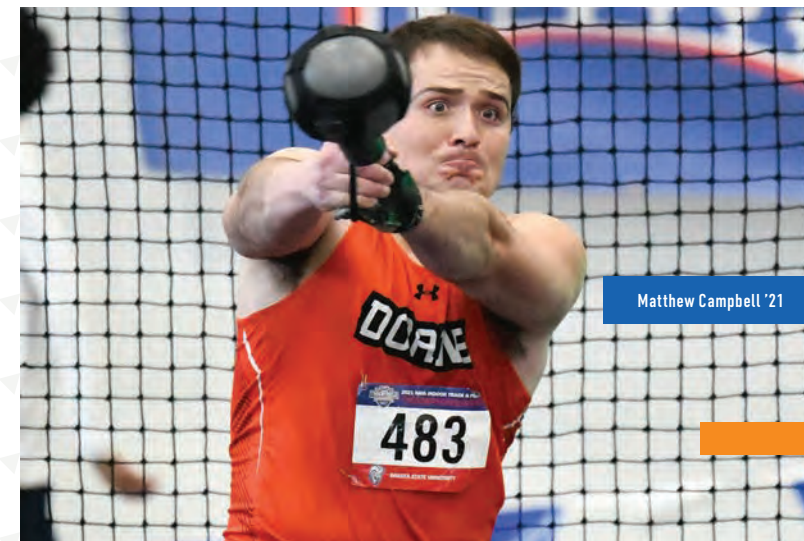
**Season Highlight:** The Tigers won a share of the GPAC regular-season title, their first since 2014, as they went 21-7 in conference play. The team broke several school records, including the most home runs (75) in the season and most grand slam home runs (eight).

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Lukas White - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Talon Little - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Andy Theiler - 1st Team All-Conference  
 Jaryn Nakamoto - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Joe Osborn - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Jack Tillman - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Travis Cowan - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Jordan Wisner - 2nd Team All-Conference  
 Aaron Forrest - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Kyler Beekman - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Tucker Catlett - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Luke LaChance - Honorable Mention All-Conference  
 Thaniel Trumper - Honorable Mention All-Conference

**GPAC Gold Glove honors:**  
 Lukas White - First Base  
 Jaryn Nakamoto - Shortstop  
 Nate Mensik - Right Field



Lukas White '23



Matthew Campbell '21

## MEN'S/WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

**HC:** Ed Fye '82  
**W-L Record:** Men 2nd in GPAC, Women 4th in GPAC  
**Post-season:** Men 6th in NAIA, Women 21st in NAIA

**Season Highlight:** Matthew Campbell won an NAIA National Championship in the weight throw while Riley Heithoff took 2nd place in the high jump and Madison Sutton took 2nd place in the shot put.

**NAIA All-American honors:**  
 Matthew Campbell (weight throw, shot put)  
 Kalen Dockweiler (distance medley relay)  
 Richard Dover (weight throw)  
 Austin Drake (4x400m relay)  
 Connor Floyd (pole vault)  
 Logan Hammond (4x400m relay)  
 Riley Heithoff (high jump)  
 Jordan Tasler (4x400m relay)  
 Zach Turner (4x400m relay)  
 Chris Vincent (distance medley relay)  
 Aidan Wheelock (distance medley relay)  
 Alec Wick (distance medley relay)  
 Allison Skala (shot put)  
 Madison Sutton (shot put)

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Sergio Arcos (long jump, high jump, heptathlon)  
 Matthew Campbell (shot put, weight throw)  
 Kalen Dockweiler (1000m, mile)  
 Richard Dover (shot put, weight throw)  
 Austin Drake (55m, 200m, 4x400m)  
 Connor Floyd (pole vault)  
 Logan Hammond (400m, 4x400m relay)  
 Jake Heitkamp (triple jump, high jump)  
 John Himmelberg (triple jump)  
 John Krejci (55m hurdles, long jump, heptathlon)  
 Byron Pfister (long jump)  
 Mike Pulliam (pole vault)  
 Carter Reckling (4x400m relay, high jump)  
 Tanner Sand (long jump, triple jump)  
 Zach Turner (55m hurdles, 200m, 400m, 4x400m relay)  
 Chris Vincent (55m)  
 Riley Wehrer (pole vault)  
 Alec Wick (3000m, 5000m)  
 MacKenzie Brandt (55m, 200m)  
 Jacinda Davis (1000m)  
 Alyssa Downs (pole vault)  
 Nicole Harms (55m hurdles, 200m, pentathlon)  
 Annika Pingel (400m, 800m)  
 Rylee Rice (pentathlon)  
 Allison Skala (shot put)  
 Joey Stenson (weight throw)  
 Madison Sutton (shot put, weight throw)  
 Lauren Theiler (triple jump)  
 Sarah Theiler (high jump)





Jorge Chevez '22

## MEN'S TENNIS

**HC:** Ed Hubbs '76  
**W-L Record:** 11-10  
**Post-season:** lost in GPAC Tournament semifinals

**Season Highlight:** Jorge Chevez was named the GPAC Player of the Week twice during the season and ranked No. 6 in the regional individual rankings.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Jorge Chevez - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Federico Infante - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Esteban Gutierrez - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Henrique Sakoda - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Sam Coy - Honorable Mention All-Conference (singles)  
 Donat Beke - Honorable Mention All-Conference (singles)

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

**HC:** Ed Hubbs (GPAC Coach of the Year)  
**W-L Record:** 14-6  
**Post-season:** GPAC Tournament runner-up

**Season Highlight:** The team won a share of the GPAC regular-season title, the program's first in school history, as they posted a 6-1 conference mark and tied the school record with 14 wins on the season.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Amber Weston - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Ava Macke - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Brylee Lauby - Honorable Mention All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Liz van der Torre - 1st Team All-Conference (singles) / 1st Team All-Conference (doubles)  
 Huong Ngo - Honorable Mention All-Conference (singles) / Honorable Mention All-Conference (doubles)  
 Makayla Rice - 1st Team All-Conference (singles)  
 Payton Stalder - Honorable Mention All-Conference (doubles)

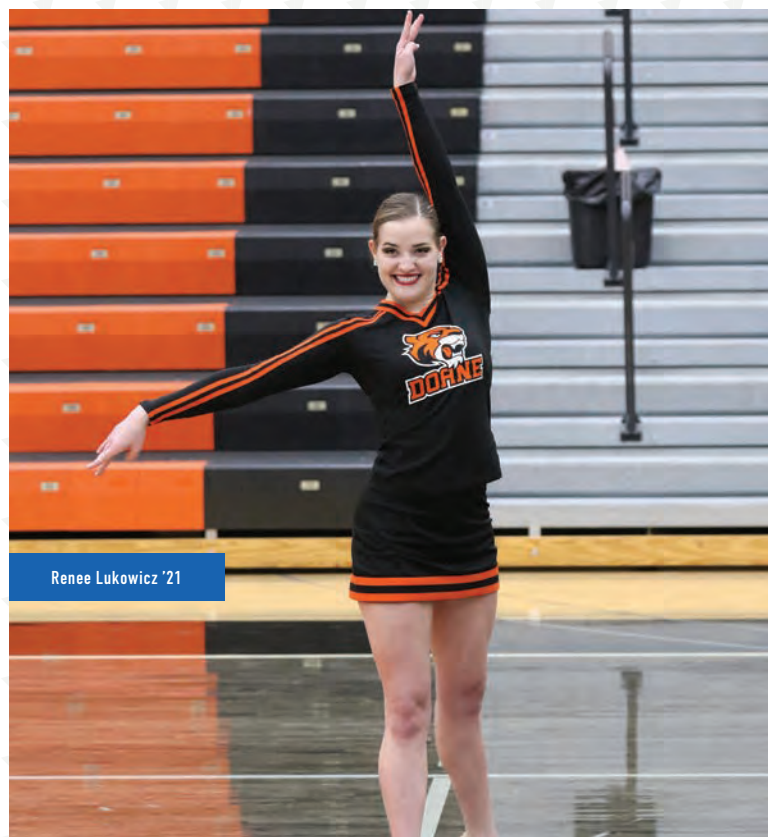
## DANCE

**HC:** Ashley Wilcox Lyon '07  
**W-L Record:** 3rd at GPAC  
**Post-season:** 4th at NAIA Regionals

**Season Highlight:** Renee Lukowicz earned NAIA All-American honors for the fourth year, becoming the first Tiger to earn the honor four times.

**NAIA All-American honors:**  
 Renee Lukowicz - Honorable Mention All-American

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Renee Lukowicz - First Team All-Conference  
 Kelsey Brady - First Team All-Conference  
 Olivia DeFord - Honorable Mention All-Conference



Renee Lukowicz '21

## MEN'S/WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

**HC:** Ed Fye (GPAC Men's Coach of the Year)  
**W-L Record:** Men 1st in GPAC, Women 4th in GPAC  
**Post-season:** Men 1st in NAIA, Women 14th in NAIA

**Season Highlight:** The men won the program's first NAIA National Championship as they tied with Madonna. Ed Fye was named NAIA Men's Co-Coach of the Year and Ryan Dorshorst '06 was Men's Assistant Coach of the Year. Allison Skala brought home the women's top finish at nationals with a Second Place finish in the shot put. Levi Sudbeck had the men's top finish with a Second Place finish in the pole vault.

**NAIA All-American honors:**  
 Henry Arnold (long jump, triple jump)  
 Matthew Campbell (hammer throw)  
 Richard Dover (discus)  
 Austin Drake (4x400m relay)  
 Connor Floyd (pole vault)  
 Logan Hammond (4x400m relay)  
 Jake Heitkamp (javelin, high jump)

Levi Sudbeck (pole vault, decathlon)  
 Jordan Tasler (4x400m relay)  
 Zach Turner (110m hurdles, 4x400m relay)  
 Alec Wick (marathon)  
 Courtney Schindler (pole vault)  
 Allison Skala (shot put, javelin)  
 Madison Sutton (discus)

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Sergio Arcos (long jump, decathlon)  
 Henry Arnold (long jump, triple jump)  
 Matthew Campbell (shot put, discus, hammer throw)  
 Julius Dickmader (pole vault, decathlon)  
 Kalen Dockweiler (1500m, 4x800m relay)  
 Richard Dover (shot put, discus)  
 Austin Drake (100m, 200m, 4x100m relay)  
 Trace Ebert (4x800m relay)  
 Connor Floyd (pole vault)  
 Logan Hammond (400m hurdles, 4x100m relay, long jump)  
 Jake Heitkamp (high jump, javelin)  
 Jacob Hruska (high jump)  
 Brock Johnson (javelin)  
 Blake Kastanek (triple jump)  
 Mason Krause (javelin)  
 John Krejci (110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, long jump)  
 Vince Lauenroth (triple jump)  
 Mike Pulliam (pole vault, decathlon)  
 Carter Reckling (high jump)  
 Tanner Sand (long jump, triple jump)

Gavin Skorupa (3000m steeplechase, 4x800m relay)  
 Levi Sudbeck (110m hurdles, pole vault, decathlon)  
 Zach Turner (110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 4x100m relay)  
 Chris Vincent (4x100m relay)  
 Aidan Wheelock (800m, 4x800m relay)  
 Alec Wick (10,000m)  
 Evan Wick (10,000m)  
 Grace Damme (javelin)  
 Jacinda Davis (1500m, 4x800m relay)  
 Alyssa Downs (pole vault)  
 Macy Fuller (hammer throw)  
 Jaden Hilkemann (10,000m)  
 Haley Miller (triple jump)  
 Jaci Parriott (3000m steeplechase, 4x800m relay)  
 Annika Pingel (800m, 4x800m relay)  
 Lauren Reilly (javelin)  
 Courtney Schindler (pole vault)  
 Lauren Siefken (4x800m relay)  
 Allison Skala (shot put, discus, javelin)  
 Madison Sutton (shot put, discus, hammer throw)  
 Sarah Theiler (high jump)  
 Katie VanLaningham (discus)



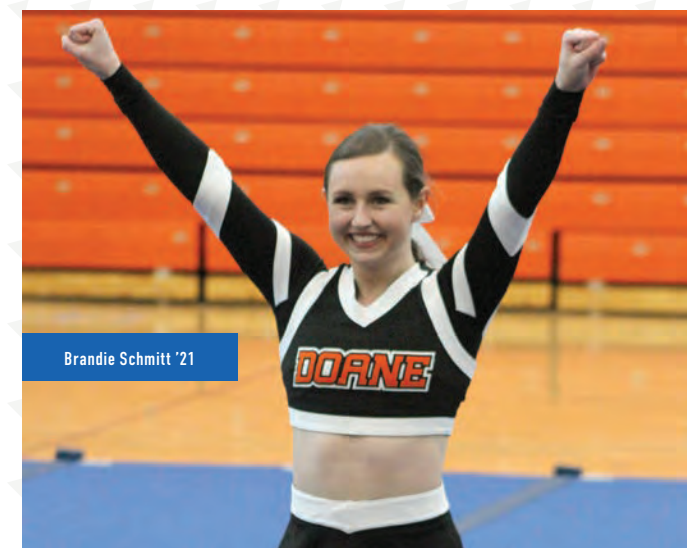
Members of the 2020-21 men's track & field team hold the trophy and banner celebrating the team's first-ever national championship.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

**HC:** Jeannine Foster  
**W-L Record:** n/a  
**Post-season:** 9th place in GPAC Championship

**Season Highlight:** Tressa Bull posted the single-round school record as she shot a 77 in the final round of the GPAC Championship.

**All-GPAC honors:**  
 Tressa Bull - 1st Team All-Conference



Brandie Schmitt '21

## CHEER

**HC:** Ashley Wilcox Lyon  
**W-L Record:** 6th at GPAC  
**Post-season:** 6th at NAIA Regionals

**Season Highlight:** The mid-season addition of three-sport athlete Mason Krause (football, cheer, track) helped the Tigers raise their season average score by 10-plus points. The Tigers posted a season-best score in the NAIA Regional.

**All-GPAC honors:** n/a



# THE EXCELLENT ADVENTURES OF DOC AND NED



## For nearly 30 years, Doc Dudley '56 and Ned McPartland's adventures inspired generations of Doane alumni.

**S**ure, there were challenges. Like the time when a tent and contents were stolen from camp along the Rio Grande. Like the nights before cell phones when all that could be done with a broken-down van was to hitchhike to the next town and hope someone was awake. Like the discomfort of putting up with damp socks on a long hike.

But there was also triumph. Camaraderie. New friends and lifelong partners. Personal growth and probably some spiritual growth, too — faith was at the heart of a lot of the adventures led by Dr. Dick "Doc" Dudley and Dr. Ned McPartland from 1972 through the early 2000s. Faith

in yourself, your fellow students, Doc and Ned's leadership, and in the kindness of strangers met throughout the course of a three-week interterm trip.

Doc began the trips by himself in 1972. At that time, he taught European history, and his students had complained to him about the traditional interterm, an hours-long lecture about one subject taught for three weeks in January. He proposed a trip in place of a lecture and received the blessing of the dean.

It was the repeat of a trip he and his wife, Lillian "Bunny" Albrecht Dudley '55, had taken as a summer vacation traveling by train through

northern Canada. But Canada in January is a little different.

"Nothing about that was smart," he said, between the four hours of daylight and the extreme cold of the Canadian winter.

To the students though, the trip was a delight, and a tradition was started.

After leading four trips on his own, Doc was approached by Ned, a professor of political science. They got to talking.

"When I met Ned, that was the best," Doc said. Working together brought out the best of their individual personalities and skills.

If Doc was good at one aspect of the trip, Ned was good at the other. Ned typically led the students who wanted to go faster, whether it was canoeing, hiking, or cycling, and would often make camp.

"I'd be there two hours later with my kids," Doc said of the students who couldn't go as quickly. That way no one was ever left behind or excluded.

The duo primarily did three types of adventure trips: canoeing, hiking, and cycling. There were many trips paddling the waters of the Rio Grande. The Great Smoky Mountains proved to still be chilly for January hiking and camping, but the southern reaches of the Appalachian range in Georgia were just right, and multiple trips were taken to mountains and forests there and in Florida.

Four cycling trips were made along the coasts of Baja California, Mexico. There was one backpacking trip through Copper Canyon, in the state of Chihuahua, after a train ride through the mountains from Los Mochis. And one canoeing trip along the Rio Valles near Ciudad Valles.

There was the one with the sailboats, too, but "it was just average," Doc said. It was one of the coldest winters on record in Florida, and he and Ned had just learned to sail the summer before. They rallied the trip by turning it into a gourmet campfire cooking class and by cutting time in Florida short to explore the cuisine and culture of New Orleans.

Almost every year, there was somebody who would cause problems and make a little trouble. In a group of 18 college students, that's hardly unexpected. But in

the middle of a river, a forest, a mountain, far from any town and any help, acting out could cause real harm.

"I'd talk to a student only once. 'This only happens once,' I'd say, 'or you're gone,'" Doc said, with the implication that the student would be on their own to get back home. In over 20 years, that threat never had to be realized; some trip alumni even write Doc still about how that moment led them to change.

"I know they learned from this experience," Doc said.

**"...it sounds exotic and like a vacation but we also wanted people to learn to cooperate and work together."**

Outside of the technical skills learned on the trip, lessons were learned in other ways and varied from student to student. A big one was learning that life can hand you a lot of lemons. But another lesson was in how you can use those, and still make something great.

Case in point, no matter how many plans were made, or how many times Doc and Ned had led students on the same route, their interterm trips "were packed from start to finish with error," Doc said.

"Part of the idea was, as we got into it, that it sounds exotic and like a vacation but we also wanted people to learn to cooperate and work together," Ned said. "And

that was true of all these trips. We interviewed people and they had to have permission before they enrolled."

For many of the couples who went on trips together, or who had their meet-cute on the trips, it was like a "trial by fire," Doc said — and more than a half-dozen couples later married. The more challenging situations, and even the mundane tasks, could put relationships and friendships to the test. These situations also brought plenty of people together, creating long-lasting friendships among the students.

Because of his role as chair of the education department, Doc went on fewer trips as the years went by, and retired in the late '90s. Ned continued to lead several trips on his own until 2003 with smaller groups, hiking in Georgia and Florida, a few more canoe trips in the Ozarks and on rivers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.





tents, etc. It took a little time for everyone to learn the ropes, including Doc and Ned. They initially used large coolers in the canoes to carry food, which took up a lot of room.

"We did get better at it," Ned said. "The first time, it was pretty funny, we ate like kings the first few days. Then we ran out of food and it was macaroni and cheese, or something like that, the rest of the trip."

He said during that first trip, students were so hungry they caught fish from the river and set traps to catch javelinas, but "fortunately, they didn't catch one."

After that, they typically brought a lot of dried food and canned meat, some seasonings and sauces, that could be packed and cooked with water. It was waterproofed in large plastic leaf bags.

"The equipment then wasn't as good as it is now," Ned said.

## CANOERING THE RIO GRANDE

Each trip to the Rio Grande started with the 18 or so students learning to tandem paddle in the canoes, set up camp, and other skills needed for the long haul down the Rio, usually on a pond in Texas Hill Country or the San Marcos River, which was a little gentler.

"People would make their mistakes, but they wouldn't have all their gear in the boats," Ned said. "By about the end of the week, most people would have the hang of it."

Students cycled through different duties to set up and take down camp — gathering wood for fires to make dinner and breakfast, purifying water for drinking and cooking, setting up



They used aluminum canoes that could stand up to a beating from the rocks and rapids, but there were always accidents. If a canoe tipped and got grabbed by the current, it was much heavier and harder to rescue, with a couple over the years lost that way. Ned did plenty of paddling on his own and noticed canoeing outfitters putting styrofoam blocks in their canoes for extra floatation. It took up space but after that, they were able to recover more canoes and prevent damage.

The trips first started at Big Bend National Park but took too long. So Doc and Ned shortened the route to around 85 miles and changed their starting location to the La Linda International Bridge east of the national park.

The canoes and gear needed for the river trip would be unloaded on the U.S. side at La Linda, then the vehicles and canoe trailers would be driven to a private landing a few hours drive away to be ready when everyone got off of the river a week later. The majority of that time was spent getting over rough roads and through cattle gates. Ned ended up having to make a quick fix out of baling wire and 2-by-4's once when a trailer was damaged going over the road.

Once they got on the river, for as much planning was done ahead of time, the shifting nature of the river meant playing it by ear.

"You hoped you found something around 3 o'clock," to set up camp, Ned said. Once the shadows started falling, it would drop 15-20 degrees, and that's when you wanted to be sure you could gather around the campfire or huddle in a sleeping bag. Those cold nights also sparked a lot of memories — singing around the campfire and listening to everyone's experiences from the day.

## BIKING IN BAJA CALIFORNIA

It sounds idyllic — riding a bike down a highway along the Pacific coast, camping on the beach, exploring rural Mexico. And for the first couple of trips, it was.

"Baja was not very populated at that time," Ned said — so it was just them, the road, the sky and the sea. And sometimes mountains, if they crossed them to ride along the gulf.

Like the canoeing trips, students would train for about a week before the big trip in a park on the southern border of California. They would cross the border at Tecate, leaving the vans and trailers in the U.S. and taking only what they could carry by bike.

"I ended up being the bike mechanic," Ned said. There were a couple of times that someone had to finish the trip with a crooked wheel or brakes that didn't quite work.

"Once, on the last night of our trip, one of the bikes broke down and we couldn't fix it," Doc said. "I ended up hitchhiking my way out of Mexico to get our van and trailer at the border. Probably walked 2-3 miles before I got a ride and it took me 8-9 hours total before I came back to pick everyone up."

As the years went on, the highway got busier and more dangerous. There was no shoulder to ride on, and close calls with traffic were getting too close. That was where they drew the line. "There was a real risk of someone getting hit," Doc said.

"I mean, I just worried all the time," Ned said. "You can fish people out of the water; backpacking, you can pick them up off the trail. But on their bike, if they wobble out in front of a semi, there's not much I can do. Fortunately, that didn't happen."

There were some really good moments, though. Once, there was a really bad storm, and a local farmer came to get them.

"His wife had fixed food and he had a large barn that we could stay in until the storm passed," Doc said. "We spent at least two nights in that barn."

## CANOERING THE RIO VALLES

Not every trip was repeated, although in the case of canoeing the Rio Valles in San Luis Potosi, it had more to do with the effort taken to get into Mexico than any danger on the river. Crossing the border took almost a full day there and back.

It was difficult to plan for the trip, too. Neither Doc nor Ned had previously paddled the region, and maps weren't great. There was so much growth along the riverbanks, it also wasn't immediately clear that the river had many forks and branches that parted around islands. On this particular day of the trip, one of the students was sick, so Doc and daughter, Judy Dudley '81, stayed with the student while Ned and the others got on the river.

It took some time for them to realize they weren't seeing the bridge where the two groups would meet at the end of the day. And it was starting to get dark.

"People were doing their washing at bridges," Ned said. "We spoke to a woman to see if she knew how to get back to Ciudad Valles, and she said, 'I've never been there.'"

It got pitch black as night fell, and the group on the river could hear rapids in the distance with no idea if they were easily paddled or a waterfall. Finally, they reconnected with Doc and Judy, who were able to figure out, with the help of a local doctor, that the river branched and where



they could meet up with everyone still on the river. It had been a long, long day.

But this is where that faith came back into play. The doctor they met ended up knowing a farmer, who had a sugarcane field close to the river with a large gazebo where they could camp.

"We ended up staying there most of the trip," Ned said. "It turned out to be a really fun river, with small rapids and moss that covered the rocks so you just slid off them."

"It turned out to be a really good trip."





# ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Rebecca "Bex" Marsh '10 arrived at Doane in 2006 anticipating a successful collegiate basketball career and an eventual business degree. It was what she had worked for most of her life, and her hard work had netted her a full ride for academics and athletics. As a freshman, she was a starter on the Tigers women's basketball team.



But instead of NAIA trophies, by graduation, Bex had received several leading roles in Doane's theatre productions and competed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). Instead of running up and down the court, she learned to move up and down the stage.

It started when Bex began experiencing pain during practices and games. She had torn cartilage in one of her hip sockets. A major surgery to prevent more damage from the injury led to months of recovery and bed rest, and there was the possibility that she could never regain her full abilities as an athlete.

"I was in an identity crisis," Bex said. "My whole life was competitive sports."

Without being at practices and games, it was hard for her to see her friends, many of whom were on the basketball team. She fell into severe depression.

By chance, she had signed up for a beginning acting class — and found that she not only enjoyed it, but that she was good at acting. The course also helped her to channel and express her emotions in a way that other forms of therapy had not.

"That was so healing," she said.

She started to make friends in the theatre department, then auditioned for a role in a production. She landed a lead role. Bex switched her major to creative writing and continued participating in theatre, trying her hand at parts on stage and behind the scenes.

Robin McKercher, professor and co-director of theatre, encouraged her to participate in the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships competition at the KCACTF. Doane is in region five for the KCACTF, and students who compete at the regional level have the opportunity to compete nationally.

Bex didn't find a script that she related to as a mixed Korean woman, so she wrote and published her own materials — and became the first Tiger to make it to the KCACTF semi-finals.

As she headed toward graduation and another Irene Ryan acting competition, she considered her next steps and her clear passion for theater. Bex told herself then, "okay, if I make it to the finals, I'll really give it my all for a couple of years." With the encouragement of McKercher and Rhonda Lake, she wrote and published her own material again and took fifth in the region five finals.

Three days after graduation, Bex packed her bags to head to Chicago to pursue a career in acting.

"It was wild, this transition to theater," she said. "And I don't mean this dramatically, but it really did save my life. I'm so grateful for my time at Doane."



Once in Chicago, she started doing improv, taking classes, and looking up to other actor-comedians like Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. She performed improv shows 5-6 nights a week across the city at locations including the Second City, the Playground Theater, the iO Theater, and the Annoyance Theater.

Her work and classes pushed her to grow as both a writer and an actor. She also started branching into other lines of work with the help of an agent, some commercial work, and a tv show. Bex met her husband, a fellow actor, around this time.

After five years in Chicago, they made the jump to Los Angeles together. It took almost two years for her to find the right agent and manager, which led to a lot more auditions and a lot more work. She was recently part of a pilot for a family comedy based in Iowa — a recurring role.

Unfortunately, no matter where you are in the entertainment business, you're constantly looking for jobs and facing rejection. That recurring family comedy role would mean



job and income security that can be hard to come by in an industry that works in contracts, not consistency.

"My husband and I have this rule that you're allowed to be upset or mad for as long as the audition was," Bex said. "You just have to let it go and move on."

"That gets frustrating," she said, "especially because rejections don't come with explanations and almost

*"I have to trust that if this door closed, then it's not the right path and that what is meant for me can never be taken away."*

always have absolutely nothing to do with talent and everything to do with what the casting committee already had in mind."

"These experiences really make you confront the parts of yourself that need this external validation, and that's where the trust comes in because it feels like this is something bigger than me, like I'm called to this," Bex said. "I have to trust that if this door closed, then it's not the right path and that what is meant for me can never be taken away."

In the short term, writing and acting in her own productions and breaking into the indie film circuit is a continual goal for Bex. Long term, she would eventually like to run her own production company.

"I really just want to create and tell stories visually through the medium of film and theatre with the people I love," she said, and to create a platform for her friends to create stories that they want to tell.



# 1,000 LIVES & SKILLS



**M**ichael Ulmer '11 didn't intend to attend a small, liberal arts college in Crete, Nebraska. His father, Michael Ulmer '77, is a Doane graduate and grew up in Nebraska, and he applied because it was a funny thought to consider going to the same college as his dad after growing up in Texas. But then he got accepted at Doane and was given a track and theatre scholarship.

"And it all just kind of fell into place," Michael said.

He originally wanted to study film. He had been recording and editing videos throughout high school. But Doane didn't have a film program, so he chose to study theatre and graphic design.

"For some reason, I thought theatre and graphic design, film was somewhere in between," Michael said, and off he went, to a state where he didn't know anybody.

Almost instantly, he found a home and a family in Doane's theatre department.

"All the professors at Doane in the theatre department were just the most amazing people," Michael said. "They really set me on the path to be successful not just in theatre, but in life."

In fact, he now tells anyone starting their college journey to consider studying theatre. Many of the skills he learned in Doane's department have been applicable throughout his life and career in the decade since graduating. The fake blood he learned to make during the production of "Titus Andronicus" is just the start — "I use a lot of fake blood," he said.

In all seriousness, whether it's in his work on stage and in television, in staging and photographing his self-portraits, or producing commercial video work for clients, "It's the little things that make the difference," he said. Props, costumes, lighting, blocking — every aspect adds up.

"They're all aiding and telling the story, and that's something I picked up from theatre," Michael said.

After graduating, Michael spent around five years in Los Angeles, pursuing jobs as an actor. The bug bit him hard during his time at Doane, and he gave it his all. But acting as a career takes "every ounce of every part of your being," Michael said. After 3-4 years in L.A., he moved to Dallas to continue pursuing acting, and realized that while he loved it, it wasn't his passion.

Instead, he wanted to return to creating his own stories.

"I picked up a camera one day, and it was like coming home," he said.

He began creating little videos for himself. And those started getting seen. And after a time, commercial video production and editing became his primary source of income. He's worked on videos for WD-40, Melitta Coffee, Bissell, Green Giant, Union Pacific, and National Geographic.



"But then I have my own personal photography work that I do to stay sane, to continue to sharpen my artistic skills. That's what heals me and makes me happy," Michael said. Many of his self-portraits are the result of this — he'll pick a subject or something that he's struggling with each month and work it out visually, challenging himself to incorporate different techniques both during a photoshoot and in editing (some of which, yes, do involve fake blood).

Freelance video and photography allowed him to work anywhere he could find an internet connection. Over the years, Japan and Croatia have become two of his favorite places to visit. He can work on video editing, film on location, and build a library of stock photography and video that brings in a steady stream of income.

"I tell people, I've lived 1000 lives because I've worked in so many different kinds of places, and done so many things," he said. "The thing I put most important in my life is new and creative thoughts and ideas. And I find that I'm the most inspired when I'm experiencing new things."

The drive to create is his own, but it was at Doane that he learned that he can make his ideas a reality. Michael was always impressed by the attention to detail, passion, and creativity that Robin McKercher, professor and co-director of theatre, brought to his theatre classes and productions.

"I remember in my head thinking, 'that's too big, like that's not possible.' And then sure enough, a couple months down the road, I'm looking at it right in front of my eyes," he said. "He really showed me what it was to develop a concept, to have an idea, and then to make it become a reality."



# A DOCTORATE FOR BUNNY DUDLEY



“I have nothing but good things to say about Doane,” said Lillian Albrecht '55 Dudley, better known to nearly all of the Doane community and wider world as Bunny. “I had an amazing experience as a student and as a teacher.”

Bunny graduated from Doane College in 1955. She taught music at Crete Public Schools for more than 40 years. She taught private voice and piano lessons for Doane students, music education for music teachers, and elementary music for classroom teachers in Doane’s education program. She married the love of her life, Dick “Doc” Dudley '56, and raised five kids, as well as caring for the numerous exchange students and friends who stayed at the Dudley home over the years.

In the early 1970s, she took a leave of absence to attain a master’s degree in music. But she hadn’t been able to go back for her doctorate — the timing wasn’t right, or at that point, the public school system wasn’t set up to pay teachers with doctorates.

That changed on May 15, when Bunny was presented with an honorary doctorate of letters during the

morning commencement ceremony for Doane’s 2021 graduating class.

“It was an unexpected thrill,” she said, of receiving her doctorate. “I felt very humble. I am devoted to Doane.”

## CHANGE

For the 2021 morning commencement ceremony, Bunny was asked to give a speech to students receiving degrees, including those accepting their doctorates and masters. It was intimidating to write a speech that would make an impact on students who were already out of the gates with careers and families.

Bunny took her concerns to a friend who asked: “What do you think will be important for them to know?”

“Well, they’ll probably experience some changes,” Bunny said. The changes that come from possibly starting a new career and working with new people.

“And...?,” her friend prompted.

“And that’s likely going to lead to challenges they’ll face.”

“And how can they face those challenges,” asked her friend.

“It will take courage,” Bunny said, and she had her speech, pulling from examples of everyday courage and extraordinary courage — like Eleanor Roosevelt resigning from the DAR after the organization refused to allow Marian Anderson to perform in Constitution Hall. Roosevelt instead set up a much larger, public performance for the Black opera singer at the Lincoln Memorial.

And at the end of her speech, she summed it up with three simple words of encouragement and congratulations: “You go, Tigers!”

## CHALLENGES AND COURAGE

Bunny herself has shown courage throughout her life. She was the fourth student from Doane to receive a Fulbright scholarship in 1955 and traveled to Stuttgart, Germany, to study music. The city was scarred from WWII, with whole districts still in rubble from bombings. To her German classmates at the Hochschule, Bunny was seen as a “rich American snob,” she said, although the war had taken from her family too.

“I had never before been disliked,” she said. “I think that was a very maturing experience.”

When she went back to school for her master’s, she was unique as an older student — most of her class had come straight from their undergraduate programs.

“I was so tickled, several times they would stand up and offer me a chair,” she said.

Even going to college is an act of courage, to commit to education and to self-improvement, to leave family and community, and make new friends in a new community. For Bunny, her time in the dorms at Doane led to some of her happiest memories. She learned to play bridge (“there was always a bridge game in Judy’s room”) and made friends who still write and visit more than 60 years after graduating.

“Living together and living on your own, it’s also a part of education,” Bunny said.

## THE DUDLEYS AND THE DOANE COMMUNITY

After both Bunny and Doc retired, they were called back as roving ambassadors for Doane’s advancement office, including serving as vice presidents for advancement

from 2006 to 2008. For about 15 years, they traveled the U.S. as “friend-raisers,” helping Doane stay in touch with alumni across the country. It was a joy to meet alumni and hear the stories of their experiences at Doane and how their degrees have helped them in the years, or even decades, since graduating.

“It’s just astounding,” Bunny said, of how far Doane alumni have gone in their careers and around the globe. “From this little college, it’s like a beautiful flower unfolding.”

It was a dream job for her and Doc, too. They had spent a fair portion of their careers on separate schedules, both working full-time and committed to student and community activities. Bunny served on Crete’s city council for eight years and was involved in their church choir. Doc served as chair

of the education department and led students on interterm trips. It was nice to have that time together on their way to Boston, or Philadelphia, or California — wherever there was an alumni event or a recommended stop to reconnect with a donor. And they were always able to find a Doane student to take care of their home and dogs while they were away.

“A lot of people have deep feelings for Doane,” Bunny said.

And a lot of people have deep feelings for the Dudleys as teachers, as mentors, as friends, and as colleagues. For as many stories as Bunny has of meeting alumni who have done amazing things during their career, just as many alumni can share how the Dudleys made a positive impact on their lives, too.



## Alumni Spotlight: Anne Golden Ziola '04, '10A

Throughout her years in the alumni office, Ziola enabled alumni to use their skills and passions to stay engaged and support the university. And when the director of human resources position opened up, she found she could apply that goal to herself too.

“I thought, ‘maybe my talents would be better served focusing on Doane’s faculty and staff,’” Ziola said.

Over the past 12 years, you’ve likely heard of Anne Golden Ziola. She’s been the director of alumni relations and executive director of alumni engagement and an assistant speech and forensics coach. This year, Ziola switched gears to head up the university’s human resources department. But while her role has changed, her goal to empower the Doane community has not.

She graduated from Doane in 2004 with a degree in speech and communications and a minor in psychology. In 2010, she received a master of arts in management, again through Doane. Before starting her role in the alumni office, Ziola worked in HR and corporate communications. She saw an opportunity to use those skills to strengthen Doane.

“At the end of the day in alumni or HR, our end goal should be - how are we best serving our students?” Ziola said, whether by helping employees harness their strengths, connecting students with an alumni mentor in a related field, or rallying the Doane community for a new initiative.

Ziola said one of her favorite aspects of working in the alumni office was learning about alumni and hearing their stories. In HR, she’ll be able to not only listen to stories but help shape the Doane experience for employees, alumni, and future Tiger graduates. As for the alumni office: “Mike [Stehlik '07] will be really great for the position. I always enjoyed working with him and how creative he is. He’ll put his own spin on it,” Ziola said.



# CLASS NOTES

## 2020-2021

### Alumni Designations

- A** Administration arts and management master's program
- C** Counseling master's program
- E** Education master's and advanced degree programs
- G** Grand Island campus bachelors' programs
- L** Lincoln campus bachelors' programs
- O** Omaha campus bachelors' programs
- V5** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II
- V12** U.S. Navy and Marine Corps officer training in World War II

*Graduates without a letter designation are alumni of Doane's College of Arts and Sciences in Crete.*

### 1970s



**Paul M. Schelstraete '70**, Crete, and his spouse, Robin, became grandparents to Asher Steele Schelstraete Hedgecock on March 3, 2021. Asher resides in Nashville, Tenn. with his parents Taylor and Jake Hedgecock.

**J. Timothy Bond '71**, Omaha, was featured in the Omaha World-Herald to honor

his 50 years of coaching football. Bond was hired as an assistant at Mann High School before moving to Omaha Tech in 1975. After Tech closed in 1984, he coached at Omaha Bryan for 20 years. Bond retired from OPS in 2004, but continues his career as an assistant coach at Millard South High School. In 50 years, he has only missed two games.

**Susan Newmyer Evans '78**, Kearney, was recognized as a Literacy Champion by Voyager Sopris Learning's LETRS [Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Science] program. Susan is a professional development coordinator with Kearney Public Schools.

**Fred C. Ritter '78**, Columbus, was elected to the Nebraska Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Ritter has been a mentor and inspiration to hundreds of students and colleagues across Nebraska over the course of his 37 year career.

**Arlie M. Prokop '79**, Crete, was recognized for 10 years of service to the State of Nebraska. Arlie is employed in IT at the Department of Correctional Services in Lincoln.

### 1980s

**Ed R. Fye '82**, Denton, was named the NAIA Co-Coach of the Year for the men's outdoor track and field season. Fye guided Doane to the team title and helped the Tigers finish with an NAIA-best 15 All-Americans from 12 events. This is the 19th season under Fye's leadership.

**Eugene A. Busboom '82**, Cortland, was honored by the Eight Man Football Coaches Hall of Fame Salute Series

as an outstanding player and athlete at Adams High School under Coach Ken Cook.

**Jim J. Weeks '85**, Auburn, is coach of the Auburn Bulldogs boys basketball team. The team won their third consecutive state title in March at the NSAA Boys Basketball Championships.

**Jeffrey L. Zvolanek '85**, Lincoln, is co-founder of Industrial Maid in Cortland. The company manufactures ventilation systems that reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Jeffrey M. Johnson '88**, LaVista, retired at the end of July from serving as Doane's interim athletic director. Johnson retired from being principal of Papillion La Vista South High School in May 2020 before filling the interim position at Doane.

### 1990s

**Daniel D. Klimek '90**, Gretna, retired from the Nebraska State Patrol in October of 2020 and was recently sworn in as an officer with the Schuyler Police Department.

**Michael D. Carpenter '93L**, Lincoln, oversees business development at Industrial Maid in Cortland.

**Jon K. Drogheo '94**, Arvada, Colo., is a senior recruiter with Mental Health Partners in Boulder.

**Matthew M. Franzen '94**, Hastings, is head football coach for Hastings College. Franzen previously served as athletic director for Doane University.

**Bobby E. Ingalls '94**, Great Falls, Mont., has been hired as principal at

Montgomery Elementary School in Montgomery, Texas.

**MK Raymond McGee '94**, Elkhorn, is the first and only woman to officiate at an NSAA Boys Basketball Championship Tournament game.

**Patricia McManus Corcoran '95A**, Lenexa, Kans., is chief human resources officer for Black & Veatch in Overland Park, Kansas. Black & Veatch is an employee-owned global engineering, procurement, consulting and construction company.

**Michelle Sayers Sabata '95L**, Lincoln, has been appointed as a judge to the Separate Juvenile Court of Lancaster County by Governor Pete Ricketts.

**Eileen Dubas Rainey '96**, Kearney, is a community consultant at South Central Economic Development District.

**Kenneth E. Schroeder '96**, Ravenna, is chief financial officer for Grand Island Public School. Schroeder most recently served as superintendent at Ravenna public schools.

**Blinda D. Weber '96L**, Lincoln, was elected vice president – information technology at Ameritas.

**Jamie L. DeWispelare '98**, Jacksonville, Fla., joined LandSouth Construction as chief financial officer.

**Daniel S. Alderman '99**, Shawnee, Kans. and his spouse, Natalie Rockwell-Alderman, welcomed their son, Henry Mark, on November 8, 2020.

**Trevor M. Kinnett '99**, Omaha, has been hired as director of sales for Kidwell.

**Kelcie Lindahl Keeling '99**, Auburn, is a communications coordinator for the Southeast District Health Department.

**Ann M. Schroeder '99E**, Lincoln, is retiring after being one of the first women in the Midwest to referee high school and college basketball games. Schroeder began officiating in 1986 and was seen on live television broadcasts officiating women's NCAA games. Her career spanned 35 years.

**Jace A. Schuppan '99**, Omaha, is executive vice president of business development for Nottingham, a mutual fund back-office provider in Rocky Mount, N.C.

**Michelle M. Tyser '99L**, Lincoln, is a physician assistant with HoriSun Hospice.

### 2000s

**Eric J. Cantrell '00**, Orlando, Fla. is director of products for 7thSense and product manager for Medialon products.

**Mandi Frerking Krebs '01**, Bellevue, and her spouse Jessi welcomed their son, Bennett Louis, on August 20, 2020. Bennett joins sister Ella.

**Amanda S. Kunze '01**, Lincoln, is a global channel manager at Global Upside.

**Quentin T. Zeller '01, '17E**, Grand Island, and his spouse, Kathryn, welcomed twin daughters, Alaina Jade and Elizabeth Anne on November 30, 2020. They join their siblings, Mikayla, Hunter, and Gunner.

**Jeremy J. Whalen '02, PharmD, BCOP**, Minneapolis, Minn., is the medical affairs executive director at Genentech.

**Andrew R. Nordine '02**, Aurora, Colo., and his spouse, Ashley, welcomed their son, Knox L. Nordine on March 7, 2012.

**Brad McMillan '03**, Waverly, has been named the 2020 Assistant Principal of the Year by the Nebraska Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP). McMillan is assistant principal and activities director at Waverly High School.

**Patrick D. Moore '03, '07E, '11E, '18E**, Blue Hill, was named 2021 High School Principal of the Year by the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals. Moore has been in education since 2006 and has been the principal at Blue Hill High School since 2015.

**Patrick W. Slane '03** Washington D.C., and Dora Duvisac were married on August 11, 2020.

**Virginia Bennett Griebenaw '04**, Denver, Colo., and her spouse, Daniel, welcomed their son, Ellis, on April 16, 2021.

**Cory A. Kibler '04**, Lincoln, is a senior content creator at Haberfeld.

**Dr. Marcus Kohout '04**, York, has opened his own clinic, Kohout Physical Therapy.

**Alison Sanders Mumaugh '04**, Lincoln, joined Kinsa as a government account manager.

**Shandi Walnofer Muff '04**, Lincoln, has accepted a faculty position at Doane's Crete campus as Assistant Professor of Practice in Theatre.

**Amy C. Anderson '05E**, Carter Lake, Iowa, is principal of Hoover Elementary in Council Bluffs Public Schools.

**Bradley D. Larson '05**, Chambers, and his spouse Emily welcomed their son, Augustus Stephan on August 18, 2020.

**Natalie Nelsen Schneider '05**, Syracuse, will represent the United States in Tokyo at the Summer Paralympic Games and is team captain for the women's basketball team.

**Ryan J. Sturman '05**, Lincoln, and his spouse, Paula, welcomed their son Braxton Ryan on January 4, 2021. Braxton joins his sister, Brecklynn Marie.

**A.J. Waters '05**, Gretna, has been promoted to vice president, industry solutions for InEight, Inc.

**Jenna Wiemer Bennett '06**, Seward, and her spouse, Anothney, welcomed their son, Duncan Eugene, on January 6, 2021. Duncan joins his brother, Willard.



**Ryan J. Dorshorst '06**, Lincoln, was named national Men's Assistant Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA). Dorshorst coaches pole vault for Doane's track and field teams.

**Casey K. Malone '06**, Las Vegas, Nev., is the managing member at Books and Beyond.

**Clay M. Mettlen '06**, Salina, Kans., is principal of Bennington Junior High School in Twin Valley Unified School District.



**Troy J. Haenfeler '06**, Omaha, and his spouse, Lauren, welcomed their daughter, Maddyx, on February 2, 2021. Maddyx joins her brother, Jaxson.

**Abigail L. Mihel '06**, Albany, N.Y., is a project delivery manager for Deloitte Consulting.

**Ryan D. Moore '06**, Ankeny, Iowa, is a provider network manager at Immanuel Pathways Central Iowa, in Des Moines.

**Betsy A. Tonniges '06, '08E, '11E**, Lincoln, and her spouse, Jesse Bergman, welcomed their son, Jack Leo, on October 17, 2020. Jack joins sisters Chloe and Elise.

**Christopher G. Bombardier '07**, Salem, Mass., and his spouse, Jessica, welcomed their son, Carter James, on March 9, 2021.

**Michael '07 and Tami Degenehardt '06 Logsdon**, Hebron, welcomed a son, Jasper, on February 27, 2019. Jasper joins sisters Michaela and Jade, and brother, Porter.





**Drew E. '07 and Jessyca Livers '10, '13E Denker,** Lincoln, welcomed their daughter, Jayla Ellen on April 28, 2021. Jayla joins sisters Blake and Kollins.

**Elaine Montgomery Harris '07E,** Lincoln, received the December 2020 Golden Apple Award. Harris retired in December from teaching Spanish at Southwest High School after 25 years of teaching. She was nominated for the award three times, and students said her class was a highlight of their high school days.

**Keith A. Luedders '07L,** Columbus, was selected as vice president of ancillary services for Columbus Community Hospital. Luedders will oversee oncology services, ambulatory services, laboratory, radiology, respiratory care, sleep lab, centralized scheduling and Lean.



**Kylee Kemper Rice '07,** Bennington, and her spouse, David, welcomed their daughter, Collins Lila, on September 21, 2020.

**Michael J. Stehlik '07,** Crete, has been appointed as Doane University's Director of Alumni Engagement.

**Cathy L. Dillon '08A,** Lincoln, is a program director

for Southeast Nebraska Area Health Education Center (AHEC), hosted by Public Health Solutions District Health Department located in Crete. The AHEC network prioritizes strategies which impact recruiting, training and retaining of health care professionals to improve access to healthcare in Nebraska—particularly rural and urban underserved areas.



**Ashlee R. Nuss '08,** Grand Island, and Michael Hanover were married on June 7, 2020.

**Tyler M. Rains '08L,** Lincoln, joins Cornhusker Bank as a portfolio mortgage loan officer.

**Nathan C. Renter '08E,** Lincoln, is athletic director for North Star High School.



**Francie Wilbers May '08, '11E,** Norfolk, and her spouse, Isaiah, welcomed their son, Carson Jamaal Joseph May, on January 30, 2021.

**Aaron J. Coufal '09,** LaVista, is quality assurance manager at Milk Specialties Global.

**Robert D. Rickert '09, '15E,** Lincoln, is principal at Hartley Elementary School.

**Cody A. Ingold '09,** Saint Joseph, Mo., and his spouse, Alice, welcomed their daughter, Adelyn Rush, on September 12, 2020. Adelyn joins her brother Oliver.



**Janelle Weber Crabbe '09,** Lincoln, and her spouse, Adam, welcomed their daughter, Chloe Grace, on November 25, 2020. Chloe is welcomed by her siblings Jackson and Natalie.



**Travis T. Steinhoff '09,** Fairbury, and his spouse, Emily, welcomed their daughter, Olivia Jo, on April 7, 2021.

**Travis B. Williamson '09,** North Attleboro, Mass., has been promoted to general manager at The Boston Beer Company.

## 2010s



**Emily Schwisow Campbell '10,** Kearney, and her spouse, Patrick, welcomed their daughter, Ledger Rae, on March 10, 2021.

**Conner J. Christensen '10,** Sioux Falls, S.D., and his spouse, Molly, welcomed their daughter,

Dottie Kay, on February 4, 2021. Dottie joins older brother Dean.

**Mark. J. Krings '10L,** Lincoln, has been promoted to vice president, residential real estate and construction at Union Bank & Trust. Krings joined Union Bank in 2007 and has served in various roles within the customer service department.

**Kira Anthony Romens '10,** Lincoln, and her spouse, Luke, welcomed their son, Grayson, on November 22, 2020.

**Richard "Aaron" Berthold '11A,** Lincoln, was elected as the second vice president of customer service for Ameritas Investment Company, LLS and Ameritas Advisory Services, LLC.



**Marysol Cazares '11,** Lincoln, and her spouse, Rodney Meester, welcomed their son, Orlando, on November 10, 2020.

**Dustin A. Dales '11,** Omaha, and his spouse, Heather, welcomed their son, Holden Abraham, on January 10, 2021. Holden joins older brother, Declan.

**Casey H. Fries '11E, '15E,** Lincoln, is principal for the new remote learning program for Lincoln Public Schools. Fries will work to build an effective and efficient program that will serve remote students' needs.

**Dean O. Henson '11,** Omaha, is a sales and marketing partner at Data Axle.

**Justin L. Hoffman '11,** Cook, is assistant football coach at Concordia University.

**Carolyn Novak Weese '11,** Lincoln, is a business consultant and marketing strategist at Cheshire Impact.



**Jake K. McCaffrey '11,** Westminster, Colo., and his spouse, Jessica Snyder, welcomed their daughter, Roselyn Rene, on October 9, 2020.

**Jessica Steward Firestone '11,** Thornton, Colo. and her spouse, David, welcomed daughter Raya on January 15, 2021. She joins older sister, Talia



**Jacob D. '12 and Claire Hunter '12 Conley,** Concord, N.C., are parents to twin boys born on February 22, 2021. Bennett Charles and Lucas Christopher join older sister, Nora Lyn.



**Bo J. Cribelli '12, '16E,** Sutherland, and his spouse, Jenny, welcomed their daughter, Sybi Ruth, on April 16, 2021. Sybi joins older brother, Clay.

**David T. Engler '12,** Lincoln, has been appointed by Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird and approved by the Lincoln City Council to serve as Fire Chief with Lincoln Fire Department, previously serving as acting fire chief since December 1, 2020. Engler began his career with LFD in 1996 as a Firefighter/Paramedic, was promoted to Fire Captain in 2006, and was named Battalion Chief in 2018.



**Ashley Daily Loontjer '12,** Omaha, and her spouse, Brett, welcomed their son, Brody Lane, on May 28, 2021.

**Blake A. Erickson '12,** Superior, and his spouse, Heather, welcomed their daughter, Linnie Marie, on November 20, 2020.

**Eamonn T. Feeney '12, '16E,** Sidney, has been hired as the Football Coach for his high school alma mater, Maxwell Public Schools. Feeney has been a teacher and coach at Minden, Wilber-Clatonia, and most recently at Sidney High School.

**Kelsey E. Petersen '12L,** Utica, is the Blue Valley Community Action coordinator for York and Polk Counties.

**Nick '14 and Kellie Petersen '12 Reed** Kearney, welcomed their daughter, Stevie Rose, on September 17, 2020.

**Allison Van Driel Wade '12,** Ashland, is a financial accounting manager at Phillips Manufacturing Company.

**Dalton M. '12 and Kelsie Grgurich '13 Ryba,** Fort Worth, Tex., are the proud parents to Parker Wyatt, born on July 26, 2020.



**Brooke Pfeifer Ramel '12, '16E,** Crete, and her spouse, Mark, welcomed their son, Luke Thomas, on November 29, 2020. Luke joins brother, Grant.

**Anna Wimmer Gardine '12,** Bertrand, is a healthy heart mentor for the Don Sjogren Community YMCA in Phelps county.

**Lacey J. Atkinson '13,** Gretna, married Zach Overstreet on June 18, 2021. Lacey is an Orchestra Instructor at Millard Public Schools.



**Brian W. '13 and Sydney Holtmeier '16 Hubbert,** Axtell, welcomed their son, Jace Wallace, on March 4, 2021.

**Veronica L. LeDuc '13,** Lincoln, is associate counsel at Carson Group in Omaha.

**Tess M. Moyer '13,** Omaha, and her spouse, Daniel Gutman, welcomed their son, Ira Thomas, on June 9, 2021.

**Rachel Ryan Rust '13,** Lincoln, has been promoted to marketplace manager at Spreetail.

**Dr. Brooke Segerstrom Beall '13,** Lincoln, is an optometrist at Clear Vision Eye Care in Lincoln.

**Tony '14 and Kelsey Wildeman '13 Odem,** Lincoln, welcomed their son, Archer, on April 22, 2020. Archer joins sister, Margot.

**John R. Wiemer '13,** Seward, is an intern at Southeast Nebraska Development District in Lincoln.

**Reed W. Hitz '14,** York, and his spouse, Rachel, welcomed their daughter, Rosie Lynn, on June 5, 2021.

**Samuel M. '14 and Jordan Wietzki '17 Housh,** Lincoln, welcomed their daughter, Amelia Jane, on November 12, 2020.

**Zak A. Karn '14,** Sioux Falls, S.D., is a BSA/AML EDD analyst and trust specialist at Great Western Bank in Sioux Falls.

**Laura A. Runge '14E,** Lincoln, will be the principal at Lincoln Public Schools' Yankee Hill Education Center.

**Kara Urkoski '14A,** Silver Creek, is a patient access director II at Conifer Health Solutions in Grand Island.

**Hannah R. Bauer '15,** Lincoln, was promoted from acquisition manager to lead marketing manager at CompanyCam.

**Aileen J. Gelb '15,** Copenhagen, Denmark, is a content uploader and project management assistant at Vertic.



**Kody M. Hayes '15**, Lincoln, and Andrew Fitzke were married on August 22, 2020.

**Rachel Kluck-Spann '15E**, Lincoln, is principal at Irving Middle School for Lincoln Public Schools.

**Nabonasar R. Martinez '15**, Miami Springs, Fla., is a hitting instructor at GradumGswing.

**Eric Morrison-Smith '15**, Spring Valley, Calif., is a policy associate at PolicyLink. PolicyLink is a national research and action institute advancing racial and economic equity by Lifting Up What Works®.

**Vanessa L. Randall '15**, Denver, is a Digital Analyst at McKinsey & Company.



Courtesy photo

**Andres '15** and **Amanda Jackman '17 Rivera**, Lakeland, Fla., welcomed their daughter, Riverly, on February 24, 2020.

**Tyler J. Strobl '15**, Durham, N.C., is completing his master's degree at Duke University and was recently hired as a research intern at Verite.



Courtesy photo

**Garret C. '16** and **Taylor Lucas '15 Borchert**, Lincoln, welcomed their son, Lucas Carter, on January 3, 2021.

**Jonas A. Christensen '16, '20E**, Lincoln, is head varsity coach for men's golf at Lincoln Southwest High School.

**Trevor J. '16** and **Tracy Meyer '16 Cyboron**, Wisner, welcomed their daughter, Peyton Jo, on July 24, 2020.

**Alexander J. Lund '16**, Bondurant, Iowa, is a transmission operator at MidAmerican Energy Company.



Courtesy photo

**David J. '16** and **Breanna Fye '16, '18E, '20E McDonald**, Phillips, welcomed their daughter, Kollyn Rose, on September 8, 2020.

**Kylie D. Pohl '16**, Lincoln, is a special education teacher at Stoddard Elementary with Beatrice Public Schools.

**Bryce A. Rolenc, DPT, '16**, Lincoln, is a physical therapist with Coddington Physical Therapy LLC and Hickman Physical Therapy.

**Kiley S. Ruff '16E**, Bennington, is a recipient of the Omaha Public Schools Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award. The 2021 recipients taught through a pandemic and learned to innovate and adapt to new challenges and changes.

**Sean J. Ryan '16**, Denver, Colo., is an account executive at Planhat.

**Jon M. Thomas '16**, Seward, graduated from Washburn Law School in Topeka, Kan. in 2020 and is

a practicing attorney with Svehla Law Offices in York.

**Melissa M. Vasak '16**, El Segundo, Calif., is a national training specialist at Curaleaf.

**Morgan K. Hill '17**, Carleton, and Spencer Dowdy, were married August 22, 2020.

**Colton J. '17** and **Shaylen Doremus '16 Keller**, Lincoln, welcomed their son, Kashus Glen, on April 10, 2021.



Courtesy photo

**Shayla Wichmann Tibbetts '17**, Palmer, and her spouse, Andrew, welcomed their daughter, Atleigh Ann, on April 4, 2021.

**Tanner G. Boesiger '18**, Lincoln, is the art director at Agency 877.

**Jacob W. Duhey '18**, Omaha, is a first-year English teacher at Scotus Central Catholic School.



Courtesy photo

**Arista E. Nowicki '18**, Grand Island, and Nate Montanez welcomed their son, Kohen John, on April 21, 2021. Kohen joins sister, Emmelyn.

**Ashley M. Scherer '18**, Grand Island, and Grant Meyer were married June 20, 2020.

**Kayla L. Starbuck '18**, Bellevue, is a law clerk for Tackett Law Offices.

**Jared D. Bithell '19**, Omaha, is a pharmacy technician at Hy-Vee, Inc.

**Taleah Williams '19**, Norfolk, will be representing the United States in Tokyo at the Summer Paralympic Games competing in the long jump.



Courtesy photo

**Nicholas '20** and **Anna E. Flores '19 Young**, Lincoln, were married on October 1, 2020.

## 2020s



Courtesy photo

**Megan Cunningham Paulsen '20L**, Lincoln, and her spouse Andrew welcomed their son, Milo John on August 20, 2019.

**Bridgett M. Ojeda '20A**, Lincoln, joined the Bryan Health Senior Leadership Team as chief information officer. Bridgett serves on the Healthcare Information & Management Systems Society Board of Directors and is a volunteer for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Junior Achievement.

**Stephanie A. Hoshor '20**, Miramar, Fla., is the Director of Marketing at Keller Williams Luxury Homes Division in Destin, Fla.

**Olivia M. DeFord '21**, Lincoln, is a high school science teacher for Lincoln Public Schools.

**Blaire E. Edeal '21**, Lexington, is a rehab specialist for Advanced Chiropractic Solutions.

**Rhegan P. Fritzler '21**, Crete, is a family support worker with Jenda Family Services in Lincoln.

**Karena J. Haselbush '21**, Clatonia, is a kindergarten teacher for Lincoln Public Schools.

**Haylee M. Heits '21**, Rulo, is pursuing her Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa.

**Ashley R. Kenyon '21**, Grand Island, is a special education teacher for Lincoln Public Schools.

**Renee R. Lukowicz '21**, Littleton, Colo., is the regional assistant manager for POYDS Dance Company, Highlands Ranch.

**Sheila J. Murphy '21**, Auburn, is employed by The Fort.

**Syerra L. Watson '21**, Rising City, is a child and family services specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services in Columbus.

**Tanner D. Weekly '21**, Cheyenne, Wyo., is a social studies teacher for Cheyenne Public Schools.

**Dalton F. Wicht '21**, Grand Island, is a management trainee for Pinnacle Bank in Central City and Osceola.

**Kailyn L. Wiseman '21**, Sutton, is enrolled at UNMC DPT in Omaha.

**Zach P. Witters '21**, Crete, is a logistics intern at Reliant Transportation.

**Blaine E. Wood '21**, Crete, is an auditor with the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

**Payton L. Zarkowski '21**, Benkelman, will be working as a tax associate with RSM US LLP in Omaha.

# IN MEMORIAM

**James E. Eslick 'V12**  
Tulsa, Okla. - November 13, 2019

**Jack P. Sampson 'V12**  
Aurora, Colo. - July 4, 2020

**Merritt C. Warren 'V12**  
Creighton - October 10, 2020

**Marion Farr Raish '40**  
Tierra Amarilla, NM - May 7, 2020

**Elizabeth Ross Hansen '42**  
Elkhorn - September 16, 2020

**Leonard "Bud" Kohl '44**  
Crete - September 8, 2020

**Velma Roth Bowman '46**  
Laguna Woods, Calif. - August 10, 2020

**Mary Mortensen Mougey '47**  
Portland, Ore. - December 13, 2020

**Betty Pflaster Carlson '48**  
Omaha - May 9, 2020

**Eleanor McKenzie Sack '48**  
Crete - August 29, 2020

**Erma Wasserbauer Adamson '49**  
Exeter - October 2, 2020

**Geraldine Drew Draney '49**  
Lincoln - July 31, 2020

**Virginia Sandman Gillenwater '49**  
Vestavia Hills, Ala. - January 1, 2021

**Huston T. Morrison '49**  
Phoenix, Ariz. - December 19, 2019

**Phyllis Birkholtz Duncan '50**  
Omaha - September 7, 2020

**Doris Young Eikmeier '50**  
Fallbrook, Calif. - February 16, 2020

**Marilyn Cecrle Kasperek '50**  
Lincoln - November 12, 2020

**Alice Havlicek Richter '50**  
Casper, Wyo. - February 8, 2020

**Helen Eileen Means Saran '50**  
Denver, Colo. - July 2020

**Elva Anderson Mares '52**  
Lincoln - October 6, 2020

**Richard J. Sedlacek '52**  
North Platte - June 23, 2021

**Lois Pohl Brannan '53**  
Exeter, Calif. - March 11, 2020

**Terry D. Elbourn '56**  
Longmont, Colo. - June 15, 2020

**Donald L. Vyhnalek '57**  
Fairmount, Ind. - February 16, 2021

**Cecil C. Case '58**  
Omaha - November 30, 2020

**Myron A. (Bud) Jasnoch '58**  
Ogallala - January 23, 2021

**Peggy A. Marshall '58**  
Syracuse, N.Y. - May 5, 2020

**Leslie A. Roslund '58**  
Tunis Mills, Md. - July 28, 2020

**Robert L. Svehla '58**  
Bella Vista, Ark. - December 30, 2020

**Dr. Donald H. Vrbka '58**  
Omaha - March 23, 2021

**Bernice L. Jeffries '60**  
Crete - March 23, 2021

**Julie Hubka Hartog '61**  
Chandler, Ariz. - November, 2020

**Kathleen Noyce Tienstra '66**  
Allentown, Pa. - January 23, 2020

**Nancy Oleson Scheet '66**  
Omaha - September 15, 2020

**Douglas R. Cox '68**  
Geneva - December 26, 2020

**Linda McGooden Hedges '68**  
McCook - June 17, 2020

**John S. Green '73**  
Aurora, Colo. - March 21, 2021

**Robert Murray Brown, Jr. '77**  
Princeton, N.J. - December 19, 2020

**Christopher J. Conrad '80**  
Lincoln - March 8, 2021

**Silas King, III, '81**  
Houston, Tex. - March 11, 2021

**Dawn E. Frazer '85**  
Omaha - May 30, 2021

**Gaylen J. Sysel '86**  
Dorchester - September 18, 2020

**Bruce A. Ostrander '89**  
Martell - April 27, 2021

**Bonnie L. Sittig '97L**  
Lincoln - February 14, 2021

**Daniel J. Schmelzle '00**  
Vancouver, Wash. - March 23, 2021

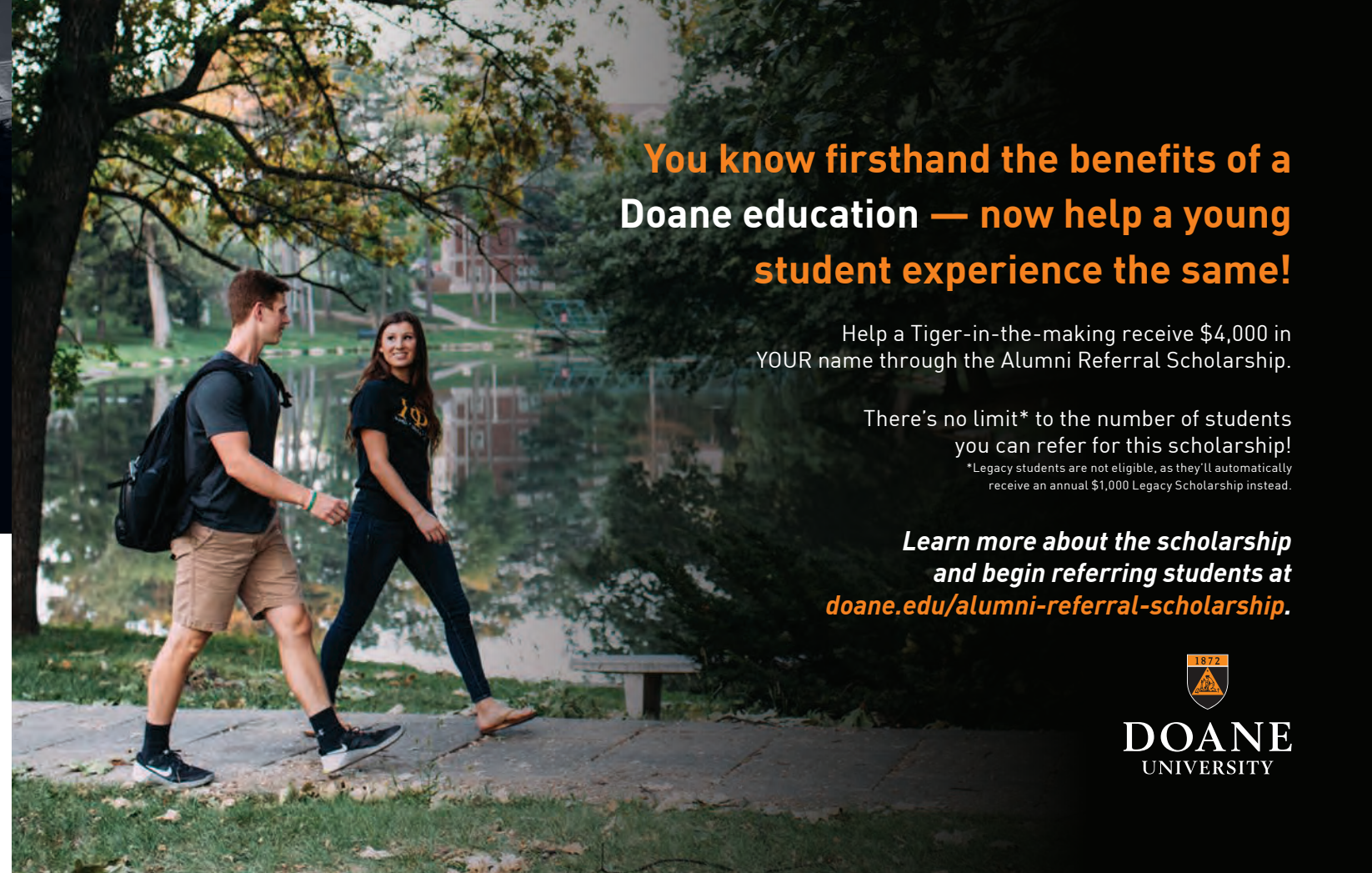
**Ceslie A. Kuklis '01**  
Chandler, Ariz. - April 7, 2021

**Stephanie Jurgens Morris '05**  
Manhattan, Kans. - November 25, 2020

**Pamela K. Philson '07L**  
Lincoln - March 24, 2020

**Matthew B. Christman '20L**  
Lincoln - November 18, 2020





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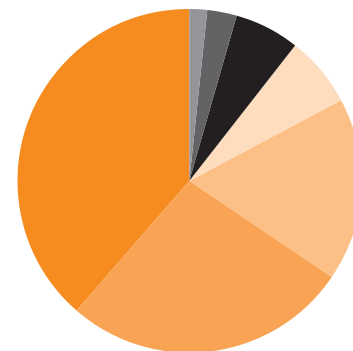
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## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**Combined Gift Revenue (Restricted, unrestricted, and capital)**  
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 (FY21)

Foundations	\$1,633,462.31	38.48%
Bequests	\$1,140,785.84	26.87%
Alumni	\$732,238.76	17.25%
Friends	\$282,122.56	6.64%
Corporations & Businesses	\$115,052.78	2.71%
Trustees, Faculty, & Staff	\$262,680.41	6.19%
Parents	\$75,841.34	1.79%
Religious Organizations	\$3,220.00	0.07%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,245,404.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Total Donors: 5,007**



- Foundations
- Bequests
- Alumni
- Friends
- Corporations & Businesses
- Trustees, Faculty, & Staff
- Parents

### Giving Participation as of June 30, 2021

Board of Trustees — 97.14%

Alumni Giving:

- Crete Campus Alumni: 12.19%
- All Undergraduate Alumni: 8.33%
- All Masters Alumni: 0.76%
- Doctorate Alumni: 7.69%
- All Alumni: 6.00%

Employee Giving:

- Full-time: 44.20%
- Ft/Pt Combined: 42.07%

### Giving Day:

\$129,346 Total Raised

552 Total Donors

59% Alumni (324)

28% Friends, including employees who are not alumni (154)

### Doane Fund (unrestricted):

Total Raised: \$514,105.06

Donors: 1,818

### Endowment & Similar Funds:

\$130,214,608.52  
(as of March 31, 2021)



# Hey, strangers 🙌

We miss you, and we invite you to come home

**Homecoming 2021 will take place from Sept. 26th through October 3rd.**

Enjoy reunion gatherings (Classes ending in "0" or "1"), the tailgate, a family Zoo event, and so much more!

Learn more at [doane.edu/homecoming](https://doane.edu/homecoming) or contact [alumni@doane.edu](mailto:alumni@doane.edu)



**In the 2020-21 Fiscal Year**

<b>654</b>	Degrees conferred in fiscal year.
<b>99.5%</b>	Of first-year students received institutional financial aid.
<b>998</b>	Students received institutional aid through grants or scholarships.
<b>\$23,748</b>	The average amount of institutional aid received per student.